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REAR HQS.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Communications Sub-Commission

PS.16/22.15. 10 June 1944

SUBJECT:- Re-allocation of Postal Officers.

TO:- Regional Control and Military Government Section, A.C.C., Naples

1. It is desired that the following re-allocations of Postal Officers should be made:-
(a) Captain R.S. Drummond (B) ~~from Region V~~ to Region VIII (He has not yet taken up duty in Region V)
(b) 2nd Lt. A.J. Allen (A)(at present on loan from this sub-commission to Region III) to Region V, on attachement.

2. These moves, which modify the re-allocations referred to in our letter PS.16/22.6 of the 23 May, are bound up with the interim operational developments. Region V has today agreed to the attachment of a Postal Officer, and to Lt. Allen substituting Captain Drummond.

3. It is further desired that Captain Drummond should proceed forthwith to Rome City Sub-Region, Region IV, to assist the Postal Officer assigned to that Region. Capt. Drummond to take up duty with Region VIII later, as and when required. (with the immediate problems there.)

4. It is requested that the assignments proposed in para 1 be promulgated forthwith, and that an indication be given that Captain Drummond is temporarily attached to Region IV.

5. In connection with above,

6. ~~If necessary,~~ a permit for Captain Drummond to proceed to Rome will perhaps be sent to this Sub-Commission [illegible]

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

Copy to:-
Regional Commissioner, Region IV
Regional Commissioner, Region VIII

5/ On the assumption that the changes will duly be made effective and, in relation to the proposed formation of Region VIII personnel, it is being arranged that Captain Drummond will contact the Headquarters of the latter Region en route to Region IV.

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Monthly Report

Postal Branch. (5 Regions as at Regional Postal Officers)

1. Capt. Maddock & Lt. Knull took up duty were assigned
2. Capt. Turner visited Algiers in connection with Vatican & Red Cross services. Comprehensive instructions issued on his return
3. Two extra mail despatches weekly (making 4 in all) established between Naples & Bari.
4. Air mail from Tripoli commenced.
5. Financial Services started up in Benevento & Province
   Meeting held in Naples with Security-Censorship, Regional Finance Sub-Commission & representatives. Agreed statement of policy drawn up in relation to reinstitution of financial & mail services, and special advance services for P.O.W. correspondence.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
ENGINEERING DIVISION
REGION IV
APO 394

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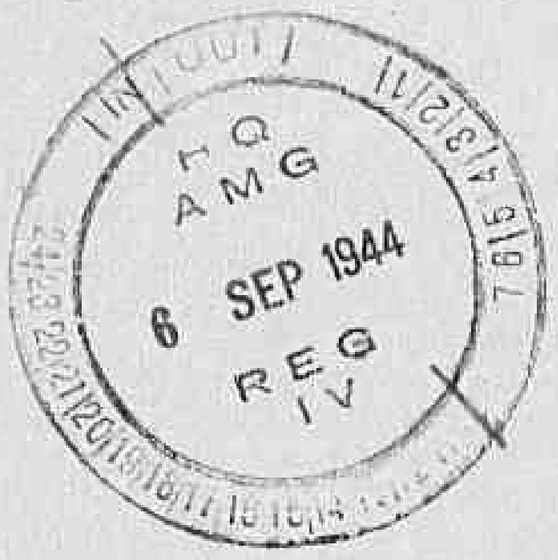
TO: A.C.C. Telecommunications Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: Technical report for August 1944

1. Forwarded.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394.

To: A.C.C. Telecommunications Sub.Commission
through Director T.C.U., AMG. Region IV.

Subj: Technical report for August 1944.

September 3rd 1944.

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2. The TETI survey has been completed and a summary is attached (schedule A). The company has been instructed to provide small 10 or 20 line exchanges at:-

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Frascati
Ostia
Tivoli
Frosinone

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4. The work of re-habilitation of the Circolo route to Littoria and Velletri is nearing completion and I am very satisfied with the progress made, bearing in mind the difficulties experienced in transporting poles etc. along the railway tracks.

5. The 10 tons of bronze wire made available by the ACC. Region III, was transported to Rome and most of it has been used to provide the "tail" from the Rome-Naples military line on route 7 to Velletri, Littoria and Terracina.

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6. Personal surveys of routes to Terni and Valmontone were made in conjunction with Lt. Col. Millar of A.C.C. and a visit was also made to inspect the Circolo work at Velletri and Lanuvio.

TELEGRAPHS.

7. Authority has been given to the Ministry of Communications to reconnect the telegraph lines from the Central Telegraph Office to various State Departments

8. A statement of faults and traffic in respect of the telegraph circuits to Naples is attached (Schedule B).

L.G. Hawker
Major G.L.
Communications Officer A.M.G.

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SCHEDULE A.

Information re TETI
Telephone Exchange.

Frascati: Building cannot be repaired; Telephone network destroyed. Building for temporary manual exchange for 10 lines in hand.

Palestrina: Building cannot be repaired. Telephone network destroyed. Building for temporary manual board for 3 aerial lines in hand.

Subiaco: Building destroyed. Another for the temperary manual board for 3 aerial lines in hand.

Tivoli: Building destroyed. Telephone network partially destroyed. Building for manual board of 10 aerial lines in hand.

Fiuggi Fonte: Building OK. Exchange to be repaired. Network partially destroyed.

Orvieto: Building OK. Exchange badly damaged, can be repaired. Network partially destroyed, under repair.

Montefiascone: Building OK. New exchange being installed; old one taken away.

Ostia Lido: Building can be repaired. Network damaged. Exchange to be ~~di~~assembled.
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Civitavecchia: Building and local lines destroyed, trunk lines to be renewed.

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SCHEDULE A.

ALBANO: Building can be repaired if municipality fixes roof. It is probable that building has to be demolished, another building in hand. Network destroyed, to install manual board and wires for 5 telephones.

VELLETRI: Building destroyed, another in hand for temporary installation. Network of wires destroyed. To install Manual Board and wires for 10 telephones.

FROSINONE: Building badly damaged, another in hand. Network destroyed. Install Manual board and wires for 10 telephones.

LITTORIA: Building repairable, also automatic switchboard. Cable lines repairable, earial lines destroyed.
To install Manual switchboard temporarely and wires for 10 'phones.

Terracina: Building can be repaired. To install temporary Manual board and aerial lines for 5 telephones.

ANSIO. Building repairable. Network destroyed. To install temporary Manual switchboard and aerial lines for 3 telephones.

NETTUNO. Building destroyed, another in hand. To install Manual Board and aerial lines for 3 'phones.

LADISPOLI. Building occupied by us. Lines to be repaired.

TARQUINIA

ANAGNI. Building, exchange and network OK. Repair connection to user an easy matter.

CIVITACASTELLANA.Building with new network wire terminal occupied by the Allied Command. Old network destroyed, new can be repaired and exchange will be installed.

VITERBO: Building and exchanges OK.Network damaged, trunk lines to be repaired. About a hundred subscribers could have 'phones re-connected at once.

MODULARIO
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Schedule B.

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AMMINISTRAZIONE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

Ufficio Telegrafico di DIREZIONE UFFICIO TELEGRAFICO PRINCIPALE ROMA

TELEGRAMMA CIRCOLARE

TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC ROME - SOUTHERN

DATE	ACCEPTED	DELIVERED BY AND	TRANSMITTED	RECEIVED BY AND	TOTAL PER DAY
1/8	668	2677	2386	2121	7852
2 "	746	1728	1409	1891	5774
3 "	689	1342	2106	1338	5475
4 "	691	1970	1501	1440	5602
5 "	573	1816	2055	1603	6047
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8 "	709	1606	1703	1553	5651
9 "	751	2594	2674	1061	7080
10 "	816	2079	1403	1167	5465
11	600	2371	1470	1373	5814
12 "	833	1406	2688	1952	6959
13 "	262	1074	1027	1815	4178
14 "	1001	2604	1225	1601	6431
15 "	162	1209	1622	1791	4784
16 "	781	2817	1965	1966	7529
17 "	354	2447	2514	1739	7054
18 "	867	1374	2452	2272	6965
19 "	691	2335	2514	2488	8028
20 "	256	1098	1248	1423	4025
21 "	734	1636	1411	1695	5476
22 "	830	1929	2457	2506	7724
23 "	730	1949	1456	995	5130
24 "	720	1173	1150	1244	4287
25 "	573	1158	1037	1420	4188
26 "	753	2561	2145	2039	7498
27 "	230	1355	2136	1593	5314
28 "	838	2639	1046	1464	5987
29 "	746	1769	2509	2461	7485

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30 "	949	2023	2163	1900	7405
31 "	745	1657	2161	1958	7915
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Schedule B (contd)

Translation.

AUGUST REPORT FOR THE ROMA-BARI CIRCUIT A DOUBLE BAUDOT SERVICE.

Aug.	1st	From ~~0010~~ 2410 to 0140 not working. From 1505 to 17.35 harmonica breakdown.
"	2nd	From 0430 to 0930 harmonica breakdown
"	3rd	" ~~12.24~~ 2400 to 0305 no service Bari does not answer.
"	4th	" 12.30 to 13.30 harmonica breakdown.
"	5th	OK
"	6th	OK
"	7th	From 09.45 to 10.55 and from 12.45 to 14.15 no service, experimenting diversion Rome-Bari-Taranto - Taranto OK.
"	8th	From 01.30 no service with Taranto, from 0900 to 09.25 and from 11.30 to 12.15 no service for tuning in, from 17.15 to 18.40 no service, harmonica breakdown.
"	9th	OK
"	10th	From 04.25 to 05.25 no service, harmonica breakdown - from 1000 to 1500 faulty for Bari's apparatus - OK Taranto - 1500 to 2000 OK Bari - 1500 to 19.35 faulty with Taranto.
"	11th	From 2400 to 11.15 OK with Bari, no service with Taranto as apparatus breaks down.
"	12th	From 1500 to 2000 OK with Bari faulty with Taranto for syndronism difficulties at their terminal
"	13th	OK
"	14th	From 10.45 to 11.15 harmonica breakdown - from 1600 to 17.50 no service with Taranto for tuning-in Bari-Taranto.
"	15th	OK with Bari - 15.00 to 2000 no service with Taranto for faulty synchronism Bari-Taranto.
"	16th	OK with Bari - no service with Taranto from 2400 to 11.45 Bari - Taranto group breakdown.
"	17th	OK with Bari - 1200 to 1500 no service with Taranto, line dead.
"	18th	OK with Bari, instead with Taranto we tune in with Catanzaro awaiting connection with Messina - 12.30 to 14.15 no service with Catanzaro, their apparatus being faulty.
"	19th	10.30 we connect Messina - OK with Bari - 16.10 to 1800 no service with Messina for tuning in Bari - 1800 Catanzaro tunes in.
"	20th	OK with Bari, Messina tunes in ~~for~~ with faulty traslation 6654
"	21st	2400 to 10.50 interruption, harmonica breakdown, 11.30 to 14.30 no service with Messina, line being dead near Catanzaro, 18.30 to 2000 no service with Messina, line [illegible]

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" 13th OK

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" 15th OK with Bari - 15.00 to 2000 no service with Taranto for faulty synchronism Bari-Taranto.

" 16th OK with Bari - no service with Taranto from 2400 to 11.45 Bari - Taranto group breakdown.

" 17th OK with Bari - 1200 to 1500 no service with Taranto, line dead.

" 18th OK with Bari, instead with Taranto we tune in with Catanzaro awaiting connection with Messina - 12.30 to 14.15 no service with Catanzaro, their apparatus being faulty.

" 19th 10.30 we connect Messina - OK with Bari - 16.10 to 1800 no service with Messina for tuning in Bari - 1800 Catanzaro tunes in. with

" 20th OK with Bari, Messina tunes in for faulty traslation 6654

" 21st 2400 to 10.50 interruption, harmonica breakdown, 11.30 to 14.30 no service with Messina, line being dead near Catanzaro, 18.30 to 2000 no service with Messina, line being dead.

" 22nd OK with Bari, 2200 to 2400 no service with Messina, traslation faulty .

" 23rd OK with Bari, from 0800 to 1500 no service with Messina, line dead near Casanzaro.

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Schedule B (Contd)

Aug.	24th	OK with Bari, no service with Messina, line faulty near Catanzaro.
"	25th	from 2400 to 17.25 faulty with Bari, harmonica trouble.
"	26th	" 2400 to 12.40 interruptions with Bari, with Messina interruptions persist up to 14.40, 2300 to 2400 interruptions with Bari.
"	27th	Interruptions persist with Bari and Messina up to 10.45.
"	28th	From 2400 to 16.50 OK with Bari, no service with Messina line breakdown near Catanzaro, 16.50 to 2400 interruptions with Bari, faulty line.
"	29th	Interruption persists up to 09.30 with Bari and with Messina up to 10.40 .
"	30th	From 1700 to 2400 interruptions, faulty line.
"	31st	Interruptions persist up to 10.20 with Bari, with Messina up to 14.30, 16.15 to 17.50 no service for tuning in with Bari, no service Messina, from 16.30 to 17.20 no service for Catanzaro-Messina tunigg in.

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Translation:

AUGUST REPORT FOR THE ROME-BARI IN HARMONICA A BAUDOT TRIPLE SERVICE.

Aug.	1st	OK
3rd	2nd	from 04.30 to 18.30 no service, harmonica breakdown. From 23.15 to 2400 no service, harmonica breakdown.
"	3rd	from 2400 to 04.30 breakdown persist.
"	4th	" 12.30 to 13.30 harmonica breakdown
"	5th	OK.
"	6th	OK
"	7th	OK
"	8th	from 1500 to 18.15 harmonica breakdown.
"	9th	" 0900 to 09.25 and from 11.30 to 12.15 tuning in
		" 22.15 to 23.10 harmonica breakdown.
"	10th	" 0200 to 0800 harmonica breakdown.
"	11th	" L5.00 to L8.45 difficulties on account of harmonica defects
"	12th	OK, traffic regular.
"	13th	OK, traffic regular.
"	14th	OK, traffic regular.
"	15th	OK, traffic regular.
"	15th	OK, traffic regular.
"	16th	OK, traffic regular
"	17th	OK, traffic regular.
"	18th	OK, traffic regular.
"	19th	OK, traffic regular.
"	20th	OK, traffic regular.
"	21st	from 01200 to 10.30 nothing on account of harmonica defects.
"	22nd	OK, traffic regular.
"	23rd	OK, traffic regular.
"	24th	from 19.25 to 2400 nothing on account of harmonica defects.
"	25th	Interruption continues up to 15.25
"	26th	from 01200 to 10.00 interruptionsfor harmonica faults.
"	27th	" 0800 to 10.45 no service, harmonica faulty.
"	28th	" 2000 to 2400 interruptions, harmonica trouble.
"	29th	Interruptions persist up to 09.05.
"	30th	from 1700 to 2400 interruption for harmonica breakdown.
"	31st	Interruptions persist up to 11.30.

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Translation.

6AUGUST REPORT FOR THE ROME-NAPLES CIRCUIT DOUBLE BAUDOT SERVICE.

Aug.	1st	OK
"	2nd	from 04.30 to 0500 and from 05.50 to 0800 no service, faulty line, 11.45 to L6.30 and from 17.15 to 1800 no service, faulty line, from 2000 to 2030 and from 23.10 to 23.30 no service, faulty line.
"	3rd	OK
"	4th	from 0800 to 12.25 faulty line.
"	5th	OK
"	6th	from 2400 to 11.50 faulty line.
"	7th	" 08.50 to 11.50 faulty line.
"	8th	" 1500 to 18.30 faulty line.
"	9th	" 0105 to 0300 no service,power variations.
"	10th	OK
"	11th	from 1500 to 16.45 faulty line.
"	12th	" 2400 to 0800 faulty line.
"	13th	OK
"	14th	from 1500 to 2000 faulty line.
"	15th	Interruptions continue up to 08.40
"	16th	from 0800 to 15.30 faulty line, from 1730 to 18.30
"	17th	" 13.30 to 2400 interruptions.
"	18th	Interruptions continue up to 12.20.
"	19th	OK
"	20th	OK
"	21st	From 0800 to 2400 interruption for faulty line.
"	22nd	Interruptions persist.
"	23rd	Interruptions persist.
"	24th	Interruptions persist.
"	25th	OK at 16.55.
"	26th	From 0800 to 1500 very faulty, from 1600 to 17.30 and from 18.45 to 20.45 interruptions.
"	27th	From 2400 to 0800 very faulty, from 0800 to 2000 interruptions.
"	28th	" 0800 to 1500 receiving only as Naples receives very badly.
"	29th	" 0800 to 2400 very faulty.
"	30th	" 0800 to 08.40, from 09.10 to 09.30 and from 11.25 to 1255 no service Naples receives badly.
"	31st	From 13.35 to 15.55 no service for faulty line.

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" 5th OK
" 6th from 2400 to 11.50 faulty line.
" 7th " 08.50 to 11.50 faulty line.
" 8th " 1500 to 18.30 faulty line.
" 9th " 0105 to 0300 no service, power variations.
" 10th OK
" 11th from 1500 to 16.45 faulty line.
" 12th " 2400 to 0800 faulty line.
" 13th OK
" 14th from 1500 to 2000 faulty line.
" 15th Interruptions continue up to 08.40
" 16th from 0800 to 15.30 faulty line, from 1730 to 18.30
" 17th " 13.30 to 2400 interruptions.
" 18th Interruptions continue up to 12.20.
" 19th OK
" 20th OK
" 21st From 0800 to 2400 interruption for faulty line.
" 22nd Interruptions persist.
" 23rd Interruptions persist.
" 24th Interruptions persist.
" 25th OK at 16.55.
" 26th From 0800 to 1500 very faulty, from 1600 to 17.30 and from 18.45 to 20.45 interruptions.
" 27th From 2400 to 0800 very faulty, from 0800 to 2000 interruptions.
" 28th " 0800 to 1500 receiving only as Naples receives very badly.
" 29th " 0800 to 2400 very faulty.
" 30th " 0800 to 08.40, from 09.10 to 09.30 and from 11.25 to 1255 no service Naples receives badly.
" 31st From 13.35 to 15.55 no service for faulty line.

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Schedule B (cont'd)

Translation.

AUGUST REPORT FOR THE CIRCUIT ROME-NAPLES TELEWRITER SERVICE.

Aug. 1st from 0300 to 0435 faulty for current variation
" 2nd " 1200 " 2300 very faulty for continuous variations
" 3rd OK
" 4th from 0800 " 2400 interruptions;
" 5th continuous interruptions
" 6th " "
" 7th " "
" 8th " "
" 9th 1400 OK from 2000 to 2400 interruptions
" 10th 0800 OK " 2000 " 2400 breakdown
" 11th 0800 OK " 1500 " 1730 no reception from 1730 to 1850 irregular at both terminals, 2000 to 2400 no reception.
" 12th 1240 OK, from 2000 to 2400 irregular
" 13th from 2400 to 0800 irregular, from 1200 to 1310 irregularity continues
" 14th from 1630 to 17.10 no reception for line damage. 17.10 to 2400 irregular from Naples.
" 15th from 2400 to 0420 faulty, from 0420 to 0915 line dead, from 1755 to 2000 line still dead.
" 16th line still dead up to 0850, from 1220 to 1400 very faulty, from 1500 to 2400 still very faulty for variation in power
" 17th " 1500 " 2400 very faulty for variation in power.
" 18th " 2400 " 0800 line dead, from 0800 to 1300 very faulty.
" 19th " 1500 " 2400 faulty, automatic trouble at Naples.
" 20th " 2400 " 2400 OK in transmission, no reception for automatic fault Naples.
" 21st from 0800 to 1220 line dead, from 1730 to 1820 line dead for power variation.
" 22nd from 2000 to 2400 no reception, Naples apparatus damaged.
" 23rd " 2400 to 0930 no reception, Naples apparatus damaged.
" 24th " 0800 " 2400 line dead.
" 25th " 0800 " 1000 " " From 1500 to 1620 no reception for power variation.
" 26th from 2400 to 0800 line dead.

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" 8th "
" 9th 1400 OK from 2000 to 2400 interruptions
" 10th 0800 OK " 2000 " 2400 breakdown
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" 26th from 2400 to 0800 line dead.
" 27th " 2000 " 2400 " "
" 28th Interruptions up to 1130. From 12.30 to 1500 faulty our automatic being damaged.
" 29th OK
" 30th OK
" 31st OK

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Intelligence Section.

Telecommunications Report for April 1944

1. Additional facilities during April

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Telephone: The provincial centres, & with urban areas are connected with automatic telephone exchanges with Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch & Dunedin, & are working satisfactorily. Some 65% of the telephone exchanges are on manual working with local or trunk operation. Some 60% of the smaller telephone offices have been connected to the networks. The position in this respect will gradually be improved as regards the number of circuits, the shortage of stores, and the amount of war damage to plant.

Telegraph: Some 42 urban towns are connected with provincial centres, & about 12% of the communities have telephone connection to their provincial centres, and about 9% have connection to a larger town. Approaches are used from there to the provincial centre.

The Telegraph Service is severely affected by the acute shortage of operators, on account of attractions in the use of the telephone. Accordingly more effort has been placed on providing additional telegraph circuits than telephone circuits. The introduction of restriction on inter-provincial service will provide justification for some effort being placed on rehabilitation of trunk telephone lines.

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Various miscellaneous ~~problems~~ matters have been dealt with such as the early ~~return~~ use of Fairbanks ~~radio~~, ~~the~~ ~~control~~ Plant maintenance, ~~problems~~, ~~storing~~ ~~arrangements~~ for repair of State buildings, sabotage, etc.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR APRIL

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Monthly Report

Postal Section

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Maximum weight for all areas now operating raised to 210gms per letter (No limit for official correspondence).

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC
C/o Mov & Tn.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Tn/47/7
Date : 25 Jan 44

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TO : HQ/ ACC,
Brindisi. (For Communications Sect.)

SUBJECT Reports (Weekly)to AFHQ

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1. Reference your AG 319.1 CS/1/1 dated 19 Jan 44, received 25 Jan 44.

2. The question of the weekly reports was discussed at the AMG HQ Executive Council Meeting held 14 Jan 44. It was understood that the weekly reports would be rendered by Regions direct to AMG HQ.

3. Owing to poor communications it is recommended for consideration that the only practicable method is for the Regions to continue to render the weekly reports direct to HQ., the Sub-Commissions only being responsible for rendering Monthly Reports.

Colonel,
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Seen by:- Col. D6245
Capt. Stuet

Received 27 Jan 44

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Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP
APO 394, U. S. Army

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CCG/16-19

8 May 1944

Subject: Report of Civil Censorship Group, Italy.
(25 April to 1 May 1944.)

To : Colonel J. L. Henderson,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. Civil Censorship Group, Italy, formerly operating under Communication Censorship Branch, INC, AFHQ, attached to Allied Control Commission Rear Headquarters on 25 April 1944, left Palermo, Sicily, for their new headquarters in Salerno on 22 April 1944. The organization arrived at its destination 26 April 1944.

2. Normal operation began again 27 April 1944 within the following section:

Dissemination Subsection
Commanding Officer
Administration
Postal Subsection
Telephone and Telegraph Subsection
Special Activities Unit
Radio and Cable Subsection

3. Civil Censorship Group, Italy, consists of the following personnel:

36 American Army Officers, 10 American Naval Officers, 8 British Officers, 49 American Enlisted men, 9 American naval enlisted men, 1 British other rank.

4. During the period 25 April to 1 May, no items of particular note occurred.

Gordon W. McKean

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HEADQUARTERS
Allied Military Government
Region VIII

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1st September 1944

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Subject : Monthly Report
to : Director, Communications Sub-Commission Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

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Rec'd 6.9.44.

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Telephone. Some 42 inter-urban trunks are in operation for Italian official traffic. About 12% of the communes have telephonic connections to their provincial centres, and 9% have connections to a fair-sized town though not to the provincial centre.

The telegraph service is obviously of more use on the whole to the average Italian than the telephone service, on account of restrictions in the use of the telephone. Accordingly more effort has been spent on providing additions to the telegraph service than to the telephone service. The withdrawal of restrictions on intra-provincial service will provide justification for some effort being spent on rehabilitation of communal telephone lines.

3. Main Cable. Arrangements have been completed with CSO L of C for the maintenance of the backbone cable.

4. Planning. Plans were prepared for the restoration of civilian communications in enemy-occupied areas in two phases. 1930

Plant for the first phase for part of the country has been obtained by inspection of available equipment in Southern Italy.

Suitable plant is undergoing alterations and preparation for use in Rome.

Plant required for the second and greater phase has been listed and passed to AFHQ for supplies from ~~xxxxxxx~~ Britain or America.

5. Miscellaneous. Various miscellaneous matters have been dealt with such as the use of Italian ciphers, maintenance of plant problems, arrangements for repair of State buildings, sabotage, etc.

Lieut.-Colonel.

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Subject : MONTHLY REPORT - JULY

To : Colonel J.L.Henderson.

1. Plant Conditions and Repairs.

The present situation and the progress of work on the various Regions is summarised below:

a. Regions I,II, and VII. A number of telegraph circuits to smaller offices in these Regions has been completed during the month. Communications are reasonably satisfactory. A project has been prepared for the improvement of telephone communications in Lecce Province.

b. Region III. Avellino was connected by telegraph and lines to Benevento are in hand. Projects for circuits to Caserta and Capua are in preparation.

c. Rome. Except for the repeater station, the plant was in good condition. Almost all of the subscribers in Rome have been reconnected to their exchanges, and obtain urban service.

Part ofthe State trunk switchboard has been allocated for Italian use, and is in operation for Government calls. It is hoped to restore to use shortly the TETI inter-urban board.

Cable circuits were provided between Rome and Naples, and circuits from Palermo, Messina, Reggio, etc. to Salerno were extended to Rome by cable.

Two telegraph circuits from Rome to Naples were installed on superaudio equipment and later, 18 telegraph channels were provided between Rome and Bari on 18 channel VF equipment.

A project is in hand for the installation of equipment for 11 telegraph channels in Naples. This will enable direct telegraph circuits to be established between Rome and Reggio, Catania, Palermo, etc.

d. Region IV (Excluding Rome).

(I) Present Situation

A fairly extensive survey has been made in this Region. Main line routes have been seriously damaged South of Rome but are in much better condition East and North of it.

Out of 22 of the larger exchanges inspected 13 were either destroyed or had no equipment left, of which equipment can be found probably to replace 6. One was seriously damaged beyond repair and 6 damaged but reparable. Two were almost undamaged.

(II) Repairs to Plant .

Arrangements have been made with the TETI for the installation of small switchboards in those towns in which the exchanges cannot be replaced or repaired within about 4 to 6 weeks.

As regards external plant, work is well advanced on the project for the provision of telephone and telegraph lines to Velletri, Littoria, Terracina, Gaeta, and Frosinone. Proposals have

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been placed before C.S.O. L of C for the rehabilitation of telegraph and telephone lines to Tivoli, Rieti, and Terni. A cable circuit to Viterbo from Rome has been promised by the C.S.O., and should be provided in a few days.

Lack of stores in the area impedes progress.

e. Region V.

(I) Present Situation in Areas recently occupied.

Overhead routes are in reasonably good condition except inthe extreme East where the routes have been very seriously damaged.

Out of 16 of the larger exchanges inspected, 2 have been destroyed, 12 have been damaged but are reparable, usually on a reduce scale, and 2 have been very little damaged.

(II) Repairs to Plant.

As for Region IV, arrangements have been made for the installation of small switchboards where repairs to exchanges cannot be completed in from 4 to 6 weeks.

The following telephone circuits are nearing completion:
Aquila - Teramo
Aquila - Chieti - Pescara
Aquila - Rieti

Proposals are with C.S.O.L.of C. for the rehabilitation of telephone and telegraph lines to Avezzano and Aquila. Arrangements have been made for the rehabilitation of telegraph lines between Rieti, Aquila, Sulmona, Chieti, and Pescara in conjunction with military construction.

Owing to universal lack of transport all of these projects will take some time to complete as long distances are involved.

f. Region VIII.

(I) Present Situation: It has been possible to make only a few inspections which showed a fair amount of damage.

2. Circuits for Italian Army and Navy.

Routings have been arranged in conjunction with C.S.O. L.of C. for several of these long distance private lines, recuired for Italian use by Allied Services.

3. Planning: The Italian Government has been asked for its minimum circuit requirements in the area north of Florence. 62.8

4. A.C.C. HQ. Installations.

The installation of A.C.C.HQ. telephones and the extension of the private automatic exchange have been planned by and the work is under the supervision of this Section.

N.J. McLellan
Lt Col. 12/9/44

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Translation

Rome, 6th September 1944

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Prot. No. S/8.4/2446.

Subject : Report on Region II

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To : Allied Control Commission
Posts and Telecommunications Sub-Commission
Rome

In reply to your letter No.CS/4/6., dated 3 Sept. 44.

We took immediate action to learn through the Liaison Office of the Second District C.S.O., of Bari the inconveniences which arose during the last few weeks in regards to the activity of the Director of the Circolo of Bari.

So, we could make clear that the said Circolo has functioned and continues to function satisfactorily and that the complaints raised by Major Trevelyan, must be considered to be completely unfounded.

We now entrust to Comm. Trotta the new Director of this Circolo, the major activity and the major spirit of collaboration which garantees the best working of the same Circolo and to avoid future remarks on the matter.

We hope that the work entrusted to this Circolo will be carried out in the most satisfactory manner.

The Under Secretary of State.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO ALLE POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SEGRETERIA

TRANSLATION

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Roma, 6 settembre 1944/XXII

Prot. N° S/8.4/2446

Risposta al foglio N. _____

del _____

Allegati _____

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission
ROMA

OGGETTO: Rapporto sulla Regione II

In esito alla vostra lettera n.CS/4/6 in data 3 settembre, ci siamo immediatamente interessati per conoscere attraverso l'ufficio di collegamento del Secondo Distretto C.S.C. di Bari quali fossero gli inconvenienti rilevati in questi ultimi tempi in merito all'attività del Direttore del Circolo di Bari.

Abbiamo potuto così appurare che detto Circolo ha funzionato e continua a funzionare in modo soddisfacente e che gli appunti sollevati al riguardo dal Maggiore Trevelyan, debbono considerarsi completamente infondati.

Non abbiamo mancato di cogliere l'occasione per raccomandare al Comm. Trotta nuovo Dirigente di tale Circolo, la maggiore attività e il maggiore spirito di collaborazione onde garantire il migliore funzionamento del Circolo stesso ed evitare ulteriori rilievi al riguardo.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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To. communications Sub Division A.C.C.
From. H.Q. A.M.G. Region V
Subject. Monthly Report
Ref. R5/517/9/
Date. 30 August 44

Herewith three copies of monthly report.Delay in sending it regretted,but I have recently returned from a 10 day tour.

For Regional Commisioner
G.W.CUMMING.
Major R.Signals
Communications Officer

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Communications Region V
Monthly Report August 1944

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Six high-frequency terminals are available. Three are installed at Campobasso, and it is suggested that the others should be installed Termoli, Isernia and Benevento.

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G.W.CUMMING
Major R.Signals
Communications Officer

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Are you taking this up? WWH.
20 Aug 1944

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Communications Officer

10 Aug 1944

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CAMPOBASSO

Notes:

(1) Some months ago could not find trace of any telephone connections direct from Campobasso to Naples (Military ccts.) Region V communications were being routed via Foggia - Bari-Naples.

(2) Asked therefore for pin positions and got them.

(3) When troops left Campobasso area recently, I asked on 28th August for Military line to Benevento, intending to rehabilitate from there to Campobasso. Was turned down (See flag 1.)

(4) Wrote 1 District on 30th August asking for release of Campobasso cct. either to Naples, Benevento, or Foggia. No reply. (see flag 2)

(5) Cumming tried to get a Campobasso - Benevento but this is doubtful (flag 6.)

FOGGIA

(1) Cumming has made repeated attempts with No.2 District to get circuit from Bari to Foggia without success.

(2) On 14th August was promised several ccts. (see Flag 3) but no Foggia - Bari ccts. Could possibly get from Campobasso to Chieti however but long way round.

(3) On 7th August asked Cumming to get Foggia - Bari cct. etc. (Flag 4).

(4) Reply 28th August - No use Bari - Foggia but perhaps Foggia - Benevento. (Flag 5)

(5) At same time as (3) asked Cumming by telephone to obtain permission for use of harmonica on Foggia - Bari cct, if no line could be given up. In report of (4) above he said CSO 2 District had no objection. Wrote CSO 3 District on 30th August (Flag 2 again) asking for no. of cct. etc.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 EXT 555.

In reply refer
to: CS/4/6/

3rd September 1944.

Subject: Report on Region II.

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

1. You may be interested to see an extract from a report made by the Telecommunications Officer, Region II.

2. In future, Captain Bridgeman (Naples) will act as Telecommunications Officer for the whole of the Southern Region, that is, the area previously divided into Regions II, III, and VII.

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

Enclosure: Extract from report.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394.

In reply
refer to : RTC 319.I

Subject : Monthly report Telecommunications Region II - July -

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

1. The visit to Region II was scheduled for 13 July but owing to a temporary breakdown of my transport I was forced to return to Palermo and flew to Bari on 21 July. This proved to be a very unwise move as Region II were unable to provide any transportation and all visits had to be made on foot or by " Hitch-hiking ". I propose to proceed to Bari the next time by sea with my own transport.

2. The telecommunications situation in Region II is the same now as it was in Sicily about eight months ago.

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3. The Director of the Bari Circolo Cav. Surace stated that he had no material for use on government/civilian circuits. He is in urgent need of iron wire, copper sulphate, insulators and dry cells. Here again copper sulphate and cells are available in Sicily if payment can be guaranteed. It may be possible to collect from Regions I and VII sufficient spare insulators to send to Region II for urgent work. The possibility of setting up a wire rolling mill in one or other ofthe regions is being investigated. Sicily Signal Company have a small mill for use with salvaged wire. It would be appreciated if inquiries could be made elsewhere as the need for wire for rehabilitation purposes is pressing.

4. The Circolo Bari is very unfortunate in its directors. It was with some alarm that I found a letter appointing Comm.

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Lauricella as Director. He was replaced at Palermo by Martorana because of his gross inefficiency and great age. Fortunately he did not arrive in Bari.Cav.Surace - although willing - was also very aged and I am informed by the Italian Liaison Office to 2 District that his relief Comm. Trotta is not at all suitable. Could the Government please be advised that (especially at Bari) the Circoli are in need of young , vigorous men. If carried out with zeal the task of directing one of these organisations is an exacting one and old men do not possess sufficient " drive".

5. The Regional Commissioner urged that every commune be connected by telegraph or telephone as soon as possible. To the best of their ability the Circolo are endeavouring to connect the more important towns but their efforts are always limited by lack of material and the occupation of circuits by the Allied Forces.

6. During the month of July the Circolo Bari re-activated IO telegraph circuits to some of the larger towns. The smaller communes are still without communication owing to the scarcity of material.

R.S. Trevelyan

R.S. TREVELYAN
Major. R. Signals
Regional Communication Officer

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R.S. TREVELYAN
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 459081 Ext. 555

23rd August, 1944

In reply refer to: CS/4/6/49

Subject : Monthly Report.

To : Regional Commissioner, Region I.
Att: Major H.S.Trevelyan (R).

Ref : Monthly Report: - RTC 319-1

1. Report was read with interest.

2. Re your para. 2, the telecommunications situation in Region II is not bad as regards facilities offered to Italians. For instance comparative figures for Region I and 2 as at 30th June are as follows, from figures supplied by the Italian Government:

Percentage of telegraph offices reconnected to main network.

Region I	Region II
51 %	91 %

Percentage of telephone exchanges reconnected to provincial centre.

Region I.	Region II.
6 %	16 %

It is agreed however that Allied Forces control a large proportion of the routes, and that the main trouble is lack of transport. In this connection a letter was sent to Region II a short time ago similar to that sent to you, in which it was pointed out that transport for the civilian telecommunications services should be supplied by the Region, and any shortage should be referred to the Transportation Sub-Commission. This was done by arrangement with Lt.Col.Carnes of that Sub-Commission, but no action seems to have been taken.

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Re: 3 August 44. Continued.

3. Regarding para 3, no Italian Government requests for the materials you mentioned have been refused, except that great difficulty has been experienced in getting dry cells.

It was reported to the Italian Government some months ago on your information that dry cells were available for purchase in Sicily. The matter has again been pressed with the Under-Secretary.

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4. In view of the above matters, and of your comments re personnel, a copy of your report will be sent to the Under-Secretary. Unfortunately the Circolo senior personnel available is of a low grade.

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

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SICILY REGION HQ.
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1 August 1944.

In reply
refer to: RTC 319.1

Subject: Addendum to Monthly Report

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

1. Reference my monthly reports for Regions I, II and VII.

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R. S. TREVELYAN
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Copy sent to G.H.Q.

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To : Colonel J.L.Henderson.

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7 August 1944

TO: ACC, Telecommunications
Sub Commission

1. Forwarded herewith is the monthly report for July.

C.R. Birchett

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Lt. Col. C.E.
Dir. TCU Div.

Encl.:

Monthly report from Maj. Hawker
in duplicate

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Headquarters
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Region IV
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To: ACC Telecommunications Sub. Commission through

~~To~~: DIRECTOR T.C.U.A.M.G.
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Telephones and Telegraphs.

August 5th 1944.

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TELEGRAPHS.

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12. In general the higher officials of the TETI CO., who are responsible for the system in Rome and Lazio are satisfactory and co-operative. Scheda Personale forms have been obtained and passed to the Security Officer. In the case of the Circolo the Director (Ing.Claudi) lacks initiative and energy but is co-operative. His second in charge (Sig. d'Ecclesia) is a very good type indeed and is rendering very valuable assistance. Signor Biondo while lacking in ~~intution and~~ initiative and force of character is co-operative. Scheda Personale of all staff concerned with Rome City have been passed to the Security Officer.

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L.G. Hawker
Major G.L.
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SCHEDULE A. 44-2

Exchange.	Equipment.	Civilian Lines.	Military Lines.
Appia	19700	18014	53
Aniene	1100	1008	9
Boccea	400	299	
Casilina	1100	596	18
Colonna	10500	9412	151
C.Vittorio	9500	8918	108
Flaminia	5600	4488	48
Nomentana	25600	22415	191
Prati	22000	19695	80
S.Agnese	4400	4000	26
S.Lorenzo	5000	3144	69
Trastevere	8100	7687	31
Viminale	17600	15688	785

Schedule B (3)

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FAULTY HISTORY OF ROME - NAPLES TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT

JULY7 7th	0800 - 1200		Frequent interuptions
	1200		No service reported.
July 8th	0800		Still no service
	1800		Circuit changed but frequent interuptions.
	2000		OK
	2015		No service
July 9th	0315		Circuit OK but Naples no reply
	0330		No service
Jdly 10th	0800		Frequent interuptions
	0330		No service
	1200		No service
July 11th	0700		No service
	1200		OK
July 12th	0800		OK
	1100 -	1215	Frequent interuptions
	1215		OK
July 13th			OK
July 14th			OK
July 15th			OK
July 16th			OK
July 17th			OK
July 18th			OK
July 19th	0800		Inverted current ~~none~~ through the line
	0900		No service reported
	1420		Cable breakdown
July 20th	0800		No service

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	0330	No service
	1200	No service
July 11th	0700	No service
	1200	OK
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	1100 - 1215	Frequent interuptions
	1215	OK
July 13th		OK
July 14th		OK
July 15th		OK
July 16th		OK
July 17th		OK
July 18th		OK
July 19th	0800	Inverted current ~~pure~~ through the line
	0900	No service reported
	1420	Cable breakdown
July 20th	0800	No service
	1640	OK
July 21st	2040	Cable breakdown reported
July 22nd	1015	OK
July 23rd	1040	No service
	1150	OK

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FAULT HISTORY OF ROME - NAPLES TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT

(Continued)

July 24th		OK
July 25th	0001	-0830 No service
	0830	OK
	2000	Frequent interuption
July 26th		OK
July 27th	1200	No service
July 27th	0745	OK
continued	1820	Frequent interuptions
	1200	No service
July 28th	0001	No service
	0900	OK
	1500	No service
	1645	OK
	2000	No service
July 29th	0001	Frequent interuptions
	0115	No service Naples apparatus fault
	1200	" " " " "
July 30th	1200 - 1605	OK
	1605	No service (harmonica trouble)
	0400	No service Naples apparatus fault
	0945	OK
July 31st		
	OK	

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Schedule B (2)

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FAULTS HISTORY OF ROME - BARI TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT

July 17 th	1600	OK
July 18th	0800 - 1130 1900	Cable breakdown Bari amplifier faulty
July 19th	0920 0950 1045 0900 - 2025	OK Harmonica fault OK OK
July 20th	0900 - 2025	OK
July 21st	0930	OK
July 22nd	0001 - 0800 1900	OK Interuptions for cable working parties
July 23rd		Frequent interuptions
July 24th		Still frequent interuptions
July 25th	0001 - 0545 0545	OK FRequent interuptions
July 26th	 1215	Interuptions continue OK
July 27th	0800 1045	Interuptions OK
July 28th		OK
July 29th		OK
July 30th		OK
July 31st		OK

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SCHEDULE (~~II~~) B. (3)

TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC R O M E-- SOUTERN

Date	ACCEPTED BYHAND	DELIVERED	TRANSMITTED	RECEIVED BY WIRE	TOTAL PER DAY
7/7	1	-	1	2	4
8 "				6	6
9 "				4	4
10 "				6	6
11 "	5	44	5	46	100
12 "	6	146	6	150	308
13 "	11	107	11	115	244
14 "	28	208	28	229	473
15 "	10	56	10	111	187
16 "	13	153	13	160	339
17 "	22	114	23	150	309
18 "	180	170	189	329	868
19 "	140	74	147	103	464
20 "	50	93	97	164	404
21 "	72	291	187	398	948
22 "	194	187	215	347	943
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27 "	666	812	689	819	2986
28 "	541	835	1068	1312	3756
29 "	557	1041	1496	1628	4722
30 "	692	729	876	930	3227
31 "	674	1702	825	1920	5121

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8. The Rome Trunk (long distance) Exchange consists of two suites. The military are operating on one suite and the civilians on the other.

TELEGRAPHS.

9. One teleprinter circuit and a 1+1 telegraph channel have been completed to Naples for use by the Italian Government and civilians. A statement of traffic and fault history are attached (shedule B)

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11. Coincedent with the rehabilitation of the telephone route the Circolo are providing telegraph wires to Velletri, Littoria and part w way to Frosinone and Terracina.

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L.G. Hawker
Major G.L.
Communications Officer A.M.G.

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SCHEDULE A. 44-9

Exchange.	Equipment:	Civilian Lines.	Military Lines.
Appia	19700	/8014	53
Aniene	1100	1008	9
Bocces	400	299	
Casilina	1100	596	18
Collonna	10500	9412	151
C.Vittorio	9500	8918	108
Flaminia	5600	4488	48
Nomentana	25600	22415	191
Prati	22000	19695	80
S.Agnese	4400	4000	26
S.Lorenzo	5000	3144	69
Trastevere	8100	7687	31
Viminale	17600	15688	785

Schedule B (1)

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FAULTS HISTORY OF ROME - NAPLES TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT

JULY7 7th	0800 - 1200		Frequent interuptions
	1200		No service reported.
July 8th	0800		Still no service
	1800		Circuit changed but frequent interuptions.
	2000		OK
	2015		No service
July 9th	0315		Circuit OK but Naples no reply
	0330		No service
July 10th	0800		Frequent interuptions
	0330		No service
	1200		No service
July 11th	0700		No service
	1200		OK
July 12th	0800		OK
	1100 - 1215		Frequent interuptions
	1215		OK
July 13th			OK
July 14th			OK
July 15th			OK
July 16th			OK
July 17th			OK
July 18th			OK
July 19th	0800		Inverted current runs through the line
	0900		No service reported

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July 10th	0800	Frequent interuptions
	0330	No service
	1200	No service
July 11th	0700	No service
	1200	OK
July 12th	0800	OK
	1100 - 1215	Frequent interuptions
	1215	OK
July 13th		OK
July 14th		OK
July 15th		OK
July 16th		OK
July 17th		OK
July 18th		OK
July 19th	0800	Inverted current runs through the line
	0900	No service reported
	1420	Cable breakdown
July 20th	0800	No service
	1640	OK
July 21st	2040	Cable breakdown reported
July 22nd	1015	OK
July 23rd	1040	No service
	1150	OK

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FAULTS HISTOY OF ROME - NAPLES TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT

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July 24th		OK
July 25th	0001	-0830 No service
	0830	OK
	2000	Friquent interuption
July 26th		OK
July 27th	1200	No service
July 28th	0745	OK
continued	1820	Frequent interuptions
	1200	No service
July 29th	0001	No service
	0900	OK
	1500	No service
	1645	OK
	2000	No service
July 29th	0001	Frequent interuptions
	0115	No service Naples apparatus fault
	1200	" " " " "
July 30th	1200 - 1605	OK
	1605	No service (harmonica trouble)
	0400	No service Naples apparatus fault
	0945	OK
July 31st		
	OK	

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FAULTS HISTORY OF ROME - BARI TELEPRINTER CIRCUIT

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July 17 th	1600	OK
July 18th	0800 - 1130 1900	Cable breakdown Bari amplifier faulty
July 19th	0920 0950 1045 0900 - 2025	OK Harmonica fault OK OK
July 20th	0900 - 2025	OK
July 21st	0930	OK
July 22nd	0001 - 0800 1900	OK Interuptions for cable working parties
July 23rd		Frequent interuptions
July 24th		Still frequent interuptions
July 25th	0001 - 0545 0545	OK FRequent interuptions
July 26th	 1215	Interuptions continues OK
July 27th	0800 1045	Interuptions OK
July 28th		OK
July 29th		OK
July 30th		OK
July 31st		OK

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TELEGRAMMA CIRCOLARE

SCHEDULE -(~~)-B (3)

TELEGRAPH TRAFFIC R O M E--SOUTERN

DATE	ACCEPTED = DELIVERED BY AND	= TRANSMITTED	=RECEIVED BY WIRE	= TOTAL PER DAY
7/7	1	1	2	4
8 "			6	6
9 "			4	4
10 "			6	6
11 "	5	44	5 46	100
12 "	6	146	6 150	308
13 "	11	107	11 115	244
14 "	28	208	28 229	473
15 "	10	56	10 111	187
16 "	13	153	13 160	339
17 "	22	114	23 150	309
18 "	180	170	189 329	868
19 "	140	74	147 103	464
20 "	50	93	97 164	404
21 "	72	291	187 398	948
22 "	194	187	215 347	943
23 "	46	222	53 229	550
24 "	147	148	217 384	896
25 "	648	370	664 381	2063
26 "	869	894	884 922	3569

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9 "					4	4
10 "					6	6
11 "	5	44	5	46	100	
12 "	6	146	6	150	308	
13 "	11	107	11	115	244	
14 "	28	208	28	229	473	
15 "	10	56	10	111	187	
16 "	13	153	13	160	339	
17 "	22	114	23	150	309	
18 "	180	170	189	329	868	
19 "	140	74	147	103	464	
20 "	50	93	97	164	404	
21 "	72	291	187	396	948	
22 "	194	187	215	347	943	
23 "	46	222	53	229	550	
24 "	147	148	217	384	896	
25 "	648	370	664	381	2063	
26 "	869	894	884	922	3569	
27 "	666	812	689	819	2986	
28 "	541	835	1068	1312	3756	
29 "	557	1041	1496	1628	4722	
30 "	692	729	876	930	3227	
31 "	674	1702	825	1920	5121	

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Region I Headquarters
APO 394

File C5/4/6

Subject: Monthly Postal Report.

To : Director, Communications, Sub-Commission, Exec HQ., A.C.C.
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. The following report is submitted on postal service in Region I, for July 1944.

a. TRANSPORTATION.

(1) The transportation of mail in region I is as good as can be expected considering conditions. Train service has improved but service by buss and trucks has caused some trouble.
A great part of the petrol used by busses and trucks has been alloted to trucks for hauling wheat. Tire shortage has also been a problem. Although trouble has occurred, Communes have received mail at least three times per week.

b. CENSORSHIP.

(1) The Censorship station at Palermo and Syracuse are operating and the mail is passing through them with the minimum amount of delay.

c. PRISONER OF WAR MAIL BY SURFACE.

(1) Incoming.

Date of Arrival	Origin	Serial No.	Sacks received	Weight
3/7	Rabat (Alg)	12	1	2
4/7	Malta	13	1	1
4/7	Melburn	4	1	8
6/7	New York F	66	1	1
10/7	Liverpool	8	1	10
10/7	Great Britain	9	1	18
10/7	Liverpool	7	1	15
11/7	Liverpool	9	1	14
11/7	Liverpool	6	1	12
11/7	Liverpool F	10	3	35
11/7	Liverpool	9	1	12
13/7	West Africa	1	1	12
18/7	Liverpool F	2	2	60
18/7	Liverpool F	1	3	90
18/7	Liverpool F	3	1	30
20/7	New York	790	1	3
24/7	New York	792	1	36

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(1) Incoming.

Date of Arrival	Origin	Serial No.	Sacks received	Weight
3/7	Babat (Alg)	12	1	2
4/7	Malta	13	1	1
4/7	Melburn	4	1	8
6/7	New York F	66	1	1
10/7	Liverpool	8	1	10
10/7	Great Britain	9	1	18
10/7	Liverpool	7	1	15
11/7	Liverpool	9	1	14
11/7	Liverpool	6	1	12
11/7	Liverpool F	10	3	35
11/7	Liverpool	9	1	12
13/7	West Africa	1	1	12
18/7	Liverpool F	2	2	60
18/7	Liverpool F	1	3	90
18/7	Liverpool F	3	1	30
20/7	New York	73F	1	3
20/7	New York	74F	1	35
20/7	New York	67F	1	4
20/7	New York	1102F	1	30
22/7	Melburn	6	1	3
25/7	London	11	4	30
25/7	London	14	2	23
25/7	London	17	3	42
28/7	Babat	13	1	3
28/7	Babat	14	1	1

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PRISONER OF WAR MAIL BY AIR.

(1) Incoming.

Date of Arrival	Origin	Serial No	Sacks Received	Weight
4/7	Melburn	6	1	2
10/7	Melbourn	8	1	1
22/7	Bombay	6	1	1
22/7	Bombay	5	1	1
22/7	Melbourn	9	1	1

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Date of Arrival	Origin	Serial No	Sacks received	Weight
22/7	Melburn	10	1	1
24/7	Bombay	9	1	1
25/7	Bombay	10	1	1
26/7	Bombay	11	1	1
28/7	Perth	12	2	2
28/7	Bombay	12	1	1

2. OUTGOING PRISONER OF WAR MAIL.

Week of July 1

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
New York	29	1	15
Liverpool	21	1	30
Cairo	28	3	90
Tripolitania	to Bari		
Ottawa	None		
Tunis	20	1	15
Directory Service			
Algiers	26	2	35
APO 698	24	2	60
American APO	1	3	95
British APO	1	1	30

Week of July 8th

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
New York	30	1	20
Liverpool	22	1	35
Cairo	29	5	135
Tripolitania	to Bari	1	12
Ottawa	None		
Tunis	21	1	15
Directory Service			
Algiers	27	1	30
APO 698	25	3	90
American APO	2	2	60
British APO	2	1	25

Week of July 15th.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
New York	31	1	15
Liverpool	23	1	30
Cairo	30	4	105
Tripolitania	to Bari		
Ottawa	None		
Tunis	22	1	40
Directory Service			
Algiers	28	1	20
APO 698	26	4	120
American APO	3	2	50
British APO	3	1	20

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Tunis	20	1	15
Directory Service			
Algiers	26	2	35
APO 698	24	2	60
American APO	1	3	55
British APO	1	1	30

Week of July 8th

Destination	Series	Seats	Weight
New York	30	1	20
Liverpool	22	1	35
Cairo	29	5	135
Tripolitania	to Bari	1	12
Ottawa	None		
Tunis	21	1	15
Directory Service			
Algiers	27	1	30
APO 698	25	3	90
American APO	2	2	60
British APO	2	1	25

Week of July 15th.

Destination	Series	Seats	Weight
New York	31	1	15
Liverpool	23	1	30
Cairo	30	4	105
Tripolitania	to Bari		
Ottawa	None		
Tunis	22	1	40
Directory Service	28	1	20
Algiers	28	1	20
APO 698	26	4	120
American APO	3	2	50
British APO	3	1	20

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Week of July 22nd.

Destination	Series	Seats	Weight
New York	32	1	10
Liverpool	24	2	45
Cairo	31	4	95
Tripolitania	to Bari		
Ottawa	None		
Tunis	23	1	15
Directory Service			
Algiers	29	1	15
APO 698	27	3	90
American APO	4	2	50
British APO	4	1	20

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Week of July 29th.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
New York	33	1	12
Liverpool	25	1	30
Cairo	32	3	85
Tripolitania	to Bari		
Ottawa	none		
Tunis	24	1	10
Directory Service			
Algiers	30	1	25
APO 698	28	2	60
American APO	5	2	60
British APO	5	1	25

d. REGISTERED AND INSURED MAIL.
(1) No complaints or losses

e. STAMPS.
(1) The following is the amount of AMG stamps consumed and on hand

Consumed	on hand
15 Cent. - 7,720,000	3,000,000
25 Cent. - 8,960,000	1,800,000
30 Cent. - 7,360,000	3,000,000
50 Cent. -12,100,000	2,400,000
60 Cent. - 1,230,000	4,800,000
1 Lire. - 3,640,000	2,400,000
2 Lire. - 1,600,000	2,400,000
5 Lire. - 1,080,000	3,000,000
10 Lire. - 400,000	3,600,000

f. INTERNATIONAL MAIL SERVICE.
(1) Outgoing

Week of July 1st.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
Tunis	19	1	10
Cairo	19	1	19
Tripolitania	To Bari		
New York	19	4	120
Ottawa	19	1	4
London	19	1	7
London S.P.S.	19	1	12

Week of July 8th.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
Tunis	20	1	15
Cairo	20	1	30
Tripolitania	To Bari		
New York	20	4	130
Ottawa	20	1	3
London	20	1	5

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25 Cent.	- 8,360,000	1,800,000
30 Cent.	- 7,360,000	3,000,000
50 Cent.	-12,160,000	2,400,000
60 Cent.	- 1,230,000	4,800,000
1 Lire.	- 3,640,000	2,400,000
2 Lire.	- 1,600,000	2,400,000
5 Lire.	- 1,080,000	3,000,000
10 Lire.	- 400,000	3,600,000

2. INTERNATIONAL MAIL SERVICE.

(1) Outgoing

Week of July 1st.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
Tunis	19	1	10
Cairo	19	1	19
Tripolitania	To Bari		
New York	19	4	120
Ottawa	19	1	4
London	19	1	7
London S.P.S.	19	1	12

Week of July 8th.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
Tunis	20	1	15
Cairo	20	1	30
Tripolitania	To Bari		
New York	20	4	130
Ottawa	20	1	5
London	20	1	5
London S.P.S.	20	1	10

Week of July 15th.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
Tunis	21	1	10
Cairo	21	1	28
Tripolitania	to Bari		
New York	21	2	59
Ottawa	21	1	5
London	21	1	5
London S.P.S.	21	1	5

Week of July 22nd.

Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight
Tunis	22	1	10
Cairo	22	1	30
Tripolitania	To Bari		

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New York	22	2	59
Ottawa	22	1	3
London	22	1	6
London S.P.S.	22	1	5

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Week of July 29th.

Destination	Series	Skins	Weight
Tunis	23	1	10
Cairo	23	1	25
Tripolitania	to Hart		
New York	23	4	110
Ottawa	23	1	3
London	23	1	5
London S.P.S.	23	1	4

2. ARRIVING MAIL CIVILIAN BY SURFACE.

Date of Arrival	Origin	Serial No	Skins Received	Weight
3/7	New York	68	1	1 lbs.
3/7	New York	73	1	4
3/7	New York	70	1	3
6/7	New York	72	1	1
6/7	New York	71	1	5
10/7	London P	14	1	5
10/7	New York	76	1	5
10/7	New York	75	1	3
10/7	New York	77	1	7
11/7	Madrid P	3	1	1
11/7	Madrid P	5	2	1
11/7	Madrid P	6	1	1
11/7	London P	15	1	2
11/7	New York P	74	1	1
19/7	Tunis	1	1	3
19/7	London P	17	1	1
19/7	Madrid P	15	1	1
19/7	Madrid P	16	1	1
20/7	New York P	98	1	7
20/7	New York P	83	1	4
20/7	New York P	85	1	4
20/7	New York P	80	1	5
20/7	New York P	77	1	6
20/7	New York P	88	1	3
20/7	New York P	68	1	1
20/7	New York P	84	1	7
20/7	New York P	100	1	2
20/7	New York P	72	1	10
20/7	New York P	84	1	19
20/7	New York P	101	1	42
20/7	New York P	99	1	25
20/7	New York P	102	1	12
20/7	New York P	103	1	2 lbs.
20/7	New York P	78	1	7
22/7	Ottawa P	28	1	1

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5/7	New York	70	1	1	3	
6/7	New York	72	1	1	5	
6/7	New York	71	1	1	9	
10/7	London P	14	1	1	7	
10/7	New York	76	1	1	1	
10/7	New York	75	1	1	2	
10/7	New York	77	1	1	1	
11/7	Madrid P	3	1	1	2	
11/7	Madrid P	5	2	1	1	
11/7	Madrid P	6	1	1	2	
11/7	London P	15	1	1	1	
11/7	New York P	74	1	1	6	
19/7	Tunis	1	1	1	1	
19/7	London P	17	1	1	1	
19/7	Madrid P	15	1	1	7	
19/7	Madrid P	16	1	1	4	
20/7	New York P	98	1	1	4	
20/7	New York P	83	1	1	3	
20/7	New York P	85	1	1	6	
20/7	New York P	30	1	1	1	
20/7	New York P	77	1	1	7	
20/7	New York P	89	1	1	2	
20/7	New York P	68	1	1	10	
20/7	New York P	81	1	1	15	
20/7	New York P	100	1	1	42	
20/7	New York P	72	1	1	25	
20/7	New York P	84	1	1	12	
20/7	New York P	101	1	1	2	Kg.
20/7	New York P	99	1	1	7	
20/7	New York P	102	1	1	1	
20/7	New York P	103	1	1	5	
20/7	New York P	78	1	1	1	
22/7	Tripoli	28	1	1	1	
22/7	Madrid	11	1	1	5	
22/7	Madrid	9	1	1	1	
22/7	Madrid	1	1	1	1	
22/7	London	1	1	15	1	
22/7	Cairo	33	1	1	1	kg.

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INCOMING MAIL CIVILIAN INTERNEES.

Date of Arrival	Origin	Serial No	Sacks Received	Weight
3/7	Tripoli	13	1	1
4/7	Tripoli	14	1	1
6/7	Bombay	141	1	2
11/7	Tripoli	16	1	2
11/7	Tripoli	17	1	3
15/7	Tripoli	18	1	1

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18/7	Tripoli	19	1	2	5 kg.
19/7	Chiasso	1 P	1	2	
19/7	Chiasso	2 P	1	3	
20/7	New York P	79 P	1	3	
22/7	Tripoli	20	1	3	
25/7	Tripoli	21	1	2	
28/7	Tripoli	22	1	2	
28/7	Asmara	1	1	1	

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G. PERSONNEL.

(1) The postal personnel at Termini have considered striking. The provincial director is well informed and considers sending clerks to Termini. The situation is being closely watched.

h. INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS MESSAGES.

Week of July 1st. Destination	Series	Sacks	Weight	
Algiers	4	2	40	Kg.
Week of July 15th. Algiers	5	1	15	
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Adv. H.Q. Region 5.
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Col. Henderson,
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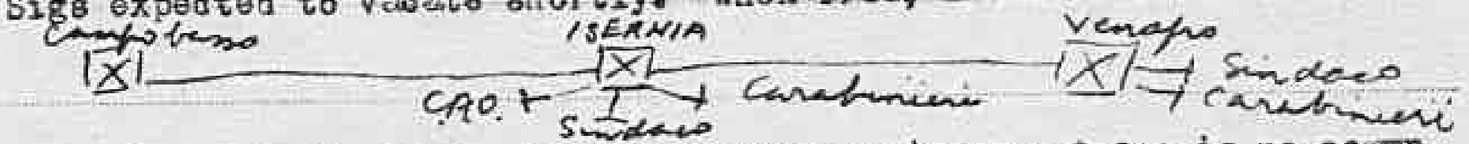
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TIMO can lay on everything if they get the line. In the absence of troops, there is no comm to this part of the Province. Can L. of C. give up a pair ?

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Aquila. Inter-urban board repaired.

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Propose to allow local service in both these towns.

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Posts.

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While on this subject, I recommend that with the exception of Chieti - Pescara, each Province should be water-tight from the censorship point of view, and that there should be a censorship station at each Provincial Head Post Office..

G. Bowring Major. 6188
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P.S. Please excuse the paper. I have just heard that Col Latimer is going to Rome tomorrow, and am typing this in my billet with the only paper available.

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Subject: Monthly report July 1944

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Herewith two copies of monthly report. The third copy will be handed to LT.Col. Millar on arrival.

For Regional Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Communications Report for June 7 July 1944

TO: S.C.A.O. AMG 5th Army

1. Forwarded herewith is the report of the Communications Section for the month of June.

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To: Director T.C.U.

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That evening I contacted Brigadier Buchanan and attended the first meeting of the Wire Board.

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The Telegraph equipment at the San Silvestro office was undamaged and it was stated that other telegraph equipment at Appio and Ostiense was also intact.

That evening I contacted Brigadier Buchanan and attended the first meeting of the Wire Board.

On the morning of the 6th I attended another meeting of the Wire Board and contacted Major Scudder of A.C.C. who was also attached to the Wire Board. At that meeting it was decided that I should obtain details of the 5000 subscribers who had been connected prior to our entry, and get permission from the Security Branch and R.A.C. G.2 to reconnect all except those rented by Fascist organisations. This was arranged and the detailed list was passed to the Signal Assignment officer that afternoon.

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On the 7th and 8th further reconnections of subscribers was arranged and the Teti was instructed to submit lists of doctors, hospitals, chemists, banks, fire, police and other essential lines for authorisation for reconnection. In addition they were instructed to submit lists covering the call offices (pay stations) and a list to provide one telephone in every appartment house, to meet public emergency needs. At this stage the Wire Board was prepared to allow some 60% of the subscribers to be reconnected, but in view of the power situation and possible switch conjestion, it was onsidered inadvisable to proceed with too many reconnections.

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It is hoped that a telegraph channel on open wire may be available between Rome and Naples for Italian Government traffic in the near future.

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ROME REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A. P. O. No. 394, U. S. ARMY

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29th.June 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, ROME
REGION ACC. A.P.O. 394. U.S. ARMY

THRU : T.C.U. DIVISION ROME REGION.

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c) Approximately 70 sub-station post offices.

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B. PERSONNEL:

1. There are approximately 5.000 post office employees, of which 900 are letter carriers.

2. As the Provincial Director showed signs of weakness and incapability he was placed on sick leave and the Vice Director was appointed acting Director.

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3. In accordance with instructions issued by the Regional Finance Officer, all Squadristi, Sciarpa Littorio, and Marcia su Roma are not being paid.

Likewise they are suspended from their position, until they are vetted. The same action was taken against those employ - ees who belonged to the Postal Militia as of June 5th. All the employees in the above categories are being investigated and a Scheda Personale is being completed on each.

4. Permission was granted to the Provincial Director to grant the customary vacation leave to those employees who are entitled to it. This was suspended by the former Republican Government.

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3. On June 15th. a post card delivery service for the city of Rome was resumed.

4. On June 16th., a post card service,limited to 25 words, was resumed between Rome and the postal area South of Rome. Service is progressing well.

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5. Persmission was also granted to the Post Offices to issue the Identification Cards (Tessere Postali), which is one of their normal services.

6. All mail that was on hand for Southern Italy was first sent to censorship and upon being returned is being despatched to Naples for onward despatch.

7. All parcels on hand were first impounded by security and upon their release are being returned to sender.

D. STAMPS:

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F. CENSORSHIPS:

1. Before any service is resumed approval of the censorships office is always received and all mail before being despatched or delivered is sent to Censorshps.

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1. The question of Vatican mail is being studied by Hq. ACC and as soon as arrangements are completed this office will be notified. This office is ready to commence the service as soon as approval is received.

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CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP, ITALY
"S" FORCE DETACHMENT
CITY OF AREZZO

16 July 1944

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES IN AREZZO

TO : Major Gordon McKean
Censorship Officer
Civil Censorship Group, Italy
Adv. Hq. ACC
Rome

1. The City of Arezzo fell to the 8th Army at about 0800 hours this date. We entered the city at about 1100 hours and witnessed sporadic fighting and very heavy artillery barrages.

2. POST OFFICE: The central office is an imposing building in Via Guido Monaco. It was bombed by the Allies on 2 December 1943. The damage was severe. The following day, 3 December 1943, the postal system was transferred to a small building in a church. The present address is No. 7 Convento San Domenico, a 3 story simple building. The Provincial Postal Director is a Signor TUSSI who left Arezzo and his post in November 1943. The continual bombings and other questionable characteristics compelled him to leave. His employees state he is "tainted" with Fascism. Capo D'Ufficio is MAGNANENSI, ANTONIO. The Ispetore is GORI, ALDO.

The temporary building is entirely unsuited for postal service, but the city is so hard hit it would be difficult to secure another place.

FERROVIA MAIL: The railroad station was horribly hit by bombing and is no longer in existence. Hence, it was moved to the same building at No. 7 Convento San Domenico. All it amounts to is another room in the first floor. The director of the Ferrovia Post is VICO, MINOTTI. He left Arezzo in May 1944. His character is also a very questionable one.

3. Telephone: The telephone building, like all others in the city, was bombed, Hence, the Fascists moved the service to a private dwelling just outside the wall of the city. It is located at No. Ia Via Pietramala, a 2 story building. The Germans used the system almost in entirety. A 30 plug switchboard is intact in the place. The repeater station is directly across from this building. We were on hand only a few hours after the Germans had left the building. Some of the Partis notified us that there was a possibility of mines in the structure. We found none.

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4. Telegraph: The telegraph office was originally located in the post office building at Via Guido Monaco. It too was transferred to a private house close to the telephone building. We scoured the place and removed everything of interest. We have sacked all the material and it is on its way to headquarters. The address of the temporary building is No. 10 Via Guido Tarlati. Seventeen of the keys are in fair shape. The Germans had to leave in such a hurry that not too much damage was done to said keys. However, to endeavor to use this system for public service is impossible. The Fascists and Germans only permitted a limited public service as they could not handle the load. It is to be remembered that the service is housed in a simple 2 story private house. The air corps also hit this building. The Director is DI ANTONIIS, GINO. The building was bombed on 10 June.

5. Censorship: After the main post office building was bombed on 2 December 1943 the censorship office was moved to the same temporary building now housing the post office. It is located on the second floor of that building. After a thorough search of the place we were able to find some papers that may prove of interest to headquarters. The head of censorship was a Col. Lo Faso.

6. Pertinent Facts:
   a. As per usual the Germans took their FELDPOST along with them.
   b. Railroad station is a total loss, 100% destroyed.
   c. City of Arezzo, in normal times, has a population of about 32,000; there are about 31,000 in the communes.
   d. A rough estimate of destruction to the city is 70%. Pretty bad.
   e. Number of people in the city at the present time.... none.

7. Material Sent To Headquarters: We are dispatching our enlisted men to Rome early in the morning, 17 July 1944, with the following material.

   a. To Major McKean: Censorship of Arezzo reports.
      The Watch List used by the Germans
      Seized telegrams
      Reports seized in the telegraph office.
   b. To Rome Censorship Office (Lt. Lazzarini & Lt. Ursino)
      Mail from northern Italy
      Mail bound for France, Germany, Spain, Austria
      Italian Fascist Organization mail
      Italian Republican Fascist Troop and Command mail
      Mail written by troops with the Germans (Italians)

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Mail addressed to FELDPOST
Mail bound for northern Italy
Italian prisoner of war mail
Some Fascist newspapers

8. In the post office will be left about twenty sacks of mail which we are unable to dispatch. We have endeavored to make as perfect a sample as is possible under the circumstances. That which we have left behind is not of vital importance at the present time.

9. We have contacted the "spearhead" AMG officer again, Major Mucklow. A short report of our activities was rendered him.

MIGUEL J. MONTESINOS
CAPT. INF.

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TO : A.C.C., Communications Sub-Commission.

FROM : H.Q., A.M.G., Region 5.

SUBJECT : Reconnaissance Report - Region 5.

REF : R5/517/1.

DATE : 11 July 1944.

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CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.
Recd. 17.7.1944

Herewith three copies of a report of my preliminary survey of the new Provinces in Region V.

For Regional Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS 16 JUL 1944 A. C. C.

G. W. CUMMING
Major, R. Signals
Communications Officer.

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Communications Report. Region 5.

Telephones.

Found Ing. COLELLA Mario, late Director of T.I.M.O. at Bologna, in Citta' S.Angelo, near Pescara. He offered his services, so I took him on my tour of inspection.

Chieti Prov.
Chieti Town. 800-line automatic urban exchange. 40-line, 6-position inter-urban switchboard. Both are in pieces, but undamaged, except that all internal cable has been removed by the Germans. Test-frame OK, except for cable. Battery broken, but enough can be salved to provide a service. Two rectifiers OK. Provided cable is forthcoming, plant can be repaired in a month. A list of requirements is being prepared.
Elsewhere in the Province, with the exception of Lanciano, things are in a poor shape. The fighting line ran through this Province last winter, and telephone plants have been destroyed or removed.
A.M.G. Army signals have provided a small PBX at Provincial HQ, with connection to the Army exchange at Pescara.

Pescara Province.
Pescara Town. TIMO premises have been partly blown up. Mines and booby traps are suspected. When R.E. have vetted the place, it will be inspected.
This town is very badly smashed. A small manual board will be sufficient for civil requirements for a long time. Can get one from Campobasso.
Elsewhere in the Province, exact position is being ascertained, but nearly all small PBXs have been removed by the enemy.

Teramo Province.
Teramo Town. Depo Agenzia TIMO, Tenci Silvano. Urban 600-line automatic, "Autelco" pattern. Not much of it missing. Repair proceeding. Inter-urban, 40-line, 6-position, broken. Can re-build as a 20-line board in two months. (A 50-line mag exchange has been installed as a temporary measure, and handles a few short lines and locals for the Italian Army.) Battery OK. Rectifier smashed, but can get one from Chieti. Locals in good condition.
Elsewhere in the Province, except on the coast, little damage has been done.

Ascoli Province.
Ascoli Town. TIMO Ing. Martocchia. Urban, 800-line CB board. Inter-urban, 40-line 5 position board. Both were slightly damaged, and all cable were cut, but repairs have been completed. Permission was given to open a local telephone service, confined to the town itself.
San Benedetto. 400-line CB, 4 position. Some keys and cords missing, but usable. The building is damaged. TIMO have been told to cover up the damaged roof to prevent further damage. Rectifier OK. Locals 50% damaged.
Porto S. Giorgio. 200-line automatic. Intact. Locals slightly damaged.
FERMO. 400-line CB. Damaged. Reparable in two months. Office wiring gone.
Elsewhere in Province, small exchanges. Good condition everywhere.

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Macerata Province.
Macerata Town. Plant similar to that at Ascoli. Damaged. 2 months work will repair it sufficiently to give a reduced service.
Elsewhere in the Province. Mixed. A recce is proceeding.

Aquila Province.
Aquila Town. 850-line CB four-position urban board. Was damaged but has been repaired, and is in use for AMG local calls and civil admin. The inter-urban board was completely smashed, but a 130-line mag. drop-indicator, FBK has been borrowed from a local hotel and is being installed in readiness for service.
Sulmona. TIMO building has had a direct hit, plus a bit of local damage by Germans prior to departure. About half of the plant is salvagable, and I instructed the local workmen to get on with it.

Telegraphs.

Chieti. Building undamaged. All instruments have been removed by Germans. Battery, all plates removed. Two rectifiers in good condition, except that both ammeters and voltmeters have been removed. All line records gone.

Pescara. Building mostly destroyed. Wires in remainder. Waits vetting by Bomb Disposal squad. It is not considered that there can be much left.

Teramo. Battery in good order. Also instruments, one Wheatstone, two Hughes and twelve morse. Conditions in Province believed to be good.

Ascoli. All instruments were damaged by Germans. The morse instruments have been repaired, but there are insufficient spares to repair completely the two Wheatstones and three Hughes. Charging equipment and battery gone. Conditions in Province believed to be good.

Aquila. Two Wheatstone, two Hughes, and several morse instruments in good order. Commutator broken but reparable. Instructed them to do so.

General. The Directors have been requested to circularise their offices to ascertain the condition of the buildings and telegraph plant.

LINES.

Dottore Maggini, Direttore of Circolo Costruzione, Sulmona sent off letters in every direction to AMG and Postmasters, offering his services. I got in touch with him. His office had been bombed, but he had saved all his records. He is a "live wire" and has already begun repair work. The Aquila-Chieti Telegraph line is almost finished, and there are only 2½ Kms of patches required in the Aquila-Teramo telegraph line. Up North, around Ascoli, I found linemen salving material and repairing lines. Destruction of lines has been rather spasmodic. Some routes, particularly those away from the roads and the coast are practically intact. Others have a few miles in good condition, followed by a few miles in which every pole has been broken about six feet from the ground. I notice that on all the Circolo routes, the copper wires have been removed by the Germans.

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On the whole, though there are months of work ahead, I consider that sufficient lines to provide a telegraph service between the main centres in the provinces covered by this report could be provided within a month. I arranged a meeting between Dott. Mancini of the Circolo and Ing. Colella of TIBB regarding a joint programme of repair of lines. I told them to begin at once the repair of lines between main centres where these routes are not in use by the Army. Transport is going to be the difficulty. AMG require all the transport they can lay their hands to help in the supply problem. Can Dr. Fano help, so far as Circolo is concerned ? Mancini urgently requires a car, or small truck, for himself, and two trucks for the carriage of men and material.

Few of the long-distance routes appear to be used by Signals in the Provinces of Pescara, Aquila, Teramo and Ascoli. (In Teramo, I found an officer of 2 Air Formation Signals testing out two pairs Pescara-Teramo-Ascoli. This officer was ~~I did not offer~~ to do so, in view of his attitude. I may say that this is an isolated instance. Signals have been extraordinarily pleasant to work with, and very anxious to cooperate with AMG).

It appears that there is little likelihood of Signal offices being installed at any of the main towns in these Provinces. I suggest that telegraphic and telephonic communication should be set up between these centres for AMG use, utilising civil resources.

Can it be ascertained from Signals, in respect of the Provinces covered by this report,

(a) Which routes are in use by Signals - Army or Air Forces? How many circuits ? If not all in use, may other circuits on the same route be put through by civil linemen, and with which unit should we co-operate ?

(b) Where routes are too badly damaged for immediate repair, which of them would the Army like to have repaired by civil labour. In these cases, to what extent would the Army require circuits and would they allow any civil circuits to be repaired also.

This information would simplify the preparation of a long-term repair programme.

Posts.

Chieti Province. Direttore, Billitteri Giuseppe. (He is probably being removed by PSS during the next few days. He does not know this himself !) All offices are open for financial services. He is getting out a programme for a twice-weekly official mail service. This will require two or three automobiles. The Prefect has been asked by the Prov. Commissioner to produce them.

Pescara Province. Director, PTLO Francesco. There appears to be a little confusion between this Director and Billitteri of Teramo. The latter said he was O.C. both Provinces and that PTLA was Pescara City only, and under him. Pila, on the other hand, says that he is O.C. of Pescara Province, but that as a war-time measure, the financial services of both Provinces were combined and controlled from Chieti. This is probably the true story.

All post-offices in Pescara Province, except three, are open for financial services. Unfortunately, one of the three is Pescara itself. There were four P.O. buildings in the town - one dealt with mail, while the others dealt with financial services. Four buildings are still necessary, even with the reduced population, because owing to bridges, parts of the town are several miles apart by road. All the buildings concerned have been damaged, and there are odd mines strewn about. R.E. have been asked to inspect.

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I arranged a meeting with the Sindaco and the Postal Director regarding opening up the services. Living accomodation will be required for 50 to 60 employes who are living in surrounding villages at the moment. In view of the lack of water, light, sanitation and supplies, the Sindaco was rather unenthusiastic about allowing them to come to live in the town, but realising that the service is necessary, he has promised co-operation with the Director. In addition, he has agreed to requisition two small trucks which will be necessary to establish a twice-weekly official mail service.

Teramo Province. The Direttore himself has been suspended for a month by the National Committee of Liberation. I met the Reggente, Dott. Luigi Musii. Premises are intact everywhere. Financial services only are operation throughout the Province. A twice-weekly official mail service can be provided, if vehicles are available, but broken bridges will be a trouble for a long time. The Prov. Commissioner has promised to help in the matter of getting two vehicles.

Ascoli Province. Director, Matteo BASSI. Open for financial services everywhere buildings in good order can lay on a twice-weekly mail service whenever required.

Aquila Province. Direttore, Giulio Romani. Buildings in good order almost everywhere. Aquila Town only is open for financial services, but all offices in the Province will be open on 15 July. Two trucks are required for a twice-weekly mail service. It was pointed out to the Prov. Commissioner that this will be the only means of communication at his disposal, in the absence of troops in the Province, and he has promised to obtain the necessary trucks.

GENERAL.

(a) All Directors have been requested to obtain details of stocks of stamps, etc, on hand.

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Major, R.Signals.
Communications Officer,
Region 5.

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6 July 1944

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region IV, ACC.

SUBJECT: Monthly report for June.

FILE NO: R4/ENG/90.2

Herewith monthly report for June 1944.

I. GENERAL REMARKS.

(a) Policy, Directives etc.

A conference was held by Public Works Sub Commission on 12th June attended by Regional Engineers.
At this conference were issued:
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(ii) Instructions for monthly reports d. 12 June 1944;
(iii) Instruction d. 7 June on Procedure for Initiating Public Works;
(iv) Instruction n.3 on Preparation and approval of work with ACC form ACC/I (rev June 7) & ACC/2 (Contracts) & Instruction No.4 thereon;
(v) Instr. No 1 on relation with Genio Civile;
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& Method of demand;
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It particularly affected Transport and in the other sections in almost every case results in two separate ACC Regions having to contact the same Italian officials and Contractors and heads of large Companies providing Water and Electricity.

II. STAFF AND PERSONNEL.

Maj. PERLEY reported on 19th June 1944 assigned for Highways;

Maj. LARSON reported on 26 June on loan from ACC for work in PONTINE MARSHES. He has been provided with no Transport;

Maj. TURNER reported for duty as Postal Officer on 22 June;

Capt. McCARTY reported on 11 June assigned Tn.;

Lt. GILLESPIE on 5th June assigned Tn.;

Lt. McCULLOUGH on 11 June assigned Tn.;

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As Tn. Officers arrived after the transport they had to look after, Capt. SPRIGGS was detailed to do duty as Tn. Officer from 6 June and handed over these duties to Capt. McCARTY on 14 June;

Lt. McCULLOUGH was reported sick about 20 June and has not yet returned to duty;

Capt. WILSON-HEATHCOTE meanwhile had to undertake the duties of Tn. Officer at HQ.

Owing to lack of transport it is not possible for all Officers to operate from HQ:

Maj. EVANS is covering FROSINONE Province <u>without</u> transport
Capt. SPRIGGS is " LITTORIA " " "

This involves serious waste of effort, time and efficiency.

<u>Office Staff</u>.

One clerk PFC; one Draughtsman PFC. These are overworked and office efficiency suffers in consequence.

Since arrival there have been engaged considerable civilian staff including one Italian Draughtsman.

All these are new to our routine and require training and guiding; in addition, a large portion of clerks time is taken up by visitors calling on official business such as Genio Civile, Directors and Engineers of Companies and Contractors and Drivers for Trucks and people for Permits and Car Permits and Fuel for urgent Engineering Inspections by Civilians and Genio Civile all added due to the expected arrangements for Civil Supply of Fuel not having materialised up to at least 27 June. Handling permits for over 150 people has formed a long and tedious business.

III. <u>HIGHWAYS</u>.

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Information and reconnaissance so far made show all roads with major damage; it is obvious that all bridges cannot be rebuilt before the rains make deviations impassable.

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L'Ispettorato Generale del Compartimento del LAZIO & UMBRIA has been requested in conjunction with Italian Provincial Engineers to have a complete survey made and mark on maps all major damages, it will then be decided which roads are essential for distribution of supplies by MT and which can be most quickly made fit for MT in Winter.

Bailey Bridges erected on Provincial Roads are being removed by Army as their needs dictate. No notification of such removal is at present received, but it is hoped to arrange prior notification.

The Cantoniera have been got out and reinforced by extra labour. Ditches are being cleared and patching commenced. A contractor has been put on Route 5 to repair the obstructions at Km. 40, 60, 64, 65, 67 E. of Rome. The detour around the bridge at Km. 67 has been stoned to make it passable in rainy weather.

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IV. PUBLIC WORKS.

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All appointments to Inspectorate for LAZIO & UMBRIA having been made and also appointments to Provinces of ROME, LITTORIA and FROSINONE, the Italian officials are being given every help in getting out on the job.

The preparation, signing and issuing of about 100 permits, 20 car permits (temporary) because Civil Organisation had NOT been set up, and special permits for travel on route 5, 6, 7, has entailed heavy clerical work in this department as the volume could not be handled in Public Safety department without much delay. It has resulted in several days delay in getting Engineers out on the work.

The Ispettorato Generale has called at this office twice and brought all Capo Ingenieri of Provinces and introduced them, I am satisfied that he and his staff are keen to get out into the job and get on with it.

The Ispettorate Generale is also pressing to get his men out North of ROME, but the Army Policy at present is NOT to grant permits. A letter has been sent pointing out urgency of getting Genio Civile out into the provinces early and asking for authority to issue permits to them and also to Directors and Engineers of Electricity and Water Companies.

Instructions to Allied Engineers covering Provinces of ROME, LITTORIA and FROSINONE are to confine work to essentials, particularly sufficient water to drink and cook.

From reports received the majority of towns get this but often from indifferent wells and springs which would not stand up to medical examination.

The area of the Gustav Line is particularly bad and also FROSINONE, SUBIACO, VALMONTONE, VELLETRI area.

Since taking over the 3 provinces Water & Electric Light has been got on to PIUGGI and water at low pressure to LITTORIA.

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(c) FROSINONE. Water Supply scheme for 3 water points in town prepared and pump demanded (temporarily a 30 HP Gasoline pump will be installed to give some water till larger one demanded is provided, present pump is 70 HP).

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(d) FORMIA. An estimate for Lire 6.2 million has been received with no indication of what is available locally, this is being investigated. This scheme also will be made to supply water to GAETA whose supply is hopelessly damaged.

(e) Building. Only one estimate received so far, for Offices of Genio Civile at Littoria, which have been badly damaged. Lire 2 million. The essential only will be authorised.

(f) The acquedotti supplying ROME commenced by AMG Rome Sub-Region TCU are meanwhile remaining under them.

(g) In view of urgent letter from ACC HQ about paper mills an Engineer reconnaissance and report was submitted on SUBIACO paper mills approx cost 10 million Lire, time 12 months, recommended doing immediately work to preserve valuable machinery which is intact but exposed to damage by water.

(h) LITTORIA BONIFICHE. Local work is in progress at clearing blocked canals, repairing embankments, assembling damaged and recovered machinery.

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The work i[illegible] hindered by presence of m[illegible]es. Maj. LARSON will be able to coordinate and improve on this as soon as transport becomes available.

(i) General. The amount of work to be done on water supply and electricity alone in the three provinces taken over is vast; building work unlimited.

Roads very heavily damaged and innumerable bridges; 220 have already been reported from LITTORIA Province alone.

The Policy will be to put in hand the obviously essential works at once and after it is possible to obtain an overall picture select such works as time materials and transport will permit.

V. PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Considerable delay has been experienced in establishing an office, due mostly to lack of motor transport. Lack of transport still continues to handicap operations as none is available to date except on the "scrounging" system.

To date, three Italian engineers have been engaged.

The major power companies have been contracted either directly or through Lt. WADE-BROWN, Liaison Officer at the "Romana" Office. Detailed reports are not available in this office at this time on the status of power generating plants and lines. As of 30 June, however, the "Romana" company had some 45.000 KW of their capacity in operation with others under repair.

Detailed reports involving all companies will be given as they become available to this office, especially as they apply to the area of Region IV.

No definite rationing or allocation system has been set up as yet to handle the electrical power situation, considering all areas as a whole, and it is recommended that such be done with representatives of all agencies concerned.

This would be similar to the procedure as followed in the NAPLES area.

Action taken early to cause all current to go to ROME at expense of outlying areas will seriously impede harvesting etc. if continued.

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In many areas it will be a long time before electricity will be available and there is already a considerable demand showing for Prime movers run by Gasoline etc., to drive Water pumps, Mills etc. Some contractors have Electrically driven plant which is useless till power is available.

VII. (i) ROAD TRANSPORT (Petroleum - Oil - Lubricant)

The supply of motor Fuel for CIVIL needs had not commenced up to 28th June and we have yet to see when it will.

Considerable time was occupied in obtaining a supply for military lorries also.

No local supply has been found, of any importance.

A garage has been found which it is hoped to occupy without being forced to vacate.

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Approx 60 local trucks are in use on hire basis. It is hoped that more will appear. This together with 73 Military Trucks allotted is barely sufficient to meet minimum food supply needs of 3 provinces. Local transport of all ~~Units~~ MT and animal available in Provinces is barely sufficient to meet local distribution of food.

Ahead is harvest and large works programme transport is certain to be the factor that will limit work undertaken.

So far the 60 trucks promised for Military Highway have not appeared.

Fuel is a hand to mouth business and tyres and spares keep many vehicles off the road.

The problem is being further complicated by orders from ACC about Rome Command handling all transport in Rome. No senior Transport Officer has yet been assigned to this Region, and the work has to be done by Public Works officers urgently required for their own jobs.

(ii) RAIL AND WATER TRANSPORT.

Not much progress can be made here due to the chronic and continued lack of Tn. Officers. However, measures are in operation initiated by AMG. ROME AREA CMD. to restore local railways to CIVITAVECCHIA, VITERBO, PALESTRINA and FIUMICINO.

Salvage companies have been directed to recovering sunken ships in several ports.

A barge builder has been found and some offers of small schooners have been received.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS.

Major TURNER has established a good liaison with the civil authorities on postal matters.

Efforts are being directed towards resumption of postal services which are already authorised by security in the provinces of ROME, FROSINONE and LITTORIA.

Provincial commissioners have been asked to requisition suitable postal vehicles.

Telephonic communications with provincial capitals are urgently desired and it is understood that work is already in progress to that end.

It is felt that some assistance is necessary in telecommunication matters to this Region.

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(c) Definite instructions on supply of Fuel for Transport etc.

(d) Closer arrangements to get Civil Engineers on ground.

(e) Better transport provision to enable ACC engineers to get around earlier and independently.

(f) Presence of mines and lack of personnel to remove them is hindering every operation of restoration.

Colonel,
Regional Engineer ACC IV.

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Salerno, 4 July 1944

TO: ACC
Communications sub-Comm.
S A L E R N O

SUBJECT: Statistics.

→ see 31

In reference to letter N.CS/4/6/31 of 20 June 1944 we are sending you the following:

1) A list of the Inter-provincial telephone circuits operating on 30th June 1944.

2) Situation of telephone connections in the provinces on 30th June 1944.

The Under Secretary of State
/s/

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AZIENDA DI STATO PER I SERVIZI TELEFONICI

SALERNO, - 4 LUG. 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO.
SOTT. POSTE E TELEC.NI.

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Risposta al N. .....

OGGETTO: STATISTICA.=

RIFERIMENTO FOGLIO N.CS/4/6/31 DEL 20 GIUGNO C.A. SI TRASMETTONO:

1) ELENCO CIRCUITI TELEFONICI INTERPROVINCIALI ATTIVI AL 30 GIUGNO 1944.
2) SITUAZIONE DEI COLLEGAMENTI TELEFONICI NELLE PROVINCIE AL 30/6/944.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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AZIENDA STATO SERVIZI TELEFONICI

STATAL AGENCY FOR TELEPHONE SERVICES

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SITUAZIONE COMUNI IN COLLEGAMENTO TELEFONICO

SITUATION IN COMMUNES WITH TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS

PROVINCIA PROVINCE	NUMERO COMUNI No of COMMUNES	NUMERO COMUNI COLLEGATI TELEFONICAMENTE No of COMMUNES CONNECTED BY TELEPHONE			
		COL CAPOLUOGO WITH PROVINCIAL CAPITAL		NON COL CAPOLUOGO NOT WITH THE PROV. CAPITAL	
		al 30/4/44	al 30/6/44	al 30/4/44	al 30/6/44
CALABRIA					
Catanzaro	155	6	18	=	1
Cosenza	136	25	34	=	=
Reggio	88	4	18	11	8
CAMPANIA					
Salerno	145	2	2	=	=
LUCANIA					
Matera	32	1	5	4	=
Potenza	91	5	10	=	=
PUGLIE					
Bari	47	3	13	13	11
Brindisi	20	=	=	=	5
Lecce	91	8	9	19	22
Taranto	27	11	11	4	6
SICILIA					
Agrigento	41	1	6	=	=
Caltanissetta	22	=	=	=	=
Catania	53	3	3	=	=
Enna	20	=	3	=	=

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Agrigento	41	1	6	=	=
Caltanissetta	22	=	=	=	=
Catania	53	3	3	=	=
Enna	20	=	3	=	=
Messina	89	=	=	=	=
Palermo	76	=	1	8	10
Ragusa	12	3	4	=	=
Siracusa	19	=	1	=	=
Trapani	20	2	2	=	=

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ELENCO CIRCUITI TELEFONICI INTERPROVINCIALI ATTIVI AL
30 GIUGNO 1944

List of the operating Interprovincial telephone circuits on 30 June 1944

1. = AGRIGENTO	= CALTANISSETTA
2. = "	= PALERMO
3. = ALTAMURA	= MATERA
4. = BARI	= BRINDISI
5. = "	= CATANZARO
6. = "	= LECCE
7. = "	= POTENZA
8. = "	= SALERNO (6 circuiti)
9. = "	= TARANTO
10. = BRINDISI	= LECCE
11. = "	= LOCOROTONDO
12. = CALTANISSETTA	= CATANIA
13. = "	= ENNA (2 circuiti)
14. = "	= PALERMO
15. = CATANIA	= MESSINA
16. = "	= PALERMO (2 circuiti)
17. = "	= SALERNO
18. = "	= SIRACUSA
19. = CATANZARO	= COSENZA (2 circuiti)
20. = "	= POTENZA
21. = "	= REGGIO (2 circuiti)
22. = "	= SALERNO (2 circuiti)
23. = COSENZA	= REGGIO
24. = "	= SALERNO
25. = MATERA	= POTENZA
26. = MESSINA	= REGGIO (2 circuiti)
27. = "	= SALERNO
28. = NAPOLI	= SALERNO (2 circuiti)
29. = NOTO	= RAGUSA
30. = PALERMO	= SALERNO
31. = "	= TRAPANI

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34. =	"	= TARANTO
35. =	RAGUSA	= SIRACUSA
36. =	REGGIO	= SALERNO
37. =	SALERNO	= TARANTO

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Subject: Telegraph offices situation - sec 31

Refer to File No. CS/4/6/31 date 20 June 1944.

1.- The nos. of active telegraph offices in the various provinces of the Kingdom is shown in Enclosure A, in which are shown separately the active offices and the communes connected with the provincial seats, always in reference to conditions as of August 1943.

2.- The situation seems generally good, since by now almost all the communes are telegraphically connected with their seats: the only critical zones are the provinces of Messina and Catania, where the nos of connected centers is yet too small, the reason due to the needs of the 1st Distr., also painful is the lack of connection with few, but very important, centers in the northern part of Bari province: studies are in progress, with the help of 7th Dist., to ameliorate the situation.

We trust in the cordial collaboration of the Commission

The Minister

/s/ Cerabona

DIRECTOR
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

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Al LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO -Post And Telecoms Sub Commission - APO 394

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Prot. N. 606537/T. *Allegati* .....

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OGGETTO Situazione uffici telegrafici.-

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Riferimento al foglio CS/4/6/31 del 20 giugno I944.

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Telegraph Situation as of 30 June 1944

SITUAZIONE TELEGRAFI AL 30 GIUGNO I944

PROVINCIA	Uffici attivi nell'agosto I943 (as of August 1943)	Uffici attivi al 30 giugno I944 (as of 30 June 1944)	Comuni con Uffici telegrafici att. all'agosto I943	Comuni con Uffici telegrafici att. al 30 giugno I944	
I^ ITALIA CONTINENTALE (84%)					
BARI	58	51	46	43	
BRINDISI	24	24	20	20	✓
CATANZARO	188	188	154	154	✓
COSENZA	182	182	152	152	✓
LECCE	107	I07	91	91	✓
MATERA	37	37	32	32	✓
POTENZA	108	83	91	79	
REGGIO CAL.	137	134	88	88	✓
SALERNO	217	81	145	55	
TARANTO	36	36	27	27	✓
2^ S I C I L I A (51%)					
AGRIGENTO	47	36	41	34	
CATANIA	82	19	52	17	
CALTANISSETTA	22	20	22	20	
ENNA	23	13	20	13	
MESSINA	159	42	91	20	
PALERMO	93	66	76	65	
RAGUSA	18	18	12	12	✓
SIRACUSA	24	10	19	10	

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TRAPANI	46	39	19	11	
3^ S A R D E G N A (100%)					
CAGLIARI	144	144	115	115	✓
NUORO	89	89	89	89	✓
SASSARI	87	87	71	71	✓
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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

29 June 1944.

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Received 1/7/44

SUBJECT: Activity Report month of June.

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

During the past month activity in this section has greatly increased. This is a natural trend due to conditions becoming more normal.

Major Knauer turned over his office files to this office and we have been carrying on with his work as well as the Region work.

P.B.S. signals has stopped the installation of civilian telephones for the next 30 or 60 days. It is reported a number of Allied Units are moving here from N. Africa and they are holding all cable pairs until these units arrive.

District 3 Signals refused to give S.E.T. field wire to connect cable ends for toll circuits Naples-Portici + Torre del Greco - Torre Annunziata. They advised they planned to move shortly and would turn over a number of circuits.

Local telephone service is now being given at the following exchanges:

Pozzuoli - Torre del Greco - Torre Annunziata - Castellammare and the S.E.T. are working in the central office at Sorrento.

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The State Telephone Co. is adding two positions to their toll board and the S.E.T. is getting 8 position toll board in working condition. This is board installed in an air-raid shelter and was never completed. We are arranging for tie cable pairs and toll switching trunks for both of these toll boards.

The 100 line magneto switchboards are being modified

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by S.E.T. There are 3 one hundred lines and 3 50 line boards here for the Italian Government.

Circolo Costruzioni was instructed to pick up the tools from the State Rly Whse (Military Ry Service).

Several new telegraph circuits were connected during the month. These have previously been reported.

Circolo Costruzioni is working on telegraph circuits Naples - San Gennaro..Italian central office installers are now in Naples installing printers and other telegraph equipment for Rome circuits.

We are placing the Rome - Naples printer equipment in the Post Office building and the telegraph harmonica equipment in the Military building where the L.D. board is located. The question of battery supply forces us to separate this equipment. The harmonica equipment consist of 5 bays and can be better maintained in the Military building.

Although we have had a decided increase in work and the enlisted man in this office has been moved we seem to be getting along in good shape and at this writing there is nothing pending that we can't take care of.

John A. Bridgeman

JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN
Capt. Spec. Res.
Telecomm. Officer
Region 3, ACC.

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TO : Communications Sub-Commission, ACC.

FROM : HQ Region V, AMG.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

REF : R5/517/1.

DATE : 25 Jun 44.

Herewith three copies of monthly report for June 1944.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

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G.W. CUMMING,
Major, R.Sigs.
Communications Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
A.M.G. REGION V.
Communications Section.

MONTHLY REPORT. June 1944.

TELEPHONES.

Foggia Province.

Foggia Town. 7 Air Formation Signals are expanding in the old S.E.T. building, and now there is no space available. In the circumstances S.E.T. do not wish to pursue the project of re-installation of the automatic exchange and state that when there is a prospect of a partial resumption of a civilian service, they can instal two 100-line switchboards at short notice.

Elsewhere. Exchanges at SAN SEVERO & LUCERA are in process of installation. In MANFREDONIA lines to D.Ps are being repaired to replace Signals locals. The damaged 100-line switchboard has been removed from CERIGNOLA by S.E.T. for repair.

Campobasso Province.

Campobasso Town. The rectifier was returned by AAI Signals, repaired locally, and put into operation. The main civil exchange was taken over by Signals on 11 Jun 44. The PBXs at Regional and Provincial HQs have been closed down, and all subscribers are on the CAMPOBASSO switchboard. (Communications Section Tel No 112). T.I.M.O. are in process of connecting the civil administration to the secondary board, at present used for the civilian alarm service.

Elsewhere. A recce of the Eastern part of the Province, recently vacated by Eighth Army, has been carried out. With the exception of BOIANO, where th T.I.M.O. building has been blown up and, of course, ISERNIA, telephone exchanges are intact everywhere.

Aquila Province.

A recce is impossible at the moment. Roads are blocked everywhere through removal of the Bailey bridges, but diversions are being constructed on main roads by enthusiastic civilian labour.

Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

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Recce in progress.

TELEGRAPHS.

Campobasso & Foggia Provinces. Report submitted recently. (My R5/517/1 dated 16 Jun 44 refers).

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Recce in progress.

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Lines. Repair of the CAMPOBASO - TERMOLI route is progressing favourably. A recce is in progress regarding the possibility of a line CAMPOBASSO - ISERNIA - VENAFRO for AMG use. The Army exchanges at these points have closed down, and the lines strapped through, making telephone communication to these places impossible.

Posts. The Postal Officer, Lieut A.J. ALLEN, reported on 18 Jun 44.

Campobasso Province. The mail service for the carriage of official mail, now running once a week, will run twice weekly, commencing 26 Jun 44.

Foggia Province. Owing to the breakdown of Carabinieri motorcycles, the service has deteriorated. The Provincial Commissioner is going to requisition civilian cars as replacement.

Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces. Recce will begin immediately.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION 2.

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Ref. / / 25 June 1944

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Telecommunications.

TO : Director, Comaunications Sub-Commission
Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

I. Marked progress was made during the month of June toward the objective of realizing a telephone and telegraph network embracing all localities previously reached. Increased interest was evidenced on the part of the Italian authorities and complete cooperation was afforded by C.S.O., 2 District, CMF.

2. In Region II the telegraph situation is not as favorable as might be desired but a reasonably good service is being rendered generally and effort is being directed toward improvement. The picture by Provinces is as follows :-

Name of Province		% To total localities Reached Direct
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Bari	S C P)	76
Brindisi	CENSORSHIP.	100
Lecce	CMF. G-2 (A).	100
Matera	Received 28/6/44	100
Potenza	TS/4/6	82
Taranto		100

Demands of Allied Military organizations have made it difficult to effect complete direct service in Bari Province but with the assistance of District signals it is believed that the desired relief will be realized shortly.
In Potenza Province some plant reconstruction is required. However, it is not believed that the localities without direct service are of such importance that the situation may be considered critical.

3. In Region VII, with the exception of nine localities in Reggio Province, most of which are of no great importance, direct telegraph service is again available to all points which enjoyed such facility before the occupation.

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4. Progress in the reestablishment of telephone service between Provincial centers and their towns previously connected for such service is indicated below :

Name of Province	No. of Exchanges Reached from Provincial Center
Bari	7
Brindisi	0

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Lecce		34
Matera	+	7
Potenza	+	I5
Taranto		IO
Catanzaro		I6
Cosenza		36
Reggio C.		I7

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5. Circuits are being turned over by 2 District signals for civil use just as promptly as the military requirements permit. In this connection arrangements have been made recently for the reestablishment of service in Altamura and Gravina and the allocation of trunks, Matera-Altamura, Altamura-Gravina and Bari-Altamura. Other circuits have been allocated as follows : Bari-Barletta, Barletta-Trinitapoli, Trani-Molfetta and Molfetta-Giovinazzo. It is expected that these circuits may be put into civil use by the end of June, I944.

6. In order to further improve and expand civil service consideration is being given by the Italian authorities to the joint use of certain circuits now used exclusively by the Italian army and the Dicat system. The release of some Dicat circuits in Bari Province helped the situation materially. Before the end of June the following routes are to be transferred to civil use in Brindisi Province : Brindisi-Francavilla, Francavilla-Oria, Oria-Satriano, Satriano-Mesagne, Mesagne-Brindisi, Oria-Torre and San Vito-Carovigno. Rearrangements are also contemplated in Lecce Province.

7. The Regional Transportation Officer, Region II, has had a number of the motor vehicles on loan to Circolo and SET overhauled at R.E.M.E. workshops assuring more reliable transportation for repair and maintenance activities. In addition three more vehicles have been drawn and allocated to SET,Bari; Circolo, Reggio C., and SET, Matera, respectively.

8. The decision to reduce the nominal capacity of the Bari civil dial machine involving the disconnection of non-essential civilian subscribers has not resulted in any particular difficulty. Both military and civil authorities are in agreement as to methods being employed to realize the improvement wanted and the situation is being watched closely and reviewed in joint conference at weekly intervals. 6147

9. State employees, Circolo and telegraph Companies, are not satisfied with wages. Complaints were particularly heard in Region VII where it appears that comparisons with the conditions prevailing in

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Sicily are unfavorable. The Circolo maintenance forces would like the opportunity to purchase shoes pointing out that much of their travel is done on foot.

Richard H. Ayre

RICHARD H. AYRE,
Maj. Sig.C.,
Telecommunications Officer.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

20th June, 1944

In reply refer to: CS/4/6/31 see 36

Subject : Statistics.

To : The Under-Secretary of State for PF.TT.

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Reference your letters 60494/T dated 8th May, 1944, and AT/3.0/1291, dated 11th May, 1944, I should be grateful for a final report on the telegraph and telephone situation in the provinces of present Italian Government administered territory, giving the number of offices connected on the 30th June 1944.

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

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Headquarters, Allied Military Government,
Region
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Ref:- R9/517/1.

Dear Colonel

Reference your D.O. T9/4/5 of 8th May 1944.

I have obtained the batteries for the Lucera installation from 2 Air Formation Signals.

Yours sincerely,

[signature]

CWO/JBS.

Lt.Col. H.F.W. Miller,
Tele-Communications Sub-commission
Rear HQ. A.C.C. A.P.O.394.

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SUBJECT : Monthly Report - Telecommunications

TO : Communications Sub-Commission
Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission

1. During the month of May, testing, maintenance and repair responsibilities over important telephone and telegraph routes were completely transferred from I5 L of C to two Italian civilian organizations, Circolo and S.E.T. The routes, Bari-Brindisi; Bari-Taranto, Brindisi-Taranto and Brindisi-Lecce, carry principally Allied military circuits. The acceptance of this work by the civilians made possible the release of a section of Royal signals for work forward.

2. In order that the above activity could be assumed by the civilians it was necessary, among other things, that motor transport be provided. Release of War Department vehicles was accomplished by Headquarters 2 District and details of their equipment and arrangements for adequate maintenance and repair are being worked out by Region 2 Transportation Officer.

3. Frequent contacts were made with the military and civil authorities at Bari as regards the above work and visits were also made to most of the test points and ~~fa~~ unit control points.

4. In the company of Lt.Col. Millar, Chief Telecommunications Officer and Lt. Giglie, Italian Ministry of Communications all Provincial Headquarters in Region 2 were visited and telephone and telegraph matters reviewed with the responsible Italian authorities. In addition some of the smaller cities were visited and telephone and telegraph installations inspected.

5. With the exception of Matera Province very few communes in Region 2 have telephonic communication with their Provincial Headquarters. This is due principally to the fact that previous connections have been requisitioned by Allied or Italian Army units. Studies were inaugurated during the month looking toward the establishing of a net work to give a minimum service for essential administrative needs.

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6. Assistance was also given to Italian civilian authorities in determining minimum transportation requirements for carrying on maintenance and repairof telephone and telegraph routes in Regions 2 and VII. Recommendations for release of War Department vehicles were sent forward.

7. One War Department motor vehicle previously released was taken over by the Circolo Construction Company for work in Reggio Calabria.

8. Facilities requirements in connection with the establishment of Censorship of civil telephone calls at Bari were coordinated with military and civil authorities.

9. Problems arising out of the proposal of **C.S.O.** 2 District to reduce the nominal subscriber capacity of the Bari central office were discussed with the military and civil agencies involved including the A.C.C. Provincial officials. Reduction of capacity appears to be necessary because of an abnormally high calling rate.

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Only non essential services will be affected as regards disconnections that will be required.

Richard H. Ayre 29-2
RICHARD H. AYRE,
Major, Sig. C.,
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DIRECTOR
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CENSOR H.Q.
28 June 1944
Rec'd. 5.6.44.

In reply
refer to: RTC 319.1

Subject: Monthly Report Communications Section Region I.

To : Communications Sub - Commission
(thru RC and MG Section)

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1. Sabotage was again prevalent during the early part of the month. Ten cases were reported. The boldest act was in the Trapani area where 3000 yards of copper wire, 21 poles and 50 insulators were removed from the telephone circuit Trapani - Paparella. It would appear that the saboteurs either have rivals in the form of thieves or that they are covering up their activities in the guise of theft. A letter has been received from the Executive Commissioner stating that Italian linesmen can now be armed as they were before the Allied occupation. The local authorities have been requested to expedite the return of small-arms to suitable personnel. This should prove a valuable factor in stamping out major acts of sabotage. It is an interesting fact that the only saboteurs apprehended have been captured by Allied personnel. At a conference held at Hq. Region I on May the local Questura denied all knowledge of any sabotage reports although copies of the reports were on hand.

2. The repair, rehabilitation and reconstructions of telegraph circuits proceded apace throughout the month. As may be seen from the attached diagram approximately 80% of Sicily's Communes are now served by telegraph. Two misuses of privileges granted by the military authorities occurred. Despite warnings by No. I District Signals and myself against such practices the P+T authorities at Catania installed a Hughes group on the super-imposed circuit Catania - Siracusa thus causing heavy interference to adjacent military telephone circuits. On the telegraph (Fullerphone) UG cable circuit Catania - Messina, the voltage was increased over the permitted maximum (20 volts) causing interference to other circuits. These two breaches caused the military authorities to suspend the privileges for a short period whilst suitable technical action was taken by the P+T. These faults have now been remedied. During the month 60 faults occurred mainly due to dry joints and cracked or corroded insulators. The average time for location and repair was 12 hours. This time is not over-long when the lack of transport material, etc. is taken into consideration. The salvaged U.S. Army

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boots purchased from I.B.S. have proved very useful as the linemen of the Circoli now walk greater distances than ever before.

3. The following telephone circuits were put into operation in May:-

Palermo-Catania Prs 308/508 UG National cable.
Messina-Mili Pr 26 (UG) Mili-Trimestieri (OH)
Castelvetrano-Menfi
Sciacca-Menfi
Sciacca-Ribera
Ribera-Agrigento
Siculiana-Agrigento

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The Palermo - Catania is used by A.C.C. only, to relieve the heavy load on the NGC and military circuits. Speech to Trapani is possible by using the "good" part of the NGC circuit and part of the 2 AF Signals speaker circuit. The circuit is routed: GinFizz-B.Rizzo-Napola T.P.-Trapani (SET). Speech is readable as the circuit is less noisy than Broadway-Trapani. Solder is urgently required as carrier equipment is available for the Palermo - Trapani circuit but the resistance of the circuit is toohigh. All joints on NGC OH circuits are dry and as they become weathered and corrode, speech becomes impossible. During May 6000 long-distance calls were made over NGC trunk telephone circuits. Apart from the Trapani circuit which was not working during the whole month, only 10 minor faults were reported on NGC trunk circuits. These were all localised and cleared in an average time of one hour.

R.S. Trevelyan

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Major, Royal Signals
Regional Communications
Officer.

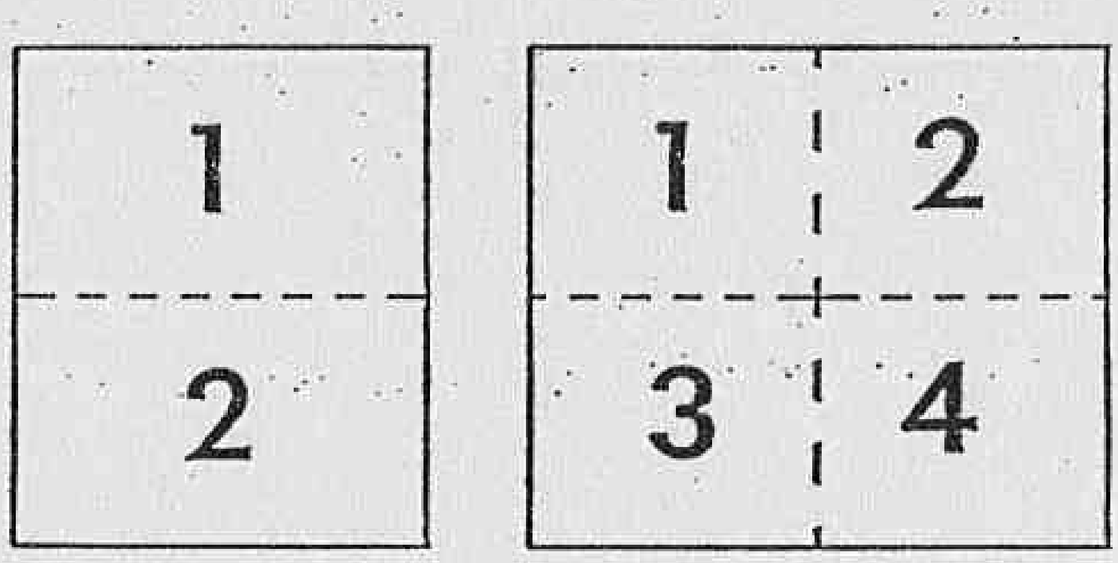
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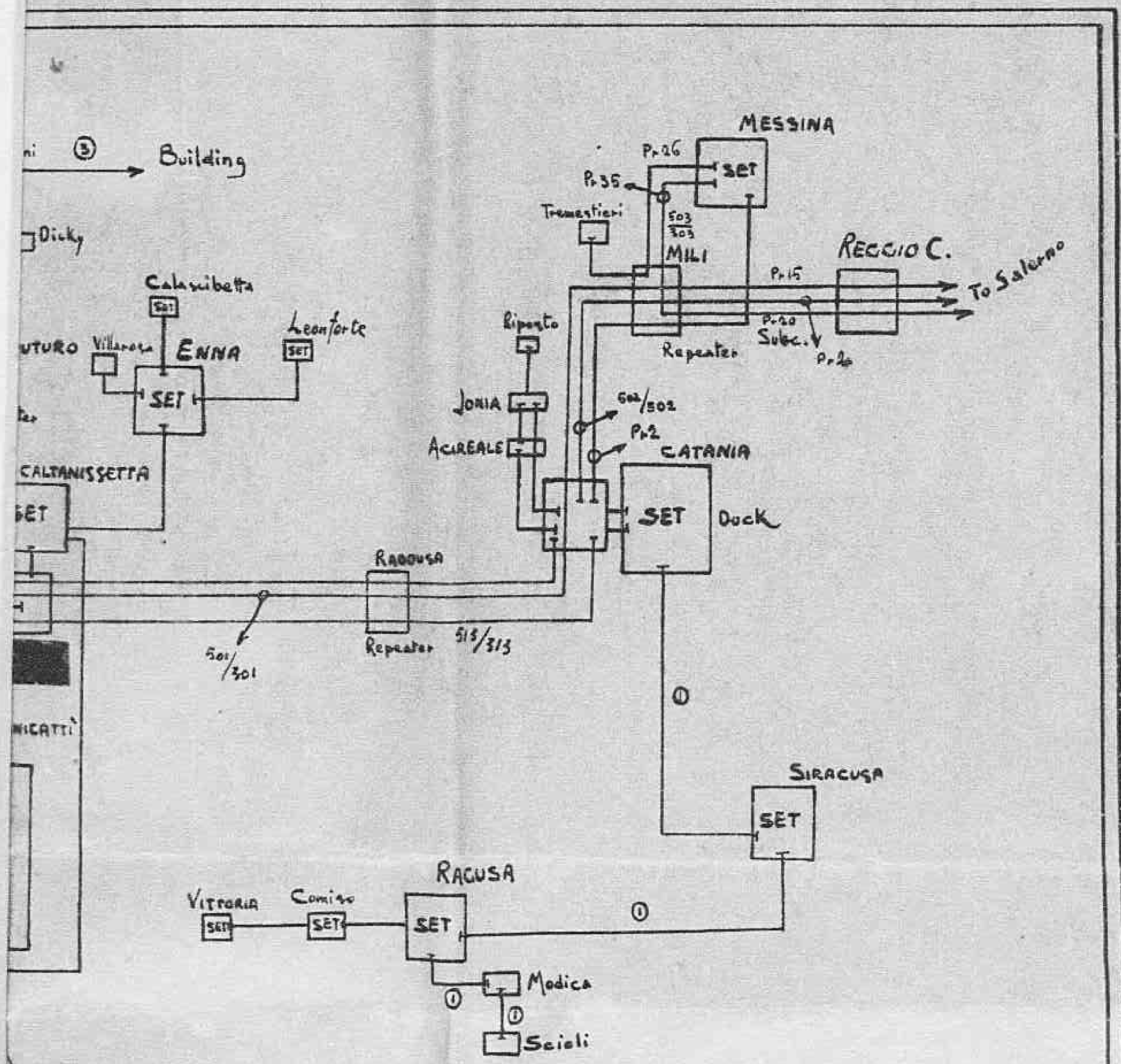
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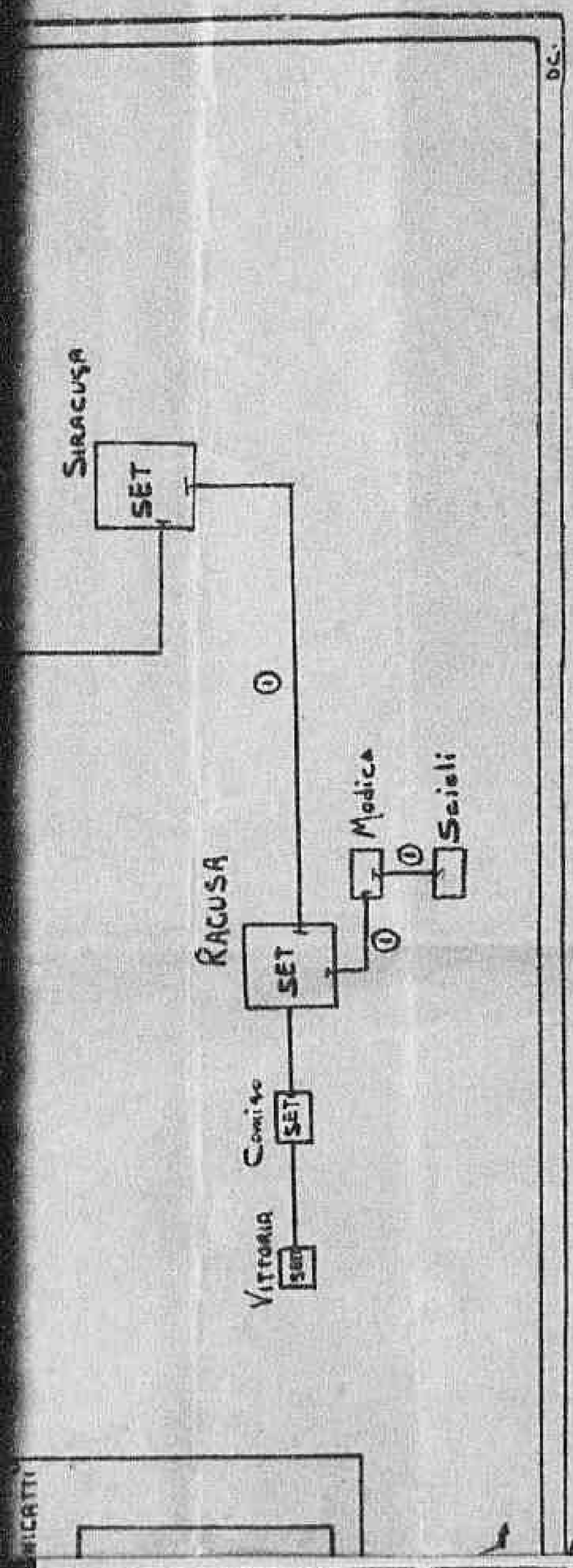
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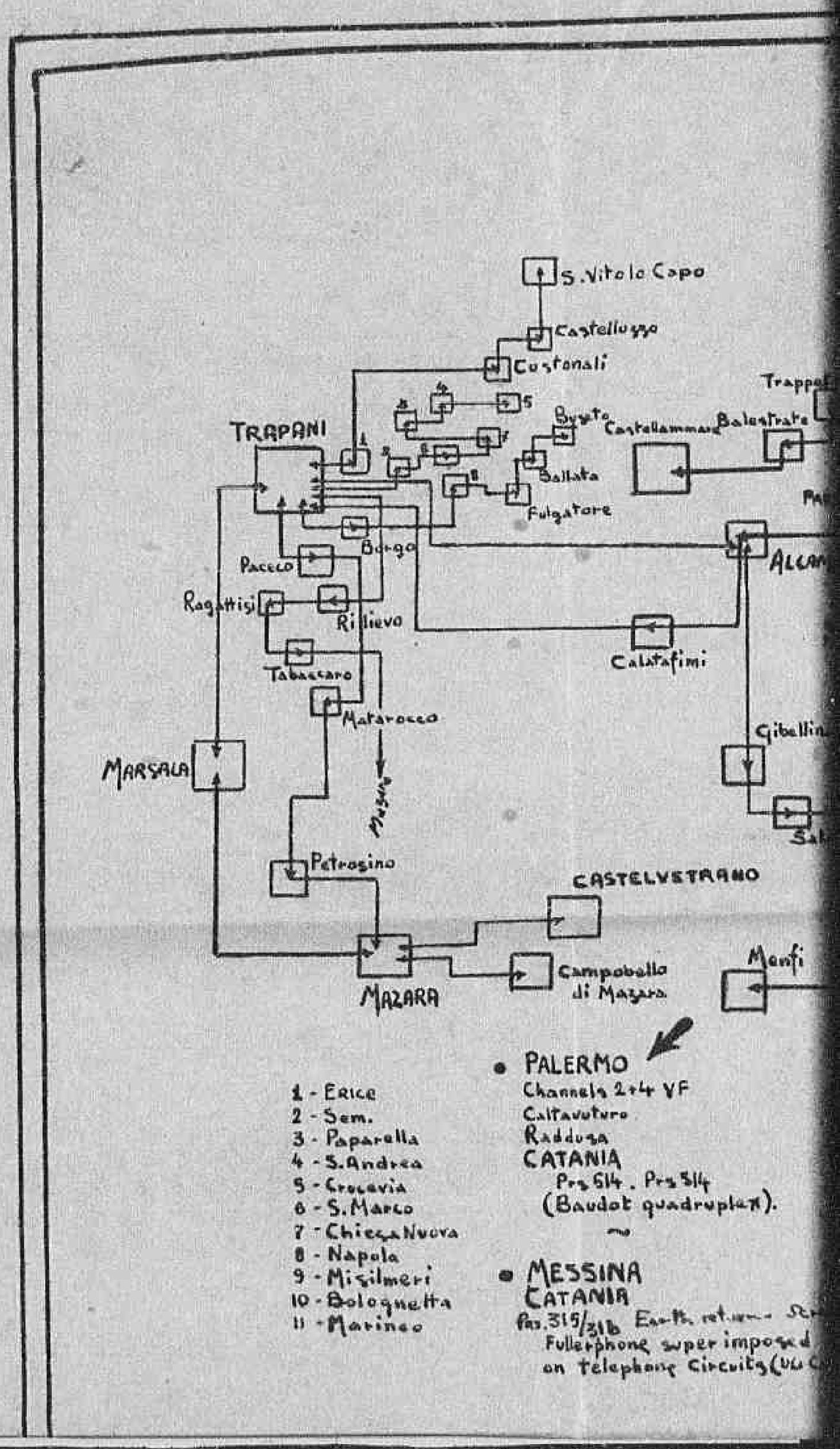


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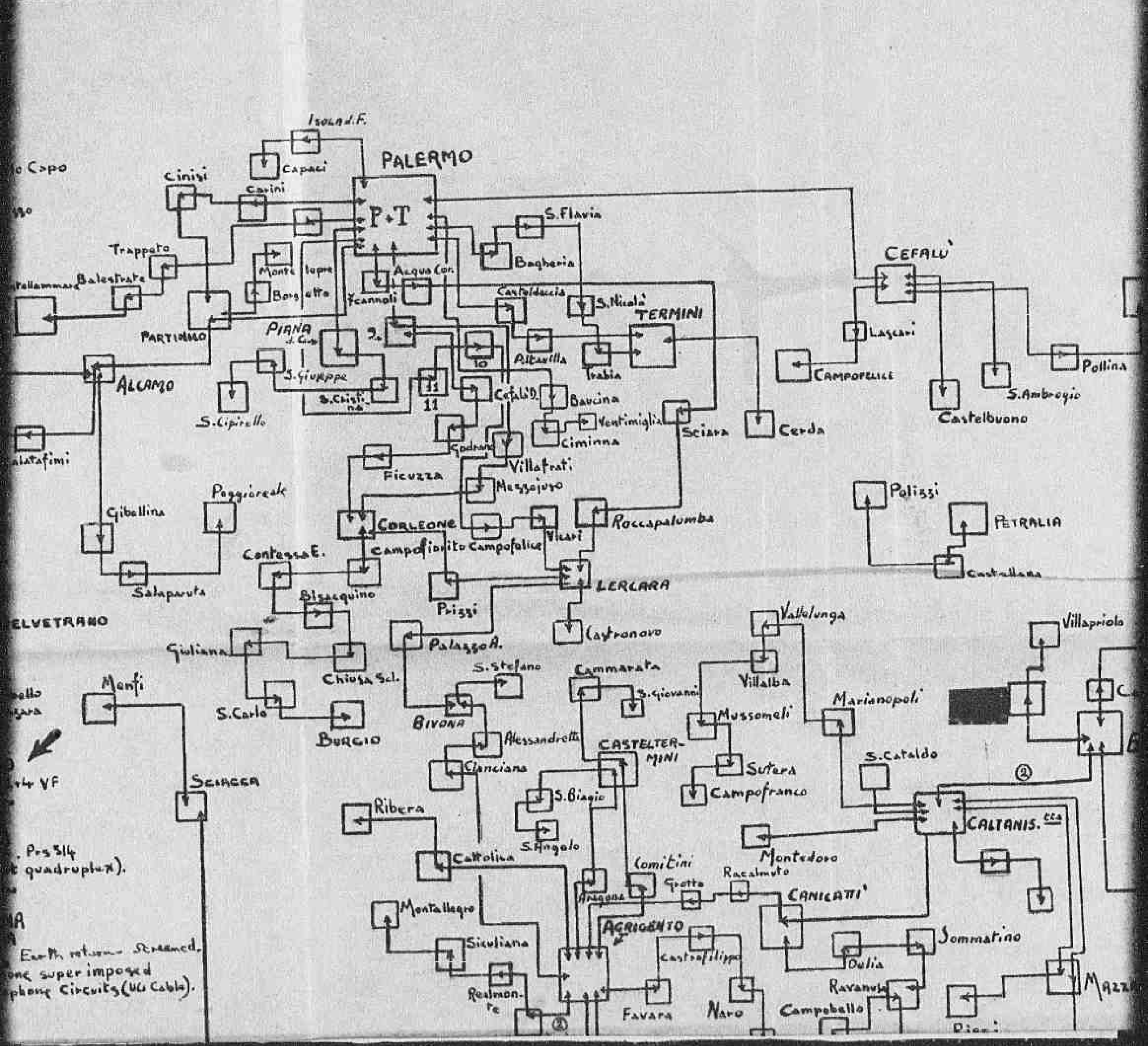


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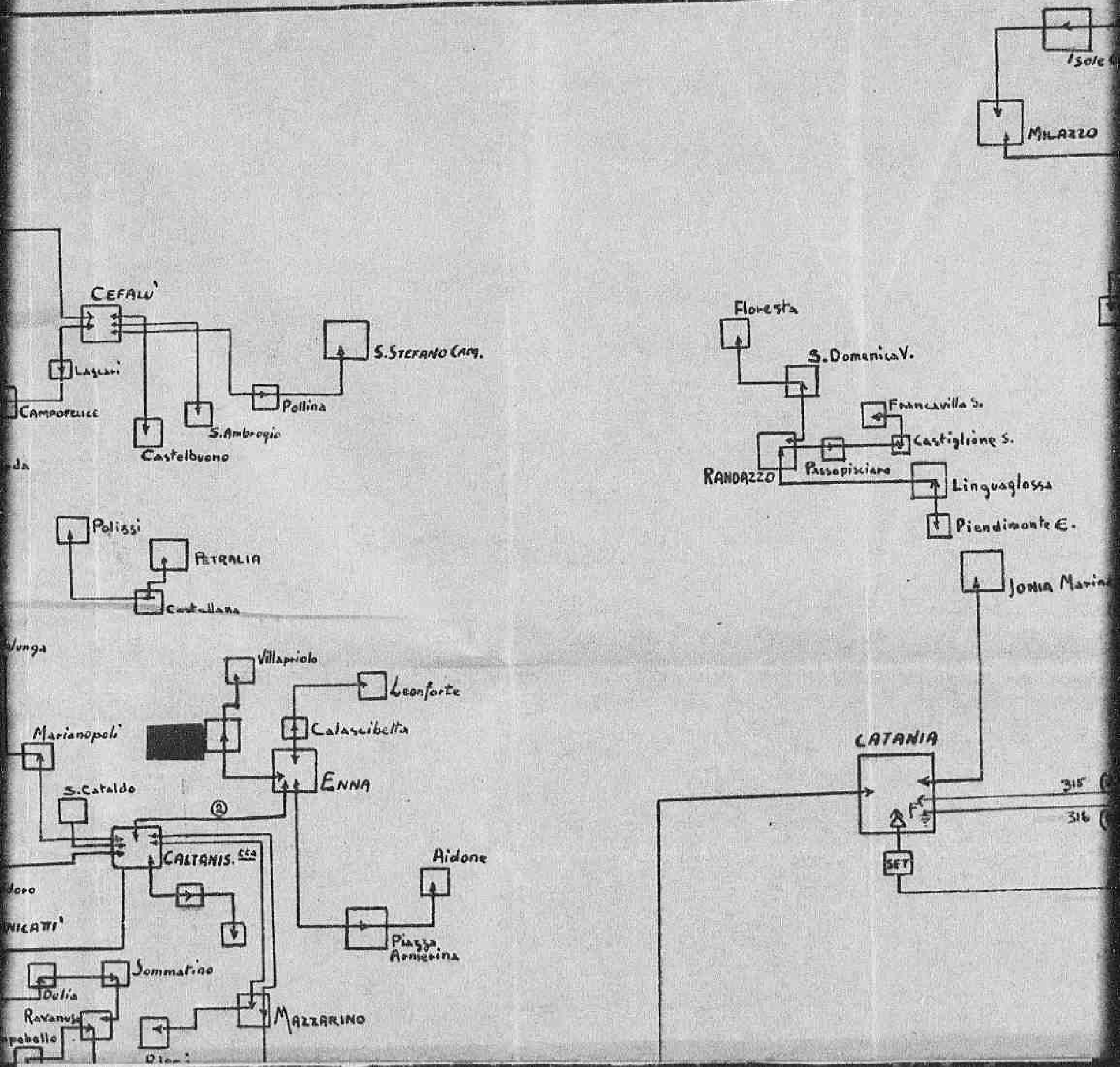




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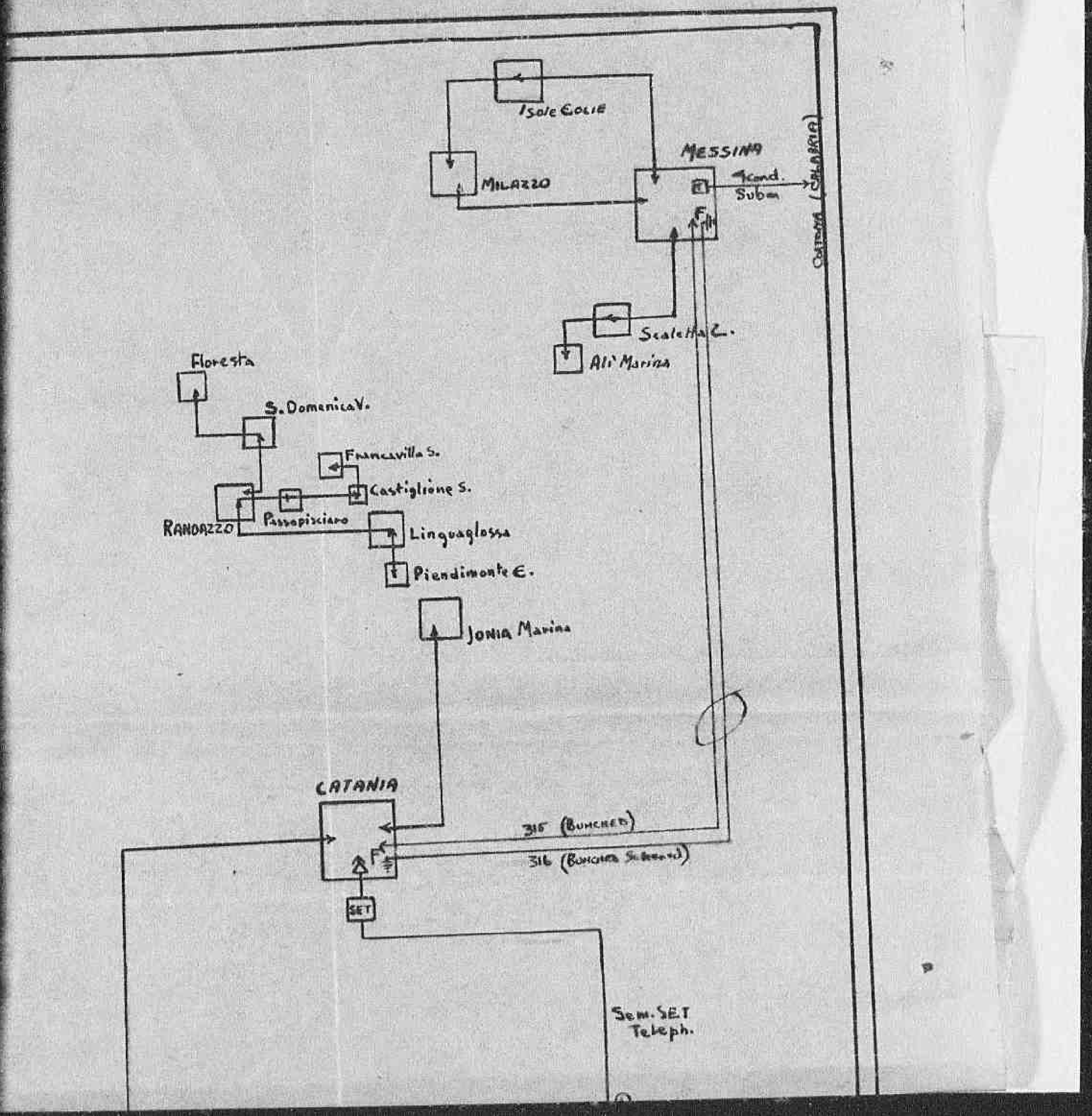


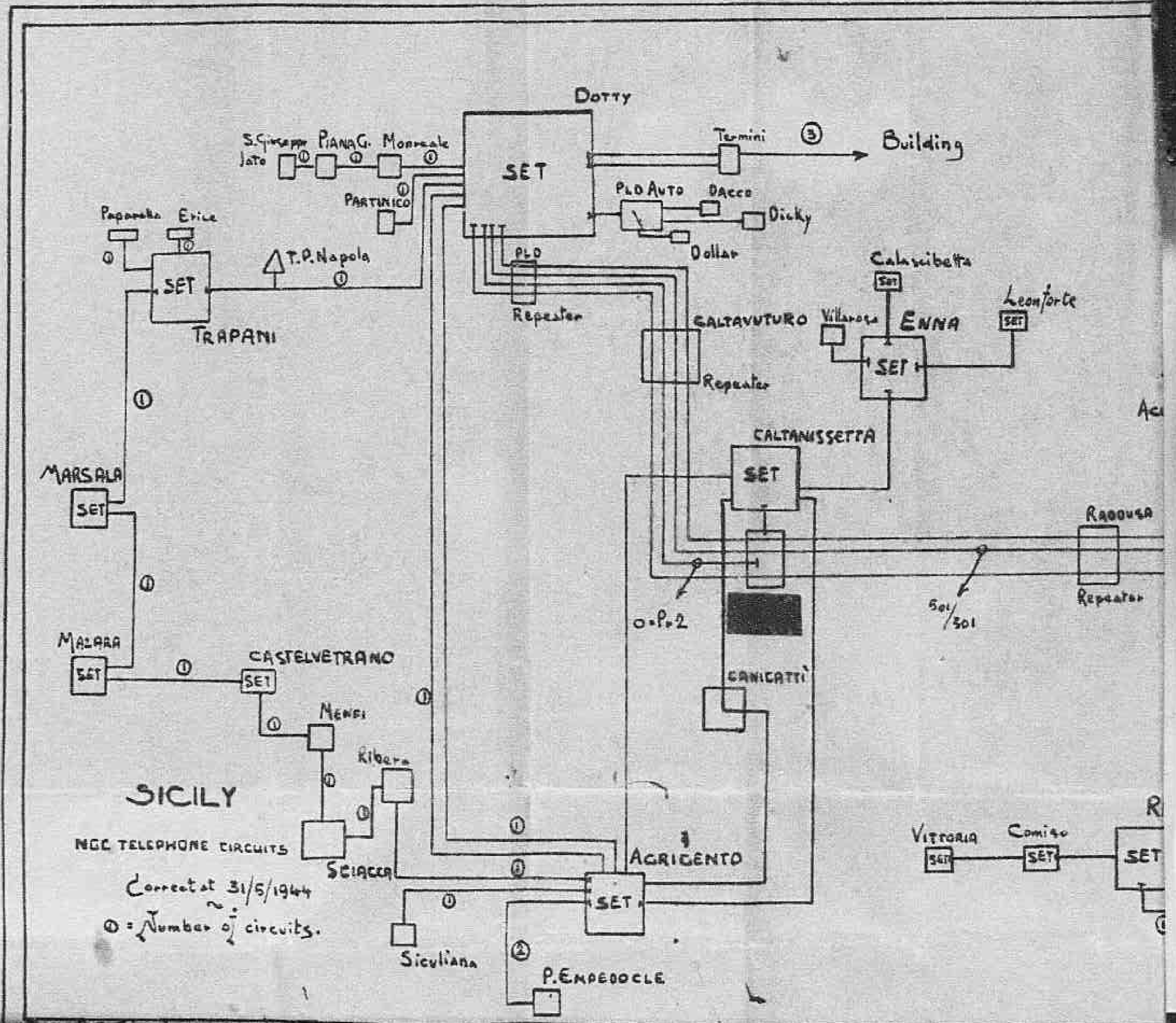
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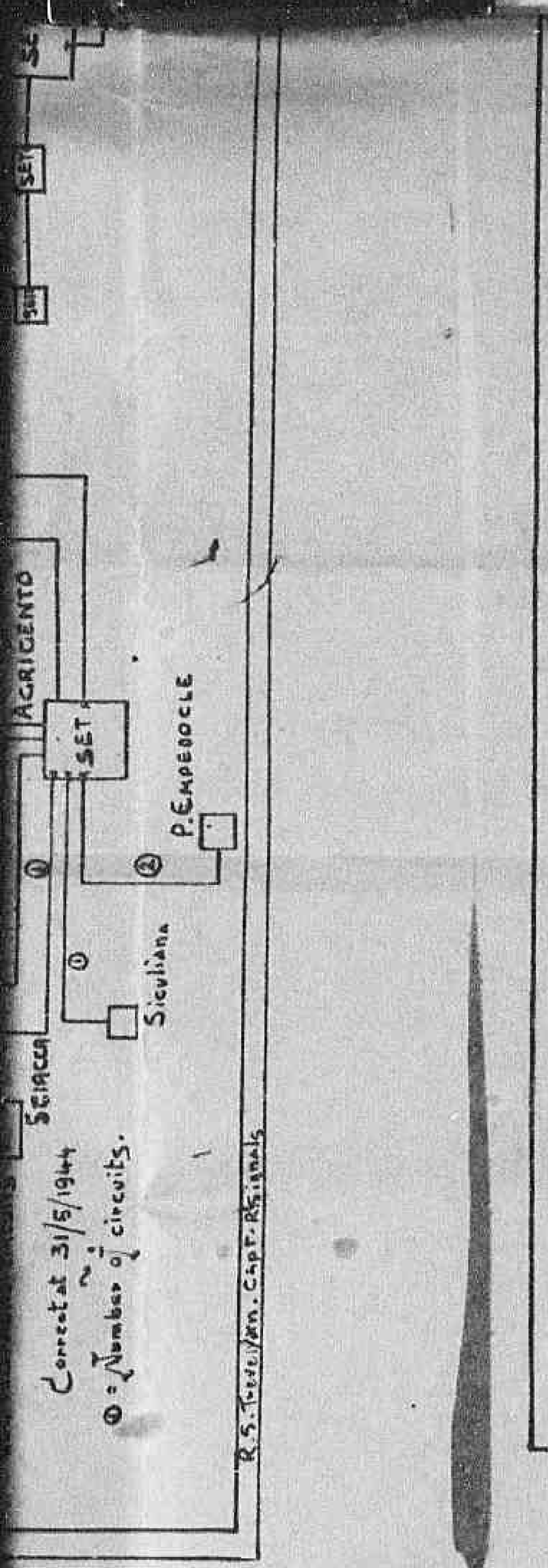


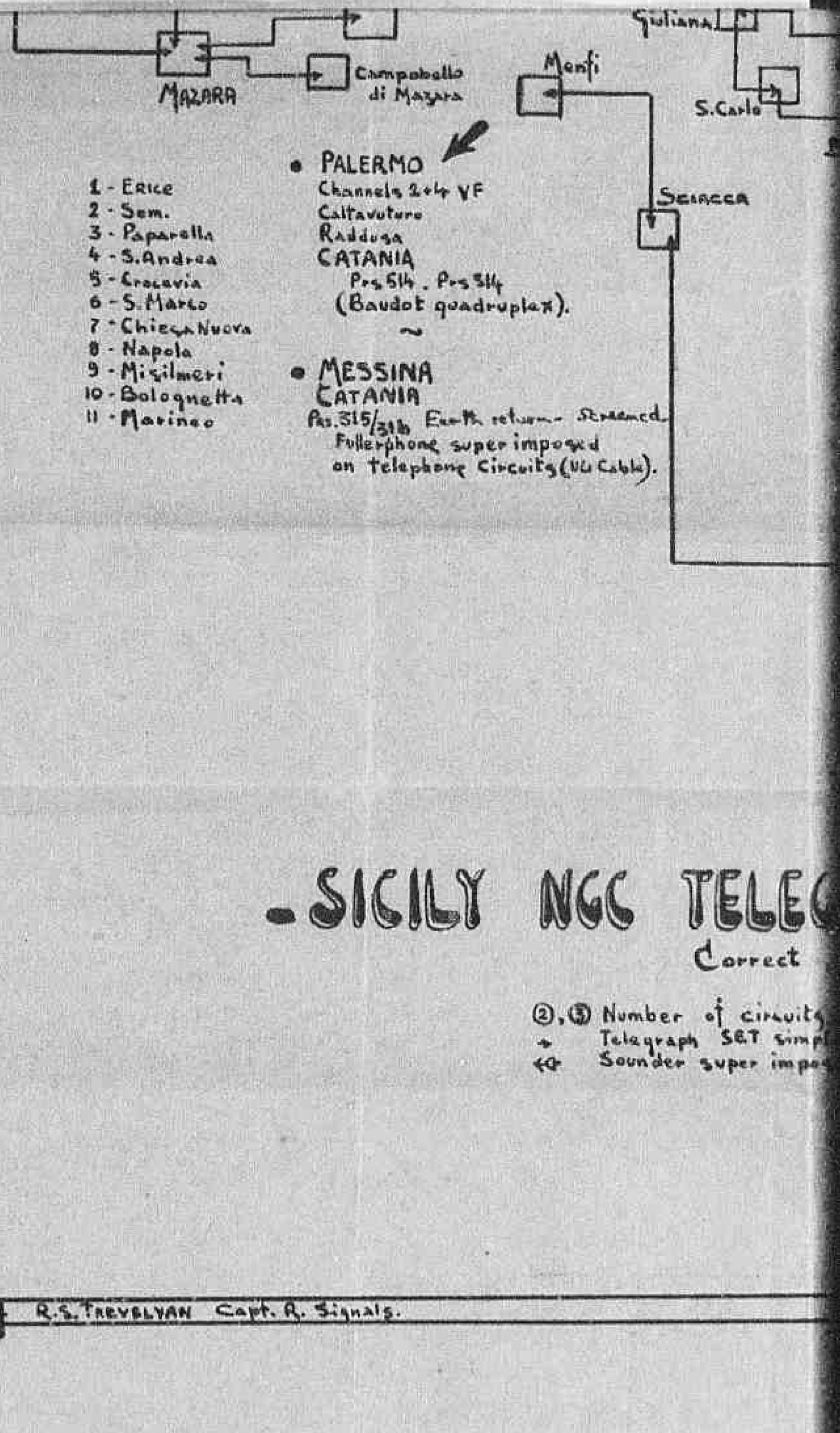
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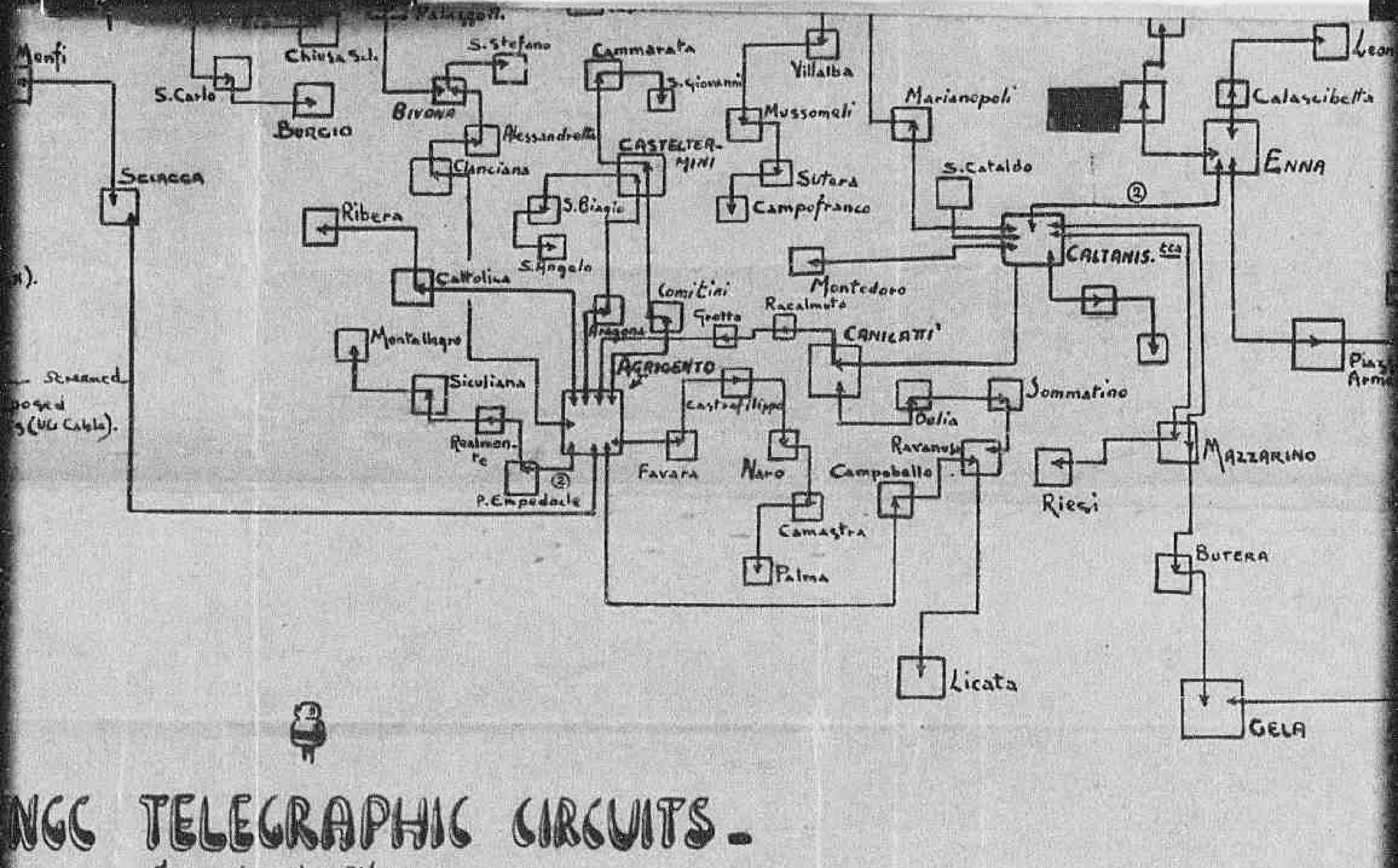
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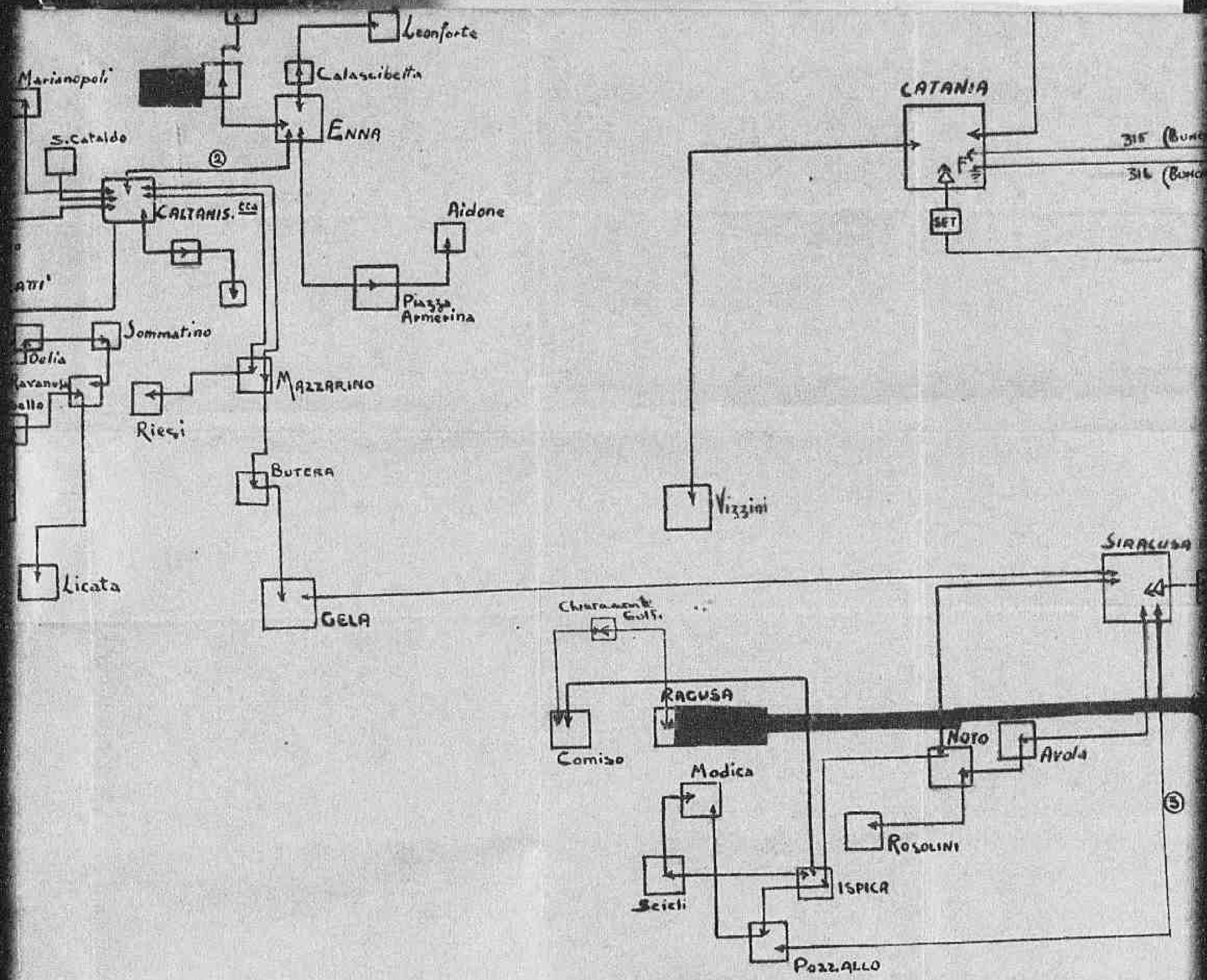


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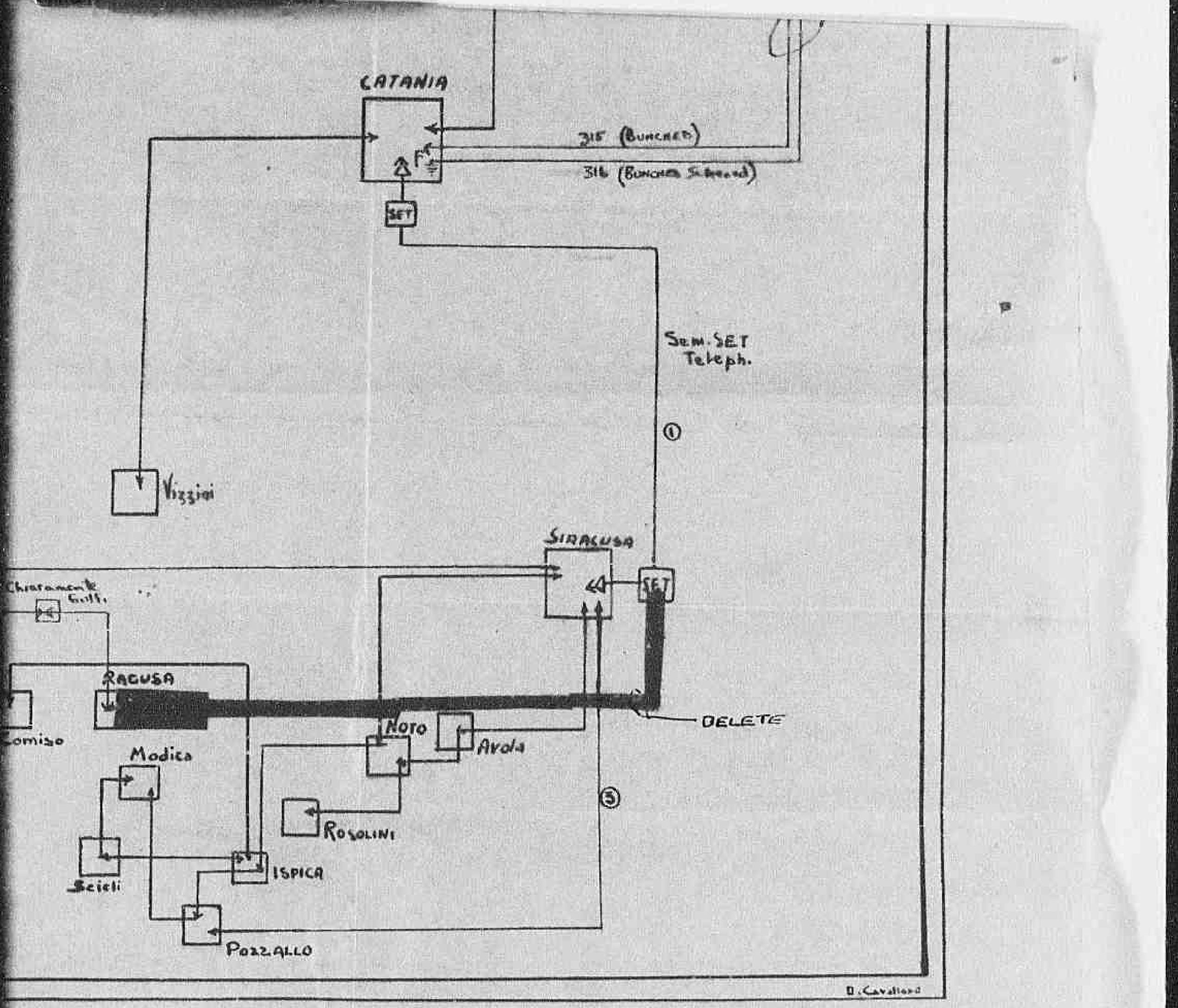
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○ Telegraph SET simplex.
⊙ Sounder super imposed on telephone

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TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

FROM : HQ Region V, AMG.

SUBJECT : Rectifier - Campobasso Exchange.

REF : R5/517/1.

DATE : 5 Jun 44.

DIRECTOR.
D/DIRECTOR.
S.O.(T).
S.C.P.)
CENSORSHIP
CH. ST. CLERK.
Recd. 8.6.44.

Ref my monthly report for May 1944.

OC 15 HQ Signals has returned the old civilian rectifier to Campobasso.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

H.Q. 7 JUN 1944 A.C.C.

G.W. CUMMING,
Major, R. Sigs,
Communications Officer.

GWC/WEC.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

5 June 1944

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SUBJECT: Monthly report May.

TO : Director Communications - Sub-commission.

1. This is in reply to your letter of 3 June 1944 reference your file CS 4/6/22.

2. P.B.S. Signals had passed information to this office that no civilian installations would be made after a certain date.

3. The Naples Carabinieri were practically without telephone service and the P.B.S. Signals had refused to make any additional installations.

4. The Regional Commissioner was very anxious to have this service restablished and during a meeting when all Regional Section Officers were present together with Brigadier Lush and the Regional Commissioner, Lt.Col.L.J. Hensley, Chief of this Section, requested the additional cable pairs.

5. Later a request was made direct to P.B.S.Signals to increase the number to 150 pair and this number has now been assigned for civilian use.

6. Attached is a copy of Brigadier Lush's letter of the 25th of May, also a copy of my letter of 9 May requesting the installation of the Carabinieri Service.

JAB/gt

DIRECTOR
D/DIRECTOR
S. O. (T).
S O P)
CENSORSHIP.
CH . CLERK.
Recd. 6.6.44.

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John A. Bridgeman
JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN
Capt. Spec. Res.
Telecomm. Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

REGIONAL CONTROL AND MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION

Ref: 56/67/CA

25th May 1944

SUBJECT: Telephone Facilities for Public Safety purposes.

TO : ACC Liaison Officer, Headquarters, A.A.I.

1. I should be glad if you would take up with the Chief Signal Officer the possibility of releasing 100 telephone lines on the Naples exchange at present controlled by P.B.S. for the purpose of public safety. The police cannot function unless they are in telephonic communication and if they cannot function, crime, sabotage, and pilfering will increase.

2. It is urgently necessary that these lines should be released and you should approach the Chief Signal Officer to this end.

/s/ M.S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

MSL/JC.

Copy to : R.C., Region III.

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REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. Army

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9 May 1944

SUBJECT: Request for Telephones CC.RR. Barracks.

TO : Chief Signal Officer P.B.S. Naples.

1. The Regional Public Safety Officer for A.M.G. Region 3 ACC has requested the installation of the following P.B.X. stations to work off of the Carabinieri switchboard located San Potito Caserma Principe di Napoli.

2. The following is the order of priority for installations :

1. Stazione Scali Ferroviari - Stazione Centrale
2. Stazione Porto - Rampe S.Giovanni Maggiore 12
3. Stazione Avvocata - Largo Garigliano 3
4. Tenenza Arenaccia - Via Indipendenza 19
5. Stazione Borgoloreto - Via Libertà 9
6. Stazione Mercato - C. Garibaldi 80 ex Albergo Liguria
7. Stazione Capodimonte - Via Ponti Rossi 1
8. Stazione Fuorigrotta - Via delle Terme 11
9. Stazione Poggioreale - Via Stadera 45
10 Stazione Vicaria - Piazza Tribunali 39
11 Stazione Pendino - Via S.Anna dei Lombardi 16
12 Stazione S.Ferdinando - V. Egiziaca a Pizzofalcone 75
13 Brigata Chiaia - Via Domenico Morelli 381
14 Stazione Montecalvario - Via Francesco Girardi 29
15 Stazione Stella - Via S. Teresa degli Scalzi 159
16 Compagnia Tribunali - Piazzetta Stella 1

3. Two outside trunks to the switchboard are requested.

4. To facilitate & speed up work and make more efficient the Carabinieri of the city is the basis of this request.

5. We wil realize the shortage of cable facilities ; and we are passing this request to you and recommend the installations where practicable.

JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN
Capt. Spec. Res.
Telecomm.Officer .
Region 3 , ACC.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

June 6th, 1944.

In reply
refer to: TS/4/6/25

Subject : Monthly Report.

To : Telecommunications Officer, Region V.

Reference your R5/517/1 of 1st June, 1944.

1. Campobasso: The matter of the rectifier has been raised with C.S.O., A.A.I. and by now it should have been returned.

2. Foggia: It would be very useful and desirable to instal the 500 line unit, but is permission likely to be obtained from military sources for the men to do this work? It would be advisable for the Director of the S.E.T. to agree to, or to choose (if you so desire), the site. Presumably the Director at Bari controlled Foggia? Is the Director agreeable to the suggestion that the exchange should be installed?

3. Lines: It is probable that you may not have received the enclosed skeleton requirements list and map, as you were not available when they were prepared. This will give you a guide to the line of action to be taken. It will depend of course on the conditions of the routes concerned.

4. It is agreed that repairs should be initiated on the Campbasso - Benevento route.

5. It is not necessary to confine repairs to the numbers of circuits concerned, but as the supply of wire is short, lines using new wire should not be erected beyond the quantities shown. It is advisable of course to attempt to use wire recovered from existing routes for all work.

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

Incl: One list and Diagram.

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To : Communications Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

From : HQ. Region.5, A.M.G.

Subject: Monthly Report.

Ref : R5/517/1.

Date : 1st June 1944.

Herewith three copies, of the monthly report for this Division.

DIRECTOR.
D/DIRECTOR.
S.O.(I).
S.O.(P).
CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.

GWC/JBS. Recd. 3.6.44.

For Regional Commissioner.

G.W. CUMMING.
Major, R. SIGNALS.
Communications Officer.

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TELE-COMMUNICATIONS and POSTS

A.M.G. REGION 5

May ... 1944

Telephones

Campobasso Province

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Larino 8th Army Signals state that they cannot return the 50-line board which they removed. C.S.O. 2 District is taking up the matter.

Termoli A 50-line switchboard and test-frame have been delivered for installation by 25 L. of C. Signals to replace the Army board.

Agnone 20-line switchboard recovered (see Vasto).

Foggia Province

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Manfredonia The civilian test frame is now replacing the Army frame.

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Telegraphs

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Lines

Repairs on the Campobasso-Termoli route is progressing. The present position is:-
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Campobasso-Ripabottoni: 1 telephone pair complete.
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Posts

No change. The motorcycle postal service carried by Carabinieri in Foggia Province is not too satisfactory, as the mail is rather heavy. It is considered that seven vehicles are essential to give a reasonably efficient service. It is understood that vehicles could be requisitioned but that batteries and tyres are not available

G. W. CUMMING
Major R. Signals
Communications Officer

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
APO 394

1 June 1944

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region IV, ACC.

SUBJECT: Monthly report for May.

FILE NO: R4/ENG/90

1. Herewith monthly report for May 1944.

2. Since from 17 April Col. E.J. Edwards, RE, has been at Region IV, ACC, Advanced HQ, coming in as necessary to HQ, close liason maintained with Army HQs and reconnaissances of portion of Region IV, ACC, accessible by arrangement with AMG responsible.

The whole of Region IV still under AMG of Armies.

3. PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES.

Study of likely problems continued and data on water supplies collected.

Estimates of requirements of stores and materials for period 1 Jan. to 30 June 1945 prepared and sent to ACC, for whole of Region IV.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to report. Major Hawker gone with Rome Sub-Region Party.

5. TRANSPORTATION

Trucks allotted to 5th Army Rome Sub-Region fully employed on forward hauls of food supplies and stock piling for 5th Army, and spares used to assist 8th Army AMG. This transport has gone and further transport demanded not arrived. 61.6

33 trucks promised for 1st June and further anticipated later. 33 Italian drivers without any administrative arrangements or officers or NCO's said to be coming. Transport Officers demanded not yet arrived.

6. OFFICE

A large volume of draughtsman's work completed on Technical Plans, Provincial Plans and Charts, and Organisational Charts.

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On clerical side, only one EM (draughtsman) was available, assisted by Italian draughtsman and typist. This had to serve Region IV ACC Engineering and Rome Sub-Region (Engineering) a total of 14 officers, and placed far too heavy a load on the one EM.

7. Rome Sub-Region has been moved to a concentration area. Major Rively and Lt. Wade Brown reported and joined party.

8. OFFICERS

Remaining officers of Region IV Engineering:

Colonel	Edwards	(B)	At Advanced HQ
Lt. Col.	Findlay	(B)	At HQ

Reported during month:-

Lt. Col. Breth (A) reported 15 MAY (Only available till called forward by 5th Army.)

Captain Spriggs (A) reported 22 MAY (On loan pending assignment. Preparation of estimates and move transport as Transport Officer has not yet been assigned.

Major Evans (B) reported - Region IV (Eng). 29 MAY

9. LITTORIA

Two Italian Engineers of Genio Civile (thanks to very prompt assistance of ACC (P.U.)), left here on Monday, 29th May, to take over Genio Civile Work in Littoria, particularly Pontine Marshes, of which they have previous knowledge.

Latest report indicates slight lowering of flood level. One pump reported in action (no details yet).

5 out of 5 aquaducts so far inspected, pumps and pipes reported damaged and out of action.

Liaison maintained with Engineering Officer Captain Gaither on loan to 5th Army AMG (Field).

Lt.Col. RE
Deputy Regional Engineer

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

3rd June, 1944

In reply refer to: CS/4/6/22

Subject : Monthly Report, May.

To : Regional Commissioner, No.3 Region.
Att: Capt.J.A.Bridgeman.

1. Your report for May has been received.

2. It is considered that the channel of approach to F.B.S. Signals for 100 cable pairs was incorrect. Technical matters raising problems outside Region III area, or of such a magnitude that local direct contact is considered insufficient, should be raised through this Sub-Commission and not through the Executive Commissioner. In the case in question we were asked for further details by L.of C. Signals, to whom the matter was referred by F.B.S., but we were of course in ignorance on the subject.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army

31 May, 1944

SUBJECT : Activity for the month May 1944.

TO : Director, Communication Sub-Commission
Rear Headquarters ACC APO 394.

1. This being the first activity report to your Commission I belive it is in order to give you an outline of the Telecomm. organization and our conception of how it should function in this Region.

2. This organization consists of Capt. John A. Bridgeman, P.F.C. Cucinotta and a young Italian lady as an interpretor and clerk. Capt. Bridgeman reports direct to Lt. Col. Lester J. Hensley C.E. who is the Regional C.P.U. Officer. Lt. Col. Hensley reports to the Regional Commissioner Col. Charles Poletti.

The functions and general duties of the Telecomm. Officer are limited to this Region and consists of supervision and guidance of Italian telephone and telegraph operations. This includes the restoration of all local telephone and telegraph service within the region after proper authority has been received from the Director, Telecomm. Sub-Commission, Security, Signals and Censorship. When either telephone and telegraph circuits extend to an adjoining region, the supervision of such work will come under the Director, Telecomm. Sub-Commission. All announcement of restoration of service will be made by the Regional Commissioner. The installation of all civilian telephones will be under the supervision of the S.C.A.O. in each city also the supervision of the telegraph office. With the possibility of restoring telephone service in the near future, in several cities this office will contact the S.C.A.O.'s involved and outline the procedure to be followed.

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In the city of Naples FBS Signals have charge of the installation of all military telephones, maintenace of central offices, and complete charge of the assignment of cable pairs.

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S.E.T. installs and maintains all civilian telephones.

Supervision of the State telegraph Co. is through the Director & Asst. Director. We contact the following Compagnies.

Società Esercizi Telefonici S.E.T.
State Poste e Telegrafi
Circolo Construzioni Telefoni e Telegrafi
Italcable
Società Telefoni Interni

Up to the present time no question reguarding Radio, supervision has been raised and nothing has been done by this section.

Contact between this region and the telecomm. sub-Commission. ACC has been through Maj. Knauer and has been very satisfactory. The above is in brief a general outline of how we have been operating and if any part of it is contrary to the General Policies to be followed we would appreciate being advised.

2. Activity for the month May consisted of the following

Requested Prefect to requisition 2 large trucks for Circolo Costruzioni. One small car or motorcycle for the Post Office, 2 four passenger cars for the Director of the Italcable and Circolo Costruzioni.

Requested and received approval from the proper signals for restoration of local telephone service in the followed cities.

POZZUOLI
TORRE ANNUNZIATA
TORRE DEL GRECO
CASTELLAMMARE
SORRENTO
AVELLINO

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Outside plant work has started at Pozzuoli and I have been assured by the Telephone Co. work in the other exchange will soon be started. There will be a delay in all Cities where dry cell batteries are used as the Telephone Co. has exausted their supply. A request for 5,000 has been made. The central offices in the above exchange have recently been inspected and found to be in working condition.

Considerable time has been spent with Major Knauer

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and engineers from the Telephone and Telegraph Cos with reference to opening toll and telegreph service.

We are working on plans with Major Green and the Genio Civile for repairs to the Post Office Building, have had some minor repairs made in the offices where the telegraph equipment is located. It is impossible to secure glass at this time.

A request has been made through Brigadier Lush to P.B.S. Signals for 100 cable pairs in the Borsa exchange, these to be used for telephone service by AMG Office and certain civilian business offices.

The first NAPLES-SALERNO telegraph circuit was put in operation 0900 27 May.

Secured the approval of an estimate of 2,150,000 lire for repairs to the Post Office Building on 21 May.

Requested extra noon day rations for 36 Circolo line employees, and this has been approved.

Arranged for telephone, and sirene installations for P.A.D. Officer.

Cleared trolley wire of all drops on street car line between Naples & Bagnoli.

3. This covers the principal activities other than the regular office work of taking care of civilian and Region 3 request for new installations and moves.

E/dp.

John A. Bridgeman
JOHN A. BRIDGEMAN
Capt. Spec. Res.
Telecomm. Officer
Region 3 A.C.C.
Tel. No. 15740

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

- 21 May 44

Ref: / /

SUBJECT: - Intra Provincial Telephone and Telegraph service.

TO : - Director, Communications Sub-Commission
Rear Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

1. Reference is made to your letter, 17 May 44, TS/4/6/17, commenting on the lack of intra provincial telephone service in Brindisi Province.

2. Damaged plant has not seriously affected the situation and while there has been considerable demand for circuits on the part of military, both Allied and Italian, it is my opinion that lack of aggressive interest on the part of the civilian authorities is responsible for the existing condition.

3. Studies are underway with the view of reestablishing service. When possibilities have been determined the matter will be reviewed with 2 District who have indicated a willingness to cooperate and have stated that requests for reestablishment have not previously been made of them.

4. Lack of transportation of course has been a deterrent. In another letter I am recommending that certain motor vehicles be made available for both S.E.T. and Circolo in order that rehabilitation may be accelerated and maintenance and repair work on existing circuits efficiently carried on.

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Richard H. Ayre.

Richard H. Ayre,
Capt. Sig. C.,
Telecommunications Officer.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

16 May, 1944.

In reply
refer to: Ts/4/6/18

Subject : Telephone and Telegraph Situation.

To : Major G.W.Knauer, A.C.C. Main H.Q.

1. Attached are tables provided at our request by Dr. Fano and showing the up-to-date telegraph and telephone situation.

2. These are supplied for your information.

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

Copies to: Major Cumming — Region V.) With tables
Major Hawker — " IV.)
Capt. Ayre — " II.) for
Capt. Bridgeman — " III.)
Capt. Trevelyan — " I.) Information.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer to: T3/4/6/17

17 May, 1944

Subject : Intra Provincial Telephone and Telegraph Service.

To : Region II, Headquarters.
Att: Captain R.H.Ayre

1. Attached is part of a report received from the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts in reply to our enquiry, supplying figures for the numbers of offices or communes connected to Provincial centers(as at 30th April).

2. In this connection, it seems strange that Brindisi should have no communes telephonically connected to it. Please enquire whether this is due to military restrictions or is it due solely to lack of lines. If the latter, have all of the lines been seriously damaged or can none be repaired by maintenance staff, etc. The number of telegraph offices connected suggests that line damage is not the chief telephone trouble.

3. When travelling round the district, perhaps you would obtain general information as to the possibilities of restoration of communal service in the various provinces by the use say of the local staffs.

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

Copy To: Major G.W.Knauer - A.C.C. Main H.Q., Naples.

Incl: One table.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

1 May 1944

In reply
refer to: RTC 319.1

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Transportation, Communications, Utilities, and Public Works Division, Region I, Sicily

TO : 1. Transportation Sub-Commission
2. Tele-communications Sub-Commission
3. Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

1. This report will be presented in three seperate sections in order that a particular section may be detached.

2. The Mining Division is attached to F.C.U.P.W. Division for administration and a report has already been submitted for the Month of April to Chief Mining Division Hq. A.C.C.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C.P. WOLICK
Lt. Col., F.A.,
Chief, F.C.U.P.W.
Division.

5 Incls:
Incl. 1 -Report on Highway Transport
Incl. 2 -Report on Shipping
Incl. 3 -Report on Communications (with 1 Incl.)
Incl. 4 -Report on Public Works
Incl. 5 -Report on Utilities (with 1 Incl.)

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Enclosure No. 3

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To: Tele-Communications Sub-Commission

COMMUNICATIONS

1. During the early part of the month sabotage of both CH lines and suspended cables grew to serious proportions. On the night of 11/12 April 6 bays of 14 wires (copper) each were removed from the SET (2 AF Signals) route Palermo - Trapani. This occurred in the notrious Passo di Rigano area of Palermo where other similar incidents happened in March.

2. The same night a suspended lead covered telephone cable was cut in the outskirts of Trapani City. On the night of 12/13 April a 15 pair suspended lead covered telephone cable was cut in Via Noce Palermo and 200 yards removed. This latter was somewhat in the nature of a major operation necessarily involving transport and a number of men. (200 yards weighs 1 1/4 tons). On the night of 19/20 April a further 150 yards of the same cable was cut and removed. On the night of 24/25 April at Torre Colonna (between Palermo and Termini) the National UG cable (Palermo - Catania) was uncovered but the person or persons were disturbed and retired without inflicting damage. In view of the operational importance of this cable the fact that it has escaped damage is to me the source of no little amazement.

3. Requests were made for added vigilance in the Italian Army, Carabiniere, and Allied Security troops etc. The arming of linemen and certain telegraph employees was taken up with the Civil Police Section.

4. By 30 April public telegraph service had re-opened to 101 of Sicily's 352 Communes. Service is slow as during the nine months of occupation and the ban on Italian Telecommunications, state operators and staffs became slower and even more inefficient. Test telegrams were sent by this office and where delays were unreasonable, inquiries were held and technical or disciplinary action taken. Civilian telegraph Service to all liberated Italy (except Sardinia) up to postal limits commenced 22 April.

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5. Few additional telephone circuits were activated. The most important additions were two OH circuits Caltanissetta-Agrigento to "back up" the existing direct OH circuit Palermo - Agrigento. The two new circuits enable subscribers to speak through the National UG cable to Caltanissetta and thence via the OH to Agrigento.

6. All the facilities offered by CSO N° I District in his w/1/4 (b) of 15 March and X/1/4 of 21 March have been taken over. All NGC telephone trunk circuits are now terminated on authorized long distance switchboards. A new PBX has been installed for the Provincial Commissioner Siracusa. So far no relay equipment for Messina, Catania, Siracusa, has been forthcoming. Ing. Tagliavia of the Messina Zone SET has been in communication with the SET head office in Naples on the subject.

7. The following are the numbers of working telephone sub-

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scribers in the Island.

LOCATION	MILITARY	CIVILIAN
Palermo	355	4288
Agrigento	2	443
Caltanissetta	5	351

R.S. TREVELYAN
Capt. Royal Signals
Regional Communications Officer

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Incl. 1 - Diagram NGC Telegraphic Communications

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Enclosure No. 3

To: Tele-Communications Sub-Commission

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COMMUNICATIONS

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3. Requests were made for added vigilance to the Italian Army, Carabinieri, and Allied Security troops etc. The arming of linemen and certain telegraph employees was taken up with the Civil Police Section.

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A 21 c 15 pair unprotected lead covered telephone cable was cut in Via Roma Palermo and 100 yards removed. This latter was somewhat in the nature of a major operation necessarily involving transport and a number of men. (The cable weighs 1 3/4 tons). On the night of 19/20 April a further 100 yards of the same cable was cut and removed. On the night of 24/25 April at Torre Salsano (between Palermo and Trapani) the National UG cable (Palermo - Catania) was uncovered but the person or persons were disturbed and escaped without inflicting damage. In view of the operational importance of this cable the fact that it has escaped damage is to be the source of no little annoyance.

3. Requests were made for added vigilance on the Italian Army, Carabinieri, and Allied Security troops etc. The arming of linemen and certain telegraph employees was taken up with the Civil Police Section.

4. By 30 April public telegraph service had been restored to 101 of Sicily's 392 Communes. Service is slow as during the nine months of occupation and the ban on Italian Telecommunications, staffs personnel and staffs became slower and even more inefficient. Test telegrams were sent by this office and where delays were unreasonable, inquiries were held and technical or disciplinary action taken. Civilian Telegraph Service to all liberated Italy (except Sardinia) up to postal limits commenced 22 April.

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LOCATION	MILITARY	CIVILIAN
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Agrigento	2	443
Caltanissetta	5	351

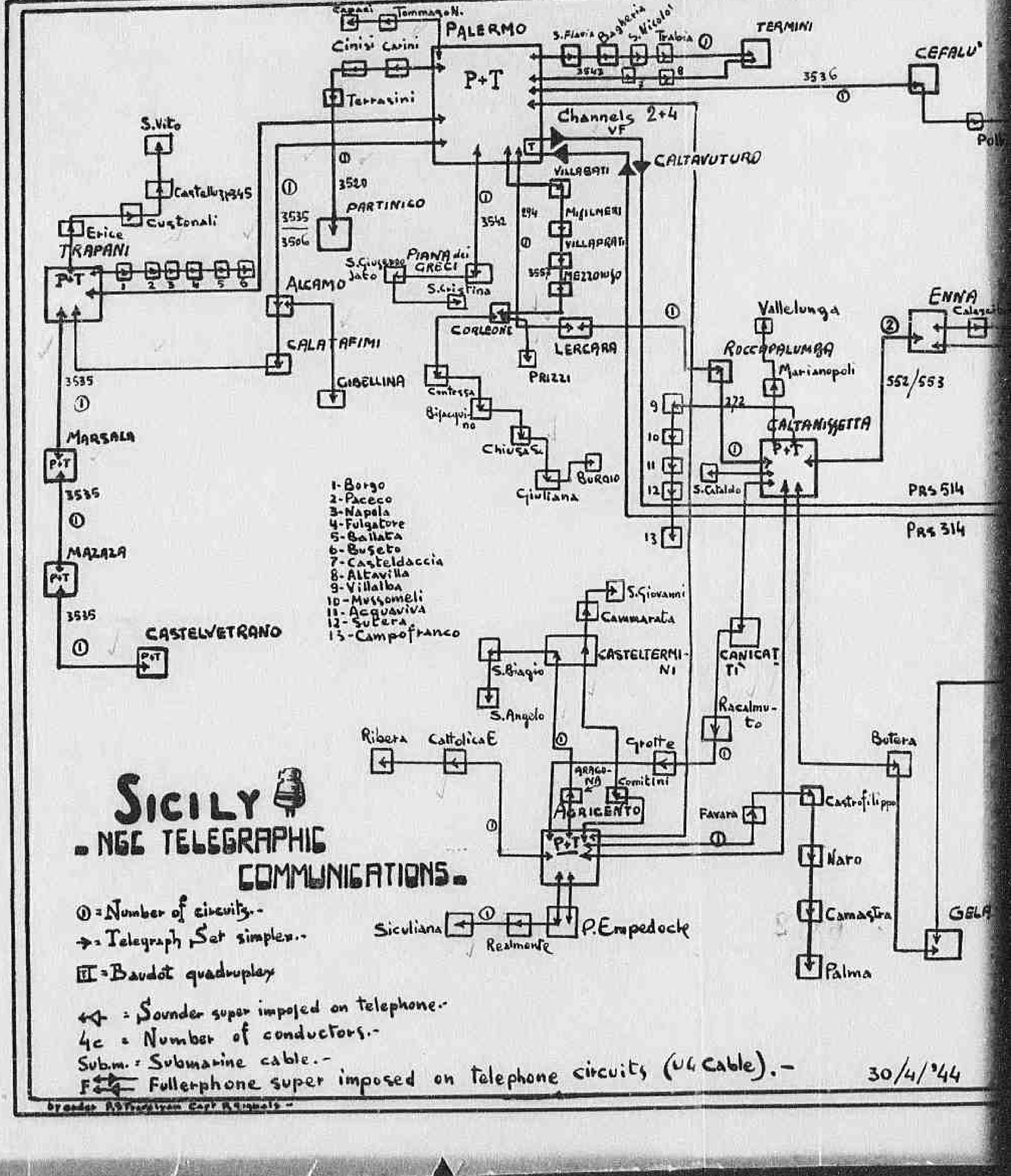
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Capt. Royal Signals
Regional Communications Officer

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Incl. 1 - Diagram NGC Telegraphic Communications

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SICILY
NGC TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS.



① = Number of circuits.-

→ = Telegraph Set simplex.-

T = Baudot quadruplex

↔ = Sounder super imposed on telephone.-

4c = Number of conductors.-

Sub.m. = Submarine cable.-

F ⇄ Fullerphone super imposed on telephone circuits (UG Cable).-

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Rear HQ
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

8 MAY 1944

Subject : Addendum to monthly Report.

To : Director Telecommunications and Posts.

(I) Reference monthly report April.

(2) Owing to a misunderstanding the following was ommitted by the clerical Staff from para 4 below " Caltanissetta 5 military 35I civil " :

Trapani	IO	military	434	civil
Marsala	-	"	I89	"
Alcamo	I	"	78	"
Petralia Sot.	-	"	74	"
Termini Imer.	-	"	94	"
Castellana S.	-	"	8	"
Polizzi Gener.	-	"	I2	"
Catania	426	"	3822	"
Acireale	I9	"	35I	"
Caltagirone	-	"	I62	"
Ionia-Giarre	-	"	22	"
Ionia-Marina	-	"	56	"
Paterno'	-	"	7	"
Messina	I57	"	28I	"
Patti	-	"	-	"
Milazzo	-	"	-	"
Taormina	-	"	-	"
Siracusa	I6I	"	290	"
Avola	-	"	4I	"
Lentini	0	"	I79	"
Noto	0	"	55	"
Ragusa	I4	"	32I	"
Comiso	-	"	54	"
Modica	-	"	I70	"
Scicli	0	"	35	"
Vittoria	I	"	94	"
Enna	6	"		

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Caltagirone	-	"	I62	"
Ionia-Giarre	-	"	22	"
Ionia-Marina	-	"	56	"
Paterno'	-	"	7	"
Messina	I57	"	28I	"
Patti	-	"	-	"
Milazzo	-	"	-	"
Taormina	-	"	-	"
Siracusa	I6I	"	290	"
Avola	-	"	4I	"
Lentini	0	"	I79	"
Noto	0	"	55	"
Ragusa	I4	"	32I	"
Comiso	-	"	54	"
Modica	-	"	I70	"
Scicli	0	"	35	"
Vittoria	I	"	94	"
Enna	6	"	I30	"
Leonforte	0	"	0	"
Piazza Armerina	-	"	63	"

(3) Attached is the monthly telephone signal diagram.

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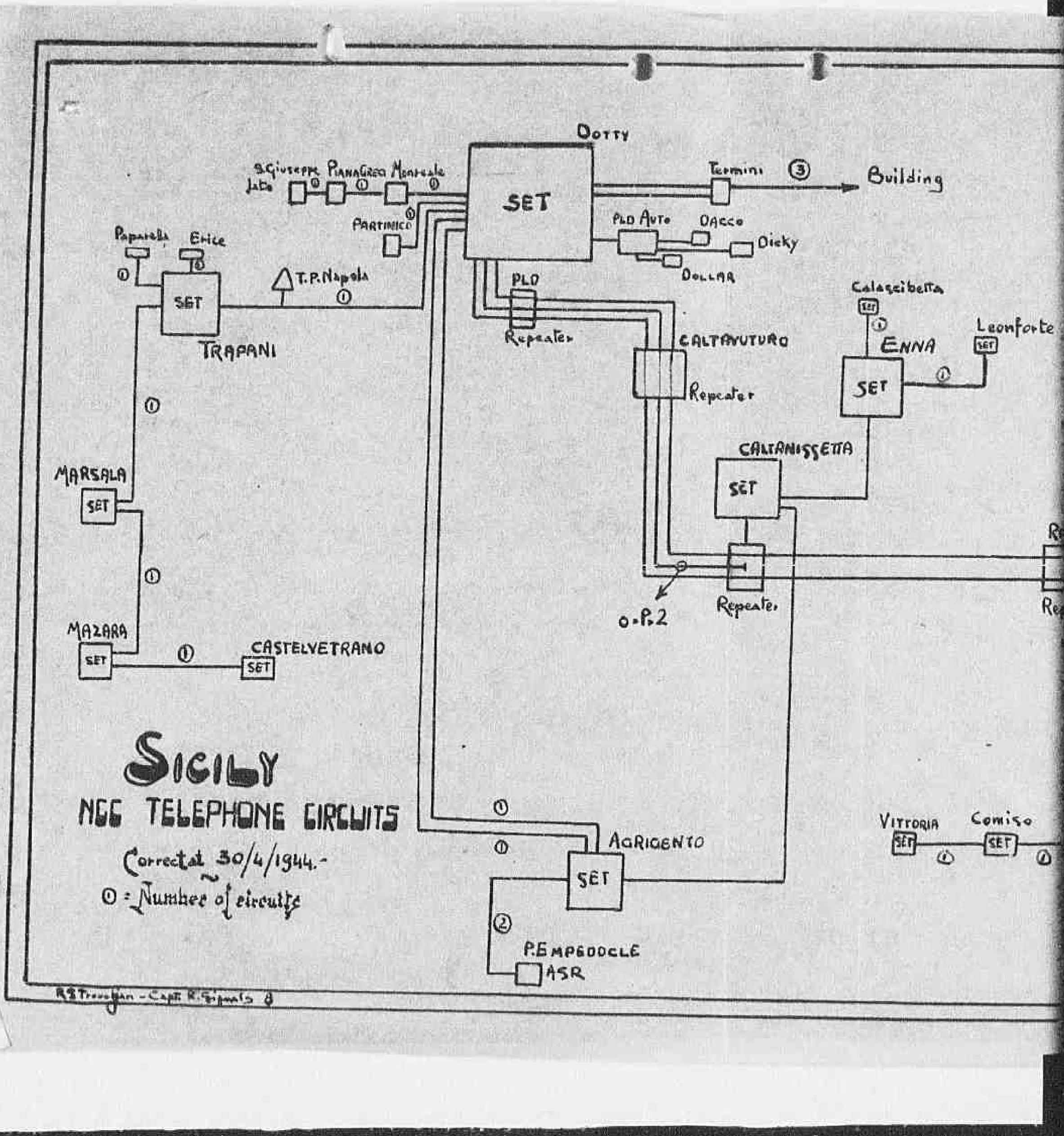
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R.S. TREVELYAN
Capt. R. Signals
Regional Communication Officer.

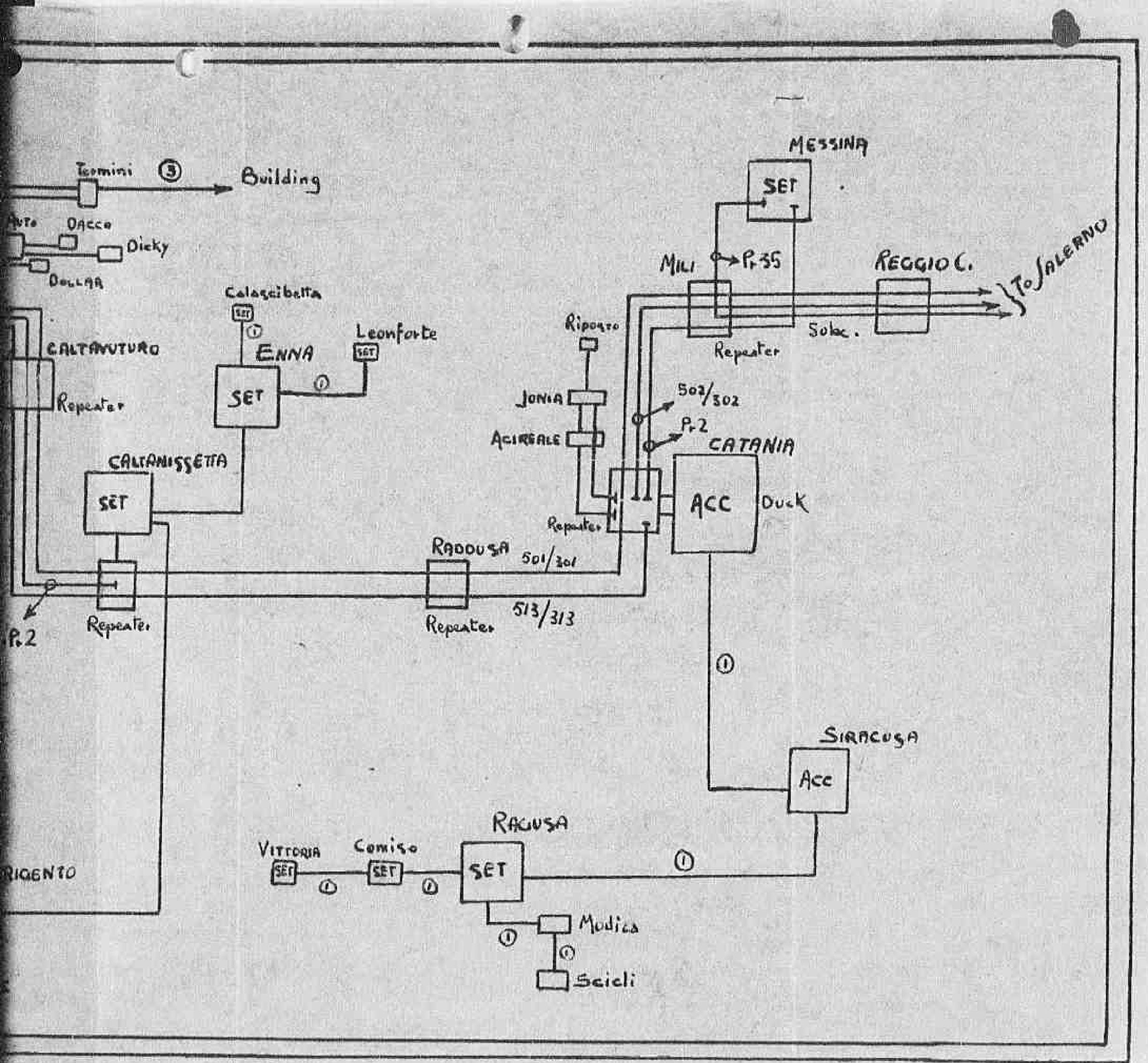
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

~~DIREZIONE GENERALE~~

AZIENDA STATO SERVIZI TELEFONICI

N.AT/3.0/1291

Risposta al N. .....

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Salerno, 11 maggio 1944

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Poste e Telecomunicazioni

SALERNO

OGGETTO: situazione circuiti telefonici.

A seguito del foglio 604194/T dell'8/5, si trasmettono, allegati alla presente, i dati di cui al comma 3 del foglio n°TS/4/6/10 del 28/4/44.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Azienda Stato Servizi Telefonici

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ELENCO CIRCUITI TELEFONICI INTERPROVINCIALI ATTIVI AL
30 APRILE 1944

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1	= AGRIGENTO	= CALTANISSETTA	69
2	= AGRIGENTO	= PALERMO	171
3	= BARI	= BRINDISI	14
4	= BARI	= CATANZARO	415
5	= BARI	= LECCE	154
6	= BARI	= POTENZA	145
7	= BARI	= SALERNO	-
8	= BARI	= SALERNO	-
9	= BARI	= SALERNO	-
10	= BARI	= SALERNO	-
11	= BARI	= SALERNO	267
12	= BARI	= TARANTO	46
13	= BRINDISI	= LECCE	-
14	= CALTANISSETTA	= CATANIA	-
15	= CALTANISSETTA	= ENNA	21
16	==CALTANISSETTA	= ENNA	21
17	= CALTANISSETTA	= PALERMO	-
18	= CATANIA	= MESSINA	97
19	= CATANIA	= PALERMO	-
20	= CATANIA	= SALERNO	-
21	= CATANIA	= SIRACUSA	76
22	= CATANZARO	= COSENZA	160
23	= CATANZARO	= COSENZA	160
24	= CATANZARO	= POTENZA	357
25	= CATANZARO	= REGGIO	144
26	= CATANZARO	= SALERNO	-
27	= COSENZA	= REGGIO	215
28	= COSENZA	= SALERNO	-
29	= MATERA	= POTENZA	117
30	= MESSINA	= REGGIO	-
31	= MESSINA	= REGGIO	-
32	= MESSINA	= SALERNO	-
33	= NAPOLI	= SALERNO	-
34	= NAPOLI	= SALERNO	-

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2	AGRIGENTO	= PALERMO	
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4	BARI	= CATANZARO	
5	BARI	= LECCE	
6	BARI	= POTENZA	
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8	BARI	= SALERNO	
9	BARI	= SALERNO	
10	BARI	= SALERNO	
11	BARI	= SALERNO	
12	BARI	= TARANTO	
13	BRINDISI	= LECCE	
14	CALTANISSETTA	= CATANIA	
15	CALTANISSETTA	= ENNA	
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26	CATANZARO	= SALERNO	
27	COSENZA	= REGGIO	
28	COSENZA	= SALERNO	
29	MATERA	= POTENZA	
30	MESSINA	= REGGIO	
31	MESSINA	= REGGIO	
32	MESSINA	= SALERNO	
33	NAPOLI	= SALERNO	
34	NAPOLI	= SALERNO	
35	PALERMO	= SALERNO	
36	PALERMO	= TRAPANI	
37	PALMI	= VIBO	
38	POTENZA	= SALERNO	
39	POTENZA	= TARANTO	
40	RAGUSA	= SIRACUSA	
41	REGGIO	= SALERNO	
42	SALERNO	= TARANTO	

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Azienda Stato Servizi Telefonici

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SITUAZIONE COMUNI IN COLLEGAMENTO TELEFONICO CON IL CAPOLUOGO DI PROVINCIA

PROVINCIA	NUMERO COMUNI	NUMERO COMUNI COLLEGATI TELEFONICAMENTE		
		Prima dell'Agosto 1943	al 30 Aprile 1944	
			col Capoluogo	non col Capoluogo
CALABRIA				
CATANZARO	155	52	6	==
COSENZA	136	70	25	==
REGGIO	88	80	4	11
CAMPANIA				
SALERNO	145	72	2	==
LUCANIA				
MATERA	32	13	1	4
POTENZA	91	34	5	==
PUGLIE				
BARI	47	47	3	13
BRINDISI	80	19	==	==
LECCE	91	38	8	19
TARANTO	27	19	11	4
SICILIA				
AGRIGENTO	41	27	1	==
CALTANISSETTA	22	13	==	==
CATANIA	53	52	3	==
ENNA	20	16	==	==
MESSINA	89	32	==	==
PALERMO	76	38	0	8
RAGUSA	12	12	3	==

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CATANZARO	155	52	6	==	
COSENZA	156	70	25	==	36
REGGIO	88	80	4	11	47
C A M P A N I A					
SALERNO	145	72	2	==	3
L U C A N I A					
MATERA	32	13	1	4	18
POTENZA	91	34	5	==	15
P U G L I E					
BARI	47	47	3	13	30
BRINDISI	80	19	==	==	0
LECCE	91	38	8	19	71
TARANTO	27	19	11	4	79
S I C I L I A					
AGRIGENTO	41	27	1	==	4
CALTANISSETTA	22	13	==	==	0
CATANIA	53	52	5	==	0
ENNA	20	16	==	==	0
MESSINA	89	32	==	==	0
PALERMO	78	58	0	8	221
RAGUSA	12	19	3	==	16
SIRACUSA	19	12	==	==	0
TRAPANI	20	15	2	==	13

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TRANSLATION

Salerno, 8 May, 1944

Ministry of Communications

File No. 6040194

TO: A.C.C. Communications
Sub-Commission
APO 394

Subject: Telegraph Situation in Italy.

Refer to File No.TS/4/6/10 dated 29 April, 1944:

1. The active number of telegraph offices to date in the various Provinces of the Kingdom is shown in Enclosure A, with reference to the no. of active offices before Allied landings.
The No. of Communes telegraphically connected with the Provincial seat may be later submitted.

2. The No. of long distance circuits active on the same date is shown in Enclosure B.

3. Long-distance circuits are all equipped with speed apparatus (Baudot and Hughes) and therfore the theoretical capacity of traffic for 24 hours is now amply sufficient and it is foreseen to be so even in the near future; the only exception is the Messina - Catania trunk line, heavily laden because of temporary conditions which will shortly be eliminated.
In pratice, however, as is natural, traffic becomes heavier some hours and because of the few lines available there are bottle-necks (especially at Salerno - Cutanzaro - Messina and Catania).
The scarcity of lines results in serious inconveniences when breaks occur, since there generally are no reserve lines.
Therefore the following improvements are necessary:
a. Increase of the number of conductors on the Salerno -L agonegro - Catanzaro - Reggio line;
b. Installment of a direct liaison between Salerno and Bari, for which the resumption of operation of the Potenza Gravina- Altmura, section line is needed.

4. Information on telephone service will be furnished on a separate note.

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CHIEF CLERK.
Recd. 12.5 44.

Under-Secretary of State.

/s/ Fano

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
Direzione Generale PP
Ispettorato Generale del Traffico

N. 604194 /T

Risposta al N. .....

Salerno, lì 8 MAG. 1944

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
POSTS AND TELECOMS SUB = COMMISSION

APO =394

OGGETTO: SITUAZIONE DEI TELEGRAFI IN ITALIA.

Riferimento al foglio TS/4/6/IO in data 28 aprile I944:

1.° - Il numero degli uffici telegrafici attivi a tutto oggi nelle varie Provincie del Regno è indicato nell'allegato A-, con riferimento al numero degli uffici attivi prima dello sbarco Alleato.

Il numero dei Comuni in comunicazione telegrafica con il Capoluogo potrà essere successivamente comunicato.

2.° - Il numero dei circuiti a grande distanza attivi alla stessa data è indicata nell'allegato B.

3.° - I circuiti a grande distanza sono tutti utilizzati con apparati celeri (Baudot e Hughes) e pertanto la capacità teorica di traffico nelle ventiquattrore è ora largamente sufficiente e si prevede che lo sarà anche in un futuro prossimo; solo eccezione il tratto Messina - Catania, fortemente congestionato, per cause tutavia transitorie e che dovranno prossimamente venire a cessare.

In pratica per altro, come è naturale, il traffico si addensa in alcune ore e quindi per effetto delle poche linee disponibili si determinano ingorghi (segnatamente a Salerno - Catanzaro-Messina - e Catania).-

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Lo scarso numero di linee si rivela causa di gravi inconvenienti in occasione di guasti, poichè in genere non esistono linee di riserva.

Si rendono pertanto necessari i seguenti miglioramenti:

a) Aumento del numero dei conduttori della linea Salerno -Lagonegro-Catanzaro - Reggio.-;

b) Attuazione di un collegamento diretto fra Salerno e Bari, per il quale si richiede il ripristino del tronco di linea Potenza-Gravina - Altamura.

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4°.- Le notizie sul servizio telefonico verranno fornite in foglio a parte.

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Allegati al foglio n. 604 194
in data 8 MAG. 1944

SITUAZIONE TELEGRAFI

ALLEGATO M.

	PROVINCIA	UFFICI TELEGRAFICI ATTIVI nell'agosto 1943	al 5 maggio 1944
1^)	**Italia Continentale**		
	SALERNO	216	36
	POTENZA	110	69
	BARI	65	52
	BRINDISI	27	27
	LECCE	113	113
	TARANTO	36	36
	COSENZA	189	189
	REGGIO CALABRIA	143	99
	CATANZARO	194	194
	MATERA	37	37
2^)	**SICILIA**		
	MESSINA	169	12
	CATANIA	92	1
	SIRACUSA	28	–
	RAGUSA	19	12
	ENNA	23	3
	CALTANISSETTA	23	8
	AGRIGENTO	50	27
	TRAPANI	49	15
	PALERMO	97	40
3^)	**SARDEGNA**		
	CAGLIARI	140	140
	NUORO	89	89
	SASSARI	89	89
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SITUAZIONE TELEGRAFICA

Allegati al foglio n. 604194...
in data 604194 - 8 Maggio 1964

ALLEGATO B

/LINEE TELEGRAFICHE A GRANDE DISTANZA

1° - SALERNO - CATANZARO = MESSINA (Baudot scaglionata)
2° - SALERNO = TARANTO = (Baudot)
3° - SALERNO = POTENZA = (Hughes)
4° - SALERNO = CATANZARO (Baudot)
5° - BARI = CATANZARO = MESSINA (Baudot scaglionata)
6° - BARI = BRINDISI = LECCE (Baudot)
7° - TARANTO = LECCE (Hughes)
8° - BARI = TARANTO = POTENZA (Hughes)
9° - MESSINA = CATANIA (incavo a morse)
10° - CATANIA = PALERMO = (in cavo con telegrafia armonica)

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Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP.
APO 394, U. S. Army

CCG/16-19 8 May 1944

Subject: Report of Civil Censorship Group, Italy.
(25 April to 1 May 1944.)

To : Colonel J. L. Henderson,
Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

1. Civil Censorship Group, Italy, formerly operating under Communication Censorship Branch, INC, AFHQ, attached to Allied Control Commission Rear Headquarters on 25 April 1944, left Palermo, Sicily, for their new headquarters in Salerno on 22 April 1944. The organization arrived at its destination 26 April 1944.

2. Normal operation began again 27 April 1944 within the following section:

Dissemination Subsection
Commanding Officer
Administration
Postal Subsection
Telephone and Telegraph Subsection
Special Activities Unit
Radio and Cable Subsection

3. Civil Censorship Group, Italy, consists of the following personnel:

36 American Army Officers, 10 American Naval Officers, 8 British Officers, 49 American Enlisted men, 9 American naval enlisted men, 1 British other rank.

4. During the period 25 April to 1 May, no items of particular note occurred.

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GORDON W. McKEAN
Major, Cavalry,
Officer Commanding.

Reports Section
Allied Commission

12.

TO : Regional Commissioner AMG Reg. 4.
FROM : Regional Engineer T.C.U. Division.
SUBJECT : Monthly report for April.
REF. : R4/ENG/GC
DATE : 5 May 1944.

1. Herewith monthly report for April 1944.

2. With the exception of Col. Edwards the staff of this Division continued working for other organisations on temporary assignment notably AMG FIFTH ARMY. During the month Lt.Col. Findlay returned to duty with this Region having been loaned to Region 3.

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Colonel,
REGIONAL ENGINEER.

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Lt Col
Colonel,
REGIONAL ENGINEER.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

1 May 44

Subject :- Monthly Report - Telecommunications

To :- Regional Commissioner

1. During the month of April personal contacts were made with telephone and telegraph civil officials in the following places: Cosenza, Catanzaro, Reggio Calabria, Messina, Crotone, Castrovillari and Matera.

2. Maintenance problems were also discussed with Circolo Construction Co. representatives in Reggio Calabria and Castrovillari.

3. On the military side, contacts were made with District I and District 2 and with the Military Mission to the Italian Army.

4. Additional maintenance responsibilities have been given to the civil companies following instructions of crews by District 2, C.S.O. and release of transportation.

5. Civil telegraph service is being offered throughout the Region for whole Italy and its insular possessions up to the Civil postal services line with the exception of service to Sardinia. Rehabilitation of poles and wire is being carried on in those areas where direct telegraphic communication is not yet restored. Pending completion of this work telegrams are being delivered by postal service.

6. Civil telephone service is on an intra provincial basis with service for whole Italy including Sicily available for Italy Government official calls.

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RICHARD H.Ayre,
Capt. Sig. C.,
Telecommunications Officer

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

28 April, 1944

In reply
refer to: T5/4/6/10

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Subject : Telephone and Telegraph Situation in King's Italy.

To : Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

1. In order that Headquarters, Allied Control Commission may have an up-to-date picture of the present telegraph and telephone position in King's Italy, would you kindly supply the following information, if possible by May 7th, 1944.

2. Telegraphs.

a. For each Province.

(1) Number of Communes in telegraphic communication with Provincial Centre prior to Allied occupation (please give the actual number, not for instance just the word "all".)

(2) Number of Communes now in telegraphic communication with Provincial Centre.

b. Inter Provincial Circuits. List of Circuits actually in operation at end of April.

3. Telephones.

a. For each Province.

(1) Number of Communes in telephonic communication with Provincial Centre prior to Allied occupation.

(2) Number of Communes now in telephonic communications with Provincial Centre.

b. Inter Provincial Circuits.

List of circuits actually in operation at end of April.

4. Please state also whether there is any telegraph or telephone route on which excessive congestion is regularly experienced. 6199

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

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21 April 1944

In Reply
refer to: RTC 319.1

SUBJECT: Review of Monthly Report

TO : Director Telecommunications & Posts.
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394 U.S. Army

1. Reference your signal 2629 of 15 April and your D.O. letter of 15 April (Lt. Col. Millar).

2. Reference the astersisks in my monthly report: March; para 1. Up to 16 April no permission had been received to operate civilian telegraph traffic from Sicily to the mainland. The astersiks were intended to indicate that the cross strait circuits and their extensions were available to A.C.C. and native government officials only. The misunderstanding is regretted.

3. In full agreement with the High Commissioner and other local executives intr-urban telephone facilities were first of all opened to Prefects, Sindacos, Carabinieri, Fire Services and like organizations. Then other Government agencies, banks etc. were granted facilities as they asked for them. Lists of names and telephone numbers from which intra-urban calls could be made were issued to the appropriate exchanges and a system of checking instituted to prevent unauthorized civilians making intra-urban calls.

For the Regional Control Commissioner:

R.S. TREVELYAN
Capt. Royal Signals
Regional Communications
Officer.

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YOUR REPORT MARCH IS REFERENCE PD ASTERISKS NOT UNDERSTOOD PD TO IBS FOR ACC REGION ONE FOR TREVELYAN FROM FATIMA REAR FROM HANDERSON SIGNED MACFARLANE PD THESE CIRCUITS NOT IN USE FOR ALL CIVILIAN TELEGRAPHS PD UNDERSTOOD BISTONE HAD NO OBJECTION PD IBS CIVIL CENSORSHIP AND HQ AAI SECURITY HAVE NO OBJECTION

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFO 394

15 April, 1944

Dear Trevelyan,

I have read your report of 31st March, with interest. The question of the asterisked routes has been raised with you by telegram.

As regards para 3., it reads as though you or other ACC personnel had decided as to who should be allowed to make inter-urban calls. This may be of course be an incorrect reading of the para.

The correct arrangement as I outlined it to you at Palermo is for the Prefect, or where no Prefect, the head of the Carabinieri, to say as to whether a conversation may be considered official and to make the decision himself. Sometimes only one particular call may be concerned.

This is the scheme arranged for all King's Italy with INC., and agreed to verbally by Major Beard for Sicily when I was there. It is desired that the Italian Government accept full responsibility for any call passed being an official one.

If this is not the arrangement in Italy, would you please introduce it.

Yours

To: Captain R.S.Trevelyan
Telecommunications Officer
Region I.

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COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
QUARTIERE GENERALE DELLA SICILIA

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3I MARZO 44

Subject : Monthly Report
Communications Office Region I.

To : Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission
ACC. CMF.

(I) Following the visit of Under Secretary of State for Communications, FANO, and subsequent conferences with IBS and Nº. I District, permission was eventually received for the re-opening of the civil telegraph system. At 0001Ahours on 2I March the following telegraph circuits were opened:

Palermo - Catania (UG cable) voice frequence telegraph
Palermo - Lercara - Roccapalumba - Caltanissetta
Palermo - Villabate - Misilmeri - Villafrati - Mezzoiuso.-
Corleone.
Palermo - Piana dei Greci
Palermo - Santa Flavia - Bagheria - Termini.
Palermo - Termini
Palermo - Cefalu
Palermo - Alcamo - Calatafimi
Palermo - Trapani
Trapani - Marsala - Mazara - Castelvetrano
Caltanissetta - Agrigento
Catania - Messina (UG cable)
Catania - Siracusa - (Sounder super-imposed on telephone
circuit)
Siracusa - Noto - Ispica - Pozzallo - Modica
Siracusa - Pozzallo
Ispica - Comiso
Ispica - Scicli - Modica Alta
Siracusa - Gela (Railway dispatch circuit)
Enna - Caltanissetta
Messina - Milazzo
Messina - Milazzo - Lipari - Salina (submarine cable)
Islands of Filicudi - Alicudi - Panarea (Submarine cable)

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Islands of Filicudi - Alicudi - Panarea (Submarine cable)
+Messina - Reggio Calabria (submarine cable)
+Reggio - Catanzaro, Reggio - Bari, Reggio - Bagnara (for extension to Salerno)

Circuits marked with an asterisk are for ACC and Government use only.

(2) An outbreak of sabotage took place during the latter half of the month. On the night of Mar 20/21 the manhole of a cable junction in Piazza Papireto Palermo was removed and the three 100 pair undergrond telephone cables cut with a hacksaw. The three pieces of cable were taken away by the cutter. These cables serve the civil police Hq; and the IBS radio site.

On the night of 26/27 the Palermo - Mondello suspended lead covered 50 pair telephone cable was cut. Three metal poles were severed and 200 yards of cable removed.

The IBS trunk circuits to Trapani were on four nights

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cut and on each occasion hundreds of yards of wire taken away.

In all the above cases operational circuits were cut.

Derelict suspended cable on the cutskirts of the city has so far been untouched . CIC, The Provost Marshal, The Questura and CC.RR. have all been informed. The GOC XII(Italian) Corps is being approached for patrols on all major routes. IBS is posting notices warning the populace that such offenses will be punished by death.

(3) Certain Government departments ranging from the High Commissioner, Prefects, Carabiniere, Fire Services, Banks, etc. were given permission to use the intra-urban telephone system. Their conversations were monitored from time to time . Verbosity was their main fault.

(4) In co-operation with Signal Section IBS the systematic regulation of Overhead circuits began. Owing to operational needs the original OH circuits used by the US Army were put through where wire existed without transposition and without keeping to the same insulator positions. The Signal Corps and Circolo Costruzione are now adjusting all circuits on the north coast route Palermo - Santo Stefano - Messina.

(5) Despite the suggestion of the Regional Commissioner 6494 to Prefects that one truck should be requisitioned in each Capoluogo for the CC.TT. only has been forthcoming, this from Enna.

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R.S. TREVELYAN
Capt. R. Signals
Regional Communication Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

4 March 44

Ref: MCA/2020/

To : Lt. Col. McCaffrey

The following is a report relative to communications for Region II covering the month of February 44.

(1) Captain Garlock left the Region on 26th February and I took over on the same date.

(2) So far as I have been able to ascertain no changes took place during the month prior to my arrival.

(3) Through H.Q. ACC, I understand that No. 2 District has made available a total of 8 vehicles for the use of the Italian Government in construction and repair work to telecommunications in King's Italy. These vehicles should effect a material improvement, since lack of transport is the most serious handicap to the maintenance of telecommunications in this Region.

(4) I have contacted No. 2 District Signals and as a preliminary step towards the organisation of an efficient communications system I am endeavouring, with their aid, through Italian sources, to build up a picture of existing facilities and potential resources.

(5) On the telephone side Naterm suffers from several serious inherent disabilities as a centre of control (e.g. lack of supervisors at the exchange owing to demolitions, and extreme paucity of outlets). In view of the pending move to Bari, it is not proposed to embark on the long term planning which would be necessary to ameliorate conditions.

(6) On the telegraph side transmission by the State is efficient. I discovered however, several serious flaws in the preparation of telegrams in this office, and in the method of handing in to the Post Office. I have drawn attention to these matters in the appropriate quarter.

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R. V. COLLINS, Capt.
Telecommunications Officer, Region II

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(3) Through HQ. ACC, I understand that No. 2 District has made available a total of 8 vehicles for the use of the Italian Government in construction and repair work to telecommunications in King's Italy. These vehicles should effect a material improvement, since lack of transport is the most serious handicap to the maintenance of telecommunications in this Region.

(4) I have contacted No. 2 District Signals and as a preliminary step towards the organisation of an efficient communications system I am endeavouring, with their aid, through Italian sources, to build up a picture of existing facilities and potential resources.

(5) On the telephone side Matera suffers from several serious inherent disabilities as a centre of control (e.g. lack of supervisories at the exchange owing to demolitions, and extreme paucity of outlets). In view of the pending move to Bari, it is not proposed to embark on the long term planning which would be necessary to ameliorate conditions.

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P. V. COLLYER, Capt.
Telecommunications Officer, Region II

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Telecommunications Sub-Commission
A.C.C.

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Seen:- Col. [illegible]
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telecommunications & Postal Sub-Commissions

February 4,1944

SUBJECT: Monthly report

TO: Chief Hq.A.C.C.

1. In accordance with AMG/319.1, the following report is submitted for the month of January for the Telecommunications Sub-Commission.

2. ACC Telephone Service - Salerno

a. PBX. telephone switchboard cut into service.
b. Naples- Bari- telephone circuits cut into Salerno ACC switchboard, and terminated in each direction.
c. Switchboard operators secured, trained and placed in operation with some difficulties in securing suitable personnel.
d. Service changes and additions supervised.
e. Serviced repairs arranged for.

3. AMG-ACC Telephone Service - Naples
a. Telephone service orders for AMG-ACC service were processed and handled with P.B.S. Hq. Commandant and Adj. Gen.
b. Hq. switchboard directory and information service maintained.

4. Regional Activities

a. Region I - Inter provincial capitol telephone net work completed by No. 1.District and Region I signals, using circuits repaired or released from military service. Service now in use by A.M.G. and available for Italian government service.
b. Southern Italy - Telephone connection to Sicily - Reggio to Messina authorized and arranged for, with early completion estimated.
c. Service restoral through damaged repeater station at Castrovilla on state cable route, arranged with Italian officials to by pass damaged apparatus and necessary supplies arranged for. Completion will provide service- Matera to Castrovillari, Nicastro, Crotone, Catanzaro, Cozenza, Reggio, Paola and Rosanno.

d. Service improvements made by rearrangement of connections in switching and use of apparatus at some switching points.

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e. Service restoral programs and plant damage status surveyed.

W.J.Bentlett (B)
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512
Telecommunications Sub-Commission

7 January 1944

Telecommunications Sub-Commission December Report

1. Progress was made in the work of providing a long distance network for the joint use of A.M.G. and the Italian Government. This work had been handicapped by lack of transportation but during the month sufficient transport was obtained to allow the civilian authorities to move their essential maintenance men and stores etc. to the routes on which work was necessary. The use of any stores is still restricted against the possibilities of their being required by the Signal Corps.

2. In Region I trunk circuits were provided between Palermo and Caltanissetta, Palermo and Catania, Caltanissetta and Catania, Catania and Messina, Syracuse and Ragusa and Catania and Reggio. With the completion of the Catania Syracusa circuit expected in early January, telephone service will be available between all provincial capitals. Maintenance of the main trunk cable and of overhead routes was taken over from Signal Corps by the local civilian authorities.

3. In Region 2 telegraph service for official purposes was introduced between all provincial Capitals including the four Italian governed provinces but excluding Salerno. Local telephone service is being given to a limited number of people in most towns but no public intertown service is working. Service has been provided for official calls between Crotone, Cosenza, Catanzaro and Reggio. With assistance from the 31st Corps, Italian Army this service is being extended.

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W.J. Bentlett (?)
Lt. Colonel
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Telecommunications Sub-Commission

3 January, 1944

Report On Activities of Telecommunications and Postal Sub-Commissions for November.

1. Hq. of the main body was moved to Palermo. Investigations were made into the possiblities of providing a Telecommunications network for the use of the Italian Government and A.C.C., in Region I and II.

2. In Region I promises for the release of circuits was obtained from No.1 District, 7th. Army and I.E.S. so to provide a telephone network between the Provincial Capitals.

3. In Region II a survey of existing facilities was made and an estimate formed of the work necessary to establish a telegraph network between the Provincial Capitals.

With the exception of communications with Salerno this work was put in hand and one officer left in the Region to assist and to consider the work necessary for the restoration of telephone service within towns.

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TO : Communications Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

FROM : HQ Region V, AMG.

SUBJECT : Rectifier - Campobasso Exchange.

REF : R5/517/1.

DATE : 5 Jun 44.

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Recd. 8.6.44.

Ref my monthly report for May 1944.

OC 15 HQ Signals has returned the old civilian rectifier to Campobasso.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

H.Q. 7 JUN 1944 A.C.C.

G.W. CUMMING,
Major, R. Sigs,
Communications Officer.

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