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For Regional Commissioner.

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(Attn Director, Communications
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For your file.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: TOS/TELECOMS Date: 3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, AC.

1. This is to supplement the regular monthly report dated 1 May 1945 for the purpose of recording an additional activity accomplished during the month of April.

2. At the request of the Signal Officer, 5 Army through the office of the C.S.O. L of C. Advance I arranged for the instruction of a group consisting of two officers and twelve enlisted men in Siemen Halske dial telephone central office system.

3. The course of instruction extended over a period of two weeks. The schedule was set up by staff of the telephone company at Florence and one of their chief technicians acted as instructor.

4. All of the members of the class had had previous dial equipment experience in the United States. Both the Army officials and the members who received instruction are enthusiastic in their praise for the work doen by the telephone company and particularly that of the instructor.

Richard H. AYRE,
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Toscana Region.

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A total of 15 additional telephone circuits have been reactivated in the province to provide service to isolated villages or augument existing facilities.

5. On the 14 April the automatic exchange at Lucca was reactivated with a capacity of 600 lines of which 172 were in use at the cut-over. This releases a two position manual switchboard for use elsewhere, possibly Pisa where present facilities are expected to become crowded.

7. In Pistoia province an interurban switchboard has been installed at Montecatini awaiting permission to reestablish long distance service. A 40 line manual board has been installed at Pescia to furnish local service for that commune.

8. The capacity of the Siena dial exchange has been increased to 1200 lines of which 650 are in use for civil or military service. The 20 line automatic exchange of Villa di Corsano has been reactivated and connected with Siena.

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D. Trainin of Allied Personnel.

On request from the Signal Officer 5th Army, arrangements were made at Florence for the telephone company (TETI) to give a two week course of instruction on Siemens Halske automatic equipment to 14 members of the Allied Armed Forces. (2 officers and 12 enlisted men)

E. Liaison in Italian Controlled Territory

Owing to the withdrawal of Major Bridgeman from Naples, Major Hawker has taken over Liaison work in respect of the area from the South to the Northern boundaries of Lazio and Abruzzi.

L.G.HAWKER
Major
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, AC.

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2. As the AMG member of the Advance Telecommunications Board, Bologna, I arrived in Bologna on Saturday 28 April 1945. Contacts were immediately made with the local civil telephone and telegraph authorities and arrangements made for military and civil communication requirements.

3. The main telephone central office at Bologna was destroyed and the entrance cables to the telegraph office were damaged. Only superficial damage was done to the telegraph equipment.

4. A small switchboard making possible the installation of forty lines for essential civilian subscribers in Bologna was made ready and approval secured for starting such service. Installation of a twelve hundred line manual switchboard was started and the expanded service will be ready within three or four weeks. A four thousand line dial system will be ultimately installed when repairs have been made to the building. Probably four months will elapse before the dial system will be ready for service.

5. The telephone systems at Parma, Reggio Emilia and Piacenza were not damaged and are operating for local service. Only relatively minor damage was done at Modena, Imola and Ferrara and repairs are underway. It is planned to have a limited service ready for essential civilian users at Modena, Ferrara, Imola, Ravenna, Rimini and Cesena during the month of May.

6. There was no damage done to telegraph equipment at Modena and although the true situation at the other provincial capitals is not known it is believed that they have escaped damage.

7. The telephone company officials and personnel and the State officials Azienda di Stato and Circolo Construction, were found to be qualified and cooperative everywhere. There is every evidence that care was exercised on their part to save equipment and material from the Germans.

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CD-1/164 1 March, 1945

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TO : Hq. Southern Region, AC. APO 394.

Società Esercizi Telefonici made 758 new telephone installations and 1165 instruments repaired. There is a great demand for local telephones in Naples by civilians that cannot be supplied due to the shortage of central office equipment. The local telephone office at Gioia Tauro was reactivated as well as new toll circuits from Naples to Castellammare, Naples-Salerno & Naples-Pozzuoli. An effort is being made to secure additional toll lines for S.E.T.

The Azienda di Stato switchboard is overloaded but some relief will be made immediately by making a direct Rome-Catania telephone circuit. Special supervision has been given to the handling of traffic in order to assure full efficiency of the circuits.

Circolo of Bari reactivated a number of new telegraph circuits also have done considerable line repair works.

Circolo Reggio Calabria is accomplishing considerable work with 24 squads of workmen. Their big problem is the shortage of material and motor transport. They have had much line trouble due to the bad weather. Among other things they have been working on the Pentamelle-Zaera sub-marine cable.

Circolo Salerno reactivated six telegraph offices, the Orce-S. Gennaro circuit and constructed a 4 wire lead from Salerno to S. Gennaro. Work was started rebuilding the storage batteries in the telegraph office at Avellino.

Circolo Naples reactivated 12 telegraph offices and accomplished considerable in repairs to open wire leads. They have 17 squads working on construction work but are delayed the same as all other Circolo, in that there is a terrible shortage of motor transport and material and tools.

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CD. 1/163 1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Summary of February Monthly Report.

TO : Headquarters SC. Region 80. APO 394.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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14th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Telecommunications S/C.

TO: Director, Communications Sub-Commission

A. Telephone:

1. Local:

Generally the position is satisfactory - damage has been light and repairs are well in hand. In a number of cases temporary manual service has been arranged pending completion of repairs. Details of the more important towns where conditions are still abnormal are shown in Appendix "A".

All civilian restrictions regarding local calls in the Rome Area have been withdrawn.

2. Inter-urban:

Progress in restoration of line plant in the North is well in hand but communication from East to West is non-existant. Communication between the North and liberated Italy is also very poor. A number of Repeater Stations have been damaged or dismantled and cables have also suffered. These facts and the heavy demands for military lines make restoration of civilian long distance communications very difficult.

Communication has been established between Florence, Bologna, Siena, Rome, Arezzo, Pisa, Lucca, Leghorn, Pistoia, and Viareggio. Lines from Bologna to Venice and Padua are expected shortly.

B. Telegraphs:

1. Damage to offices and instruments in the North generally slight, the most serious being Treviso where both the building and apparatus were totally destroyed. Repairs are well in hand at Bologna and services should be extended shortly. The Florence Telegraph traffic is rising rapidly and the office handled some 38.000 messages in May.

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2. On the line side the position is not so good - see - para. A.2. Arrangements are in hand to provide V.F. communication between Rome and Milan as soon as a line can be secured from the C.S.O., L.of C.

Service has been re-established to Prato, Pistoia, Montecatini, Lucca and Pisa.

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Appendix A

APPENDIX "A"

Important Centres Where Local Telephone Service is Abnormal

Piemonte Region:

Alessandria - automatic equipment dismantled . Local service available for 130 subscribers on four position manual board.
Novi Ligure - automatic equipment destroyed. Local service available on manual board.

Venezia Region:

Gorizia - No information

Emilia Region:

Bologna - temporary manual service extended to 1400 subscribers
Modena - temporary manual service continues. Repairs to automatic plant well in hand and dial service for 1000 subscribers expected in June.
Ferrara - no change - temporary manual service only.
Forli - repairs to automatic equipment well advanced and service for 1000 subscribers available
Cesana - service for 400 subscribers expected shortly
Rimini - temporary manual service for 100 subscribers expected in June.

Toscana Region:

Florence - Vittoria Exchange re-opened with capacity for 1000 lines making total subscribers for city area 8,780
Viareggio - temporary 100 line manual exchange installed.
Leghorn - Dial exchange re-activated with 2000 line capacity. Only about 100 subscribers connected to date owing to damaged line plant.
Pontedera - limited service available.

Lombardia Region-

Tirano - exchange working but only 50% subscribers connected to damaged line plant.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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In Reply Refer to RIX/PO/21 1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report, Regional Postal Officer, Emilia

TO : Regional Commissioner, Emilia

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b. Physical Needs: Forli and Ravenna provinces suffered the most war damage. Forli PostoOffice obtained another building, and extens-

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ive repairs have been made to the Ravenna building. Supplies for operation of the services in Ravenna were borrowed from other provinces, as all had been burned. Bologna province had to cease service for 5 days during one period, and for 2 days in another, for want of gasoline. Piacenza province could not begin service because of lack of non-Republican postage stamps. These have just been obtained however, from Rome.

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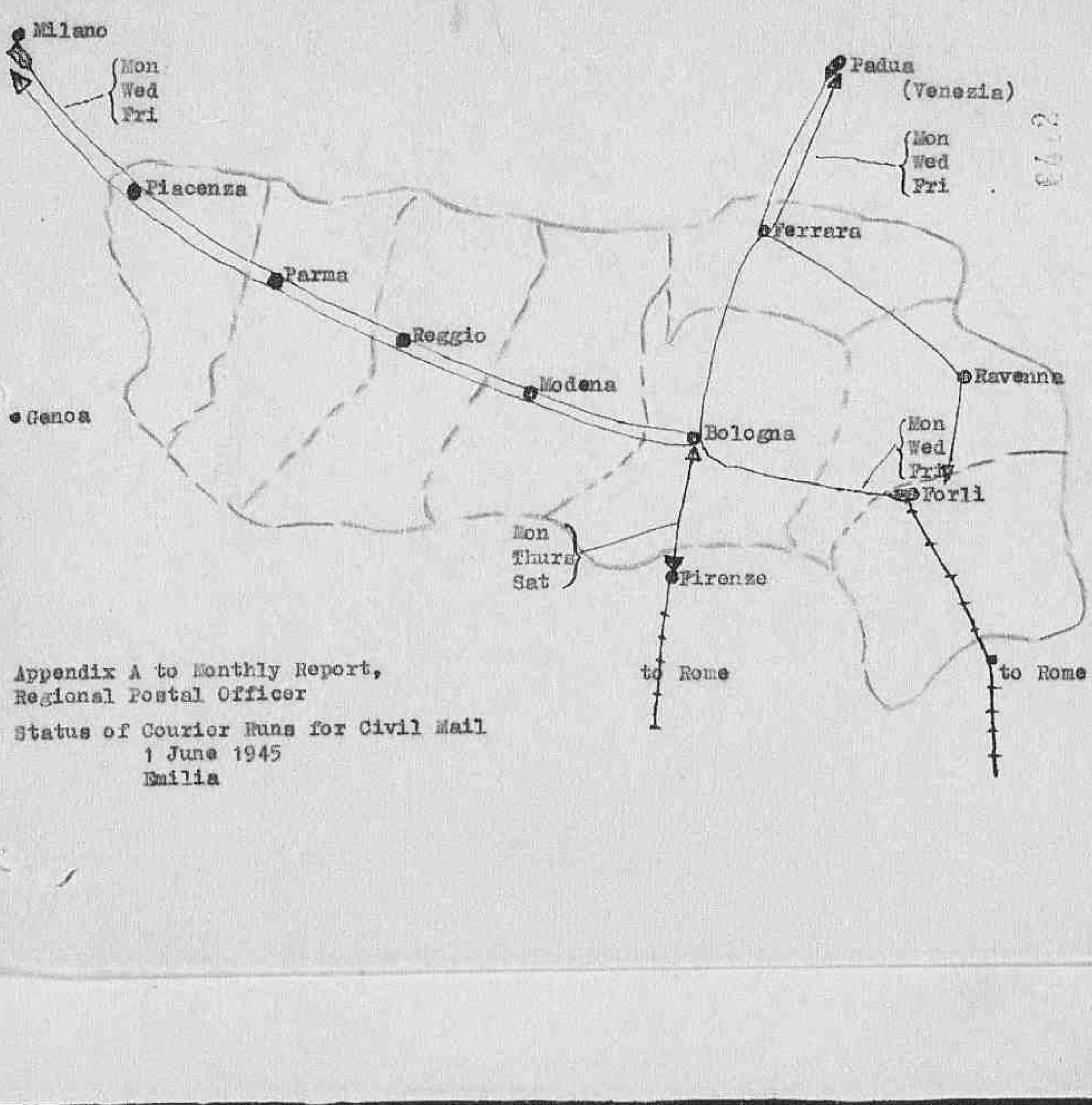
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POSTAL SECTION MONTHLY REPORT MAY 1945

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Communications Sub-Commission

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14th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Telecommunications S/C.

TO: Director, Communications Sub-Commission

A. Telephone:

1. Local:

Generally the position is satisfactory - damage has been light and repairs are well in hand. In a number of cases temporary manual service has been arranged pending completion of repairs. Details of the more important towns where conditions are still abnormal are shown in Appendix "A".

All civilian restrictions regarding local calls in the Rome Area have been withdrawn.

2. Inter-urban:

Progress in restoration of line plant in the North is well in hand but communication from East to West is not existant. Communication between the North and liberated Italy is very poor. A number of Repeater Stations have been damaged or dismantled and cables have also suffered. These facts and the heavy demands for military lines make restoration of civilian long distance communications very difficult.

Communication has been established between Florence, Bologna, Siena, Rome, Arezzo, Pisa, Lucca, Leghorn, Pistoia, and Viareggio. Lines from Bologna to Venice and Padua are expected shortly.

B. Telegraphs:

1. Damage to offices and instruments in the North generally slight, the most serious being Treviso where both the building and apparatus were totally destroyed. Repairs are well in hand at Bologna and services should be extended shortly. The Florence Telegraph traffic is rising rapidly and the office handled some 38.000 messages in May.

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APPENDIX "A"

Important Centres Where Local Telephone Service is Abnormal

Piemonte Region:

Alessandria - automatic equipment dismantled . Local service available for 130 subscribers on four position manual board.
Novi Ligure - automatic equipment destroyed. Local service available on manual board.

Venezia Region:

Gorizia - No information

Emilia Region:

Bologna - temporary manual service extended to 1400 subscribers
Modena - temporary manual service continues. Repairs to automatic plant well in hand and dial service for 1000 subscribers expected in June.
Ferrara - no change - temporary manual service only.
Forli - repairs to automatic equipment well advanced and service for 1000 subscribers available
Cesana - service for 400 subscribers expected shortly
Rimini - temporary manual service for 100 subscribers expected in June.

Toscana Region:

Florence - Vittoria Exchange re-opened with capacity for 1000 lines making total subscribers for city area 8,780
Viareggio - temporary 100 line manual exchange installed.
Leghorn - Dial exchange re-activated with 2000 line capacity. Only about 100 subscribers connected to date owing to damaged line plant.
Pontedera - limited service available.

Lombardia Region-

Tirano - exchange working but only 50% subscribers connected to damaged line plant.

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2. On the line side the position is not so good - see - para. A.2. Arrangements are in hand to provide V.F. communication between Rome and Milan as soon as a line can be secured from the C.S.O., L.of C.

Service has been re-established to Prato, Pistoia, Montecatini, Lucca and Pisa.

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To : Director Communications
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Inf: Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

Sub: Monthly report May 1945.

Ref: Comms. G/4/13.

1 June, 1945.

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2. VISITS.

No visits outside Rome were made during the month.

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Rome-Florence - two telephone pairs released by L. of C. (T.C.O. 1518).

Rome-Siena - one telephone pair released by L.of C. (T.C.O. 1518).

The following requests for release of circuits have been made but so far have not been granted:-

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R.A.A.C. - additional pairs Rome-La Storta cable.
L. of C. - permission to erect additional cross arms Rome-La route - this will enable TETI to improve telephone service in Tomba di Nerone area.

3. District - permission to rehabilitate Benevento-Montecalvo-Irpino route in Foggia area.

L. of C. permission to divert Littoria and Velletri circuits into local Colonna cable to enable TETI to install H.F. equipment.

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Arrangements have been made with the Italian Government to remove all call restrictions in the Rome City area. The Allied Forces reserve the right to reduce the number of civilian outlets to first code selectors if congestion occurs.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
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COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

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Owing to lack of personal transport, and the fact that Regional HQ were not permitted to enter Milan earlier, I did not reach Milan until 10 May, 14 days after leaving Rome. Ten of these days were spent at Mantova, and the oppertunity was taken to visit the Provinces in the eastern side of the Region. In the meantime, Lt-Cols Scudder and Millar were holding the Milan fort nobly, and my absence from the Adv. Tele-Coms Board was probably unnoticed. Col. Millar has already submitted detailed reports which I do not propose to repeat. Also, in view of the fact that plants are practically intact, with the exception of carrier equipment removed by the Germans, I do not propose to submit details (e.g. types and sizes of exchanges, etc.) unless you require this information.

TELEPHONES

Reference is made to the STIPEL Carta Generale di Circuiti Interurbani, 1:300,000, as the symbol "Centre di rete" is a good description of the larger inter-urban exchange.

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noticed. Col. Millar has already submitted detailed reports which I do not propose to repeat. Also, in view of the fact that plants are practically intact, with the exception of carrier equipment removed by the Germans, I do not propose to submit details (e.g. types and sizes of exchanges, etc.) unless you require this information.

TELEPHONES

Reference is made to the STIPEL Carta Generale di Circuiti Interurbani, 1:300,000, as the symbol "Centro di rete" is a good description of the larger inter-urban exchange.

Esercizio of Milano. (Provinces of Milan and Pavia);
Percentage of subscribers connected, 95 %.
Milan. All "centri rete" working and connected as shew on the STIPEL diagram.
Pavia. All "centri rete" working. Pavia is connected direct to them all, except Stradella and Broni, which, however, can both be obtained through Voghera. None of the small interurban exchanges south of the River Po are working, having been destroyed by the Germans, or, earlier by the Partisans.

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Varese is connected to Milan, Como and Novara. Service in the Province is normal.

Esercizio of Bergamo. (Bergamo Province).
Subscribers connected, 90 %. All "centri rete" are connected except Presolana and Gromo. Bergamo is connected to Milan; Brescia, Como and Cremona.

Esercizio of Cremona (Provinces of Cremona and Mantova).
Subscribers connected, 80 %.

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Cremona. All "centri rete" are connected. Cremona is connected to Mantova, Milan, Brescia and Bergamo.
Mantova. All "centri rete" connected except Sermide, Ostiglia, Guidizzolo, Castiglione delle Stiviere and Rodigo. Mantova is connected to Cremona.

Esercizio of Brescia (Brescia Province).
Subscribers connected 70 %. All "centri rete" connected except Gargagno, Verteva, Ponte Caffaro and Vestona. Brescia is connected to Milan (5½, Cremona (2) and Bergamo (3) The situation in this province will not be so happy, as Fifth Army are busy setting up shop at Gargagno, and are taking a lot of trunks.

TELEGRAPHS

Province.	No; of offices open. Before the war;	No; of offices open. Now.	Remarks.
Como	192	192	)
Sondrio	41	41	) Service normal.
Varese	93	93	)
Pavia	85	56	Offices and plant in good shape, except south of the Po.
Bergamo	94	82	Offices and plant in good shape. Small amount of line damage.
Milan	136	12	See under " Lines ". Offices and plant in good shape, except that there is a shortage of Baudot and teleprinter equipment in Milan itself, but there is enough of this and of morse to give a reduced service.
Cremona	53	1	) Offices and plant mostly in
Mantova	150	1	) good shape but see under
Brescia	191	8	) Lines

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Overhead.

STIPEL are in fairly good shape.

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CIRCOLO. The general picture can be seen from the tabular statement above, namely, that the Northern Provinces are in excellent condition, while in Milan, and south-eastern provinces of Brescia, Cremona and Mantova, the position is most unsatisfactory.

Round Milan, all the main routes were badly damaged, and re-habilitation is not assisted by the fact that the Fifth Army are "re-arranging" the main eastern route Milan-Treviglio, etc. Brescia suffered badly from bombing, so far as lines are concerned. One bomb destroyed six of the cables leading from the Post Office to overhead routes outside the town, while another destroyed completely the main test cabin. Some of the main routes have also been badly damaged, and others are in use by the Army. Some line material has been transferred from Milan to Brescia, and a programme of repair has been initiated, which will connect the main centres via the secondary routes. For example, provisional crossing of the Po will be made to connect Codogno and Cremona to Piacenza, and thus get some connection the south. This necessitated a spot of liaison with the Circolo Directors of Milan, Brescia and Parma, boundaries of which all meet in the vicinity.

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I find the same difficulties as were encountered in the south, namely, that there is little or no co-ordination between the various Directors of Circolo. In addition to those already mentioned, the province of Mantova comes under the Circolo of Verona.

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STIPEL are extremely co-operative, and are getting down to the job properly.

Signals of 4th Corps and 14 L. of C. have been helping out with transport, but 4th Corps transport will be withdrawn in a few days.

Col. Darling states that there might be a Construction Section available to help after 7th June. (From what I have

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seen, I think this is only a pious hope, but " hope springs eternal ".)

Diagrams shewing the main telegraph and telephone connections are attached; also, the latest situation re V.F. as discussed with Major Ogden.

Capt. Gigli is worth his weight in gold.

It was arranged with STET that Ing. Travaglia would come up here from Rome with me . I was unable to bring him owing to a Regional order forbiddin civilians to be moved with the Region. If there is any way of getting him here to Milan, I have plenty for him to do.

G.W.CUMMING
Lt-Col. R.Signals.
Communications Officer.

28 May 1945.

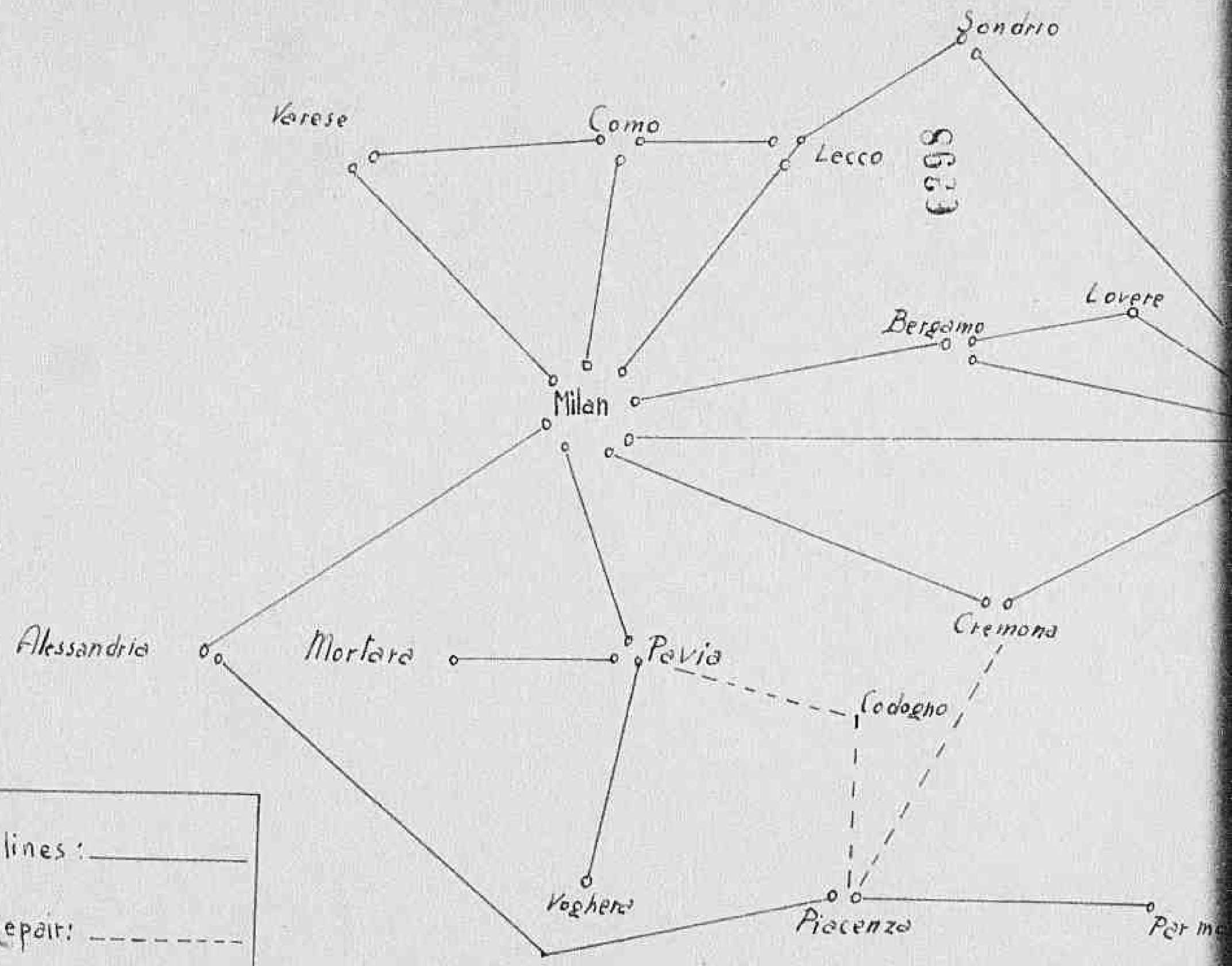
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MAIN TELEGRAPH CONNECTIONS



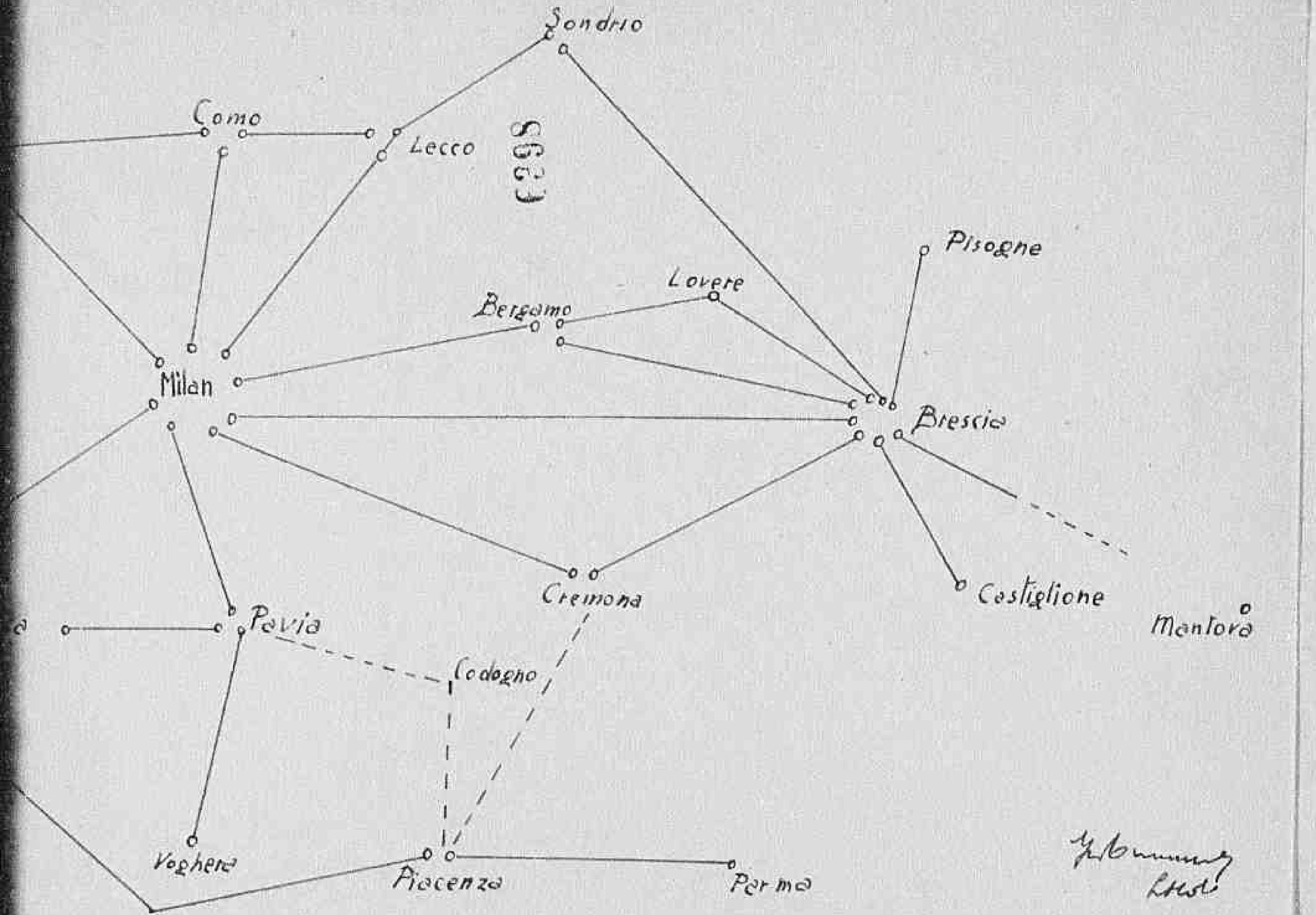
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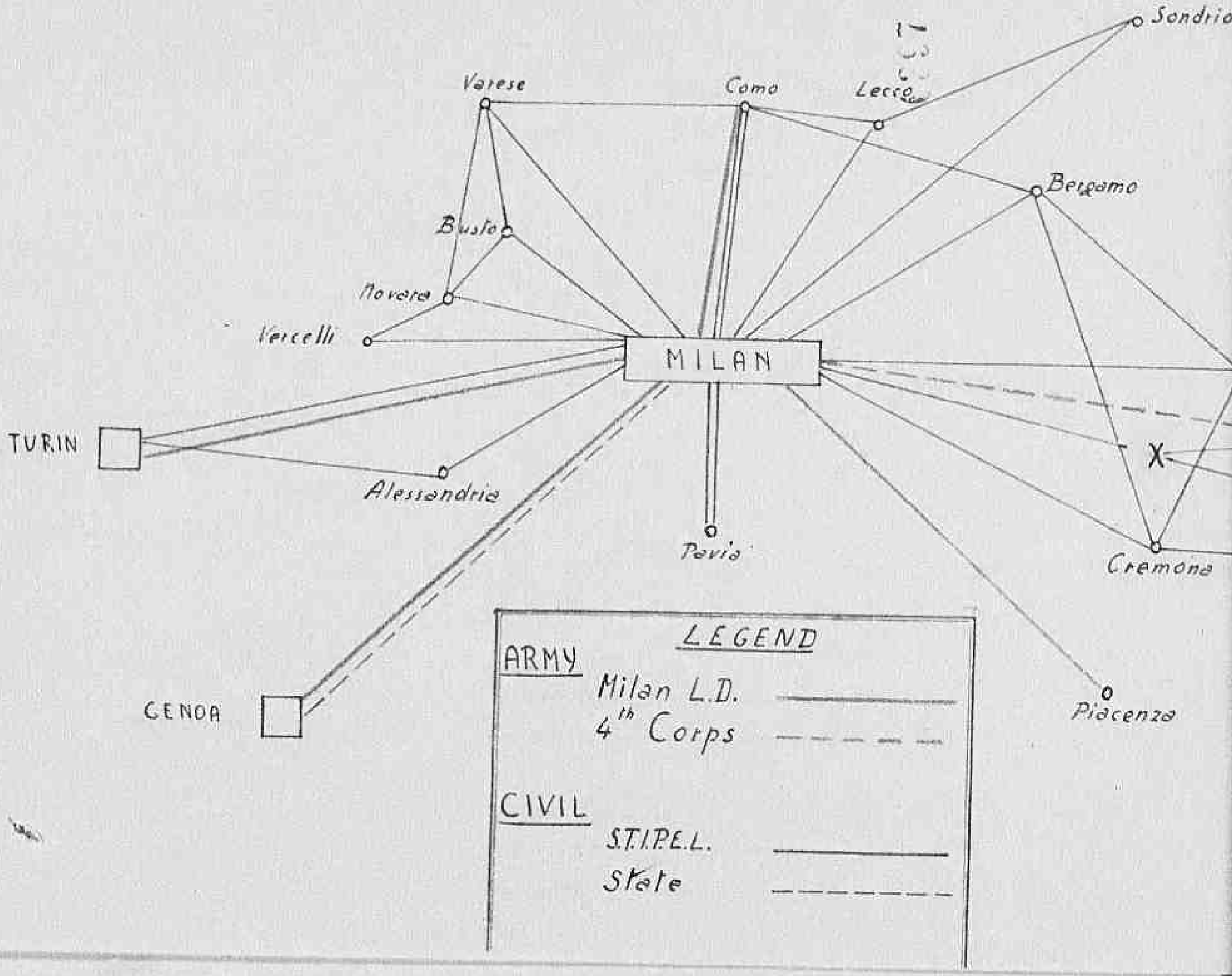
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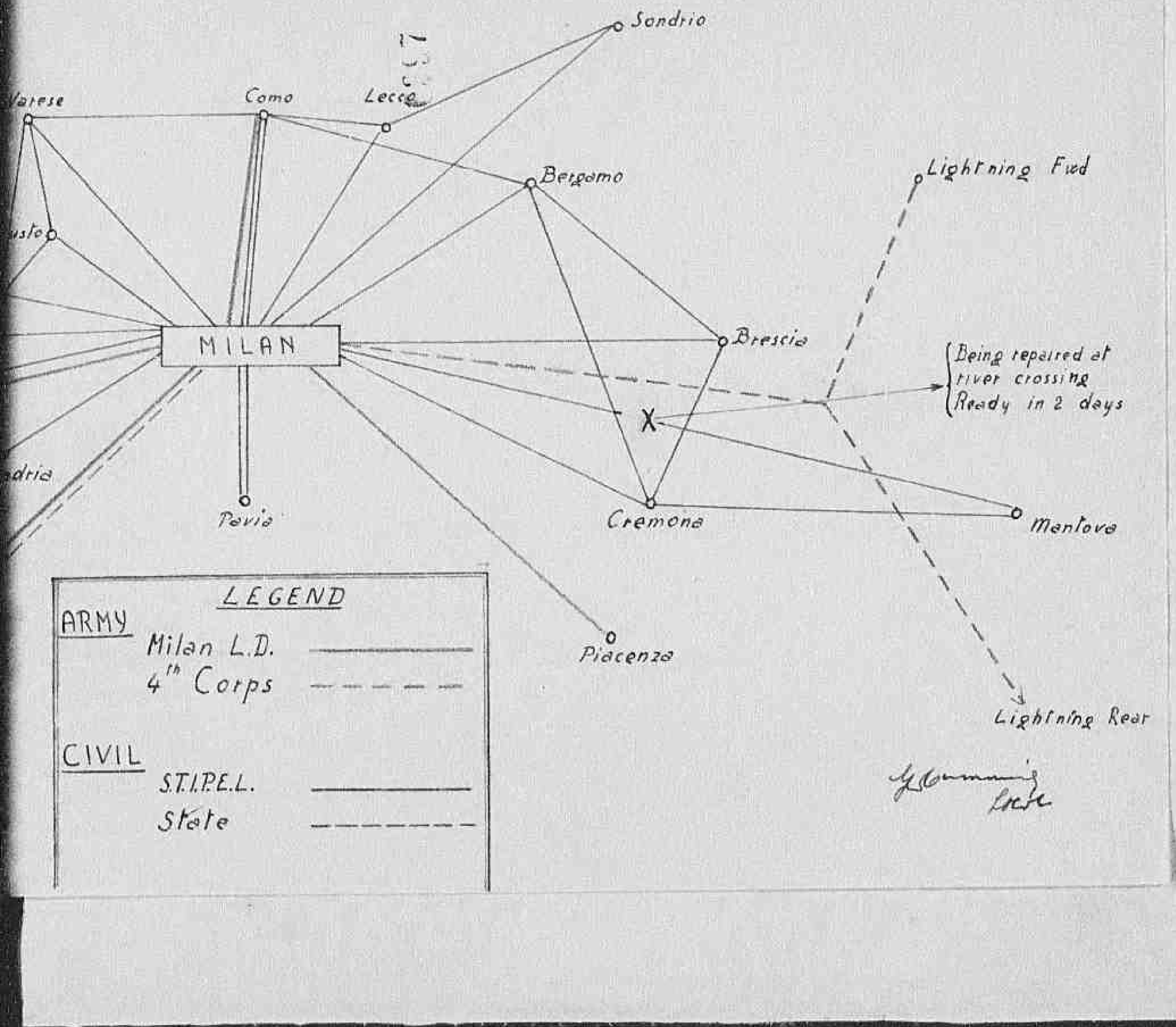
MAIN TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS FROM MILAN.



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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS FROM MILAN.

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V.F. EQUIPMENT

Situated.	Type.	No.	Channels.	Gen.tor.	Remarks.
Milan	Siemens	1	18	2	
	"	2	6	–	
Mestre	Siemens	1	18	2	Badly damaged.
	Siemens	1	12	–	
Trieste	Siemenns	1	12	2	
Genoa	Face	1	18	2	Installed by SIRTI.
Verona	Siemens	2	18	2	Channels 7-18 of both to go to Milan
(Rptr Stn)	"	3	12	–	
Bolzano	Siemens	2	12	2	German information only.
Fortezza	Siemens	2	12	–	1 to Milan. 1 to Turin.
		1	9	–	German information.
		2	12	2	Military type
Bologna	Face	1	18	1	To come from Rome.
Verona	Face	2	18	1	Originally from Genoa and Turin.

Hd. Qrs
Lombardia
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FINAL PICTURE VF

TURIN

12 Ch Siemens to come from FORTEZZA

also 4 wire xfer and ringing app.

12 Ch

MILAN

1 18 Ch. Siemens
1 6+12=18 Ch " — from Verona
1 6+12=18 Ch "
1 12 Ch Siemens to come from Fortezza
1 18 Ch SAFAR-? To be installed by SAFAR!
1 18 Ch "
1 18 Ch FACE (in SIATI store)

SPARE

VERONA

3 12 Ch Siemens
2 6 Ch " (ie ex-18 Ch less channels 7-18 to Milan

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18 Ch

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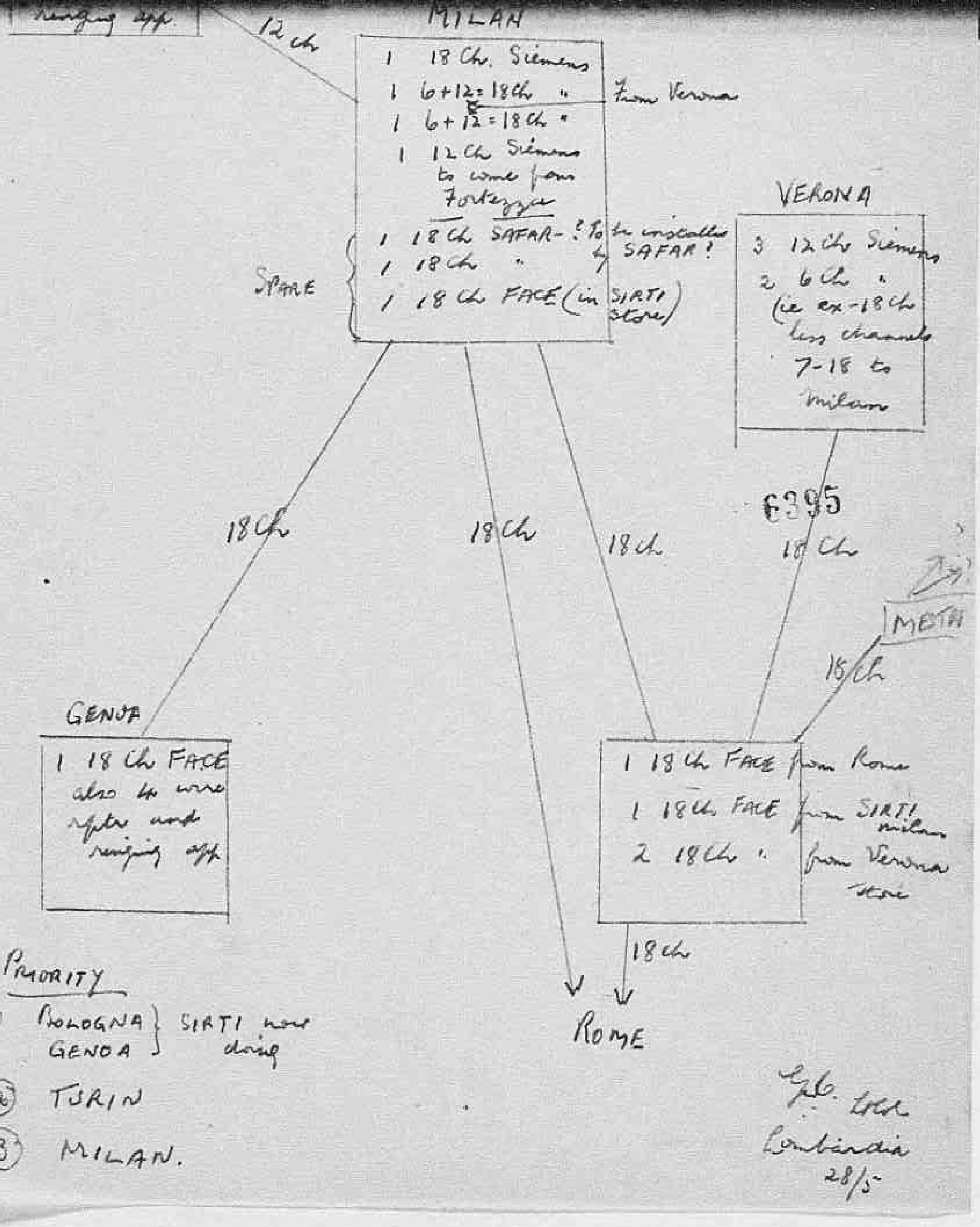
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GENOA

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4 June 1945

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

PR/COMMUN/R

SUBJECT: Monthly report on Telecommunications Piemonte Region -
TO : Executive SO (B)
FROM : Communications O

Attached is report on Telecommunications in Piemonte Region for the month of May for transmission to AC via 4 Corps.

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P.V. COLLYER Capt.
Regional
Communications Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

PR/COMMUN/R 2 June 1945

REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS FOR MONTH ENDED 31st MAY 1945

PIEMONTE REGION -

1. Officials contacted -

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The 500 line exchange at Novi Ligure has been destroyed, but here again skeleton service is provided by a manual board.

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(b) Lines - Great progress has ~~always~~ already been made in restoration of lines. The circuits (other than long distance State lines) listed as requisite in the Italian Government's scheme dated 15th. Sept. 1944, have already been restored in most cases and in some instances many more than the minimum listed are already working. A list of circuits activated in Piemonte is enclosed.

3. Telegraphs -

(a) Instruments - Have excaped damage for the most part and as soon as lines are available there will be no lack of apparatus to provide service practically on pre war scale.

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(b) Lines - A fair amount of damage has occurred to the owerhead routes of the Circolo. Theft of wire is also very prevalent and is being persued with the Public Safety Division.

The Circolo at Torino and Alessandria are practically without stores. In particular poles are required. Some have been obtained from the store of the Italian Genio Militare and work of restoration is proceding.

Transport is the great difficulty at the moment, but is in process of being overcome by local resources and by vehicles obtained from Signals sources.

I am of opinion that all essential Communications within the Region will be restored by the end of June.

R.V. Collyer. Capt.

P.V. COLLYER Capt.
Regional
Communications Officer

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ESERCIZIO DI NOVARA

Circuiti interurbani attivi al 30/5/45

Novara-Borgomanero	1
Novara-Arona	2
Novara-Baveno	1
Novara-Biandrate	1
Novara-Biella	1
Novara-Busto	2
Novara-Alessandria	1
Novara-Carpignano	2
Carpignano-Romagnano	1
Novara-Domodossola	1
Novara-Galliate	3
Novara-Ivrea	1
Novara-Magenta	1
Novara-Milano	9
Novara-Mortara	3
Novara-Oleggio	2
Novara-Torino	2
Novara-Trecate	2
Novara-Vercelli	6
Novara-Vespolate	1
Novara-Vigevano	2
Milano-Trecate	1
Vercelli-Alessandria	1
Vercelli-Biella	1
Casale-Trino	1
Vercelli-Casale	3
Vercelli-Cigliano	2
Vercelli-Gattinara	1
Vercelli-Ivrea	1
Milano-Vercelli	2
Vercelli-Palestro	1
Vercelli-Robbio	1
Vercelli-Romagnano	1
Vercelli-Santhià	1
Vercelli-Torino	1
Santhià-Tronzano	1
Gattinara-Romagnano	1

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Novara-Carpignano	2
Carpignano-Romagnano	1
Novara-Domodossola	1
Novara-Galliate	3
Novara-Ivrea	1
Novara-Magenta	1
Novara-Milano	9
Novara-Mortara	3
Novara-Oleggio	2
Novara-Torino	2
Novara-Trecate	2
Novara-Vercelli	6
Novara-Vespolate	1
Novara-Vigevano	2
Milano-Trecate	1
Vercelli-Alessandria	1
Vercelli-Biella	1
Casale-Trino	1
Vercelli-Casale	3
Vercelli-Cigliano	2
Vercelli-Gattinara	1
Vercelli-Ivrea	1
Milano-Vercelli	2
Vercelli-Palestro	1
Vercelli-Robbio	1
Vercelli-Romagnano	1
Vercelli-Santhià	1
Vercelli-Torino	1
Santhià-Tronzano	1
Gattinara-Romagnano	1
Crescentino-Trino	1
Cigliano-Borgomasino	1
Cigliano-Ivrea	2
Biella-Torino	1
Biella-Milano	1

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Aosta-Cogne	1
Aosta-S. Vincenzo	1
Aosta-Arvièe	1
Aosta-Valdigna	1
Aosta-Val di Rema	1
S.Vincenzo-Valtornenza	3
Valdigna-Cormaiore	1
Aosta-Ivrea	2
Ivrea-Castelverres	1
S.Vincenzo-Castelverres	1
Cigliano-Ivrea	1
Ivrea-Ponte S.Martino	3
Ivrea-S.Vincenzo	1
Ivrea-Castellamonte	1
Ivrea-Torino	1
Intra-Baveno	11
Intra-Cannobio	2
Intra-Laveno	1
Baveno-Cannobio	2
Arona-Baveno	2
Arona-Borgomanero	3
Arona-Busto	2
Arona-Domodossola	1
Arona-Milano	3
Arona-Oleggio	1
Arona-Sesto Calende	2
Arona-Stresa	5
Baveno-Busto	2
Baveno-Domodossola	2
Baveno-Gravellona	1
Baveno-Laveno	1
Baveno-Milano	11
Baveno-Omegna	2
Baveno-Ornavasso	2
Baveno-Sesto Calende	2
Baveno-Varese	1
Borgomanero-Orta	1
Domodossola-Ornavasso	1
Milano-Omegna	1
Omegna-Ornavasso	1
Omegna-Orta	1

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Ivrea-S.Vincenzo	1
Ivrea-Castellamonte	1
Ivrea-Torino	1
Intra-Baveno	11
Intra-Cannobio	2
Intra-Laveno	1
Baveno-Cannobio	2
Arona-Baveno	2
Arona-Borgomanero	3
Arona-Busto	2
Arona-Domodossola	1
Arona-Milano	3
Arona-Oleggio	1
Arona-Sesto Calende	2
Arona-Stresa	5
Baveno-Busto	2
Baveno-Domodossola	2
Baveno-Gravellona	1
Baveno-Laveno	1
Baveno-Milano	11
Baveno-Omegna	2
Baveno-Ornavasso	2
Baveno-Sesto Calende	2
Baveno-Varese	1
Borgomanero-Orta	1
Domodossola-Ornavasso	1
Milano-Omegna	1
Omegna-Ornavasso	1
Omegna-Orta	1
Domodossola-Milano	3
Domodossola-Iselle	1
Domodossola-Piedimulera	1
Domodossola-Premosello	1
Domodossola-S.Maria Magg.	1
Domodossola-Vogogna	1

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Iselle paese-Iselle stazione	1
Iselle-Trasquera	1
Borgomanero-Romagnano	1
Borgosesia-Romagnano	1
Borgosesia-Varallo	1
Carpignano-Romagnano	1
Gattinara-Romagnano	1
Rimasco-Varallo	1
Romagnano-Vercelli	1

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ESERCIZIO DI CUNEO

Circuiti interurbani attivi al 30/5/45

Cuneo-Saluzzo	1+1	
Cuneo-Busca	1	
Cuneo-Savigliano	5	
Cuneo-Bra	1	
Cuneo-Torino	2	
Cuneo-Dronero	1	
Bra-Alba	3	
Bra-Savigliano	3	
Bra-Torino	1	
Savigliano-Fossano	2	
Alba-Savigliano	2	
Alba-Torino	1	
Savigliano-Saluzzo	6	
Savigliano-Moretta	1	
Savigliano-Racconigi	1	
Fossano-Mondovì	1	(su cavo FF.SS.)
Fossano-Torino	1	

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ESERCIZIO DI ALESSANDRIA

Circuiti interurbani attivi al 30/5/45.

(Zona Piemontese)

Alessandria-Casale	2
Alessandria-Valenza	1
Alessandria-Felizzano	1
Alessandria-Tortona	2
Alessandria-Torino	2
Alessandria-Acqui	3
Alessandria-Novi	3
Alessandria-Vercelli	1
Alessandria-Asti	1
Alessandria-Milano	1
Alessandria-Novara	1
Alessandria-Bassignana	1
Casale-Torino	1
Casale-Milano	1
Casale-Vercelli	1
Casale-Valenza	1
Casale-Mirabello	1
Casale-Mombello	1
Casale-Vignale	1
Casale-Moncalvo	2
Casale-Serralunga	1
Novi-Tortona	1
Novi-Ovada	3
Acqui-Nizza	3
Acqui-Alessandria	1
Asti-Alessandria	1
Nizza-S.Stefano	1
Asti-Montechiaro	2
Asti-Moncalvo	2
Asti-Alessandria	1
Voghera-Tortona	1
Tortona-Casale	1
Cassano-Tortona	1

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Alessandria-Felizzano	2
Alessandria-Tortona	2
Alessandria-Torino	3
Alessandria-Acqui	3
Alessandria-Novi	1
Alessandria-Vercelli	1
Alessandria-Asti	1
Alessandria-Milano	1
Alessandria-Novara	1
Alessandria-Bassignana	1
Casale-Torino	1
Casale-Milano	1
Casale-Vercelli	1
Casale-Valenza	1
Casale-Mirabello	1
Casale-Mombello	1
Casale-Vignale	2
Casale-Moncalvo	1
Casale-Serralunga	1
Novi-Tortona	3
Novi-Ovada	3
Acqui-Nizza	1
Acqui-Alessandria	1
Asti-Alessandria	1
Nizza-S.Stefano	2
Asti-Montechiaro	2
Asti-Moncalvo	1
Asti-Alessandria	1
Voghera-Tortona	1
Tortona-Casale	1
Cassano-Tortona	1
S.Sebastiano-Tortona	1
Tortona-Isola S.Antonio	

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Circuiti interurbani attivi al 30/5/45.

Orbassano-Bruino	1
" -Rivalta	1
Pinerolo-Perosa	1
" -Torre Pellice	1
" -Cavour	1
" -Vigone	1
" -Cumiana	1
None-Volvera	1
" -Airasca	1
" -Scalenghe	1
" -Cercenasco	1
" -Castagnole	1
" -Candiolo	2
La Loggia-Vinovo	1
" -Piobesi	1
Chivasso-Brusasco	1
Rivarolo-Cuorgnè	1
Castellamonte-Cuorgnè	2
Cuorgnè-Ivrea	1
" -Pont	1
Ciriè-Lanzo	1
Torino-Leynì	1
" -Susa	2
" -Condove	1
" -Avigliana	1
" -Giaveno	2
" -Orbassano	3
" -Piossasco	2
" -Pinerolo	3
" -None	1
" -La Loggia	1

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" -Cumiana	1
None-Volvera	1
" -Airasca	1
" -Scalenghe	1
" -Cercenasco	1
" -Castagnole	2
" -Candiolo	1
La Loggia-Vinovo	1
" -Piobesi	1
Chivasso-Brusasco	1
Rivarolo-Cuorgnè	2
Castellamonte-Cuorgnè	1
Cuorgnè-Ivrea	1
" -Pont	1
Ciriè-Lanzo	1
Torino-Leynì	2
" -Susa	1
" -Condove	1
" -Avigliana	2
" -Giaveno	3
" -Orbassano	2
" -Piossasco	3
" -Pinerolo	1
" -None	1
" -La Loggia	1
" -Carignano	1
" -Carmagnola	5
" -Chieri	1
" -Asti	1
" -Gassino	3
" -Chivasso	2
" -S.Benigno	1
" -Rivarolo	1
" -Caselle	3
" -Ciriè	1
" -Lanzo	2
" -Druento	

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Torino-Alpignano	2
" -Pianezza	2
" -Candiolo	1
" -Ivrea	3
" -Biella	3
" -Vercelli	1
" -Cigliano	2
" -Novara	2
" -Novara oltre	3
" -Alessandria	2
" -Casale	1
" -Cuneo	3
" -Savigliano	3
" -Bra	1
" -Alba	1
" -Fossano	1
" -Aosta	1

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To: the Regional Commissioner Venezia Region
Copy to the Director Communications Sub Commission H.Q: A.C.I
From:- Communication Divn- Venezia Region

Subject monthly report.

Telephones. Here under is shown the position regarding the main Exchange in this area:-

NAME OF TOWN	TYPE OF EXCHANGES	CAPACITY	REMARKS	CONDITION OF BUILDING
Vicenza	Thomsom & western CB Manual	2.000	working	Small damage,glasse et
Padova	Ericson auto	5.000	working	No damage
Venezaa Mestre & Lido	Ericson auto	I0.700	working	No damage
Treviso	Ericson auto	2.000	working	Several doors etc damag
Belluno	Kelloy CB Manual	700	working	No damage
Rovigo	Western CB Manual	720	working	No damage
Verona	Ericson auto	4.000	working	Small damage
Udine	Western 6B Manual	2.I00	working	No damage
Gorizia	Kelloy C.B.Manual	I.000	no information	No damage
Pisino	Western Mag: Manual	50	no information	No information
Trieste	Siemens auto	I3.500	working(local)	Several damages
Trento	Standard auto	I.600	working	No Serious damage
Bolzano	Standard auto	3.000	working	Slight damage

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The interurban position is not too bad generally.
While the net-work received some damage especially in the areas of Trento, Bolzano, Udine & Rovigo. Interurban boards have not suffered greatly . The position is detailed below:-

NAME OF THE TOWN	N°OF POSITION ORIGINALLY	N°: WORKING	REMARKS
Bolzano	22	8	14
Trento	18	18	-
Verona	26	16	10
Belluno	5	5	-
Treviso	14	8	6
Mestre	40	20	20
Padova	32	20	12
Vicenza	10	10	-
Rovigo	5	5	-
Udine	8	8	-
Trieste	10	6	4

Dismantled & hidden from Germans: now being reinstalled

Repeater station . These have been less fortunate.

Padova , badly damaged, both repeating apparatus & power plant. Repairs to power plant already commenced.

Mestre, badly damaged: mainly telegraph harmonic system, filters valves meters,& control panel. Frequency generators apparently O.K. Power plant O.K.

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Verona	26	I6	I0	
Belluno	5	5	-	
Treviso	I4	8	6	
Mestre	40	20	20	
Padova	32	20	I2	
Vicenza	I0	I0	-	
Rovigo	5	5	-	
Udine	8	8	-	
Trieste	I0	6	4	

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Trento O.K.

Udine Badly damaged

Plezzo Badly damaged

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Telegraphs. Suffered badly,since the route carrying pratically all the telegraphs,ran along the railway & was badly blasted;what position of route were not knocked down,have had to be stripped & almost all pole reset, & CIRCOLO have been busy on this.

Below is the conditions of building & apparatus as far as I have been able to ascertain to date.

NAME OF TOWN	CONDITION OF BUILDING	CONDITION OF APPARATUS	REMARKS
Padova	Undamaged	Undamaged	
Venezia	Undamaged	Undamaged	
Treviso	Destroyed	Destroyed	installing morse in another building
Rovigo	Undamaged	Undamaged	

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General progress. Telephone service is rapidly coming back. Over 100 exchanges are now connected. The general state is as under:-

Province of Bologna some eight Exchanges connected
" " Trento " twelve " "
" " Belluno " sixteen " "
" " Vicenza " ten " "
" " Padova " ten " "
" " Rovigo " eleven " "
" " Treviso " eleven " "
" " Venezia " twelve " "
" " Verona + Udine an uncertain number are working, at least six or seven in each province.

Telegraphs. It will be some time before the telegraph net-work can be set in motion as such, but I have arranged for telegrams to be phonogramed over all TELVE lines at times when the trunks are not busy; so that a telegram can be sent to all places, which are connected by telephone: this system is working very well & is being well used.

Personnel are slowly being returned to their proper post of duty.

COMMUNICATIONS - G. VENEZIA REGION. A.M.G. Date 5/6/45

Major S.A.Hills
Cmn Divn Venezia Region
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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
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1 June 1945

Ref: EML/TELECOMS

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.
TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. At the end of May urban telephone service was ready for civilian subscribers in all of the provincial capitals in Emilia. In most instances this was made possible because the telephone central office plant had escaped damage but at Bologna, Modena and Ferrara service was reestablished by means of temporary switchboards.

2. At Bologna the single position manual switchboard which was first used to give service to essential civilian subscribers was replaced by a six position manual switchboard with a capacity of 1400 subscribers. Repairs to the telephone building are going forward and a tentative schedule has been set anticipating a completion date for 1 Oct. 1945 for 2000 lines on the dial central office which will be installed. At the same time a TIMO four position interurban switchboard will be ready.

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3. Before the end of June the dial central office at Modena will have been repaired making possible the reestablishment of telephone service for 1000 civilian subscribers.

4. At Forlì repairs have been made to the damaged dial central office but the facilities are being utilized by the District headquarters and other miscellaneous military units. A total of 1000 subscribers can be served and representations have brrn made to share the facilities with the military.

5. Work to establish telephone service for 400 subscribers at Cesena is going forward and it is expected to be completed before the end of June.

6. At Rimini where the telephone building was totally destroyed new quarters have been secured and a small switchboard with a capacity of 100 subscribers is to be established. Service should be available before the end of June.

7. Interurban civilian telephone service was extended into Emilia Region with the circuits between Bologna and Florence. Other interurban telephone services have been started, notably Piacenza-Fidenza-Parma, and considerable progress is anticipated during June with the hope that all provincial capitals will be linked up.

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8. Repairs are being made to the Bologna telegraph office and with anticipated allocations of circuits over military routes it is expected that civilian telegraph service will be reestablished with the south and with the provincial capitals before the end of June. In addition the Circolos are working to get lines to the several communes in all provinces and it is anticipated that civilian telegraph service will gradually, thereby be extended generally.

9. Contacts have been made with adjoining regions and with the military in connection with the reestablishment of communications. In addition, at the request of the Fifth Army Signal Officer I have assisted in the restoration of the civilian local distribution [redacted] telephone plant at Verona. I have further coordinated activities looking toward the ultimate withdrawal of German attendants in the repeater stations of Verona, Ala, Trento, Bolzano and Fortezza and the substitution of the normal Italian personnel. In doing this I have worked closely with the military authorities controlling the repair and operation of the

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cable and repeater stations including Fifth Army Signals, 1 U. S. Cable Company, Chief Signal Officer L. of C. and Chief Signal Officer 15 Army Group.

Richard H. Ayre

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

Copy to:

Regional Commissioner - Emilia
Hq. 5th Army G-5 Section.

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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: TOS/TELECOMS

Date: 1 June 1945

SUBJECT: Montly Report, Toscana Region

TO : Director, Communications S/C Hq. AC.

1. General. The month of May was marked by the release of the remainder of the Region for telephone and telegraph service and the return to Italian Government control of Arezzo, Grosseto and Siena Provinces.

With the cessation of hostilities and the beginning of redeployment, the military requirements of administrtive circuits are almost as great as those previously required for operations and therefore not as many circuits have been released for civil use as was hoped. However the following have been allocated and are now in use for civil telephone service:

Florence	- Rome	2
"	- Bologna	2
"	- Siena	1
"	- Arezzo	2
"	- Pisa	2
"	- Lucca	2
"	- Leghorn	2
"	- Pistoia	2
Leghorn	- Pisa	2
Lucca	- Viareggio	2

Civil tele phone service is available to all provincial capitals of Toscana Region except Massa. Grosseto, due to continued military needs must be reached via Rome.

Civil telegraph service is available to all provincial capitals and principal comunes except Livorno and Massa. Work is underway to connect these and should be completed shortly.

2. Apuania Province. In this Province the Provincial Headquarters has service thru Lucca but no civil service has been reactivated as yet. Due to long continued military operations the pole lines are badly damaged. Local service can be reactivated in Carrara as soon as electricity is available.

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3. Florence Province. In the Florence area the Vittoria exchange began functioning on 26 May with a capacity of 1000 direct lines and with 500 duplex lines under repair. On the same date the 100 line Castello exchange was reactivated. A temporary 200 line

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exchange is being prepared at Fiesole. Effective 1 June subscribers south of the Arno will be connected as fast as the limited facilities will permit. New rates became effective during the month and restrictions as to the number of calls relaxed.

The total number of subscribers in the Florence area now amount to 8780 divided as follows:

Centro Exchange		8130
Vittoria	"	300
Rifredi	"	247
Sesto	"	103

The telegraph traffic of Florence during May showed almost a 100% increase over April with 18389 telegrams received and 20019 sent.

Telegraph service has been reestablished to Prato, Pistoia, Montecatini, Lucca, and Pisa, as well as many smaler communes.

At Empoli the capacity of the dial exchange has been increased by 100 lines to a total capacity of 300 of which 160 are now connected.

4. Lucca Province. A temporary exchange of 100 subscribers capacity has been installed in Viareggio.

5. Leghorn Province. The dial exchanges at Leghor and Ardenza were ativated on 6 May with a combined capacity of 2000 subscribers of which 95 only are working. Use by the military of the local cable plant limits additional reconnections to some extent.

6. Pisa Province. Repairs to the cable network at Pontedera have been completed sufficiently to begin service to a limited extent. Small exchanges have been reactivated in Salina and Villamagna.

7. Pistoia Province. Automatic exchanges have been reactivated in Monsummano, Pieve a Nievole, and Montecatini Alto with capacities of 50, 20 and 20 subscribers respectively.

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1st Lt. Sig. C.
Asst. Telecommunications Officer.

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Copy to:-
Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, AMG.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

91. Communications

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 09TH NOT

Message Centre No: E/4739

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 1210300

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: KELLS VOKEIR

TO : ACTION COMMUNICATIONS SC AIDOM

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Report despatched 5th.

ACTION

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Action - Communications SC
Info - Chief Commissioner
File 2
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13 JUN 1945
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Chief. Telecoms
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H. Q., Comm. O.
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Date 13/6/45.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R.I.

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 06 1ET

Message Centre No: E/4117

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 061020B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: HQ FIFTH ENTE REGION AMG

TO : HQ ALCOM COMMUNICATIONS SC

IN CLEAR

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1. Ref signal 9123.

2. Direct reports forbidden.

3. Report covering month of May passed through this Hq 3 June and forwarded by this Hq to IV CORPS for onward transmission 5 June.

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Action - Communications

Info - Chief Commissioner
File 2
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ALCOM PIEMONTE REGION FOR COLLYER RPTD VENEZIA REGION FOR
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9123 5 JUNE 1945 ROUTINE

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MONTHLY REPORT NOT RECEIVED PD

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489081 Ext: 555

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNEMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

MAY 1945.

Owing to lack of personal transport, and the fact that Regional HQ were not permitted to enter Milan earlier, I did not reach Milan until 10 May, 14 days after leaving Rome. Ten of these days were spent at Mantova, and the opportunity was taken to visit the Provinces in the eastern side of the Region. In the meantime, Lt-Cols Scudder and Millar were holding the Milan fort nobly, and my absence from the Adv. Tele-Coms Board was probably unnoticed. Col. Millar has already submitted detailed reports which I do not propose to repeat. Also, in view of the fact that plants are practically intact, with the exception of carrier equipment removed by the Germans, I do not propose to submit details (e.g. types and sizes of exchanges, etc.) unless you require this information.

TELEPHONES

Reference is made to the STIPEL Carta Generale di Circuiti Interurbani, 1:300,000, as the symbol "Centro di rete" is a good description of the larger inter-urban exchange.

Esercizio of Milano. (Provinces of Milan and Pavia);
Percentage of subscribers connected, 95 %.
Milan. All "centri rete" working and connected as shew on the STIPEL diagram.
Pavia. All "centri rete" working. Pavia is connected direct to them all, except Stradella and Broni, which, however, con both be obtained through Voghera. None of the small interurban exchanges south of the River Po are working, having been destroyed by the Germans, or, earlier by the Partisans.

Esercizio of Como. (Provinces of Como, Sondrio and Varese)
Subscribers connected, 90 %. All "centri rete" connected.
Como.is connected to Milan, Varese and Busto. Service in

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Como.is connected to Milan, Varese and Busto. Service in the province is normal, except that Menaggio is not yet connected to Tremezzo.
Sondrio is connected to Milan and Lecco and with Valtellina. In and around Tirano, about 50 % of the subscribers have not yet had the service restored, owing to line damage. Repairs proceeding.
Varese is connected to Milan, Como and Novara. Service in the Province is normal.

Esercizio of Bergamo. (Bergamo Province).
Subscribers connected, 90 %. All "centri rete" are connected except Presolana and Gromo. Bergamo is connected to Milan; Brescia, Como and Cremona.

Esercizio of Cremona (Provinces of Cremona and Mantova).
Subscribers connected, 80 %.

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Cremona. All "centri rete" are connected. Cremona is connected to Mantova, Milan, Brescia and Bergamo.
Mentove. All "centri rete" connected except Sermide, Ostiglia, Guidizzolo, Castiglione delle Stiviere and Rodigo. Mantova is connected to Cremona.

Esercizio of Brescia (Brescia Province).
Subscribers connected 70 %. All "centri rete" connected excepT Gargagno, Vertova, Ponte Caffaro and Vestona. Brescia is connected to Milan (5), Cremona (2) and Pergamo (3) The situation in this province will not be so happy, as Fifth Army are busy setting up shop at Gargagno, and are taking a lot of trunks.

TELEGRAPHS

Province.	No; of offices open. Before the war;	Now.	Remarks.
Como	192	192	)
Sondrio	41	41	) Service normal.
Varese	93	93	)
Pavia	85	56	Offices and plant in good shape, except south of the Po.
Bergamo	94	82	Offices and plant in good shape. Small amount of line damage.
Milan	136	12	See under " Lines ". Offices and plant in good shape, except that there is a shortage of Baudot and teleprinter equipment in Milan itself, but there is enough of this and of morse to give a reduced service.
Cremona	53	1	) Offices and plant mostly in
Mantova	150	1	) good shape but see under
Brescia	191	8	) " Lines "

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LINES

Cable.
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LINES

Cable.
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STATE. The Milan-Turin cable is damaged between Altavilla and Turin, and is under repair. One Milan-Genoa cable has been repaired; the other, though not broken, is in bad condition. The Milan-Bologna cable is under repair by SIRTI. The repeater station at Monte Beccaria has been destroyed. Keith is more pessimistic than usual about the condition of those cables repaired by the Germans, and has submitted a report on the subject to CSO L. of C. I have asked him for a copy of his report, which I will send to you.

Overhead.
STIPEL are in fairly good shape.

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CIRCOLO. The general picture can be seen from the tabular statement above, namely, that the Northern Provinces are in excellent condition, while in Milan, and south-eastern provinces of Brescia, Cremona and Mantova, the position is most unsatisfactory.

Round Milan, all the main routes were badly damaged, and re-habilitation is not assisted by the fact that the Fifth Army are "re-arranging" the main eastern route Milan-Treviglio, etc. Brescia suffered badly from bombing, so far as lines are concerned. One bomb destroyed six of the cables leading from the Post Office to overhead routes outside the town, while another destroyed completely the main test cabin. Some of the main routes have also been badly damaged, and others are in use by the Army. Some line material has been transferred from Milan to Brescia, and a programme of repair has been initiated, which will connect the main centres via the secondary routes. For example, provisional crossings of the Po will be made to connect Codogno and Cremona to Piacenza, and thus get some connections the south. This necessitated a spot of liaison with the Circolo Directors of Milan Brescia and Parma, boundaries of which all meet in the vicinity.

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I find the same difficulties as were encountered in the south, namely, that there is little or no co-ordination between the various Directors of Circolo. In addition to those already mentioned, the province of Mantova comes under the Circolo of Verona.

The general situation in the south-east is not so bad as it appears on the statement. Outside the provincial capitals, the secondary lines are in fair condition, and once the routes out of these towns have been straightened out, conditions will improve rapidly.

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The Capo Servizio of Telegraphs, Comm. Alfredo Giberti, and the Director of the Experimental Institute of Communica- have been suspended. At the request

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The Capo Servizio of Telegraphs, Comm. Alfredo Giberti, and the Director of the Experimental Institute of Communications, Ing. TullioGorio, have been suspended. At the request of C.L.N., four State telephonists have also been suspended. In the Azienda di Stato, the man from Rome, Fariello, was very suspicious about Director, Baldini, his assistant, Pepe, the i/c Administration, Zamma, and the Ragionieri, Nicolecchia and Crisante. He wanted them suspended but it was agreed that they might remain at theyr posts in the meantime as there are no replacements. Col. Scudder and Dott. Fano are aware of the position.

STIPEL are extremely co-operative, and are getting down to the job properly.

Signals of 4th Corps and 14 L. of C. have been helping out with transport, but 4th Corps transport will be withdrawn in a few days.

Col. Darling states that there might be a Construction Section available to help after 7th June. (From what I have

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seen, I think this is only a pious hope, but " hope springs eternal ".)

Diagrams shewing the main telegraph and telephone connections are attached; also, the latest situation re V.F. as discussed with Major Ogden.

Capt. Gigli is worth his weight in gold.

It was arranged with STET that Ing. Travaglia would come up here from Rome with me . I was unable to bring him owing to a Regional order forbiddin civilians to be moved with the Region. If there is any way of getting him here to Milan, I have plenty for him to do.

G.W.CUMMING
Lt-Col. R.Signals.
Communications Officer.

28 May 1945.

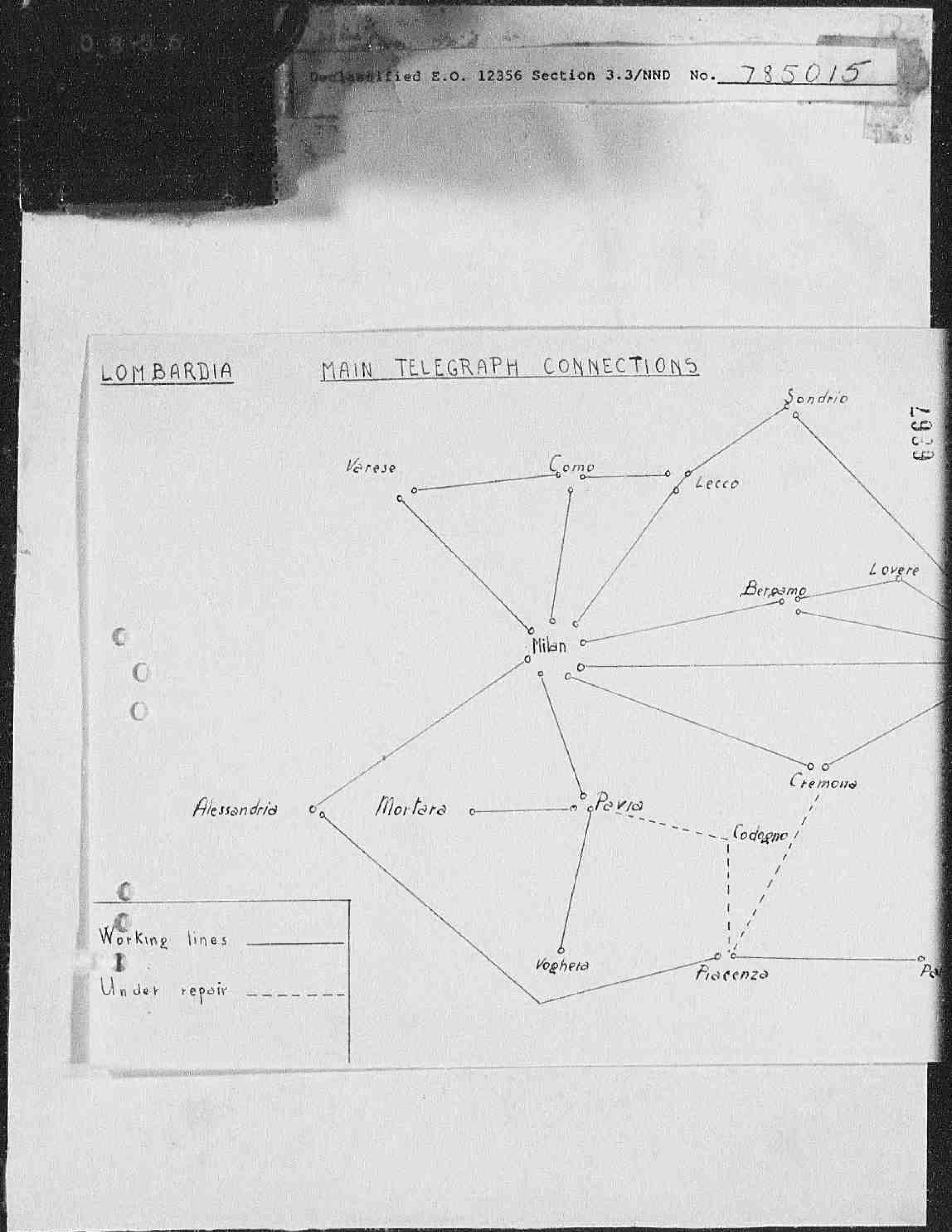
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MAIN TELEGRAPH CONNECTIONS



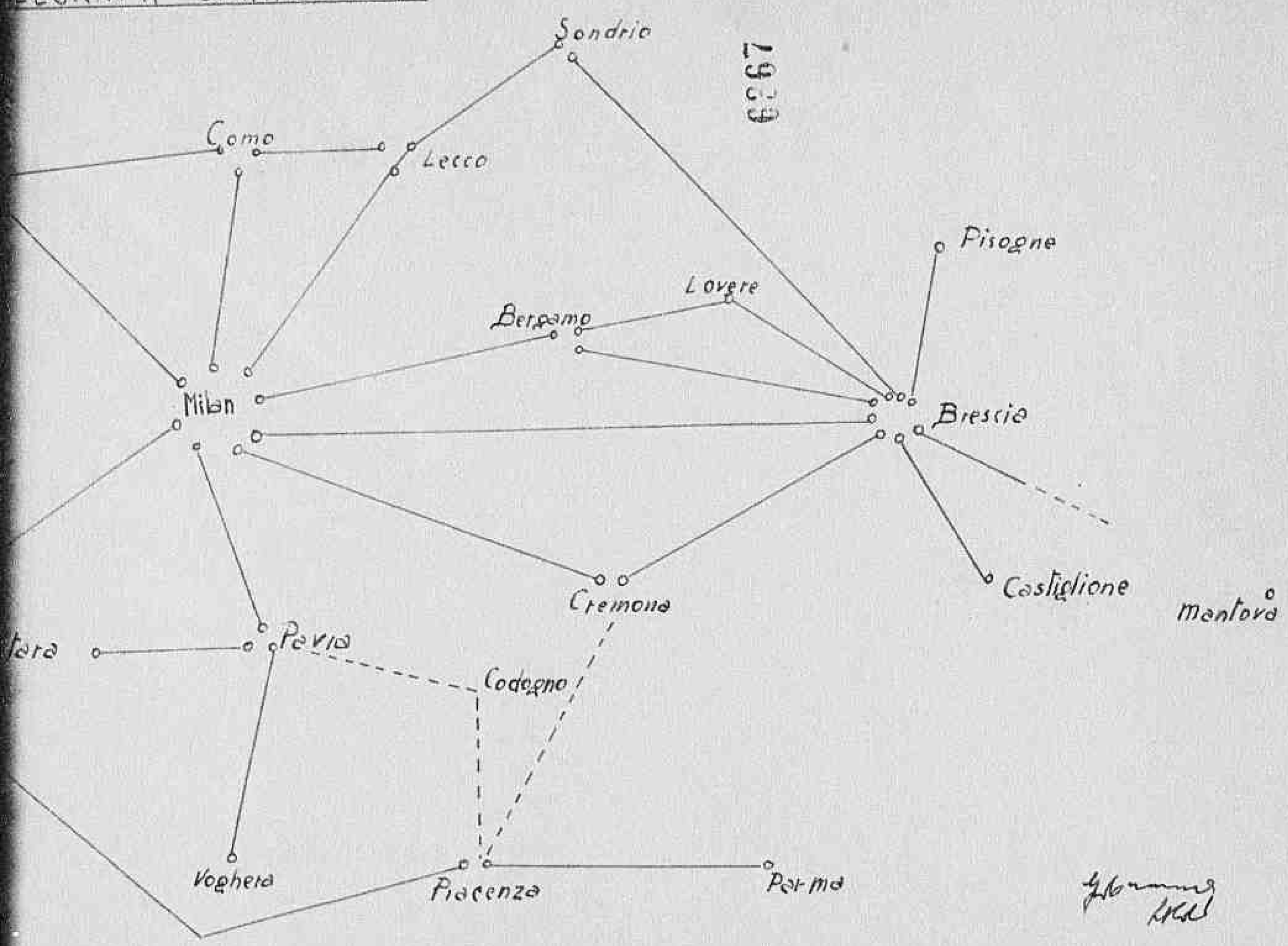
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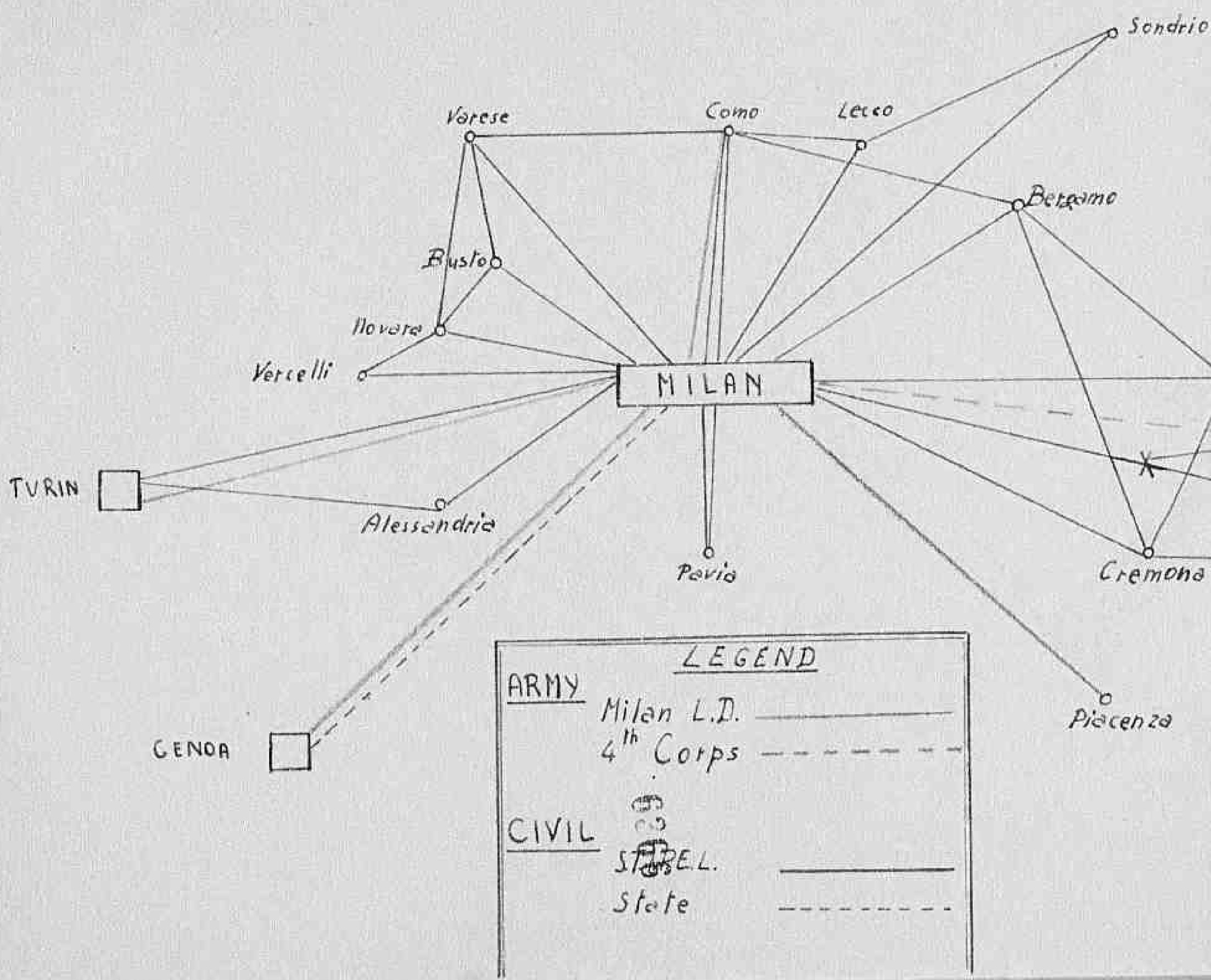
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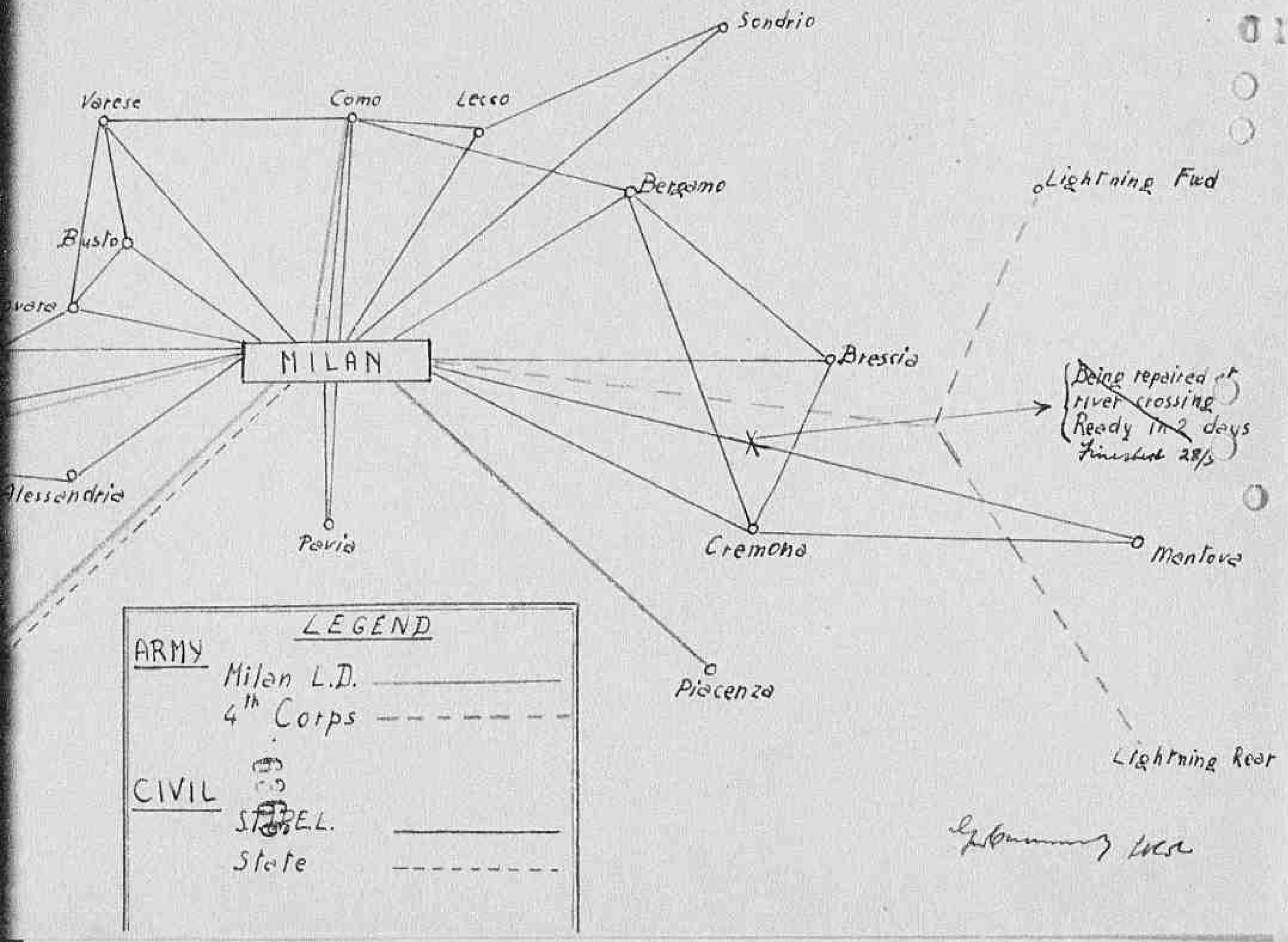
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TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS FROM MILAN

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V.F. EQUIPMENT

Situated.	Type.	No.	Channels.	Gen.tor.	Remarks.
Milan	Siemens	1	18	2	
	"	2	6	–	
Mestre	Siemens	1	18	2)	Badly damaged.
	Siemens	1	12	–)	
Trieste	Siemenns	1	12	2	
Genoa	Face	1	18	2	Installed by SIRTI.
Verona	Siemens	2	18	2	Channels 7–18 of both to go to Milan
(Rptr Stn)	"	3	12	–	
Bolzano	Siemens	2	12	2	German information only.
Fortezza	Siemens	3	12	–	1 to Milan. 1 to Turin.
		1	9	–	German information.
		2	12	2	Military type
Bologna	Face	1	18	1	To come from Rome.
Verona	Face	2	18	1	? Originally from Genoa to Turin.

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We have also changing from Queen Mary

Lt. Col. Lombardi 29/5

FINAL PICTURE V F.

Ufficio Milano

TURIN

12 Ch. SIEMENS
to come from
Fortezza.
also 4 wire offs
+ ringing offs

12 Ch.

MILAN

1 18 Ch. Siemens
1 6 (+12 = 18 Ch) "
1 6 (+12 = 18 Ch) "
1 12 Ch Siemens to
come from Fortezza

from Verona

Spare { 1 18 Ch SAFAR. ? To be installed by SAFAR
1 18 " "
18 " FACE (in SIRTI store)

VERONA

3 12 Ch Siemens
2 6 Ch "
(ie old
18 Ch terminals 7-18
to Milan)

18 Ch

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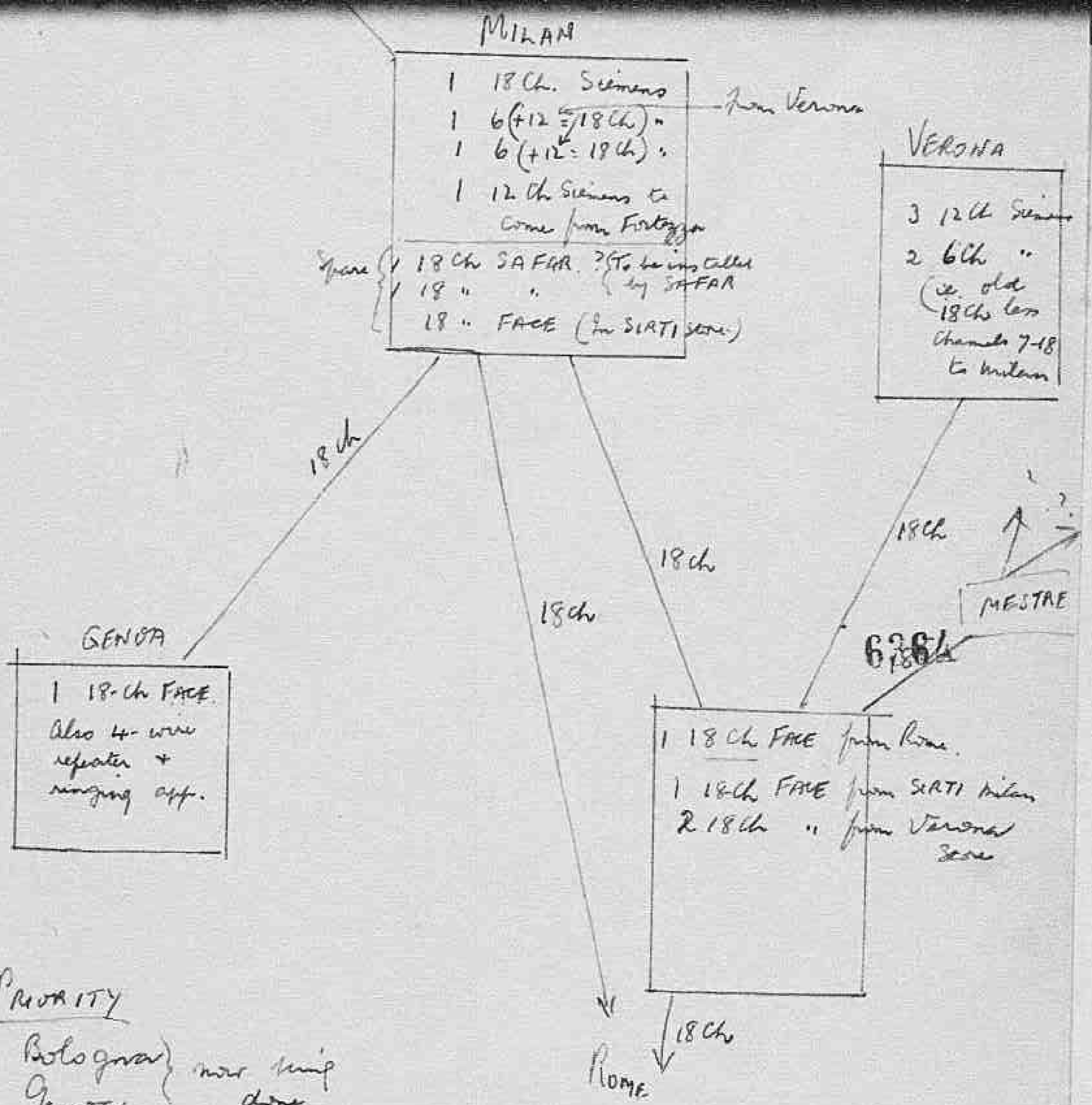
MESTRE

GENOA

1 18-Ch FACE
Also 4-wire
repeater +
ringing offs.

1 18 Ch FACE from Rome
1 18 Ch FACE from SIRTI Milan
2 18 Ch " from Verona
Store

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PRIORITY

(1) Bologna, Genoa } now being done

(2) Turin

(3) Milan.

Item is on from Letter 9 Sept with Cecchi + Ryder except that Ryder has waived the services of supply of the s/k. He detailed them to me for Lombardia Hotlin.

Gpt. Lord Lombardia 28/9

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Holds for Lt Col Miller 88
Free from

1. Telecommunications

A. Telephone

(1) Local

(a) Progress in the reopening of exchanges continues, the more important being:-

Roccastrada, Pescia, Parma, Reggio (Emilia), Piacenza, Pesaro, Farno, Urbino.

(b) The capacity of Florence centro exchange has been increased and repairs to Florence Vittoria completed. Total working lines in Florence are now 8067.

(c) Bologna main telephone exchange is destroyed but temporary service has been arranged for 40 essential subscribers Installation of a 1200 line manual exchange is in hand.

(d) The automatic plant at Lucca has been re-activated and the two position manual board released to augment the equipment at Pistoia.

Automatic equipment at Leghorn and Ardenza is ready for service and the two position manual board will be sent to Pisa to afford extra facilities.

At Siena the automatic equipment will now cater for 1200 lines and at Forli the repairs are practically complete.

(II) Inter Urban

(a) There have been no important developments this month but services have been extended to a number of small towns in Perugia, Ancona, Macerata, Grosetto and Siena.

B. Telegraphs

(1) No very important extensions this month except the following:-

Foligno - Macerata
Florence -Empoli

(11) The telegraph equipment at Bologna has suffered only superficial damage and at Modena there is no damage.

C. Stores

Additional stores have been drawn at Naples. Recovery of wire from damaged routes in the Florence area amounts to 26 tons of iron and 102 tons of copper wire.

Some stores have been located at Bologna through the co-operation of the Italian State officials - the actual details and amounts are not yet available.

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D. Training of Allied Personnel.

On request from the Signal Officer 5th Army, arrangements were made at Florence for the telephone company (TETI) to give a two week course of instruction on Siemens Halske automatic equipment to 14 members of the Allied Armed Forces. (2 officers and 12 enlisted men)

E. Liaison in Italian Controlled Territory

Owing to the withdrawal of Major Bridgeman from Naples, Major Hawker has taken over Liaison work in respect of the area from the South to the Northern boundaries of Lazio and Abruzzi.

L.G.HAWKER
Major
Liaison Telecomms
Officer, R.A.A.C.

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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Date 3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

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

1. During the month of April the Forli telephone central office was repaired making available for service a limited number of lines that are to be shared by military and essential civilian subscribers. It is expected that service will be started during May.

2. As the A.M.G. member of the Advance Telecommunications Board, Bologna, I arrived in Bologna on Saturday 28 April 1945. Contacts were immediately made with the local civil telephone and telegraph authorities and arrangements made for military and civil communications requirements.

3. The main telephone central office at Bologna was destroyed and the entrance cables to the telegraph office were damaged. Only superficial damage was done to the telegraph equipment.

4. A small switchboard making possible the installation of forty lines for essential civilian subscribers in Bologna was made ready and approval secured for starting such service. Installation of a twelve hundred line manual switchboard was started and the expanded service will be ready within about three or four weeks. A four thousand line dial system will be ultimately installed when repairs have been made to the building. Probably four months will elapse before the dial system will be ready for service.

5. The telephone systems at Parma, Reggio Emilia, and Piacenza were not damaged and are operating for local service. Only relatively minor damage was done at Modena, Imola, and Ferrara and repairs are underway. It is planned to have a limited service ready for essential civilian users at Modena, Ferrara, Imola, Ravenna, Rimini and Cesena during the month of May.

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6. There was no damage done to telegraph equipment at Modena and although the true situation at the other provincial capitals id not known it is believed that they have escaped damage.

7. The telephone company officials and personnel and the State officials Azienda di Stato and Circolo Constructions, were found to be qualified and cooperative everywhere. There is evry evidence that care was exercised

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on their part to save equipment and material from the Germans. Switchboards, dial equipment, telegraph equipment, mail sacks, stamps, wire, cable and other miscellaneous supplies were found hidden in various places voluntarily made known to us.

Richard H. Ayre

Richard H. AYRE,
Major Sig.C.,
Telecommunications Officer,
Emilia and Toscana Regions.

Copy to:-

Regional Commissioner, Emilia Region, AMG.
Headquarters, 5 Army AMG.

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TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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File Ref: TOS/TELECOMS

Date: 3 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

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

1. This is to supplement the regular monthly report dated 1 May 1945 for the purpose of recording an additional activity accomplished during the month of April.

2. At the request of the Signal Officer, Fifth Army through the office of the C.S.O. L. of C. Advance I arranged for the instruction of a group consisting of two officers and twelve enlisted men in Siemens Halske dial telephone central office systems.

3. The course of instruction extended over a period of two weeks. The schedule was set up by staff of the telephone company at Florence and one of their chief technicians acted as instructor.

4. All of the members of the class had had previous dial equipment experience in the United States. Both the Army Officials and the members who received instruction are enthusiastic in their praise for the work done by the telephone company and particularly that of the instructor.

Richard H. Ayre

Richard H. AYRE,
Major Sig.C.,
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Toscana Region.

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Copy to:-

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File Ref: TOS/TELECOMS

Date: 1 May 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

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

1. During the Month of April no additional provinces were opened for telephone or telegraph communication but the existing service was expanded in the provinces where permitted; namely Grosseto and Siena for both telephone and telegraph with Arezzo and Florence south of the Arno for telegraph only. In other sections circuits and equipment were repaired in anticipation of an early release of other provinces for intra-provincial or inter-provincial service.

The recovery of wire along damaged routes continued with the following amounts now stored at Florence:-

Iron wire 26 tons
Copper wire 102 tons

A large part of this can be repaired and due to the scarcity of wire will be very useful in restoring service.

2. In Apuania Province it has been determined that the equipment in the telephone exchange at Massa was removed by the Germans and subsequen= tly destroyed, but that the exchanges of Carrara, Marina di Carrara and Marina di Massa were not badly damaged.

3. In the Florence area work continues on the repairs to the civil telephone exchanges and outside plant. The capacity of the Centro exchange has been raised to 8600 direct and 1500 duplex lines and the percentage of selectors in use is being increased in order to improve the service.

The Vittoria exchange has been repaired with a capacity of 1000 lines and is expected to go in service as soon as testing is completed. Transfer of subscribers in this area, who are now being served by the Centro exchange, to the Vittoria exchange will provide facilities for subscribers in the area south of the Arno where service will be available upon completion of the cables being installed across the river.

The total number of subscribers in the Florence area now amounts to 8067 divided as follows:-

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Centro Exchange		7761
Rifredi	"	208
Sesto	"	98

The telegraph traffic of Florence during the month showed a total of 10,877 telegrams received and 10,328 transmitted. Telegraph service reestablished from Florence to Montelupo and Empoli.

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4. In the Grosseto Province the dial exchanges of Roccastrada and Orbetello were reactivated with capacities of 30 and 90 lines respectively. Both have telephone connection with the rest of the Province.

A total of 15 additional telephone circuits have been reactivated in the province to provide service to isolated villages or augument existing facilities.

5. On the 14 April the automatic exchange at Lucca was reactivated with a capacity of 600 lines of which 172 were in use at the cut-over. This releases a two-position manual switchboard for use at Pistoia where the existing equipment is becoming overloaded.

6. The automatic exchanges at Leghorn and Ardenza are ready to be reactivated with a total capacity of 2000 lines. This will release a two-position manual switchboard for use elsewhere, possibly Pisa where present facilities are expected to become crowded.

7. In Pistoia Province an interurban switchboard has been installed at Montecatini awaiting permission to reestablish long distance service. A 40 lines manual board has been installed at Pescia to furnish local service for that commune.

8. The capacity of the Siena dial exchange has been increased to 1200 lines of which 650 are in use for civil and military service. The 20 line automatic exchange of Villa di Corsano has been reactivated and connected with Siena.

William R. Rushing

William R. RUSHING,
1st Lt. Sig.C.,
Asst. Telecommunications Officer.

Copy to:-

Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region, A.M.G.

Headquarters 5 Army A.M.G.

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Marche

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FILE No. H/53.

PERUGIA 29/April 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Report.

TO : The Communications Sub Sectn.

Copy to Regional Commissioner Umbria-Marche Region.

During the past month it has been possible to procure 6 trucks for the use of the Circolo, and constructions in this areas have been progressing.

The following Telephone exchanges have been put into service .

Perugia Province
PERUGIA to. . . . . .PALAZZO
" " to. . . . . .PARLESCA
" " to. . . . . .TRESTINA
" " to. . . . . .S.ORFEO
" " to. . . . . .SOLOMEO
SPOLETO to. . . . . .CERRETO diSPOLETO

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Ancona Province
SENIGALLIA to. . . . . FALCONARA
" " " to. . . . . OSTRA VETERE
" " " to. . . . . OSTRA
" " " to. . . . . JESI
JESI to. . . . . CHIARAVALLE

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	OSIMO	To. . . . . (S.PATERNIANO (CAMPOCAVALLO

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SASSOFERRATO to. . . . . (ARCEVIA
(GENGA
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CA BERNARDI. FABRIANO. - CERRETO d'ESI

PESARO PROVINCE — PESARO- FANO - and URBINO (all local service only)

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" " . . . . . UMBERTIDE

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" " " . . . . . GIANO UMBRIA

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" " " . . . . . GIANO UMBRO
" " " . . . . . CASENOVE
" " " . . . . . CASTEL DEL PIANO UMBRO
" " " . . . . . COLFIORITO

PESARO PROVINCE — MUCCIA to . . . . . FOLVERINA

ATTIFO and CESI di MACERATA.

Major S.A.HILLS
Communications Divn.
Marche-Umbria Region.
) Hills Major R.A.F.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY.

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To: DIRECTOR, Communicat. Sub-Commiss. A.C.
Inf: SIGNAL OFFICER R.A.A.C.
Sub: Monthly report - April 1945.
Ref: Comms. G/4. 2 May, 1945.

1. Change of assignment.

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On 18th April advised Maj. Bridgeman relieved from duty Naples and I was to take over Liaison work for liberated Italy.

2. Visits.

9th - 11th April at Perugia handing over Marche-Umbria files to Major Hills.

24th - 28th April at Naples dealing with outstanding cases and establishing contacts with P.B.S., No. 3 District, and C.S.O. L of C.

3. Circuit requests from Military.

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4. Circuit requests from civilians.

Viminale-Vatican: cable pair released by R.F.C. from San Silvestro-Viminale.

Rome-Bracciano - private wire for Ministry of War, authority to use carrier obtained from R.A.A.C.

Viminale (State and Coy MDF s) pairs released by R.F.C. for civilian special services.

Viminale (State and Coy MDF s) suggestion to Ministry of Communications to provide new cable as spares nearly exhausted.

Rome-Frosinone, possibility of additional cable circuit discussed with CSO. L of C.

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5. Recovery of material.

Authority obtained from R.A.A.C. to recover wire from Route 45 - Cabina Aurelia-La Storta.

Authority obtained from R.A.A.C. to recover wire from Route Acquasanta-Ciampino.

6. Civilian surveys.

Circolo di Roma completed survey of Albinia-Bivio Ponticelli and Ministry of Communications have been asked to put circuits through in anticipation of extension to Grosseto and Viterbo.

Circolo di Roma made survey Viterbo-Orvieto and Orvieto-Città del Pievi routes in anticipation of service from Rome to Siena.

7. Miscellaneous.

Rome-Frosinone route extended by Circolo di Roma to Ceccano and Ceprano for ultimate connection to Naples.

Enquiries in hand regarding location of beds and lockers removed by German forces from Viminale and now in use by Allied Forces.

Monitoring facilities at Rome L.D. Exchange - permission to use existing facilities refused by C.S.O. L.of C. Alternative arrangements under discussion with Azienda.

Ancona-South: telephone service authorised and S.T.E.T. advised to set up Ancona service.

Several meetings with Ing. Bifulco and Ing. De Vecchis regarding traffic matters and an analysis of tickets from Naples L.D. Exchange is in hand.

L.G. Hawker

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L.G. Hawker, Major,
Liaison Officer A.C.
Office of the Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

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TO. CSO HQ 2 DISTRICT
SIGNAL OFFICER, 4 U.S. CIRPS
O.C. 14 L OF C SIGNALS (2 COPIES - 1 FOR
O.C. SIGNALS 151 SUB AREA)
O.C. ADV. TELECOMMS. BD. MILAN.
DIRECTOR TELECOMMS. SUB- COMMISSION, ROME.

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ADVANCE TELECOMMS. BD.
TURIN.

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THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN TURIN AS AT 0900 HOURS 6TH MAY, 1945.

1. THE TOWN AUTO AND UNDERGROUND SYSTEM ARE IN PERFECT ORDER AND WORKING. NO STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO CEASE THE INSTALLATIONS AS NO DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE AND THE CITY AS A WHOLE IS CONTROLLED BY THE PARTISANS. THIS POLICY HAS BEEN CO-ORDINATED WITH O.C. 91 RECCE BN, THE OPERATIONAL COMMANDER.

2. THE INTERURBAN 'STIPEL' EXCHANGE IS WORKING WITH CIRCUITS TO CANDIOLO, NONE, CUNEO, CASELLE, CIRIE, PINEROLO, CONDOVE, ALPIGNANO, PIANEZZA, AND RIVOLI. IT IS ANTICIPATED THET IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CONNECT CIRCUITS TO XXX ASTI AND ALESSANDRIA IN TWO OR THREE DAYS TIME. TWO CIRCUITS TO MILAN HAVE BEEN CONNECTED VIA CHIERI AND VERCELLI.
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3. THE STATE EXCHANGE IS NOT WORKING, BUT UNDAMAGED.

4. ALL REPEATERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY THE GERMANS FROM THE STATE REPEATER STATION. 'STIPEL' STATE HOWEVER THAT THIS WILL NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECT TRANSMISSION WHEN THE MAIN STATE CABLE IS CONNECTED, AS THESE REPEATERS WERE MAINLY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUITS TO FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.

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AS SOON AS THIS CABLE IS THROUGH, CIRCUITS TO AOSTA AND SURROUNNDING DISTRICTS WILL BE CONNECTED.

6. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE EXCHANGE AND ALL EQUIPMENT AT ALLESSANDRIA HAVE BEEN DESTROYED. THIS DOES NOT AFFECT THE MAIN STATE CABLES EXCEPT AS REGARDS A REPAIRABLE BREAK, AS THE MAIN REPEATER STATION IS AT SAN GUILIANOVA AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS IS INTACT. NO INFORMATION IS OBTAINABLE WITH REGARD TO THE CIRCUITS TO GENOA AS THE CIRCUITS PASS OUT OF 'STIPEL' CONTROL. THE POSITION WILL BE INVESIGATED AND REPORTED ON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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8) THE STORES SITUATION GENERALLY IS SATISFACTORY. PETROL IS OF COURSE SHORT, BUT THE BOARD CAN KEEP THE EXTERNAL PARTIES SUPPLIED UNTIL NORMAL SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE. THE ONLY OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENT IS 50 GALLONS OF DIESEL FOR OPERATING THE DIESEL ENGINE ON THE SPECIAL REPAIR WAGON. THIS WILL GREATLY FACILITATE THE REPAIR OF THE STATE 'UG' CABLE.

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10. THE SCUOLA DI GUERRA WHICH WAS THE SUGGESTED LOCATION OF 151 SUB AREA HQ IS UNINHABITABLE. FROM THE SIGNALS POINT OF VIEW THE MOST SUITABLE BUILDING IS THE ALTI COMMANDANTI BULDING WHICH IS THE PARTISANS HQ AND WAS THE GERMAN MILITARY HQ. THIS CONTAINS A 200 LINE AUTO PBX WITH 100 SUBS. EXTENSIONS. 15 OUTLETS TO CITY AUTO AND A TEN LINE PBX FOR TRUNK CIRCUITS. THIS BUILDING WOULD APPEAR TO BE SUITABLE IN OTHER RESPECTS FOR A MAJOR HQ.

CAPTAIN R. SIGNALS,
O.C. ADVANCE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD,
TURIN.

MAY 6, 1945.

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Date 14 MAG 1945

1. Telecommunications

A. Telephone

(I) Local

(a) Progress in the reopening of exchanges continues, the more important being:-

Roccastrada, Pescia, Parma, Reggio (Emilia), Piacenza, Pesaro, Parmo, Urbino.

(b) The capacity of Florence centro exchange has been increased and repairs to Florence Vittoria completed. Total working lines in Florence are now 8067.

(c) Bologna main telephone exchange is destroyed but temporary service has been arranged for 40 essential subscribers Installation of a 1200 line manual exchange is in hand.

(d) The automatic plant at Lucca has been re-activated and the two position manual board released to augment the equipment at Pistoia.

Automatic equipment at Leghorn and Ardenza is ready for service and the two position manual board will be sent to Pisa to afford extra facilities.

At Siena the automatic equipment will now cater for 1200 lines and at Forli the repairs are practically complete.

(II) Inter Urban

(a) There have been no important developments this month but services have been extended to a number of small towns in Perugia, Ancona, Macerata, Grosetto and Siena.

B. Telegraphs

(1) No very important extensions this month except the following:-

Foligno - Macerata
Florence -Empoli

(ii) The telegraph equipment at Bologna has suffered only superficial damage and at Modena there is no damage.

C. Stores

Additional stores have been drawn at Naples. Recovery of wire from damaged routes in the Florence area amounts to 26 tons of iron and 102 tons of copper wire.

Some stores have been located at Bologna through the co-operation of the Italian State officials - the actual details and amounts are not yet available.

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Date 14 MAY 1945

HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: EMI/TELECOMS

Date: 3 May 1945

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Director, Communications Sub-Commission, Headquarters, AC.

1. During the month of April the Forli telephone central office was repaired making available for service a limited number of lines that are to be shared by military and essential civilian subecribers. It is expected that service will be started during May.

2. As the AMG member of the Advance Telecommunications Board, Bologna, I arrived in Bologna on Saturday 28 April 1945. Contacts were immediately made with the local civil telephone and telegraph authorities and arrangements made for military and civil communication requirements.

3. The main telephone central office at Bologna was destroyed and the entrance cables to the telegraph office were damaged. Only superficial damage was done to the telegraph equipment.

4. A small switchboard making possible the installation of forty lines for essential civilian subscribers in Bologna was made ready and approval secured for starting such service. Installation of a twelve hundred line manual switchboard was started and the expanded service will be ready within three or four weeks. A four thousand line dial system will be ultimately installed when repairs have been made to the building. Probably four months will elapse before the dial system will be ready for service.

5. The telephone systems at Parma, Reggio Emilia and Piacenza were not damaged and are operating for local service. Only relatively minor damage was done at Modena, Imola and Ferrara and repairs are underway. It is planned to have a limited service ready for essential civilian users at Modena, Ferrara, Imola, Ravenna, Rimini and Cesena during the month of May

6. There was no damage done to telegraph equipment at Modena and although the true situation at the other provincial capitals is not known it is believed that they have escaped damage.

7. The telephone company officials and;personnel and the State officials Azienda di Stato and Circolo Construction, were found to be qualified and cooperative everywhere. There is every evidence that care was exercised on their part to save equipment and material from the Germans.

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File Ref: AMG/TELECOMS

Date: 2 April 1945

SUBJECT Monthly Report

TO : S.C.A.C. , A.M.G. Eight Army [redacted].

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1. Activities during the month of March as regards civil telephone and telegraph restoration were confined to visits to various installations and negotiations looking toward reactivation of such services for which the necessary approval may be granted.

2. Cooperation was given to the military in the way of furnishing supplies and labor requested in connection with the reconstruction of the Forli dial telephone central office. It is expected that this office will be ready for service during April and adequate reservations are being made to give service to a considerable number of essential civilian subscribers when approval for such service is received.

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Richard H. Ayre.

Richard H. AYRE,
Major Sig. C.
Telecommunications Officer.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
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To: Director Communications Sub-Commiss. A.C.
(attent. Lt. Col. Millar).

Sub: Monthly report in respect Abbruzzi-Marche Region.

Ref: Comms. G.4.

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Date 12 APR 1945

7 April, 1945.

TELEPHONES.

1. General progress has continued and authority has now been received to allow local telephone service in Pescara Province. TIMO have been instructed to proceed accordingly.

2. At Macerata owing to military changes the telephone exchange is being handed over to civilian personnel, who are arranging to use English speaking operators and to serve such military units as may remain. The military changes will probably enable further connections to be made shortly.

3. Progress is being maintained in connecting the smaller offices - in particular the following offices have been re-activated:-

Corridonia Station
Crispiero (phonogram)
Gagliole "
Laverino "
Sefro "
Seppio "

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Service has been established from Macerata to Visso and work is in hand to extend the line to Terni.

LINES.

4. The military have now released a Macerata-Ancona pair to TIMO.

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5. Ancona. One of the requisitioned rectifiers has been released by R.E.M.E., but unfortunately it is damaged (believed burnt out) and, therefore, out of use at present.

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A request for sulphuric acid was passed to the State who have indicated supplies are available but require assistance for transportation.

6. Ascoli. Some eight or nine Post Office officials were suspended by an unofficial Epuration Committee. Included in this was the Chief Telegraph Inspector. A.M.G. action resulted in the re-instatement of all, pending proper investigation.

7. R.A.F. School Sulmona.

5 tons of 3 mm. bronze wire has been received by TIMO at Sulmona from Naples.

L.G. Hawker, Major,
Liaison Officer A.C.
Office of the Signal Officer R.A.A.C.

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY.

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File Ref: TOS/TELECOMS

Date: 1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report

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

1. Heghlights accomplished during the month of March in the progress towards resumption of civil telephone and telegraph in Tuscany are the following:

a) Extension of inter-provincial telephone service into Grosseto province.
b) Resumption of civil telegraph service in the City of Florence and in Florence province south of the Arno and in all of Arezzo province.

Grosseto is the only province in Toscana Region for which inter-provincial telephone service has been authorized altho intra-provincial service is authorized and has been resumed in Siena province.

In addition to the telegraph services being offered in Florence and Arezzo the facilities are also functioning in Grosseto and Siena provinces.

2. The civil telephone network was further extended in Grosseto province making possible the resumption of service to the following places:

Saturnia
Panicale
Preselle
Polverais
S.Martino
Poggio Murella
Campaune

3. Local telephone service was resumed with the establishment of central offices in the following towns:

Sinalunga
Piombino
Pontedera
Sesto

4. There was continued expansion of telephone service in the Florence City local service area and by the end of March there were more than 7500 active subscribers. The Centro central office which serves the main part of Florence is now ready for 10.000 subscribers and repairs to the outside plant are being carried out so that service may be restored to that capacity.

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4. In this connection, it is expected that considerable relief will be afforded to the southern part of the City during April with the completion of new cables across the Arno.

5. A new three hundred line three position switchboard was installed at Pisa. The single position switchboard which had been serving the city as a temporary means is being held for possible use in one of the forward areas.

6. Both the Lucca and Leghorn dial central offices are about ready for use and it is planned to place them in service during the month of April. This will improve greatly the scope of service in both cities altho civilian services in Leghorn will be restricted because of lack of distribution plant. Incidentally, the reactivation of these dial offices will release four additional switchboard position for use elsewhere.

7. Both the Florence and Pisa Circolos continued their activities salvaging material and rebuilding damaged wire routes. A direct telegraph circuit was established between Siena and Grosseto and another between Siena and Florence greatly facilitating transmission between those cities. Other circuits were also rebuilt and placed into service in the provinces of Grosseto, Siena; Arezzo and Florence altho the respective provinces are by no means adequately served at the present.

8. Additional telegraph routes have been put in readiness in areas not yet authorized for service. Consequently, service may be resumed in such places as Livorno, Pisa, Lucca, Montecatini, Pistoia, Prato and Empoli within a short time after approval is granted.

9. The fact that telegraph quarters at Siena, Arezzo and Leghorn have been requisitioned by military units has not made easier the restoration of telegraph service for public use.

Richard H. Ayre 6341

Richard H. AYRE,
Major Sig. C.
Telecommunications Officer.

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

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SB.1/187. 28 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Report for March 1945.

TO : Headquarters Southern Region AC APO 394.

1. SCT. made a net gain of 356 telephones in Naples and a gain of 585 in all other exchanges in their system, the biggest gain being at Castellammare where 324 were added .SCT.connected the following Long Distance lines:

Naples-Aversa.
Naples-Avellino.
Naples- Benevento.

The local telephone office at Gaulonia was reopened during the month.

2. Circolo Naples reactivated the following circuits:

Caserta - Piedimonte d'Alife
Piedimonte- Castello di Alife-
S.Gregoirio di Alife.
Naples - Salerno
Naples - Torre del Greco.
Naples - Castellammare.
Naples - Pregnano
Caserta - Aversa.

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3. Circolo Salerno reactivated 7 telegraph offices in the Salerno Province,5 in Avellino and 2 in Potenza Province. Much outside plant work is under way and many other offices will soon be opened.

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4. Circolo Bari completed considerable work on existing telegraph lines.

5. Azienda di Stato had a 11% increase in L.D.calls over the previous month. Two toll positions are now being installed.Six additional Naples-Rome circuits were added. A Rome-Sicily telegraph and telephone circuit was made available relieving the load in the Naples toll board.

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Major,AUS.
Communications Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394.

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To: Communications Sub-Commiss. A.C.
Through Regional Engineer of
Lazio Umbria Region.

Sub: Technical report for March 1945.

Ref: G 4/11.

for urgent only. Lt Col Tech.
Chief Ltg Sec AFHQ.
Rly & Ln Sec.

30 March, 1945.

I TELEPHONES.

1. Exchanges have been opened at:-

Braciano	Manziana
Acquapendente	Tolfa
Sermoneta	Monte Rotonda
Sabaudia	Colle Ferro

2. Work continues on repairs to the following circuits:-

Littoria - Priverno	1
Frosinone - Sora	1

3. The following circuits have been established:-

Rome-Monte Rotondo	1	
Orvieto-Acquapendente	1	
Frascati-Palestrina	1	(2 in all)
Palestrina-Colle Ferro	1	
Viterbo-Celleno	2	
Viterbo-Orvieto	1	(2 in all)

4. The following high-frequency channels have been activated

Rome-Tivoli	2
Rome-Viterbo	3
Rome-Civitavecchia 3	3

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Rome-Civitavecchia	3

5. The release of the following circuits from the military have been secured:-

Rome-Bracciano	1
Frosinone-Anagni	1
Anagni-Terentino	1
Civitavecchia-Grosseto	1
Rome-Naples	4 additional circuits.

(Two of these will be used to establish one circuit each Rome-Bari and Rome-Palermo).

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II TELEGRAPH.

1. A telegraph circuit via the State cable Rome-Florence has been released by the military.

2. The following telegraph circuits have been completed:-

Frosinone-Ceprano	1
Viterbo-Orte	1

3. Work is progressing satisfactorily on the route North to Viterbo and Grossete.

4. The following telegraph circuits have been established by simplexing telephone circuits:-

Perugia-Foligno
Foligno-Spoleto-Terni
Perugia-Todi.

L.G. Hawker
Major G.L.
Communications Officer AMG.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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Monthly Telecommunications Report - February 1945

A. Telephone

1. Lazio-Umbria Region.

a. Local service: (1) Exchanges were repaired or installed at Accettazione, Assisi, Costa de Castello (new auto. exchange), Gualdo Tadino, Agello, Nozzano, Poggio Mirteto, Ficulle, Mignano, La Quercia, San Martino, and Monano. Ostia automatic exchange is also ready for service but power is not available.

(2) Since the reopening of the provincial service at Perugia, some 80 exchanges have been restored to service.

(3) Damage to Foligno exchange has been repaired and now consists of 2 urban positions and two inter-urban positions. It has an equipment capacity of 480 lines.

b. Inter-Urban service:

(1) Inter-provincial service for Terni and Perugia Provinces was authorised, and this service was begun.

(2) The Rome - Frascati cable was restored to service.

(3) Additional circuits have been completed as follows:

Rome - Poggio Mirteto	1	Rome - Civitavecchia	1
Rome - Civita Castellano	1	Terni - Foligno	1
Orvieto-Ficulle	1	Perugia - Foligno	1

(4) Repairs are in hand to the following:

Littoria - Preverno	1
Frosinone - Sora	1
Orvieto - Acquapendente	1

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The Frosinone-Ceprano two circuit route has been released from military use. This will simplify restoration of service to Sora, Isola di Liri and Ceprano.

c. Miscellaneous: A threatened strike of the TETI employees on Feb. 1st was averted by joint concessions of the company and of the employees after reference to, and helpful action by, the Regional Labour Officer.

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2. Abruzzi-Marche Region

a. Local service: A few exchanges have been restored to service in each of the provinces of the Region.

b. Inter-Urban service:

(1) Inter-provincial service was authorised for Ascoli and Macerata provinces. The Ascoli service was restored, but Macerata awaits the completion of circuit in hand.

(2) H.F. Carrier equipment is in course of repair and installation to provide an Ascoli - Rome circuit. C.S.O. No.1 District is investigating the possibility of installing civil H.F. carrier on an ANCONA - JESI military circuit, to enable service to be given to Fabriano via Jesi.

(3) C.S.O. No.2 District will lend a truck to enable work to be completed on the Two TIMO pairs Aquila - Sulmona in connection with the R.A.F. School needs.

(4) The question of allocation of abandoned lines previously in Allied use in the interior of Chieti province was discussed with 15 L.of C. Sigs. who have indicated routes now free, or free except for one pair.

3. Toscana Region

a. Local service:

(1) Local and intra-provincial service has now been restored in 55 towns or villages in Grosseto province and 18 in Siena province. In the other provinces of liberated Toscana, service has now been restored in 14 cities and towns, the working subscribers numbering 6000 in Florence and 1500 in the rest.

(2) In Emilia, local service is not in operation to any extent. Surveys indicate that service for essential civilian subscribers could be given without great difficulty in the principal cities. Enquires are being made to determine to what extent civil activities may be begun at this time. 63.6

b. Inter-Urban services:

(1) Authority was given for the opening of inter-provincial service at Grosseto. A circuit will be available shortly from military sources. An overhead line Rome - Grosseto which avoids No. 1 route and is not in military use has been surveyed and permission to use this route has been requested from C.S.O., L.of C.

(2) Both Firenze and Pisa Circolo(s have reconditioned routes in the North of Toscana to the various provincial capitals and several are now ready for use.

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(3) Firenze Circolo has now collected 77 tons Bronze and 18 tons iron salvaged wire. Both C.S.O., L.of C. and Signals Corps have been helpful with the loan of transport in Toscana Region.

4. Southern Region:

a. Local service:

(1) Over 700 additional telephones were connected in the Region.

(2) Service was restored at Gioia Taura.

b. Inter-Urban service:

(1) The following circuits were brought into use:

Naples - Castellamare
Naples - Salerno
Naples - Pozzuoli

(2) Several measures were completed to lighten the load on the Naples State inter-urban board.

B. Telegraphs.

1. Lazio - Umbria Region

a. Service was opened to Siena and Ancona, the former on a superaudio harmonica working on a Rome - Firenze telephone circuit, and the latter on four composite circuits supplied by C.S.O., L.ofC. There is some distortion on the latter but at least a Morse service can be given.

b. Superimposed circuits have been created on the following routes:

Rome - Rieti	1	(Making 3 circuits in all)
Rome - Terni	2	(" 3 " " ")
Terni - Rieti	1	(" 2 " " ")

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c. The telegraph cable at Perugia is under repair.

d. As the transport difficulties of the Ministry of Communications in Rome area have been eased a little, work has now been resumed on the main Rome - Viterbo and Rome - Civitavecchia routes to the North.

2. Abruzzi-Marche Region:

a. Additional offices have been connected to the general network in Ascoli, Teramo, Pescara, Chieti and Aquila provinces.

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b. C.S.O. has confirmed that civil telegraph circuits may be erected on the State costal route between Pescara and Ancona.

c. Permission has been given to open a service to Pesaro. This will be difficult as all routes Pesaro - Ancona are fully loaded with military circuits. C.S.O., L.of C. has been asked whether a circuit of any type may be allocated.

3. Toscana Region:

In connection with the opening of Siena for telegraph traffic, circuits were established between Siena and Asciano, Torrenieri, Montalcino, Paganico and Batignano. It is hoped that the Siena - Batignano line will shortly be extended by the additional 8 ~~routes~~ to Grosseto, giving direct Siena - Grosseto contact.

4. Southern Region:

18 telegraph offices were restored to service, and a number of additionil telegraph lines were erected. e.g. Salerno S.Gennaro (4 wires).

C. Stores:

Notification was given by A.F.H.Q that stores would now be supplied to the Italian Government in accordance with a previous requisition from this HQ. Arrangements are in progress with the Government for the collection of and correct accounting for the material.

D. Re-organization of Regions:

As a result of the recent re-organization of Regions Telecomms Officers will now cover the following areas:

Lt.Col.Cumming	Lombardia Region
Capt.Collyer	Toscana and Liguria Region
Major Hills	Venezia Region
Major Ayre	Toscana and Emilia Regions. 6334
Major Hawker	with assistance from Lt.Rushing. A.M.G. Provinces of Terni, Perugia, Pesaro, Ancona, Macerata, and Ascoli with Liaison duties in the rest of the old Lazio-Umbria and Abruzzi - Marche Regions.
Major Bridgeman	A.M.G. Naples, and Liaison duties in rest of old Southern Region and in Sicily.

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To make the handing over of work from Col.Cumming to Major Hawker easier, these officers and myself made a tour of provinces in the Abruzzi - Marche area, during the month.

H.T.W.Millar

H.T.W.MILLAR
Lt.Col.
Chief Telecomms Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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To: Regional Engineer, Eng. Div.
Lazio Umbria Region.

Sub: Monthly report for inclusion in Regional Commissioners report for March 1945.

Ref: G 4/11.

30 March, 1945.

1. ROME TELEPHONE.

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2. ROME TELEGRAPH.

Telegraph service established to Florence.

3. REGION TELEPHONES.

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Sermoneta	Monte Rotondo
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For the Regional Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HTWK/rm

T.6.71.CS 11th April 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : Major Bridgeman, AMG Naples Commune.

Major Hawker, A.C. Liaison Officer, R.A.A.C.

1. Since your duties in Italian administered territory have now changed to military liaison work, reports covering that area should now generally refer only to work performed in connection with these duties.

2. Examples are as follows:
(a) List of circuits obtained from military for civilian use.
(b) Arrangements made with military for erection of circuits, installation of equipment, etc.
(c) Sabotage of military circuits reported by military etc,etc.

3. Duties in Naples itself will of course cover all phases of the work, as it is still AMG territory.

4. In addition, any item should be included which will affect service in AMG territory e.g. the preparation of Rome State inter-urban positions.

J.L.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

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Censorship
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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394.

To: Communications Sub-Commiss. A.C.
Through Regional Engineer of
Lazio Umbria Region.

Sub: Technical report for March 1945.

Ref: G 4/11.

30 March, 1945.

I TELEPHONES.

1. Exchanges have been opened at:-

Braciano	Manziana
Acquapendente	Tolfa
Sermoneta	Monte Rotonda
Sabaudia	Colle Ferro

2. Work continues on repairs to the following circuits:-

Littoria - Priverno	1
Frosinone - Sora	1

3. The following circuits have been established:-

Rome-Monte Rotondo	1	
Orvieto-Acquapendente	1	
Frascati-Palestrina	1	(2 in all)
Palestrina-Colle Ferro	1	
Viterbo-Celleno	2	
Viterbo-Orvieto	1	(2 in all)

4. The following high-frequency channels have been activated:

Rome-Tivoli	2
Rome-Viterbo	3
Rome-Civitavecchia 3	3

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5. The release of the following circuits from the military

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Rome-Tivoli	2
Rome-Viterbo	3
Rome-Civitavecchia 3	3

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5. The release of the following circuits from the military have been secured:-

Rome-Bracciano	1
Frosinone-Anagni	1
Anagni-Ferentino	1
Civitavecchia-Grosseto	1
Rome-Naples	4 additional circuits.

(Two of these will be used to establish one circuit each Rome-Bari and Rome-Palermo).

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II TELEGRAPH.

1. A telegraph circuit via the Stato cable Rome-Florence has been released by the military.

2. The following telegraph circuits have been completed:-

Frosinone-Ceprano	1
Viterbo-Orte	1

3. Work is progressing satisfactorily on the route North to Viterbo and Grosseto.

4. The following telegraph circuits have been established by simplexing telephone circuits:-

Perugia-Foligno
Foligno-Spoleto-Terni
Perugia-Todi.

L.G. Hawker
Major G.L.
Communications Officer AMG.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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TO: HQ. AC APO 394.
(Attn. Director, Communications Sub-Commission.)

For your information.

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Note: Do not forget to have any notes on this memo destroyed that should be taken up by Telegram organization with their part

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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19 MAR 1945
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In reply
refer to: RTC 319.I

Subject: Monthly Report.

To : Telecomm. Officer Southern Region .

1. Reports from CC TT and SET show the following picture at the end of February I945.

TELEGRAPH	WESTERN	- EASTERN SICILY
Offices activated in February	3	7
Percentage of working offices	96.5 %	94.5 %

TELEPHONE
Nine long-distance circuits were put in service by SET in western none in eastern Sicily.

2. Thefts in Palermo and on interurban lines have continued in spite of SET's pressure on local Police Authorities to increase the watch on the communication system.

3. SET have received 5 Kos of tin from Naples, but of course this was not sufficient even for the most urgent needs.

4. The situation regarding toll-boards in Palermo is getting worse as more circuits are being put in operation. Only the installation of another 4 position board would solve this problem.

5. With the closing down of some Allied offices on the Island, the situation of Communications for the Italian Authorities will be very difficult.

The local chief of P W B and the director of Radio Palermo have come to see me about this and their case is probably typical. All P W B traffic was handled through military (U.S.Navy) circuits. The R.A.I. will not be able to use these facilities, and communications over the very restricted civil circuits will not be sufficient for the needs of the local Radio Station.
Probably the same situation will arise when Italian Authorities take over more and more of A.C. responsibilities. Within Sicily the

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communications ought to be sufficient at least for the time being, but the service with Naples and especially Rome is very faulty. Anything done in this direction would certainly help the Italian Authorities.

6. This is my last repprt, as this Section is closing down an March 15th. I hope that my work in the last 19 months has been satisfactory for everybody concerned.

H. STERNHEIM TELECOMM. SECTION

H. Sternheim

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
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Asst Chief Postal
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1 March, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for February 1945.

TO : Hq. Southern Region, AC. APO 534.

Società Esercizi Telefonici made 758 new telephone installations and 1165 instruments repaired. There is a great demand for local telephones in Naples by civilians that cannot be supplied due to the shortage of central office equipment. The local telephone office at Gioia Tauro was reactivated as well as new toll circuits from Naples to Castellammare, Naples-Salerno & Naples-Pozzuoli. An effort is being made to secure additional toll lines for S.E.T.

The Azienda di Stato switchboard is overloaded but some relief will be made immediately by making a direct Roma-Catania telephone circuit. Special supervision has been given to the handling of traffic in order to assure full efficiency of the circuits.

Circolo of Bari reactivated a number of new telegraph circuits also have done considerable line repair works.

Circolo Reggio Calabria is accomplishing considerable work with 24 squads of workmen. Their big problem is the shortage of material and motor transport. They have had much line trouble due to the bad weather. Among other things they have been working on the Pontanella-Naera sub-marine cable.

Circolo Salerno reactivated six telegraph offices, the Cross-S. Gennaro circuit and constructed a 4 wire lead from Salerno to S. Gennaro. Work was started rebuilding the storage batteries in the telegraph office at Avellino.

Circolo Naples reactivated 12 telegraph offices and accomplished considerable in repairs to open wire leads. They have 17 squads working on construction work but are delayed the same as all other Circolo in that there is a terrible shortage of motor transport and material and tools.

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JOHN A. BRIDGMAN
Major AUS.
Communications Officer

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HEADQUARTER
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H Q., Comm. 6 March, 1945.
Asst. Chief Postal
Censorship
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Ref.TOS/TELECOMS

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

1. Early in the month of February civil telegraph service was extended into Siena Province with the opening of a channel between Siena and Rome. Subsequently, circuits were established from Siena to give direct transmission to Asciano, Torrenieri, Montalcino, Paganico and Batignano. The latter two places are in Grosseto Province and it is expected that shortly the line serving them will be extended to the city of Grosseto making possible direct transmission between Siena and Grosseto.

2. Civil telephone service has now been resumed in 55 communities of Grosseto Province including the following more important places:-

Grosseto
Orbetello
S.Fiora
Pitigliano
Scansano
Paganico
Roccastrada
Massa Marittima
Gavorrano
Follonica

There is complete inter-communication between all 55 communities and a connection is being established between Grosseto and Civitavecchia which will afford service to Rome and the south. Some of the circuits included in the provincial network are being furnished and maitained by the military. Other civil circuits have been reestablished so soon because of assistance rendered by the Signal Corps in the way of transportation and an attitude of helpful cooperation towards the civil communications problem.

3. In the Province of Siena, civil telephone service has been resumed in 18 localities, the more important being the following:-

Siena
Montepulciano
Chiusi
Chiusdino

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There is inter-communications between all places except Chiusdino.

4. In the other liberated provinces of Tuscany, civil telephone service has been resumed in 14 cities and towns serving about 7500 subscribers for local service only. About 6000 of those subscribers are located in Florence City.

5. An important project is that underway by the Pisa and Florence Circolo Construction Companies between Pisa and Florence. When completed by the end of March telegraph circuits will link the two cities and most communities along the route enabling prompt resumption of service when authorisation is received. The work is being done coincidental with the construction of circuits for the operation of the railroad.

6. The Florence Circolo Construction Company has continued to collect salvaged wire transporting it to the Florence maggazine with the use of military transport loaned for the purpose by C.S.O. L. of C. There is considerable more work to be done along these lines but the following quantities have been collected:-

Type	No. of Kilograms
Bronze	77,000
Iron	18,000

7. In their respective territories both the Florence and Pisa Circolo Companies have continued to do what they can to recondition lines anticipating resumption of civil service. Consequently, a number of routes are now ready to the various provincial capitals. Likewise damaged instruments are being brought to the Florence workshop for salvage and repair.

8. Practically no activity is being carried on in the liberated territory of Emilia Region. However, surveys indicate that local telephone service for essential civilian subscribers could be inaugurated without great difficulty in the principal cities. Inquiries are being made to determine to what extent civil activities may be undertaken at this time.

Richard H. Ayre

Richard H. AYRE,
Major Sig.C.,
Telecommunications Officer,
Toscana and Emilia Regions.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394.

To: Communications Sub-Commission A.C.
Through Regional Engineer of
Lazio Umbria Region.

(See endorsement 2)

Sub: Technical report for February 1945.

Ref: G.4.

1 March, 1945.

I TELEPHONES.

1. Exchanges have been opened at:-

Assisi	Nazzano
Accettazione	Poggio Mirteto
Gualdo Tadino	Ficulle
Agello	Mugnano.

2. To date a total of approximately 80 exchanges have been re-activated in the Perugia Province.

3. Three small automatic exchanges have been reactivated:

La Quercia	Morrano
San Martino.	

4. The automatic exchange at Ostia Lido is now in a position to operate, but lack of power at present prevents this.

5. Work continues for repairs to the following circuits:-

Littoria - Priverno	1
Frosinone - Sora	1
Orvieto - Acquapendente	1

6. The following circuits have been established:-

Rome-Poggia Mirteto	1	
Rome-Civita Castellano	1	(2 in all)
Orvieto-Ficulle	1	
Rome-Civitavecchia	1	(3 in all)
Terni Foligno	1	
Perugia Foligno	1	

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Terni Foligno	1	
Perugia Foligno	1	

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7. The Rome-Frascati interurban cable has been restored to service.

8. The local cable distribution system has been partly repaired and a new switchboard of 100 subscriber capacity installed at Frascati.

9. The military have released a two circuit route Frosinone-Ceprano, formerly belonging to the Circolo, for civilian use. This will facilitate restoration of communication to Sora, Isola di Liri and Ceprano.

10. A threatened strike of TETI employees on Feb. 1st with a tie up of civil telephone service was averted by joint concessions of the company and employees.

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II TELEGRAPH.

1. A telegraph circuit via the State cable Rome-Siena was released by the military.

2. The following circuits have been completed by simplex ing telephone circuits:-

Rome - Rieti	1	(a total of 3)
Rome - Terni	2	(a total of 3)
Terni - Rieti	1	(a total of 2)

3. Repairs to telegraph cable in Perugia is under way.

4. The provision of four composite telegraph circuits from Rome to Ancona provides much needed communication.

5. The settlement of the transportation difficulties of the Ministry of Communications has resulted in a resumption of work to repair the State communication system.

6. Work is under way to repair the routes from Rome to Viterbo and to Civitavecchia, as the first step in preparing for communication to the North.

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

For the Regional Commissioner.

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For the Regional Commissioner.

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Copy to Lt. Col. L. & U. (attention Lt. Col. Perkins).

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TRANSLATION BY SEIAN.

TO:
ALLIED COMMISSION
POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

SUBJECT. : Reactivation of urban services.

We beg to inform you that on the 24th February the urban service has been reactivated at:

FOLIGNO : with the pre-existing 480 numbers C.B. Exchange(quick service), with two urban and two inter-urban positions, after having repaired the damages caused by the Germans.

CITTA DI CASTELLO:with a new Autelco 150 numbers and 1 position(inter-urban)automatic exchange.

Yours truly.

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SOCIETÀ TORINESE ESERCIZI TELEFONICI

PER AZIONI - CAPITALE SOCIALE L. 440.000.000 INT. VERSATO

Sede Sociale TORINO

Roma, 27 febbraio 1945

via Versilia, 2 - tel.44134

Si prega di citare nella risposta il
N. 564/1-21

Oggetto: Riattivazione di servizi urbani.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394 = Communications
Sub-Commission
ROMA

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: STET - TORINO

Ci pregiamo comunicare che in data 24 febbraio u.s. è stato riattivato il servizio urbano a :

FOLIGNO : con la centrale a B.C. (a servizio celere) preesistente a 480 numeri, due posti urbani e due interurbani, riparata dai danni effettuati dai tedeschi.

CITTA' DI CASTELLO : con una nuova centrale automatica tipo Autelco da 150 numeri, 1 posto interurbano.

Distinti saluti.

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SOCIETA' TORINESE ESERCIZI TELEFONICI - PER AZIONI

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Date 1 MAR 1945

S.T.E.T. - Torino

To Communications Sub Section.
HQ . A.C.
From MAJOR S...HILLS TELECOMS Perugia
Reference your T.32.8.CS. HHS/epc dated 29/I/45.

At the outset I should like to assure ybu that my relations with the C.S.O! branch ~~staff~~ are most cordial. We all served together in Sicilly and some of us in Africa, and never at any time has there been any ill feeling . There was at one time I fear, a sad lack of cooperation from one direction here (not C.S.O' s Branch) and prior to Xmas I944 I was forced to take a very firm Stand, but I don't think this resulted in any ill feeling, certainly not from my point of wiew.

But I fear the C.S.O. in his letter of the 20/TH January has been misinformed regarding the original and present position on this route.

This route was in fact "blasted" in 3 places in the area of BASTIA but the CIRCOLO had built and completed two diversions loops which bridged out the whole of the blasted portions. These diversions carried I6 wires the one near BASTIA (4copper and I2 iron) and I2 wires the other at OSPEDALICCHIO (I2 Km's from PERUGIA) and the route was OK.from FOLIGNO also to this point, with exception of some of the bottom wires at some points. Some 896 man hours had been put.in on the line, since I4 Dec

The CIRCOLO were working from FOLIGNO to PERUGIA so that Para 3 of the C.S.O.s letter is largely correct.

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one direction here (not C.S.O' s Branch) and prior to Xmas I944 I was forced to take a very firm Stand, but I don't think this resulted in any ill feeling, certainly not from my point of wiew.

But I fear the C.S.O. in his letter of the 20/TH January has been misinformed regarding the original and present position on this route.

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I cannot agree with para 4 of the C.S.O.s letter (the last line of which should read "55 yards") This wire, when erected, is pulled up with a strain of about I20 lbs & he would be an exceedingly strong man who could pull a slight bend in the line wire when binding in; "kinks" are impossible. Furthermore the line - binders are of like metal & the presence of the zinc in the iron will prevent bad rusting; but even apart from this, ther- is, unfortunately, always some minute movement between binder & line wire due t. temperature variations & wind vibrations; this continual movement makes it almost impossible for the binder to rust on to the line wire. The ease with which a broken wire will run back through the binders demonstrates this.

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I have recovered some miles of this type of wire in Sicilly & have never yet seen a rusted kink. 16-2

Para 6 of the C.S.O.s letter is correct.

Refering back to the Brigadiers letter; para 2 is not, I fear, in accordance with the facts. The first I knew of this business was an appeal from the Circolo, asking to be allowed to accompany the Military squads, to pick up the pieces, & assist in dismantling the line. I approached the C.S.O. on this matter and he agreed; but before it could be put into operation, the damage was done; the line had been dismantled, & the wire disappeared.

Major O.A.Hills.
Cmns A.A.G.
PERUGIA.

10th Feb: 1945.

Lieut & major

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T.32.8.CS 1st Ind. HHS/epc 15

31 JAN 1945

COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION Hq.A.C. APO 394 29th January, 1945

TO: Major S.H.Hills, c/o Provincial Commissioner Perugia

1. Report from C.S.O. No.1 District indicates that facts were not as represented to us.

2. Request return of papers with full report as to difference in report from No.1 District and our sources.

3. Your attention is drawn to para.3 of Brigadier Buchanan's letter of 25th January.

4. In replying please include reference to the following without confining yourself to those points.

a. For what period had Italian staff been working on the route concerned? Can you find (say) the man hours spent on the job?

b. Presumably the Foligno - Perugia telegraph was not on this route?

c. You reported that a stretch of 25 kms had been reconditioned. Does the C.S.O's statement in para. 2 of his report not conflict with this?

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31 JAN 1945

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incls: 1 letter C.S.O., L.of C.
1 " C.S.O. No 1 District.

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SUBJECT:- Civil Communications.

From:- CSO L OF C ITALY (MAIN)

To : Director Comms Sub-Commission.
HQ Allied Commission.

Reference your T.32.6.CS of 13 Jan 45.

1. Attached is a copy of a report on the incident, from CSO 1 District. As you will see the facts as stated are considerably at variance with the information given to you.

2. On questioning 1 District further on the subject I was told that on or about 2 Jan the Lines Officer to CSO 1 District informed Major Hills that it would be necessary for them to build an eight circuit route on the railway route, and that on completion of this construction, the TIMO route FOLIGNO - PERUGIA would be handed over to the civil.

3. Whatever may have been the impression of 1 District or Major Hills, in my opinion the incident shows that a certain amount of ill feeling and lack of willingness to cooperate exists. I have made it clear to CSO 1 District that this attitude towards the civil is entirely contrary to policy. I shall be grateful if you would give Major Hills similar direction in regard to his actings in relation to District Signals.

Brigadier,
CSO L OF C ITALY.

25 Jan 45.
WCB/HWP.

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SUBJECT:- Civil Communications. X/1/14
20 Jan 45.

CSO L OF C ITALY (MAIN)

A complaint has been received from the Director of Communications, Sub-Commission, AC, to the effect that circuits recently rehabilitated by the civilian authorities have been cut down by military personnel (copy attached). It would appear that this complaint has been based on inaccurate information because:-

1. With the exception of two copper pairs between BASTIA and FOLIGNO put up by Rly Tele Coy (which have been kept through), there were no working or through circuits on this route at all.

2. This route had been blasted in 7 places between BASTIA and FOLIGNO, and at these points the Rly Tele Coy had erected one single pole for their circuits (instead of an 'H' pole as on the rest of the route), and at these points there were neither swan necks nor any other fittings at all for carrying wires.

3. Between PERUGIA and BASTIA there were four places where the route had been blasted, and at these points the wires on either side of the gap hung on the ground and no attempt whatever had been made to put any circuits through, conclusively indicating that no civil circuits had been rehabilitated on this route.

4. The wire was cut down mostly span by span, but since all this wire was iron into which the binders had rusted, there was little point in spending a great deal of time in trying to strip corroded binders which would, anyway, only leave lenghts of wire with a rusted kink in it at every 80 yards.

5. Permission had been granted to the civilian authorities to rehabilitate this route and, though the putting through of a telegraph circuit had been mentioned, no work on this project had in fact been started.

6. Assistance is given to the civil authorities whenever possible; as an example, the TIMO route is being handed over to their use as soon as the circuits on this rly route are completed. This will give them four working circuits between PERUGIA and FOLIGNO which, though not of the best, are serviceable pairs which they were not when we took the route over.

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for Colonel,
CSO No. 1. District.

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every 50 m. a pole.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S.Army
COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

CU - 10/45. 4 January, 1945.

SUBJECT: Communications Division - December Report.

TO : Hq. So. Region APO 394.

Long Distant telephone calls made by the public continues to increase. S.E.T. and the State Telephone Co. have opened Pay Stations in the business district of Naples and these places receive many calls daily both local and toll.

Ten State telegraph circuits, 7 S.E.T. local exchanges and 8 toll lines were made available for the public.

Some progress has been made in Foggia and Benevento Provinces in restoring service.

Transportation and the shortage of coal for heating buildings are the two big problems.

John A. Bridgman
John A. BRIDGMAN
Capt. AUS.
Relieved Telecomm.Officer

JAB/cd.

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
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Asst Chief Postal
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Chief Clerk

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SEGRETERIA

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li 23 DIC 1944 — 194

Protoc. N° S/15.2/4662

Risposta al foglio N°

del

Allegati 1

OGGETTO: Servizio telegrafico.

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Poste and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

In conformità al foglio 157.5.CS del 12 dicembre 1944, si rimette copia di lettera dell'Azienda di Stato con elenco degli uffici telefonici collegati alla rete nazionale e dei circuiti a lunga distanza.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

file T6/CS

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ROMA. dicembre 1944

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
AZIENDA DI STATO PER I SERVIZI TELEFONICI

REPARTO SEGRETERIA UFFICIO

PROT. N. AZ7/1241/Segr. ALLEGATI

RISPOSTA AL N. S/15/2/4453
DEL 14-12-1944

OGGETTO: Uffici telefonici collegati alla rete nazionale.
Linee a lunga distanza.

SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE
S.E. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO
U.C.C.E.T.

R O M A

I circuiti telefonici a lunga distanza attivi in Italia al pubblico servizio sono i seguenti:

1) dell'Azienda di Stato per i Servizi Telefonici:

Roma - Bari	N.1	in cavo
" Napoli	" 3	" "
" "	" 2	aerei
Napoli - Catania	1	in cavo
" - Bari	" 3	" "
" - Catanzaro	" 1	" "
" - Reggio	" 1	" "
" - Potenza	" 1	" "
" - Cosenza	" 1	" "
" - Palermo	" 1	" "

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" - Palermo	" 1	" "
" - Messina	" 1	" "
" - Salerno	" 1	" "
Salerno-Catanzaro	1	" "
" - Bari	" 3	" "
" - Cosenza	" 1	" "

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Potenza - Bari	N. 1	in cavo
" - Catanzaro	" 1	in cavo
Cosenza - Catanzaro	" 1	" "
" - Reggio	" 1	" "
Bari - Catanzaro	" 1	" "
Catanzaro - Reggio	" 1	" "
Reggio - Messina	" 2	" "
Messina - Palermo	" 2	" "
" - Catania	" 2	" "
Catania - Palermo	" 3	" "
" - Caltanissetta	" 1	" "
Caltanissetta - Palermo	" 2	" "
Napoli - Taranto	" 1	aereo

2) della Società Telefoni Italia Medio Orientale (TIMO)

Ascoli-Macerata	aereo	
" - Teramo	"	
Teramo - Chieti	"	
" - Pescara	"	
Aquila - Sulmona	"	
" - Avezzano - Roma	"	

3) della Società Telefonica Tirrena (TETI)

Roma - Viterbo	N. 2	aerei
" - Littoria	"	
" - Frosinone	"	

4) della Società Esercizi Telefonici (SET)

Castrovillari - Cosenza	aereo	
" - Rossano	"	

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" - Catania " 2 " "

Catania - Palermo " 3 " "

" - Caltanissetta " 1 " "

Caltanissetta - Palermo " 2 " "

Napoli - Taranto " 1 aereo

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" - Littoria "

" - Frosinone "

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Castrovillari - Cosenza aereo

" - Rossano "

Catanzaro - Crotone "

Reggio - Locri "

Bari - Barletta "

" - Gioia del Colle "

" - Locorotondo - Brindisi "

Brindisi - Lecce "

Lecce - Gallipoli "

" - Otranto "

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Potenza - Matera	aereo	117
Palermo - Trapani	"	166
Caltanissetta - Agrigento	"	64
" - Enna	"	108
Catania - Siracusa	"	76
Siracusa - Pachino	"	50
" - Noto - Ragusa	"	87
Potenza - Lagonegro	"	109

Si comunicano inoltre i dati relativi agli uffici telefonici attivi in ciascuna provincia prima e dopo lo sbarco alleato:

1) TIMO:

Provincia	Ancona	N. 119	ridotti	a	0
"	Pesaro	" 63	"	"	0
"	Ascoli	" 101	"	"	94
"	Macerata	" 65	"	"	16
"	Pescara	" 36	"	"	9
Ch	Chieti	" 63	"	"	5
"	Aquila	" 125	"	"	4
"	Teramo	" 60	"	"	32
"	Campobasso	" 51	"	"	15
"	Perugia	" 248	"	"	59
"	Terni	" 48	"	"	27
"	Rieti	" 13	"	"	5

2) TIRRENA :

Provincia	Roma	n. 164	ridotti	a	61
"	Frosinone	" 38	"	"	6
		" 26	"	"	2

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"	Pescara	"	36	"	"	9
Ch	Chieti	"	63	"	"	5
"	Aquila	"	125	"	"	4
"	Teramo	"	60	"	"	32
"	Campobasso	"	51	"	"	15
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"	Viterbo	"	73	"	"	27
"	Terni	"	35	"	"	4
"	Siena	"	94	"	"	10
"	Grosseto	"	169	"	"	10
"	Cagliari	"	44	"	"	44
"	Nuoro	"	17	"	"	17
"	Sassari	"	27	"	"	27
"	Rieti	"	17	"	"	0
"	Firenze	"	333	"	"	0

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Provincia	Arezzo	n. 40	ridotti a	0
"	Pistoia	" 114	" "	0
"	Lucca	" 147	" "	0
"	Pisa	" 97	" "	0
"	Livorno	" 85	" "	0

3) SET :

Provincia	Agrigento	n. 31	ridotti a	17
"	Avellino	" 64	" "	0
"	Bari	" 47	aumentati "	53
"	Benevento	" 59	ridotti "	0
"	Brindisi	" 24	" "	23
"	Caltanissetta	13	" "	6
"	Catania	" 60	" "	18
"	Catanzaro	" 81	" "	34
"	Cosenza	" 82	" "	52
"	Enna	" 17	" "	8
"	Foggia	" 30	aumentati "	36
"	Frosinone	" 13	ridotti "	0
"	Lecce	" 39	rimasti "	39
"	Littoria	" 9	ridotti "	0
"	Matera	" 5	aumentati "	6
"	Messina	" 43	ridotti "	9
"	Napoli	" 93	" "	24
"	Palermo	" 45	" "	14
"	Potenza	" 41	" "	21
"	Ragusa	" 9	" "	5
"	Reggio	" 108	" "	49
"			" "	6

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"	Benevento	"	59	ridotti	" 0
"	Brindisi	"	24	"	" 23
"	Caltanissetta	"	13	"	" 6
"	Catania	"	60	"	" 18
"	Catanzaro	"	81	"	" 34
"	Cosenza	"	82	"	" 52
"	Enna	"	17	"	" 8
"	Foggia	"	30	aumentati	" 36
"	Frosinone	"	13	ridotti	" 0
"	Lecce	"	39	rimasti	" 39
"	Littoria	"	9	ridotti	" 0
"	Matera	"	5	aumentati	" 6
"	Messina	"	43	ridotti	" 9
"	Napoli	"	93	"	" 24
"	Palermo	"	45	"	" 14
"	Potenza	"	41	"	" 21
"	Ragusa	"	9	"	" 5
"	Reggio	"	108	"	" 49
"	Salerno	"	92	"	" 6
"	Siracusa	"	15	"	" 5
"	Trapani	"	20	"	" 5
"	Taranto	"	14	aumentati	" 21

IL DIRETTORE DELL'AZIENDA

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SEGRETERIA

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Roma, 20 dicembre 1944 194

Prot. N° S/15.2./4453
Risposta al foglio N. 157.5.CS.
del 12 dicembre 1944
Allegati 2
OGGETTO: Servizio telegrafico

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission
ROMA

Si rimette, nell'allegato A, una statistica degli uffici telegrafici sinora riattivati, e nell'allegato B, un elenco delle più importanti comunicazioni nel continente ed in Sicilia .

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Director
Dy Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
Fin & Coms O.
Ass. Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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SEGRETERIA PARTICOLARE
DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI ST
PER LE POSTE E I TELEGRAFI

ALLEGATO A.

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SITUAZIONE TELEGRAFICA AL 25/11/44

Italia Continentale

Centrale	(esistenti agosto 943)	(attualmente)
Ascoli Piceno	88	~~1~~ 58
Chieti	114	~~2~~ 3
Frosinone	98	3
L'Aquila	127	~~23~~ 32
Littoria	47	1
Macerata	75	~~2~~ 16
Pescara	54	~~4~~ 5
Rieti	102	10
Roma	140	6
Teramo	78	~~8~~ 20
Terni	47	1
Viterbo	65	1

Meridionale

Avellino	133	44
Bari	58	58
Benevento	79	16
Brindisi	24	24
Campobasso	147	10
Catanzaro	188	188
Cosenza	182	182
Foggia	65	8
Lecce	107	107
Matera	37	37
Napoli	197	19
Potenza	108	97
Reggio Calabria	137	135
Salerno	217	130
Taranto	36	36

Italia Insulare

Sardegna

Cagliari	144	144
Nuoro	89	89
Sassari	87	87

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Roma		
Teramo	78	1
Terni	47	1
Viterbo	65	

Meridionale

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Bari	58	58
Benevento	79	16
Brindisi	24	24
Campobasso	147	10
Catanzaro	188	188
Cosenza	182	182
Foggia	65	8
Lecce	107	107
Matera	37	37
Napoli	197	19
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Sardegna

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Nuoro	89	89
Sassari	87	87

Sicilia

Agrigento	47	45
Caltanisetta	22	22
Catania	82	59
Enna	23	21
Messina	159	150
Palermo	93	89
Ragusa	18	18
Siracusa	24	17
Trapani	46	41

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DEL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
PER LE POSTE E I TELEGRAFI

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ALLEGATO B.

ELENCO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI TELEGRAFICHE DIRETTE PIU' IMPORTANTI

1) - Comunicazioni telegrafiche in armonica e miste

1 TELETYPE, 1 BAUDOT, 10

ROMA - NAPOLI — (3 comunicazioni)
ROMA - BARI
ROMA - BARI - MESSINA
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Cagliari - also line from Palermo - Catanzaro, etc

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MINUTES MEETING

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1. To what outlying points from Rome do Italian telegraph & telephone facilities connect Army Navy National & Italian Newspapers.

Could messages accepted 3 times this present Traffic.

Are there any Public or Private Cables 6365
telegraph or telephone which could about an increase of Press Traffic

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If so how much -

How many telegraph & telephone circuits are now available to Jordan Government and between what points.

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ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION A.C/S.C.

To. Communications Sub Commission A.C.
Subject. Monthly Report.
Ref. R5/517/1
Date 24 Dec 44.

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Date 27 DIC. 1944

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Chief Telecoms	
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Chief Clerk	

Herewith three copies of Monthly Report for December 1944.

For Regional Commissioner.

G.W.Cumming.
Lt-Col. R.Signals.
Communications Officer.

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27 DEC
A. C.

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TELE-COMMUNICATIONS.
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION AUG/AC.

DECEMBER 1944.

TELEGRAPHS.

Long Distance. As before with the addition of one circuit each AQUILA-SULMONA-CHIETI, TERAMO - RIETI and TERAMO - RIETI - ROME. So far, I have been unable to obtain a cct MACERATA - ANCONA.

Provincial. A slight increase everywhere, even in Macerata Province, where there is now communication between Macerata and fifteen smaller offices, including CAMERINO.

TELEPHONES.

Long Distance. HF equipment was tried out AQUILA - AVEZZANO - ROME with disappointing results. It was then tried on the AQUILA - RIETI - ROME lines and works satisfactorily, so that there is now a direct AQUILA - ROME cct.

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PESCARA. In Pescara town, there is now a two-position 20-line inter-urban board, and it is being wired for another 20 lines. The local service is provided by a one-position 100-line C.B. board. In Porta Nuova (that part of Pescara town to the south of the river) a 50-line C.B. board has been installed for local service with cross-connection to the main exchange. This was necessary because all the old cables across the river were destroyed. Elsewhere in the Province, a few more towns have been connected to the system.

CHIETI. In Chieti town, the old inter-urban board has been wired up and taken into service. It is a six-position 40-line board, with an 800-line Auto for locals. Two 50-line mag. switchboards have been delivered to Signals for installation at San Vito and Ortona in replacement of Army equipment. At Vasto, Signals are installing the civil board, previously delivered, in the old TEO office, to replace their present exchange which is at the Test Point in another part of the town. This provides no immediate benefit to civilians, but it will leave things in good shape for them when Signals move out. At Lanciano, there is a five-position board in service, with 20 lines inter-urban on two positions and 450-line C.B. local on the remainder. There/

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There are 230 civil and 4 Army subscribers. The only outlet for Loreto is San Vito on the coast, where it meets the Army system. From San Vito, there is no likelihood of a civil outlet in the mountains, although "service" calls are permitted over the Army system.

AQUILA. A few more towns in this province have now got a service. Repairs to the Sulmona board were completed on 21 Dec. It is a two-position board with 10-line inter-urban and 240-line C.B. local.

LINES.

PESARO & ANCONA. No change. Under Signals auspices only.

MACERATA. In my last report, I mentioned the detrimental effect of Army occupation on civil communications. In response to my protests, the CSOs of I Dist and 10 Corps have each issued a directive on the subject of commandeering civil lines without first ascertaining whether they are in use. In future, no lines will be taken without notice; telegraph cots will not be interfered with so far as is possible; where telephone trunks are taken, one will be left for civil use, and where this is not possible, a local agreement will be come to whereby civilians have the use of circuit at certain times of the day. In the circumstances, it is the best one could hope for. Before this agreement was reached, a bit had been taken out of the only Macerata - Ascoli telegraph cct which goes via Fermo. After my protest, it was restored. I found that the usual method of testing whether a line was in use was for a lineman to climb a pole and ring with a field telephone. If the wires in question happened to carry morse telegraph circuits, there was, of course, no reply, and bang went two telegraph cots!

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Circolo transport. At last, the Prefects of Chieti, Pescara, Teramo and Aquila have each requisitioned a small truck for Circolo use. When Circolo went to collect, however, it was found that the trucks, which until then had been in good order, were useless, owing to the removal of parts by the owners! The Provincial Commissioners have taken up the matter with their respective Prefects.

AQUILA. Completion of the two-pair TTHO Aquila-Popoli route is going slowly. Only four linesmen are left, as all the unskilled labour has been called up to the Army. A Canadian Signal unit is coming into the locality and have promised to help. Four bays of copper wire were stolen from the Aquila - Avezzano route last week

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ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
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Chief Postal
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FILE CS/416
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TO : Communications Sub-Commission AC
SUBJECT : Monthly Report
REF : R5/517/I
DATE : 25 November 1944

Herewith three copies of my report for November 1944.

for Regional Commissioner

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26 NOV 1944
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Communications Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG.ACC.
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

November 1944

Telegraphs

1. Long Distance. Circuits through between the main twns in the Region are as follown. Rieti - Aquila, four; two each, Ascoli - Teramo, Aquila-Avezzano, Aquila-Sulmona; one each, Rieti - Ascoli, Aquila - Ascoli, Aquila-Teramo, Teramo - Chieti, Teramo - Pescara, Pescara - Chieti, Sulmona - Chieti, and Ascoli-Macerata.

Aquila - Roma Via Rieti was through 20 Nov and another circuit Via Avezzano was through on 24 November. Rome is therefore in telegraphic communication with the capitals of the six Provinces of this Region to which telegraphic communication is authorised.

In Aquila they are experimenting with Hughes instruments to replace Morse on the circuits to Roma (Via Rieti), Teramo and Ascoli.

Provincial.

Macerata.	Nil. See remarks under "Lines".
Ascoli.	Approx. 80% of the offices are connected.
Teramo.	Approx. 60% connected.
Pescara.	A few offices only.
Chieti.	Guardiagrele and Lanciano only.
Aquila.	Approx. 50% connected.

Telephones

2. Long Distance. There is communication between all the Provincial capitals to which service is permitted and Aquila can now speak to Rome via Terni and also via Avezzano. Some H.F. equipment is being tried out here. When complete, I will have one set transferred to Rome to produce a direct Rome-Aquila channel on the present Rome-Avezzano and Avezzano-Aquila circuits.

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Ancona and Pesaro Provinces.

Ancona Town. As described in my R5/517/1 of 16 November, addressed C.S.O. 1 Dist, copy to A.C., the installation of civilian equipment has enabled most of the Allied subscribers, plus the local administration, to be connected to the automatic system. TLMO are installing a manual switchboard to take care of the remaining subscribers for whom the automatic system is unsuitable. The old inter-urban switchboard has been brought out from hiding and is being re-wired to provide an 80 - line multiple. It is a 10 - position board and is being built two positions at a time. The first four positions will be sufficient.

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for all long-distance Signals requirements, while the remaining six will be there in readiness for the day when a civilian inter-urban service is permitted. The main advantage in the above is that it will set free the two Signals "Command"boards for use elsewhere.

Elseware in these provinces the situation as regards plant in the main towns is as set out in another letter to the CSO of the same date, copy to A.C., and in which permission was requested to provide local telephone services for the civil administration. The CSO agress to this service being permitted in the towns of OSIMO,CASTELFIDARDO,SENIGALLIA,FABRIANO and LORETO in Ancona Province, but is unable to agree in the meantime to such a service being provided in PESARO Province. Similarly he will not agree to the proposal to repair the Pesaro-Urbino telephone route.

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Ascoli and Teramo Provinces. In good shape. Repairs going on. Not a very difficult job in these Provinces which did not suffer much war damage to routes except along the coast.

Pescara Province. Things going slowly here. Destructions was fairly heavy.

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Chieti Province. The badly devastated area cut this Province in half, and as described in my last report, the only route which crosses this is the Signals coastal one. A start has been made, however, and as shewn under "Telegraphs", an inland route has been repaired and there is one circuit Chieti - Guardiagrele - Lanciano. The old TIMO route which used to link these towns has completely vanished. I am exploring the position in the southern inland part of the Province as I imagine that there must be some routes, now disused, which Signals used last winter when the war was in this locality.

4. Aquila Province. TIMO are busy on the Aquila-Popoli-Sulmona two-pair project. They hired a truck for a few days from the local AMG Truck Pool for the transport of stores for the above from the dismantled Avezzano - Popoli route. Circolo were a few days late with the Aquila.- Avezzano portion of the Aquila - Rome Telegraph circuit. This portion had been reported to me as complete a month ago. I had to provide Regional Transport to get job finished quickly. The Aquila - Pescara job is still going on very slowly - again a question of transport. The gang on the job are based on Sulmona, nearly 30 km. from the scene of activities. A lot of time is wasted every day since the men have to travel by cycle.

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b) I wrote a few days about CSO 1 Dist proposal to repair the Ancona - Pescara route.. Work has now started on the four pairs between Ancona and Porto d'Ascoli. I have heard nothing about the two pairs further south, but as the result of a meeting with the Director of Circolo at Sulmona yesterday, I have offered to do the job with civilian labour entirely, if the Army will provide the material and three trucks, for the use of the gangs situated at Teramo, Atri and Pescara respectively.

c) A bit of line-stealing has been going on. Five bays of 3 mm. copper wire has been taken from a route under

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construction between Aquila and Popoli, while twelve bays of aluminium wire and one km. of copper wire was taken off the working route between Popoli and Avezzano. Sabotage is not suspected. The matter has, of course, been reported to the Carabinieri.

G.W. CUMMING.
Lt.Col R. Signals
Communications Officer

25 Nov 44

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ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

HEADQUARTERS
29 OCT. 1944
A. C. C.

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TO : Communications su b Commission ACC
SUBJECT : Montly Report
REF : R.5/317/I
DATE : 27 October 1944

Herewith three copies of the montly report for October. Your attention is drawn to para 3, ladt sub-para. (2 50-Lire Notes + franc. notes)

I noticed in the Postal Officer report a reference to the Direttore of Posts and Telegraphs at Ascoli, Matteo Bassi, and that someone was gunning for him. I have seen the corrispondence on the subject and have discussed the matter with Lt.Allen. I consider that spiteful gossip is being aired and that it should be disregarded. Allen agrees.

From my own point of view, I have found him very relinble and one of the few who would do things without having to be pushed.

For the Regional Commissioner

G.W. CUMMING
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HEADQUARTERS
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ABRUZZI MARCH-E REGION
C.M.F.

MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER 1944
COMMUNICATIONS
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T E L E G R A P H S

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2. Within the Provinces, Aquila is connected to about half the offices including all main villages. Chieti will be difficult for some time. The devastated, and mined, area runs across the Province, effectively separating Chieti town from other centres while the coastal route is in use by the Army.

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HEADQUARTERS
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HQ. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, LAZIO UMBRIA REGION, APO 394, 12 November 1944.

TO: Hq. Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission.

Forwarded.

For the Regional Commissioner:

JOHN D. AMES,
Lt.Col. AGD,
Executive Officer, (Rome)

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LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

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4th November 1944

TO : HQ. AC. Communications Telephone & Telegraph ✓
SUBJECT: October Monthly Report
IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENG/90.2

Herewith 2 copies of Region Lazio-Umbria October monthly Communication report signed by Maj. L.G. HAWKER.

Enclosures: 2.

Lt.Col. R.E.
Regional Engineer
Lazio-Umbria Region A.M.G.

Copy to HQ. Lazio-Umbria Region with copy of Report.

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To: Regional Engineer, Engineering Div.,
Lazio Umbria Region.

Sub: Monthly report for inclusion in A.C. Report
for October 1944.

October 31st 1944.

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Telegraphs.

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L.G. Hawker
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TELEGRAPHS.

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5. Enquiry into the possibility of superimposition of telegraph on telephone circuits is in hand for the following:-

Rome-Civita Castellano, Rome-Viterbo, Rome-Frascati, Rome-Albano.

4. Work is now proceeding on circuits from Tivoli to Terni and Rieti, Velletri-Valmontone, Frosinone and Frosinone-Fiuggi.

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6. A statement of faults and traffic on the telegraph lines is attached.

L.G. Hawker
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Enclosure.

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Telegraph Traffic Rome. Naples.

Date.	Transmitted.	Received.	Total.
1/10	2063	2003	4066
2/10	2059	2441	4500
3/10	3015	3779	6794
4/10	2717	3598	6315
5/10	1058	2013	3071
6/10	370	641	1011
7/10	75	383	458
8/10	256	188	444
9/10	342	554	896
10/10	422	539	961
11/10	555	564	1119
12/10	711	731	1442
13/10	523	509	1032
14/10	2037	1834	3871
15/10	2770	2988	5758
16/10	2146	1984	4130
17/10	3500	2818	6318
18/10	3048	3065	6113
19/10	3356	3737	7093
20/10	3353	3503	6856
21/10	3704	3185	6889
22/10	211	552	763
23/10	335	846	1181
24/10	1905	2282	4184
25/10	4050	4366	8416
26/10	5111	5208	10319
27/10	2604	3308	5912
28/10	3064	3311	6375.
29/10	1531	2339	3870
30/10	368	880	1248
31/10	3428	2746	6174

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Translation.

FAULT REPORT FOR CIRCUIT (033) ROME-NAPLES-PALERMO USING A DOUBLE BAUDOT DUPLA HARMONICA DURING THE MONTH OFOCTOBER.

Oct. 1st OK
" 2nd Naples OK, Palermo from 0800 to 1500 irregular, difficulty tuning in with Naples,-Palermo, from 1500 to 1800 not working fault near Naples.
" 3rd Naples, from 1500 to 2400 not working, harmonica fault, Palermo from 0800 to 1500 irregular, trouble near Naples.
" 4th Naples, continuous interruption up to 10.45, from then OK even with Palermo
" 5th from 13.35 interrupted, cable breakdown at Mignano Naples.
" 6th Continued interruptions ,(not working)
" 7th "
" 8th Interruptions persist
" 9th " "
" 10th " "
" 11th " "
" 12th " "
" 13th " "
" 14th Re-activated at 09.50, irregular up to 15.00 reception at both ends bad. Palermo not working from 15.00 to 1600 and from 19.30 to 2100 for tuning in Naples-Palermo.
" 15th OK
" 16th from 09.40 to 1500 not working, harmonica breakdown
" 17th not working from 19.00 to 2400, harmonica breakdown
" 18th Naples OK, Palermo from 09.15 to 14.00 ~~and~~ from 1500 to 16.40 and from 18.00 to 2400 irregular for continuous tuning in Naples Palermo.
" 19th Naples OK, Palermo irregular nearly the whole fixed time for cont; tuning in Naples Palermo.
" 20th Naples OK, Palermo from 0100 to 0800 not working, tuning in Naples Palermo. from 1200 to 20.00 irregular, reception bad.
" 21st Naples, from 09.45 to 12.10 not working, harmonica fault. Palermo from 2400 to 04.15 not working,fault at Naples, from 23.30 not working, harmonica breakdown at Naples.
" 22nd Interruptions persist.
" 23rd " "
" 24th re-activated at 22.30
" 25th Naples OK up to 13.00 then not working, harmonica

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" 5th Continued interruptions ,(illegible)
" 7th "
" 8th Interruptions persist
" 9th " "
" 10th " "
" 11th " "
" 12th " "
" 13th " "
" 14th Re-activated at 09.50, irregular up to 15.00 reception at both ends bad. Palermo not working from 15.00 to 1600 and from 19.30 to 2100 for tuning in Naples-Palermo.
" 15th OK
" 16th from 09.40 to 1500 not working, harmonica breakdown
" 17th not working from 19.00 to 2400, harmonica breakdown
" 18th Naples OK, Palermo from 09.15 to 14.00 ~~and~~ from 1500 to 16.40 and from 18.00 to 2400 irregular for continuous tuning in Naples Palermo.
" 19th Naples OK, Palermo irregular nearly the whole fixed time for cont; tuning in Naples Palermo.
" 20th Naples OK, Palermo from 0100 to 0800 not working, tuning in Naples Palermo. from 1200 to 20.00 irregular, reception bad.
" 21st Naples, from 09.45 to 12.10 not working, harmonica fault. Palermo from 2400 to 04.15 not working, fault at Naples, from 23.30 not working, harmonica breakdown at Naples.
" 22nd Interruptions persist.
" 23rd " "
" 24th re-activated at 22.30
" 25th Naples OK up to 18.00 then not working, harmonica breakdown, Palermo 08.12 to 12.30, 12.55 to 15.00 not working, tuning in Naples Palermo.
" 26th Naples not working up to 06.00 amplifier reading, Palermo 09.20 to 10.25 and from 15.00 to 2400 not working, fault at Naples.
" 27th Naples 12.45 to 13.00 and from 15.40 to 17.05 not working, harmonica fault, Palermo not working, fault at Naples.
" 28th Naples OK, Palermo from 0800 to 10.15 and from 19.50 to 21.05 not working, tuning in Naples Palermo.
" 29th Naples-Palermo OK
" 30th Naples, from 1200 to 0800 not working, harmonica breakdown, Palermo from 16.40 to 20.00 not working, harmonica breakdown with Naples, from 0800 to 1300 and from 2300 to 2400 not working, tuning in Naples Palermo.
" 31st Naples OK; Palermo irregular for the whole fixed time for tuninh inNaples - PAlermo;

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Translation.

FAULT REPORT FOR CIRCUIT ROME-NAPLES (SUPERAUDIO) USING A DOUBLE BAUDOT DUPLX DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Oct.	1st	not working
"	2nd	" "
"	3rd	" "
"	4th	" "
"	5th	" "
"	6th	" "
"	7th	" "
"	8th	" "
"	9th	" "
"	10th	" "
"	11th	" "
"	12th	" "
"	13th	" "
"	14th	damage repaired at 11.10, not working up to 13.10 for fixed current, at 13.10 passed to the amplifier.
"	15th	not working for fixed current
"	16th	not working up to 16.30
"	17th	OK
"	18th	OK
"	19th	from 19.45 to 20.50 to the amplifier
"	20th	OK
"	21st	from 0800 to 10.00 not working, amplifier trouble.
"	22nd	OK, at 02.45 interrupted
"	23rd	interruptions persist.
"	24th	re-activated at 2300
"	25th	OK
"	26th	not working from2400 to 0800 and from 0800 to 1100 kept on the amplifier
"	27th	OK
"	28th	OK
"	29th	OK
"	30th	from 0800 interrupted
"	31st	re-activated at 0800 OK.

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Translation.

FAULT REPORT FOR CIRCUIT 138/143 ROMA-Sassari-Cagliari USING A QUADRUPLE ORDINARY BAUDOT ECHELON IN SASSARI DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

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Oct.	18th	Activated at 18.30, OK, except for tuning in between Sassari and Cagliari
"	19th	OK, except for brief periods of tuning in
"	20	OK, not working with Cagliari from 12.30 to 13.30 for tuning in
"	21st	Sassari, not working from 15.50 to 17.45, line breakdown in Sardenia
		Cagliari, not working from 25;15 to 0800 no technical staff in that office.
"	22nd	Sassari, OK, Cagliari not working from 1800 to 2100 no technical staff in that office.
"	23rd	OK, except for brief periods of tuning in
"	24th	OK, " " " " " " "
"	25th	not working from 09.40, cable breakdown
"	26th	Interruptions persist , cable taken by the Experimental Institute, which declares cable at present irrepairable.

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Translation.

FAULT REPORT OF THE CIRCUIT (032) ROME-BARI-MESSINA USING A DOUBLE HARMONICA BAUDOT DUPLA DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Oct.	1st	Re-activated at 14.20 OK
"	2nd	Bari OK Messina from 0800 to 0915 and 1300 to 1415 not working tuning in near Bari
"	3rd	Bari OK Messina from 0100 to 0255 not working, line breakdown near Bari 0800 to 0930 and 1125 to 1145 not working for tuning in near Bari
"	4th	Bari OK Messina from 1500 to 1730 not working, trouble near Bari.
"	5th	From 13.35 not working, breakdown of cable Mignano Napoli.
"	6th	Interruptions continued.
"	7th	Continued Interruptions
"	8th	" "
"	9th	" "
"	10th	" "
"	11th	" "
"	12th	" "
"	13th	" "
"	14th	Breakdown mended at 17.15, re-activated at 1800, OK
"	15th	OK
"	16th	Bari from 8.45 to 9.45 and 1400 to 2400 not working, harmonica trouble Messina from 10.15 to1400 not working, tuning in Bari-Catanzaro
"	17th	Bari, re-activated at 10.30, Messina continued interruptions.
"	18 th	Bari, from 1500 to 1800 not working, harmonica trouble. Messina, continued interruptions.
"	19th	Bari, from 0080 to 10.25 and 1500 to 1800 not working

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0800 to 0930 and 1125 to 1145 not working for tuning in near Bari

" 4th Bari OK
Messina from 1500 to 1730 not working, trouble near Bari.

" 5th From 13.35 not working, breakdown of cable Mignano Napoli.

" 6th Interruptions continued.

" 7th Continued Interruptions
" 8th " "
" 9th " "
" 10th " "
" 11th " "
" 12th " "
" 13th " "

" 14th Breakdown mended at 17.15, re-activated at 1800, OK

" 15th OK

" 16th Bari from 8.45 to 9.45 and 1400 to 2400 not working, harmonica trouble
Messina from 10.15 to1400 not working, tuning in Bari-Catanzaro

" 17th Bari, re-activated at 10.30,
Messina continued interruptions.

" 18 th Bari, from 1500 to 1800 not working, harmonica trouble.
Messina, continued interruptions.

" 19th Bari, from 0080 to 10.25 and 1500 to 1800 not working, harmonica trouble; Messina, re-activated at 1400.

" 20th Bari 0800 to 13.15 not working trouble group Bari,
Messina at 02400 to 0800, 1300 to 1500 and 2200 to 23.45 not working, line breakdown near Bari

" 21st Bari from 10.15 to 13.15 not working, harmonica trouble, from 17.20 to 2400 irregular, harmonica trouble.
Messina, not working, line fault near Catanzaro.

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Oct.	22nd	Interruptions persist.
"	23rd	" "
"	24th	Bari, re-activated at 1700, 2000 to 2L;40 not working harmonica trouble. Messina, interruptions persist.
"	25th	Bari OK, Messina reactivated at 15.45, at 1600 again interrupted.
"	26	Bari OK. Messina, interruptions persist.
"	27th	Bari OK. Messina, re-activated at 16.20.
"	28th	Bari OK. Messina at 0800 to 10.00, 11.35 to 12.10, 20.40 to 2300 and 23.30 to 2400 not working, line fault near Bari.
"	29th	Bari from 0900 to 16.30 not working, harmonica breakdown at Bari. Mesina, re-activated at 0105, OK from 17.55.
"	30th	Bari, from 0800 interruptions, harmonica trouble.
"	31st	Bari, reactivated at 0800, 0900 to 10.15 not working Bari group trouble. Messina from 10.20 to 10.55 not working, tuning in near Bari, from 16.00 to 2400 not working, line trouble near Catanzara.

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Translation.

FAULT REPORT OF THE ROME-NAPLES CIRCUIT USING A TELETYPE DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Oct.	1st	In reserve
"	2nd	Activated at 11. 35. OK
"	3th	OK except for brief intervals.
"	4th	not working from 0800 to 0900 for tuning in.
"	5th	not working from 0800 to 11.15, line breakdown, from 15.35 to 16.00 not working for inverted current at Naples Office.
"	6th	OK
"	7th	not working from ~~0~~2400 to 0800 and from 0900 to 10.15 line isolated.
"	8th	OK
"	9th	not working from 09.20 to 11.15, line breakdown, from 23.30 to 2400 line isolated.
"	10th	not working from 2400 to 17.30, inverted current.
"	11th	not working from 08.50 to 09.30 and irregular from 1600 to 1800 frequent inverted current.
"	12th	irregular from 0900 to 1500 line trouble
"	13th	not working, from 02.35 to 0605 inverted current and irregular from 0800 to 1800 line isolated.
"	14th	OK
"	15th	not working from 10.20 to 11.50 inverted current.
"	16th	OK
"	17th	OK
"	18th	OK
"	19th	OK
"	20th	OK
"	21st	irregular from 1500 to 2400 line isolated
"	22nd	from 02.45 interruptions.

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" 7th not working from 2400 to 0800 and from 0900 to 10.15 line isolated.
" 8th OK
" 9th not working from 09.20 to 11.15, line breakdown, from 23.30 to 2400 line isolated.
" 10th not working from 2400 to 17.30, inverted current.
" 11th not working from 08.50 to 09.30 and irregular from 1600 to 1800 frequent inverted current.
" 12th irregular from 0900 to 1500 line trouble
" 13th not working, from 02.35 to 0605 inverted current and irregular from 0800 to 1800 line isolated.
" 14th OK
" 15th not working from 10.20 to 11.50 inverted current.
" 16th OK
" 17th OK
" 18th OK
" 19th OK
" 20th OK
" 21st irregular from 1500 to 2400 line isolated
" 22nd from 02.45 interruptions
" 23rd re-activated at 11.15, not working from 15.05 to 2400 inverted current between Naples amplifier and Naples telegraph.
" 24th re-activated at 13/15
" 25th OK
" 26th OK
" 27th OK
28th OK
" 29th OK
" 30th OK
" 31st irregular, from 2400 to 0800 continued inverted current .

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FAULT REPORT ON THE CIRCUIT (0139 ROME - NAPLES USING A DOUBLE BAUDOT DUPLA DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Oct.	1st	Re-Activated at 10;45, OK
"	2nd	from 10.00 to 11.15 used for testing a Wheatstone, from 12.35 to 14.10 irregular for tuning in
"	3rd	OK
"	4th	OK
"	5th	from 13.35 interruptions, breakdown Mignano Napoli cable
"	6th	Interruptions continue
"	7th	Continued interruptions
"	8th	" "
"	9th	" "
"	10th	" "
"	11th	" "
"	12th	" "
"	13th	" "
"	14th	re-activated at 10.15, from 16.15 to 17.50 not working current variations, from 19.30 to 21.00 not working, harmonica trouble
"	15th	re-activated in echelon in Naples with Catanzaro Naples OK, Catanzaro, notworking from 20.15 for fault at Naples
"	16th	OK
"	17th	Naples OK , Catanzaro, not working from 01.20 to 03.15, faults at Naples.
"	18th	OK
"	19th	OK
"	20th	Naples OK, Catanzaro not working from 2400 to 09.15 and from 12.20 to 13.35 for line fault near Catanzaro.
"	21st	Naples, not working from 0800 to 1300, harmonica trouble from 22.15 not working for Amplifier reading.
"	22nd	Continued interruptions
"	23rd	" "
"	24th	" "
"	25th	re-activated at 09.50, OK
"	26th	Naples OK, Catanzaro, not working from 1200 to 13.05 for

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"	8th	" "
"	9th	" "
"	10th	" "
"	11th	" "
"	12th	" "
"	13th	" "
"	14th	re-activated at 10.15, from 16.15 to 17.50 not working current variations, from 19.30 to 21.00 not working, harmonica trouble
"	15th	re-activated inechelon in Naples with Catanzaro Naples OK, Catanzaro,notworking from 20.15 for fault at Naples
"	16th	OK
"	17th	Naples OK , Catanzaro, not working from 01.20 to 03.15, faults at Naples.
"	18th	OK
"	19th	OK
"	20th	Naples OK, Catanzaro not working from 2400 to 09.15 and from 12.20 to 13.35 for line fault near Catanzaro.
"	21st	Naples, not working from 0800 to 1300, harmonica trouble from 22.15 not working for Amplifier reading.
"	22nd	Continued interruptions
"	23rd	" "
"	24th	" "
"	25th	re-activated at 09.50, OK
"	26th	Naples OK, Catanzaro, not working from 1200 to 13.05 for tuning in Naples Catanzaro
"	27th	Naples OK, Catanzaro, nor working from 09.16 to 20.00, defective wire near Naples.
"	28th	Naples OK, Catanzaro irregular at intervals for tuning in, not working from 2300 to 2400, defective wire near Naples.
"	29th	OK
"	30th	Naples, not working from 00 to 9.15 for harmonica trouble, Catanzaro, not working, defective wire near Naples.
"	31st	Naples, not working, harmonica trouble.

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Translation.

FAULT REPORT FOR CIRCUIT (030) ROME-BARI HARMONICA USING A TRIPLE DOUBLE BAUDOT DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Oct. 1st Re-activated at 10.30, OK
" 2nd From 0800 to 09.30 not working for tuning in, from 17.15 to 23.30 not working for harmonica breakdown.
" 3rd OK
" 4th from 08.00 to 11.15 and from 15.30 to 2200 not working, harmonica breakdown.
" 5th from 13.35 interruption, cable damaged at Mignano Naples
" 6th Continued interruptions
" 7th " "
" 8th " "
" 9th " "
" 10th " "
" 11th " "
" 12th " "
" 13th " "
" 14th damage repaired at 10.30, from 12.30 to 17.15 not working fault at our terminal, from 2100 not working, amplifier breakdown at Naples.
" 15 breakdown persists up to 17.15, from 1900 to 2400 not working Bari's amplifier breaking down.
" 16th From 08.25 to 14.15 irregular and not working for group breakdown.
from 1500 to 2400 not working, harmonica breakdown.
" 17th from 08.15 to 16.30 not working, harmonica breakdown.
" 18th re-activated at 10.00, irregular up to 1500 for tuning in
" 19th OK
" 20th OK
" 21st from 09.55 to 1200 and from 12.30 to 13.25 not working for faulty harminica, from 22.15 interruption, cable damaged.
" 22nd interruptions persist.
" 23rd " "
" 24th re-activated at0900, from 13.30 to 14.20 and 19.30 to 22.25 not working, harmonica trouble
" 25th from 1800 to 2400 not working, faulty harmonica.
" 26th re-activated at 1800, OK
" 27th OK

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"	7th	" "
"	8th	" "
"	9th	" "
"	10th	" "
"	11th	" "
"	12th	" "
"	13th	" "
"	14th	damage repaired at 10.30, from 12.30 to 17.15 not working fault at our terminal, from 2100 not working, amplifier breakdown at Naples.
"	15	breakdown persists up to 17.15, from 1900 to 2400 not working Bari's amplifier breaking down.
"	16th	From 08.25 to 14.15 irregular and not working for group breakdown. from 1500 to 2400 not working, harmonica breakdown.
"	17th	from 08.15 to 16.30 not working, harmonica breakdown.
"	18th	re-activated at 10.00, irregular up to 1500 for tuning in
"	19th	OK
"	20th	OK
"	21st	from 09.55 to 1200 and from 12.30 to 13.25 not working for faulty harminica, from 22.15 interruption, cable damaged.
"	22nd	interruptions persist.
"	23rd	" "
"	24th	re-activated at0900, from 13.30 to 14.20 and 19.30 to 22.25 not working, harmonica trouble
"	25th	from 1800 to 2400 not working, faulty harmonica.
"	26th	re-activated at 1800, OK
"	27th	OK
"	28th	from 11.15 to 12.20 and 16.20 to 18.50 not working, faulty harmonica
"	29th	from 0900 to 12.20 not working, Bari Amplifier faulty.
"	30th	from 0800 interruption, harmonica breakdown
"	31st	re-activated at 0800, from 09.10 to 09.50 not working for tuning in, from 11.20 to 12.35 not working, faulty harmonica.

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Translation.

FAULT REPORT FOR CIRCUIT (012) ROME-NAPLES HARMONICA
USING A DOUBLE BAUDOT DUPLA DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

Oct.	1st	Re-activated at 10.20 OK
"	2nd	OK
"	3rd	OK
"	4th	OK
"	5th	from 13.35 interrupted, cable damaged at Mignano Naples
"	6th	Interruption persist;
"	7th	" "
"	8th	" "
"	9th	" "
"	10th	" "
"	11th	" "
"	12th	" "
"	13th	" "
"	14th	damage repaired at 09.25 OK
"	15th	OK
"	16th	from 09.30 to 2400 not working, faulty harmonica
"	17th	re-activated at 16.30 OK
"	18th	from 1000 to 12.50 used for testing a Wheatstone, from 13.00 to 16.30 not working, harmonica breakdown, from 20.00 to 22.15 activated a Wheatstone
"	19th	OK
"	20th	OK
"	21st	OK
"	22nd	from 2400 to not working for harmonica reading on amplifier.
"	23rd	interruption persist
"	24th	re-activated at 09.00
"	25th	OK
"	26th	from 2400 to 24.40 and from 20.00 to 2400 activated a Wheatstone

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" 6th Interruption persist;
" 7th " "
" 8th " "
" 9th " "
" 10th " "
" 11th " "
" 12th " "
" 13th " "
" 14th damage repaired at 09.25 OK
" 15th OK
" 16th from 09.30 to 2400 not working, faulty harmonica
" 17th re-activated at 16.30 OK
" 18th from 1000 to 12.50 used for testing a Wheatstone, from 13.00 to 16.30 not working, harmonica breakdown, from 20.00 to 22.15 activated a Wheatstone
" 19th OK
" 20th OK
" 21st OK
" 22nd from 2400 to not working for harmonica reading on amplifier.
" 23rd interruption persist
" 24th re-activated at 09.00
" 25th OK
" 26th from 2400 to 24.40 and from 20.00 to 2400 activated a Wheatstone
" 27th OK
" 28th OK
" 29th OK
" 30th from 0800 interrupted for harmonica breakdown.
" 31st re-activated at 10.30 OK.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394.

10 October 44

Subject : Monthly Report - Telecommunications Region I.

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

I. Large scale theft of wire and other telecommunications material continued during the month and some routes were systematically dismantelled by gangs disguised as CC.TT. linemen.

The major thefts were:-

Palermo-Messina Road.

Guadagna

12 Kilometres 3 mm copper wire.

Castelvetrano

1,5 Kilometres copper wire.

Salemi

2,8 Kilometres copper wire

Fontana Bianca

4 Kilometres iron wire

In Palermo city a new form of theft became troublesome. Iron man-hole covers over UG cable inspection points were stolen (5 in all.)

In various other thefts a total of 10 Kilometres of copper wire, 50 poles and 175 insulators were stolen.

It is hoped that at least 30 of the persons concerned in the thefts and in " fencing " the materials will be apprehended within the next few days. In August I requested all officers of the Region to report any dealings in copper wire bulk copper lead etc. On 27 Sept. Capt. CF Pike the Agricultural Officer reported that he had been approached by a certain Nicastro who wanted to produce Copper Sulphate for fertilisation purposes. Capt. Pike inquired where he had obtained the copper necessary for the production of this chemical Nicastro stated that be had purchased copper from a man named Mandalà who bought and sold " telephone cable ". I was informed immediately and proceeded to the shop accompanied by Ing. Cuscinà of the SET and an agent from the Questura. Mandalà had large quantities of scrap metal and wire from which we sorted a large amount of SET lead covered cable and copper wire which contained linemens' joints.

One piece of 200 pair cable was identified as that cut out from a main city trunk on the night of 21 march. Mandalà protested his

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innocence and produced an account book containing records of all purchases. Many purchases of copper wire etc were dated one or two days after some of our major losses took place.
On 28 April 3000 yds of copper wire was stolen from the Trapani-Paparella circuit. On 15 May a man named Diego Candia (of Trapani)- sold to Mandalà 1475 kilos of copper wire. This and other coincidences have led to the arrest of 30 persons each controlling a thriving wire cutting and retailing business.

2. The problem of an " intermediary " Switchboard for the intra-urban board Palermo has at last been solved. It was not found praticable to remove the Siracuse exchange, to Palermo as it was not designed to work with the automatic 10,000 line here. We have now designed a method of selection whereby the intra-urban operator can call an engaged automatic subscriber and after a long distance call. (Technical details by letter). Difficulty is being experienced at Trapani exchange as electric current is only available for six hours daily and only one additional battery bank can be found for use as a stand-by during that the time the main banks are charging the obvious solution is a small charging engine, of the " Chore Horse " type. It is hoped to obtain such an engine through a local contractor.
The following telephone circuits were re-activated by the SET during September:

Palermo Zone

Agrigento-Province

Siculiana	-	Cattolica Eraclea
Raffadali	-	S. Elisabetta
Menfi	-	S. Margerita

Catania Zone

Barcellona	-	Castroreale
Acicastello	-	Acireale (2)
Tremestieri	-	Messina

The following numbers of civilian subscribers were working by 30 September 44:

Palermo Zone

Palermo	5846
Agrigento	508
Caltanissetta	506
Trapani	572
Marsala	267
Termini Im.	115
Petralia Sot.	74
Alcamo	78
Castellana	8
Polizzi Gener.	12
Bagheria	35

Catania Zone

Catania	4675
Messina	655
Siracusa	470
Ragusa	336
Enna	183
Acireale	378
Caltagirone	163
Ionia	69
Ionia marina	61
Paternò	67
Patti	34

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Lentini	I8I	Avola	32
Noto	86	Calascibetta	3
Comiso	72	Total Palermo Zone	= 8023
Modica	I87	Total Catania Zone	= 7879
Scicli	34	Total in Sicily	= I5.902
Vittoria	I08	Prewar Total	= 25.000
Leonforte	I5		
Piazza Arm.	75		

Total of towns etc with civilian service = 32
Pre-war " " " " " " " = 255

The Circolo Costruzione Palermo have re-activated all the telegraph circuits in Western Sicily with the exception of:
Motta D'Affermo
Boccadifalco. (Telegraph Office destroyed)
Sclafani)
Valledolmo) Work ceased awing to lack of funds.
Bompietro)
Locati)
Ustica Island. Sub-cable to be released by ASR shortly

Partanna Mondello
Palermo Succursale 22
Palermo Arenella
Levanzo Island Sub-marine cable fractured.
(Favignana Group).
The Circolo Costruzione Messina re-activated 20 more circuits but this represents little work as the circuits were all extremely short. Both Circoli were unable to carry out normal maintenance owing to the lack of funds. I toured all western Sicily and part of Eastern Sicily during the month and observed that recently re-activated circuits were all in need of " Pulling-up " pole bracing & staying, insulators were cracked & corroded etc. Both Circoli need at last L. 500.000 per month each. At present the Ministry provides L. 250.000 - L. 300.000 and this amount is always late in arriving.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
AFO 394.

10 October 44

Subject : Monthly Report - Telecommunications Region I.

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

I. Large scale theft of wire and other telecommunications material continued during the month and some routes were systematically dismantelled by gangs disguised as CC.TT. linemen.

The major thefts were:-

Palermo-Messina Road.

Guadagna

12 Kilometres 3 mm copper wire.

Castelvetrano

1,5 Kilometres copper wire.

Salemi

2,8 Kilometres copper wire

Fontana Bianca

4 Kilometres iron wire

In Palermo city a new form of theft became troublesome. Iron man-hole covers over UG cable inspection points were stolen (5 in all.)

In various other thefts a total of 10 Kilometres of copper wire, 50 poles and 175 insulators were stolen.

It is hoped that at least 30 of the persons concerned in the thefts and in " fencing " the materials will be apprehended within the next few days. In August I requested all officers of the Region to report any dealings in copper wire bulk copper lead etc. On 27 Sept. Capt. GF Pike the Agricultural Officer reported that he had been approached by a certain Nicastro who wanted to produce Copper Sulphate for fertilisation purposes. Capt. Pike inquired where he had obtained the coppor necessary for the production of this chemical Nicastro stated that be had purchased copper from a man named Mandalà who bought and sold " telephone cable ". I was informed immediately and proceeded to the shop accompanied by Ing. Cuscinà of the SET and an agent from the Questura. Mandalà had large quantities of scrap metal and wire from which we sorted a large amount of SET lead covered cable and copper wire which contained linemens' joints.

One piece of 200 pair cable was identified as that cut out from a main city trunk on the night of 21 march. Mandalà protested his

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innocence and produced an account book containing records of all purchases. Many purchases of copper wire etc were dated one or two days after some of our major losses took place.
On 28 April 3000 yds of copper wire was stolen from the Trapani-Paparella circuit. On 15 May a man named Diego Candia (of Trapani)- sold to Mendalà 1476 kilos of copper wire. This and other coincidences have led to the arrest of 30 persons each controlling a thriving wire cutting and retailing business.

2. The problem of an " intermediary " Switchboard for the intra-urban board Palermo has at last been solved. It was not found praticable to remove the Siracuse exchange, to Palermo as it was not designed to work with the automatic 10,000 line here. We have now designed a method of selection whereby the intra-urban operator can call an engaged automatic subscriber and after a long distance call. (Technical details by letter). Difficulty is being experienced at Trapani exchange as electric current is only available for six hours daily and only one additional battery bank can be found for use as a stand-by during that the time the main banks are charging the obvious solution is a small charging engine, of the " Chore Horse " type. It is hoped to obtain such an engine through a local contractor.
The following telephone circuits were re-activated by the SET during September:

Palermo Zone

Agrigento-Province

Siculiana	-	Cattolica Eraclea
Raffadali	-	S. Elisabetta
Menfi	-	S. Margerita

Catania Zone

Barcellona	-	Castroreale
Acicastello	-	Acireale (2)
Tremestieri	-	Messina

The following numbers of civilian subscribers were working by 30 September 44:

Palermo Zone

Palermo	5846
Agrigento	508
Caltanissetta	506
Trapani	572
Marsala	267
Termini Im.	115
Petralia Sot.	74
Alcamo	78
Castellana	9
Polizzi Gener.	12
Bagheria	35

Catania Zone

Catania	4675
Messina	655
Siracusa	470
Ragusa	334
Enna	183
Acireale	378
Caltagirone	163
Ionia	69
Ionia marina	61
Paternò	67
Patti	34

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Lentini	181	Avola	32
Noto	86	Calascibetta	3
Comiso	72	Total Palermo Zone	= 8023
Modica	187	Total Catania Zone	= 7879
Scicli	34	Total in Sicily	= 15.902
Vittoria	108	Prewar Total	= 25.000
Leonforte	15		
Piazza Arm.	75		

Total of towns etc with civilian service = 32
Pre-war " " " " " " " = 255

The Circolo Costruzione Palermo have re-activated all the telegraph circuits in Western Sicily with the exception of:
Motta D'Affermo
Boccadifalco. (Telegraph Office destroyed)
Solafani)
Valledolmo) Work ceased owing to lack of funds.
Bompietro)
Locati)
Ustica Island. Sub-cable to be released by ASR shortly

Partanna Mondello
Palermo Succursale 22
Palermo Arenella
Levanzo Island Sub-marine cable fractured.
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MONTHLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 1944.

1. Telephones:

(a) Lazio: The towns of Littoria, Velletri, Frosinone, Terracina and Viterbo, were connected to the telephone network, while circuits to Ostia, Anzio, Tivoli, Frascati, and Civitavecchia should be ready shortly. A Terni - Orvieto circuit and a Terni Perugia circuit are now ready for use when required.

(b) Abbruzzi - Marche: The towns of Terni, Rieti, Aquila, and Teramo have been interconnected. Rome -Avezzano circuits are half completed, while Rome - Rieti circuits have been begun.

(c) Toscana: Local service has been given to a few more towns e.g. Montepulciano, Livorno, Massa Marittima, etc. The provision of local service is well in hand at Arezzo and Lucca. An inter-urban board has been reconditioned at Florence and is in progress of installation. A complete survey of internal damage has been made in this Region.

2. Telegraphs:

(a) Lazio: The towns of Littoria, Velletri, and Terracina have been connected to Rome, and a phonogram service is in operation to Frosinone. Telegraph service will be provided shortly to Ostia, Anzio, Tivoli, Frascati, and Civitavecchia, while work is in hand on circuits to Terni, Rieti and Avezzano.

(b) Abruzzi - Marche: The towns of Aquila, Rieti, Avezzano, Sulmona, Teramo, and a few smaller towns have been interconnected. The Rome - Avezzano circuits now in hand will shortly give these towns access to Rome.

3. Submarine Cable: The Rome - Sardinia telegraph cable is now in Italian operation for Government traffic.

4. Planning: (a) After discussion with the Italian Government, schedules have been prepared showing minimum telegraph and telephone Government requirements for the whole of North Italy. Relevant diagrams have been completed. This information has been supplied to Chief Signal Officer, A.A.I.; Chief Signal Officer, L of C; and all Regions concerned.

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10 Sept. 1944

In reply
refer to: RTC 319.1

Subject: Letter of Transmittal

To: Communications Sub-Commission
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394 U.S. Army
(Thru: R.C. & M.G. Section)

1. Transmitted herewith is monthly report for Telecommunications Section, Region I Hq. A.C.C. for the month of August 1944.

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Subject :- Monthly Report - Telecommunications Region I.

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In all 100 yards of 100 pair lead covered cable 1100 yards copper wire, 1000 yards iron wire, and 3000 yards of field cable were cut down and taken away. No arrests were made by the local police who very rarely take any action at all in these cases.

2) One more four wire circuit Palermo-Catania was activated for public service in the UG " National " cable.

This circuit (Catania 14) pairs 306-506 brought the total of telephone circuits in the cable used for public service to 9.

These are :-

Palermo - Naples N° 3	pairs 301-501
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Palermo - Catania N°I4	pairs 306-506
Palermo - Catania;N° 5	pairs 309-509
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Catania - Acireale	pair 7
Acireale- Ionia	pair 7
Catania - Ionia	pair 8

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Palermo Zone

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Palermo - Termini
Palermo - S. Stefano (since requisitioned by military for NOB - Catania -)

Catania Zone

Messina - Milazzo
Milazzo - Barcellona
Barcellona - Patti
Milazzo-S.Pietro - Spadafora
Milazzo - S.Luca del Melo
Giarre - Trepunti
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Palermo	5523	Catania	4336
Agrigento	495	Messina	593
Caltanissetta	443	Siracusa	435
Trapani	545	Ragusa	338
Marsala	212	Enna	I82
Alcamo	78	Comiso	60
Petralia Sot.	74	Giarre	65
Termini Imerese	94	Caltagirone	I63
Castellana	8	Modica	I80
Polizzi Generosa	I2	Noto	84
Bagheria	35	Paternò	63

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Catania Zone (cont.)

Vittoria	I06
Lentini	I06
Acireale	378
Avola	35
Scicli	35
Riposto	57
Patti	34
Leonforte	I6
Piazzarmerina	75
Calascibetta	3

4) During the month of August the Circolo Palermo reactivated 8 telegraph circuits.

In the same period the Circolo Messina re-activated I9 telegraph circuits.

Palermo Zone

a) Number of offices reconnected to main system and working : 293

b) Number of offices remaining to be connected : 17.

c) Percentage of communes with telegraphic communications through main system : I00%

Messina Zone

a) I99

b) I08

c) 60%

5) On the release of the submarine cables Palermo-Naples, Palermo - Cagliari by the U.S. Army Signal Corps, experiments were commenced to prepare for re-activation of government service on these cables. (The Palermo-Naples cable was activated, Circuit 303 AB/4/2 Baudot duplex, on 2 Sept.)

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Palermo Zone

a) Number of offices reconnected to main system and working : 223.

b) Number of offices remaining to be connected : 17.

c) Percentage of communes with telegraphic communications through main system : 100%

Messina Zone

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b) 108

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Giachino, is not a suitable man for the post he holds. He was appointed by 1 District in place of Martorana (now Palermo) despite my protests. He was originally a foreman (Capo-Squadra) and has not the grasp of administrative essentials necessary to his position. I should like to recommend Ing. Puglisi Domenico (now assistant Director Palermo) to replace Giachino. Puglisi was invaluable in the early days of Amgot in giving information on the telecommunication system here in Sicily. Since then he has worked hard and well and is one of the very few trustworthy men in the Circolo.

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