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Sept. 1943 - Aug. 1945

at - REQUISITION OF ITALIAN EXTERNAL
PLANT BY ALLIED FORCES

43. Aug 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T.9.91.CS

29th August, 1945

SUBJECT: Telegraph Poles

TO : Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.

1. With reference to your letter N° S/15.3/32716 of 21 June, please see attached correspondence.

2. What is amounts to is that the poles are released to S.A.R.T.I., but you have first priority in obtaining them from that Company.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Enclosure: Correspondence.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AG 411.1 BPENG

AUG 10 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Telegraph Poles

TO : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Att: Industry Sub-Commission).

1. Release of 50,000 telegraph poles now in stock at Camigliatello, Cosenza, is hereby authorized to Società Tranquillo Rossi (S.A.R.T.) of Milan with the following provisions:

a. No private truck transport presently engaged in the transportation of lumber, logs or other forest products for the U.S. Army, will be used in transporting these poles.

b. No railroad cars of the Cosenza-Camigliatello branch or the Cosenza Catanzaro branch of the Calabro-Lucano railroad can be used as long as U.S. military requirements need the use of said cars.

c. All financial arrangements will be the responsibility of the civilian firms involved.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

G.D. CARLISLE
1st Lt. A.G.D.
Asst. Adj.Gen

cc: Engr, Mtsouza
800th For Co.

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Tel. 396

AHJ/as

Ref. AC/5580/IND

27 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Telegraph Poles.

TO : Communications Sub-Commission

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter of 18 August 45, T/9/88/CS.
2. This Sub-Commission has no objection to the release of said poles to Communications Sub-Commission in accordance with conditions as set forth in Penbase letter AG 411.1 BPENG of 10 August.

Copy to:
Economic Section

ANDREW HABAN, JR Major CAC

for A.H. GLENDINNING
Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

AUG 30 1945

AG 411.1 BPENG

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(Attn: Industry Sub-Commission)

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c. All financial arrangements will be the responsibility of the civilian firms involved.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

cc: Engr, Mousa
South For CoG. D. CARLISLE,
Lt. Col. G. D.,
Post 782, Gen.

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Tel. 396

AHJ/es

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Ref. AC/5580/IND

27 August 45

SUBJECT ; Release of Telegraph Poles.
 TO : Communications Sub-Commission.
 FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

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Copy to:
 Economic Section.

for A.E. GLENDINNING
 Colonel,
 Acting Director,
 Industry Sub-Commission.

Andrew Haban
 ANDREW HABAN, JR Major CAC

*Sept 1945**See if you can get a copy of AG 411.1 BPENG from**Industry Sec. as soon as possible**Haban*
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Date 27 AUG 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.9.88.05

18th August, 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Telegraph Poles.

TO : Industry, Sub-Commission.

1. This Sub-Commission has endeavoured for many months to obtain the release of 50,000 telephone and telegraph poles held at Camigliatello Cosenza.

2. It appears that they have now been released to you in Penbase letter AG411.1 BPENG of 10 August addressed to you.

3. Kindly say if the poles may now be used by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

4. These poles have been held so long by Allied organisations that the need has become very urgent, the Ministry having made repeated requests.

H.H.SCUDDER,
Lt.Col.Sig.C.
Director.

Enclosure:

Copy of letter of 14 August.

see 89 1507

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

Ref. S-19

14 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Telegraph Poles

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Att: Communications Sub-Commission)

1. Reference your T.9.68.CS of 4 August. Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section has released the 50,000 telegraph poles held at Camigliastello Cosenza.

2. This release was effected subject to certain conditions as set out in Penbase letter AG411.1 DPENG of 10 August addressed to Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Att: Industry Sub-Commission).

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R.C. CARSON
Major, G.S.C.,
Economics & Supply.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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Ref. S-19

14 August 1945

SUBJECT: Telegraph Poles

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Communications Sub-Commission) *me 86*

1. Reference your T.9.86.CS of 4 August. Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section has released the 50,000 telegraph poles held at Camigliatello Cosenza.

2. This release was effected subject to certain conditions as set out in Penbase letter AG411.1 BPENG of 10 August addressed to Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission (Attn: Industry Sub-Commission).

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



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R. C. CARSON,
Major, G.S.C.,
Economics & Supply.

Director	<i>mm</i>
D/Inspector	
Chief Telecoms	
Chief Postal	
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Date 16 AUG 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Communications Sub-Commission

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T.9.86.CS

4 August, 1945

SUBJECT: Telegraph Poles.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (Att: G-5 Section).

Reference your letter S.8.8-19 dated 6th July 1945,
subject as above.

As the Italian Government is pressing for delivery
of the poles, any release please be expedited.

H.H. SCUDDER,
Lt. Col. Sig. O.
Director.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Director	
Asst. Director	
Chief of Staff	
Chief of Post	6 July 1945
Chief of Com. O.	
Asst. Chief Postal	
Censorship	
Chief Clerk	

Ref. S-19

SUBJECT: Telegraph Poles

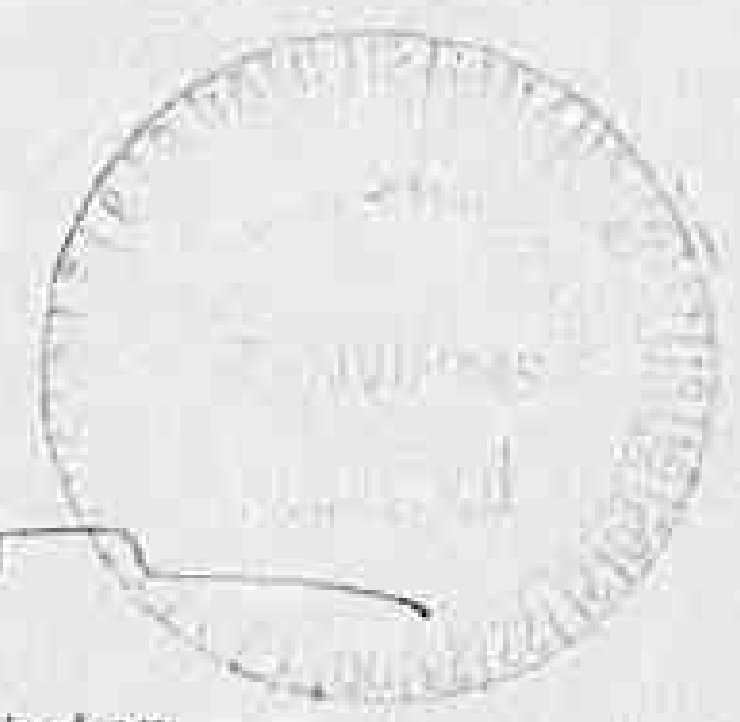
TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Communications Sub-Commission)

Reference your T.9.84.CS of 26 June and translated enclosures.

1. A letter has been dispatched to the Engineer PENBASE requesting release of the poles, referred to in reference translation, if they are not required by PENBASE.
2. If they are released, release notice will be sent directly to the Allied Commission.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. G. Carson
R. G. CARSON
Major, G.S.C.
Economics & Supply Division



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APC 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.9.84.03

26th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Telegraph Poles

TO: G-5, A.F.H.Q.

1. Please see attached letter from the Italian Government. (83)
2. May the poles be de-requisitioned now for treatment and use by the Italians, as poles are becoming short.

H. H. SCUDDER
Lt. Colonel, Sig. C.
Director.

Incl: Copy of letter of 21st June, 1945 (Translation)

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Translation by C. Gagliardi.

21st June 1945.

Ref. No. S/15.3/32716.

Subject: Release of wooden telegraph poles.

1. This Ministry is in urgent need of purchasing treated wooden telegraph poles from the Societa' Tranquillo Rossi (S.A.R.T.) of Milan.

2. For this purpose, the above Societa', which has at Camigliatello (Cosenza) a stock of about 50,000 poles, blocked by the 800th Engineer Forestry Company Command, APC 782 U.S. Army, has requested the release of same.

3. We kindly request you to examine, with courteous promptness, the possibility of releasing the poles in question, so as to allow the Societa' Rossi to begin the treatment of same.

U.S. of S.

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MINISTERO DELLE POSTE E DELLE TELECOMUNICAZIONI
SOTTOSGREGARIATO DI STATO
SGREGERIA

Prot. N° S/15.3/32716

Roma, 21 Giugno 1945

OGGETTO:

Sblocco pali di legno.

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

ROMA

1. - Questo Ministero si trova nell'impellente necessità di acquistare dei pali di legno iniettati, presso la Società Tranquillo Rosai (S.A.R.T.) di Milano.

2. - A tal uopo la Società stessa, che ha a CAMIGLIATELLO (Cosenza) un deposito di circa 50.000 pali, bloccati dal Comando 800 T.H. Engineer Forestry Company, A.P.O. 782 US ARMY, ha richiesto lo sblocco dei medesimi.

3. - Si prega codesta Sottocommissione di esaminare con cortese sollecitudine la possibilità di sbloccare i materiali del Deposito di cui sopra, per permettere alla Società di iniziare il processo di iniezione.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO
M. Fano

Director
Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
Chief Comm. O.
Chief Chief Postal
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.9.82.08

5th April, 1945

SUBJECT: Telegraph Line Vico - Garganico

TO: H.E. The Minister, Ministry of Communications

1. With reference to your letter No. S/8.4/31465 of 13th March, the Prefect's report tends to convey a wrong impression.

2. In January of this year, severe storms caused damage in several places to the pole routes which carry operational circuits around the Gargano Peninsular. To permit repairs to these routes 12 poles were taken from a disused short spur route just south of Peschici. No poles were available from 3 District (East) at the time. (Due to the extensive breakdowns which had occurred in 2. Italy).

3. The rotten and broken poles recovered from the main route were used as firewood, being otherwise useless.

4. Some 9 miles of new copper wire were erected on the main route to replace wire which was of no further use. Some of the recovered material may have been stolen by civilians from the sites of the breakdowns, but it was not given away.

5. The Chief Air Formation Signals Officer is prepared to obtain 12 poles through normal channels and to deliver them to the appropriate Italian authority, or alternatively, to re-erect them in place of the poles that were taken. Will you kindly inform this HQ. if you wish this to be carried out.

6. You may be assured that, in spite of minor depredations made in the interests of operational communications the overhead routes in the Gargano Peninsular are now in a better state of repair and efficiency than they were when the area was first occupied by the Allies. A considerable amount of Allied material has been used in the repair of these routes whereas no Italian material has been taken out of the area.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director

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Subject :- Misuse of Signals Materials.

Chief Air Formation Signals Officer,
H.Q., M.A.A.F., C.M.F.
Ref :- 153/TH

3 APR 45

Headquarters, Allied Commission,
A.P.O. 394.

1. Your T.9.80.Cs of 14 MAR 45 was forwarded to this HQ for investigation.

2. In January of this year, severe storms caused damage in several places to the pole routes which carry operational circuits around the GARGANO Peninsula. To permit repairs to these routes, 12 P.L. poles were taken from a disused short spur route just south of PESCHICI. It is considered that this action was justified, as no poles were available from 3 Dist (East) at the time. (Due to the extensive breakdowns which had occurred in E. Italy).

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5. This HQ is prepared to obtain 12 poles through normal channels and to deliver them to the appropriate Italian authority, or alternatively, to re-erect them in place of the poles that were taken. Will you kindly inform this HQ of the action required.

6. You may be assured that, in spite of minor depredations made in the interests of operational communications, the overhead routes in the GARGANO Peninsula are now in a far better state of repair and efficiency than they were when the area was first occupied by the Allies. A considerable amount of Allied material has been used in the repair of these routes, whereas no Italian material has been taken out of the area.

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L. H. Boyd Col for

Brig,
C.A.F.S.O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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T.9.80.CS

14 March 1945

Subject: Misuse of Signal Materials

To : OSO, D of C.

1. Please see the attached translation of a letter with a personal addendum from the Minister of Communications.
2. Would you kindly investigate the matter and enable this HQ to reply to the Minister.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Enclosure: Translation of letter.

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MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSGREGARIATO DI STATO
SEGRETARIA

Roma, 13 marzo 1945

Prot. N° 5/84/31465

Risposta al foglio N.

del

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission

Allegati

Oggetto: Linea telegrafica Vico-Garganico

S. Mensaio.-

R O M A

La Prefettura di Foggia ci comunica, con sua lettera n. 853, in data 7-3-45 quanto segue:

- " la linea telefonica civile Vico-Garganico-S. Mensaio venne smontata da militari inglesi accantonati nei locali dell'ufficio scolastico di quel Comune addeitti ai telefoni militari delle truppe alleate.
- " Da accertamenti fatti eseguire è risultato che del materiale ottenuto dal disfacimento della linea i pali vengono usati dai militari alleati per riscaldamento ed il materiale metallico viene abbandonato o ceduto a civili del luogo o militari stessi.
- " Ciò premesso prego codesto Ministero di voler cortesemente interpellare la Commissione Alleata di Controllo perchè siano difesi i fatti ai Enti militari per evitare la distruzione e dispersione dei materiali.

F. to IL PREFETTO "

Fatti del genere di quelli sopracitati, si verificano, disgiuntamente, da più tempo, con deplorevole progressività.

Saremmo pertanto vivamente grati a cotesta Commissione, se volesse, nel modo che meglio riterrà opportuno, assumere quei provvedimenti atti ad evitare l'ulteriore verificarsi di simili

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Allegati

Oggetto: Linea telegrafica Vico-Garganico

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IL MINISTRO
 (M. Cevolotto)

Director	
Chief of Staff	
Chief of Communications	
Chief of Postal	
Chief of Communications	
Chief of Postal	
Chief of Communications	
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TRANSLATION BY SELAN

Rome, 13rd March 1945

SUBJECT: Vico-Garganico S. Menaio telegraph line.

TO : Allied Commission PP.TT; Sub-Commission APO 394

The Prefettura of Poggia, with letter N° 835, dated 7/3/45 has communicated to us the following:

"The civil telephone line Vico Garganico - S. Menaio was dismantled by English soldier, billeted in the Premises of the School Office of that Commune, charged with the military telephone lines for the Allies. "

From enquiries carried out, it has been discovered that the material obtained from the dismantling of the line is being used as follows: the poles are being used by the Allied Soldiers for the heating of such premises, and the metallic material is abandoned or given to civilians.

We beg you Ministry to kindly interest the Allied Commission, so that the Military concerned may be advised of the above, in order to avoid the destruction or the scattering of the stores.

signed:

The Prefetto.

We deeply regret this because similar instances have been occurring for a long time.

We would therefore be thankful to your Commission, if you would, as soon as you think opportune, take the necessary provisions, in order to avoid that facts of the sort happen any more.

Director	
D/Director	
Chief Telecom	
Chief Postal	
H. Q. Comm. O.	
Anal. Chief Postal	
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THE MINISTER
M. Cevalotto

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

28th June, 1944.

In reply
refer to: 03/4/9/76

Subject : Allied Circuits in Italian Government Territory.

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

1. Certain circuits have been requisitioned in the post in the Calabria area by local arrangements, generally with 31st Italian Army Corps.. (Capt. Mattioli).
2. In order to regularise the position a list of these circuits is appended.

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

Copy to: No.2 Air Formation Signals (ref.121 dated 25th June, 1944)

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Codice</u>	<u>Data</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
I	Isola - Reggio	1. 12. 43	
II	Crotone - Reggio	1. 12. 43	
III	Reggio - C. Vetroneo	22. 11. 43	No longer required
IV	Reggio - C. Vetroneo	3. 12. 43	No longer required
V	Reggio - C. Spartivento	8. 1. 44	
VI	Reggio - C. Spartivento	9. 5. 44	
VII	Isola - Taranto	11. 12. 43	
VIII	Crotone - Taranto		Telescriventi. circa 1293

SECRET

Subject: - Requisitioning of circuits in Calabria.

DIRECTOR
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 CENSORSHIP
 CHIEF CLERK
 Director of Communications
 Sub-Commission
 Rear HQ
 ACC
 (Salerno).

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Headquarters,
 2 Air Formation Signals.

Ref: - 124

26 Jun 44.

1. From time to time civilian telephone circuits have been requisitioned in the Calabria Area by this Unit to provide operational land line links for Mediterranean Allied Coastal Air Force.

2. Request for these circuits have been made to the HQ at Catanzaro and this unit has superintended the production of these circuits.

3. Circuits referred to are listed below, the references given being supplied by Capt Matteini of the 31st Italian Army Corps at Catanzaro.

	Date of request.	Ref.
(i) BOCCARZI (ISOLA) - REGGIO (for cct Catania SCR - 8000 MTS)	1/12/43	01/11/619
(ii) CROTONI (ISOLA) - REGGIO	1/12/43	01/11/69
(iii) REGGIO - C. VATICANO (for cct SCR - 8051 MTS)	22/11/43	1/13
(iv) REGGIO - C. VATICANO (for cct SCR - 8051 MTS)	3/12/43	01/11/642
(v) REGGIO - C. SPARTIVENTO (for cct CATANIA SCR - 897 MTS)	8/1/44	Verbal (10 pment)
(vi) REGGIO - C. SPARTIVENTO (for 2nd cct CATANIA SCR - 927 MTS) vide 2 Air Form Sigs.	9/5/44	01/12/74
(vii) ISOLA - TARANTO (for cct CROTONE SCR - 8000 MTS).	11/12/43	01/11/760
(viii) CROTONE - TARANTO. (Telescriventi cct 30 R + R Unit RAF CROTONE - 242 Cn TARANTO)	12/9/44	1292

2. Request for these circuits.
Catanzaro and this unit has superintended the production of these circuits.

3. Circuits referred to are listed below, the references given being supplied by Capt Matteini of the 31st Italian Army Corps at Catanzaro.

	Date of request.	Ref.
(A) BOCCARIES (ISOLA) - REGGIO (for cot Catania SOR - 8000AIES)	1/12/43	01/14619
(II) ORGONE (ISOLA) - REGGIO	1/12/43	01/1469
(III) REGGIO - C. VATICIANO (for cot SOR - 8031 AIES)	22/11/43	2/13
(IV) REGGIO - C. VATICIANO (for cot SOR - 8031 AIES)	3/12/43	01/14642
(V) REGGIO - C. SPARTIVENTO (for cot GAMBULA SOR - 897 AIES)	3/1/44	{Verbal {Request}
(VI) REGGIO - C. SPARTIVENTO (for 2nd cot CATANIA SOR - 897 AIES) vice 2 Air Fan Sigs.	9/5/44	3/12/71
(VII) ISOLA - TARANTO (for cot GAMBULA SOR - 8000 AIES).	14/12/43	1292
(VIII) ORGONE - TARANTO. (Telescriventi cot 30 R + R Unit RAT CROTONE - 242 Gp TARANTO)	14/12/43	01/14760

4. Some doubt appears to exist as to whether these circuits have been properly requisitioned and it would be appreciated if the requisitioning of circuits (i) (ii) (v) (vii) and (viii) could be confirmed.

5. The requisitioning of circuit (vi) is covered by this HQ letter 2AAS/50/4/1340 of 4 May 44. — 56

6. Circuits (iii) and (iv) are now no longer required as 8031 AIES has ceased to be operational in that locality and may be de-requisitioned.

W. Walker
for Lt. Col. R. Signals,
Commanding 2nd Air Formation Signals.

Field.
At/Sec.

JLM/epc

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

27th June, 1944.

In reply
refer to: GS/4/9/76

Subject : Telephone Circuits.

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

1. Reference your X 13 dated 23rd June, there is no objection to the dismantling of the circuits referred to.

2. It would take some time to ascertain whether these circuits are in use by Allied Forces, but it appears most unlikely. To avoid the delay that would be necessary to check this through official channels, it is suggested that you give authority to dismantle the circuits providing they are not in use by Allied Forces. This can be readily ascertained on the spot.

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

TRANSLATION

Communications Sic

From - SIRE
To - MIARef R/1-3/2193
Date 22 Jun 44Subject - Dismantling of telephone circuits in CALABRIA

The Railway Dept of REGGIO CALABRIA has requested that the following telephone circuits be handed over to them in order that they may dismantle them and use the recovered material for the improvement of their own communications. These circuits were originally constructed by the Italian Army.

No. 6869 SIBARI - CORIGLIANO Station.
No. 4664 AMENDOLARA - AMENDOLARA Semaphore
No. 4599 ROSSANO - AMENDOLARA Semaphore.

This SIRE approves the request since these circuits are no longer used for units of the Italian Army. Please let us know if the Allies approve.

sgd OXILIA

Subject:- Telephone Circuits

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MIA)
LEQUILE (LECCE)
X 13
23 Jun 44

Rear HQ ACC

The above translation of SIRE letter is forwarded to you.

May I have your authority for this changeover.

DIRECTOR.
D/DIRECTOR.
S O (T).
S C P)
CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.
Received 26/6/44
15/4/9

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R. N. Phillips
Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm ACC
1290

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394

14th June, 1944.

In reply
refer to: TS/4/9/74

Subject : Circuit, Reggio - Locri.

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

Reference your letter No. A.T./3.5/372 dated
22, May, 1944.

1. Information has been received that the second iron circuit will be completed by 16th June, when the bronze and iron pairs will be exchanged as arranged.
2. There is some question of refunding the Circolo for the wire used in this pair which will eventually become a S.E.T. circuit; no doubt you will arrange this transaction.

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

1789

CONFIDENTIAL.Subject:- Circuit Request.Headquarters,
2 Air Formation Signals.

Ref:- 104

Director of Communications,
Sub Commission,
Rear H.Q.,
A.C.C.
(SALERNO).

12 Jun 44.

Ref this HQ letter 2AFS/50/4/1340 dated 4 May and
2AFS/50/4/1410 dated 15 May 44.

1. The second iron circuit mentioned in the a/q letters is being rehabilitated and should be in working order by 16 June, when the bronze and iron pairs will be switched as arranged.
2. The rehabilitation is being carried out under arrangements made by the director of the CINCOLO at REGGIO, who has recovered a certain amount of wire and stores from old routes, stating that as this rehabilitated circuit would become an S.E.T. circuit when completed, he would require the wire expended replaced.
3. The request for the replacement was passed to Capt MATTEINI of the 31 Italian Telegraphisto Corps at CATANZARO and the replacement wire (1800 kgs) has duly been released by the Secretary of State with a note that the cost would be 36,000 lire.
4. This would appear to be an internal paper transaction within the Italian State Departmental Organisation, and it would be greatly appreciated if the matter could be passed to the proper authorities for settlement of the sum involved.

DIRECTIONS
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gmWaker

2AFS/50/4/1410 dated 15 May 44.
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W. Waters
Major
for Lt. Col., R. Signals,
Commanding 2 Air Formation Signals.

Field.
AH/TF.

Copy to:- Capt J.H.W. Cobbing (S/L3/831 dated 5 Jun refers).

Subject :- Unauthorised Use of ITALIAN Stores

HQ AAI

2728X2

Director
Communications Sub Commission ACC

2, Jun 44

Reference is made to your letter TS/4/21 of 2 May.

It is regretted that materials were taken from ITALIAN routes without any proper authorisation. It appears that this was the result of misunderstanding on the part of the Unit responsible.

In the meantime this letter may be considered as constituting a formal release for the quantities used.

NET/MSB

DIRECTOR.
D.DIRECTOR.
S.O. (1).
S.C. P1
CENSORSHIP.
CHIEF CLERK.

Registered in 3/4/44

R. E. Thomas Major
Major General,
Chief Signal Officer.

1287 15/4/9
This letter is in file
with nos 53 and 60

HTWM/ra

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to: TS/4/9/

4th June 1944.

Subject: Italian Stores.

To: The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications
and Posts.

With reference to ACC letter TS/4/9/55 of 3rd May
1944, subject:- the removal of telegraph lines in Vallo Area,
the attached memo has been received from Chief Signal Officer,
Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

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

Copy to: Advance Group 1 Coy,
2nd Air Formation Signals.

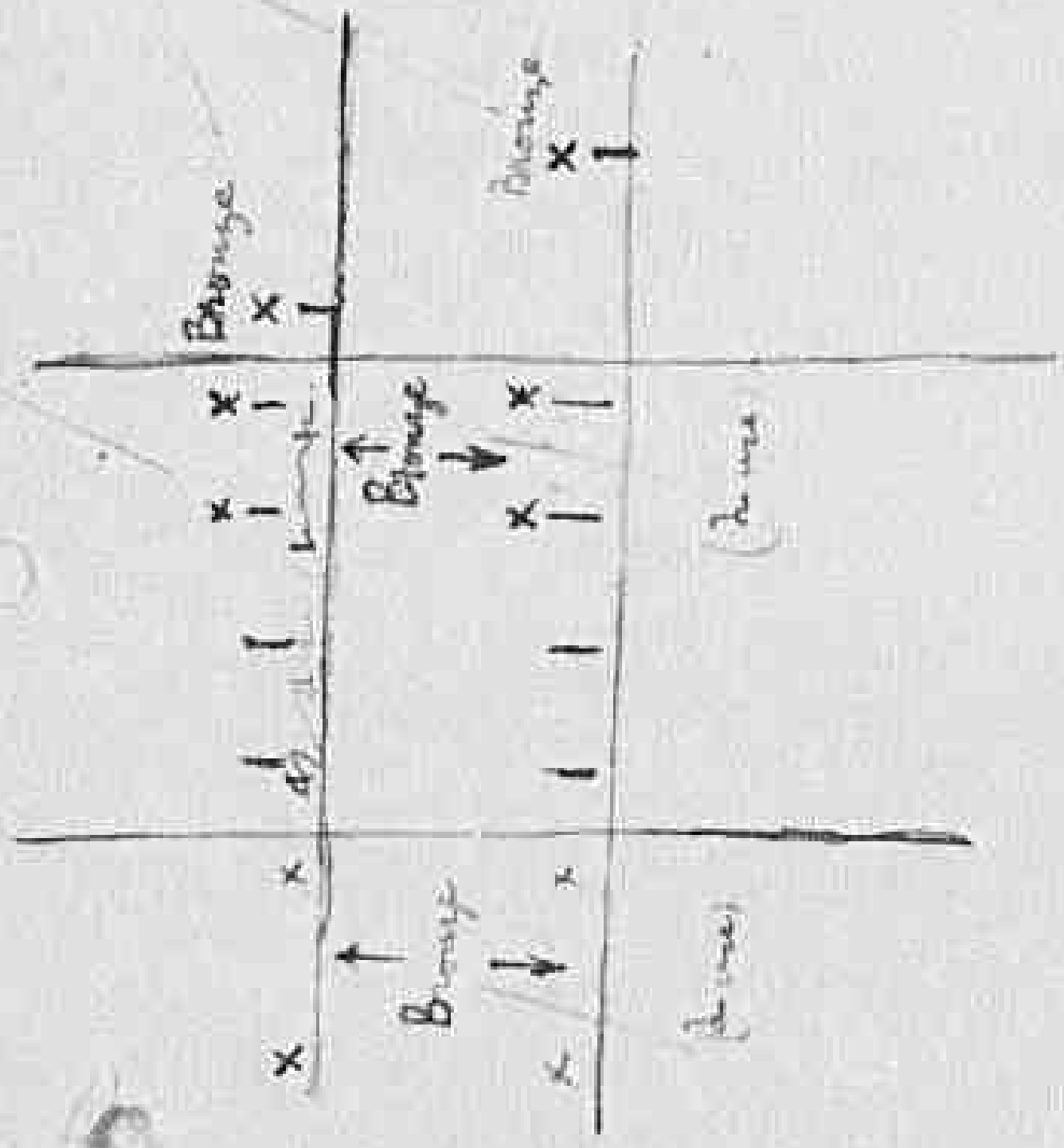
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File

Ref: San Camero Route

Brings (more)

Message from Maj. Keady



MO

In use from July 1 to July 124.

1 to 56 } 2 different cuts.
36 to 124 }

Support the hang wires for telephone cut; from P114 to 5.6 mmars.

(1) Cable repair - best repair being made telephone cable. Insulation satisfactory.

1 mm wire 16 gauge

- (2) Insulation: Dist. etc. done.
- Cut for getting board in.
- will pass act. in.
- Wiring for tape & coils in.
- Ready for frame tomorrow.

Dist. 3. Proprietary file.

W. J. Keady
23/5/44

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(1) Cable repairs - a part repair being made to telegraph cable. Insulation not touching.
Main wire 16 gauge

- (2) Smelterhouse:
 - Wire set done.
 - Set for getting board in.
 - Wire of this set in.
 - Wiring for lamp & candles in.
 - Ready for frame tomorrow.

Dir #3. Progress file.

H. Z. P. L. M.
23/5/44

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75/4/21

HTWA/epc

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394In reply
refer to:

TS/4/21/53

23rd May, 1944

Subject: Telegraphs in Naples - Torre Annunziata -
Castellammare Stene.To: Allied Control Commission, Main HQ.
Att: Major G.W. Knauer.

1. Authority has been received for the following circuits to be placed on the telegraph route Naples - Torre Annunziata, and on the Torre A.-Castellammare route already mentioned at C.S.C. No. 3 District, Civil Communications Board.

- a. Naples - Torre Annunziata
- b. Omnibus: Naples - Portici - Torre Annunziata.
- c. Two way line: Naples - Barra - San Giorgio - Resina - Portici.
- d. Naples - Castellammare.
- e. Omnibus: Naples - Torre Del Greco - Torre A.-Castellammare.

2. As regards the Naples Torre A. route, the pin positions to be used are as shown on the attached pin diagram supplied by Naples Circolo. It is understood that these wires have been repaired already, and if so, on this section they can be brought into use.

3. Please supply eight copies of the route and pin diagrams for both routes in the manner supplied to C.S.C. at the first Civil Communications Board meeting.

J.L. HENDERSON 1284
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Incl: 2 copies pin diagrams.

Copy to: Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications
and Posts: Your 604390 of 12th May refers.
Copies of pin diagram attached.

HTWH/rm

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

4th June 1944.

In reply refer
to: TS/4/9/68.

Subject: Use of Italian Stores.

To: Chief Signal Officer, HQ, Allied Armies in Italy.

Reference your 2728X2 of 2nd June 1944.

1. The letter from 2 Air Formation Signals which accompanied ACC letter No. TS/4/21 of 2nd May 1944 referred to stores already used (para 5) and stores required (para 7).
2. Is your No. 2728X2 of 2nd June intended as a release for both lots or only of the stores actually used?

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

1583

Subject:- O/H S.E.T. Route.

Adv Gp 1 Coy.
2 Air Fmn Sigs.

Ref. 1/2AFS/4/0/358

Director of Telecommunications,
Allied Control Commission,
SALERNO.

Further to my 1/2AFS/4/0/278 of 1 May 44.

1. It was not mentioned that 4 miles of 70lb Cad. Cu. wire which had been put in by 62 Line Sec in Sept.-Oct '43 has also been recovered.
2. The place in the Rly O/H is approx 1 mile S of AGROPOLI Station.
3. 18 miles of 70lb Cad Cu wire was originally put in at this point.
4. The route has never been in use.

DIRECTOR	
DIRECTOR	
S.O. (1)	
S.O. (2)	
CENSOR	
CHIEF CLERK	

Capt. R Signals.
Cmd Adv Gp 1 Coy
2 Air Fmn Sigs.

In the Field.
May 44.

Copy to:- O.C. 1 Coy. 2 Air Fmn Sigs.

No action all present

1282

Subject:- Circuit REGGIO - LOCRI.

Headquarters,
2 Air Formation Signals.

50/4

26 May 44.

Director of Communications,
Sub Commission,
Rear H.Q.,
ACC
(SALERNO).

Reference 2797 dated 23 May 44.

1. It is again confirmed that the bronze pair in question has NOT been taken into use by this Unit. The iron pair is still in the process of being rehabilitated and will be handed over to the ITALIANS in working order before the bronze pair is taken.

2. It is possible that the large scale maintenance at present being carried out on the route has at times interfered with the bronze pair, but no connection whatsoever has been made to this circuit by this Unit.

In the Field.
AM/MF.

Copy to:-

*no action in new Col. Melloni
under 6.5.2*
2/15/44
1281
Lt.Col., R. Signals,
Commanding 2 Air Formation Signals.
CAFSGO MAAF (copy of 2797 dated 23 May enclosed).

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ROUTINE

ACC REAR

RE TWO AIR FORMATION SIGNALS

MAY

REFERENCE YOUR TWO AIR SLANT FIVE ZERO SLANT FOUR SLANT ONE FOUR ONE
 ZERO PD TO RE TWO AIR FORMATION SIGNALS FROM ACC REAR FROM HENDYSON
SIGNED MAFANLATE PD UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES ITALIAN GOVT HAS BEEN
 INSTRUCTED BRING BACK TO CIVIL USE AT ONCE BRIDGE PAIR UNTIL IRON
 PAIR SUPPLIED

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. Chiocca
 E. J. CHIOCCA
 CWO USA
 Asst Adj

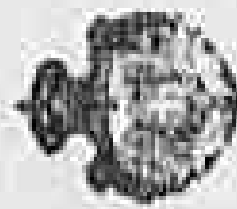
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AZIENDA STATO SERVIZI TELEFONICI

Salerno 22 maggio 1944

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Sottocommissione Poste e Telec.ni

N. A.T./ 3. 5/ 372

Risposto al N. TS/4/3/61 del 17/3/44

S A L E R N O

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OGGETTO: Requisizione di linee tra Reggio e Locri

Con riferimento a quanto comunicato da codesta A.C.C. con il foglio sopracitato si fa presente che a questo Ministero risulta quanto segue:

- In data 1/3/44 è stato costituito per le FF.AA. Alleate il circuito Catania-Capo Spartivento 1, utilizzando tra Reggio e quest'ultima località la linea aerea in ferro 34/32 della R. Marina.
- In data 9/5/44, con foglio n° N A G/12/7 indirizzato al comando Genio del XXVI C.A., e per conoscenza alla Società S.E.T. di Reggio, è stato richiesto da I.O. ARM. Sub-Commission A.C.C. XXVI Italian Corps, il circuito in bronzo 57457 Reggio Locri, che era stato riattivato al pubblico servizio il giorno 12 aprile.
- Detto circuito è stato impiegato per effettuare un secondo collegamento Catania-Capo Spartivento, già costituito.
- Il collegamento stesso non è però in esercizio perchè il Ten. Fivel del Royal Signal I^{re} Air Formation, VI Section Construction, ha richiesto al Circolo di Reggio una revisione della linea.
- Attualmente è in corso detta revisione da parte del personale del Circolo di Reggio e di militari delle FF.AA. Alleate.
- Si resta a disposizione per qualsiasi altro chiarimento potrà essere desiderato.

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IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

Note: I have re ZAFS note at its
 per volume + told left. Camagallo
 to the group line for civilian
 was the re got the line one
 of ZAFS report, therefore then
 to HUC.

HUC
 23/5

HTWM/rm

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFC 394

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21st May 1944.

In reply refer
to: TS/4/9/64.

Subject: Crotone - Catanzaro - Reggio Telegraph line.

To: The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications
and Posts.

With reference to your letter No. 604593 of 19th
May 1944, it is not proposed to take any action with the R.A.F.
at the moment, there is still time for that Service to inform
Allied Control Commission before taking it.

Please inform this Headquarters by telephone should
the circuit be taken without notice.

H. O. H.

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

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TRANSLATION 5

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Ministry of Communications
Posts and Telegraph.

SALERNO
19th May 1944

To, A.C.C.
Posts & Telecomms

File No. 604593.

Subject: Crotone - Catanzaro - Reggio Telegraph

Line-

Ref to letter TS/4/9/60 of 16th May 1944.

The Crotone - Catanzaro - Reggio telegraph line has not been taken over by the R.A.F. and is still being used by the 31st Army Corps.

It seems that this due to a lack of batteries for the apparatus.

The Under Secretary of State

See 64

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| DIRECTOR |
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| S O (T) |
| S O P |
| CENSURER. |
| CHIEF CLERK. |
| Registered on 21/5/44 |

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

Telecoms - Telegrafation # 495

Salerno, 11 19MAG. 1944

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Post And Telecoms Sub Commission

N. 604593

Risposta al N

APO 394

OGGETTO: Linea telegrafica CROTONE - CATANZARO - REGGIO.

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Riferimento a foglio TS/4/9/60 del 10 maggio u.s.

La linea telegrafica CROTONE - CATANZARO - REGGIO non
è stata ancora presa in uso dalla R.A.F., ed è ancora in uso
al 31° Corpo d'Armata.

Pare che ciò dipenda dalla mancanza di batterie per
gli apparati.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO



1275
[Signature]

TWD/epc

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

162-3

In reply
refer to: TS/4/9/61

17th May, 1964

Subject : Requisitioning of Reggio - Locri Lines.

To : Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications
and Posts.

1. Some time ago the R.A.F. asked for a bronze Reggio - Locri circuit and offered an iron pair instead. Agreement to this proposal was given. Shortly afterwards, Capt. Ciagalli reported that both circuits had been taken by the R.A.F.

2. The matter was raised with the R.A.F. who state that this is not correct and that the bronze pair has not yet been touched.

3. If this be so, you will no doubt agree that the supply of inaccurate information causes ill feeling between the parties concerned, and it would be advisable to have such matters closely checked.

Jm

✓ J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

1274

16

Subject:- Circuit Request.

Headquarters,
2 Air Formation Signals.

Ref:- 2AFS/50/4/1410.

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Director of Communications,
Sub Commission,
Rear H.Q.
ACC
(SALERNO)

- 58
1. Reference 2AFS/50/4/1340 dated 4 May 44 and your message received 15 May.
 2. The bronze pair between REGIO and LOCHI has not been taken into use by this Unit, and it is confirmed that this will not be used until the iron pair to act as replacement has been habilitated and put in working order.
 3. The iron pair mentioned in your signal as being in use by us is the original pair which was rehabilitated and put in service in Jan of this year, providing part of existing circuit SOR CATANIA-897 AMES (CAP SPARTIVENTO).
 4. You will be informed when the change over of bronze and iron pairs is effected.
- see 65
1877
- Intendant

1. Reference 2AK3/50/4/1340 dated 4 May 44 and your message received 13 May.
2. The bronze pair between REGGIO and LOGRI has not been taken into use by this Unit, and it is confirmed that this will not be used until the iron pair to act as replacement has been habilitated and put in working order.
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Lieut. Col., R. Signals,
Commanding 2 Air Formation Signals.

In the field,
/s/ May 44,
AH/Hac.

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| DIRECTOR |
| DIRECTOR |
| S.O. 11 |
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| CENSOGRAPH |
| CHIEF CLERK |
| <i>Recd. 16.5.44</i> |

TS/4/9

RTM/epc

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

16th May, 1944

In reply
refer to: TS/A/9/60

per 63

Subject: Grotone - Catanzaro - Reggio Line.

To: Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications
and Posts.

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1. With reference to your No. 604412 of 13th May, 1944,
it is not altogether clear what happened.

2. Did the R.A.F. requisition the line from the
Circolo and immediately take it into use for themselves? Would
you kindly give further details?

J.M.

J. L. HENDERSON

Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-commission

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Gerardo - TRANSLATION No. 446

/epc

Ministry of Communications

Salerno 15th May, 1944

File No. 604412

TO: A.C.C. Communications
Sub-CommissionRequisition of Telegraph Line - Crotone - Catanzaro - Reggio. 59-1

1) The "Circolo delle Costruzione TT. of Reggio informs us that the Allied Authorities of the R.A.F. have asked to use exclusively the telegraph line Reggio - Catanzaro - Crotone ^{constituting} lines No. 325 and 227.

Until the present say line 325 (Reggio Calabria - Catanzaro) and line 227 (Catanzaro - Crotone) were used by 37 Army Corps -

2) Four telegraph lines are now in use between Catanzaro and Reggio. Two of them are used for direct communications between Salerno, Bari and Sicily, the third are for communications between Reggio and Catanzaro and the fourth one is the above mentioned line N. 325.

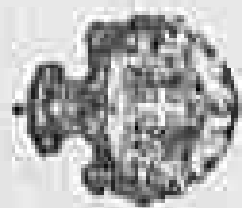
3) The circolo is now repairing other lines all along the Tyrrhenian coast in order that more lines should soon be available (one of them will soon be used for direct communications from Naples to Sicily through Catanzaro)-

4) Requisition of line 325 by the Allied Authorities does not therefore create any particular difficulties - although we shall be grateful to A.C.C. if orders shall be given in order that telegraph lines should not be requisitioned, without notice having been given to the Ministry. This procedure will in fact make our task more difficult than it already is for many reasons well known to the C Commission -

The Undersecretary of State.

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| DIRECTOR | |
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| S. O. (P) | |
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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

Ispet. Gen. Traffico

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Post and Telecoms Sub Commission

N. 604412

Risposta al N.

APO 394

OGGETTO: Requisizione della linea telegrafica CROTONE - CATANZARO - REGGIO

1.- Il Circolo delle Costruzioni T.T. di Reggio informa che da parte delle Autorità alleate della R.A.F. è stato richiesta l'utilizzazione esclusiva della linea telegrafica Reggio - Catanzaro - Crotone, costituita dai fili 325 e 227.

Sino ad oggi la linea 325 (fra Reggio Calabria e Catanzaro) e la linea 227 (fra Catanzaro e Crotone) erano utilizzate dal 37° Corpo d'Armata.

2.- Esistono attualmente 4 linee telegrafiche fra Catanzaro e Reggio: due di esse sono utilizzate per le comunicazioni dirette fra Salerno e Bari con la Sicilia, una per la comunicazione fra Reggio e Catanzaro, mentre la quarta è la linea 325 già citata.

3.- Il Circolo sta effettuando la riparazione di altre linee lungo la costa tirrenica, sì che si spera entro breve tempo di avere disponibili altri circuiti (da quali uno verrà utilizzato per una comunicazione diretta da Napoli con la Sicilia, sempre via Catanzaro.)-

4.- La requisizione della linea 325 da parte delle Autorità alleate non crea quindi particolari difficoltà. Tuttavia si sarà grati a codesta Commissione se il suo autorevole intervento vorrà ad evitare che si proceda a requisizione di linee

Telecom. # 1466
Reggio
102
Salerno, 11 13 1946

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3.- Il Circolo sta effettuando la riparazione di altre linee lungo la costa tirrenica, sì che si spera entro breve tempo di avere disponibili altri circuiti (dei quali uno verrà utilizzato per una comunicazione diretta da Napoli con la Sicilia , sempre via Catanzaro.)-

4.- La requisizione della linea 325 da parte delle Autorità alleate non crea quindi particolari difficoltà. Tuttavia si sarà grati a codesta Commissione se il suo autorevole intervento vorrà ad evitare che si proceda a requisizione di linee telegrafiche senza avvertire questo Ministero. Infatti tale procedimento rischia di sconvolgere i programmi in corso di attuazione , per tanti motivi, noti anche a codesta Commissione, lenta e difficile.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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ACC REAR

HQ 2 AIR FORMATION SIGNALS

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REFERENCE YOUR TWO AIR SLANT FIVE ZERO SLANT FOUR SLANT ONE THREE FOUR ZERO
 OF FOUR MAY PD TO HQ TWO AIR FORMATION SIGNALS FROM ACC REAR FROM HENDERSON
SIGNED MACFARLANE ARRANGEMENT YOU SPECIFIED IS NOT BEING ALLOWED TO PD IT IS
 REPORTED YOU HAVE ALSO USED IRON PAIR WHICH PLEASE RELEASE

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. Chiocea
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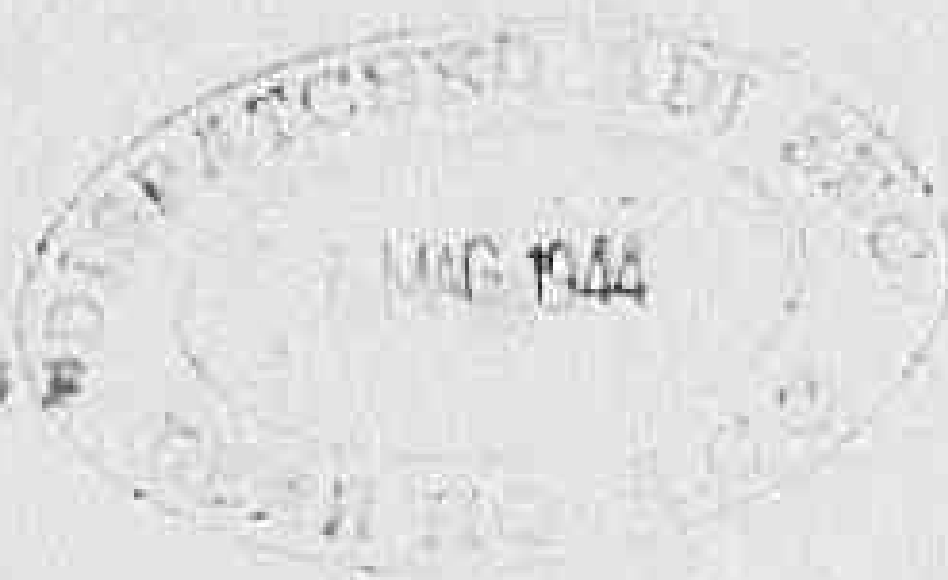
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REFERENCE TWO AIR SLANT FIVE ZERO SLANT FOUR SLANT ONE THREE FOUR ZERO
OF FOURTH MAY PM TO HQ TWO AIR FORMATION SIGNALS FROM ACC REAR FROM
MEMPHIS ON SLANT MACFARLANE PD REGGIO LOCHI BEONZE PAIR IS RELEASED
FOR YOUR USE

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Subject:- Circuit Request.

Director of Communications,
Sub Commission,
Rear H.Q.
ACC
(SMEING).

Headquarters,
2 Air Formation Signals.

Ref: 2435/50/4/1340

1. Application is made for telephone circuit REGGIO - CAP SPARTIVENTO to be requisitioned to complete operational act SCR CATANIA (535 Wing RAF) - 897 AES CAP SPARTIVENTO.
2. The circuit required is part of a two wire bronze circuit which exists between REGGIO and LOCHI and is in use by the Italians. An unused iron pair also exists on the same route between REGGIO - LOCHI. As the iron circuit would prevent too great a loss to make speech possible between CATANIA and CAP SPARTIVENTO, it is requested that the Italians use the iron pair, on which speech is possible between LOCHI and REGGIO, and the portion of the bronze pair mentioned in para 1 be allocated to this unit.
3. An early reply would be appreciated.

In the field.
4 May 44.
AM/AD

Major R. Signals,
Commanding 2 Air Formation Signals.

(What on earth)

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3. An early reply would be appreciated.

In the Field.
4 May 44.
AF/5

Copy to:-

CATSO MARE.
OSO AIR WING SIGS MAGAR.
Capt J.H.V. COMING.

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Recd 6/5/44

Phelan Capt R. R.

Major R. Signals,
Commanding 2 Air Formation Signals.

(at Locri only)

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Agreed with Capt Compton

8/5/44

7/4/44

HTS/AM

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394In reply refer
to: TS/4/9/55.

3rd May 1944.

Subject: Removal of Telegraph line by Allied Forces - Valle Area.

To: The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications & Posts.

1. With reference to your letter No. 60290/B3 of 6th April 1944, it has been found that the line was removed by Air Formation Signals. The following stores were also removed:

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| 1. Agropoli | 151 poles |
| 2. Torre Orsola | 101 " |
| 3. Cella Pulgheria | 86 " |
| 4. Praia a Mare | 60 " |
| 5. Sapri | 120 " |
| 6. San Mauro | 110 " |

2. It is not proposed to ask for the return of the poles as they have been used for important works. There will be no further unauthorised withdrawals, however as the matter has been referred to the Chief Signal Officer, Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy.

3. It is regretted that you have been troubled by the removals.

J.L. Henderson,
Colonel.

Director, Communications Sub-Commission.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

2nd May, 1944

In reply
refer to: TS/4/21Subject : Unauthorised Recovery of Italian Telegraph
Circuits - Vallo Lucania.To : Chief Signal Officer, Headquarters, Allied
Armies in Italy.

1. The matter in the attached papers was raised with G.S.C. No. 3 District some time ago and it was found that 2nd Air Formation Signals was concerned. It has caused considerable inconvenience to the Italian Government especially as facilities for transport of poles are small.

2. The papers are submitted as your authority is required for the use of the stores by Air Formation Signals and no doubt a requisition will be sent to cover the new requirements.

3. The list referred to in para 5 has been withdrawn.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: G.S.C. No. 3 District.

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FILE

Subject:- O/H Route S.I. 1.

ADV Gp 1 Coy
2 Air Fm Sig.

Ref. 1/2AFB/4/O/278.

Director of Telecommunications,
Allied Control Commission.
SALERNO.

Map ITALY 1:250,000 SALERNO Sheet 41

1. Reference cots 7134 and 7135 between OMIGNANO station (R)S9684 and CASTELNUOVO - VALLO station (R)S9882; it is to be reported that these were recovered, in error, by a det of this Coy. in the first few weeks of March 44. At the time it was not understood that a complete ban had been placed on the use of ITALIAN stores.
2. To replace this cot would now mean having to pull down part of the route which we are building in order to obtain the stores. If this has to be done and with the men available it would take approximately TWO weeks to restore the cct.
3. The route which is being built is intended as an alternative O/H cct for Radar comms. from A.M.E.S. 8009 at PISCIOITTA (R)T0568 and A.M.E.S. 330 at TRE DI CALEO (R)S8874 to NAPLES S.O.R. (52 Ftr Wing). It will be concerned in convoy protection work and Ftr defence of NAPLES. The route follows the existing route from AGROPOLI (R)S8495 to BATTIPAGLIA (R)N8323 but has been constructed no closer in any place than ONE HUNDRED yds from the railway overhead traction wire, which has made the old route useless through induction.
4. TWENTY more poles and insulators are required to complete the route.
Poles
5. A list of numbers of ~~poles~~ and where taken from is attached at Appendix 'A'. A route diagram of where poles and other stores have been used is attached at Appendix 'B'. A list of prs being rehabilitated by the ITALIANS, CASTELNUOVO - VALLO to SAFRI is attached at Appendix 'C'. (This is not fully guaranteed but is as accurate as possible)
6. It is now fully appreciated that this error has caused inconvenience to the ITALIAN authorities and is likely to interfere with the construction of an operational route. May it be pointed out that after the route is no longer required it will be valuable to the ITALIAN authorities as it is well constructed and perfect speech is possible over its entire length. None of the stores have been taken out of the area.
7. Under the circumstances may permission to detain the stores in question and also authority for the release of the following stores be granted.

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| Poles, 22' to 30' | 20 |
| "W" 4 Way brackets | 20 |
| Bolts | 40 |
| Insulators | 80 |

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7. Under the circumstances may permission to retain the stores in question and also authority for the release of the following stores be granted.

Poles, 22' to 30'
"W" 4 Way brackets
Bolts
Insulators
Wire, bronze, 3mm

20
20
40
80
4 Km.

Capt. R. Signals.
Cmd Adv Gp 1 Coy
2 Air Fm Sigs.

In the Field.

Copy to:- O.C. 1 Coy 2 Air Fm Sigs.

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| S.O. 2) | |
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Appendix 'A' to 1/2AFS/4/0/278.

List of Stations from which Poles have been obtained.

| <u>STATION</u> | <u>MAP REF.</u> | <u>QUANTITY.</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. AGROPOLI | (R)88495 | 151 |
| 2. TORRE ORSAIA | (R)T2767 | 101 |
| 3. CELLE BULGHERIA | (R)T1968 | 88 |
| 4. PRAIA A MARE | (R)T5346 | 60 |
| 5. SAPRI | (R)T3965 | 120 |
| 6. SAN MAURO | (R)T1167 | 110 |

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Appendix 'C' to 1/2AFS/4/0/278.

List of Pres being Rehabilitated by Italians.

S.E.T. SERIAL
NUMBER.

326 & 297.

Italian Govt. Telegraph cots NAPLES to REGGIO ultimately to be extended to SICILY, said to be complete to AGROPOLI and possibly right through.

147.

In use in place of No 8 PISCIOTTA - CASEL VELLINO otherwise not in use between SAPRI and VALLO.

141.

In use in place of No 490 PISCIOTTA - CASEL VELLINO otherwise not in use between SAPRI and VALLO.

118.

Not in use between SAPRI and VALLO.

8077.

Rly. cct local to SAPRI not yet complete, otherwise not in use between SAPRI and VALLO.

2741.

SAPRI - SALERNO. Italian Govt. cct due for completion in a few days.

206.

REGIA MARINA. SAPRI - PALINURO - SALERNO said to be complete, possibly working.

2752.

Italian Govt. SALERNO - CAMEROTA not yet complete.

2717.

Italian Govt. SALERNO - SAPRI not yet complete.

8.

REGIA MARINA. SAPRI - SALERNO direct, said to be complete and possibly working.

490.

Italian Govt. Ultimatlley SALERNO - PAOLA & MR REGGIO) at present complete between SAPRI and RUTINO.

2716.

Not in use between SAPRI and VALLO.

6227.

PISCIOTTA - CAPRIOLI complete but not yet working.

6362.

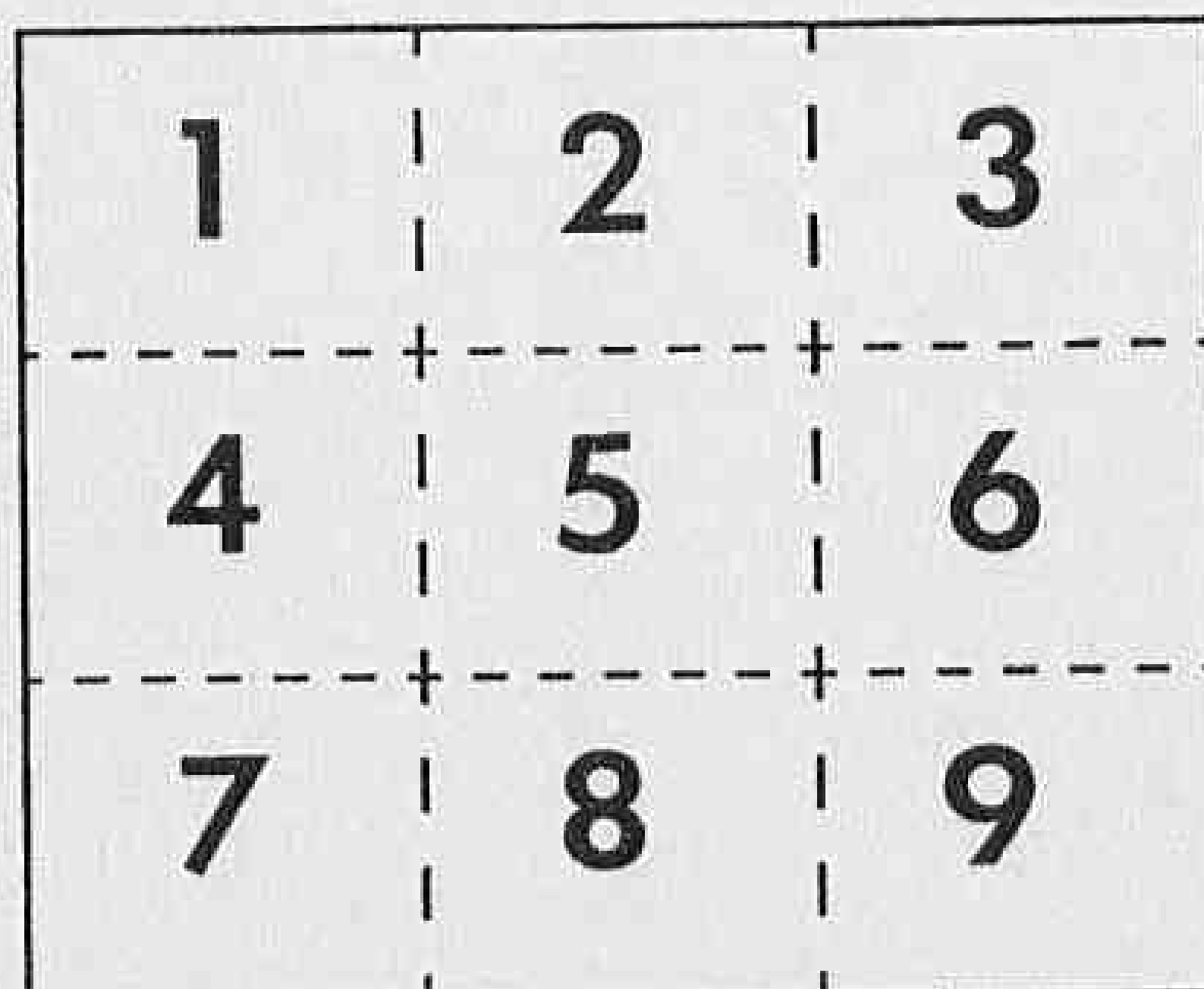
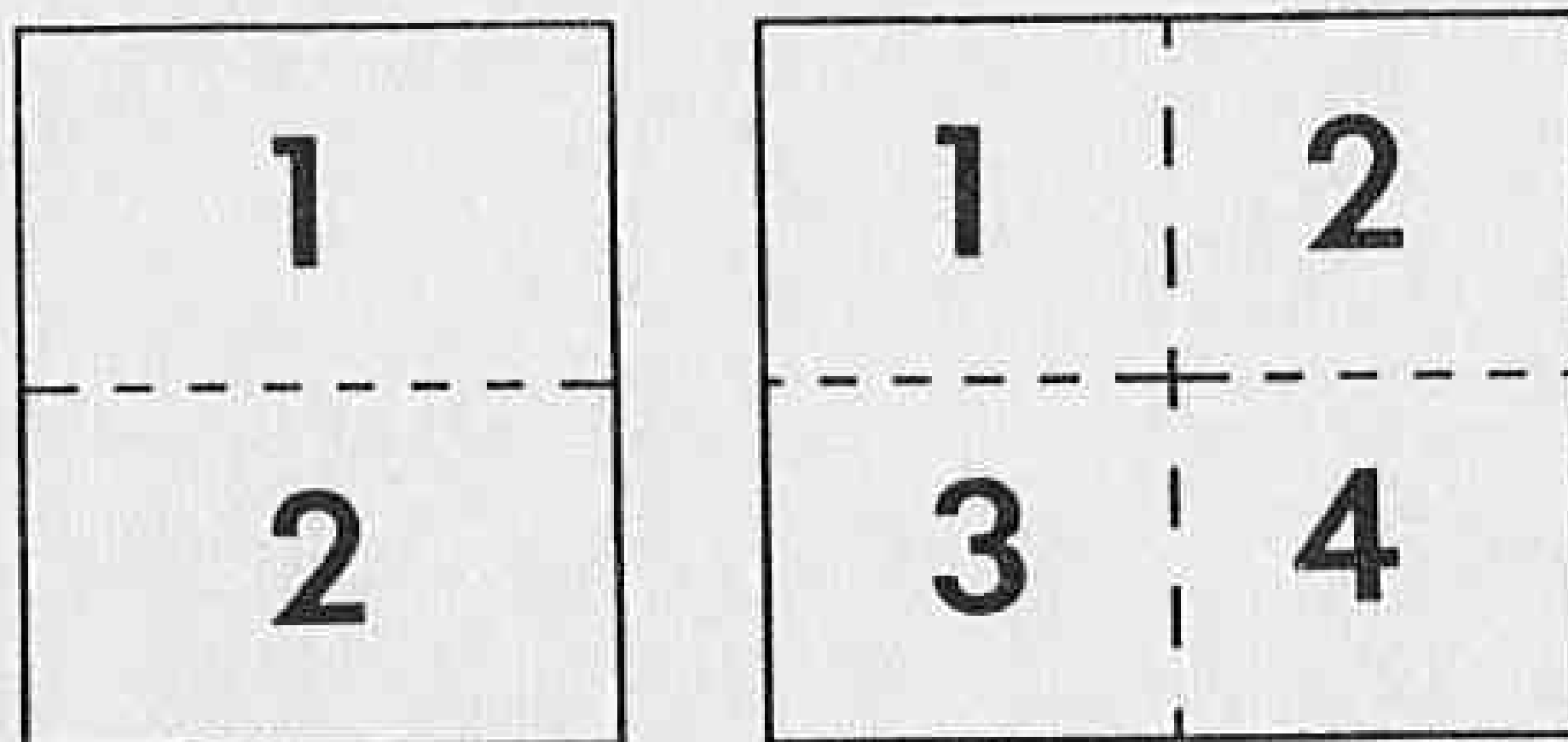
PISCIOTTA - SAN MAURO complete but not yet working.

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SALERNO - SAN GIOVANNI not complete.

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APPENDIX 'B' TO 1/2AFS/4/0/278

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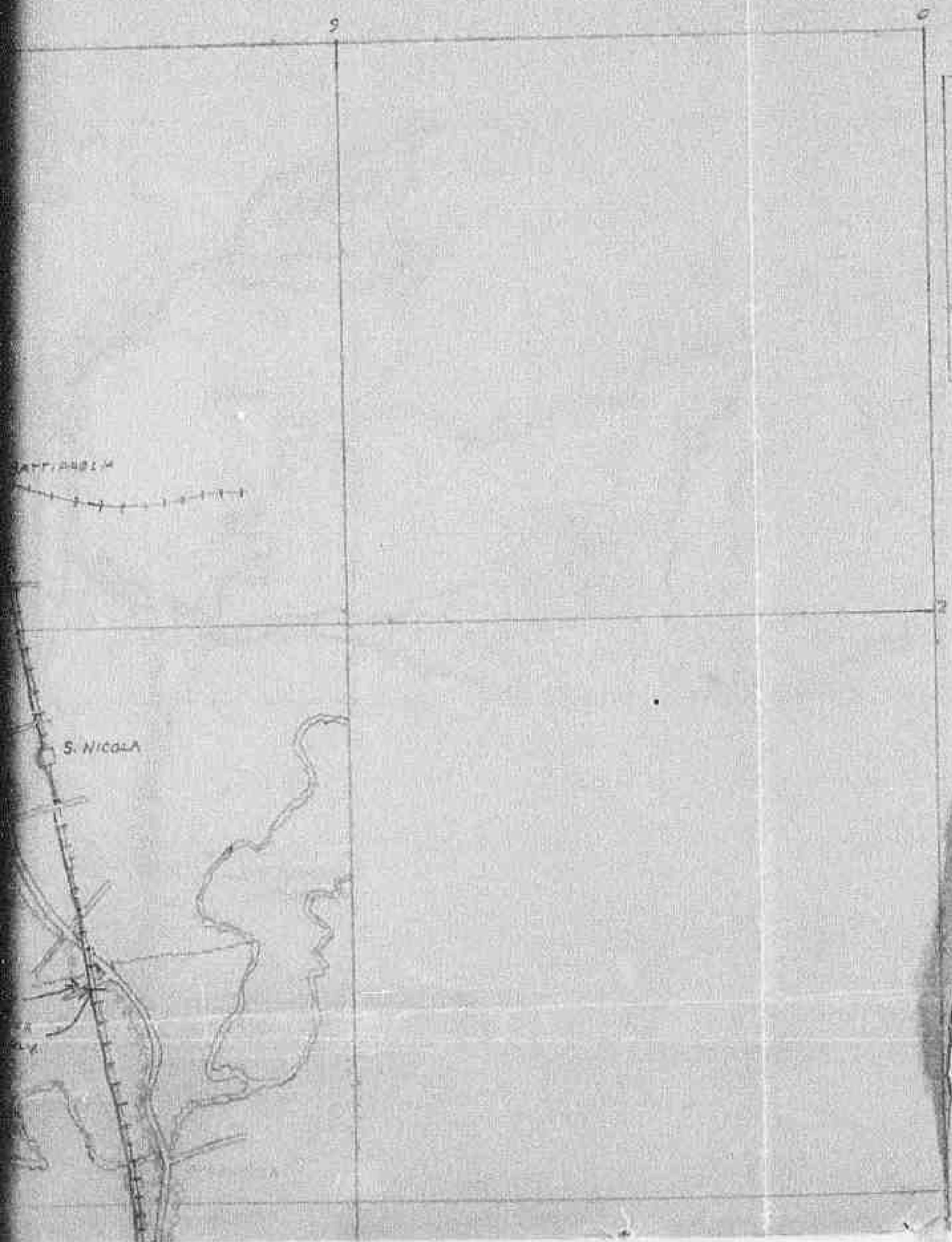
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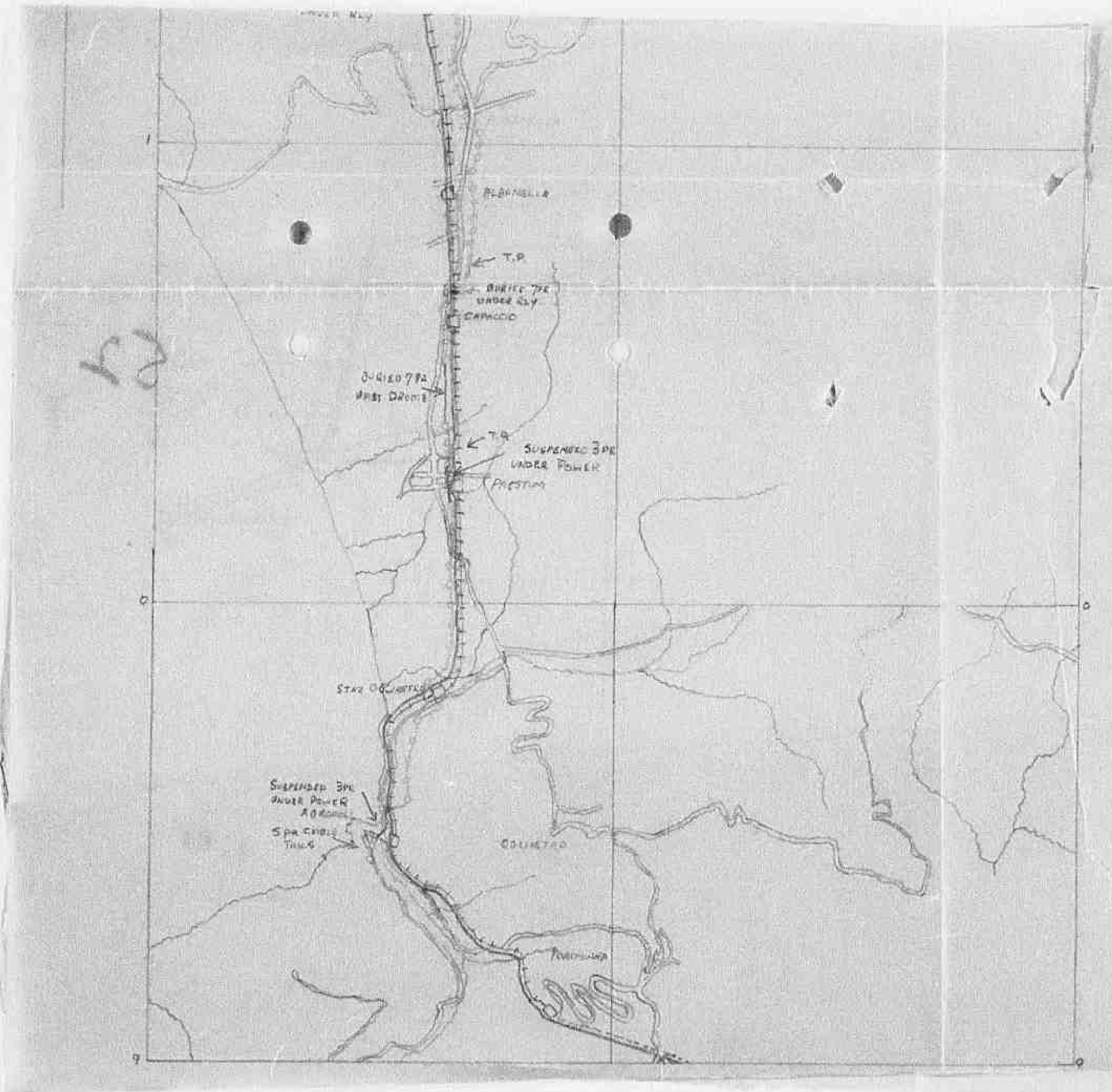
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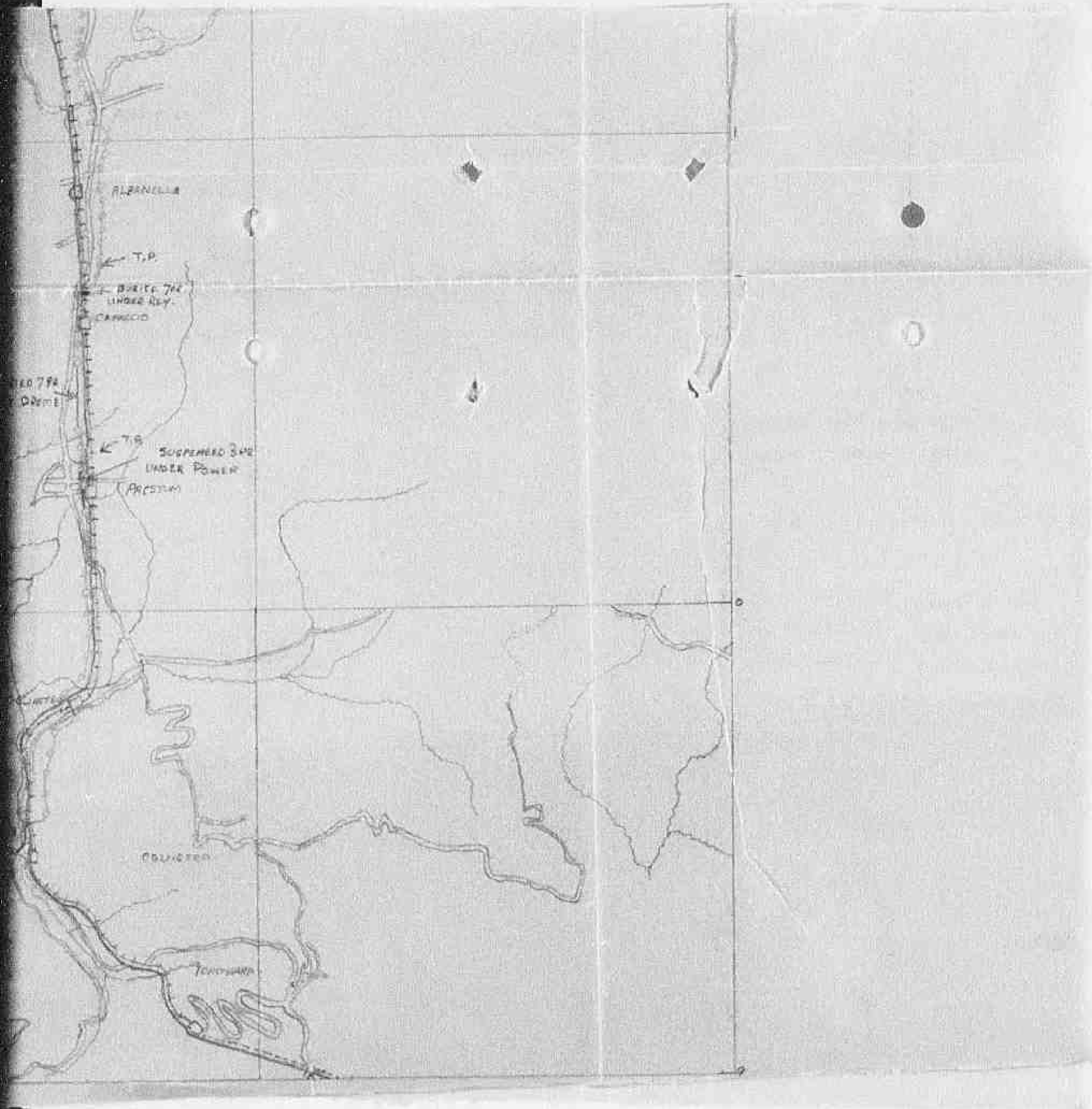
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- ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ Piled Cable
- ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ ⊙ Permanent Line

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Posts and Telegraphs

File No. 603 123/B.3

Salerno April 21 1944

TO: R.HQ.A.C.C.
Post and Telecoms.
Sub-Commission
APC 394

Subject: Damages to telephone lines.

Following communications No. 602995 dated 8th April, we wish to inform you that soldiers of the Allied Armed Forces are proceeding with the dissembling of the telephone circuits 7134 and 7135. The bronze wire, insulators and the net-work have been removed.

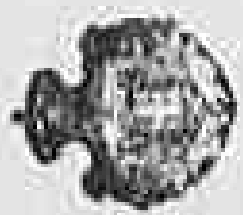
Seven kilometers of the line are already demolished, precisely from the Vallo station to the 43rd kilometer of the line, mainly in Ponte Rosso.

We trust in the prompt intervention of the Commission and extend our thanks.

The Under-Secretary of State.

*See also 34**Discontinued
H.M.
15/4*

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PR. II.

Salerno,

11 APR

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R. MC A.C.C.

Posts and Telecoms Sub-Commission

N. 603 123 / B.3

APO 394

Risposto al N.

OGGETTO: Danneggiamenti a linee telefoniche.

A prosecuzione del foglio 602995 in data 8 aprile, si comunica che, sempre ad opera di militari delle Forze Armate alleate, sta proseguendo la demolizione dei circuiti telefonici 7134 e 7135, con asportazione del conduttore in bronzo, degli isolatori e dei oracci.

Sono ormai demoliti circa sette Km di linea e precisamente da Vallo scalo alla progressiva ferroviaria del Km. 43, in località Ponte rosso.

Si confida nel pronto cortese intervento di codesta Commissione, mentre si porgono anticipati ringraziamenti.

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SEGRETERIA DI STATO

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

TRANSLATION

Ministry of Communications
General Direction PP.TT.
Service No.VI.

Salerno
6th April 1944.

Allied Control Commission
Posts & Telecommunications Sub-Commission.
APO 394.

No. 60290/B3

Subject: Damage to Telegraph lines.

The T.T. Construction Society of Salerno is providing for the reactivation of numerous telephone and telegraph lines according to a program already known to the Commission.

We have been informed that on the line flanking the railway, and at a point 47 Km past Vallo station, the four bronze conductors of the telephone circuits 7134 and 7135 have been bent back, and the corresponding quadruple supports removed. It is presumed that Allied soldiers are responsible.

Consequently, for a distance of about 3 Km 70 quadruple supports, 140 bolts, 280 insulators, 12 Km of 3mm gauge bronze wire are missing (equal to 756 Km).

We point out that the sector in question is entirely South of the line Agropoli - Atena.

Since it is supposed that the damage in question has been erroneously committed, or done by detachments not fully informed that works were in course by the Society, we trust the Commission will look into this matter.

We thank you.

The Under Secretary of State.

Seen: Col. H.
Col. M.

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H. M. L. G.
10/21/44

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Recd. 9 Apr. 44.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
• DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT

Servizio VI°

N. 602902/133

Risposta al N.

16 APR 1944

Salerno 11-6-44, 11-10-44

A. C. C.

Post and Telecoms Sub-Commission

APO 394

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OCCETTO. Danneggiamenti a linee telegrafiche.-

... - Il Circolo Costruzioni T.T. di Salerno sta provvedendo alla riattivazione di numerose linee telegrafiche e telefoniche, secondo un programma già noto a codesta Commissione.

Viene ora comunicato che sulla linea che costeggia la ferrovia da Vallo Scalo alla progressiva ferroviaria del Km.47 sono stati ripiegati i quattro conduttori in bronzo dei circuiti telefonici 7134 e 7135, ed asportati i relativi bracci quadrupli. Ciò ad opera, si presume, di militari Alleati.

Pertanto sopra un percorso di circa 3 Km. sono così venuti a mancare n.70 bracci quadrupli, n.140 chiavardine, n.280 isolatori, 12 Km. di filo in bronzo da 3 mm.(pari a circa 756 Kg.).

Si fa presente che il tratto di linea in questione é tutto a sud della linea Agropoli - Atena.

Poiché si ritiene che il danneggiamento in questione sia stato operato per errore o ad opera di reparti non perfettamente informati dei lavori in corso ad opera del Circolo, si confida nel cortese autorevole intervento di co-

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Si porgono anticipati ringraziamenti.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO



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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

10 April, 1944

In reply
refer to: TS/4/9/49

Subject : Restoration of Requisitioned Circuits.

To : Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications
and Posts.

In reply to your S/S. 4/618 of 17th of February 1944, the matter has been referred to the Flag Officer at Toronto and to HQ. A. A. I. where it has received a very thorough operational investigation. Copies of letters from these offices are attached, and you will see that further information will be provided later.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel
Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

Incl: Copies of two letters.

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Telecoms Posto SC

RESTORATION OF CIRCUITS.

(H.Q., Allied Armies in Italy's No. 8653/5/BGS of 28 March, 1944)

II.

No. T.A. 1035/18.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Forwarded with reference to your letter No. TS/4/9/43
of 9th March, 1944.

TARANTO.
3rd April, 1944.

A. Morgan
REAR-ADMIRAL.

Sen. Col M. _____

1255

Received 7/4/44

SUBJECT: Restoration of Circuits.

E.Q., A.A.I.

8653/5/EGS

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TO : Flag Officer,
Taranto and Adriatic.

With reference to your No. T.A.1035/16 dated 21 Mar 44.

1. Your request for the restoration of the circuits referred to in the Allied Control Commission's letter No. TS/4/9/43 dated 19 Mar 44 is noted, as is also your view that these circuits are not vital to the British Naval authorities.
2. It will not be possible to make immediate restoration of these circuits, but the matter is being carefully investigated, and it is hoped that a proportion of them can be restored in the near future. A further letter will be addressed to you as soon as the investigation is completed.

*Rankin*28 March, 1944
RFR/gbLt-General,
C.R.S.

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| FLAG OFFICER | |
| TARANTO AREA | |
| DATE | 30 MAR. |
| No. | 2174/1035/16 |

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TJF/dc

To: The Under Secretary of State for PP.TT.
From: Telecommunications and posts sub-commission, Rear HQ. ACC.
Subject: Reactivation of Telegraph Circuits - R. Marina.
Our Ref: T3/4/9/47 : 17th March, 1944.
Your Ref: S/3.4/842 : 15th March, 1944.

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1. This matter has been referred to the appropriate quarter and a reply is expected soon.
2. This office will inform you immediately the information is made known.

J. I. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and posts sub-commission.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

GABINETTO

N. 5/8.4/842

Risposta al N.

OGGETTO:

Reactivation of telegraph cts of R. Marina.
RIATTIVAZIONE CIRCUITI TELEGRAFICI DELLA R. MARINA.-

*We are very anxious to know if a
decision has been reached with reference
to our letter no. S.18.4/618 dated 18.2.44.*

SI PREGA VIVAMENTE VOLER FAR CONOSCERE

A QUESTO MINISTERO, LE DECISIONI DEL COMANDO ALLEA

TO, CIRCA QUANTO RICHIESTO CON FOGLIO N. S/8.4/DIO

IN DATA 18-2-44.

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18 MAR 1944

SALERNO, 15 MARZO 1944

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SALERNO

1 me.
IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

[Signature]

We are very anxious to know if a decision has been reached with reference to our letter no. 5/8.4/618 dated 18.2.44.

SI PREGA VIVAMENTE VOLER FAR CONOSCERE
A QUESTO MINISTERO, LE DECISIONI DEL COMANDO ALLEA
TO, CIRCA QUANTO RICHIESTO CON FOGLIO N. 5/8.4/618
IN DATA 18-2-44.

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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

[Signature]

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- 37 Letter putting case to CBO 2 sent dated 23 Feb.
- 42 Letter dated 28 Feb from CBO 2 sent telling us to refer matter to Flag officer, General.
- 43 Report of 37 to Flag officer, General dated 4 March.

[Signature] Col. H.
Lieut.

Recd. 16 Mar. 44.

WJB/bc

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

13 th March, 1944.

In reply refer
to: TS/4/9/44

Subject: DIGAT Communications.

To: The Under Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

1. Reference your letter N.S/8.3/362 dated 15th January, 1944.

1. The question of the use of these lines is still not settled, as it is necessary to co-ordinate the requirements between A.A. S.O. of C.S.O., A.C.M.F. and the A.A. Brigade Commanders in the areas concerned.

2. Detailed route plans are being prepared in each area showing which circuits are essential to the A.A. defence and which are non-essential, so that a certain amount of time could be saved if you would appoint local DIGAT representatives to discuss this matter with the A.A. Defence Commanders at Bari, Taranto and Brindisi. By this means information could be obtained in advance as to which circuits are likely to be taken and so enable you to plan accordingly.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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12 MAR 1944

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 2 District CMT
Ext. 11499
2602 XSubject:- DICAT Communications.
-----To:- Rear HQ. A.C.C.

6 MAR 44

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Reference your TS/4/9 of 29 Feb 44.

1. The question of DICAT communications has been considered with the A.A. S.O. of CSO ACMT and the Commanders 8th and 25th AA Bdes. The AA Bde Comdrs have agreed to coordinate the DICAT communications with those of their Bdes and to prepare and forward to me details of all DICAT lines in their areas showing which lines are considered:-

- (a) essential to the AA Defence of the area concerned
- (b) desirable to the AA Defence
- (c) non-essential.

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It will then be possible for "G" Staff to decide who has the prior claim to existing line circuits, AA (including DICAT) or other claimants.

2. As those detailed route plans are not yet to hand, it is suggested that you might like to appoint local DICAT representatives to call on the AA Defence Comdrs at FARI, TARANTO and BRINDISI to obtain up to date information concerning the line circuits which the AA Defence Comdrs require to use.

Seen:- Col. H. *[Signature]*
Col. M. *[Signature]*

P/THP

(For dist.) C. B. -

[Signature]
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

Received 13th Mar 44.

HEAD HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 964

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in reply refer
to, TM/2/43

964 March 44

Subject: Restoration of communication circuits.

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To: Flag Officer, ROKS, Taranto.

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1. The restoration of the following circuits is required early for the reasons given below:-

It is understood from the Italian Government that the restoration of the company and observation system has received the agreement of the Allied authorities provided it does not interfere with the operational requirements of the Allied forces. In certain of the sections in fact, Allied personnel are installed along with Italian.

(a) Circuit 602: Capodale - Torre Mille - Torre Sordano - Torboli
Rada, Pesaro.

(b) Circuit 603: Capodale - San Nicola Vercano - Vico Garganico -
Vico.

(c) Circuit 604: Capodale - Torre Mille - Torre Sordano - Capodale.

(d) Circuit 605: Bari - Solfatara - Pozzina - Torre Tuffa - Torre
Sordano - Torre Sordano - Vico.

(e) Circuit 606: Pozzina - Capodale - Torre Mille.

2. These circuits connect the main line of Bari and Brindisi with the observation and observation signal points to which are assigned the following duties.

(a) Sea and air watching of the coast.

(b) Reporting observation and description of ships, aircraft, enemy operations on the coast, and of mines. Reporting calls for news, status from shipping and aircraft.

(c) Exchange of signals with shipping and with the observation shore stations.

(2) Alameda County: Torre Hillito - Torre Sartore - Torreli
Torreli - Torreli.

(b) cliente 102388: Capofila - una piccola fattoria - Vico Garbano -
Vico.

(c) circuito 2100: em 22/11/2014 - Portia - Guarabira.

(c) **Piacenza** - **Savona**: **Dari** - **Gallarate** - **Ruggia** - **Napoli**
Brescia - **Torino Campi** - **Vercelli**

(c) Grande unha: rocha - capela - torre plano.

(c) you are self-insuring of the credit.

(b) Recording observation and description of ~~all~~^{100%} aircraft, enemy operations on the coast, and of mines. Reporting ~~of~~^{all} calls for assistance from shipping and aircraft.

(c) Exchanges of algebra with shipping and with the interested above authorized.

③ International network.

3. The candles, in addition to the above purposes, are used to give out light to lightless lamps. The lights are usually cut, but they are occasionally left burning to give evidence to others of use.

Details of the use of the individual circuits reported in possi-

collaborative

(a) Colitis connects the main sector of Capetown (which is the information collecting centre) with the observation station at Temoli and with the signal station of Punda (see).

The Naval Committee (Italian) of British relies upon the circuitous route of the coast for information concerning events off the North coast. Orders are also given to patrol light-ship which is concerned. Orders are also given to patrol light-ship.

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(b) 3024: connects the main sector of Capotale with the observation stations of Capo Turano and Vico Carignese, and with the emergency station and lighthouse of Viesti.

(c) 2124: connects the main sector of Capotale with the military maritime command at Brindisi, thus completing the communication network in the zone between Punta Penna and Viesti.

(d) 5024: connects the Naval Lt. Bari with the observation station of Polifto, Torre Pulera and Torre Gargi, with the signal station of Punta Carignese and with the emergency station at Viesti.

(e) 5124: connects the military maritime fleet Brindisi by way of Foggia and the main sector of Capotale with the signal stations of Trinita, Poligona and Lagosta Islands.

Perhaps the reconnection of these circuits could resolve immediate communication.

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LT Col.

J.L. Harrison.

Colonel.

Director, Telecommunications and Postal Administration.

Subject:- Communications - Line. *Telecomm* of 2 District,
C.M.F.

To:-

Rear HQ. A.C.C.

8 MAR 44

Ext. 11499

2803 X

28 FEB 44

Reference your TS/4/9/37 of 23 Feb 44.

1. Would you kindly submit this demand for line circuits through the Flag Officer, RM Taranto in accordance with Minute 11 of the first meeting of the Communications Board, Italy, asking him to make his recommendation for their restoration.

2. In the meantime, I am investigating the importance of these circuits to the present users.

Seen: Col. H.

Col. M.

Col. B.

Colonel,

Chief Signal Officer.

D/MH

Received 8th March 44.

Telecommunication
 W 25410 - 1550

Subject:- Communications - Line.

HQ 2 District CMT
 Ext. 11499
 2587 X

To:- HQ. A.C.C.

2 MAR 44

Reference your 2331 of 17 Feb 44 and my 2587 X of 21 Feb 44.

1. It has been ascertained that this circuit was taken by an A.P. Signals unit between 1750 hours on 14 Feb and 1400 hours on 17 Feb without permission.

2. The unit have apologised and now understand clearly that no Italian circuits may be taken without permission of HQ 2 District.

3. As, however, there are only two physical through circuits BRINDISI - TARANTO, one of which is at present allotted to the R.M., all British circuits are carried on one pair. On the pair becoming faulty, it will become necessary to reroute the higher priority Allied circuits on the R.M. pair until the damage is repaired.

P/EMP

Seen:- Col. 4 *[Signature]*
 Col. M. *[Signature]*
 Col. 2 *[Signature]*

Colonel,
 Chief Signal Officer.

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Received 6th March 44.

Subject:- TARANTO Italian Naval Cabling System.

HEADQUARTERS

26 FEB 1944

A. C. C.

CC 2 A.F. Sigs.

HQ. Allied Control Commission.

Maj. VACCARISI, c/o Regia Marina, TARANTO.

To:-

21 FEB 44

1. The Regia Marina have produced the plans of the U/G and aerial cabling of TARANTO.

2. CC 2 A.F. Sigs will arrange that provision of L of C, RAF, British and Italian Naval telephone communications are coordinated and made by the best utilisation of both the R.M. cabling and S.E.T. cabling.

3. The cabling in TARANTO is available for the use of all the services mentioned in para 2 above and the mere fact that the R.M. cabling is fully in use by the Italians will not mean that it cannot be used for Allied services.

4. The fullest liaison will be established between the R.M. and CC 2 A.F. Sigs, and where there is a deadlock as to who has prior right to a circuit in any cabling, the case will be referred to this office for decision.

5. Major VACCARISI will please send the master tracing of the cabling plans to GSO 2 District, MARI so that additional copies may be made. The tracing will then be returned.

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Copies:- F.O.T.A.L.I., TARANTO.

G.A.T.S.O. (C/O) U.A.A.F.

Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

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HQ 2 District CME

Ext. 11450

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2. CC 2 A.F.Sigs will arrange that provision of L of C, R.M., British and Italian Naval telephone communications are coordinated and made by the best utilization of both the R.M. cabling and S.E.T. cabling.

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Pa. 41
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

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Copies:- E.C.T.A.L.I., TARANTO.

C.A.F.S.C. (CIC) M.A.A.F.

CC 2 Coy, 2 A.F.Sigs.

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(with the cabling plans) *1245*

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See:- Col. H. L. W. Col. H. W. M.

Recd. 28 Feb. 44.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APC 394

In reply refer

29th Feb. 44

to: T3/4/9

Subject:

DECAT Network.

To:

C.S.G. No. 2 District

Reference our letter T3/4/9/26 of 18 January 1944 regarding the possible
regulation of DECAT circuits, and your letter No. 2602X of 22 January 1944 in
which it was stated that this question was under consideration by "G" staff of H.P.
No. 2 District.

May we be informed please if the expected instruction is likely to be
issued so on.

J. I. Henderson,
Colonel.
Director Telecommunications and Posts sub-Commission.

See 44 1244

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

In reply refer
to: TS/4/2/38

26th February, 1944

Subject: Removal of Telephone and Telegraph Cables.

To: Officer Commanding, Signals, 94 Sub-Area.

The following communication has been received by this
office : -

"For some days the engineers of the English Army have been removing cables, insulators and insulated extensions of the Italian telegraphic network in the Province of AGRIGLIANO. In fact, they have taken away part of the material of the line Agriglio Pectum and Agliastro scale - Giuncano. We have not been able to find the reasons for such removals.

Could you please say what is being done and whether this action has been authorised.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,
Director, Telecommunications and Posts sub-commission.

Copy to: Chief Signal Officer, No. 3 District, Castellammare.

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TRANSMISSION

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
NO. 601230/F

Salerno, Feb 19, 1944

SUBJECT: Removal of armament, telegraph and telephone cables operating on the lines.

From the Tenenza of the Royal Carabinieri of Agropoli, the following communication dated the 10th of this month, comes to us:

"For some days the engineers of the English Army have been removing cables, insulators, and insulated extensions of the Italian telegraphic network. In fact, they have taken away part of the material of the line Agropoli Paetum and Ogliastro scalo - Giuncano. We have not been able to find the reasons for such removal."

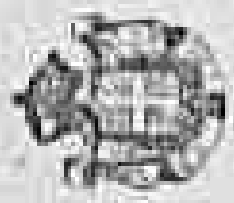
The communication has been transmitted by the same Tenenza also to the Public Safety Section of A.M.G., Salerno Headquarters.

We should appreciate if the Commission would intervene, to prevent as much as possible these proceedings, at least in the territories free of operations, keeping in mind that the Italian telegraphic administration has requested if it could reactivate, even partially, the telegraphic circuits which are necessary for the exercise of the functions of the State.

Seen:- Col. St. _____
Col. M. _____

Jc

Recd. 26 Feb. 44.



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAPHI

Giunta VIO *Gi.* *St.*
Gen. M. Borzsoff *Allegato*

OGGETTO. Rimozione di armamento e conduttori telegrafici e telefonici
in opera sulle linee.-

Dalla Tenenza dei Reali Carabinieri di Agropoli, in data
10 corrente, viene segnalato quanto segue :

" da qualche giorno genieri dell'Esercito Inglese stanno
rimovendo i fili, gli isolatori, ed i bracci portaiso-
latori della rete telegrafica italiana. Hanno infatti
asportato parte del materiale della linea Agropoli Pae-
tum ed Ogliastro scalo - Giuncano. Non é stato possibi-
le associare i motivi di tale rimozione "

La comunicazione é stata trasmessa dalla stessa Te-
nenza anche al Pubblio Safety A.M.G. Head Quarters Saler-
no.

Sarebbe gradito l'intervento di codesta Commissione,
al fine di evitare, per quanto possibile, tali procedimenti,
almeno nel territorio ormai non di operazione, tenendo con-
to che l'Amministrazione Telegrafica Italiana ha richiesto
di potere anche parzialmente, riattivare i circuiti telegra-
fici, che sono necessari per l'esercizio dei poteri statali.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

Telecomuni
S. erno 19 FEB 1944

23 FEB 1944

ad Commissione Alleata di
Controllo

SALERNO

Appena al 4 N
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io corrente, viene segnalato quanto segue :

" da qualche giorno genieri dell'Esercito Inglese stanno rimuovendo i fili, gli isolatori, ed i bracci portaisolatori della rete telegrafica italiana. Hanno infatti asportato parte del materiale della linea Agropoli Paetum ed Ogliastro scalo - Giuncano. Non é stato possibile assodare i motivi di tale rimozione "

La comunicazione é stata trasmessa dalla stessa Te-
nenza anche al Pubblio Safety A.M.G. Head Quarters Salerno.

Sarebbe gradito l'intervento di codesta Commissione, al fine di evitare, per quanto possibile, tali procedimenti, almeno nel territorio ormai non di operazione, tenendo conto che l'Amministrazione Telegrafica Italiana ha richiesto di potere anche parzialmente, riattivare i circuiti telegrafici, che sono necessari per l'esercizio dei poteri statali.

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

WTC/tjj

In reply refer
to: TS/4/9/37

2nd February, 1944

Subject: Restoration of Requisitioned circuits.

To: Chief signal officer, No. 2 District.

see: 42

1. The restoration of the following circuits is required early for the reasons given below: -

It is understood from the Italian Government that the restoration of the semaphore and observation system has received the agreement of the Allied authorities, provided it does not interfere with the operational requirements of the Allied Forces. In certain of the stations in fact, Allied personnel are installed along with Italian.

- (a) Circuit 60RM : Capotale - Torre Milite - Torre Portore - Tenna - Punta Penna.
- (b) Circuit 50RM : Capotale - San Nicola Varano - Vico Carpinello - Vicoli.
- (c) Circuits 21RM and 32RM : Brindisi - Foggia - Capotale.
- (d) Circuit 50RM : Bari - Melfetta - Foggia - Torre Tufano - Monte Marone - Torre Campi - Viesti.
- (e) Circuit 51RM : Foggia - Capotale - Torre Milite.

2. These circuits connect the Naval Hqs of Bari and Brindisi with the observation and semaphore signal posts to which are assigned the following duties.

- (a) Sea and air watching of the coast.
- (b) Reporting observation and description of shipping, aircraft, enemy operations on the coast, and of mines. Reporting of calls for assistance from shipping and aircraft.
- (c) Exchange of signals with shipping and with the interested shore authorities.
- (d) Meteorological service.

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agreement of the Allied authorities, provided it does not involve any agreement with the operational requirements of the Allied Forces. In certain of the stations in fact, Allied personnel are installed along with Italian.

- (a) Circuit 60RM : Capriale - Torre Milite - Torre Portone - Termoli - Punta Penna.
- (b) Circuit 50RM : Capriale - San Nicola Varano - Vico Garganico - Viesti.
- (c) Circuit 2RM and 324 : Brindisi - Foggia - Caporale.
- (4) Circuit 50RM : Bari - Molfetta - Foggia - Torre Tufara - Monte Busceno - Torre Cugli - Viesti.
- (e) Circuit 51RM : Foggia - Capriale - Torre Milite.

2. These circuits connect the Naval Hqs of Bari and Brindisi with the observation and semaphore signal posts to which are assigned the following duties.

- (a) Sea and air watching of the coast.
- (b) Reporting observation and description of shipping, aircraft, enemy operations on the coast, and of mines. Reporting of calls for assistance from shipping and aircraft.
- (a) Exchange of signals with shipping and with the interested shore authorities.
- (a) Meteorological service.

3. The circuits, in addition to the above purposes, are used to give orders to lighthouse keepers. The lights are ~~regularly~~ cut, but they are occasionally lighted to give assistance to ships at sea.

4. Details of the use of the individual circuits mentioned in para 1 follow:-

- (a) 60RM : connects the main sector of Capriale (which is the information collecting centre) with the observation station at Termoli and with the signal station of Punta Penna.

The Naval Commander (Italian) of Brindisi relies upon the circuit for information concerning events off the North part of the coast with which he is concerned. Orders are also given to Termoli lighthouse.

- (b) 50RM : connects the main sector of Capriale with the

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observation stations of Capo Vantuso and Vice Garganico,
and with the semaphore station and lighthouse of Viesti.

- (c) 21RM and 32M4 : connect the Main Sector of Capolale with the Military Maritime Command at Brindisi, thus completing the communication network in the zone between Punta Penna and Viesti.
- (d) 502RM : connects the Naval HQ, Bari with the observation stations of Melfetta, Torre Tifara and Torre Campi, with the signal station of Monte Sarcidano and with the semaphore station at Viesti.
- (e) 512RM : connects the Military Maritime HQ at Brindisi by way of Foggia and the Main Sector of Capolale with the signal stations of Trani, Palagiano and Lagosta Islands.

Perhaps the restoration of these circuits could receive immediate consideration.

J. L. Henderson
Colonel,

Director, Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission.

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Salerno, 17 Feb 44

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

TO: ACC, Salerno

and for information:

Suprema Command of the Tele-Communication Office
SalernoMaristat Telecommunication Office,
Taranto

Subject: Re-activations of telegraphic circuits of the Royal Navy.

In continuation to my report S/8.4/363/ dated 16 Jan and in reference to the requests made from the ACC with the report N. TS/6/3 of Jan 18, we forwarded ulterior information communicated by the Royal Navy Staff:

1) The telegraphic circuits as explained in my report S/8.4.363 connect the Navy Hqs of Bari and Brindisi with the semaphore and observation signal posts to which are assigned the following duties.

- a) Maritime and air vigilance of the coasts
- b) To Signal - the discovery of merchant and war cruisers, of submarines and airplanes, whether they be enemy or suspicious, crafts, of enemy operations against the coast, of the sighting of drifting mines, anchored, or stranded, of the calls for help from national, allied or neutral ships or airplanes.
- c) Exchange of communications with national, allied or neutral warships or merchant ships and with the interested land authorities.
- d) To collect and forward to the said authorities the necessary elements for the meteorological service.

2) The gradual reactivation of the semaphore system has been agreed upon with the English authorities, where it does not interfere with the operative needs of the Allied Military Forces.

In some of the semaphores english and Italian personnel are working together.

3) The telegraphic circuits, as described in paragraph # 1, are also used to give orders to the light-houses along the coast. These light houses are normally out, but they are lighted to give the necessary assistance to ships at sea.

4) a The circuit 601 R.M. connects the Main Sector of Capotauro

Seen: Col. St.
Col. M.

Recd. 20 Feb 44.

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(where all the information is concentrated as described in letters b and d of paragraph # 1) with the observation stations of Termoli and the signal station of Punta Penna.

The Navy Command of Brindisi can not be kept informed of the happenings along the coast under its jurisdiction, without this connection. It would also be impossible to give the opportune orders for the lightning of the light-house of Termoli.

- b The circuit 503 R.M. connects the Main Sector of Capotiale with the observation stations of Capo Varano, Vico Garganico, and with the semaphore and light-house of Viesti. The same considerations should be given to this circuit as in the previous letter.
- c The circuits R.M. 21 and S.244 are connecting the Main Sector of Capotiale with the Military command of Brindisi, thus completing the communication net-work in the zone between Punta Penna and Viesti. The same consideration should be given to this circuit as in letter a.
- d The circuit 502 R. M. connects the Navy Hq. of Bari with the observation stations of Molfetta, Torre Tufara, Torre Campi, with the signal station of Monte Saraceno, and with the semaphore of Viesti.
- e The circuit 512 R.M. connects the Military Maritime Hq of Brindisi by the way of Foggia and Main Sector of Capotiale, with the signal stations of Tremite, Pelagosa and Lagosta Islands.

The same considerations should be given to this circuit as in letter a.



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. IT.

Telecomunicazioni

Salerno, 17 febbraio 1944

N 5/8.4/618

Risposta alla lettera

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del

→ ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
SALERNO-
e, per conoscenza:

COMANDO SUPREMO UFFICIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SALERNO

MARISTAT UFFICIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

TARANTO

OGGETTO

Riattivazione circuiti telegrafici
della R. Marina.-

A prosecuzione del mio foglio S/8.4/363 in data 16 gennaio c.a., e con riferimento a quanto richiesto da codesta A.C.C. con il foglio N. TS/6/3 in data 18 gennaio c. a., si trasmettono le ulteriori informazioni comunicate dallo Stato Maggiore della R. Marina:

1°)- I circuiti telegrafici, di cui al mio foglio S/8.4/363, collegano i Comandi Marina di Bari e di Brindisi con i semafori e le stazioni di vedetta e di segnalazione, cui sono devoluti i seguenti compiti:

- a)- Vigilanza marittima ed aerea delle coste.
- b)- Segnalamento delle scoperte di navi da guerra e mercantili, sommergibili ed aerei nemici o sospetti; delle operazioni nemiche contro la costa; dell'avvistamento di mine alla deriva, ancorate od arenate, delle richieste di soccorso da parte di navi o aerei nazionali, alleati o neutrali.
- c)- Scambio di comunicazioni con le navi da guerra e mercantili

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TARANTO
Riattivazione circuiti telegrafici
della R. Marina.--

A prosecuzione del mio foglio S/8.4/363 in data 16 gennaio c.a., e con riferimento a quanto richiesto da codesta A.C.C. con il foglio N. TS/6/3 in data 13 gennaio c. a., si trasmettono le ulteriori informazioni comunicate dallo Stato Maggiore della

R. Marina:

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c)- Scambio di comunicazioni con le navi da guerra ¹³ e mercantili nazionali, alleate o neutrali e con le autorità terrestri interessate.

d)- Raccolta ed inoltro alle predette Autorità degli elementi necessari al servizio meteorologico.

2°)- La graduale riattivazione del servizio semaforico è stata concordata con le Autorità navali Britanniche, ove ciò non osti con le esigenze operative delle Forze Armate Alleate:-

In alcuni semafori presta servizio personale inglese insieme con

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Segue: foglio n. 5/8.4/44 del 17/2/44.

quello nazionale.

- 3°) - I circuiti telegrafici di cui al paragrafo 1) sono anche impiegati per dare gli ordini di accensione ai fari dislocati lungo le coste e che, normalmente spenti, vengono accesi per dare la necessaria assistenza alla navigazione delle unità in mare.
- 4°) - a)- Il circuito 601 R.M. collega il Caposettore di Capotaormina (che accentra e riassume le notizie di cui alla lettera b) e d) del paragrafo 1) e le ritrasmette al Comando M.M. di Brindisi) con le stazioni di vedetta di Termoli e la stazione segnali di Punta Penna. - Mancando questo collegamento, il Comando M.M. di Brindisi non può essere tenuto al corrente di quanto avviene lungo le coste sulle quali esso ha giurisdizione. Analoga impossibilità di emanare tempestivamente gli ordini per l'accensione del faro di Termoli.
- b)- Il circuito 503 R.M. collega il citato Caposettore di Capotaormina con le stazioni vedetta di Capo Varano, Vico Garganico, il semaforo ed il faro di Viesti. Valgono per questo circuito le stesse considerazioni di cui alla lettera precedente.
- c)- Il circuito R.M. 21 ed S 244 collegano il Caposettore di Capotaormina con il Comando M.M. di Brindisi, completando la rete delle comunicazioni della zona tra Punta Penna e Viesti. Valgono per questo circuito le stesse considerazioni di cui alla lettera a).
- d)- Il circuito 502 R.M. collega il Comando Marina di Bari con le stazioni di vedetta di Molfetta, Torre Tufara, Torre Campi, con la stazione segnali di Monte Saraceno e con il semaforo di Viesti. Valgono per questo circuito le stesse considerazioni di cui alla lettera a). -

centra e riassume le notizie di cui alla lettera b) e d) del paragrafo 1) e le ritrasmette al Comando M.M. di Brindisi) con le stazioni di vedetta di Termoli e la stazione segnali di Punta Penna. Mancando questo collegamento, il Comando M.M. di Brindisi non può essere tenuto al corrente di quanto avviene lungo le coste sulle quali esso ha giurisdizione. Analoga impossibilità di emanare tempestivamente gli ordini per l'accensione del faro di Termoli.

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c)- Il circuito R.M. 21 ed S 244 collegano il Caposettore di Capotaormine con il Comando M.M. di Brindisi, completando la rete delle comunicazioni della zona tra Punta Penna e Viesti. Valgono per questo circuito le stesse considerazioni di cui alla lettera a).

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5°) - Per quanto sopra esposto si rinnova la richiesta dell'intervento di Colesta Commissione Alleata di Controllo per ottenere dal Comando Alleato interessato l'autorizzazione al ripristino dei circuiti suddetti.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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Salerno, 17 Feb 44

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

TO: ACC, Salerno

and for information:

Supreme Command of the Tele-Communication Office
SalernoMaristat Telecommunication Office,
Taranto

Subject: Re-activations of telegraphic circuits of the Royal Navy.

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- a) Maritime and air vigilance of the coasts
- b) To Signal - the discovery of merchant and war cruisers, of submarines and airplanes, whether they be enemy or suspicious, crafts, of enemy operations against the coast, of the sighting of drifting mines, anchored, or stranded, of the calls for help from national, allied or neutral ships or airplanes.
- c) Exchange of communications with national, allied or neutral warships or merchant ships and with the interested land authorities.
- d) To collect and forward to the said authorities the necessary elements for the meteorological service.

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3) The telegraphic circuits, as described in paragraph # 1, are also used to give orders to the light-houses along the coast. These light houses are normally out, but they are lighted to give the necessary assistance to ships at sea.

- 4) a The circuit 601 R.M. connects the Main Sector of Capodiale

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(where all the information is concentrated as described in letters b and d of paragraph # 1) with the observation stations of Termoli and the signal station of Punta Penna.

The Navy Command of Brindisi can not be kept informed of the happenings along the coast under its jurisdiction, without this connection. It would also be impossible to give the opportune orders for the lightning of the light-house of Termoli.

- b The circuit 503 R.M. connects the Main Sector of Capotiale with the observation stations of Capo Varano, Vico Garganico, and with the semaphore and light-house of Viesti. The same considerations should be given to this circuit as in the previous letter.
- c The circuits R.M. 21 and S.244 are connecting the Main Sector of Capotiale with the Military command of Brindisi, thus completing the communication net-work in the zone between Punta Penna and Viesti. The same consideration should be given to this circuit as in letter a.
- d The circuit 502 R. M. connects the Navy Hq. of Bari with the observation stations of Molfetta, Torre Tufara, Torre Campi, with the signal station of Monte Sarnano, and with the semaphore of Viesti.
- e The circuit 512 R.M. connects the Military Maritime Hq of Brindisi by the way of Foggia and Main Sector of Capotiale, with the signal stations of Tremite, Pelagosa and Lagosta Islands.

The same considerations should be given to this circuit as in letter a.

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TARANTO DASH BRINDISI USED FOR ^{classify confidential} TELEPHONE AND TELETYPE HAS BEEN CUT
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29 JAN 1944

Subject:- Communications Line - Trunks

SECRETHq 2 District,
C.M.F.

Ext. 11420

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23 JAN 44To:- C.S.O., 1 Cdn Corps.
OC 15 L of C Sigs (2)

1. To provide a circuit Main Cdn Corps to BARI the following circuits will be employed -

5241 Modugno - Torrita
57124 Modugno - Bari

2. The set up will be as follows -



3. OC 15 L of C Sigs will supervise the lead in of the circuit and prepare the necessary tail to Bari L.D. The copper group being constructed to Naples is now practically finished. On completion of this group, Bari F.C. will notify the Canadian Fault Control that use by them of this group must be discontinued.

T.C.O. 1700 A.
U/KH

Copy to:- M.M.I.A.

A.C.C.

S.E.T.

Col. Rosani.

Ten. Fiori.

James Bp
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

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29 JAN 1944

Subject:- Communications Line AA & CB
G.O.R. GIOIA.

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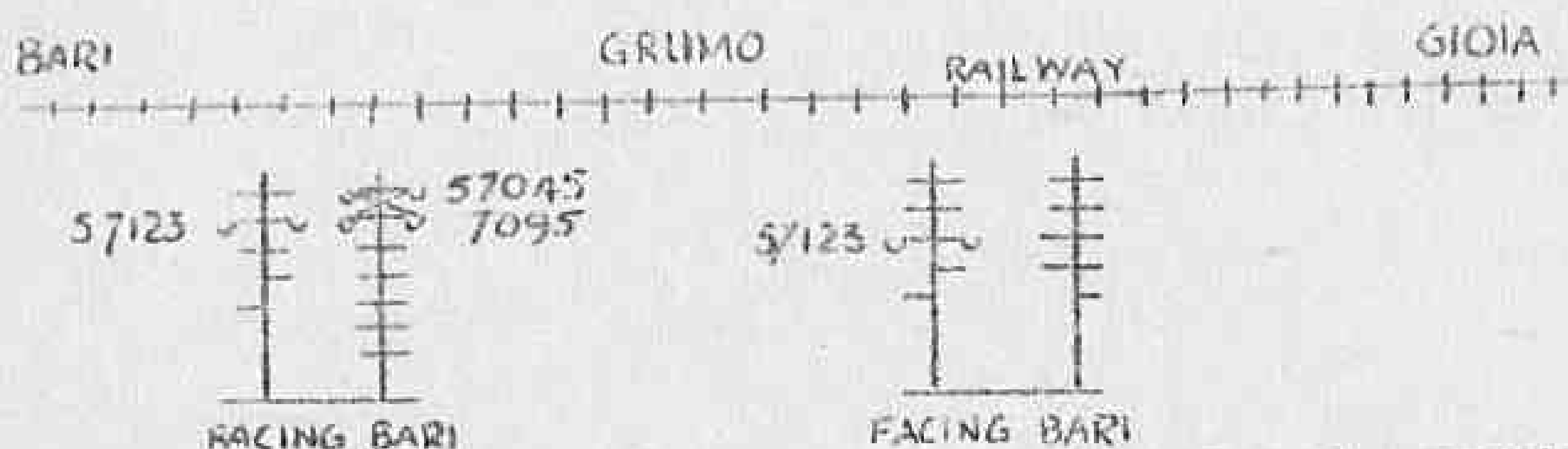
2 District,
C.E.F.
Ext. 11420
2602 X

To:- CC 15 I of C Sigs (2)

19 JAN 44

1. S.A.L. Pde have set up a Sub G.O.R. at GIOIA to control the guns defending the airfield. To provide early warning for the G.O.R. it is intended to provide a circuit Sub G.O.R. GIOIA - G.O.R. BARI.

2. The 57123 will be used for this purpose. This circuit is routed as follows.



3. CC 15 I of C Sigs will arrange for the provision of the tails from S.E.T. BARI - G.O.R. BARI and S.E.T. GIOIA - G.O.R. GIOIA.

4. Col. Rosani will please arrange for the CINCALO to maintain this circuit from S.E.T. BARI - S.E.T. GIOIA.

5. CC Sigs S.A.L. Pde and 29 A.L. Pde respectively will provide the telephones.

T.O.O. 1732 A.
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Copies to:- CC S.A.L. Pde Sigs.
29 A.L. Pde Sigs.

M.M.I.A.
A.C.C.
Col. Rosani.
Ten. Fiori.

Prater
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

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CONSIGLIO E UFFICIO PROVINCIALE DELL'ECONOMIA - BARI

UFFICIO DISTRIBUZIONE PRODOTTI INDUSTRIALI

TIP. PANSINI - BARI

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~~Spitta Antonio Garaci~~

Allied Control
Commission -

~~FRANCE~~

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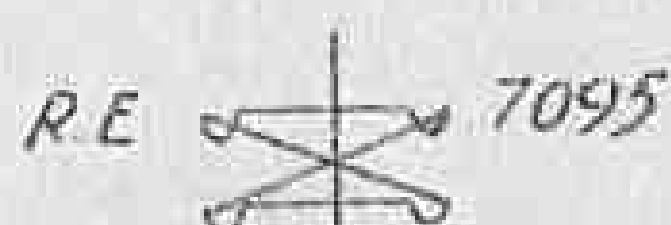
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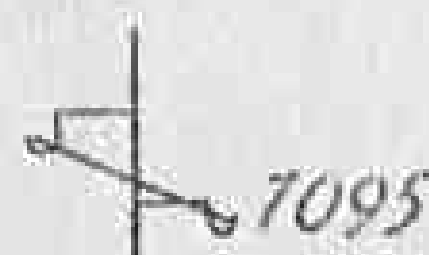
Subject:- Communications Line - RAF.HQ 2 District,
C.M.F.ACC
Col. ROSANI
Ten. FIORI
CAFSO (CLO) MAAFExt. 11420
2588 X
21 JAN 44

1. Reference the verbal request for a circuit GRAVINA - SPINNAZZOLA (Col. YOUNG - Capt. PRENTICE).
2. The 7095 on the rly route GRAVINA - SPINNAZZOLA is required for allied use. This circuit will be taken into service on or after 24 Jan by CAFSO(CLO) MAAF.

POLE DIAGRAMS



AT SPINNAZZOLO



AT GRAVINA

TOO . 100
F/FJD.Chief Signal Officer.
Colonel,
Signal Officer.

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Subj: DECAT.Hq 2 District CDP
Ext. 11490
2602 X

24 JAN 1944

To:-

Allied Control Commission.

22 JAN

Reference your TS/4/9/26 of 16 Jan 44.

1. This vexed question is now under consideration by "G" Staff of this HQ., and it is expected that an instruction will shortly be issued.

T.O.O. 1720 A.

Seen

Capt. Stone

Col. D. Stone

Col. M. Stone

Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

Recd 25 Jan 44

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In reply refer to:
AG 311.23
TB/14/9/30

25 January 1944

Subject: Efficiency of DICAT Network

To: Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications & Posts

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1. With further reference to your letter No. S/B.3/362 of 15 January, and to AGC letter No. TB/4/9/25 of 18 January, a reply has now been received from GSO District 2.

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2. In his letter he states that the question is under the consideration of the Operations Staff of District 2 Headquarters, and that an instruction will be issued shortly. It would appear from this that the Commander, District 2, is reviewing the part to be played by the DICAT organization.

3. Further information will be sent to you on receipt of the instruction mentioned above.

BILENY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Vice-President
Communications Section

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY FOR COMMUNICATIONS

N. S/B 3/362

January 15, 1944

Seen by:- Capt. Stone

Col. D.

Col. M.

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H. 204

Subject : Efficiency of the lookout system and
telephone network of DICAT of Taranto
and Brindisi

To : To the A C C

1. The following telephone circuits of the DICAT network have been or
are being requisitioned;

- a DICAT Taranto-DICAT Brindisi (circuit (SET 57193 and TRM 419
- b DICAT Brindisi - Post (look-out) Latiano circuit SET 57188
- c DICAT Taranto-News Center S. Maria of Leuca (circuit: Royal Navy)
- d DICAT Brindisi-Receiving News Center Lecce (circuit SET 57186)
- e DICAT Taranto Look-out Post Casina Favale (circuit SET 57511)
- f DICAT Taranto-Air-radio posts No. 9, 10 and 11 (R. Navy Circuit)
- g DICAT Brindisi-Look-out post Torre S. Susanna (circuits SET 57185, 57494 and 57622: have been cut by Allied soldiers and in some places posts and wires have been carried away.
- h News Receiving Center Ginosa-Look-Out Post Scanzano (circuit R. Navy)
- i News Receiving Center Ostuni-Look-Out Post Ceglie Messapica (SET 57349)
- k News Receiving Center Ostuni-Look-Out Post Carovigno (circuit SET 57623)
- l Weather Station Hq of Brindisi (Nebbiogeni) (Casa Ferrino) with weather station posts Central Maritime Station of the Western Sector and Central station at the Casale Church.
- m News Receiving Center Lecce Out-Look Post Plascia (circuit SET 57501 Lecce Otranto)
- n News Receiving Center Lecce - News Receiving Center Galipoli (circuit SET 57450)

2. Besides the requisition of the above circuits. I must point out that for various reasons, the circuits remaining at the disposal of the DICAT offices have often been interrupted and the SET of Brindisi, being completely controlled by the British military authorities which monopolizes its services for their own circuit repairs, can no longer give their attention to our circuits.

Received 17 Jan 44

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3. From the above the result is that the telephone network of the service "Aviamento dei Comandi" in Brindisi e Taranto have been completely dismantled.

There is no communication whatsoever between Taranto and Brindisi offices of DICAT. Communications between Brindisi and Bari (DICAT) are generally very difficult and often interrupted. Various listening-posts and look-out posts for airplane flight have become completely isolated. Meteorological posts have also been isolated.

4. This situation considerably hinders the efficiency of the DICAT of Brindisi and Taranto. With regard to the radius-locators, the look-out system, must be considered as very useful accoustical and optical aids to electromagnetic instruments in warning of enemy planes.

It must be remembered, however, that this system, which was of great service during the war, must be allowed to deteriorate or to be mutilated. We, therefore, beg this Commission to have the above indicated circuits derequisitioned and to see to it that further circuits of the DICAT are not requisitioned.

Under-Secretary for State



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

P.M. 151, 15 gennaio 1944

N. S/8.3/362

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIATA DI CONTROLLO BRINDISI

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO - Uff. Telecomunicazioni BARI

A MARISTAT - Ufficio Telecomunicazioni TARANTO

Oggetto: Efficienza del servizio avvistamento e rete telefonica dei Comandi DICAT di TARANTO e Brindisi.

1. - Gradualmente sono stati requisiti, o sono in corso di requisizione, dai Comandi Alleati, i seguenti circuiti telefonici della rete dei Comandi DICAT di Taranto e Brindisi:

a) - DICAT Taranto-DICAT Brindisi (circuiti virtuale (SET 57193 TRM 419

b) - DICAT Brindisi - Posto Avvistamento Latiano (circuiti SET 57188)

c) - DICAT Taranto-Centro Raccolta Notizie S. Maria di Leuca (circuiti Militare R. Marina)

d) - DICAT Brindisi-Centro Raccolta Notizie Lecce (circuiti SET 57186)

e) - DICAT Taranto-Posto Avvistamento Casina Favale (circuiti SET 57511)

f) - DICAT Taranto-Postazioni Aerofoniche n. 9, 10 e 11 (circuiti Militari R. Marina)

g) - DICAT Brindisi-Posto Avvistamento Torre S. Susanna (circuiti SET 57185 - 57494 e 57622: sono stati tagliati da militari alleati ed in alcuni tratti sono stati asportati anche pali e filo)

h) - Centro Raccolta Notizie Ginosa-Posto Avvistamento Scanzano (circuiti militare R. Marina) 123

i) - Centro Raccolta Notizie Ostuni-Posto Avvistamento Ceglie Mesapica (circuiti SET 57349)

k) - Centro Raccolta Notizie Ostuni-Posto Avvistamento Carovigno (circuiti SET 57623)

Valutazione di Brindisi (Casa Perrino) con le posta-

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 - b) - DICAT Brindisi - Posto Avvistamento Latiano (circuiti SET 57188)
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 - k) - Centro Raccolta Notizie Ostuni-Posto Avvistamento Carovigno (circuiti SET 57623)
 - l) - Comando Nebbiogendi di Brindisi (Casa Perrino) con le postazioni nebbiogene: Stazione Marittima-Centralino del settore di ponente e centralino della Chiesa del Casale (circuiti militari R.Marina)
 - m) - Centro Raccolta Notizie Lecce-Posto Avvistamento Palascia (circuiti SET 57501 Lecce-Otranto)

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Segue: foglio n. S/8.3/362 del 15/1/44

n) - Centro Raccolta Notizie Lecce-Centro Raccolta Notizie Galipoli (circuiti SET 57450)

2. - Oltre alla requisizione dei circuiti suddetti, è da osservare che, per cause varie, i circuiti rimasti in uso ai Comandi DICAT risultano molto spesso interrotti e che la SET di Brindisi, non può dare sollecito corso ai lavori di riparazione perché, essendo essa completamente controllata dalle Autorità Militari Inglesi, non dispone più di operai per l'esecuzione di altri lavori di riparazione all'infuori di quelli occorrenti ai circuiti in uso alle Forze Armate Anglo-Americane.

3. - Da quanto sopra esposto risulta che le reti telefoniche del servizio Avvistamento dei Comandi Dicat di Brindisi e Taranto sono state completamente smantellate:
non vi è alcun collegamento fra i Comandi DICAT di Brindisi e di Taranto;
le comunicazioni fra i Comandi DICAT di Brindisi e Bari sono in generale molto difficili e spesso interrotte;
vari Centri Raccolta Notizie e molti importanti posti di avvistamento attrezzati per calcolare gli elementi di volo degli aerei ed ottimamente situati, sono rimasti completamente isolati;
varie postazioni aerofoniche e nebbiogene sono rimaste completamente isolate.

4. - La situazione sopra esposta infirma notevolmente l'efficienza delle DICAT di Brindisi e Taranto nei riguardi dell'impiego delle armi ed in modo particolare nei riguardi dell'avvistamento e della tempestiva segnalazione degli aerei.

Per quanto si disponga di radiolocalizzatori, le maglie di avvistamento, più che mezzo di riserva, devono essere considerate un utilissimo complesso di servizi ottici e acustici integrante il complesso dei mezzi elettromagnetici i quali, in certe condizioni determinabili anche dal nemico, possono rendere un servizio inadeguato.

Si ritiene necessario pertanto che tale complesso di mezzi ottici ed acustici non subisca mutilazioni e conservi intatta l'antica efficienza che si è sempre rilevata di grande rendimento durante tutta la durata della guerra. A tale scopo ci si rivolge

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e si richiede l'interessamento di Codesta Commissione Alleata di
Controllo affinché i circuiti sopraindicati vengano derequisiti
dai Comandi Anglo-Americani e non vengano requisiti ulteriori cir-
cuiti facenti parte della rete dei Comandi DICAT.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

(28A)

21 January 1944

In reply refer to:

TW/4/9/28

Subject : Requisitioning of Telephone Circuits

to : CSO District 2

1. Perhaps a reply could now be sent to AOC letter No. TS/6/3 of 8 Jan 44 (last paragraph.).

2. As regards your Memo No. 2587/lx of 18 Jan received 20 Jan, the original letter referred to therein of 15 Jan has not been received.

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel
Tele-Communications and Posts
Sub - Commission

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Col. *Donner*

20 JAN 1944

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Subject:- Communications Line - Locality Exchanges.

HQ 2 District, CM

Ext. 11420

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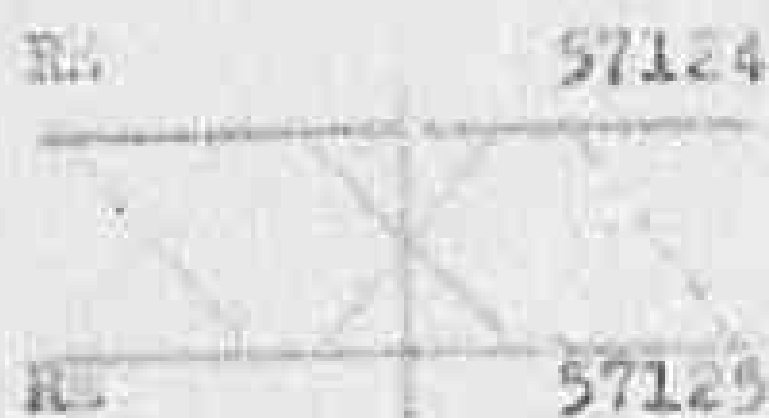
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GSC Adv. Perce 133.

OV 15 L of C Signals. (2)

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Amendments.

Reference 2587/1 X dated 15 JAN 44 para 4. Amend circuit 57124 to read R.

The 57124 is now to be used for another purpose.
(this office 2587 dated 16 JAN refers.)Pole diagram of the S.S.T. at Modugno facing Bari
is as follows.T.O.C. 700 A
H/PE*Prince*
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

Copy to :-

A.C.C.
M.E.I.A.
S.S.T.
Col. Rosari.
TEN. FioriSent: Col. D. *YAD*
Col. M. *YAD*
1220

Received 21 Jan 44

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In reply
refer to: TS/6/3

18 January 1944

Subject: Italian Circuit Requirements.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

The following letters have been received, and the matters therein are being investigated, No. S/8. 4/335 of 12 January, No. S/8. 4/355 of 15 January, No. S/8. 4/363 of 15 January, and No. S/8. 3/362 of 15 January.

27th In regards No. S/8. 4/363 dealing with the restoration of R.M. telegraph circuits, it is felt that the arguments for the restoration of the circuits are insufficiently strong, and that, before the request is passed forward, you might be able to suitably amplify them.

The following information would therefore be valuable:

- (1) State the exact use which is made of each particular circuit.
- (2) State for each circuit whether there has been any official request from Allied Forces for the continuance of the operation of the circuit. (For example, by Signal Officer of the Allied Navies).
- (3) What is the nature of the difficulty in each case resulting from the disconnection of the circuit?

It should be made clear that the above information is requested solely to assist you in putting up a good case, and, with this in mind, perhaps in future cases you would be good enough to give more details.



for

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel

Telecommunications and Posts
Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION

MINISTRY FOR COMMUNICATIONS

January 15, 1944

GENERAL OFFICE PP.TT.

N. S/8.4/363

(27A)

Subject: Reactivation of the Royal Navy Telegraph Circuits

TO THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

1. The Royal Navy Headquarters has informed us that in order to consent to the functioning of the lighthouses and semaphoric stations and look out posts on the Adriatic Coast, it is urgently required that the following telegraph Circuits at present interrupted and partly requisitioned, be reactivated:

- a. Circuit 601 R.M. : Capotiale - Torre Mileto - Torre Fortore - Termoli - Ponte Penna;
- b. Circuit 503 R.M.: Capotiale - San Nicola Varano - Vico Garganico - Vicoli;
- c. Circuit 21 R.M. ed S. 244: Brindisi - Foggia - Capotiale;
- d. Circuit 502 R.M.: Bari - Molfetta - Foggia - Torre Tufara - Monte Saraceno - Torre Campi - Viesti.
- e. Circuit 512 R.M.: Foggia - Capotiale - Torre Mileto.

2. We beg you to obtain from the Hq of the 15 Army Group authorization for the resumption of said communications.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

/s/ M. Fano

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Walt B...
from typing
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Seen by: Capt. Stone Seen
 Col. D. Seen

see

Received 17 Jan 44



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

P.M. 151, 15 gennaio 1944

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N. 5/8.4/363

Risposta alla lettera

N. del

Oggetto: Riattivazione circuiti telegrafici della R. Marina.

→ ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO BRINDISI
e, per conoscenza:
AL COMANDO SUPREMO - B A R I
Ufficio Telecomunicazioni
A MARISTAT - Ufficio Telecomunicazioni TARANTO

1. - Lo Stato Maggiore della R. Marina ha fatto presente che per consentire l'emanazione degli ordini per l'accensione dei fari ed il funzionamento delle stazioni semaforiche e di vedetta sulla costa Adriatica occorre l'urgente riattivazione dei seguenti circuiti telegrafici attualmente interrotti e probabilmente in parte requisiti dalle Autorità Alleate:

- a) - Circuito 601 R.M.: Capotaormina - Torre Mileto - Torre Fortore - Termoli - Punta Penna;
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- c) - Circuito 21 R.M. ed S. 244: Brindisi - Foggia - Capotaormina;
- d) - Circuito 502 R.M.: Bari - Molfetta - Foggia - Torre Tufara - Monte Saraceno - Torre Campi - Vieste;
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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

BRINDISI

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Torre Tufara - Monte Saraceno - Torre Campi - Viesti;
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2. - Si prega voler ottenere dal Comando del 15° Gruppo Armate l'autorizzazione al ripristino di dette comunicazioni.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

HWD/af

In reply
refer to: TS/4/9/26

18 January 1944

Subject: DIGAT Network

To: CBO, District No. 2

1. The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts has complained that some thirteen DIGAT circuits are, or are about to be requisitioned.

2. As you know the DIGAT system is important both for the successful control of Italian anti-aircraft fire and for its close connection with the civil air raid warning system. It would be bad policy therefore to completely disorganise the system.

3. According to a senior British officer of the anti-aircraft unit controlling the operation of DIGAT, you have already been in contact with him, and have agreed to the retention in operation of certain key DIGAT circuits.

4. Would you kindly say if this is so, and, in order that a reply may be sent to the Under-Secretary perhaps you would let AOC know which of the circuits on the attached list will be restored. If this has not been decided in detail, a statement of the position would be useful.

WILHELM W. JENSEN
Captain, USNR
Vice-President
Communications Section

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See:- 30

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HFM/MS/ml

In reply
refer to: TG/A/9/25

18 January 1944

Subject: Efficiency of DIGAT Network.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

With reference to your letter No. E/8. 3/362 of 15 January, it is found that the CSC District 2 has already been in touch with the Commander of the British Unit with which DIGAT is now associated. Apparently the Italian Officer in Command of DIGAT in Brindisi has agreed with the British Anti Aircraft Commander that certain circuits may be requisitioned without serious detriment to the operation of DIGAT.

It is understood from the British Anti Aircraft Commander that the CSC District 2 has agreed to restore those of the circuits which have been agreed by the British and Italian Commanders to be essential.

A letter has been written to CSC District 2 requiring confirmation of the above arrangement and requesting a list of the key circuits to be restored.

On receipt of this list a further communication will be sent to you.

SILVY R. STONE
Captain, USN
Communications Section

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HMM/mipIn reply refer to:
E/6/3

8 January 1944

see 28

Subject: Requisitioning of Telephone Circuits.

To: ACC District 2. PAP

1. As you know, your attention has already been directed to several incidents where circuits important to Departments of the Italian Government have been requisitioned without, or with extremely short notice.

2. The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts has just submitted a complaint regarding the disconnection of the following circuits without notice.

SPT 57184 Francavilla - Brindisi
HE 4726 Cris - Torre S. Susanna

The use of the first circuit, as he pointed out, is ^{disturbing,} ~~disturbing~~ as the ACC, in reference to the requisitioning of circuit No. 5151 Francavilla - Lecce, mentioned the two Francavilla - Brindisi lines as suitable alternative channels.

According to another of his statements, circuit No. 5151 was partly recovered with the object of using the material elsewhere, when the Government could have made alternative suggestions for the supply or recovery of such material.

3. The difficulty with which you are, and will continue to be faced - the necessity for the early completion of urgent operational circuits and the consequent use of existing circuits - is appreciated as unavoidable, and ACC is desirous of preventing any action that would impede your efforts, and of assisting you as far as possible. You will no doubt agree that, provided due care is taken in this respect, that the Italian Government's communications should not be disorganized any more than is necessary.

4. It would be helpful therefore if you would consider a scheme roughly on the following lines, as presumably no such arrangement exists. An Officer of ACC would be very glad to discuss the matter with you or your representative.

If such an official scheme be not evolved, there may be a constant

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stream of queries irritating to all parties.

5. Circuits required would be in (say) four classes.

| | |
|-----|--------------------------|
| A - | Required within 24 hours |
| B - | " " 2 days |
| C - | " " 4 days |
| D - | " " 5 or more days |

The circuit you proposed to use would be reported by telephone to a responsible Italian technical official of Colonel Rosani's office who would be responsible for offering alternative suggestions, or fully discussing the matter within the following periods:

| | |
|-----|---|
| "A" | circuits - within 2 hours of the report |
| "B" | " " " 6 " " " " |
| "C" | " " " 24 " " " " |
| "D" | " " " 2 days " " " |

Each demand would be confirmed in writing to Col. Rosani's office, with copies to the Under-Secretary at Brindisi or Salerno stating the date and time at which the telephone report was made.

It would be expected that an officer of the CSO would be available to discuss the question of alternatives during the times quoted. It would of course be left to the CSO to decide whether the alternative circuit would in fact be substituted for that originally proposed.

In addition, if the CSO had insufficient data regarding the alternative circuit, it would be necessary in the case of urgent circuits either for the Italian Government to give him the necessary information on the spot, or to leave a decision as to which circuit should be taken to an officer on the site of the circuit, if the CSO so desired.

6. The above arrangement would be provisional, and would depend amongst other things on the ability of the Italian government's officer to provide prompt and accurate information in reply to the demand.

The scheme has not been mentioned to the Under-Secretary, pending your comments on the suggestion. In reply to this letter, perhaps you would include an explanation regarding the use of the circuits mentioned in paragraph 2 above.

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USMC
Communications Section

JLH/mip

In reply
refer to: TW/6/3

8 January 1944

Subject: Requisitioning of Telephone Circuits.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

1. With reference to your letter No. S/8 4/268 of 5 January, a memorandum has been prepared for the CSO District 2 regarding the two circuits you have mentioned, and raising again the general question of the requisitioning of lines to meet urgent demands.

2. It is hoped that as a result a more favorable arrangement will be made.

3. In addition, an officer of ACC will speak to CSO District 2 on Monday about the two circuits referred to above.

A. L. Henderson

For

J. L. Henderson
Colonel
Telecommunications and Posts
Sub-Commission

** Note to CSO who said American troops he thought
were responsible... ~~that~~ he said he would sign
it up
12/11*

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Transmittal

For Capt. Stone (Lt. Junior)

Jan. 5, 1944

22A

Ministry for Communications

General Board, Post and Telegraph

No S/8. 4/268

Subject Requisition of Telephone circuits

To the Allied Control Commission Brindisi
and for information to:Headquarters, Office of Telecommunication
Royal Army General Staff, Office of Telecommu-
nications

1. The Headquarters of the 51st Army Corps has informed us that the circuit S.E.T. 57184 Francavilla Brindisi and the circuit R.E. 4726 Ova-Torre S. Susanna have been occupied and requisitioned by Allied troops. Said Headquarters finds it impossible to give more precise data in this case because the military personnel who ~~were~~ ^{were} sent to ~~inspect~~ ^{inspect} the above circuits have been ~~sent~~ ^{kept} away by the requisitionary groups.

We point out that:

- a) no request was made ~~note~~ notice given prior to the requisition that the above circuits would be taken by the Allied troops;
- b) previous to the requisitioning of the Francavilla Brindisi circuit, circuit R.E. (Royal Army) 5151 Francavilla-Lecce was

requisitioned by Allied troops. As a result of this requisition the Telecommunications Office of the General Headquarters informed the C.S.O. (2nd District) that at Francavilla resided the headquarters of the 51st Army Corps and moreover the Italian army required the use of the Francavilla-Lecce circuit. The C.S.O. (2nd District) objected that ~~the~~ communications between Lecce-Francavilla could be routed via Brindisi and that for this ^{purpose the} two circuits of Brindisi-Francavilla would be left to the disposal of the Italian Army. Actually, however, with the requisition of the circuit S.E.T. 57184 Francavilla-Brindisi there remained free for communication with the headquarters of the 51st Army Corps only one circuit through Brindisi and even this function was uncertainly because of ~~the~~ ^{its} poor state of ~~operation~~ ^{upkeep}.

c) The circuit R.E. (Royal Army) 4726 Orta-Torre S. Susanna is indispensable for keeping open communications between headquarters of the 51st Army Corps ~~and the~~ ^{and} dependent units detached in the environs of Francavilla.

2. ^{order} In/that the headquarters of 51st Army Corps may not find itself isolated from higher headquarters and dependent headquarters we beg this Commission to intervene so that the two above-mentioned circuits may be restored to the Italian army.

3. It now seems opportune, moreover, to bring to the

knowledge of this Commission that the Allied troops have demolished part of the Franco-Italian line circuit, on the Orin-Torre S. Susanna line, carrying off the wire, insulators and other materials for use elsewhere.

We point out that the said troops could refrain ask the Italian Army for the needed materials and refrain from demolishing a circuit line, which if they ~~do~~ did not wish it could be restored to Italian authority.

~~Generally~~ Speaking on the whole, we point out that a greater collaboration between Italian and Allied troops in the field of communications would be of benefit to all.

Under-Secretary for State
(sig)

/sbr



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DIREZIONE GENERALE PP. TT.

N. S/8.4/268

Risposta alla lettera

N.

del

P.M. 151, 5 Gennaio 1944

Recd 7 Jan 44

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6 JAN 1944

1343

Oggetto: Requisizione di circuiti telefonici.

→ Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO - BRINDISI

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO - Uff. Telecomunicazioni - P.M. 151Allo S.M.R.E. - Uff. Telecomunicazioni P.M. 151

- 1°) - Il Comando del II° Corpo d'Armata ha comunicato che il circuito S.E.T. 57184 Francavilla-Brindisi ed il circuito R.E.4726 Oria-Torre S.Susanna risultano essere stati sezionati e requisiti da truppe Alleate. Detto Comando è nell'impossibilità di dare più precisi ragguagli in merito poiché i suoi militari che erano stati inviati per verificare i circuiti suddetti sono stati allontanati dalle truppe che li avevano requisiti.

Si fa presente:

- a) nessuna richiesta o comunicazione che i circuiti suddetti sarebbero stati presi dalle truppe Alleate era stata fatta precedentemente alla requisizione;
- b) precedentemente alla requisizione del circuito Francavilla-Brindisi, era stato requisito dalle truppe Alleate il circuito R.E. 5151 Francavilla - Lecce; avendo, in seguito a tale requisizione, l'Ufficio Telecomunicazioni del Comando

e, per conoscenza:

AL COMANDO SUPREMO - Uff. Telecomunicazioni-P.M. 151

Allo S.M.R.E. - Uff. Telecomunicazioni P.M. 151

1°) - Il Comando del LI° Corpo d'Armata ha comunicato che il circuito S.E.T. 57184 Francavilla-Brindisi ed il circuito R.E. 4726 Oria-Torre S. Susanna risultano essere stati sezionati e requisiti da truppe Alleate. Detto Comando è nell'impossibilità di dare più precisi ragguagli in merito poiché i suoi militari che erano stati inviati per verificare i circuiti suddetti sono stati allontanati dalle truppe che li avevano requisiti.

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b) precedentemente alla requisizione del circuito Francavilla-Brindisi, era stato requisito dalle truppe Alleate il circuito R.E. 5151 Francavilla - Lecce; avendo, in seguito a tale requisizione, l'Ufficio Telecomunicazioni del Comando Supremo fatto presente al C.S.O. 2° Distretto che a Francavilla risiede il Comando del LI° Corpo d'Armata e che pertanto l'Esercito Italiano aveva bisogno del circuito Francavilla-Lecce, fu obbiettato dal C.S.O. 2° Distretto che le comunicazioni fra Lecce-Francavilla potevano attuarsi

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6 JAN 1944
Foglio n. 2 1343

MINISTERO COMUNICAZIONI
D. Gen. PP. IT.

Segue: foglio S/8.4/268 del 5/1/1944.

tramite Brindisi e che tale scopo sarebbero stati lasciati a disposizione dell'Esercito Italiano i due circuiti esistenti Brindisi-Francavilla. Attualmente, invece, con la requisizione del circuito S.E.T. 57184 Francavilla - Brindisi è rimasto disponibile per le comunicazioni con il Comando del II° Corpo d'Armata un solo circuito con Brindisi di funzionamento anche incerto per le sue cattive condizioni di conservazione.

c) Il circuito R.E. 4726 Oria-Torre S. Susanna è indispensabile per permettere le comunicazioni del Comando II° Corpo d'Armata con le Unità dipendenti dislocate nei dintorni di Francavilla.

2°) - Affinché il Comando del II° Corpo d'Armata non venga a trovarsi isolato dai Comandi Superiori e dai Comandi dipendenti si prega Codesta Commissione di voler intervenire affinché i due circuiti sopraindicati siano restituiti all'Esercito Italiano.

3°) - Si ritiene opportuno inoltre portare a conoscenza di Codesta Commissione che le truppe Alleate hanno demolito parte del circuito Francavilla-Lecce, nel tratto Oria-Torre S. Susanna, asportando il filo, gli isolatori ed altri materiali per impiegarli altrove.

Si fa presente che dette truppe Alleate potevano richiedere all'Esercito Italiano i materiali loro occorrenti ed astenersi dal demolire un tratto di circuito, che se a loro non occorre-

il Comando del LI° Corpo d'Armata un solo circuito con Brindisi di funzionamento anche incerto per le sue cattive condizioni di conservazione.

c) Il circuito R.E. 4725 Oria-Torre S.Susanna è indispensabile per permettere le comunicazioni del Comando LI° Corpo d'Armata con le Unità dipendenti dislocate nei dintorni di Francavilla.

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In linea generale si fa presente che una maggiore collaborazione da parte delle truppe Alleate e di quelle Italiane nel campo delle comunicazioni sarebbe di giovamento per tutti.

IL SOTTOSCRITTO *Mand* DI STATO

EWS/hjp

In reply
refer to: AG 311.3
TC/6/3

6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Francavilla - Lecce Telephone Line

TO : Under-Secretary of State for Tele-communication and Posts

1. This is in reference to copies of messages which you handed to us with respect to the taking over by Allied Signals of the Francavilla - Lecce telephone line about 19 December, without proper notification to the Italian Government.

2. This matter was taken up with the Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District and the Chief Signal Officer 15th Army Group. We have been informed by the Chief Signal Officer 15th Army Group that No. 2 District did in fact notify the Italian authorities through the agency of the Italian liaison officer on the staff of Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District. The line was required for an urgent operational commitment by the U. S. Air Corps, of which the Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District has been given no prior warning.

3. It may be that there was some misunderstanding as the Chief Signal Officer's Office No. 2 District understood that the Italian liaison officer was instructed to inform the General Inspector T.T., and the Ministry of Communications.

4. It is regretted that the information did not reach your office in time to prevent the inconvenience caused the Italian High Command. We are of the opinion that the arrangements made with you in connection with matters of this nature can be followed in the future.

HILARY W. STONE *fdd*
Capt. in, USNR
Communications Section

1206

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Headquarters,
15 Army Group,
C. M. F.

31 Dec., '43.

DO/2732/X

Dear Stone

Thank you for your DO CS/6/3 dated 28 Dec.

I find on enquiry that C.S.O., 2 District did in fact take steps to notify the Italian authorities that it was necessary to requisition the line in question. The Ministry of Communications should have been informed through the agency of the Italian liaison officer on the staff of C.S.O., 2 District. This liaison officer was instructed to inform the General Inspector T.T., Ministry of Communications. M.M.I.A. were also notified and requested to pass the information to S.M.R.E. It would appear that in neither case did the information reach the Italian authorities concerned in time, which I agree with you is most regrettable. Incidentally, the line was required for an urgent operational commitment by the U.S. Air Corps, of which C.S.O., 2 District had been given no prior warning.

Yours

Sincerely,
Brookfield

Capt. Ellory M. Stone,
Headquarters,
Allied Control Mission.

Best wishes for the
New year.

REFM/AH

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 994

28 December 1943

DO CS/6/3

Dear

1. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Chief Signal Officer, No. 2 District, in reference to the recent taking over of the Francovilla-Lecce telephone line.
2. Such action without notice naturally caused the Italian High Command serious difficulties and necessitated a report from this Headquarters to the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.
3. I realize that the military requirements must be met, but would appreciate it if you would encourage your signal forces to follow the procedure agreed with Dr. Rano for taking over such facilities.

Yours.

Brigadier R. P. H. Nalder
GSO, 15 Army Group

1204

Capt. Stone
(C. Stone)
Subject:- Communications - Line.

5 JAN 1944
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HQ 2 District,
C.M.F.

Ext. 11420.

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3 JAN 44.

HQ ACC

Ref your AG 311.3 TO 6/3, of 28 Dec 43.

It is regretted that the LECCE - FRANCAVILLA line was taken without notice to you on 19 Dec 43.

The line was required for a very high priority operational circuit, Col. ROSANI being informed on the afternoon of 18 Dec.

Although the irregularity of the procedure for taking this circuit is admitted, it was operationally necessary. There exists an alternative routing for the War Ministry by means of the two RE circuits BRINDISI - LECCE and the 2 RE circuits BRINDISI - FRANCAVILLA.

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I/FJD.

Copy to:- CSO 15 Army Gp.

[Signature]
Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer.

1203

Seen:-

Capt. Stone

Col. D.

Col. M.

[Signature]

Received 5 Jan 44

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

23 December 1943

In reply refer to:
AG 311.3
TC 6/3

Subject: Seizure of Lines.

To: Chief Signal Officer, No. 2 District.

1. We have been informed that, on or about 19 December 1943, the Francovilla-Lecce telephone line was taken over without notice by the military authorities of No. 2 District.
2. The loss of this line cuts direct communication between Hq. 51st Army Corps and the War Ministry.
3. As you are aware, this is the third incident of this type that has occurred, the others being circuits relating to monitor control, and circuits of the Aqueduct Company.
4. In order that we may make a report to the Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts, will you furnish us with the facts and circumstances under which the line was taken over.
5. It is also requested that, in the future, the prescribed procedure for the acquisition of communication facilities be adhered to.

ELLEN W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

cc: GSC, 15 Army Group

Col. (DENSMORE)
Tele. - Communications Branch
Allied Control Commission

WMIA
22 Dec 43

Reference conversation Maj Fleming - Col Densmore
of today's date.

The attached copy of WMIA letter X 11A of 21 Dec
is forwarded.

Subject: - Telephone Line as in use by Italian Army

Military Mission to
Italian Army

X 11 A

22 Dec 43

CSG 2 District

1. With reference to the taking over on or before 19 Dec of the FRANCAVILLA - IECOR line. It is pointed out that

- (a) This line was the only direct line in use between LI Corps and SMRE.
- (b) SMRE received no infan regarding this line being taken over until their comm was interrupted.
- (c) Your probable intentions regarding this line were only known at this HQ as a result of casual verbal infan from your office on 18 Dec.

2. It is appreciated that this circuit is required for operational purposes but in the interests of both courtesy and efficient working in the future it is suggested that

- (a) Infan be sent to this HQ in time to warn the SMRE before coms are affected.
- (b) Any future proposals affecting the Italian Army be sent to us as soon as possible.
- (c) This office be informed of details of the future line construction plan so that SMRE can be informed.

1201

(Sgd) G A Fleming Maj.
for Brig
Comd

22 Dec.

Conference. Lt Col Klemmure - Major Fleming.

① Major F. has written a letter to C.S.O #2 Dist. stating lines taken with out notice.

② Major F. to send Denmore copy of such letter.

③ Major F. will also send Denmore copy of any reply received.

④ Major F's letter to C.S.O #2 Dist did not require reply.

DA SUPERESERCITO TELECOMUNICAZIONI
MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

LEQUILE

e per conoscenza:

COMANDO 51° CORPO D'ARMATA
COMANDO GENIO 51° CORPO D'ARMATA
MINISTERO COMUNICAZIONI (FAN 6)

N° R/1-3/254 PROT. ALT = LINEA MILITARE DIRETTA FRANCAVILLA-LECCE
RISULTA STATA IMPROVVISAMENTE SEZIONATA DA COMANDO ANGLO - AMERI-
CANO PRESSO ORIA INTERROMPENDO COLLEGAMENTI DIRETTI COMANDO 51°
CORPO D'ARMATA CON STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO - MINISTERO GUER-
RA ET SUA DIPENDENTE 231° DIVISIONE ALT PREGASI VIVO INTERESSAMEN-
TO COTESTA MISSIONE PER SOLLECITO RIPRISTINO COLLEGAMENTO ALT

SUPERESERCITO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

Ric. Cimagelli
Tr. Santilli

*From Telecommunications Group Staff
to M M I A Lequile
and for information to (see above)
Direct military line Francavilla- Lecce
Results abruptly cut near Orta by Anglo-American command
interrupting direct connection between HQ 51st Army Corps
with Group Staff - War Ministry and 531st Division, which
is under its orders PD Reg utmost effort of M M I A to
obtain prompt reestablishment connection*

DA SUPERESERCITO TELECOMUNICAZIONI
AT MISSIONE MILITARE BRITANNICA

e per conoscenza:

AT MINISTERO COMUNICAZIONI - BRINDISI

N° R/T-3/256 PROT. ALT = SEGUITO FORGERELLA NUMERO 254 DATA
ODIERNA ALT = D. ULTERIORI NOTIZIE PERVENIRE RISULTA CHE REPARATI
INGLISI D. CUI NON E' STATO POSSIBILE RICEVERE ALCUNE INDICAZIO-
NI HANNO INIZIATO NEI PRESSI DI OTTA PARZIALE SMANTELLAMENTO LINEA
DIRETTA LECCE - FRANCAVILLA ALT = PREGASI PARTICOLARE INTERESSAN-
TO CODEST. MISSIONE PER CONSENTIRE SOLECCITO REPRISTINO LINEA DI
VITALE EFFICACIA ET EVILARE IL RIESCERSI DI SIMILI INCONVENIENTI
ALT =

SUPERESERCITO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

T. TO SUPERESERCITO

20/12/43 Ore 24. =

Tr. Atanasio
Ric. Briganti

From Undercommunication Army Staff

for information

Ministry of Communication Brindisi

Following message N° 254 of 1198 PD

Further informations received show that British units from which no informations were furnished, have been prior partial dismantling direct line base - Francavilla PD 9 fig immediate action of M M + G to obtain reestablishment of line

of vital importance and

copy

DIRETTA LECCE - FRANCAVILLA ALT - FRUGASI PARTICOLARE INTERESSANTE
TO COMBAT. MISSIONE PER CONSENTIRE SOLLICITO RIFRISTINO LINEA DI
VITALE IMPORTANZA ET EVITARE IL RIVETENSI DI SIMILI INCONVENIENTI

ALT =

20/12/43 Ore 24.-

SUPERESERCIZIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI

T. TO SUPERESERCIZIO

Tr. Atenasio
Ric. Briganti

Super Telecommunication Group Staff

M M I A

and for information

Ministry of Communication Division

Further information received
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AUTHENTICATED:

ROBERT E. DOE
Major, A.C.D.
Secretary of the Commission

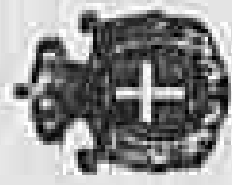
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P.M. 151, 10 Gennaio 1944

12 JAN 1944

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO - BRINISI

N. S/3.4/28C e per conoscenza:

Risposta alla lettera

N. TS/5/3 del 7/1/44

ALL'UFFICIO TELECOMUNICAZIONI del

COMANDO SUPREMO

B A R I

Oggetto: Circuiti richiesti dalle Forze Alleate.-

Nulla osta da parte del Comando Supremo Italiano
alla requisizione dei circuiti n. 57763 Otranto - Miner-
vino e n. 57763 Minervino - Terme S. Cesarea.

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fa presente quanto segue:

- Circuito 57450 Lecce - Gallipoli. - Tale circuito,
requisito attualmente dalla R. Marina, collega i
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- Circuito 57500 Lecce - Maglie. - Tale circuito col-
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IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

MEMO DATED 151, 10 Jan, 44

To A. C. C. - Principal 114C
and for information
to Comandante Superior's Telecomm. Office -
Boia

Subject: Circuits requested by Oliver Torres

The Comandante Superior has no difficulties
versus the requisition of circuits as 57763 Ottono-
Munoz and 57763 Munoz - Jume to Capone.

In what concerns the requisition of other
circuits it is pointed out what follows:

- Circuit 57450 Boia - Gallipoli - Such circuit is
at present requisitioned by H. R. May, it connects
the plotting control station of Boia & Gallipoli.
- Circuit 57500 Boia - Magpie - Such circuit connects
Boia with the plotting ^{loop} requisitioned by H. R. May, it connects
Magpie and Gallipoli, which, without ~~it~~ this
circuit would remain isolated (?)

Considering the importance and indispensability
of such circuits, we hope the A. C. C. will
kindly support our request they should not be
requisitioned.

The U.S. of 17.5.5
Mr. Torres

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In reply
refer to: TB/6/3

7 January 1944

Subject: Circuits Required by Allied Forces.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications & Posts.

The following circuits are urgently required by Allied Forces.
Please state whether there are any important reasons why the circuits
should not be requisitioned.

Reggia Marina : Lecce - Gallipoli 57450

Reggio Esercito : Lecce - Maglie 57500

Otranto - Minervina di Lecce 57560

Minervina di Lecce - Cesarea Terme 57769

J. L. Henderson

for
Colonel J. L. HENDERSON
Telecommunications & Posts
Sub-Commission

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6 JAN 1944
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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MESSAGE

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SVC/RELAY NO.

M/C NO : 12/6

CLASS: IN CLEAR

REF NO: X 1142

PREC : ROUTINE

FILED : JAN 051154A

FROM : DISTWO

REC'D : JAN 060930A

TO : FOTALI TARANTO, ACC, MMIA

Following circuits urgently required for Yugoslav evacuation scheme. Regia Marina Lecce - Gallipoli 57450. Regia Esercito Lecce - Maglie 57500 Otranto - Minervina di Lecce 57560 Minervina di Lecce - Cesarea Terme 57763. Addressees to state why circuits should not be requisitioned.

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*Seen:- Capt Stone
Col. D.
Col. M.**PPS 6 Jan
H. D. 6 Jan*

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Reported to Mem. of Comm. verbally 6/1/44. H. D.

*Received 6 Jan 44**Waiting report from
H. D.*

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In reply
refer to: AG 311.23
TC/2/2

4 January 1944

Subject: Release of Italian Army Wire Circuit #57132.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Tele-communications and Posts.

1. An urgent request has been made for the release of wire circuit number 57132 for use by Allied Signal Authority in establishing a connection between Conversano and Bari. This matter has been approved by the Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District.

2. At present circuit number 57132 is being used by the Italian Army.

3. The connection to be established is in connection with an important operational line and must be established immediately.

4. In view of the urgency of the situation will you please obtain concurrence of the Italian Army for the transfer of circuit #57132 to Allied Signals. It will be most appreciated if the matter can be handled today (4 Jan 1944) and this office notified by telephone thru the Italian Liaison Section.

For
ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, U.S.N.R.
Communication Section

4 Jan 44

Given to Capt. ~~Stone~~ *Smith*

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Notified - W/C *Chenall*

C. Magalli

3:12 PM

*Staples noted LHM that 2 Val
Govt had issued orders for the release of
circuit # 57132 to Allied Signal LHM*

1020 hours - 4 Jan

w/c Cherrell telephone call.

Status

1. C.S.O # 2 list has made a re-allocation of wire cct # 57132 now used by Station Army.

2. Circuit to be taken over by Allied signals for important operational connection between CONVERSANO AND BARI.

Request

1. Acc to contact Station govt (Army) & obtain approval of release of cct # 57132

2. Inform S/Ldr Dehane who will inform w/c Cherrell.

Dehane

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6 January 1944

In reply
refer to: TC/2/2 —

Subject: Release of Italian Circuits.

To: The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and Posts.

1. In addition to circuit No. 57132 already required in the Allied Control Commission's letter No. AG 311.23, TC/2/2 of 4th January, the following Italian Army circuits are needed for Allied Operational Circuits.

Bari - Putignano; - 2 circuits.

2. Would you please obtain the agreement of the Italian Army for their release. The circuits will be required very shortly.

H. W. Henderson

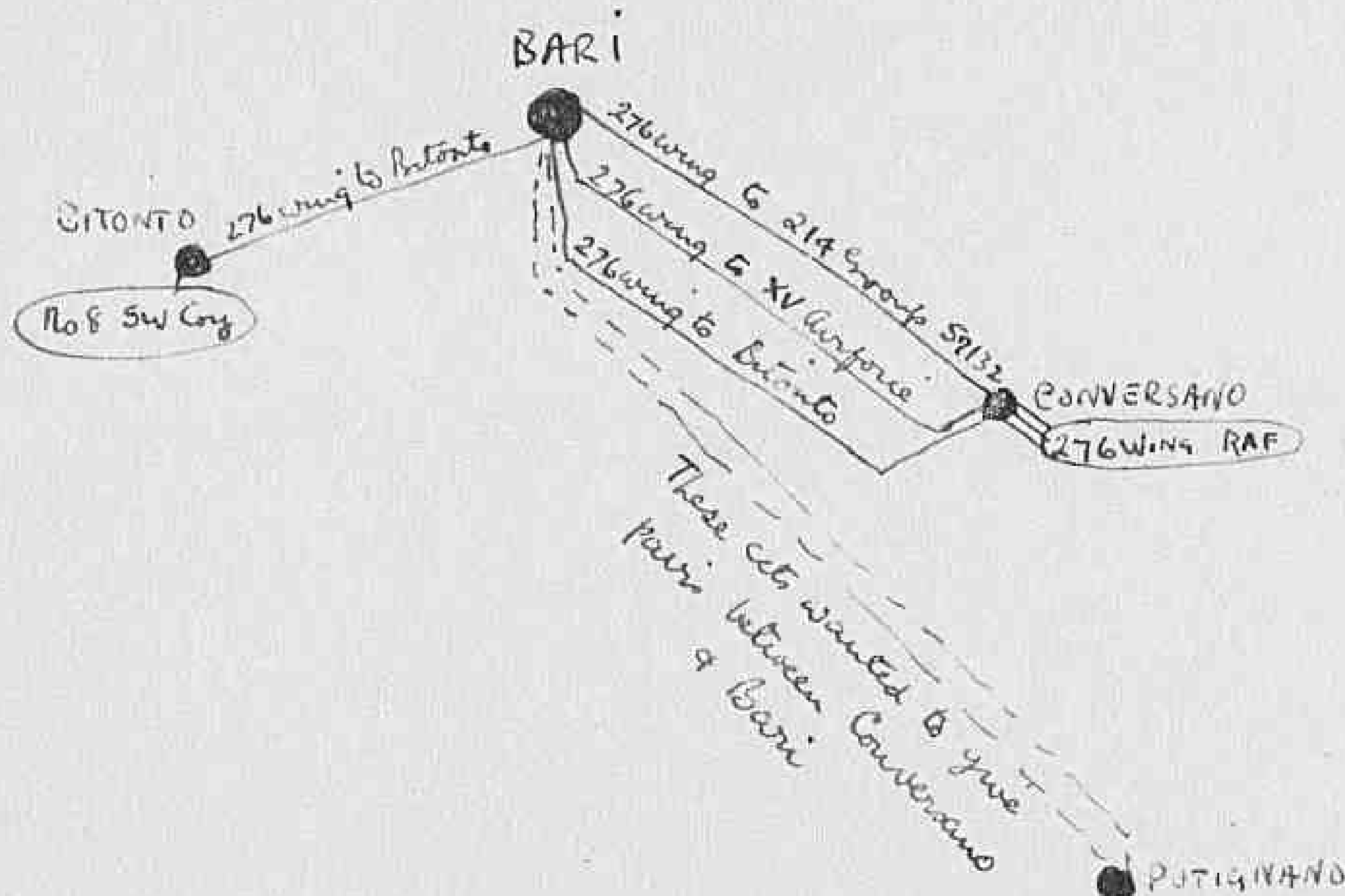
for

J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel.

Telecommunications and Posts Sub-Commission

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Subject - Communications Line - V.A.P.

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NO 2 District,

C.S.O.

Ext. 11420

2522 X

8 JAN 44

To:-
C.A.P.S.O., V.A.A.P.
C.S.O., 15 Army Gr.
C.S.O., A.C.C.
CC 15 I of C Sigs.
L.I.A.

Reference C/PSC/153/7N/40 dated 29 Dec 43.

1. 275 line R.A.P. is now located at C/PSC/153/7N/40, having moved from its old location 3 miles SE of Pari on the Brindley road.
2. The old line to 275 line may therefore now be discontinued.
3. The 57132 on the S.T.F. route will be used for 275 line in its new location i.e.f. 9 January. This is an EX Direct circuit.

57132



Routing PARI
at C/PSC/153/7N/40.

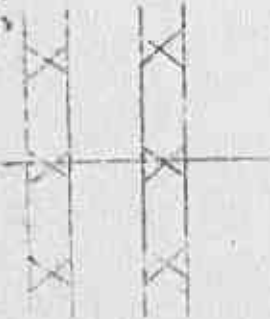
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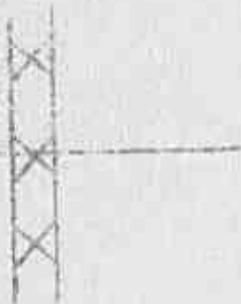
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at C/PSC/153/7N/40.

4. C.A.P.S.O., V.A.A.P. is arranged for any necessary repairs to be carried out to this circuit. 1 of 3 will be responsible for leading in at PARI. The circuit will carry teleprinter 343 to 344 Gr. All apparatus is being supplied by C.A.P.S.O., V.A.A.P.
5. The two other circuits referred to -
275 line - XV Airforce
275 line - Nos S.V. Coy. BIRMINGHAM
can be provided from civil sources as far as V.M.I. will
C.S.O., 15 Army Gr please state whether we can supply a circuit
PARI - BIRMINGHAM.
A.C.C. and P.V.I.A. are advised that the two XV circuits
PARI - BIRMINGHAM will be taken over for Allied Military use
i.e.f. 9 January 44.

57132

Facing PAUL
at COMBAT.

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at COMBAT.

4. C.A.P.S.O., W.A.A.F. is arranging for any necessary repairs to be carried out to this circuit. 1 of 3 will be responsible for lead-ins at PAUL. The circuit will carry teleprinter 340 to 314 GP. All apparatus is being supplied by C.A.P.S.O., W.A.A.F.

5. The two other circuits referred to -

270 ring - XV Airforce

276 ring - HQS S.W. COY. BIRKENHEAD

can be provided from civil sources as far as B.I.I. will. C.S.O., 13 Army HQ please state whether he can supply a circuit. PAUL - BIRKENHEAD.

6. C.A.C. and W.A.A.F. are advised that the two TE circuits PAUL - BIRKENHEAD will be taken over for military use. W.A.F. 9 January 44.

W.A.C.
P/mtColonel.
Chief Signal Officer.

See: Capt. L. S. S.

Col. D. B.

Col. Mr. North

Received 5 Jan 44

EWS/HST

21 December 1943

In reply
refer to: AG 311.3
X/6/3

SUBJECT : Interruption of "Acquedotto Pugliese" telephone lines.

TO : The Under-Secretary of State for Telecommunications and
Posts.

1. Reference is made to your letter 000176/F dated 18 December 1943 at Bari relative to above subject.

2. This matter was discussed with the Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District at Bari on 18 December. We were informed that circuits were taken as an emergency matter due to the bombing of Bari. It is understood that two of the circuits have been returned to "Acquedotto Pugliese" and that arrangements are being made by Chief Signal Officer No. 2 District direct with Col. Rosati for the return of the remaining circuit.

3. In the event this matter is not completely cleared up to your satisfaction this week, will you please inform this Headquarters?

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain - USNR
Communications Section

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July 10 - Interruption of "Acquedotto Pugliese" Company's telephone lines. LHA

"Acquedotto Pugliese" Co. has informed that all communications with ^{its} branch seats have been interrupted; the three lines with Termini at Bari have been cut in the section Bari - Bitonto by order of G.S.O.

II District. -

We bring up to your attention that observed three lines connect the Main Office of Co. with northern, central and southern zones of the aqueduct. Due to more outfall of ^{the} things during this period, continued destruction to the regulating circuit are to be incurred. Consequently, the Co. is representing ^{an} absolute necessity to be given back the use of the three circuits.

Situation as for information received by Captain Amegalli at 10 hours Dec. 20th:

Matter dealt with at Bari with Col. Chapp by Col. Rosen. Two lines already given back and for the third arrangements are being taken. —



Ministero delle Comunicazioni
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE POSTE E DEI TELEGRAFI

19 DEC 1943, 247
Bari 18-11-43

Al 1a Commissione Alleata
di Controllo

Brindisi

Inviato Da Per
Aut. N. 600176/F. Alloggio

Richiesta al G. N.
del

OGGETTO: Interruzione linee telefoniche della Società
Acquedotto Pugliese.

La Società Acquedotto Pugliese ha segnalato che sono state interrotte tutte le comunicazioni con le sedi dipendenti perché le tre linee telefoniche che partono da Bari sono state tagliate nel tratto Bari - Bitritto in seguito ad ordine del C.C.C. 2° Distretto.

Si fa presente che le tre linee collegano la sede centrale della Società rispettivamente con le zone settentrionale, centrale e meridionale dell'acquedotto e che data la scarsità d'acqua delle sorgenti occorre, nell'attuale periodo, emanare continue disposizioni agli organi incaricati della erogazione. E' pertanto assolutamente indispensabile che siano restituite subito alla predetta società i tre circuiti in argomento. -

Il Sottosegretario di Stato

[Signature]

APPENDIX "Q"

On the evening of the 14th inst., Allied military parties have interrupted all telephone communications of the seat of "Ente Autonomo per l'Aquedotto Pugliese-Bari" with all the offices, surveying and manoeuvring-posts along the lines.

Bari is the starting point of three telephone lines, one for the aqueduct of Bari and one for the communications between Potenza and Matera, which manage the Agri Aqueduct? The third line is for the communications of the aqueduct of the Lecce, Brindisi and Taranto provinces.

In these conditions the "Ente Autonomo" cannot take any responsibility as to the water supply and drainage services.

It may be further foreseen that in a very short time serious inconveniences will arise in the water supplies, and even more serious consequences would follow if war operations were to damage both these services.

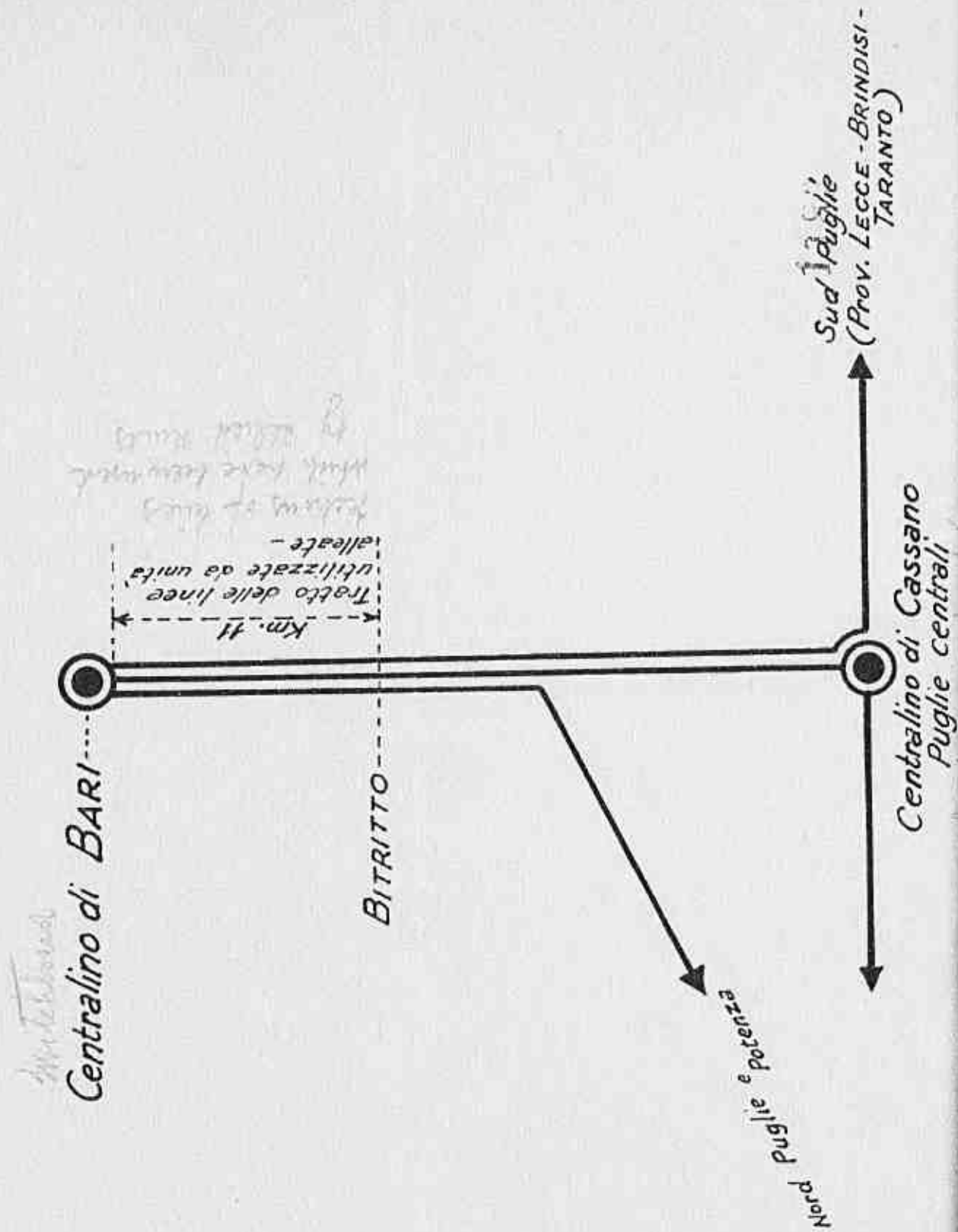
We understand that the interruption of telephone lines has been made in order to employ small parts of these lines for the use of neighbouring military parties.

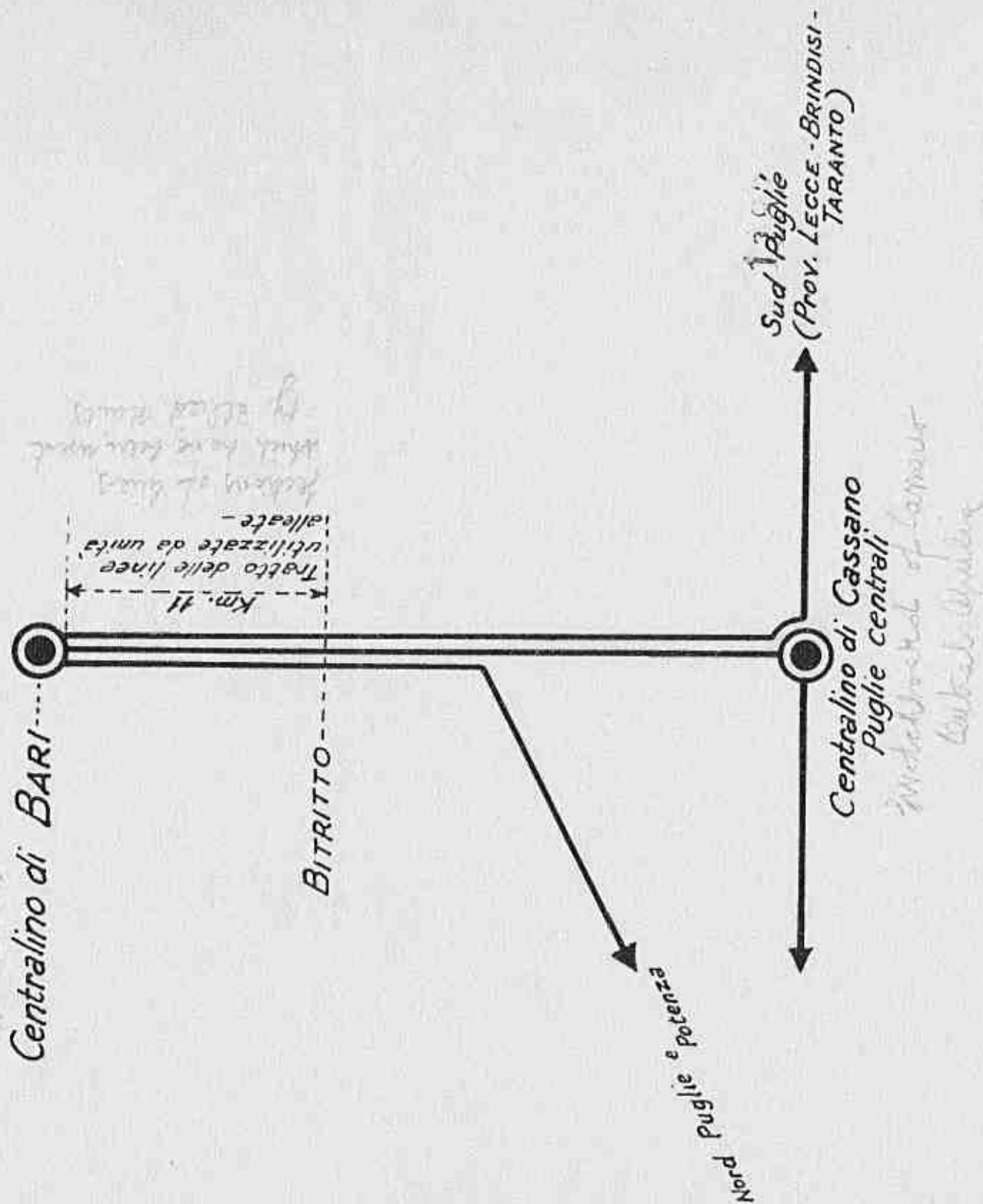
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ENTE AUTONOMO PER L'ACQUEDOTTO PUGLIESE

Schema delle linee telefoniche dell'Ente in partenza dalla sede di BARI.





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SUBJECT: LINE COMMS.

To:- Capt. Ellery W. Stone. U.S.N.R.
Allied Military Mission, ITALY.From:- C.S.O. 5 Corps.

6 Oct 43.

1. Ref your letter dated 27 Sep 43, received 4 Oct 43.

2. The TARANTO - BARI circuit, both ends of which were used by this H.Q. when we were in the TARANTO area, was restored two days after Col. Henderson had a telephone conversation with Major Roberts regarding the matter.

Major Buchanan S.O. Lines, 15 Army Group, was arranging to set up the existing Italian carrier terminals at TARANTO and BARI on this line. I regret I am not in a position to state when the carrier system was working.

IN THE FIELD.
TAR/RIS.*W. A. Roberts Major*
Colonel,
C.S.O., 5 Corps.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSA.F.O. 51228th September, 1943.

R. X. Ref
15 AG

To:- Chief Signal Officer, Allied Force Headquarters.
From:- Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R., Allied Military Mission, Italy.
Subject:- Communications for 15 Army Group.

1. A conference was held on 27th September, between The Telecommunications Section of the Allied Military Mission and representatives of the C.S.O's. Branch, 15 Army Group. Results of the conference are set forth in the attached memorandum.
2. The proposal therein set forth was submitted to the Italian Supreme Command on 27th September and was approved to-day.
3. Major Cosentino of the Signal Branch of the Italian 7th Engineers has been appointed by the Supreme Command to carry out the duties set forth in para 4 of the attached memorandum, and will report to the 15 Army Group Headquarters on 29th September, 1943.

EW
ELLEERY W. STONE.

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TRANSLATION.

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7 ARMY ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS.

26 September, 1943.

Subject:- Circuit 7966 Taranto - Bari.

Circuit 7966, used by the Italian Royal Navy, between Taranto and Bari, has been cut by 5 Corps a few kilometres from Taranto.

The line also carries two carrier circuits used by the Italian Army between Taranto and Bari, both of which have been rendered inoperative by the interruption to the physical circuit.

The telecommunications section of the Italian Maritime Department of Taranto has attempted to reach an agreement with 5 Corps which will satisfy the British Military requirements, and also permit the restoration of the other two circuits. We are informed that no conclusion has been reached.

Having regard to the importance of the circuits in question, which also may be of particular value to the Anglo-American Forces, this Headquarters considers that the subject should be raised by the Italian Supreme Command with the Allied Mission at Brindisi.

Necessary details can be furnished by Major of Engineers Cosentino, serving with the Engineer branch of the 51st Italian Corps.

RAFFAELLE PELLIGRA

Il Generale di Divisione Capo di S.M.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERSA.P.O. 51227 September, 1943.

2H

To:- Chief Signal Officer, 5 Corps.

From:- Captain Ellery W. Stone, U.S.N.R., Allied Military Mission, Italy.

Subject:- Long-distance Circuits.

1. Attached is a translation of a letter from the Italian Supreme Command to this Headquarters.
2. It is understood from a telephone conversation (Major Roberts - Colonel Henderson) that the circuit in question has been cut into 5 Corps Headquarters, and is in use in both directions from 5 Corps to Taranto and Bari.
3. Major Cosentino has been informed that both these circuits are essential for military requirements. He offered to build a field wire line to replace the 5 Corps - Taranto part of the circuit; it was pointed out that two circuits would be necessary, the additional one for picking up the 5 Corps - Bari circuit, and that the lines would have to be properly built, spaced and transposed, to reduce speech losses to an acceptable figure. It was also stated that the 5 Corps Headquarters may not be remaining in their present location for many days, and that it is unlikely that another major headquarters would occupy that site.
4. In these circumstances, it was agreed with the Italian authorities that the matter should be left in abeyance for one week, at the end of which time the question would be reviewed. It would seem however that the loss of the two best Taranto - Bari circuits justifies construction by British Signals over the distance Taranto - 5 Corps if circumstances permit.

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ELLERY W. STONE.

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P.M. 107 h. 26... set. tem 1943 (A)

*Comando della 7^a Armata*

Stato Maggiore - Ufficio Operazioni

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
-Ufficio Operazioni-S U A S E D E

N. di P. n. 2/ 9845

Risposta al

Carta annessa

Cygoletto : Circuiti 7966 Taranto - Bari . =

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Data l'importanza dei collegamenti in questione che possono pure tornare di particolare utilità alle Forze Anglo-Americane, questo Comando ritiene che la questione debba essere oggetto di esame tra il Comando Supremo e la Missione Alleata residente a Brindisi.

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IL GENERALE DI DIVISIONE CAPO DI S.M.  
- Raffaele Pelligra -

*A elligra*

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