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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
Telephone 489081 Ext.400

27th July, 1944

In reply
refer to: CS/57/1/2

Subject : Florence Telecommunications Board.

To : Telecommunications Officer, Region VIII.
Att: Major R.H. Ayre (A).

1. Reference is made to C.S.O. Eighth Army Signal Instruction # 95 which provides for an A.C.C. member and A.E.G. member of the telecommunications. *Also*
2. Major H.H. Scudder has been named as A.C.C. member and it is desired that you be named as A.E.G. member unless other arrangements have been made by A.E.G. Eighth Army.
3. You should make contact with Eighth Army as soon as possible and arrange the necessary formalities.

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

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23 Jul 44

CSO EIGHTH ARMY SIGNAL INSTRUCTION NO 95.INFORMATION

1. It is anticipated that Eighth Army will occupy and assume control of the City of FLORENCE in the near future.

INTENTION

2. To provide essential telephone telegraph and radio facilities for military and civil control of the City.

METHOD3. ORGANISATION

- (a) A telecommunication Board for FLORENCE will be assembled in accordance with ALL Operation Instruction No 83 of 10 Jul 44 (not to all addressees) and will be under command CSO Eighth Army.

It will be located in TMTI offices, Via ANSELMINI NO 3 and composed as follows :-

DIRECTOR.	Lt Col W.J. MORRIS, R signals - Permanent Member.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR.	Representative Eighth Army
SC 1.	71 Garrison
SC 2.	HQ. 71
SC 3.	MAIF
SC 4.	CSO L of C ITALY
SC 5.	CC
SC 6.	AMG

Recd. 27.7.44

The telecommunication Board FLORENCE will be entirely responsible for the work detailed in paras 4 and 5 below and will co-ordinate the work of Eighth Army Signals, & of C Signals and 71 Garrison Signals with that of the civilian companies in the FLORENCE area.

3. ORGANISATION

- (a) A telecommunication Board for FLORENCE will be assembled in accordance with AMI Operation Instruction No 63 of 10 Jul 44 (not to all addressees) and will be under command CSC Eighth Army.

It will be located in TLT offices, Via ASELMI No 3 and composed as follows :-

DIRECTOR	Lt Col W.J. MORRIS, R Signals - Permanent Member.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	Representative Eighth Army
SC (I)	71 Garrison
SC (P)	HQ 2nd
CHIEF	AMF
CC	CSC L of C ITALY
AMC	CC
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- (b) The following personnel will report with their own transport to Lt Col W.J. MORRIS at 1000 hrs 27th July 44 at the Telephone Exchange PERUGIA and will remain attached to the Board for duties for a maximum of two weeks after the occupation of FLORENCE
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1 Capt Long Lines (Inside) | } Being provided under arrangements by CSC Eighth Army. |
| 1 Capt Long Lines (Outside) | |
| 1 Lt Long Lines (Outside) | |
| 1 Lt City auto system | |
| 1 Lt. Radio. | - Lt. HILL, 15 Hq Signals |
| 2 Officers | } For assignments Duties will be provided under instructions from CSC L of C ITALY. |
| 4 QRS | |

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second copy (c) taken by Maj. Ludden.

Sheet 2

4. DUTIES OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BOARD - FLORENCE.

The Board will:-

- (a) Effect disconnection for civil use of all local, inter-urban and trunk circuits without damage to equipment, if not already accomplished by operational forces.
- (b) Ensure that all captured radio installations cease working.
- (c) In conjunction with local government and civil telephone, telegraph and radio officials :-
 - (i) Obtain such communication records as may be required.
 - (ii) Obtain the services of suitable civil telephone personnel required to provide assistance to allied Military Signals in restoration and maintenance of such portions of the civil system as may be required for military purposes.
 - (iii) Arrange for the restoration of so much of the local area telephone system as may be required for military purposes and for such civilian subscribers as may be required by the City or other local military authorities.
 - (iv) Take control of the civil trunk switchboard, trunk test frames and long distance cable and wire terminals
 - (v) Receive demands from military, AGC and ALC Commanders for telephone facilities on the civil system and make necessary arrangements with civil authorities for the provision of services as may be available.
 - (vi) To allot radio facilities to FMB and allied Civil agencies from existing resources not required to meet immediate operational needs. The allotment to be temporary and subject to confirmation by HQ AAI and AFHQ.

5. PROVISION OF FACILITIES

Communication facilities will be provided in the

personnel required to provide assistance to allied Military Signals in restoration and maintenance of such portions of the civil system as may be required for military purposes.

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- (vi) To allot radio facilities to FVB and allied Civil Agencies from existing resources not required to meet immediate operational needs. The allotment to be temporary and subject to confirmation by HQ AFI and AFHQ.

5. PROVISION OF FACILITIES

Communication facilities will be provided in two **5003-**

PHASE I

- (a) If civil system is unworkable.
Install two 10 plus 50 switchboards or similar switchboards on or near the site of the Central Telephone Exchange making use of the existing city cabling system as far as possible. The maximum number of local subscribers will be 80 with 12 trunks in addition. The 80 local connections may be direct to subscribers instruments or one or more of the 80 positions may be connections to local commanders switchboards.
The signal plan of the Commander 71 Garrison must be based on the above maximum number of subscribers.

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Sheet 3(b) If the Civil system is workable.

Restore sufficient of the civil system immediately to provide facilities as indicated in sub para (a) above.

PHASE II

- (c) Restore as much of the civilian system as possible to enable normal life to be resumed as far as is compatible with the military situation and to trunking and long line facilities into and from the City.

6. No alteration will be made to existing civil wire plant or radio equipment nor will any orders concerning wire, plant or radio equipment be given to civil authorities except by the Telecommunications Board

No communication equipment line or radio will be removed from any building store or installation except by authority of the Telecommunications Board

7. DEMANDS FOR SERVICES.

- (a) An assignment board will be set up at the Central Exchange to receive demands for service.

Demands will only be accepted from Signal Officers or military organisations and from Signal Officer, A.C.C. or A.G. for civilian service. All civil subscribers must be approved by GSI or FSS before submission to the assignment board.

- (b) Applications for radio facilities will be made direct to the Telecommunications Board.

8. ACCOMMODATION.

It is requested that accommodation for 20 officers, 18 ORs and 16 civilians together with garage facilities for 8, 3 ton lorries, approximately 16 light vehicles including Jeeps, be made by the Town Major 71 Garrison.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Henry. B. G.
Director

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ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Brigadier.
Chief Signal Officer.

