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G-4(B)

To see 19 and 20, please.

W Thornhill
Capt-HQD
for Col, V.P.

Sgt Lee
& March

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V.P. Establishment Section.

Seen. There is no reason why R.C.s. shd: not allot vehs: from Civil Subbly vehs: in their Repairs, or failing this the Truck: Brigade might provide them. I think the draft: letter a reasonable request. Thanks. Schiller, Lt Col G-4 (B)

23.

Executive Commissioner:

To see to and return, please.

Sgt. Lee.
& March

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Exec Commr:

Colonel Henderson, Communications S/c, requests your approval to issue the letter as drafted at folio 16. Inasmuch as this was a subject covering Establishment transport, it was first passed to Establishment Section for comment. Accordingly, please see G-4A's comments at 20 and G-4B's at 22.

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8 March

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To see no and rr, please.

Genl. Sec.
8 March

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Please see min 25. 10 Mar

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To: Executive Commissioner:

May I please have your approval for issue of letter at 16.

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

Tel: 489051
Ext: 400

7th March, 1945

18.

Establishments
Any Comment? 8 Mar.

19.

G-4(A)
G-4(B) in turn

For comment and return, please.

Sec. Sec.
Branch

20 8 Mar 45.

The transportation requested in 16 is urgently required from Military Sources. This is a civil supply problem. Transportation of this Commission is for organic personnel.

R C Adams
Maj-Gen
G-4(A)

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e delle Telecomunicazioni
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Traffico T. e Rt.
Div. III ª

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Rif. N° 680779/9150/43

Alla Commissione Alleata
Posts and Telecommunications
Sub-Commission APO 394 ROMA

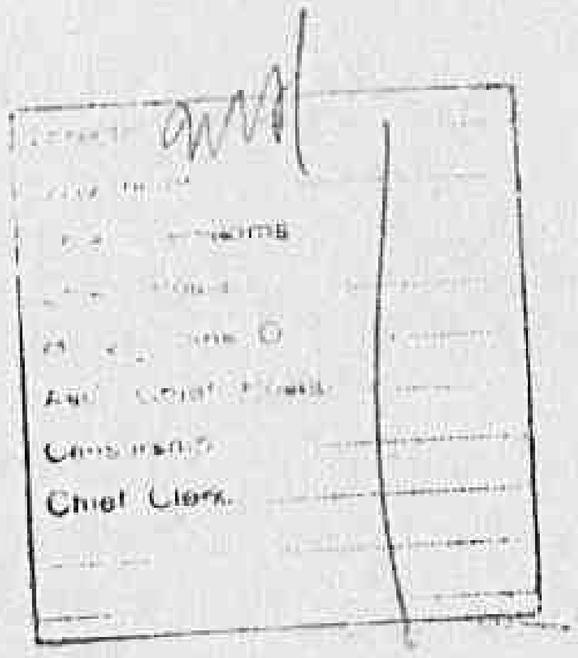
Risposta al N°

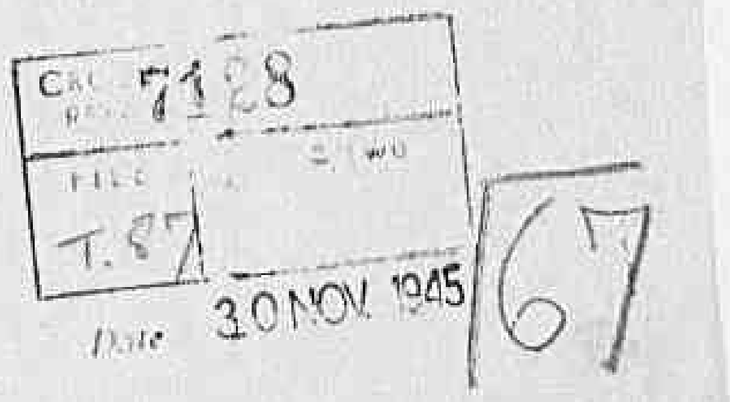
del

OGGETTO Traffico ufficio telegrafico di Bologna.

Si prosegue l'unito rapporto - con relativo allegato - riguardante il traffico telegrafico con la città di Bologna, diretto al Quartiere Generale della Commissione Alleata, e pervenuto in disguido a questa Direzione Generale.

P. Il Direttore Generale



HEADQUARTERS A.C. LIAISON - BOLOGNA
A.P.O. 394

19 November 1945

Ref : Eml/Telecoms

Subject: Telegraph traffic

To : Director Communications S/C,
HQ, A.C.

1. Attached for your information are the telegraph traffic figures of the past 30 days, showing telegrams sent by wire and by mail to the more important cities from Bologna.

2. It is to be noted that there is a big improvement in the percentage of messages sent by wire.

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For the Bologna A.C. Liaison Officer

William R. Rushing

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1st Lt., Sig. C.
A.C. Telecoms Liaison O.
Emilia Region,

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SPETTORATO
TELEGRAFONICO
Divisione
N.° 68079 T 9150-43

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STATISTICA DEL TRAFFICO GIORNALIERO DAL I6 OTTOBRE AL I5 NOVEMBRE I945

Ripartito sulle varie communicazioni attive.

| data | Firenze filo | Firenze posta | Roma f | Roma p | Napoli f | Napoli p | Milano f | Milano p | Torino f | Torino p | Venezia f | Venezia p |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | 905 | 134 | 1909 | 430 | 640 | - | 951 | 291 | 494 | - | 790 | - |
| 17 | 1107 | 65 | 1831 | 342 | 697 | - | 1562 | - | 661 | - | 735 | + |
| 18 | 843 | - | 2091 | 227 | 628 | - | 1307 | - | 498 | - | 799 | - |
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| 29 | 942 | - | 1804 | - | 168 | - | 1126 | - | 484 | - | 568 | - |
| 30 | 793 | - | 2622 | - | 430 | - | 366 | 380 | 275 | 166 | 740 | - |
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| 3 | 949 | - | 1925 | - | 415 | - | 1210 | - | 425 | - | 646 | - |
| 4 | 612 | - | 1349 | - | 515 | - | 619 | - | 376 | - | 339 | - |
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/ec

T. 87. 66. CS 10 November, 1945

SUBJECT: Toll Entrance Cable.

TO : A.C. Liaison Group, Bologna
(Att: Lt.W.R. Rushing)

1. Reference is made to your letter of 29 October and it came as a great surprise to receive the inclosed letter from C.S.O. L of C. Italy.

2. If it is a fact that the change suggested by you was made before your letter was written, the prestige of this Sub-Commission and its Officer in the field has not been improved.

Incl. Copy of letter from CSO L of C. Italy dated 8 Nov. 45

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

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SUBJECT: Toll Entrance Cables - BOLOGNA

From: CSO L of C ITALY 311.2/6

TO : Director
Comms Sub-Commission
HQ AC 8 Nov. 45

Reference your TS.63.67.CS dated 1 Nov. 45, and further to this office 311.2/6 dated 5 Nov. 45?

1. It is understood from OC 1 UG Cable Coy that the ANCONA - BOLOGNA TIMO CABLE WAS diverted into the TIMO building at BOLOGNA approximately 14 days ago.

Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

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Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Plans
Asst. DRI: Jmd.
Comm Info
Chief Clerk

Yr. Yrs. Capt
Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

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Date 9 NOV 1945

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SUBJECT : Toll Entrance Cable BOLOGNA

From : CSO L of C Italy

To : Major F.S. BURNS
5 Special Telecommns Section
c/o HQ 2 District

Director W/T 64
Chief Telegraphs
Chief Postal
H.Q., Caire O.
Asst Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Cl 311.2/6

5 Nov 45

1. A request has been received from the Director, Communications Sub-Commission HQ AC for the ANCONA - BOLOGNA TIMO Cable to be "cut" in and out of the TIMO building at BOLOGNA. This will make a further 20 paire available between the TIMO building and the Repeater Station. The existing cables it is understood are now loaded to capacity.

2. Will you please forward your comments on the above proposal and state, if you are in agreement whether the work should be carried out under your direction or by TIMO personnel.

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A/Wd.
Date 7 NOV 1945

Nov 63

H.L. Lee Capt
Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

FRT : Jmc.

Copy to : Director Communications Sub-Commission HQ AC (your TS.63.67.CS dated 1 Nov 45 refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/vs.

1st November 1945

T.63.67.CS.

SUBJECT. : Toll Entrance Cable,Bologne.

TO. : C.S.O. , L. of C. Main.

1. The attached sketch shows the T.S. cable situation at the Timo building both before the war and at present.Due to the damage to the Timo building the work shown in heavy black was done by the No.U.S. Ca. Co.

2. The present situation requires that all circuits,civil and military,coming in on the Timo cable from the east,must loop thru' the repeater station whether they require repeqting or not.

3. By doing the work shown in red those circuits from the east not requiring amplification could enter direct into Timo and those requiring amplification could loop thru' Timo to the repeater station.

4. The above work would add approximately 20 high-grade pairs between the Timo and the repeater station.At the present time both cables are fully loaded,the second 50 pairs of the 100 pairs of local cable having been added at the time the harmonic telegraph was placed in service.

5. Timo could undertake the work altho' perhaps you would prefer to have U.S. Cable Coy. do the work.Your opinion is requested.

H.H.SCUDDER
Col.Sig.C.
Director

1 Incl. : 1 Sketch.

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H.H.SCUDDER
Col.Sig.C.
Directors

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HEADQUARTERS A.C. LIAISON - BOLOGNA
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29 October 1945

Ref: EML/TELECOMS

SUBJECT: Toll Entrance Cable to TIMO Building.
TO : Director, Communications S/C, Hq. A.C.

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2. The present situation requires that all circuits, civil and military, coming in on the Timo cable from the east, must loop thru the repeater station wheather they require repeating or not.

2. By doing the work shown in red those circuits from the east not requiring amplification could enter direct into Timo and those requiring amplification could loop thru Timo to the repeater station.

4. The above work would add approximately 20 high-grade pairs between the Timo and the repeater station. At the present time both cables are fully loaded, the secon 50 pairs of the 100 pairs of local cable having been added at the time the harmonic telegraph equipment was placed in service.

5. If it is thought advisable will you please discuss this with CSO L of C ? The OC No.1 L of C Signals here has been contacted, but does hot have authority over the cable.

For the Bologna A.C. Liaison Officer

1163 William A. West Lt

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For the Bologna A.C. Liaison Officer

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D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Plans
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Asst Chief Plans
Censorship
Chief Clerk

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WILLIAM R. RUSHING
1st Lt., Sig. C.
A.C. Telecoms Liaison O.
Emilia Region.

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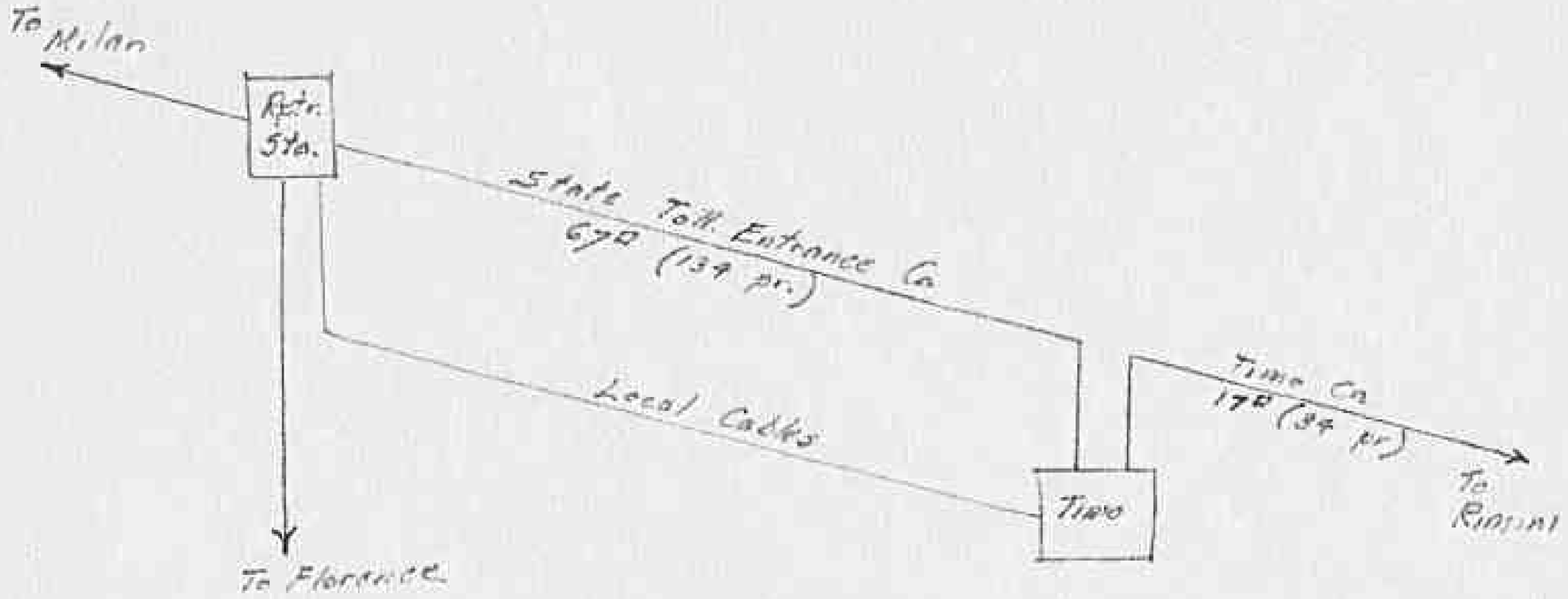
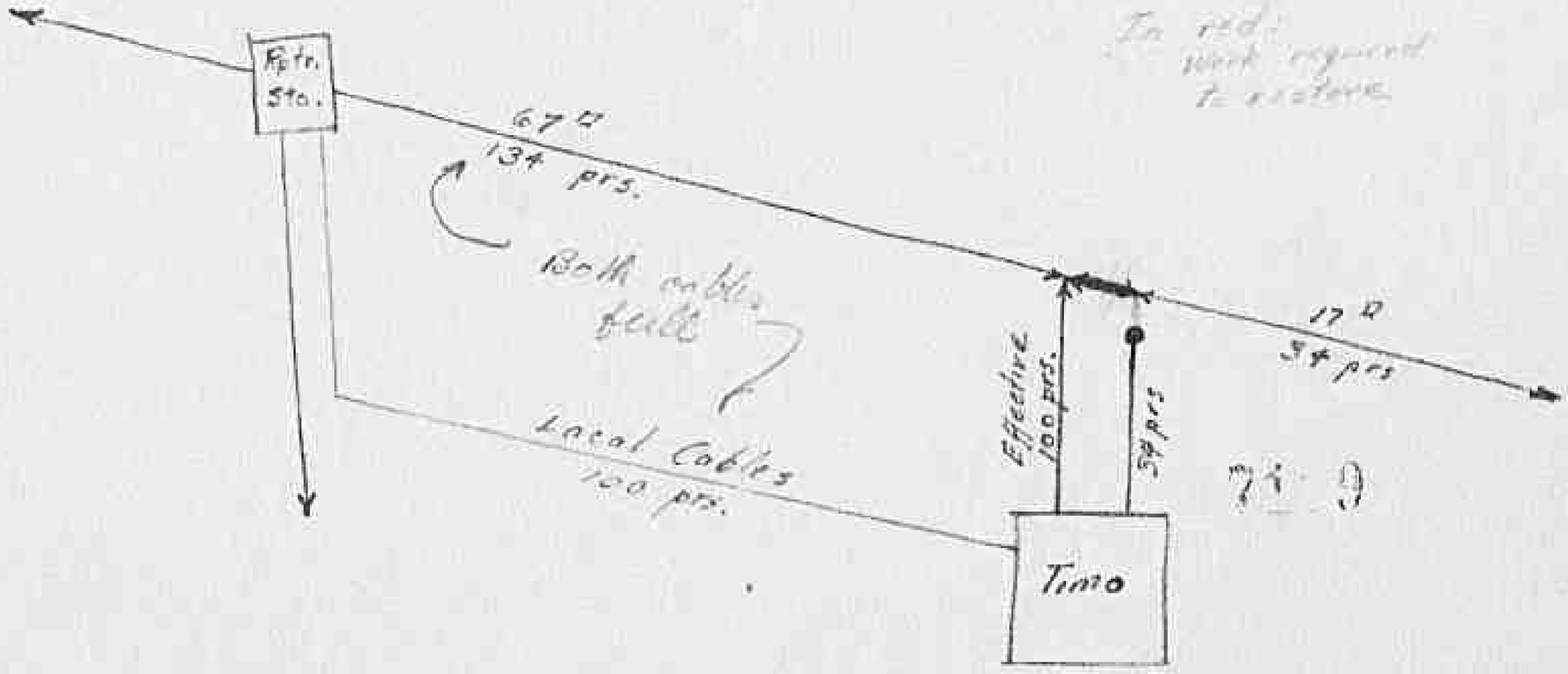
# Bologna

## Cable Situation before War.




## Cable Situation Now




In red: work required to restore

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Comm
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FILE: T.87 | 2/rwd.
Date 19 OCT 1945

Venice,
19 October 1945

Ref:Ve./Telecoms
Subject:Verona Circolo
To:Director Communications Sub-Commission
Headquarters,Allied Commission.

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1. This is in reply to your letter of 7 October 1945,your reference T.87.60.CS;asking that an investigation be made of the Verona Circolo.

2. I have not been satisfied with the progress as regards restoration activities made in the area served by the Verona Circolo. However,considerably more work has been done than it is evident on the surface and it should be borne in mind that of the northern Circolos probably none suffered any more than did Verona. Then with the settling of Army and Army Group headquarters in the area the situation was made all the more difficult.

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Date 19 OCT 1945

15 October 1945

Ref: Very Telecoms
Subject: Verona Circolo
To: Director Communications Sub-Commission
Headquarters, Allied Commission.

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5. I was in Verona last week and discussed the poor development in Verona province with Director Bunzi and Ing. Trevisan, Comm. Minetti Superior Inspector, Rome was also present. It is my opinion that

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~~VENEZIA PROVINCE~~

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steady progress will be made with respect to linking the telegraph offices for wire transmission.

For the Regional Commissioner

Richard H.Ayre
R.Sig.C.
Telecommunications Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

HHS/vs.

7 h October
1945

T.87.00.CS

SUBJECT. : Verona Circolo.

TO : Regional Commissioner - Venezia Region
Att.Telecomms Officer.

1. It would be appreciated if you would investigate the situation of the Verona Circolo.

2. Major Holland gives as his opinion that the Director is totally incompetent and in addition lack of transport seriously handicaps the activities of the Circolo.

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

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# MINISTERO POSTE E TELECOMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO
SEGRETERIA

15 SET. 1945

Prot. N° 643963/CIN/TFV.

Risposta al foglio N. T.87.CS

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Rendimento comunicazioni.-

H.Q.A.C.
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
A P O 394

La postalizzazione di molto traffico telegrafico é dovuto a due ragioni:

1°.- Mancanza di circuiti di scorta tra i vari centri.
2°.- Scarso rendimento del personale e sua insufficienza numerica.

Per il punto 1°, non é possibile ovviare per il momento.-

Per il punto 2°, é stato disposto un esperimento, a partire dal giorno 18 corrente e sulle comunicazioni Roma-Milano, Roma-Napoli, e Roma-Bari, per cui verranno concessi dei compensi speciali agli operatori per ogni telegramma scambiato al disopra di certe medie orarie prefissate.-

Se il risultato sarà soddisfacente, come si spera, l'attuazione di questo sistema di compenso sarà esteso gradualmente a tutte le comunicazioni.-

Codesta Sub-Commissione sarà tenuta al corrente dei risultati dell'esperimento.-

Per sopperire alla insufficienza numerica del personale, presso quasi tutti gli uffici principali sono stati aperti dei corsi per l'istruzione di nuovi elementi.-

Direttore
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del Telecom.

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15 SET. 1945

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Risposta al foglio N. T.87.CS

del

Allegati

OGGETTO: Rendimento comunicazioni.-

H.Q.A.C.
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
A P O 394

La postalizzazione di molto traffico telegrafico é dovuto a due ragioni:

1°.- Mancanza di circuiti di scorta tra i vari centri.

2°.- Scarso rendimento del personale e sua insufficienza numerica.

Per il punto 1°, non é possibile ovviare per il momento.-

Per il punto 2°, é stato disposto un esperimento, a partire dal giorno 18 corrente e sulle comunicazioni Roma-Milano, Roma-Napoli, e Roma-Bari, per cui verranno concessi dei compensi speciali agli operatori per ogni telegramma scambiato al disopra di certe medie orarie prefissate.-

Se il risultato sarà soddisfacente, come si spera, l'attuazione di questo sistema di compenso sarà esteso gradualmente a tutte le comunicazioni.-

Codesta Sub-Commissione sarà tenuta al corrente dei risultati dell'esperimento.-

Per sopperire alla insufficienza numerica del personale, presso quasi tutti gli uffici principali sono stati aperti dei corsi per l'istruzione di nuovi elementi.-

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

28th August, 1945

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SUBJECT: Telegraph Service to the North

TO : The Minister of Posts and Telecommunications.

1. Since the liberation of the North every effort has been made by this Sub-Commission to arrange for the installation of carrier telegraph equipment in order that the maximum number of telegraph circuits might be made available. Most of this equipment has been now installed and it is hoped that a close check will be made of the use made of the circuits.

2. Showing a period when circuit facilities are in short supply it is imperative that the most efficient use be made of those circuits which are available. Reports reaching this Sub-Commission indicate that use of circuit facilities especially between Rome and Milan is far from efficient and that quantities of telegraph messages are still being received in Milan by mail.

3. If there is anything that this Sub-Commission can do to assist in the exploitation of circuits made available to your administration, please do not hesitate to inform us.

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

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From : CSO L OF C ITALY.

To : CSO 1 DISTRICT (2)
CSO 2 DISTRICT (2)
CSO 3 DISTRICT (2)

CC NO 1 HC CABLE COY

CC 1 L OF C SIGNALS.
CC 16 L OF C SIGNALS.

IF.COL. H.H. SCHANT, Director,
Comms Sub-Commission, A.C.

Herewith, for information, Signal Section AFHQ R571 of 25 JUL 45 - "Notes on Visit to PADUA and ROME, 22 - 24 Jul 45.

27 JUL 45.
FTM/CCHB.

Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

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AFHQ

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25 Jul 45

Notes on Visit to PADUA and ROME, 22 - 24 Jul 45

GENERAL

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(a) Future of UG Cable Coy.
(b) Reorg of 1, 2 and 3 Districts.
(c) The L of C Increment to 13 Corps
(d) Press Communications
(e) Italian Civil Communications
(f) The future of ACA (British)

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(b) Tech Maint Sec required till end Aug
(c) 157 Term Eqpt Sec and 62 Line Sec required till end Aug and their future then to be reconsidered.
(d) 100 Constr Sec to be disbanded wef 15 Aug. (164 Line Sec already disbanded)

2. OC UG Cable Coy to supply list of specially qualified personnel whose future will require special consideration.

3. ITI line secs can be disbanded 15 Aug.

Reorganization 1, 2 and 3 Districts.

4. Reference meeting at PADUA 23 Jul; present Brig BUCHANAN, Col DARLING, Lt Col MEERS, Lt Col KNIGHT, rep 1 L of C Sigs, CSO's staff, 1 District

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5. On disbandment of 1 District:

(a) 1 L of C Sigs will be posted to 2 District.
(b) 16 L of C Sigs will be posted to 3 District.

6. 1 L of C Sigs will find the L of C Increment for 13 Corps. (see paras 12 - 14 below)

7. It was agreed that the increment for 1 and 16 L of C Sigs now being provided by disbandment of PA Secs in 1 District could be wasted down to 1 offr and 29 ORs for DARTMOOR (ie GERMAN FW area) in addition to the normal WEs for 1 and 16 L of C Sigs.

8. It was agreed that CSO 1 District did NOT require 8 Cipher Sec

9. It was agreed that CSO 1 District did NOT require the signal personnel from GHQ Liaison Regt



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10. It was agreed that 31 Base Signal Sec could be converted to 'O' Op Sec at Aug 1 but that the conversion of 30 Base Signal Sec to 'N' Op Sec must wait further advice from CSO 2 District.

11. It was considered that after the disbandment of 1 District 16 L of C Sigs could cover its commitments (FOLIGNO, FLORENCE and ANCONA) with one cipher sec (2) and that 6 Cipher Sec could be disbanded.

L of C Increment for 13 Corps.

12. The following secs of 1 L of C Sigs will form the L of C increment to 13 Corps and will be under adm comd 1 District and op comd 13 Corps:

1 Coy HQ
78 Tg Op Sec
64 Term Eqpt Sec
503 Term Eqpt Sec
80 DR Sec
17 DR Sec
146 DR Sec
53 Tg Op Sec
80 Tg Op Sec
128 Tg Op Sec (see note)

83 Constr Sec
84 Constr Sec
2 dets 181 Med Wrls Sec
3 Cipher Sec
69 Cipher Sec
Half 21 DR Sec on loan only

Note 12 Base Sig Sec is now being posted to 1 L of C Sigs.
128 Tg Op Sec at present has strength of only of 1 offr and 28 ORs (the remainder are now in BTNA and available for posting 1 Aug).
On completion of 128 Tg Op Sec to full WE, it was agreed that 12 Base Sig Sec could be disbanded.

13. The disposition of the secs referred to in para 12 above is:

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|---|---|---|---|
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| Half 503 Term Eqpt Sec | 80 DR Sec | 146 DR Sec | |
| 17 DR Sec | Half 503 Term Eqpt Sec | 128 Tg Op Sec | |
| Half 21 Dr Sec | | | |
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General : 69 Cipher Sec
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84 Constr Sec

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14. It was considered that the above increment (having been based on 13 Corps Sigs being below WE) was too large since the deficiencies in 13 Corps Sigs would be made good. It was therefore agreed that this CREAT would be reviewed 30 ~~Sep.~~ AUG

Press Comms.

15. The future needs of the Press were first discussed with Col ASTLEY, DDPR in ROME, and then subsequently with Lt Col SCUDDER of AC. It appears that civil facilities are unlikely to be adequate in the near future and hence the existing arrangements would have to continue.

16. Consequent on the move of Capt RAINBRIDGE to AUSTRIA, Capt WINBUSH (phone ROME 478692) will be the PR comm offr in ITALY

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Italian Civil Comns.

16. Col SCUDDER indicated the layout of 18-channel telegraph eqpts which were now being installed at various points and pointed out that the service available for civil purposes was still very inadequate.

17. Col SCUDDER stated that of the 150 vehs which he had asked for through G-5 channels 65 had now been received (all in very doubtful condition)

Of these 150 all but about 50 were required for Postal use or for the maintenance of telecomn facilities in which the Allies were NOT interested.

It was agreed that the 50 could be considered as part of the 300 vehs requested by CSO L of C for line maint purposes.

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(R.A.MYERS Lt Col)
SO 1 Plans Div.

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Subject:- Verification Tables.

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To : Director, GCHQ.
Copy to:

GSO I. of C Italy (Main).

Sec. 55

21 Jul 43.

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Reference your X/17 of 17 Jul 43, addressed to the Director Comms Sub Commission A.C. (copy to this office).

1. It is suggested that these Verification Tables are no longer required as the A.F.H. Direct Line link has now closed down.

Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer,
No. 2 District.

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| | Chief Technical |
| | Chief Postal |
| | Chief Clerical O. |
| | Asst. Chief Postal |
| ENR. | |
| Copy to:- | Director, |
| | Chief Co-ordinating Sub Commission, A.C. |

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Date 24 LUG 1943

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

Date 23 JUL 45

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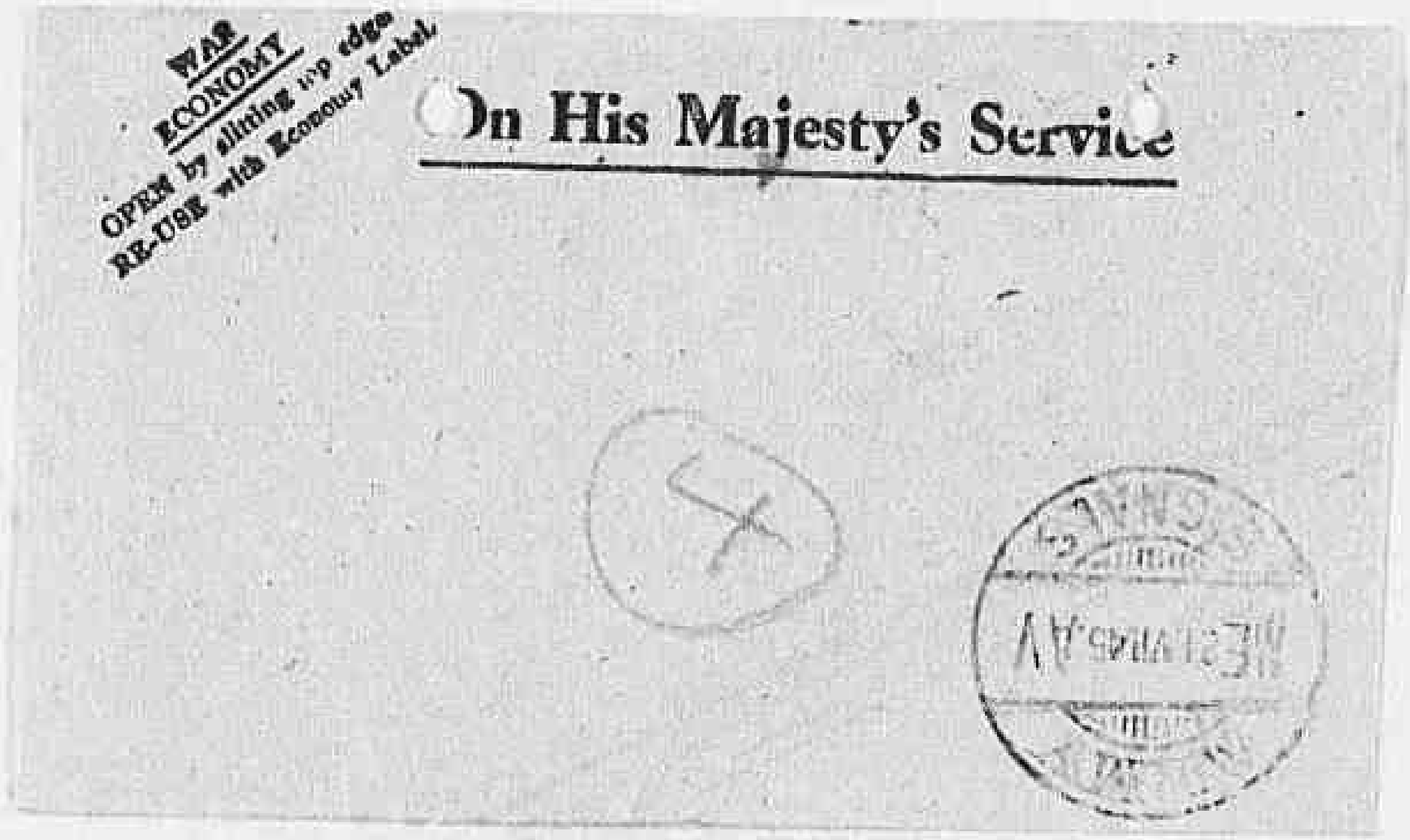

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Subject :- VERIFICATION TABLES.

X/17.

FROM : CSO L OF C ITALY.

TO : DIRECTOR COMMS.,
SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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Copy to:- CSO 2 DISTRICT.

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Reference CSO 2 District letter 2693X dated 14 Feb 45.

1. Herewith copy of this office letter X/17 dated 16 JUL 45, together with Copies 396, 397 & 398 of Verification Tables for AUGUST '45.

2. Please acknowledge receipt.

17 Jul 45.
CCRB.

for Brigadier,
Chief Signal Officer.

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| Director | |
| D/Director | |
| Chief Telecomms | |
| Chief Postal | |
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| Asst Chief Postal | |
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Apps - Receipt acknowledged direct to CSO, L of C Italy

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Date 18 AUG 1945

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

T.87.54.CS

29th June, 45

SUBJECT: Requisition

TO : Requisition Branch, Economic Section, A.C.

Reference your RE-3122-ES of 5th May, 1945.

1. It is thought that Reqn. MGS-227-SIG has been met.

2. MGS-255-SIG should stand as the frequency generator contacts are still required.

3. A copy of a letter to A.F.H.Q. re MGS-184-SIG is attached.

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

Incl: One letter to A.F.H.Q.

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SUBJECT:- VERIFICATION TABLES.

X/17

FROM:- CSO L OF C ITALY (MAIN)

TO:- DIRECTOR COMNS,
SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

COPY TO:-
CSO 2 DISTRICT.

Sec 12

REF CSO 2 DISTRICT LETTER 2693X DATED 14 FEB '45.

1. HEREWITH COPY OF THIS OFFICE LETTER X/17 DATED 16 JUNE 45, WITH COPIES 403, 404 AND 405 OF VERIFICATION TABLES FOR JULY 45.

2. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

Letter to CSO L of C Italy.
Receipt acknowledged - 19 June 1945
WPS

16 JUNE 45.
/EL.

F. Schuler Lanza
BRIGADIER.
CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H. Q. Comm O.
Asst. Chief Postal
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Date 12/6/45

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
SIGNAL SECTION

19 June 1945

SUBJECT: Receipt for Verification Tables

TO : CSO L of C Italy (Main)

1. This office herewith acknowledges receipt of your office letter X/17 dated 16 June 1945 with copies 403, 404 and 405 of Verification Tables for July 1945.

WILLIAM B. SIMMONS
1st Lt., Signal Corps
Hq Signal Officer

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Director
Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
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Asst Chief Postal
Insp/Sh.O
Chief Clerk

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16 OCT 1945
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# Inspection Tour of NE Italy-May 1945
## (Continued)

FERRARA :

Telegraphs: The instrument room has been destroyed, but most of the Post Office building seems to be OK, and accomodation can be found. There are two Hughes instruments available and about eighteen Morse.

Telephones: (a) Of the capacity of 3400 Siemens and Haleke auto lines, about.2000 are working. No carrier equipment is available.

(b) There are 9 inter-urban positions. Of these 7 are being installed and two are not yet in position. The 7 positions though not completed are partially in use.

Ferrara has no inter-provincial lines as the TIMO spur from the main Stale Cable will not be repaired for about 7-IO days.

(c) A small board is in use for military lines including A.M.G., with outlets to the main military system. It is staffed by a civil operator.

PADOVA:

Telegraphs: the building is OK. 8 Hughes and many Morse instruments are available as well as two or three telewtites. The only long telegraph line working is that to ~~Udine~~ Venice. Elsewhere telegrams are delivered by post. Arrangements were made with Ing. Dani of the Azienda, and the repeater station for the installation of the Padova-Firenze, Super-audio equipment when it arrives for use with telewriters. The official in charge of the telegraph room was also informed.

Telephones: (a) The 5000 lines Ericson exchange has a IOOO lines unit allocated for military use of which 300 lines have been connected. There is the usual delay of the Ericson System in getting dial tone, and District officers have blamed it on congestion and had intended to take another IOOO lines unit. The Signals staff however in the exchange know

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that the trouble is not congestion with only 300 lines and have already said so to the District.

The switching is normally 8%.

(b) In the exchange are IO HF telephone carrier terminals, of which 3 are in good order. Seven have no valves but are in pretty good order otherwise. The 3 mentioned worked till recently with Venezia and Vicenza.

(c) There are I8 inter-urban positions in use of which positions 3-8 are used by the military. These positions have 7 cords each, whereas the others have 4 each. It has been found that 4 are insufficient for civil use in most cases. The suite was used jointly by the State and by TELVE. Now, only one State operator is at work, as most of the lines in working order are short TELVE lines. Probably the 4 cords positions were STATE and this TELVE operators find this number of cords too small. The board is busy, as many lines are working.

Positions no. I9 to 30 are hidden in a church in Padova and will be brought back to the exchanges and installed. This should be done early.

Padova has telephone lines to Mestre, Vicenza, Treviso, Bassano etc.

(d) Repeater station: The tuentyfour volts and I30 volts batteries are OK but charging plant will not be ready for one or two weeks.

All repeater equipment is damaged by hammers especially as regards instruments & valves.

Lines: the working lines are shown on a diagram which I shall bring, down to Rome, but which I required at the moment for investigations in Udine province etc.

It is hoped to get a Verona-Padova open wire pair from 5th Army: If it is not obtained shortly I shall visit CSO, 5th Army as this is a vital link. It could be superposed by telegraphs.

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The telephone line position in the areas of NE Italy authorised for inter-urban service is reasonably good, but there is a very poor telegraph service, due to damage to routes.

The superposing question has been under investigation by Maj. Hills but he has been badly handicapped by the fact that most overhead telephone lines are brought into the exchanges via long lengths of telephone ~~cable~~ the overhead telegraph lines having been destroyed. This superposing question and its connection with the overhead telegraph line position are under our investigation.

3. Interview Brig. Dunlop:

Brig. Dunlop seemed satisfied with his own communications via military channels, & also with civil communications except as regards Verona. He was informed that it was expected that a Verona line would be available shortly.

4. Telegraph Submarine Cable to Trieste

This is terminated at one end in Major Hills office & at the other in the D.O. building at Trieste safeguarded by IL of C Signals. It is not in use, except when the latter has sent an urgent message to Major Hills, to be passed on to the local Area HQ in Venezia.

71 (1) H. J. W. Phillips
Lt
Chief Wireless Officer
11th June 44

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

C.115.61.CS 14th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Communications North Italy

TO: C.S.O., L.of C., Italy (Main)
Att: Major Brady

1. In accordance with telephone conversation inclosed copy of our to-days letter to 15th Army Group which outlines the present situation with reference to authorised telecommunications in North Italy and between North Italy and the rest of Italy.

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

Incl: Copy of letter C.115.58.CS dtd 14 June 45.

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Copy for file T.87.

To:-the Director Communications Sub Commission

From Major S.A.Hills Cmn A.M.G.

Director
D/Director QMG
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal
H. Q. Corps C.
Asst. Chief Postal
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Subject:-Trieste Cable

A full report on the Trieste Cable was sent some days ago,but in case it has not arrived,I will repeat.

After having tested the cable & found it O.K. and learned from the Yugo-slavs that they were quite willing for us to open it, I telephone this information to Col.Henderson.

He suggested I asked 8 Armys permission.
I accordingly asked C.S.O.8 Army.

In reply I received two telegrams;the first said "no", the second saying "yes"the circuit would be opened.

The following day I was visited by Col. Peachell Cmdg I L of C Signals who confirmed but pointed out that 55 Area might want to push the occasional message over the cable to 86 Area, & such messages must have priority over Civil traffic.

Accordingly the circuit was advertised,but the very first day the Yugo-slavs objected;saying that they had changed their minds.

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I approach Major Winter of the British mission to Tito,& asked him to help,but the only result was that the Yugo-slavs confirmed their refusal.

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The following day I was visited by Col. Peachell Cmdg I L of C Signals who confirmed but pointed out that 55 Area might want to push the occasional message over the cable to 86 Area, & such messages must have priority over Civil traffic.

Accordingly the circuit was advertised,but the very first day the Yugo-slavs objected;saying that they had changed their minds.

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I approach Major Winter of the British mission to Tito,& asked him to help,but the only result was that the Yugo-slavs confirmed their refusal.

I accordingly suspended the service at the same time advertising the fact.

I do not seem to have received the telegram or letter

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referred to in Para 2 of your HHS/epc dated 31th May.

Major S.A.Hills
Cmn Divn A.M.G.
Navall Major

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission LGH/epc

T.87.47.CS 14th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Rome - Milan V.F.Telegraph (Civil)

TO: C.S.O., L.of C., (Main)
Att: Major Ready

Commander IV Corps has approved opening of Rome - Milan telegraph service.

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

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**

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Communications

Originator's Reference: 1178

Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 121500B

Message Centre No: P/1834

Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 1310508

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: LOMBARDIA REGION COMMUNICATIONS DIV FOR POLITE STATED CHECKING

TO : HQ AIOCH ACCRA

RELEASED See 44

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1. Ref 9432 of 081550B received today. IV CORPS have approved ROSE PINK voice frequency telegraph.

HEADQUARTERS
13 JUN 1945
A. C.

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Action - Communications
Info - Chief Commissioner
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Director CWM
Dy Director
Chief Tele/Comms
Chief Postal
H. Q. Comm O. 7.96
Asst Chief Postal
Censorship
Chief Clerk

Mrs Hawker

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11 June 1945

CC 1214

TO : Regional Commissioners,
LOMBARDIA Region.
PIEDMONT Region.
LIGURIA Region.

In the interim period before Phase II comes into operation, I am sending Colonel FIELD, Deputy Executive Commissioner, as my representative to interpret the policy of the Allied Commission to the Commanding Generals of 5th Army and IV Corps, and to assist them in every way possible in connection with the administration of civil affairs in the new area.

He will work in close contact with the Regional Commissioners but the channels of communication will be from the Allied Commission direct to Regional Commissioners and vice versa, with copies to 5th Army and IV Corps.

Until these HQ is established, HQ in north Italy will be in the same position as AFHQ and the armies; that is to say, they will be under the military command of the Commanding Generals, 5th and 8th Armies and will receive their functional directions from the Allied Commission through the channels of communication set forth in the preceding paragraph.

/s/ WILLIAM D. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Copy to: CCAO, AFHQ
CCAO, 5th Army
CCAO, IV Corps
Exec. Comm.
CA Sec.
Econ. Sec.
AGAO, 5th Army
CCAO, 13th Corps
PRO, Emilia Region
PRO, Venezia Region
Director, Air Forces S/C
Director, Land Forces S/C
Chief, Naval S/C
Communications S/C
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ALCOM LOMBARDIA REGION

9432 9 JUNE 1945 ROUTINE

IN CLEAR PD

ROME MILAN VOICE FREQUENCY TELEGRAPH PD

PAREN TO ALCOM LOMBARDIA REGION FOR CUMMING FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACCMN PAREN

CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS ENQUIRES IF FOURTH CORPS HAVE APPROVED TELEGRAPH SERVICE

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Maj Bradley rang 1130 says proceeding with circuit but awaits letter certifying IV Corps concurrence

R. 12 June 45

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

C.115. .CS 4th June, 1945

SUBJECT: Civil External Telegrams

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

1. Reference is made to our letter of April 16th 1945 file C.115.131.CS and your telegram F.66167 of April 26th, 1945.

2. 15th Army Group has given authority to including in the territory open to domestic telegraph service for civilians all provinces in Northern Italy with the following exceptions:

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| Gorizia, Trieste, Pola, Zara, Fiume | Venezia Guilia | No service authorised. This constitutes a special problem and will be handled independently. |
| Udine, Bolzano, Trento | | Intra Provincial service only |
| Aosta, Torino, Cuneo, Sondrio | | Local commanders will probably impose special regulations but as these are apt to be temporary and localised to comparatively small zones no general public announcement is being made as to any such restrictions. It will be left to local authorities to handle the situation. |

3. Commercial carriers, Civil Censorship Group and Italian authorities have been informed of the above.

4. In accordance with your telegram mentioned in 7193 para. 1 external telegraph service is being extended to the above territory with a 24 hour delay imposed on all telegrams

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C.115. .CS

4th June, 1945. Continued.

originating outside Italian Government territory.

5. As specified in your telegram a similar 24 hour delay is being imposed on telegrams originating in Foggia and Taranto. As censorship personnel is being reduced and conditions have changed considerably in the past month. May this restriction now be lifted?

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

Copy to: Civil Censorship Group

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 311.1 21st May, 1945

SUBJECT: Internal Civil Communications

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference your C.107.76.CS of 1st May.

2. There is no objection on the part of this HQ. to the proposal contained in para 5. of letter under reference, provided that:

a. The approval of Hq 15th Army Group is obtained for the establishment of internal communications in army controlled areas;

b. Such establishment is coordinated with the Base Area or District concerned as to the use, as between the Civil and Military, of civilian signal equipment.

3. Notice will be given this HQ of the opening of new areas to internal communication.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

/T/
/S/ JULIUS BYLES,
Major, F.A.

file T.87

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

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HEADQUARTERS
15TH ARMY GROUP
APO 777

COMMUNICATIONS

: SECRET :
: By Auth of :
: CG, 15TH AG :
: Intls: :
: DATE: 5/26/45:

26 May 1945

SUBJECT: Occupation of Northwest Italy.

TO: See Distribution.

1. Attached is copy of the minutes of a conference held at this Headquarters on 24 May 1945 on "The Occupation of Northwest Italy".

2. It is requested that action, where indicated in these minutes, be taken without further instructions.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL McCREERY:

A. M. GRUENTHER
Major General, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

RALPH E. TATE
Brigadier General, GSC
A. C. of S., G-4

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SECRET.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 15 ARMY GROUP ON 24 MAY 45 ON OCCUPATION OF NW ITALY.

1. PRESENT:-

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| Presiding | - | Brig-Gen R.H. Tate, AC of S G-4, 15 Army Group. |
| AFHQ | - | Colonel R.B. Rathbone, G-3(Org)<br>Colonel J.M. Mitchell, G-5<br>Lt.Col. B. Boyd, G-4(A). |
| 15 Army Group | | Brig C.D. Packard, DC of S(Br)<br>Brig W.H.D. Ritchie, DA & QMG.<br>Brig B.T. Godfrey-Faussett, CE.<br>Colonel P.D. Miller, G-3(Ops)<br>Colonel C.S. D'Orsa, G-4<br>Colonel N.W. Monfort, G-5<br>Colonel C.H.K. Smith, DDMS.<br>Lt.Col. W.J. McConnell, G-3(Plans)<br>Lt.Col. F.K. Eberhard, G-4(Plans)<br>Lt.Col. G.J.F. Mackay, AQMG.<br>Lt.Col. D.H. Cameron, SO RE.1<br>Major E.H. Jennings, G-3(SD)<br>Major B.C. Scott, DAAG.<br>Major C.H. Fetch, DAQMG(Mov)<br>Major W.B. Watkeys, Signal Section<br>Capt J.E. Palmour, G-1. |
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| PBS | - | Colonel E.T. Foster, G-4 |
| 2 District | - | Lt.Col. Sir N.J. Mordaunt, Bt. CSO.1<br>Lt.Col. C.A. Chadwyck-Healey, AQMG. |
| Mov, NW Italy | - | Colonel G. Cooker<br>Major D.W. Greenway |
| Allied Commission | | Brigadier M.S. Lush |

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GENERAL.

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PRESENT POSITION.

3. (a) Surrendered Forces.

Fifth Army stated that these were being evacuated to Concentration Areas as quickly as possible, and that the task should be completed within ten days, except for those in hospitals.

(b) Captured Material.

This has been collected into dumps by Fifth Army, and location

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lists have been made. Cataloguing was, however, not yet complete. It was pointed out to 2 District that dealing with captured material would represent a considerable commitment when they assumed responsibility, and they agreed to examine the problem, liaise with Fifth Army, and submit demands to AFHQ for any extra staff, etc., which they considered they might require. It was agreed that AFHQ should be asked to hold a conference on this subject at an early date at HQ 15 Army Group to clarify outstanding points.

ACTION:- 2 District
AFHQ.

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(i) The Franco-Italian frontier situation
(ii) Disarming of Partisans
(iii) Unemployment - The solution of this lay in the provision of raw materials, particularly coal, which was now under investigation at AFHQ.

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HQ 2 District was still settling in, moving in units and installations and not really functioning except for 57 Area in CINCA. Their Engineers and Signals were, however, lending assistance to IV Corps. 2 District stated that they considered they would be ready to take over Phase 2 responsibilities by 10 June 45, provided the necessary signal communications could be made available to them as the principal HQ. This would, of course, mean the return of any signal units they now had operating with IV Corps. CC 15 Army Group pointed out that some Fifth Army Engineer units would in any case have to be left under 2 District to complete certain outstanding tasks such as bridging.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE 2 OF THE OCCUPATION.

4. (a) Problem

Brig-Gen Dyke said the problem was to consider now in the

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light of the foregoing remarks:-

(i) Was implementation of Phase 2 possible at an early date?

or (ii) Was partial implementation, whereby 2 District and AC took over responsibility for certain eastern areas of NW ITALY, a practical proposition?

(b) Total Implementation of Phase 2.

Fifth Army stated that the CG felt very strongly that so long as he was responsible for law and order in any territory he must be completely in command. The completion of the responsibilities in para.3(a) and (b) above would not necessarily enable Fifth Army to relinquish their control over NW ITALY. The Franco-Italian frontier situation was not yet settled, and Fifth Army could only relinquish control, if responsibility for this was assumed by AFHQ. 2 District was not organised for possible active operations, nor could they administer US Troops. It was concluded, therefore, that until these problems were solved there could be no total implementation of Phase 2.

(c) Partial Implementation of Phase 2.

After discussion it was agreed for the reasons given below that partial implementation was also impracticable:-

(i) IV Corps L of C would have to continue to run through any area handed over to 2 District.

(ii) Signals facilities were insufficient to cope with two major HQs in NW ITALY, both operating at the same time.

(iii) Dual control, whereby IV Corps retained operational command and 2 District assumed certain administrative responsibilities was not considered practicable.

(iv) Similarly, it was not considered that Regional Commissioners could be put under direct command of Allied Commission so long as Fifth Army were responsible for the territory. It was, however, recommended that AC set up an Advance Echelon in ITALY, which would co-ordinate Regional activities through Fifth Army and with whom Fifth Army could deal as one entity.

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ACTION:- Allied Commission.

(d) Future Requirement of Operational Troops.

2 District stated they considered at least the equivalent of one division and one brigade would always be wanted to watch the French frontier, even if the French now withdrew behind it, and it was doubtful if Italian Groups were suitable for this task. The gradual departure of the 6 SA Armoured Division, and the continued requirement of all available British troops for NW ITALY, might mean the retention of one US Division for some time. AFHQ was asked to consider this matter and state their policy.

ACTION:- AFHQ.

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(e) Redeployment of US Troops.

2 District asked with what speed US Troops were likely to be withdrawn on implementation of Phase 2. Brig-Gen Tate stated this would depend on redeployment and training schemes still under consideration.

21% SUB-AREA.

3. In reply to a question by AFHQ, 2 District stated that in Phase 2 they would like 21% Sub-Area to remain at PIACENZA to run the roadhead, at any rate until CREMA was fully opened.

LOCAL INDUSTRIES - NW ITALY.

4. PBS asked what would be the position in Phase 2 of certain contracts which they were now placing on behalf of NATOUSA, and by agreement with Fifth Army, with local industries in NW ITALY. Brig-Gen Tate stated they must take this up with AFHQ, so that allocation could be confirmed by the Industrial Planning Board and 2 District informed.

ACTION:- PBS.

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VENEZIA REGION FOR TELECOMMS OFFICER

8814 31st MAY 1945 PRIORITY ROUTINE

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CIVILIAN TELEGRAPH COMMUNICATION TO TRIESTE IS NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORISED FD

PAREN TO VENEZIA REGION FOR TELECOMMS OFFICER FROM ALCOM HQ CITE

ACCOM PAREN

OUR TELEGRAM EIGHT TWO ZERO FIVE OF MAY TWENTY SECOND OF WHICH COPY WAS MAILED YOU WITH LETTER OF MAY TWENTY THIRD STATES PRESENT POSITION OF PERMITTED COMMUNICATIONS FD

ANY NOTICES ISSUED BY YOU CONTRARY TO ABOVE TO BE WITHDRAWN

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

T.87.39.CS 31st May, 1945

SUBJECT: Trieste - Venice Cable

TO: Regional Commissioner, Venezia Region
Att: Major S.H.Hills, Telecomms Officer.

1. It has been reported to this HQrs. that you have authorised civilian telegraph service to Trieste and have also caused to be published a notice to the effect that telegrams may now be sent to all other parts of Italy with the exception of Venezia Giulia.

2. As this is contrary to instructions issued by 15th Army Group (sent you with our telegram 8205 of May 22nd and confirmed by letter of May 23rd) we telegraphed you today as per inclosed copy.

3. Will you please inform us at once of the authority under which you issued the notice referred to above.

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

Copy to: Civil Censorship Group

Incl: Copy of Telegram No. 8814 dtd 31st May, 1945

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# Accettazione dei telegrammi per tutte le destinazioni compresa Trieste 5/26

A partire da oggi 26 viene riattivata l'accettazione dei telegrammi per tutti gli uffici d'Italia, compreso Trieste città, ad eccezione degli uffici della Venezia Giulia.

I telegrammi diretti a Trieste avranno sollecito corso, mentre quelli diretti ad altre destinazioni subiranno, per ora, dei ritardi.

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CONFIDENTIAL

To Col McLean

AMG - VENEZIE REGION
Civil Censorship Group
VENICE

SIG/ahs 38

27 May, 1945

File No.
CCG/VT/1150
Serial 015

Subject: Opening of Venice-Trieste Cable to Civilian Traffic

To: Chief, Telecommunications Section, Civil Censorship Group, Hqrs. Allied Commission.

1. By decision of the AMG Communications Officer for this Region, the submarine telegraph cable from Venice to Trieste was ordered open to civilian message traffic commencing yesterday, Saturday 26 May. Announcement was made by advertisement in the local newspaper, "Corriere Veneto", of the same date. As per copy of this advertisement enclosed, the announcement stated in part: "Commencing with today, 26th, the filing of telegrams will be restored for all offices in Italy, including the City of Trieste, with the exception of offices in Venezia Giulia. Telegrams for Trieste will have prompt dispatch."

2. The previous day, 25 May, notification went to Trieste per cable of this opening of service. Trieste responded immediately, however, with the statement that civil traffic on the cable was not permitted at their end, as they were awaiting orders from the local military authorities on the subject.

3. As a result, no civilian traffic has yet passed over the cable, although 214 telegrams were filed in Venice alone for dispatch to Trieste on the first day (26 May). A notice has been posted up at the telegraph office warning senders that a delay has taken place, so that the filings of messages for today will be expected to decrease.

4. The AMG Communications Officer, Major J.A.Hills, sent a special request to Capt. Edwards, Signal Officer in Trieste (Cf. my letter Serial 014 of 17 May, Paragraph 3) asking him to secure additional information. The reply came back shortly that the bar on civilian use of the cable at the Trieste end was imposed by the Yugoslav authorities, who were unwilling to change their

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views or rescind their v[illegible] without permission from higher Yugoslav authorities. Major Hills here has accordingly requested the British Liaison Officer with the Yugoslav Army at Trieste (Major Winter) to intervene, and is intending to go to Trieste himself in two or three days to secure an ending of the blockade at that end of the cable.

5. As a result, the situation now is that civilians are filing telegrams for Trieste in Venice and vicinity, but none of them can go through for an indefinite period, which it is hoped will be very short.

6. Censorship of these dispatches was arranged for when previous notice was received from Major Hills regarding the scheduled opening of service. Pre-censorship was decided on as proper and necessary in view of conditions in Trieste. The local telegraph chiefs were therefore instructed to send all telegrams bound for Trieste to this office before copying or transmitting. After censorship, the stamped messages will be returned to the Telegraph Translation Room for copying and transmitting.

7. Incoming traffic from Trieste will be handled similarly: the messages will be censored by this office prior to delivery to recipients.

8. Censorship of messages passing over the Venice-Trieste cable will be performed by Yeoman Quiroz and myself, whereas censorship of telegraph messages between internal points and Venice will be performed by civilians on a post-censorship basis, as per accompanying letter, Serial 016.

9. There is no forecast here about how long the stalemate will continue at the Trieste end of the cable. Major Hills is unwilling to cancel his announcement to the public until he has examined the situation there himself, and it is therefore to be expected that the number of messages filed for Trieste will continue to pile up in the meantime.

J.H.BARR
Lieut.U.S.N.R.
Cable and Radio Censor

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AMG - VENEZIE REGION
Civil Censorship Group
VENICE

File No.
CCG/VE/1150
Serial 016

SHG/shg

27 May, 1945

Subject: Opening of Civilian Telegraph Service from Venice

To: Chief, Telecommunications Section, Civil Censorship Group, Rgrs.Allied Commission.

1. Sending of telegrams by civilians from Venice to all parts of Italy except Venezia Giulia has been authorized commencing yesterday, 26 May, per order of the AMG Communications Officer for this Region, Major S.A.Hills.

2. Inasmuch as landwire communications out of Venice are still disorganized (except for military lines), the new service will be very slow and unreliable. In his announcement to the public Major Hills stated: "Telegrams destined for Trieste will have prompt dispatch, whereas those for other destinations will undergo delays for the present." (Cf. our Serial 015 of this date, Paragraph 1.)

3. Arrangements are being made by Major Hills, the State Telegraphs, and the Telve Company, for telegrams destined to provincial capitals in this Region, to be transmitted by voice over the underground telephone cables during the night hours. Telegrams bound for the rest of Italy will have to be sent by the irregular facilities functioning for carrying the mails, up to whichever points that can forward them on by telegraph lines already opened for civilian traffic.

4. For the censorship of such internal telegrams, bound from or through Venice to points in Italy (except traffic using the Venice-Trieste submarine cable) post-censorship is being set up by this office. Two civilian readers are being hired to post-censor this traffic. It is expected that they can handle and stamp these messages in a half-day period. The rest of their working day, therefore, they will be released to censor postal traffic under Capt.Leah.

5. Messages filed for transmission will first be copied by the Telegraph Transmission Staff. The copies will be forwarded to their destinations by post or via telephone, as per Paragraph 3, and the originals will be delivered to this Office for censoring. Incom-

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ing telegrams, which will arrive by irregular postal or telephonic means, will be delivered to this Office likewise for censorship for a period of a few days, after which this will not be necessary, and they will be allowed to proceed to their recipients directly. No definite step has yet been announced to the Telegraph Director by this Office, however, regarding when this restriction will be lifted.

6. Tally sheets will be kept on telegraph traffic and the usual reports filed, commencing with this forthcoming week that starts today 27 May.

S.H.GARTH
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission HHS/epc

T.57.37.cs 24th May, 1945

SUBJECT: Northern Italy

TO: H.E. The Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. Inclosed herewith official communication from your representative in Milan.

2. For your information the following officials are reported to have been suspended by AMG in Milan:

Comm. Alfredo Giberti, Capo Servizio Telefonico
Ing. Tullio Gorio, Direttore del R. Instituto Sperimentale delle Communicazioni Sez. P.T.T.

J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: One letter

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394

Tel. Milano 12481.
Ext. 2191.

21 May 1945

CMS/15.

SUBJECT: EPURATION OF OFFICIALS

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SUB COMMISSION A.C.

1. Will you please forward the enclosed to the Ministry of Communications, ROME. I requested the sender to leave the envelope unsealed so that you could read the contents, which may be of interest to you.

2. In connection with the investigation into the conduct of officials who came North with the Repubblican Government, at the request of Ing. MINETTI, one of the officials who accompanied Major GREEN from ROME, I have suspended Comm. Alfredo GIBERTI, Capo Servizio Telefonico and Ing.Tullio GORIO, Direttore del R. Istituto Sperimentale delle Comunicazioni Sez. P.T.T.

3. Ing. CAMPELLI, Director of Circolo delle Costruzioni, MILANO, will take their jobs under his wing.

For the Regional Commissioner

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

Director
D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Posts
Asst Chief Posts
Engineer
Chief Clerk

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Date 23 MAG 1945

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONER EMILIA REGION FOR POSTAL AND TELECOMMS OFFICERS
RPTD TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONERS TOSCANA CMA LIGURIA? CMA PIEMONTE CMA
LOMBARDIA CMA VENEZIE REGIONS FOR TELECOMMS AND POSTAL OFFICERS

5205 22 MAY 1945 ROUTINE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission MRS/tpa

T.87.34.05 23rd May, 1945

SUBJECT: Communications Northern Italy

TO: Regional Commissioner Lombardia Reg. for Postal & Telecomm Officer
" " , Emilia Region for Postal & Telecomm Officer
" " , Piemonte Reg. " " " "
" " , Liguria Region " " " "
" " , Venezia Region " " " "

For Info: Civil Censorship Group
Under-Secretary of State for P.T.

1. Inclosed for your information copy of telegram sent on May 22nd, 1945.

2. This copy is being mailed in order to correct any errors which may have occurred in transmission.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Incl: One telegram number 8205 dtd 22 May,45.

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D. Electrical materials;
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F. Hemp,raw,TOW and manufactured products including rope and canvas;
G. Leather and all leather articles;HOW.Hides and skins;
I. Greases and slovents;
J. Textile fibers-cotton,silk,wool and synthetic;
K. matches;
L. Phosphate rock;
M. Tanning materials;
N. Cellulose for paper manufacture;
O. Carbon bisulphide;
P. Soap;
Q. Sulphuric acid;
R. Sulphuric Rock and processed sulphur;
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T. Newsprint and other paper;
U. Petroleum products,oils,lubricants and containers therefore;

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V. Food and agricultural products.
W. Rubber, tires and all rubber products;
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[illegible] and canvas;

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N. Cellulose for paper manufacture;
O. Carbon bisulphide:
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SUBJECT IS ECONOMIC CONTROL NORTHERN ITALY PD

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PARA ONE PD DUE TO THE WIDE VARIATIONS BETWEEN PRICE AND WAGE SCALES REPORTED FROM NORTHERN ITALY AND THOSE IN SOUTHERN ITALY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS HAS APPROVED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY A POLICY WHICH SEPARATES THE TWO ECONOMIES FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD PD

PARA TWO PD ECONOMIC BOUNDARY LINE WILL BE NORTHERN BOUNDARIES OF LIGURIA CMA PIEMONTE CMA PISTOIA AND LUCCA PROVINCES AND THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN BOUNDARY OF LOMBARDIA PROVINCE PD

PARA THREE PD WHEN PRICE OF GOODS WILL HAVE SMUGGLING AND BLACK MARKETING ACROSS THE ECONOMIC BOUNDARY PROFITABLE FOR BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY VEHICLES WHEN ALLIED ARMY INSTALLATION PD ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS MESSAGE FOX ITALY SIX FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO OF TWENTYTWO APRIL HAS DIRECTED ALLIED MILITARY FORMATIONS TO ESTABLISH POLICE ROAD BLOCKS PLUS OBSERVATION POSTS PLACED ON ALL ROADS CROSSING THE ECONOMIC BOUNDARY AS SET FORTH IN PARA TWO TO EXAMINE BOTH NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR ILLEGAL CARGO PD ROAD BLOCKS WILL BE STAFFED JOINTLY BY MILITARY POLICE PLACED TO SEARCH MILITARY VEHICLES PLUS AMG CARABINIERI OR CIVIL DI FINANZA PLACED TO SEARCH CIVILIAN VEHICLES PLUS PD IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ROAD BLOCKS ON ARMS UNDER UNITED STATES CONTROL WILL CONFORM IN GENERAL TO SOP AS OUTLINED IN PMG CIRCULAR NUMBER ONE PD MILITARY FORMATIONS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS TO

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COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH .ICON IN ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE SYSTEM OF CHECK AND BLOCKS PD

PAR. FOUR PD THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF CARGO WILL BE SUBJECT TO SEARCH ON MOVEMENT OF WHICH .ORDER BOUNDARY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED EXCEPT UNDER PROCEDURES TO BE ESTABLISHED BY .ICON SLAVE .NG PD .RMS PD METALS ON: FERROUS ON NONFERROUS ON: ELECTRICAL .ND NONFABRICATED SEMICOLON PAPER PD BUILDING MATERIALS SECTION CHARTS PD PLYWOOD SEMICOLON DOG PD ELECTRICAL MATERIALS SEMICOLON EASY PD CHEMICALS GASES .ND CHEMICALS SEMICOLON FOX PD HEAT ON: RAW ON: TOW .ND MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS INVOLVING ROPE .ND CANVASS SEMICOLON GEORGE PD LEATHER .ND ALL LEATHER .RTICLES SEMICOLON HOW PD HIDES .ND SKINS SEMICOLON ITEM PD CHEMICALS AND SOLVENTS SEMICOLON JIG PD TEXTILE FIBERS DASH COTTON ON: SILK ON: WOOL .ND SYNTHETIC SEMICOLON KING PD MATCHES SEMICOLON LOVE PD PHOSPHATE ROCK SEMICOLON MIKE PD TANNING MATERIALS SEMICOLON NAN PD CELLULOSE FOR PAPER MANUFACTURE SEMICOLON OBOE PD CARBON DISULFIDE SEMICOLON PETER PD SOAP SEMICOLON QUEEN PD SULPHURIC .CID SEMICOLON ROGER PD SULPHUR ROCK .ND PROCESSED SULPHUR SEMICOLON SUGAR PD SOLID FUELS SEMICOLON TARE PD NEWSPRINT AND OTHER PAPER SEMICOLON UNCLE PD PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON: OILS ON: LUBRICANTS .ND CONTAINERS THEREOF SEMICOLON VICTOR PD FOOD .ND .GRICULTURAL PRODUCTS PD WOOLS PD RUBBER ON: TIRES .ND .LL RUBBER PRODUCTS SEMICOLON XRAY PD MOTOR VEHICLES PARTS .ND .CCESSORIES SEMICOLON YOKE PD MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES .ND .LL FUELS CUSTOMARILY USED FOR TRANSPORT PURPOSES EXCEPT THOSE SPECIFICALLY .UTHORIZED TO CROSS THE BOUNDARY PD

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PARA SEVEN PD INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO WAGES FOR CIVILIANS EMPLOYED BY ALLIED FORCES ARE BEING ISSUED BY ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION CMA REFERENCE NUMBER LRS SLANT SIX ZERO ONE ANLA OF TWENTYTHREE APRIL PD

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DISTRICT NO.1, DISTRICT No.2, DISTRICT NO.3, M.A.A.F.,
A.F.H.Q., G-5

SUBJECT: Economic Control Northern Italy.

1. Due to the wide variations between price and wage scales reported from Northern Italy and those in Southern Italy, Allied Force Headquarters has approved effective immediately a policy which separates the two economies for an initial period.

2. Economic boundary line will be northern boundaries of Ravenna, Firenze, Pistoia, and Lucca Provinces and the Northern and Western boundary of Apuania Province.

3. Wide price differentials will make smuggling and black marketing across the economic boundary profitable for both civilian and military vehicles (Allied and Italian). Allied Force Headquarters by signal fx 64182 of 22nd April has directed Allied Military formations to establish police road blocks (check posts) on all roads crossing the economic boundary as set forth in para. 2 to examine both northbound and southbound traffic for illegal cargo. Road blocks will be staffed jointly by military police (to search military vehicles) and Carabinieri or Guardia di Finanza (to search civilian vehicles). It is understood that road blocks in areas under United States Control will conform in general to SOP Announced in P.M.G. Circular Number 1. Military formations have been requested by Allied Force Headquarters to cooperate closely with Aleom in establishing an effective system of check and blocks.

4. The following types of cargo will be subject to search, movement of which across economic boundary will not be permitted except under procedures to be established by Aleom/AMG.A.Metals, ferrous, nonferrous, fabricated and nonfabricated ;
B. Building materials; ea
C. Plywood:
D. Electrical materials;

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E. Industrial gases and chemicals;
F. Hemp,raw,TOW and manufactured products including rope and canvas;
G. Leather and all leather articles;HOW.Hides and skins;
I. Greases and slovents;
J. Textile fibers-cotton,silk,wool and synthetic;
K. matches;
L. Phosphate rock;
M. Tanning materials;
N. Cellulose for paper manufacture;
O. Carbon bisulphide;
P. Soap;
Q. Sulphuric acid;
R. Sulphuric Rock and processed sulphur;
S. Solid fuels;
T. Newsprint and other paper;
U. Petroleum products,oils,lubricants and containers therefore;

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V. Food and agricultural products.
W. Rubber, tires and all rubber products;
X. Motor transport parts and accessories;
Y. Motor and other vehicles and all animals customarily used for transport purposes except those specifically authorised to cross the boundary.

5. General Order and detailed directives are being prepared. In the meantime the following general policies will be effective North of the economic boundary superseding all previous instructions.

A. Prices of all nonimported items on which there was an official price in the North as of 3rd April are to be held or rolled back to that price as maximum. Other essential nonimported items on which there was no official northern prices as of 3rd April should be priced on basis of the normal price relationship to other items during May, 1938.

B. Imported commodities other than food will be priced at landed cost plus cost of distribution.

C. Wheat and minor cereals will be amassed at the 3rd April existing price.

D. All food imported or indigenous to the North must be priced at 3rd April prices.

E. A price scale for medial supplies will be issued shortly. In the interim apply landed cost plus cost of distribution.

F. All transport rates will be fixed at level for entire northern area scale to be issued soon. In the interim apply fifty percent of 30 January, 1945, ENAC tariff charge for present Italian Government territory.

G. Rates for all public utilities service will be fixed at charge existing at 3rd April. Changes are forbidden without prior approval by AMG Regional procedure to be established.

6. The following wage policies will apply:

A. For private industry wages in force on 3rd April will be recognised as appropriate. Right of negotiation for wage changes at later dates is recognised but application or change is forbidden without prior approval by AMG Regional procedure to be established.

B. State employees found in the North will be paid at rates applicable 3rd April. Those transferred from the South will be paid in cash in North at 3rd April Northern rates and credited in Rome for the difference between the Northern and Southern rates. Carabinieri will be paid in cash at Southern Rates whether transferred from South or taken on in the North.

D. Both in private industry and in State employment there will be no, repeat no automatic application of cost of living bonus or other wage increase decrees or changes in force in South.

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7. Instructions with respect to wages for civilians employed by Allied Forces are being issued by Allied Force local resources section, reference number LRS/601 A of 23 April.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Message Centre No: E/792
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 15/0950B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM ADV TELECOMS BOARD MILAN FROM SCUDDER

TO AICOM ROME FOR HENDERSON

ACTION

IN CLEAR.

Have agreed with FANO to leave GIGLI here with CUMMING. Plan to leave for VERONA and VENICE with MILLAR and FANO May 13. ALASIA and CUMMING arrived. Postal service MILAN City opening May 14. Limited postal service within and among following provinces opening May 15:

TORINO, CUNEO, NOVARA, VERCELLI, ALESSANDRIA, AOSTA, ASTI, MILANO, COMO, VARESE, SONDRIO, BERGAMO, BRESCIA, PAVIA, MANTOVA, CREMONA, GENOVA, IMPERIA, SAVONA, SPEZIA, PIACENZA, PARMA. Post card service from and to above provinces and south including BOLOGNA City scheduled for May 15. Transfer point for LOMBARDIA to be BOLOGNA with possibility of limited amount by plane MILAN ROMA. LIGURIA and PIEMONTE transfer point will be LIVORNO

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From ZEPHYR

Orig. No. [illegible] Serial No. 232

Date 16/5/45.

Re 4/28 of nine pt two col lines.

Miller and Vigli visiting Turin and Genoa and we all plan to leave Milan for Venice about May 21. Telephone cable restores to Turin and Genoa. Gillyer in Turin. Cummings and Alwin expected here tomorrow. Will telegraph you when authorized to open postal services.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION

Milano, May 9th 1945

SUBJECT : Internal Committees and C.L.N. activities

To : Lt. Col. N.G. HENRIKSON A.M.G.

I. Confirming telephone conversations following is a brief report on the situation in communication companies in North-western Italy. Report is based on personal observation in 3 companies (F.A.C.E., S.I.R.T.I., AUTELCO) but it is believed that similar conditions exist in other companies.

2. Internal committees have been set up in all companies and these committees have taken over the functions of Management. Removal of personnel for political reasons has already been accomplished and the committees are now demanding the abolishment of certain positions and the removal of occupants of other positions for all sorts of reasons (e.g. too strict with employees, did not run the company mess properly, etc.). In some cases top management has been allowed to remain in office (although with little or no voice in management) but in others a commissar has been appointed by the C.L.N.. Such appointments are made independently of A.M.G. and without consultation with A.M.G. Officers.

3. In addition to the above, orders have been given by various bodies for special payments to employees. The provinci l C.L.N. hun in the case of Varese Province, ordered that all Post Office employees in the Province be paid a month's salary in advance and in addition a special indemnity of 6.000.== lires. This action has naturally resulted in demands being made for similar treatment by employees.

4. A decision as to policy to be pursued in respect to above matters is urgently needed.

H.H.SCUDDER
Lt. Col. S.A.C.

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Requisition Branch

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Ref. EB-312.2-ES

SUBJECT: Requisitions

TO : See distribution.

1. With the liberation of Italy completed and in view of lesser damage in the North than was anticipated, it is requested that the outstanding requisitions pertaining to your S/C be reviewed soonest and that same be adjusted to meet your current needs.

2. The records of this office indicate the unfilled requisitions shown on attached sheet comprise your requirements to date.

3. Request this office be advised of correctness of attached list and any deletions or additions for supply you deem necessary at this time.

By Command of Brig. Gen. McKINLEY:

H. C. QUARTIER
Lt. Col., C. M. C.
Economic Section

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| Regn. No. | Subject |
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| MGS-227-SIG | Dry Cells |
| MGS-255-SIG | Frequency Generator |
| MGS-184-SIG | Communications Material |

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| Recm. No. | Subject |
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| MCE-227-SIC | Dry Cells |
| MCS-253-SIC | Frequency Generator |
| MCS-184-SIC | Communications Material |

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Headquarters Detachment
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Industries in Turin Area

I.C.E.T. - National Industry for the Construction of Electric Wires.

This firm manufactures electric wires of all types and sizes.

The administration offices and main factory are located at Via Monte Bianco, Turin.

Personnel: 1,600 workers and 400 clerks.

Two branch factories are located at Susa-soleno, Turin, and Mulassano, Genoa.

Production varies according to the supply of raw material available.

About 200 km. of telephone wires a month are delivered to the Germans.

Microtecnica - This firm makes precision instruments and radio sets for the navy and air force.

The administration offices and main factory are located at Via M. Cristina 149, Turin.

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Personnel: 1,200 workers and 300 clerks.

Two branch factories are located at: Pinerolo, along the Moirmo Canal, formerly a lace factory and Luserna S. Giovanni, Via Pellico.

All orders for war material have been cancelled by the Germans.

Present production consists of: cameras, cigarette lighters and amplifiers for electrical devices.

Viberti - This firm is engaged in ironwork and woodwork for the manufacture of bodies for motor vehicles, trailers, pigeon lofts, structures for radio transmitters, etc.

The administration offices and main factory are located at Corso Peschiera 249, Turin.

Personnel: 1,200 workmen and 300 clerks.

Production for the month of February:
25 automobile chassis 12.5 tons
25 " " 6.5 "

The plant is under the German supervision of Engineer Fabrizius.

The Bolzano branch factory, Via De Gasperi 5, manufactures Viberti and Lancia automobile chassis and bodies.

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Personnel: 300 workers

Production: Low

At the sawmills of Carrugiolu shop-trucks are being constructed.

At Sala Dora (Aosta) the firm has a timber dump.

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A.S.I.V. - This firm makes tanks, watering hoses and tanks for transportation of fuel.

The plant is located at Corso Peschiera, 365, Turin.

Personnel: 350 workers and 30 clerks.

At present the plant is constructing Viberti chassis.

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SUBJECT :- VERIFICATION TABLES.

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FROM : CSO L OF C ITALY (MAIN).

TO : DIRECTOR COMMS, SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

COPY TO:- CSO 2 DISTRICT.

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REFERENCE CSO 2 DISTRICT 2693X OF 14 FEB 45.

HEREWITH COPY OF THIS OFFICE X/17 OF 17 APR 45, WITH COPIES 401, 402 & 403 OF VERIFICATION TABLES FOR MAY.

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

for BRIGADIER,
CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.

18 APR 45.
FEM/GCRB.

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Chief Postal
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission G.S.P/pre

19th April, 1945

T.67.PS.CS

SUBJECT: Communications N.W.Italy

TO: Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region
" " : PIEMONTE Region
" " : LIGURIA Region

1. Hqs. 15th Army Group, in their Signal Instruction No.125 dated 31st March, has ordered the formation of a Telecommunications Board for N.W.Italy, to co-ordinate the telecommunication requirements in Milan, Turin, and Genoa.

2. This Board, which will be under the Chairmanship of Signal Officer 5 Corps in the first instance, and subsequently under C.C.S., No.2 District, includes representatives of this Sub-Commission.

3. The representatives from this Sub-Commission will be the telecommunications officers of the Region concerned, plus a representative from this Hq. where possible.

4. It is likely that the Board will be called upon to function before Regional Headquarters are in a position to move in to the cities in question.

5. It is requested that the telecommunication officers concerned be released for this duty when called upon by 5 Corps, and that such assistance over transportation be given them at that early stage as you are able to afford.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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Copy to: Lt.Col.Cumming
Capt. F.V.Collyer.

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HEADQUARTERS
15th ARMY GROUP
APO 777

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15 April 1945

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TELECOMMUNICATION BOARD FOR N.W. ITALY

1. In order to insure the maximum efficiency in the allocation and use of existing commericial telephone, telegraph and radio facilities in, and in the vicinity of, MILAN, TURIN and GENOA, when these cities come under Allied control, a Telecommunication Board for N.W. Italy will be organized. After IV Corps has been separated from Fifth Army, the Board will function under the command, initially, of the Commanding General, IV Corps, later of the C.O.C., 2 District.

2. This Board will consist, initially, of one officer from each of the following organizations:

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| IV Corps | AFHQ (radio officer) |
| L of C, Italy | Allied Commission (incl AMG) |
| | 2 District |

The IV Corps member will be the Signal Officer, IV Corps, who will also act as chairman. After control of N.W. Italy passes from IV Corps to 2 District, the CSO, 2 District, will act as chairman.

3. Additional Board members required for duty in GENOA, TURIN or MILAN will be found from units under command. Personnel of the advance Allied Commission and 2 District detachments to be attached to IV Corps, are considered available for this duty.

4. The duties of the Board will be to:

a. Effect disconnection for civil use of all local, interurban and trunk circuits without damage to equipment, if not already accomplished by operational forces.

b. Insure that all captured radio installations cease operation.

c. In conjunction with local government and civil telephone, telegraph and radio officials:

(1) Obtain such communication records as may be required.

(2) 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

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(3) 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 city or other local military administrations.

(4) Take control of the principal civil switchboards, local and long distance trunk test frames, and long distance cable and wire terminals.

(5) Receive demands from military commanders, AC and AMG officials for the use of civil line facilities, and make necessary arrangements with civil authorities for the provisions of such service as may be available.



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(6) Obtain and forward to AFHQ, through signal channels, detailed reports of all captured radio installations, to include:

(a) Type of equipment, its operating condition and geographical location.

(b) Recommendations as to operation, control and disposition of captured material.

d. Forward all requests for the use of captured radio equipment to AFHQ through signal channels for review and decision.

5. Reference par. 4.b. above, attention is directed to letter, AFHQ, file AG676.3/013 SIG-O, Subject: "Radio Stations", 10 August 44, ~~copy attached hereto as Appendix "A".~~

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

7. No civil telecommunication equipment will be requisitioned, except through the Board.

8. Control of civil communication facilities in accordance with par. 4.a. and c. (1) to (5) inclusive, above, will be coordinated with Advance Telecommunication Board, CSO, L of C, Italy, particularly in regard to long distance facilities. This Board is now located in FLORENCE. It is to move to BOLOGNA as soon as that city comes under Allied control.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL CLARK:

A. M. GRUENTHER,
Major General, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Donald W Brann, Jr

DONALD W. BRANN,
Brigadier General, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-3.

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Ltr. AFHQ, date 10/8/44, file AG676.3/013 SIG-O

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 512

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A3 676.3/013 SIG-O

10 August 1944

SUBJECT: Radio Stations.

TO : All Concerned.

1. It is essential that certain general instructions are strictly adhered to regarding the control and operation of captured high powered radio stations which are capable of effecting communications beyond the boundaries of this theater. This will apply to all stations of 400 watts or more output. Such stations include valuable and critical Signal equipment, the use and disposal of which is subject to directives from the Combined Chiefs of Staff or from the governments concerned.

2. Accordingly all subordinate commands will be instructed that:

a. All captured civil, military or naval radio stations in the areas of advance will be promptly seized and properly secured.

b. They will on no account continue operation by other than Allied personnel

c. Initially Chief Signal Officer, Allied Armies in ITALY; Chief Signal Officers of Army Groups or Chief Signal Officers of Armies will control and permit operation of such stations within their areas, which are operationally required. Allied Force Headquarters will normally designate an advance radio representative to furnish the necessary technical information regarding captured radio stations and to coordinate demands of prospective users in conjunction with the local Communication Boards.

d. Later such stations will revert to the direct control of Allied Force Headquarters. Final allocation of radio stations to services or civil agencies for operation will be decided by Allied Force Headquarters.

By command of General WILSON:

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/s/ H.V. Roberts
/T/ H.V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGD,
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission PVC/epc

T.87. .CS 16th April, 1945

SUBJECT: Transport for Communications Officer

TO: Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region

1. I have recently seen the Chief Signal Officer of the Corps due to occupy Piemonte, Liguria and part of Lombardia Regions. He wants me to be ready to join him when called forward and to proceed with Corps in the initial occupation. Calling forward will be arranged through the Chairman Advanced Telecomms Board.

2. I have also seen Col. Birchett who tells me that transport is not yet available for me.

3. I am responsible for taking into the territory two signals type radio receiving sets complete with batteries and auxiliary equipment for the purpose of providing a news service for Piemonte and Liguria Regional Headquarters. One of these sets is in Rome and the other is believed to be at Chianciano.

4. If communications are desired for Piemonte and Liguria Regions it is essential that I be in a position to represent A.M.G. interests on the Communications Boards from the outset and in view of the weight of the radio sets for which I am responsible it is impossible for me to make casual arrangements for transport, while, once in the territory, personal transport will be essential for purposes of arranging communications.

5. I should be glad therefore of an assurance that some form of reliable transport for my personal use can be made available in Rome at not more than eight hours notice.

P.V. COLLYER
Captain,
Communications Officer
Piemonte & Liguria Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Phone 489081

16 April 1945

Transportation Sub-Commission Officers - Northern Italy

1. When AC/AMG take over in N.W. Italy, it is proposed to establish an Advanced Echelon of the Transportation Sub-Commission. Its duties will be as follows:

a. To coordinate, on behalf of the Director of the Transportation Sub-Commission, movements and transportation work in the regions of Piemonte, Liguria, Lombardia, and such other provinces as may be considered as "N.W. Italy" from time to time.

b. To coordinate movements and transportation work with the military authorities.

c. To control the general distribution of AC and civilian transport in N.W. Italy.

d. To see that movements programs are carried out in accordance with established priorities, particularly programs affecting more than one region.

2. a. Regional Transportation officers will arrange all local movement within N.W. Italy as far as possible from their own local resources; they will contact each other as necessary; and they will also work closely with military movement officers.

b. Demands for local movement within the N.W. area that cannot be met as outlined in (a) above and movement to or from places outside N.W. Italy will be referred to the Advanced Echelon of the Transportation Sub-Commission, who will try to meet such demands (1) by adjustment of AC controlled capacity, (2) by further contact with military movement headquarters in N.W. Italy, and (3) by reference to Transportation Sub-Commission, Rome.

3. The following officers are nominated for the Advanced Echelon of Transportation Sub-Commission:

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Lt. Col. M. Harris (A) (i/c)
Major H. C. Talbot (B)

One other officer with railway operating experience will be nominated later.

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4. The Advanced Echelon of the Transportation Sub-Commission will be located near HQ, 2 District.

5. AC railway engineering work will continue as at present to be dealt with by Transportation Sub-Commission at HQ, and not by Regional Transportation Officers; the following HQ officers are nominated for detachment to Northern Italy:

Railway Civil Engineering - Major F. G. Buckley (B)
Railway Mechanical Engineering - Major E.N.B. Jeffrey (B)

They will keep in touch with Lt. Col. Harris as necessary, but will report direct to their respective branches in the Rail Division of Transportation Sub-Commission, Rome.

By command of Rear Admiral STONE:

M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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12th March, 1945

SUBJECT: Telecomms Boards, Northwest Italy.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region
Att: Major R.H.Ayre, Telecomms Officer,
Florence Province.

1. Inclosed letter to Lt.Col. Young which it is requested you arrange to deliver.

2. At the same time please be sure that for Bologna necessary arrangements are being made for yourself, Dr. Fano and Lt.Col.Scudder.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Incl: One letter on the subject of A.C., A.M.G. members of Telecomms Boards in Northwest Italy.

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APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission

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12th March, 1945

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SUBJECT: Telecomms Boards Northwest Italy.

TO: G.S.O., L.of C., Italy, Main.

Inclosed for your information copy of letter of 12th March 1945 addressed to Chairman of advance Telecomms Board on the subject of A.C., A.B.G. members of Telecomms Boards in Northwest Italy.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to: G.S.O.No.2 District
Lt.Col. H.T.G.Miller
Lt.Col. G.Cumming
Capt. Collyer

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12th March 49

SUBJECT: Permits

TO: Chairman Advance Telecommunications Board

1. It is understood that Telecomms Boards will be set up in Milan, Genova and Turin and that you are arranging to obtain the necessary permits to allow entry of Board members into the territory as soon as boards commence to function.

2. Composition of Telecomms Boards has been established to include 1 officer from A.C. and 1 Officer from A.M.G. In addition it has been found advisable to have attached to the boards in the initial stages an Italian civilian communications expert. (for Rome this expert was Count Pellegrini, For Florence Dr.Fano and for Bologna Dr.Fano has been named).

3. The following are A.M.G. and A.C. nominations for Milan Genova and Turin:

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| Milan | A.M.G. | Lt.Col.George Cumming | (B) | 33003 |
| | A.C. | Lt.Col.Henry H.Scudder | (A) | 0-205393 |
| | Alternate | | | |
| | | Lt.Col.H.T.W.Millar | (B) | 263367 |
| Turin | A.M.G. | Capt. P.V.Collyer | (B) | 279977 |
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Due to shortage of officer personnel it is necessary to nominate the same officers for membership on several boards. So and that for all three boards Lt.Col.Millar is named as alternate A.C. member for Lt.Col.Scudder. This will mean that Capt. Collyer should be supplied with necessary permits for Genova and Turin and Lt.Col.Scudder and Millar with permits for Milan Genova and Turin.

4. The following proposals are made for civilian experts to be attached to the boards:

Dr.Mario Fano - Id. Card N° 2918 - Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications

Capt.Gigli Antonio - Id. Card n° 3232 - Via Flaminia 16.

Here again shortage of qualified personnel prohibits naming of one civilian expert for each board. Both civilians should be supplied with necessary permits for Milan, Turin, and Genova.

Dr.Fano proved invaluable in Florence and it is felt that his service will be even more important in the North where the labor situation may be very difficult.

Gigli is a technician who has worked in close association with Dr.Fano and the Allied Commission for over a year. In addition to being a competent engineer he has had by now a great deal of experience in rehabilitation of Communications facilities.

It is felt that both Fano and Gigli will be necessary in the North as they complement one another very well, Dr. Fano not being an engineer. In addition it is felt that for such a territory two civilians with experience in working with the

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the Allies will be needed.

5. As it is possible that Telecomms boards will be functioning before A.M.G. Regional Organizations are set up it will be necessary for billetting and messing accommodations to be provided for Lt.Cols Scudder, Millar and Cumming, Dr.Fano and Gigli at Milan and Captain Collyer at Genova or Turin.

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Subject:- Telecommunications Board - S.W Italy. SECRET

HQ 2 District CMF
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O.C. 14 L of C Signals.

Reference my Memorandum No. 5 dated 12 Feb 45.

1. CSO, L of C Italy is providing one 3 Tonner for each Telecomms Board. This is intended mainly to carry rations for military and civilian personnel, spare petrol and any other small stores.

2. In addition, A.C. are bidding for the following transport for the use of their Communications personnel.

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| MILAN | 3 tonners | - | 3 |
| GENOA | 3 tonners | - | 2 |
| TURIN | 3 tonners | - | 2 |

It is hoped that this transport will be forthcoming, and if so, it is understood will be available for Telecomms work in the initial stages by arrangement with the Communications Officers A.C. concerned.

T.A. Jarling. Colonel,
Chief Signal Officer,
MPF & G District.

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Copy to:- Col. Henderson, Director Communications
Sub-Commission, A.C.
Adv. Telecomms. Board,

D/Director
Chief Telecoms
Chief Postal

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

10 March 1945.

T.87.17.CS

SUBJECT: Transport for Communications for N.W.Italy.

TO : Regional Commissioner, LIGURIA Region.
Regional Commissioner, LOMBARDIA Region.
Regional Commissioner, PIEMONTE Region.

1. Reference Minutes of Meeting of N.W.Italy Co-ordinating Planning Committee held on 3rd March 1945, para.C 11, it is requested that the provision of transport for the restoration of civil telegraphs and telephone communications be given a high priority.

2. The situation, judging from past experiences, will be that few communications will be intact, due to damage incurred as a result of sabotage or the acts of war. However it is probable that an adequate skeleton communication system could be rapidly restored if some transport were available for the movement of civil repair personnel and essential stores, as it is likely that there will be a large number of skilled idle personnel and adequate stores in the area for such restoration purposes.

3. If such facilities could be restored early it will have a very beneficial effect onthe efficiency of Governmental control and will also tend to reduce considerably the transportation otherwise required to distribute instructions and ascertain facts. Without assistance in respect of transport, restoration of telecommunications may wait for a long time, as the military, who in present areas have restored a skeleton of civil circuits together with the provision of those for their own use, will be in such small force as to be unable to assist.

4. The transport requested is:

LOMBARDIA - 4 Lorries
PIEMONTE - 2 "
LIGURIA - 2 "

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By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

M.S.LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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in such small force as to be unable to assist.

4. The transport requested is:

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| LOMBARDIA | - | 4 Lorries |
| PIEMONTE | - | 2 " |
| LIGURIA | - | 2 " |

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

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| | - LOMBARDIA |
| | - PIEMONTE |
| Regional Commissioner Representatives | - VENEZIA |
| | - Civil Affairs Section |
| | - Economic Section |
| | - Establishments Section |
| | - Public Relations |
| | - AFHQ G-5 |
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2. A. PATRIOTS

i. Decision for feeding and clothing of patriots as a military responsibility is awaited from Combined Chiefs of Staff. AFHQ G-5 asked to press for early advice.

ii. Executive Commissioner requested AFHQ G-5 to ensure that acceptance as a military responsibility of such items in planning would not mean in lower formations the handing over of these problems to AMG.

iii./

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iii. It was agreed that the disarming of patriots must be done by those who first contact them. In the initial stages this will generally be the Army; when the patriots get back to the reception centres it will be an AMG responsibility. The question of a ceremonial parade for the laying down of arms was discussed, and it was agreed that this method might be used when suitable.

B. PERSONNEL

i. Public Works & Utility Officers - all Regions expressed concern at shortage.

ii. Labour Officers - LOMBARDIA, PIEMONTE, VENEZIA } requested additional strengths.

iii. Director Labour Sub Commission agreed to advise Provincial Commissioners at meetings to be arranged by RCs on labour problems anticipated for NW Italy.

iv. Austria lists likely to be determined this weekend.

v. Colonel Fiske impressed on RCs the necessity for prompt screening of Italian Civilian Staff.

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D. PUBLIC SAFETY

i. Spearhead strength figures would be:

| | Spearhead | First increment |
|---|---|---|
| LIGURIA ..... | 580 | 1536 |
| LOMBARDIA ..... | 1910 | 2111 |
| PIEMONTE ..... | 790 | 2461 |

ii./

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ii. It was agreed that CC.PP found in the North should be taken on after screening up to the limit of the ceiling. Above this ceiling they could be taken on as special police, and RCs would ration them as patriots.

iii. Permits - travel 10 km. and Shot guns.
Legal and Public Safety instructed to review proclamations and notices affecting limitation of travel and possession of shotguns with a view to their practical application in NW Italy.

E. PLANNING FOR GENOA

i. Progressing satisfactorily.

ii. First key plan of GENOA has been submitted by 2 District to AFHQ.

iii. Possibility of use of SAVONA as a PORT is under investigation.

F. CONCENTRATION AREAS

i. 2 District would have a planning staff at LUCCA, and the Executive Commissioner considered that one or more AMG officers should join this staff. AMG Provincial teams should go in with Area teams.

ii. LIGURIA - preliminary concentrations at CHIANCIANO

iii. LOMBARDIA - MILAN City and Province - SIENA
Regional concentration staging area SIENA

iv. PIEMONTE - preliminary concentrations with 151 Sub Area at CHIANCIANO.

G. PUBLIC RELATIONS

i. Press, Radio and Films preliminary plans were read and discussed.

ii. Question of censorship of papers by AMG referred to PWB for reconsideration.

iii. Question of early recognition of famous pre-fascist papers like "Corriere della Sera" and "La Stampa" referred to PRO to ascertain view of Italian authorities.
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v. Stressed that in broadcasts it was essential PWB consult ROs on matter of both policy and detail for Region concerned.
This to be drawn to notice of DCCAO 15 Army Group for consultation with PWB, and possibly a further point for Political Meeting of SACMED.

H. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Instructions for organisation in AMG territory will be issued by Economic Section in accordance with Italian Government procedure.

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I. WAGE SCALES & SOCIALISATION OF ITALIAN INDUSTRY

Questions under discussion by Labour, Finance and Italian Government.

3. HEADQUARTERS, 2 DISTRICT.

Likely to be MILAN or MILAN AREA and NOT ALESSANDRIA.

for

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Lt. Colonel,
Secretary,
NW Italy Coordinating Committee.

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SUBJECT: Transport

TO: Deputy Executive Officer

1. It will be essential for senior personnel of this Sub-Commission to proceed to N.W.Italy as soon as conditions permit and to remain for some time, making extensive tours in the area, if long-distance telecommunication facilities are to be established with the requisite speed. This work cannot be left to Regional officers as it is essentially a problem that must be dealt with by a co-ordinating authority.

2. It is therefore requested that Allied Commission transport be guaranteed for this purpose at 48 hours notice, suitable to carry at least two officers and one Italian communication engineer and their kit and rations. This should be a Command (U.S.) car or Staff (Br) car, plus trailer in either case.

3. Can it please be stated if this provision can be planned on with reasonable confidence.

Tel: 489081
Ext: 400

13th February, 1945

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

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File Planning Italy.

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14 FEB 45

M I N U T E S

Meeting at H.Q. Allied Commission,
12 FEB 45

PRESENT:

Brigadier T.S. Lush. C.B.,C.M.G., A.C. - Chief of Staff, A.C.

Regional Commissioners and Staffs - LIGURIA
LOMBARDIA
PIEDMONT

Regional Commissioner - VENEZIA

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Representatives - Political Section.
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A. .H.Q. G-5.
Royal Navy, Northern Area LIGD.
15 Army Gp, Civil Affairs.
5 AR[illegible], A. .C.
2 DISTRICT.
57 AREA.
Special Force.

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2. As soon as N.W. ITALY planning was completed, similar steps would be taken to plan the occupation of N.E. ITALY.

3. The Progress Report of the N.W. ITALY Coordinating Planning Committee (NWI/COORD/1A of 11 FEB) would be taken as AGENDA for the meeting. (Copies given to all present).

B.

1. Political

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LOMBARDIA
PIEMONTE

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1. Political.

a. Political Section had issued a report on [illegible] FEB 45 concerning the present situation. Supplementary reports would be added from time to time as fresh information arose. Distribution to be - R.C. LIGURIA.
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R.C. PIEMONTE.
N. . ITALY Committee.
15 Army Gp, Civil Affairs.
5 Army, A. .G.
C. .C., 2 DISTRICT.

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b. 15 ARMY GP, 5 ARMY and 2 DISTRICT were asked to forward to A.C. any pertinent additional information on the political situation within their knowledge.

2. Public Safety.

a.

i. Ceiling. The increased figure of 65,000 had been approved at A.F.H.Q. and was now dependent on final approach by Combined Chiefs of Staff.

ii. Chief of Staff instructed Public Safety to plan for taking on CC.RR found in NORTH as found necessary within terms of ceiling, or on temporary special police duty.

b. Proportion - NORTH and SOUTH ITALY.

Chief of Staff ruled that normal figure of distribution based on number of CC.RR stations be accepted, but every effort must be made to maintain equal proportions for large towns.

c. Move Forward.

i. Responsibility for moves of CC.RR once within ARMY area - 5 ARMY

ii. 5 ARMY will call forward thru P. Safety S/C.

iii. P. Safety will bid for necessary transport on - TPTN S/C.

iv. TPTN S/C accepted responsibility for provision of tpt with limits available, and according to priority decisions of Priorities Board.

d. Guards on warehouses.

i. Chief of Staff ruled that CC.RR were not guards and should not be asked for or used as such. They would be used for police duties.

ii. Establishments stated that the ceiling of ITALIAN ARMY available for A.C. was not yet exhausted and it appeared 275 men might be available.
Chief of Staff ruled that Regional Commissioners submit a bid for guards to Establishments. Establishments would take P.W. ITALY into consideration before any allotment.

e. Guardie di Finanza.

Use of GG.FF to be determined by Port of CENCA planning sub-committee.

f. Combined Police Patrols.

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g. Mobility.

i. 2 DISTRICT offered to assist with transport of CC.RR in emergency.

ii. The question of provision of mobile CC.RR units was discussed and Chief of Staff ruled that the matter be studied by P. Safety and Regions and raised at a later meeting.

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h. Coordination of Strike or Disturbance Policy.

Agreed that close coordination would be necessary between 2 DISTRICT or ARMS and Regions. Contact first with Labor and P. Safety war essential.

3. Frontier Policy.

a. A.F.H.Q., G-2 are expected to issue directive shortly.

b. Represented by Chief of Staff that individual liaison officers can not be appointed from A. .G. to Frontier Forces but Chief of Staff ruled that the closest touch be maintained between each Provincial H. Q. of a frontier Province thro his P. Safety Officer with Frontier Control.

c. R.Cs represented that Frontier Force within Provinces should come under control of P.G. and P. Safety.
2 DISTRICT concurred.

For consideration by A.F.H.Q.

d. Represented to A.F.H.Q. that CC.MP should not normally be called upon for Frontier Force. CC.MP were the better agent.

e. 2 DISTRICT agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss Frontier control policy. Those interested would be A.F.H.Q., G-2, Public Safety, A.C. Regional Public Safety Officers, A.P. s.

f. i. Agreed that no movement of Repatriates should be authorised over Frontier for at least 30 days, and in all cases to be in agreement with Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Comm., A.C.

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iii. 2 DISTRICT conference on frontier policy would also examine question of method of securing early access from say SWITZERLAND for certain individuals or officials to be named thro A.C.

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c. Combined Chiefs of Staff were also being asked to approve scale of clothing set forth in A.F.H.Q. A.G. letter AG0/033/GEN/O of 13 JAN.

d. Hospitalisation

i. Emergency assistance is to be given by both Armies during the period of AMG control - as at present.

ii. Arrangements for ITALIAN CIVILIAN Hospitalisation will apply as in para 7b of A.F.H.Q. A.G. letter 13 JAN.

iii. Rations would be on Mt. Military Scale.

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e. 2 DISTRICT foresaw no difficulty in feeding arrangements.

f. R.N. and Military authorities were requested by Chief of Staff to give preferential treatment to Patriots wherever possible in allocation of work. Labor and Recruiting officers would be at each Patriot Centre.

g. Chief of Staff agreed to Establishments reconsideration of provision of one Patriot Officer for each Regional H.Q. if D.Cs made representations.

h. In Provinces the Patriot Officer would be assigned by P.C. from his C.M.O. Staff.

i. Chief of Staff ruled that Patriot plans would include collection of Patriots by A.M.G. at centres or camps under Provincial H.Q. arrangements. At these centres an endeavour would be made to achieve a state of Patriot disarmament. Centres would be administered by staff to be found from Patriots.

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d. Agreed that Forward officer representing Local Government Sub-Comm would work in Region and Provinces thro normal channels.

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7. Legal.

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No discussion necessary.

7. Legal.

No discussion necessary.

8. Education.

No discussion necessary.

9. Monuments & Fine Arts.

No discussion necessary.

10. Mine Clearance.

a. Land mine clearance part of CMCA.
Accepted by 57 AREA as an Army responsibility in conjunction with R.N. If call would be made on A.G.

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b. Special force asked to obtain all possible advance information on disposition of mine fields.

c. 5 ARMY - 2 DISTRICT and Public Safety to forward all information on mine fields to Regions.

11. Public Health.

a. 5 ARMY and 2 DISTRICT asked to consider what civilian hospitals are likely to be required for conversion, and to notify Regions accordingly.

b. Information requested by A.C. on probable convalescent area requirements -5 ARMY, 2 DISTRICT.

c. 2 DISTRICT and M.F.H.Q., G-5 will consider obtaining hospital requirements of R.A.F. and A.A.S.

12. Displaced Persons.

a. Accommodation requirements would be discussed directly between Sub-Comm and Regions, 5 ARMY or 2 DISTRICT also being informed.

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Supplies,
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15. Transportation.

a. Chief of Staff called on Economic Section to prepare plans in conjunction with 5 AF[illegible] for transport of civilian supplies from FAR A following D- Day.

b. Chief of Staff informed A.F.H.Q., G-5 that the tonnage offered of 500 tons per day at PIOMBINO would not provide sufficient for an impact ration of 200 grammes per head.

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c. Chief of Staff instructed Economic Section to work out in conjunction with 5 ARMY the proportional priorities of food, petrol etc supply requirements to be used in ratio to ~~my~~ A.F.H.Q. tonnage figure at PARIS. D.Cs to be represented at meetings.

d. Requisition and Hire.

i. Chief of Staff stressed that removal of power of requisition was struggling work of D. .C. in forward areas, and asked for early A. .H.Q. consideration.

ii. 2 DISTRICT agreed any scheme approved by A. .H.Q. should be entirely under D.C. 5 whom 2 DIST would apply for vehicles against .E. deficiencies.

iii. D.Cs and 5 ARMY agreed that a policy of hire was preferable to requisition as less likely to drive vehicles underground, but the power of requisition should exist as a threat or for emergency.

iv. Chief of Staff instructed Establishments to complete E.O./F.E. if necessary with requisitioned vehicles in view. D.Cs stress that a large maintenance percentage of vehicle surplus is necessary if requisitioned vehicles are employed.

16. P.O.L.

Plans ready: dependent on tonnage moved forward.

17. Food.

Food Sub-Comm agreed that number of food rations for Patriots should be deducted from number of civilian rations to be issued in respective localities.

18. Agriculture.

Chief of Staff instructed arrangements to be made for Director of Sub-Comm to contact 5 ARMY and discuss policy.

19. Labour and Unemployment.

a. Information requested of wage scales under German occupation. A.F.H.Q.
15 ARMY GP.

b. Economic Section requested an appreciation of effect of military impact on industrial economy from - 5 ARMY
2 DISTRICT

c. Ruled that a Patriot who refuses work forfeits right to benefits.

20. Trade Restrictions & Price Control.

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a. Chief of Staff instructed [illegible] Committee to confer with Economic Section and reconsider, clarify and define policy of trade restrictions for U.S. ARMY.

b. Any necessary revision of General Orders so affected to be considered simultaneously.

c. Policy of Price Control to be considered at same meeting.

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21. Finance.

Discussion not required.

22. Price Control.

See 20.c. above.

23. Industry & Commerce.

a. Commerce Sub-Comm is shortly producing a manual on procedure in connection with A.F.L.R.B. Policy.

b. Represented by A.O. and 2 DISTRICT that an instruction defining higher industrial policy is required from A.F.H.Q.

24. Public Works.

Programme and priorities to be submitted.

25. Power.

Brief discussion as in Progress Report.

26. Coal.

Further discussion not required.

27. Communications.

a. 2 DISTRICT signal plan includes W.T. from R.C.s' to ALCOM.

b. Mobility problem to be taken up by Regions with G-4.

28. T.O./M.E.

a. Chief of Staff agreed to include extra number of C.A.'s required in ceiling figure.

b. Regional Patriot Officers to be considered.

c. Sub-Commissions were instructed in consultation with Est. Sec to make definite assignments to Regions, ascertain where officers were, and place them at 48 hours notice.

d. Chief of Staff authorised R.Cs to make changes amongst P.Cs already appointed within Regions provided new appointments were not made without approval H.Q. A.C.

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29. T.E./C.1098 Vehicles.

a. Establishments stated that 340 vehicles would be deficient to complete T.E.s.

b. Chief of Staff ruled that question of priority of allotment between N.W. and N.E. ITALY would be left to decision of G-4. In general U.S. vehicles from Southern Region would be allotted N.W. ITALY, British vehicles to N.E.ITALY.

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30. T.E./G.1096 Eqpt.

a. In general disposal of eqpt to be:

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| From | Lazio-Umbria | to | Lombardia. |
| From | Abruzzo- arche | to | Piemonte and Liguria. |
| From | Southern Region | to | Venezia. |

31. Town Planning.

a. MG City Command is envisaged for GENOA, where AMZA Comd and R.C. will arrive simultaneously with A.A.

b. Town Plans to be coordinated between Area and Regions, and forwarded for approval and wherever possible implementation by 5 AR A.

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Chief of Staff stated that an excess of 8,000 tons might be foreseen after 90 days, and instructed Economic Section to prepare appreciation.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
N.W. ITALY
Coordinating Planning Committee

19 FEB 45

SUBJECT : Postponement of Meeting.

In view of the Conference to be held at H.Q. 15 ARMY GROUP on 26 FEB, attended by the Chief Administrative Officer, A.M.G., the North West ITALY Coordinating Planning Committee Meeting for MONDAY, 26 FEB is cancelled until further notice.

D. [illegible]-FLETCHER,
Lt. Colonel,
Secretary,
N.W. ITALY Coordinating Committee.

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Subject:- Communications - Wireless - N^T Italy.

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HQ 2 District CMP,
2603 A.

14 Feb 45.

GSO,
I of C Italy (Main).

1. Further to my discussion with you on 9 Feb 45, I have now examined the question of a Wireless Net for AC traffic in N^T Italy.

2. It is suggested that Col Henderson should be informed that if a three-to-one wireless net ROME (contr I) GENOA - MILAN - TURIN is established, such a net would be capable of handling 10,000 groups of AC traffic daily. This figure is based on the average capacity of the operators in my Wireless Sections, and the number of cipher personnel who could be spared to handle AC traffic.

3. It should be possible to increase this figure to 12,000 groups daily after one month's continuous operating, but I suggest that the lower figure is given to Col Henderson, as we should then be left some margin for AC traffic expansion or the build-up progresses.

4. Providing that this net is only used for really "live" traffic and that all other messages are handled by the District Trunk ELS services, which will be brought into being as speedily as possible, this net should be of substantial value to AC.

5. It seems likely to me, however, that this AC net would not be established to work to all three outstations simultaneously, unless they happen to fall together. Should it open first (say) as a one-to-one link ROME - GENOA, the benefits to AC would of course be very much greater in the early stages. Later, much traffic would probably pass between outstations, the AC supply Post, GENOA, to MILAN and TURIN. I have appended a suggested phased diagram for the development of the net as Appendix "A".

6. It is confirmed that the 3 outstation Wireless Sets (SCR 399's) can be found from 14 I. & C. Eligible technicians, and it is understood that you are providing the control station set.

7. The sets will have to be located on my wireless Bases, and the traffic will be handled by my Area cipher offices. We will therefore have to make the arrangements for collection and delivery of traffic.

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4. Providing that this net is only used for really "live" traffic and that all other messages are handled by the District Trunk WLS services, which will be brought into being as speedily as possible, this net should be of substantial value to AC.

5. It seems likely to me, however, that this AC net would not be established to work to all three stations simultaneously, unless they happen to fall together. Should it open first (say) as a one-to-one link ROME - CENTO, the benefits to AC would of course be very much greater in the early stages. Later, much traffic would probably pass between outstations, the AC supply Post, CENTO, to MILAN and TURIN. I have appended a suggested spread diagram for the development of the net at Appendix "A".

6. It is confirmed that the 3 Marconi Wireless Sets (SCR 399's) can be found from 14 I of C Signals readily, and it is understood that you are providing the control station set.

7. The sets will have to be located on my wireless Posts, and the traffic will be handled by my Area cipher offices. AC will therefore have to make the arrangements for collection and delivery of traffic.

Colonel.
Chief Signal Officer,
No. 2 District.

Copies:- 14 I of C Signals.
Central Diary (2).

Col Henderson,
Director Communications,
Sub Commission, AC.

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# APPENDIX "A"

## PROJECTED A.C. WIRELESS LINES. N.W. ITALY

PHASE I

(1) Assuming Genoa falls first

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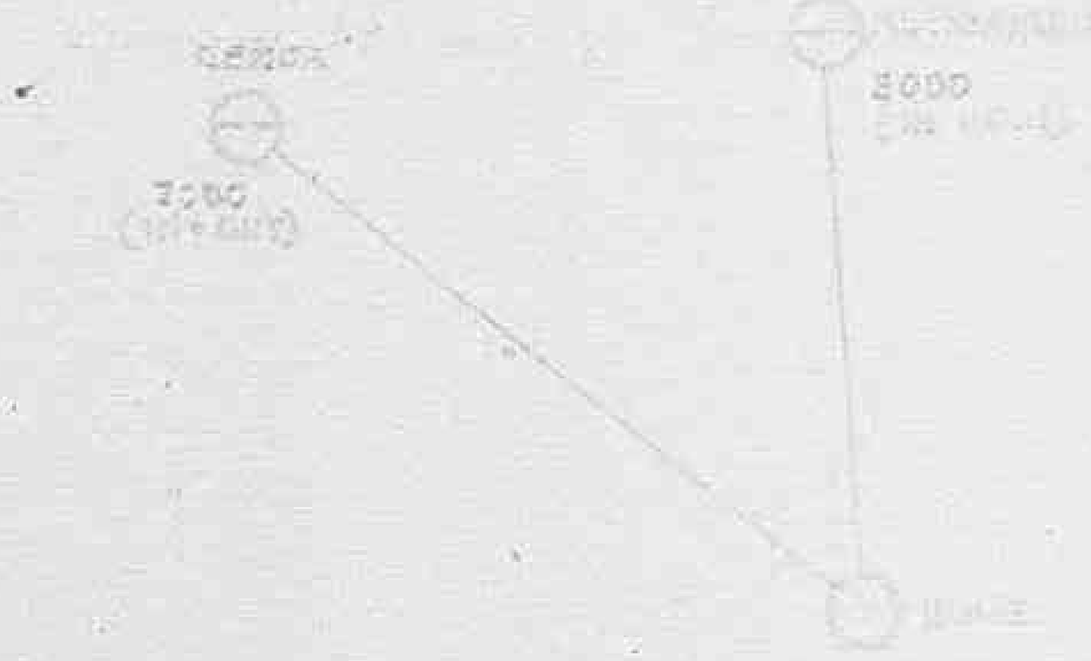
(2) Assuming Genoa and Alessandria fall.




PHASE II

Assuming Turin also before [illegible]

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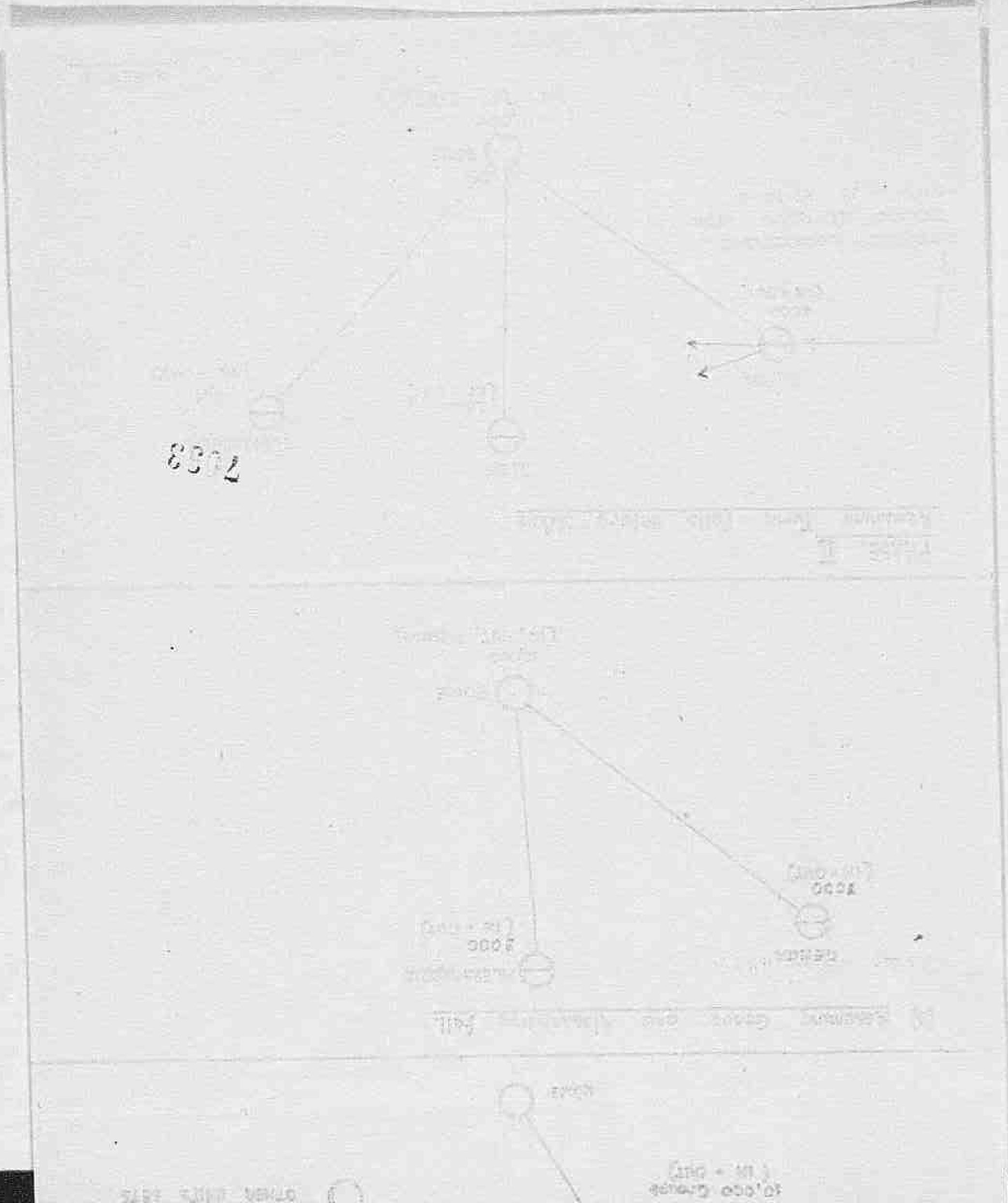

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Telephone 489681 Ext 400

T.31.34.CS 9th February 1945

Subject: Alcom Communications.

To : A.F.H.Q. (attn: Chief Signal Officer).

Reference your X P15 dated 30th October 1944.

1. The question of supply of radio and cipher detachments for the communications between the Regional HQrs of the Allied Commission and the HQrs of the Commission in the initial stages of the occupation of N.I. Italy has been raised again.

2. The matter was discussed with you at AFHQ recently and you instructed me to re-state the case which would receive your favourable consideration.

3. The problem is the provision of communications before line circuits can be established, to cover the period during which the problems of supply and administration for the large civil population will be of the highest urgency.

4. It is recommended that four wireless detachments be attached to this Commission, to provide a net between the Allied Commission Headquarters at MILAN, TURIN, GENOA and ROME.

5. It would be preferable if Allied cipher detachments could also be attached with each station; if this is not practicable it may be possible to use Italian personnel for the class of message traffic in this organisation.

6. The personnel and equipment would of course be returned when line communications had been established.

J.I.HENDERSON,
Colonel,
Director.

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N.W.ITALY - COORDINATING PLANNING COMMITTEE
A G E N D A - 12 MAY 45

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NWI/COMP/1A PROGRESS REPORT 11 MAY 45

1. POLITICAL

Main Problem is PATRIOTS.

2. Public Safety.

a. Ceiling of Carabinieri insufficient.

b. Disproportion Carabinieri per population NORTH of SOUTH ITALY.

c. Forward move will need coordination
P. SAFETY
5 ARMY AG
TUSK S/C

d. Guards on AMG warehouses.
Can 4-500 Italian army personnel allotted AC by NMIA but not assigned by Establishments be posted?

e. CC.FF and duties Port of GENOA.
Subject for discussion LIGURIA
R.N.
57 AREA.

f. Disturbances.
i. Mobility required for Carabinieri. G-1.
ii. Coordination 2 DISTRICT for strike policy. 2 DISTRICT

3. Frontier Policy.

a. Directive awaited from A.C.M.B.

b. 4 Liaison Officers to AFHQ Frontier Control system could not be allotted on permanent basis from AC personnel.

c. Carabinieri for Frontier Control should not come off Regional spear-heads.

d. Repatriation not to take place without
DISPLACED PERSONS & REPAT S/C.

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b. Distribution Curtailment for personnel NORTH of LOWER ITALY.

c. Forward move will need coordination
P. SAVOY
5 ARMY A.G
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4. Patriots.

Directive awaited A.F.H.Q.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

a. Method of appointment Prefects etc planned.

b. Local Govt rep officer to be forward
Phase I with 5 ARMY
Phase II with D.C.C.A.C.

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will use normal channels within Regions, reporting H.C. and being sent by him to P.Cs as required.

6. Excavation and Fencing.

Plans presented and approved.

7. Legal.

Plans presented and approved.

8. Education.

Plans presented and approved.

9. Monuments & Fine Arts.

Plans presented and approved.

10. Line Clearance.

Plans approved.
System for reporting mined areas and firing of danger notices required to coordinate information obtained by

a. Tpc - 5 AB.X & 2 DIS.RICT

b. Care&Indicat - PUBLIC SAFETY.

11. Public Health.

a. Plans presented and approved.

b. Military hospital etc requirements to be obtained by liaison
i. AC - PUBLIC HEALTH. 2 DISTRICT.

ii. R. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - AREAS.

12. Displaced Persons & Registration.

a. Plan to be reviewed.

b. Details to be forwarded to Regions of requirements for camps, billets and hospitals.

c. Rqts to be submitted by D.P. & R. S/C to A.C. for

Supplies
Food supplies
Clothing & Bedding

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Plans presented and approved.

9. Monuments & Wire Acts.

Plans presented and approved.

10. Line Clearance.

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System for reporting mined areas and fixing of danger notices received to coordinate information obtained by

a. Tpr - 5 ARMY & 2 DISTRICT

b. Cambridge - PUBLIC SAFETY.

11. Public Health.

a. Plans presented and approved.

b. Military hospital etc requirements to be obtained by Liaison
i. AC - PUBLIC HEALTH. 2 DISTRICT.

ii. R. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS - AREAS.

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Supplies
Med Supplies
Clothing & Welfare
Staff
Trans.

13. Salvage & War Materials.

a. Required a directive on powers of disposal of R.C., P.C. or G.O.C.

SALVAGE SUB-COM.

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b. Ruling that AFHQ do not hand vehicles or spare parts to civilians without concurrence A.C.
Requested from A.F.H.Q.

c. Liaison required by Regions with SALVAGE OFFICERS, AREAS.

14. Public Relations.

a. Plans for N.W.ITALY required from P.R.B.
P.R.C.

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ECONOMIC SECTION &
TTPI S/C

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TTPI S/C with 5 ARMY.

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17. Food.

Plans for N.W.ITALY NOT presented. FOOD S/C.

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19. Labour and Unemployment.

a. Policy concerning application of Lago Scale in M. .ITALY required. A.F.H.Q.

b. Information required of scales being employed under German occupation. A.F.H.Q.
15 ARMY GP.
SPECIAL FORCE.

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c. Clarification required of Registration and Labour Office Policy.

LABOR FINANCE with IT GOVT.

d. Liaison to avoid [illegible] misappropriation of factories.

REGIONS with 5 ARMY
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Policy agreed.

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Plans approved.

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ECONOMIC SECTION.

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Plans for M. .TRALY not presented.

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a. Planning in connection with [redacted] progressing slowly.

b. No hope to before mid-summer. from U.S. or U.K. of power units.

26. Coal.

NO imports last 30 days.

27. Communications.

a. Initial mobility requested. Not approved by G-4

b. Questions of W/T. from Regions to AIOC urgently required. A.F.H.Q.

over/ [illegible]

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27. Cont.
c. Alternatively - will 2 DI.RECT and ADMN have T.E. link with AEOC .

28. T.C./.E. C-1

Officers
i. Ceilings discussed, increased & approved.
ii. Deficiencies - approx 56 C.A.Cs
to be found - 40 owed by N.W.E.Q.
16 from E.Q., A.C.
This will not account for further 12 C.A.Cs approved by C of S "if available".
P.Ens & Utility specialists also lacking.

iii. Request assignments by sub-Organisations are be made definite. for Decision C of S.

iv. Request that R.Cs may have authority to change one R.C. with another within Regions as found necessary, notifying A.C. for Decision C of S.

b. E.../C.E.
i. Plans deficient.

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29. T.E./C.1098 Vehicles. C-4

a. .E. discussed and bris-down.

b. Vehicles NOT allotted to complete .E.

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a. .E. discussed and laid-down.

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31. Town Planning.
Need for liaison over areas, H.Qs, Buildings, billets, warehouses etc required for A..C. or civil authorities by Regions. 5 ARMY
2 DISTRICT
CENAS

32. PORT OF UNION PLANNING
In Progress. R.N.
57 DEMA
Region LIGURIA.

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a. The question of enemy destruction could not be assessed at this stage, but throughout the Regions 80% destruction was expected.
b. MILAN was the hub of N.W. Communications, with nodal points at
CASTEGGIO (LOMBARDIA)
ALESSANDRIA (PIEMONTE)
c. Requests for necessary use of cable by A.C. had been submitted to 2 DISTRICT.
d. Time lag for introduction of communications was:
i. MILAN - TURIN - GENOA - a minimum of 14 - 21 days.
ii. to ROME - 30 days.

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12. Instruments - Noted that installations in MILAN, TURIN and GENOA were of British manufacture.

13. Immediate Services -

a. Under Army - the minimum number of A.M.G. lines would be asked for from Army switchboards.

b. At Regional H.Q. - it was hoped that a manual sopt with minimum lines would be installed for emergency use.

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i. Applications for wireless from each Regional Commissioner to M.G. A.G. had been turned down by A.F.H.Q.
ii. The matter was being taken up with a view to at least a link from MILAN to ALGIERS.
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d. Postal - 25 word post-cards to ROME would be permitted as early as possible - estimated at approx 4 days after liberation of capital cities.

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i. Teams were with 5 Force and would be provided as necessary.
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26. Liaison - Regions were advised to liaise closely with local military salvage officers.

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| PIEMONTE ) LIGURIA ) | Major Trevelyan. | Capt Drummond. |
| LOMBARDIA | Capt Collier | Capt Alecio. |

It Colonel Scudder and It Colonel Miller from Communications Sub-Commission would themselves go forward to MILAN to establish a coordinating H.Q.

10. Vehicles. Mobility was essential to obtain early communications. Each Region was requested to allot from organic transport one jeep for officer transport and the following trucks for personnel and equipment:

| | SIX by SIX | 15 cwt |
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| LOMBARDIA | 2 | 2 |
| PIEMONTE | 1 | 1 |
| LIGURIA | 1 | 1 |

11. Cable.
a. The question of enemy destruction could not be assessed at this stage, but throughout the Regions 80% destruction was expected.
b. MILAN was the hub of P.T. Communications, with nodal points at
CASTEGGIO (LOMBARDIA)
ALESSANDRIA (PIEMONTE)
c. Requests for necessary use of cable by A.C. had been submitted to 2 DISTRICT.
d. Time lag for introduction of communications was:
i. MILAN - TURIN - GENOA - a minimum of 14 - 21 days.
ii. to ROME - 30 days.

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12. Instruments - Noted that installations in MILAN, TURIN and GENOA were of British manufacture..

13. Immediate Services -

a. Under Army - the minimum number of A.M.G. lines would be asked for from Army switchboards.

b. At Regional H.Q. - it was hoped that a manual sqpt with minimum lines would be installed for emergency use.

c. Wireless -

i. Applications for wireless from each Regional Commissioner to M.G. A.G. had been turned down by A.F.H.Q.

ii. The matter was being taken up with a view to at least a link from MILAN to ALCOM.

iii. The Committee stressed the long distances involved and subsequent delays in contact with ROME, and asked Communications Sub-Commission to press the matter with A.F.H.Q.

d. Postal - 25 word post-cards to ROME would be permitted as early as possible - estimated at approx 6 days after liberation of capital cities.

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i. Teams were with 5 Force and would be provided as necessary.

ii. C.A.C.s would have no telephone or postal responsibilities other than administration (viz. payment) of A.M.G. or Censor employees.

D. SALVAGE and WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL

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15. Vehicles -

a. Salvaged and enemy vehicles were under control of A.F.H.Q. Ex-German or Italian vehicles were blocked, and no title to such could be given to Italian persons or firms.

b. Vehicles proved to have been the authorised property of the Italian Ministries of Marine, Army or Air could be claimed by their representatives.

16. Italian Salvage - Groups were being formed, but would in all cases be instructed to report to and work thro the Regional Commissioners.

17. Salvage within N.T. ITALY would be a Regional responsibility, not A.C.

18. Disposal of Salvage -

a. Document 13657/F of 21 DTC outlining the accounting procedure was brought to the notice of the Committee. /Disposal

b. War material S/C was requested to issue a directive stating what were the powers of disposal for C.A.Cs or R.Cs. At present the matter was understood to be one of local discretion.

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a. Salvage representatives recommended that contracts be made with certain civilian organisations to collect, repair and hand over such vehicles

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20. Liaison - Regions were advised to liaise closely with local military salvage officers.

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SUBJECT: Change of location of office.

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Communications Sub-Commission.

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Chief of Staff.

N.W. Italy - Control from Headquarters, Allied Commission.

1. A vital point in the planning for N.W. Italy which so far has not been officially raised at conferences on this subject seems to me to be the site of the Headquarters from which Headquarters, Allied Commission shall retain control of this area.

2. The situation, as I see it developing, will be affected by the following factors:-

(a) The distance of MILAN is nearly double that of Florence from Rome. Roads in the early stages are sure to be difficult and there are the Appenines to cross. Air travel will be limited by weather if the occupation is before Summer. Road transport, as we know, is not easy. Allied Commission cars are deteriorating, especially for long distance journeys.

(b) Time taken for letters by road will similarly be increased. Complicated communications cannot be carried out by telephone, even if the lines are in existence. Signal lines will probably be the best method.

(c) Civil Affairs Section in 15 Army Group, will be of no assistance, as N.W. Italy is not in their area. There will be a small Liaison Section with No.2 District, but this will not be sufficiently high powered to act as a forward Headquarters.

(d) The most difficult problems are certainly to be encountered in this part of Italy. Here it is that we shall meet the real problems of labour, food distribution, unemployment, patriots, and the dominating political problem of the Committee of National Liberation.

3. Will it be possible for the Regional Commissioners to manage these matters on their own without reference to Headquarters ? The choice, as I see it, lies between dividing the Headquarters up into two, as was done before with very unsatisfactory results, when the Main Headquarters was at Naples and the Rear Headquarters at Salerno. The distance there between the two Headquarters was small, but everyone knows the handicap it imposed. To a certain extent the same situation arose when the Italian Government moved to Rome in June and the move of the Main Headquarters was delayed for a month. The extra distance here made the position that much more difficult. How much more difficult will it not be, therefore, to have a small Headquarters, say, in Rome, to deal with the Italian Government, and the Main Headquarters up at Milan, a distance of 400 miles away.

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5. Nevertheless, under the circumstances set out in paragraph 2 above, it is my opinion that one should attempt to control the situation by maximum delegation to the Regional Commissioners on the spot, coupled with the best communications which can be made available, so as to enable quick and frequent visits to be made from Headquarters, rather than by a split of Headquarters with the consequent dislocation and disruption which ensues.

(Signed) C.W.I.Shipp
Lt.Col.
C.S.O.
To C.O.S.

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ECONOMIC SECTION

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SUBJECT: Reclassification - "Outline Plan of Economic Operations in Northwestern Italy."

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TO: Colonel Henderson. 2/12/44 HTWS/epc

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLANS FOR N.ITALY

1. General: Plans for N.Italy have made provision for the following:

a. Replacement of seriously damaged exchanges.
b. " " " " repeater stations.
c. Preparation of skeleton circuit schedules.
d. Repairs to main underground cables.
e. " " overhead routes.
f. Voice Frequency telegraph backbone system.
g. Collection of information and its provision to Telecommunications Officers.

Certain of the equipment required for the above purposes can be obtained by cannibalisation, while some will be provided from local military sources. In addition, a requisition has been sent to A.F.H.Q. for essential equipment not available in this theatre.

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A limited amount of overhead stores has been reserved for N.Italy but it is small since the enemy has left very little wire, etc. behind. It will be necessary therefore to act as in South Italy, that is, to cannibalise. Some wire has been ordered on the requisition in para.1, while it is hoped to have more manufactured in Italy soon.

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7. V.F. Telegraph Systems: Owing to the high traffic carrying capacity of V.F. Telegraph systems, all plant of this kind has been collected and forms part of a backbone telegraph system which will join Palermo, Naples, Rome and Bari, Florence, Bologna and Milan. For instance Rome - Bologna - Milan route will have 12 channels. It is planned that should other V.F. telegraph equipment become available, it will be used on certain specified routes.

8. Information: Comprehensive information has been collected for the use of Telecommunications Officer which includes details of exchanges, cables, overhead routes, names of senior members of staff, damage already caused to plant by bombing, etc.

R.T.W. MILLAR
Lt. Colonel
Chief Telecommunications
Officer, HQ. A.C.Com. S/C.

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TO: CSO, HQ LF and MLO
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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SUBJECT: Provision and Calling Forward Procedure in Respect of "Technical Stores" Requirements - BALKANS.

TO : All Concerned:

1. Where a Task Force is appointed, Engineer, Transportation and Telecommunication technical stores requirements common to both civil and military end use will be demanded through service channels as "military" requirements.

2. The extent to which any such stores, plant or equipment, surplus to continuing military needs, are transferred to civilian authority on completion of military operations will depend upon the extent of justification for their retention for civil end use. They will not be transferred to civil end use until such justification has been submitted by the heads of services in the field, and approved by this headquarters.

3. Where no Task Force is appointed, or where the Commander of the Task Force or Military Liaison Headquarters respectively require technical stores solely for minimum essential civil "relief program", demands for requisite stores shall:

a. Be channelled through G-5, this headquarters, to Staff Sections of this headquarters concerned.

b. State whether such stores are within agreed CCAC allocations.

c. Indicate where such stores are in excess of CCAC agreed allocation, and provide covering justification for such supplementary requirements under the following heads:

Rating I: Supplies to prevent disease or unrest, the occurrence of which might prejudice the military operations. These supplies must be justified on the basis of absolute essentialities only.

Rating II: Supplies essential to the maintenance of economic, industrial and civilian life of the country to such an extent that the lack thereof would cause severe internal repercussions, although not to the extent of Rating I (Jeopardizing of Military Operations).

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Rating III: Such supplies as are necessary for the production of foods which contribute directly to the war program of the Allies.

Rating IV: Supplies important to the industrial and civilian life of the country, the lack of which would not, however, cause severe internal repercussions.

4. Upon receipt of demands under paragraph 3, above, the provisions of CCS Signal GAY 42, dated 4 October, will apply and Staff Sections of this headquarters concerned will:

a. Assess provisioning priorities, and meet demands accordingly from military stocks in Mediterranean Theater, to the extent available.

b. Seek CCAC authority through G-5 channels to requisition deficiencies through normal military supply channels.

c. Recommend to CCAC through G-5 when submitting requirements or requisitions, as to which portion of relative supplies should be furnished by the United States or the United Kingdom Technical Supply Services, taking into account zones of responsibility, location and proximity of supply facilities, and availibility in the theater, but these considerations shall not necessarily be to the exclusion of other considerations.

5. It will be a responsibility of the commander in the field to insure that adequate accounting arrangements are initiated to insure that all technical stores issued for civil end use will be so reflected.

6. Instructions relative periodic statements, stock returns, etc, required in the above connection, will be issued by responsible AFHQ Directorates.

7. Such plant and equipment, the provision of which was originally agreed by CCAC for the purpose of opening of ports, etc, will not be demanded as part of the civil relief supply program, if a Military "Technical Unit", together with its technical equipment, is appointed for the purpose of performing the relative task.

8. Technical stores hitherto earmarked against Balkan relief requirements in both ME and CMF Theaters, together with such additional technical stores as can be made available from military sources within the Mediterranean Theater against Balkan requirements, will fall under the control of relative AFHQ services (British) concerned only.

9. The above instructions cancel all previous instructions relating to provisioning and call forward procedure of Transportation, Engineer and Telecommunication stores for BALKAN civil requirements.

By command of General WILSON:

C. W. CHRISTENBERRY,
Colonel, AGD,
Acting Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Telecommunications - North Italy.
Req. No. MSB-18h-STG (IAC Airgram 39).

TO : AFHQ - G-5 Section
(Economic and Supply Division).

1. Reference your G-19 of 13 October 1944.

2. As a result of a meeting of officers from your Division, from C.S.O's Office (AFHQ), and from the Communications Sub-Commission of this Headquarters, 1st December 1944 at AFHQ, it is requested that Requisition No. MSB-18h-STG (IAC Airgram 39) be cancelled and that it be replaced by the attached Requisition No. AC-STG-62-45. As stated at the meeting, these requirements will no doubt be referred to C.S.O., L. of C. for treatment as a military project. Certain items shown on MSB-18h-STG have been excluded from the new list for the reasons given below:

A. Line Plants

1. At the time of preparation of the original requisition, it was the military intention to withdraw standard equipment as the Armies moved forward, replacements to be made from commercial equipment supplied via Allied Commission Channels. Since non-military types of equipment were involved, it was reasonable for this Headquarters to prepare the necessary demands.

2. Now that a supply of military standard line equipment for civil needs is contemplated, it is obviously unnecessary to remove military equipment installed by A.A.I. since it would be substituted by identical equipment.

3. Some time ago, this Headquarters supplied C.S.O., A.A.I. with a statement of the minimum circuit requirements for Northern Italy to permit A.M.G. or the Italian Government to function satisfactorily.

a. It will be observed from the attached copy of a Memorandum from C.S.O., A.A.I. (No. 2735X3 of 22nd Nov.) that the military project includes provision for these requirements, and that the military equipment will not be recovered ultimately except in certain instances.

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b. Accordingly, repeater and ringing equipments and a few associated items have been excluded from attached requisition.

3. Exchange Plants:

1. Certain toll type switchboards have been found in stores depots in Northern Italy, and others have been recovered from damaged exchanges. Ten positions can be repaired and used for L.D. working in place of ten of the toll boards listed in MED-184-540.

2. S.C.S. Natoum placed an order with the F.A.T.M.E. factory of Rome for 92 exchange switchboards, of which only a proportion is required for military use. Certain essential materials are required from Allied sources before the boards can be manufactured.

a. It is believed by officers of C.B.C., AFHQ., and G.S.C., L. of C., that, instead of completing most of the 92 positions, the F.A.T.M.E. Coy could build in reasonable time 54 local CB and 20 toll positions to new specifications for the use of A.C. and the Italian Government, which represents the balance of the positions ordered on MED-184-540.

3. Accordingly, assuming P.B.S. will supply certain essential materials for the construction of these boards, these have been excluded from requisition No. AC-310-62-45 and they will now be made locally.

4. Ringing machines have been found in Rome and they have also been omitted from the attached requisition.

5. It will be observed from the new specifications that reference is made to the manufacture of storage batteries in Italy. Success depends as in the case of switchboards, on continued military assistance being given to the companies concerned in the provision of certain essential materials.

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Lt. Colonel, S. C.
Chief, Requisition Division

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SUBJECT: Communication for Military Govt. in Northern Italy.

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Adv. Headquarters,
AlliedArmies in Italy.

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Communications Sub-Commission,
Headquarters Allied Commission.

Copy to : CSC L of C (ITALY)

This is in reply to your letter of A/29/CS of 11 Nov 44.

1. A combined user project for the restoration of the underground cable system in Northern Italy is now under preparation by CSC L of C (ITALY).

2. The scope of the project has been based on the scale of communications required (including the requirements of theAllied Commission on behalf of Military Government) and on the availability of stores. The cable sizes and scale of circuit provisions will be substantially as shown in Cable Engineering Instruction No. 28 of No. 1 UK Cable Coy, a copy of which you hold, except that where damage is less than anticipated, it may be possible to increase the scale by the utilization of civil equipment recovered in situ.

3. It is not intended that military equipment utilized in the restoration of the underground cable system to the scale of theproject will be recovered except the items mentioned in para 5 or where a re-distribution of recovered civil equipment permits.

4. It is understood that an AFHQ Signal Instruction is about to be issued dealing with the subject of the transfer of military communication equipment left in situ.

5. Certain items of military equipment are in short supply and expedients have been restored to, in order that a working installation might be effected. It is desirable that Allied Commission take provision action in respect of the following:

(a) 24 v and 130 v Power Plants to extend of 15 station or such proportion as it is estimated will be damaged by enemy action. Each power plant is assumed to comprise charge/discharge battery installations and means of chargingfrom an AC supply. Prime-mover alternator sets need not be included.

(b) Toll Test Boards to the extent of 15 stations or a proportion thereof to permit of:-

(i) DC Tests and Fault Localisation.
(ii) AC Transmission Tests.
(iii) Test Field Facilities.

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(ii) AC Transmission Tests.
(iii) Jack Field Facilities.

To make up for the deficiency of built Toll Test Boards, our practice heretofore has been to provide these items as follows:

(i) By the provision at of 1 Resistance Tester No. 3 and 1 Tester I-49 alternately.
(ii) The only source of provision of this item is the US Signal Corps Packaged VF Test Equipment type X-61821-C.
(iii) From miscellaneous sources.

These items could therefore be quoted in lieu of the complete test boards.

Major-General
Chief Signal Officer

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Acting Deputy, Chief of Staff
Economic Section

| Item No. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | None | Bridge Meggar for battery operation | EA. | 2 |
| 2. | TMS-12A or 13A (U. K.) | Transmission Measuring Sets, portable | EA. | 8 |
| 3. | 19 C (U. K.) | Oscillators, for Item 2. | EA. | 8 |
| 4. | 5 A (U. K.) | Attenuators | EA. | 8 |
| 5. | EE 70 or EE 65 U.S.Sig Corps | Test Case, with equipment | EA. | 22 |
| 6. | TM 47 U.S.Sig Corps | Maintenance Set Tools, for telephone exchanges | EA. | 15 |
| 7. | M 31 (U.S.)or No. 6 (U.K.) | Solder, Tin-Lead wire, resin core for internal connections | Lbs. | 12,000 |
| 8. | M 33 (U.S.)or No. 8 (U.K.) | Solder, Tin-Lead, Solid for plumbing underground cable joints, together with sufficient splicing material (less lead sleeves) for 1500 splices | Lbs. | 12,000 |
| 9. | None | Sleeve, Jointing, Paper or Cotton, for local type underground cables - miscellaneous sizes | lbs. | 100,000 |
| 10. | None | Packaged VF Test Equipment, Type X-61821-C of U.S. Sig. Corps | EA. | 15 |

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| Item No. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 11. | None | Testers I-49 | EA. | 8 ✓ |
| 12. | None | Resistance Testers No. 3 | EA. | 7 ✓ |
| 13. | None | Wire, Cadmium Copper - 70 lbs. per mile single conductor, bare, solid; or wire copper 150 lbs. or 173 lbs. | FT. | 5,280,000 ✓ |
| 14. | None | Cable Switchboard, 20 pairs | FT. | 61,000 ✓ |
| 15. | None | Cable Switchboard, 10 pairs | FT. | 36,000 ✓ |
| 16. | None | Wire Jumper, cross-connecting | FT. | 24,200 ✓ |
| 17. | None | Avometers or AC/DC Voltmeters | EA. | 2 ✓ |
| 18. | None | Battery, storage, 24 volts for valve filament supply - 1200 amp. hrs. capacity | EA. | 8 ✓ |
| 19. | None | Battery, storage, 24 volts for valve filament supply - 800 amp. hrs. capacity | EA. | 5 ✓ |
| 20. | None | Battery, Storage, 24 volts for valve filament supply - 600 amp. hrs. capacity | EA. | 14 ✓ |
| 21. | None | Battery, storage, 130 volts for valve plate supply - 400 amps. hrs. capacity | EA. | 8 ✓ |
| 22. | None | Battery Storage, 130 volts for valve plate supply - 300 amps. hrs. capacity | EA. | 8 ✓ |
| 23. | None | Battery Storage, 130 volts for valve plate supply - 200 amps. hrs. capacity | EA. | 14 ✓ |
| 24. | None | Battery, storage, 24 volts for operation of CB exchanges - 1000 amp. hrs. capacity | EA. | 2 ✓ |

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| Item No. | | | | |
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| 25. | None | Battery,storage, 24 volts for operation of CB exchanges - 800 amp. hrs. capacity | EA. | 4 |
| 26. | None | Battery,storage, 24 volts, for operation of CB exchanges - 600 amp. hrs. capacity | EA. | 6 ✓ |
| 27. | None | Motor Generator, consisting of electric motor driving two generators. Mains supply and output as stated below: | EA. | 15 ✓ |

Name received after

| Number of Sets | Voltage of Supply | Cycles of Supply and Phases | OUTPUT OF GENERATORS Filament Supply Volts | Amps | Plate Supply Volts | Amps |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | 220 | 50 | 190 | 60 | 35 | 170 |
| 1 | 220 | 42 | 190 | 60 | 35 | 170 |
| 1 | 160 | 42 | 190 | 40 | 35 | 110 |
| 1 | 350 | 42 | 190 | 40 | 35 | 110 |
| 2 | 260 | 42 | 190 | 40 | 35 | 110 |
| 6 | 220 | 42 | 190 | 30 | 35 | 80 |
| 1 | 220 | 50 | 190 | 30 | 35 | 80 |

28. None Engine Generator, consisting of petrol or parafin driven engine coupled to one generator. Output to be as follows: EA. 6 ✓

| Number of Sets | OUTPUT Volts | Amps. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 35 | 140 |
| 2 | 35 | 110 |
| 3 | 35 | 80 |

29. 78-9329.2 - U.S.Ord. Truck, Cargo, Body, 1½ tons, 4 x 4, 2-DT EA. 100 X

30. 15 CWT. Truck U.K. Truck, Cargo, Body, 15 CWT. EA. 50 X

END OF ITEMS

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NOTE: Items Nos. 9-17 - These carry no item numbers in the Signal Corps Catalogues, but carry designations same as given under column headed "Articles".

NOTE: Item Nos. 18-28 - See Paragraph III-C, "Justification".

DELIVERY: Ship as indicated above not later than 15 February 1945; sooner if possible.

JUSTIFICATION:

I. This requisition provides for the minimum local and long distance telephone service necessary in Northern Italy to deal with political unrest and other similar difficulties which would probably affect military operations.

II. Items 1 to 17 above are military standard items. The other items are larger than the usual military given due to the fact that service even on a skelton basis, in the big cities, necessarily requires equipment of greater power than that needed by a military HQ.

III. The following comments are made with referenceto specific items on the requisition.

(a) Items 1,2,3,4,5,6,10,11,12,17: The country has been stripped of testing equipment and tools by theGermans. Most of the transmission equipment listed is to partly re-equip fifteen of the 23 repeater stations servin the main operational cables North of Rome. The remainder is to provide a small amount of portable equipment for stations south of Rome.

(b) The test sets and tools are for the maintenance of exchanges North of Florence, to replace items likely to be removed by the enemy.

(b) Items 7 and 8: There is no solder left in the country south of the front line, and very little has been found since the enemy withdrew. There is no tin available.

Accordingly the need of solder is vital and installation and repair work at themoment depends entirely on military supplies.

(c) Items 18 to 28.

(1) Six local type exchange switchboards will shortly be manufactured in Rome. It is intended that they should be used to provide a skeleton service in the bigger cities of Northern Italy in the event of destruction of, or, serious damage to the existing telephone exchanges, and they have been

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allocated in the first place as follows:

| | |
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| 16 positions | Milano |
| 10 positions | Genova |
| 10 positions | Torino |
| 6 positions | Bologna |
| 6 positions | Venezia |
| 6 positions | Trieste |

(2) It will be necessary to provide batteries and charging plant for the above. (but not singing machines which are available). This power plant is listed in Items 24 to 26 and 28.

(3) C.S.C. AMI. will install military repeater and associated equipment for civil use in North Italy but he is unable to provide the necessary batteries and mains driven charging plant for 15 out of about 23 operational repeater stations north of Rome. These are specified in Items 18 to 23 and 27.

(4) C.S.O., AFHQ, expects that storage batteries will shortly be made locally with assistance from P.B.I. and that the above batteries can therefore be manufactured in Italy. This will no doubt be confirmed. These batteries are not standard military items. The 350 amp.hrs. batteries in R.Signal's use could be used instead of Items 21 to 23.

(5) In Item 27, the output current has been calculated roughly on a 7 hour charging rate. This rate is not essential, and if machines are more readily available for charging at any rates between the 7 hours and (say) the 12 hours rates, they would be acceptable.

A suitable build-up of rectifiers would be accepted instead of motor generators, and would be preferable in many cases due to the wider range of voltage and cycles likely to be covered by the rectifiers.

(6) There are no known military equivalents for plant shown under Item 28. There are several combinations of plant that might be supplied should the engine generators specified be in short supply e.g. a standard engine generator supplying say 220 volts could be used in conjunction with (say) a pair of 30 amp. rectifiers and float scheme.

As in III (C) 5 above an output based on the 7 hours rate is not essential.

(7) It is understood that power plant of somewhat similar specification to the plant in Items 27 and 28, although not on military standard lists, is obtainable via military channels for military projects. The C.S.C. A.F.H.Q. would probably therefore be able to assist in the early provision of such plant.

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(d) Items 29 and 30:

There are only a few trucks in poor condition available for maintenance and repair of Italian Telecommunications plant. Some have been lent by Military HQ's for the maintenance of entirely military communications, but these are not even sufficient for this purpose. Many military lines are maintained by Italian staff.

The plant is steadily deteriorating through storms, theft, and lack of maintenance work.

It seems probable that the Italians will be asked to maintain a fair number of military lines in N. Italy, and this will not be possible without theprovision of vehicles.

(e) Items 14,15 and 16:

(1) for the installations of the switchboard mentioned in Para. III (C) 1 above and.

(2) for the installation of small switchboards in towns not included in the list under Para. III (c) (1).

ANNEX: II

END OF REQUISITION

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APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

7 December 1944.

SUBJECT : Outline Plan of Economic Operations in Northwestern Italy.

TO : Distribution List below.

Attached is a paper setting out present plans for economic activities of AC/AMG in Northwestern Italy when it has been freed from enemy occupation.

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# OUTLINE PLAN OF ECONOMIC OPERATIONS IN NORTHWEST ITALY

## GENERAL

1. Definition of Area Covered.

For the purposes of this plan Northwest Italy is defined as the four regions of Liguria, Piemonte, Lombardia, and Emilia. This area has a total population of roughly 16,750,000. Included in the area are three of the largest cities in Italy: Genova, Lombardia port with a population of almost a million; Torino, where 95% of the pre-war Italian automobiles were manufactured, with a population of a million and a quarter; and Milano, largest city and industrial center of Italy, whose population exceeds two and a quarter million.

2. Plan of Outline.

This outline is divided into two principal parts. The first part deals with general matters of organization and function; the second part summarizes the plans of the several Sub-Commissions in the Economic Section with respect to Northwest Italy. It is impossible for the plans of certain Sub-Commissions to be detailed and exact. For example, because of feeding of the population is planned by the Food Sub-Commission on considerable detail, while it is difficult for the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission to state even a priority of operations until preliminary surveys can be made of the state of public utilities in the area.

## PART I - ORGANIZATION

3. Experienced teams of officers have been or will soon be assigned by each Sub-Commission to supervise operations in Northwest Italy upon the liberation of part or all of this area. These officers, who will be working in forward areas, will be alerted to move on twenty-four hours' notice into the liberated areas. They will eventually set up and assume direction of the various economic offices in Regional and Provincial Headquarters. Each officer will handle principally matters pertaining to his sector assignment, but will, of course, work in cooperation with officers of other Sub-Commissions where their work is closely related.

4. In general, these officers will have the following duties in their respective fields:

a) Advise Regional and Provincial Commissioners, and aid them in clarifying and implementing AC policy.

b) Aid in the organization and reactivation of Italian Government agencies and thereby aid in achieving unity of coordination among

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a) Advise Regional and Provincial Commissioners, and aid them in clarifying and implementing AC policy.

b) Aid in the orientation and reactivation of Italian Government operations at all levels, and in achieving proper coordination among the and between Italian agencies and the Allied Armed Forces.

c) Determine or aid in determining supply requirements and other economic needs and facilitate distribution of available supplies.

d) Work with the Security group in regard to the political fitness of Italian officials in the positions having to do with economic affairs.

e) Assist in determining needs and surpluses of restricted materials, and civilian needs for controlled materials. (This information is forwarded to the AC Headquarters for action through the Local Resources Board machinery.)

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c) Establish and maintain price ceilings.

d) Make periodic reports, collect pertinent statistical data, investigation, etc., for the Allied Headquarters AC.

e) In general, to carry out the two chief military objectives of the Economic Section in Forward Areas, AC, which are: (i) to save shipping and internal transportation by increasing the contribution from local resources to the Allied troops, (ii) to maintain a tranquil zone for the fighting forces by providing for the indispensable needs of the civilian population.

## PART II - SUB-COMMISSION PLANS

### FOOD

5. Emergency food rations have been planned as follows:

a) Flour. Rations basis for flour will depend on available stocks, milling conditions, transport, etc. The minimum ration (on page 6 the Table of Requirements in paragraph 6 is based), provides for 160 grams of flour per person per day. This ration will provide 200 grams of bread per person per day. It is hoped that corn and rice may be found in sufficient quantities to add to this basic flour ration, in which case a total grain ration of 300 grams per day may be possible.

Plans call for:

(i) Five days flour ration to every ration card holder.

(ii) Thirty days flour ration for persons in cities over 50,000 population.

(iii) One-half of a month's flour supply to be held in reserve in case damage sustained by mills is extensive.

b) Miscellaneous supplies (except salt and soap) to persons in cities over 50,000 for the first two months.

c) Miscellaneous supplies (except salt and soap) for distressed areas, hospitals, and other selected special classes estimated at one-eighth of the remaining population.

d) Salt for the total population.

e) Soap for hospitals, refugees, and other selected special classes, as required by public health Sub-Commission.

f) Milk and olive oil or fats for hospitals and sick, estimated at 3% of the total population.

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d) Salt for the total population.

e) Soap for hospitals, refugees, and other selected special classes, as required by Food Grains & Sub-Commission.

f) Milk and olive oil or fats for hospitals and sick, estimated at 2% of the total population.

g) Rations for special classes will be the same as ration scales in presently occupied territory. For example, heavy workers, under the proposed rations, would be entitled to 12½ % more than the basic flour ration.

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6. Table of food requirements for the first and second months. This assumes a ration population of 1,700,000; 3,675,000 in cities over 50,000; balance of 10,825,000.

| Food | Grams/head/day | Grams/head/mo. | Total 1st 30 da. M Tons | Total 2nd 30 da. M Tons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Flour | 180 | 4500 | 30,600 | 30,600 |
| Dried Vegetables | 15 | 400 | 2,032 | 2,032 |
| Meat & Vegetables | 15 | 400 | 2,032 | 2,032 |
| Salt | 10 | 300 | 1,529 | 1,529 |
| Sugar | 6.3 | 250 | 1,334 | 1,334 |
| Powdered milk | 30 ) 30 gr | -- | 306 | 306 |
| Olive oil or fats | 10 ) per. | -- | 153 | 153 |

7. To meet above requirements, the following arrangements have been made:

a) All foods required for the first 30 days were scheduled to be in AC forward warehouses by 30 Nov. for 1944.

b) The second month's supply of dried vegetables, meat and vegetables, milk and soup was scheduled to be in forward warehouses by 30 November 1944. The second month's supply of flour is to be in forward warehouses by 15 December 1944.

c) It is assumed that planned shipments of milk, sugar, fats, soup and grain will have arrived to take care of further needs.

8. The following program has been adopted to reduce to a minimum the necessary demands on import shipping:

a) These items will be blocked: sugar, wheat, rice, corn, olive oil, and certain milk products (those which can be kept for a period of time, such as Parmesan cheese).

b) All supplies of rationed foodstuffs are to be blocked immediately for further allocation and distribution.

c) Local grain is to be milled at the first opportunity.

d) Stockfiles will be set up as soon as possible in Genova.

All ports ships will be put to the greatest advantage.

9. Other planned arrangements:

a) The biscuit meal which is fed by 2nd Army to civilian laborers working for the Allies will be replaced from AC stocks only on the

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| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rice | 15 | 5 | 500 | 2,500 |
| Sugar | 8.7 | 600 | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Powdered milk | 20 ) % of | -- | 200 | 200 |
| Olive oil or fats | 10 ) per. | -- | 100 | 100 |

7. To meet above requirements, the following arrangements have been made:

a) All foods required for the first 30 days were scheduled to be in AC Forward Warehouses by 30 November 1944.

b) The second month's supply of dried vegetables, meat and vegetables, oils and soap was scheduled to be in forward warehouses by 30 November 1944. The second month's supply of flour is to be in forward warehouses by 15 December 1944.

c) It is proposed that planned shipments of oils, sugar, fats, soap and grain will have arrived to take care of further needs.

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c) Local grain is to be milled at the first opportunity.

d) Stockpiles will be set up as soon as possible in Genova.

All ports ships will be set up in the provincial capitals.

9. Other planned arrangements:

a) The transit meal which is fed by the Army to civilian laborers working for the Allies will be purchased from AC stocks only on the authority of the Food Sub-Commission and at the consumption rate of one meal per day, as established in AFHQ Adv Hdq Gen Letter 47/4Q of 6 February 1944.

b) The reporting program will be that worked out in previously-occupied territory by AC Headquarters and the Federazione Dei Consorzi Agrari; that is, (a) 10 day warehouse stock report on all supplies, (b) monthly reports on surpluses and deficiencies.

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AGRICULTURE

10. General.

The duty of agricultural officers in that of accompanying and supporting the Italian agricultural administration, and not one of "first aid." Their duty is not to explain the functions of Italian agricultural agencies or to carry on actual agricultural operations.

11. Each Regional agricultural officer will provide each Provincial Commissioner with the following agricultural information for the use of the Provincial AG staff. Most of these materials have already been prepared and made available to Regional Agricultural officers. Where the information is dependent on surveys to be made within the area, the surveys will be made under the direction of Regional Agricultural officers.

Unit 1 Italian personnel list. Key officials in Provincial offices.

Unit 2 Information concerning Italian agricultural agency organization and functions.

Unit 3 "Reactivation of Italian Agricultural Area", a press booklet with distribution list.

Unit 4 General Order 26, covering the harvesting of wheat and barley, which has been and will be issued in forward areas.

Unit 5 Rural Life Data, including area maps, data on crops, power and fuel requirements.

Unit 6 General crop and livestock data.

Unit 7 Farm machinery numbers and estimate of 1945 fuel requirements.

Unit 8 Estimate of required routine agricultural supplies (other than fuel) for 1945.

Unit 9 Olive oil decree and other decrees applicable to the area.

Unit 10 List of crops to be planted and prices at which to be sponsored.

Unit 11 Provide information on questionnaire in Appendix B, p. 17, in "Reactivation of Italian Agriculture."

Unit 12 1944-45 Production Program, with recommended lines of action to implement same.

12. The following specific duties connected with agriculture will be performed by agricultural officers:

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Commissions with the following agricultural information for the use of the Provincial AC staff. Most of these materials have already been prepared and made available to Regional Agricultural officers. Where the information is dependent on surveys to be made within the area, the surveys will be made under the direction of Regional Agricultural officers.

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Unit 2 Information concerning Italian agricultural agency organization and functions.

Unit 3 "Reactivation of Italian Agriculture", a green booklet with distribution list.

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Unit 5 Pamphlet Data, including area maps, date of plenge, power and fuel requirements.

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Unit 7 Farm machinery numbers and estimate of fuel requirements.

Unit 8 Estimate of required tractor agricultural supplies (other than fuel) for 1945.

Unit 9 Olive oil decree and other decrees applicable to the area.

Unit 10 List of crops to be assessed and prices at which to be assessed.

Unit 11 Provide information on questionnaire in Appendix B, p. 17, in "Reactivation of Italian Agriculture."

Unit 12 1944-45 Production Program, with recommended lines of action to implement same.

12. The following specific duties connected with agriculture will be performed by agricultural officers:

a) Blocking of warehouses for housing and for agricultural supplies.

b) Blocking of office and transportation equipment for important agricultural agencies and groups.

c) Blocking of all fertilizer and machinery stocks for re-allocation by Headquarters, AC.

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c) In conjunction with officers of Industry Sub-Commission, seeing to the blocking of factories which produce machinery and critical agricultural supplies.

e) Assisting in determinations as to movement of agricultural supplies.

f) In conjunction with Public Works and Utilities officers, determining bonifiche and irrigation projects to be repaired immediately.

g) Aiding in completing the screening of corporations.

h) In conjunction with the Prefects and Ispettori Agrari, organising Provincial and communal agricultural committees as soon as possible.

13. Fisheries. Agricultural officers will:

a) Put the Captains of the Ports in touch with the Provincial Commissioner. (The port captains, who have always had jurisdiction over fishing, know the operators and their equipment. There is a Captain of the Port or a Delegazione di Spiaggia at every fishing village.)

b) Apply the procedure on fisheries outlined on pages 20 to 30 in "Reconstruction of Italian Agriculture."

c) Get answers, through the Provincial Commissioners to the questions on the following forms:

(i) Questionario per i Pescatori (Form A) AGF/511.

(ii) Questionario per gli Stabilimenti Conservieri (Form B) AGF/504.

(iii) Questionario per i Cantieri e per le Ditte Costruttrici di Attrezzi per la Pesca (Form C) AGF/512.

d) Make recommendations for needs based on answers to these questionnaires.

14. Forestry. Agricultural officers will:

a) Obtain a list of all members of Royal Forest Corps on duty and submit it to AC Headquarters with recommendations for any changes.

b) Appoint acting head for Royal Forest Corps Group Commands (Provincial) and Legion Commands.

c) Instruct Provincial (Group) Commands of Royal Forest Corps to:

(i) Obtain statistics on amounts of charcoal and fuelwood on hand.

(ii) Prepare, for approval, "Production and Distribution Plan for

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(i) Obtain statistics on amounts of charcoal and fuelwood on hand.

(ii) Prepare a six-month "Production and Distribution Plan for Fuelwood and Charcoal."

d) Obtain from Area Wood Procurement Officer monthly requirements for fuelwood and charcoal and submit figures to Provincial Royal Forest Corps for inclusion in six months "Plan for Production."

e) Instruct Provincial Royal Forest Corps to:

(i) Obtain information requested in Sawmill questionnaire mentioned in Unit 11.



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(ii) Take steps necessary to insure immediate production of fuelwood and charcoal.

(iii) Submit to Provincial Agricultural Officer their recommendations for proper functioning of the Corps and for increasing production of fuelwood and charcoal.

f) Call a Regional meeting of Prefects, members of Royal Forest Corps, representatives of Sepral and Consorzi Agrari for the purpose of adopting a uniform price policy and removing obstacles placed by communes, private owners, etc., against timber cutting for fuel.

COMMERCE

15. No specialist staffs from AC Headquarters are contemplated. Civilian specialists will be employed.

16. Commerce officers will:

a) Receive and distribute among the Provinces consumers goods, such as textiles, clothing, shoes, etc., including goods produced locally.

b) Assist Provincial Supply Officers in the making of inventories and in blocking of non-food materials which are controlled by the Allied Force Local Resources Board or by the Italian Government.

c) Keep essential goods and materials in short supply under supervision by inventories, freezing or blocking, and release, thereby preventing hoarding, speculation and clandestine sales, and in uring equitable distribution, especially to the needy. A list is attached showing the commodities on (i) the existing controlled list, (ii) the restricted list, and (iii) the list of materials under the control of the Italian Government only.

d) Receive demands for controlled materials from Provincial Supply Officers. Collate and screen them as to specifications, quantities, and urgency. Transmit them to the Sub-Commission for presentation to appropriate committees of the Allied Force Local Resources Board.

e) Develop consorzi or sales outlets for goods that may get into black market operations.

f) Assist state monopoly distributors of matches, tobacco, etc., in their operation.

g) Allocate raw materials and restrict production of non-essential

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g) Allocate raw materials and restrict production of non-essential goods within the limits of power, fuel, etc.

h) Facilitate procurement, movement, and handling of goods for export, as directed by Foreign Trade Section, Commerce Sub-Commission.

17. Commerce officers will as soon as possible work out a Planning Program for their Region or area, along the following lines:

a) Confer with Provincial officers, Uffici Provinciale del Commercio ed Industrie and the Camere di Commercio, Industria, ed Agricultura, to determine needs, resources, and means of distribution of materials.

b) Determine net requirements of consumers goods, non-subsistence materials, to supply minimum essential needs.

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c) Determine local availability in terms of stocks, production, current and projected for six months.

d) Determine minimum import requirements from other parts of Italy and from abroad.

INDUSTRY

18. Emergency.

a) The emergency phase of the industrial program is dictated by the immediate civil needs for food, clothing and shelter. The following industries are of first priority:

Food processing
Textile industry
Building materials (brick, timber, asbestos, tile, glass, cement, etc.)

With the exception of brick and cement, the fuel and power requirements of these industries are relatively small, and they have the advantage of fairly high labor requirements.

b) Power production in Northwest Italy is 90% hydroelectric. Many industries will be heavily dependent on the resumption of power production. It will be essential to plan for the reactivation of plants which can furnish materials necessary to aid the Public Works and Utilities officers in their task of repairing the damage wrought by German demolitions.

c) The steel industries are of first importance to transportation, repair work and construction and are therefore of high priority, but are dependent on power and import coal. Consequently, their reactivation must be slow. A policy has been established to foster the production of spare parts and assemblies necessary for repair to existing machinery and transport, rather than the manufacture of complete new units.

19. An Industrial Coordination Committee has been set up under the AFHQ, primarily to control the utilization of industrial plants in the North of Italy. Its formation is calculated to achieve a more orderly allocation of factories, their output and the materials they require. The procedure for industrial coordination in forward areas will be distributed as soon as it has been adopted by the Committee.

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LABOR

20. Labor officers will take over existing civilian labor employment offices and establish new ones as required to supply labor for:

a) The Armed Forces

b) Local clean-up work

c) Private industry

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21. Regional and Provincial Labor offices will be established and arrangements made for appointment of civilian directors. The function of these offices will be to adjust wages, arbitrate disputes over wages and working conditions, maintain periodic inspection of working conditions in plants, set up (or serve as) employment offices, collect statistics on cost of living, etc.

22. Labor Officers will:

a) Coordinate work of all employment officers whether originally established under the Italian Government (National Committee of Liberation), U. S. Army Units, or British Army Units, including the Deputy Assistant Director of Labor, Civil Labor Offices.

b) Publish General Order No. 28--Labor Relations--together with pertinent rules and regulations. A list of rules and regulations covering General Order No. 28 has been prepared for circulation.

c) Establish current Armed Force rates for civil employees of the Allied Forces, as promulgated by AFHQ.

d) Publish all appropriate wage increase orders.

(i) Public wages (state and para-statal employees) are to be governed by current wage increase orders.

(ii) Private industrial wages are to be governed by collective contract or by any current wage increase order agreed upon with the Italian Government.

## TRANSPORTATION

25. Railways.

a) Three AC officers are to be assigned to the regions of Piemonte, Liguria, and Lombardia. The group will be delegated to supervise the Italian State Railway Divisions of Milano, Genova, and Torino, together with the Private Railway Compartimenti. Until the situation is thoroughly clarified, the group will work, as a team, under the command of the railway officer stationed at Milan. It is contemplated that initial duties will be concerned primarily with inventories of stocks, surveys of rail tracks that are open or in need of immediate repair, and getting movements effected as rapidly as possible, based upon the nearest open port and the demands from supply officers. Rail officers may have to reorganize the whole Italian Railway Division and bring engineers, etc., from the South to operate it.

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b) It is expected that railroad movements will be interrupted for a considerable period following German withdrawal from Northwest Italy. Demolitions are expected to be exceedingly heavy and the number of railway breaks will at least be doubled, compared to the present situation as reported by Intelligence.

c) Although feeder lines exist from West coast areas in the Bologna direction, there are only two railway routes directly from Southern Italy to the Northwest corner, via Genova by the coastal route, and across from the Eastern seaboard via Bologna. On both of these lines, one track has been removed by the Germans and the other track is likely to be seriously damaged, if not removed. For this reason, it is impossible to say where the railheads will be. It is even

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probable that the railway cannot be used at all for a considerable period. AC has no personnel for undertaking railway repairs or reconstruction. In this regard, it will be necessary to rely entirely--at least in the initial stages--upon the Military Railway Services.

24. Ports.

It is contemplated that the only port which could be used will be Genova. The operation of the port by AC will depend upon the extent to which use and control may be relinquished by the military and in any case, it is possible that a month may be required to clear the port of Genova after the German withdrawal. It is probable that La Spezia will not be capable of utilization, as it is adapted for use as a naval base.

25. Road Transport.

Requisition was submitted to APHQ 14 Nov. '44 for 2,326 trucks (2½ ton and ¾ ton) for use in winter to carry food and supplies from Livorno into Northwest Italy. If the area is not liberated until spring, the number of trucks required will be increased to 5,785. A complete justification with all available statistics and estimates was presented in the requisition. With regard to Northwest Italy, the following are the quantities of food imports per month, broken down by destination:

| | |
|---|---|
| Piemonte | 10,265.2 tons |
| Liguria | 6,907.8 " |
| Lombardia | 19,073.4 " |
| Northwest Total | 36,246.4 tons |

26. Civilian Road Transport.

All Regional Commissioners and Regional Transport Officers have been furnished with a directive, showing how to organize civilian road transport in any town. This transport is organized under the ENAC plan, which has been thoroughly explained to Regional Transport Officers. The Ente Nazionale Autotrasporti di Cose is a part of the Ministry of Communications and organizes on a national basis the civilian road transport and agencies established by the AC/AMG. It is now estimated that 1200 civilian trucks will be necessary to carry food and supplies within the liberated Northwest in addition to the vehicles above mentioned as requisitioned. Regional Transport Officers have also been supplied with the locations of Fiat and Lancia Depots, works and agents, as well as Inspectors in each province.

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Requisition was submitted to AFHQ 14 Nov. '44 for 2,526 trucks (2½ ton and ¾ ton) for use this winter to carry food and supplies from Livorno into Northwest Italy. If the area is not liberated until spring, the number of trucks required will be increased to 3,795. A complete justification with all available statistics and estimates was presented in the requisition. With regard to Northwest Italy, the following are the quantities of food imports per month, broken down by destination:

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## PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES

27. Teams of specialists, engineering officers, have been assigned to work in the Northwest area when it is liberated. These men are qualified to handle operations dealing with waterworks, damaged highways and bridges, public utilities and electrical generation and distribution. These officers are at present in close contact with Engineering Units of the 5th and 8th Armies and are thus aware of conditions and problems confronting them. They know, for example, which bridges have been blown up, how many temporary bridges the Army has built, how long these temporary bridges will last and whether cement can be obtained from the Army to rebuild them.

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28. In the absence of detailed and accurate information concerning the extent of war damage and spoliation which will confront the AC Regional Offices are set up, no specific advance planning is practicable. The general order of priority is: (a) utilities, (b) sewerage, (c) light and power, (d) communications. However, conditions may be such as to require an entirely different order of priority. Repair of a particular bridge, for example, may be crucial in making possible the movement of food from forward warehouses.

29. The officers' procedure as it works with and parallel to the Italian Government Agencies and ministries with which it will be associated. They will acquire exact information as to the state of damage, spoliation, and priority of work to be done. A composite requisition is made up, including plans and justifications for materials and equipment for each plant or unit in a group which it is proposed to repair or rehabilitate.

30. In the case of public power plants, a construction program for several months ahead may be planned even if conditions are known. Such a program can then be used as a basis for bidding for local resources and imported supplies.

31. The Mobile Power and Petroleum Supply Section has obtained small quantities of mobile power equipment to put into use when the Army moves on with its portable equipment. (Plans are not definite for use of an 25,000 KW power ship which is being sent from the U.S. Preliminary arrangements call for its use in Livorno, in which case it might serve some of the area under consideration.)

## FINANCE

32. Hundreds of special instructions, forms, etc., have been prepared by the Finance Sub-Commission for the guidance of finance officers in every phase of finance work. A general description of their responsibilities is given in the following paragraph.

33. As in other areas, Finance Officers, operating under procedures and policies laid down by the Finance Sub-Commission, Headquarters AC, will be responsible for the following:

a) Buy Lyre AM lire currency in the Allied Armed Forces, to AMG for its own expenditures, and, if necessary, to the Banca d'Italia to cover Government expenditures.

b) Accounting for all such civilian supplies.

c) Reconstruction and supervision of the Italian revenue system.

d) Supervision of Govt., provincial, and communal expenditures. As long as territory is under military government, public moneys cannot be spent without prior approval of budgets by the appropriate Finance Officer.

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Government Agencies and specialists which will be appointed. They will acquire exact information as to be certain of damage, spoliation, and priority of work to be done. A composite requisition is made up, including plans and justifications for materials and equipment for each plant or unit in a group which it is proposed to repair or rehabilitate.

30. In the case of public power plants, a construction program for several months ahead may be planned if such conditions are known. Such a program can then be used as a basis for binding the local power pool and imported supplies.

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a) Supplying AM lire currency to its Allied Armed Forces, to AMG for its own expenditures, and, if necessary, to the Banca d'Italia to cover Government expenditures.

b) Accounting for imported civilian supplies.

c) Reconstruction and supervision of the Italian revenue system.

d) Supervision of State, provincial, and communal expenditures. As long as territory is under military government, public moneys cannot be spent without prior approval of budgets by the appropriate Finance Officer.

e) The operations of banks, stock exchanges, and post office financial services, including determination of what such institutions will be allowed to resume functioning, and to what extent.

f) The blocking of enemy and fascist assets.

g) The operations of social and commercial insurance companies.

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List of codewords and restricted materials (AFR(11).

A. - MATERIALS CONTROLLED BY AFR(11).

(1) Materials under control at depots and Materials Coordinating Offices.

I. Metals - Forms.

1. Cable & Wire.
2. Machine tool blanks.
3. Structural Steel, standard dimensions and sections.
4. Tubing, Pipe.

II. Metals - Non-ferrous.

5. Brass, cast and rolled.
6. Copper, unwrought and scrap.
7. Cupro-nickel.
8. Low-grade nickel alloys.
9. Nickel.
10. Solder.
11. Tin.
12. White metal for bearings.

III. Metals.

13. Stainless steel in the form of sheet, strip, plate and bar from scrap or virgin material.
14. Tungsten.

IV. Other building materials.

15. Bricks.
16. Cement.
17. Cement.
18. Linseed or hemp oil.

V. Miscellaneous.

19. Abrasives of diverse
20. Cotton and Artificial
21. Electrical equipment.
22. Electric Light
23. Rubber.
24. Rubber
25. Solvent
26. Synthetic
27. Turpentine.

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1. Metals - for Electrical Purposes.
2. Aluminum Steel, conductor, stranded for Suspension
3. Bronze, Phosphor.
4. Bronze Trolley.

II. Metals - for Chemical Purposes.

5. Bismuth, Crude.
6. Cadmium, refined, sticks and cakes.
7. Cobalt, Oxide.
8. Lead, as pig, bar or sheet.
9. Nickel.
10. Solder.
11. Tin.
12. Zinc, as slab for batteries.

III. Minerals.

13. Asbestos, Chrysotile, fibre grades.
14. Graphite, Crucible.

IV. Other Crudes and Chemicals.

15. Acetone.
16. Alcohol, Ethyl.
17. Benzol.
18. Glycerine, refined.
19. Paraffin, Scale.
20. Petroleum, Crude.
21. Sulphur, Crude.
22. Turpentine, Gum, Spirits of.

V. Electrical Materials.

23. Accumulators, Batteries.
24. Cables, Aluminum conductors.
25. Cables, Lead sheathed.
26. Cables, Rubber insulated.
27. Conduit, Electric Light.
28. Electric Lighting Fittings.
29. Heaters.
30. Insulating materials.
31. Lamps, Arc.
32. Lamps, Filament.
33. Lamps, Incandescent.
34. Motors, Electric.
35. Switchgear and Switchboards.

VI. Instruments, Scientific & Industrial.

36. Balances, for precious metals.
37. Alidades.
38. Compass Sets.
39. Dividers, Proportional.
40. Set Squares.

(2) Materials under control of Miscellaneous Purposes Committee, APUR(I)B.

23. Hemp, raw, cut and manufactured (excluding binder twine & Jute, 4th and 5th quality rope).
24. Leather and all leather articles.

B. - RESTRICTED MATERIALS, i.e., MATERIALS CONTROLLED WITH PRIORITY FOR CIVILIAN NEEDS.-

1. Asbestos.
2. Phosphate Rock.
3. Tanning materials.
4. Cellulose for Paper-making.
5. Carbon Black, Lamp.

C. - MATERIALS CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE & LABOUR.

1. Greases for industrial purposes, excluding petroleum greases.
2. Solvents, excluding petroleum solvents.
3. Wax.
4. Soap, records, except those non ferrous metals mentioned in para A sub-para II.
5. Glass (sheet)
6. Artificial textile fibres.
7. Yarn, cloth and other textile products.

Para C may be added to, from time to time, by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour in agreement with Combined Civil Co-ordination HQ. SEAC.

D. - COAL: Subject to control by AFHQ.

O.I.L. (Petrol, Oil and Lubricants) - Subject to control by AFHQ.

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