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16 July, 1945

SUBJECT: Telecomms Officer: Venezia Giulia

TO : S.C.A.O. Venezia - Giulia
Regional Commissioner Venezia Region
Att: Telecomms Officer and Postal Officer.

1. It is expected that Major H.A. Hayward Royal Corps of Signals will be available for posting within the next few days to Venezia-Giulia. Major Hayward has had long experience in Signals work in Italy and it is believed he will prove most useful to you especially as he has expressed a desire to be assigned to C.A. work.

2. It is proposed to assign Maj. Hayward to Venezia-Giulia as Telecomms Officer, but he should also be able to acquaint himself with the duties of Postal Officer and thus take over duties of both positions when and if Major Turner who is now supervising Postal Matters in Venezia-Giulia, is no longer available.

3. Major Ayre (Telecomms Officer, Venezia Region) will give Major Hayward every assistance and continue to hold a watching brief for Venezia-Giulia until such time as Major Hayward has had the opportunity to thoroughly familiarize himself with his new duties.

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

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LIST OF LOCATION OF PUMPS OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL

1. Milano: Cable at the firm of Pirelli.
2. Steinach: Storage building of leather factory Kirchenebener: Cable.
3. Dreibach, Achthofen: Bowling ally of hotel: Cable.
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Pastrengo, Fort Monte Bolega (Former radio station): Cable, building material, miscellaneous equipment and material.
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*File in new file. I asked for today
reduction of 20 Sept. HGH*

Subject: Visit to Stores at PASTRENGO, etc.

Headquarters

Adv. Tele-Comm Board

ATBA/7

6 May 45

1. GONNARDI

Repeaters bays, V.F. telegraph bays, transformers, power plant, etc., have been removed from repeater stations all over North Italy and sent to the following stores:-

PASTRENGO : P 5061 on sheet 5 of 1/200,000
 PIOVEZZANO : P 5062 " " 5 "
 STEINACH : About 15 kms N. of Brenner. This is supposed to be a very large store.
 ZILL : Austrian Tyrol.
 VILLACH : This is not a store, but a new repeater station has been built which contains a large amount of V.F. telegraph equipment.

The above information was obtained from the following employee of the SIRT.

Sig VALLATI

Villa SALLERA, LONATO. (P 2568 on sheet 5 of 1/200,000)

This employee was engaged on dismantling the equipment and sending it to the above places. He will prepare a full report.

2. VISITS TO PASTRENGO AND PIOVEZZANO.

(a) Major Ogden has visited the above stores and suitably labelled the doors to prevent unauthorized entry. He apparently missed a store in the grounds of a villa. This store contains 24 bays of repeaters and 4 power bays, all boxed up.

(b) I visited the stores on 4th May with Capt GAGLI, Ing. Piazzarello of the SIRT, an employee of Italcables (regarding post radio apparatus), and Sig Vallati.

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 ing (at a guess) round about 100 fully equipped bays of equipment (mostly
 repeaters), power plant, two rooms full of radio station equipment
 (believed to be an Italcable station) many transformers, radio valves,
 telegraph relays, battery plates, etc., There were no V.F. telegraph
 frequency generators so far as could be seen at a brief glance, although
 there were a few V.F. telegraph terminals.

There was a fair amount of field cable, civil type P.d.7.4
 cables etc.,

3. AUTHORITY TO REMOVE.

The JSC, 5 Army stated that the equipment could be removed
 on the authority of Lt-Col Young, assuming of course that sufficient
 equipment existed at Verona, etc., to provide 5 Army's requirements
 Northwards etc.,

Incidentally Sig Vailati stated that when he had visited Verona a week ago, there were about 12 - 14 complete VF telegraph terminals in the above ground repeater station. This has not been checked. An underground station was also discovered, by Adv Telecomms Board, Bologna. This contained also a large amount of equipment which is being listed for CSO L of C.

4. VERONA AND BRESCIA EXCHANGES.

The auto exchanges and manual boards are OK. Brescia auto exchange is in operation. It is not known whether this is the case at Verona. The local cable system at Verona is apparently in a bad condition due to war damage.

5. INFORMATION FROM ING. AGOSTI.

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AUTO EXCHANGES. - Genoa and Savona are OK. Imperia and San Remo have been damaged to some extent. Spezia has been destroyed.

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Chief Telecommunications Officer,
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