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RECOVERY OF FIELD WIRE + CABLE

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 AND ITS APO 394
 INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AG/5615/106/IND.

SUBJECT : Release of Materials Requisitioned from Societa
 Ferrobeton Depot at Corso Umberto 150 - TARANTO

TO : Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, Royal Navy

1. This Headquarters' signal 7767 of 16 May refers.

2. The subject firm is executing contracts of high military priority for the reconstruction of Line 213 and other sectors of the I.S.R., on behalf of Military Railway Service, C.M.F. and Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission for this Headquarters.

3. A series of requisition notes have apparently been issued by Comm. Swing, in charge of S.N. Works, Taranto, and the subject company has been denied access to its depot and the use of plant and material, according to the information in possession of this Headquarters.

4. It is desired to bring to your notice that all requisitions of controlled and restricted materials in liberated Italy, outside any areas, are the responsibility of the Italian Government and, according to information in possession of Military Railway Service, it is not clear whether the action taken by Comm. Swing has been regularised through these channels.

5. In view of the urgent need for the execution of the above mentioned work by the subject company, it is strongly recommended that all requisition notes issued by Comm. Swing should be cancelled and that all plant and materials which have been removed should be returned as early as may conveniently be possible.

6. For purposes of reference to the work which is being executed by Societa Ferrobeton, the following list should apply indicating its importance to Military and Italian public services:

(1) A railway bridge over the River Arno near Florence.

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- (2) Reconstruction of two hydro-electric stations.
- (3) Works in the dock-yards of Castellammare (Naples).
- (4) Two water-tanks for the above dock-yards.
- (5) Partial reconstruction of the Ilva steel-works of Naples.
- (6) A bridge over the River Sele for the State roads from Naples to Calabria.
- (7) Railway installation for Piaggio in Pisa.
- (8) Repair of the Italian State roads Naples-Possuoli.
- (9) Repair of the Italian State road Naples-Salerno.
- (10) Preparatory work for reconstruction of two bridges over the River Volturno on the State road Rome-Naples.
- (11) Bridge on the Florence Arezzo road.
- (12) Bridge on the road near Pescara.
- (13) Reconstruction of the petrol tank at Aviano.
- (14) Work of reconstruction of the cement plant at Monsavano.
- (15) Important works in the port of Civitavecchia by their associate, the SOC. IT. LAVORI MARITIMI - S.I.L.M.
- (16) Work of demolishing and clearing away the steel bridge of Magliana.

7. It is requested by G-5 A.P.H.O., that a copy of your reply be furnished to G-5, G-4 American, G-4 British, A.P.H.O.

For the Chief Commissioner:

Copy to:-

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER
APO 794, US Army

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20 February 1945

Subject: Purchase of Salvage W-110 by TETI .

To : Communications Sub-Commission, AC, APO 394, US
Army.
Att: Lt Col Scudder.

1. This office has recently received requests from TETI to authorize purchase of salvage field wire from local contractors who have procured salvage material from US Salvage Stocks and profiteer on subsequent resale.

2. TETI has been discouraged from negotiating with these racketeers and the salvage wire situation has been investigated by this office with the view in mind of assisting TETI in making direct purchase from QM Salvage Depots (US).

3. 220 tons of W-110 are available at \$50.00 per ton in Naples QM Salvage Depot. Sale is made to buyers on recommendation of AC.

4. It is suggested that you consider the advisability of arranging for the sale direct to TETI subject to the priorities established by your command.

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LOUIS P. REEVES
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Chief Signal Officer

APC 512, U. S. Army
20 February 1945

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SUBJECT: Sale of Military Wire Between a Point Near TOR Station and ANZIO.

TO : Allied Commission, Communication Sub-division, APC 394, U. S. Army.

1. Reference is made to your letter of 9 February 1945, file T.14.A.5.CS, subject, "Sale of Military Wire", concerning the LITTORIA Station, ANZIO line.

2. This line was constructed by the 5th Army and is now under control of P.B.S. The Signal Officer, P.B.S., has been requested to inform this Headquarters if the facilities are still required for military purposes, or if not, to initiate disposal action.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

L. Gray Beck
L. GRAY BECK,
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corps.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Communications Sub-Commission
Tel: 489081 Ext: 555

In reply
refer to: T.14.A.5.CB

9th February, 1945

Subject : Sale of Military Wire

To : C.S.O., A.F.H.Q.

1. Some time ago the route constructed by the Allied Forces between a point near Littoria Station, and Anzio, was handed over to Allied Commission for the use of the Italian Government.
2. It is desired to know whether the wire on this route may now be sold to the Italian Government, as a better use of it is contemplated elsewhere.

J.L.HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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AFHQ, OCSigO, Apo 512, U. S. Army, 23 January 1945.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, Communications Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U. S. Army.

1. A field survey was initiated by this Headquarters during November 1944 and completed during December 1944, covering all primary routes within the CASERTA-ROME-FLORENCE-LEGHORN areas, in order to determine the amount of field wire and cable available for recovery.

2. The information obtained during this survey has been transmitted to Signal Officer, PBS, and Signal Officer, ROME Area Allied Command by letter dated 1 January 1945, requesting that necessary action be taken for the recovery of dead field wire and cable as listed by the survey report. Monthly progress reports are to be submitted, indicating the quantities recovered.

3. In view of the action already taken, and in consideration of the interference to working circuits which can be foreseen, it is considered inadvisable to authorize any recovery of field wire or cable by the Italian Government at this time.

4. Information is requested, however, as to any known locations, exclusive of the areas covered by survey referred to in paragraph 1 above, where appreciable quantities of dead field wire or cable exist, in order that recovery action may be initiated.

For the Chief Signal Officer:

Donald H. Nelson
DONALD H. NELSON,
Colonel, Signal Corps.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
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19th January, 1945

In reply
refer to: T.14.1.CS

Subject: Salvage of Field Cables

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

1. There is a great deal of field cable, now out of use, scattered throughout the territory. It is suggested that this should now be stated to be abandoned so far as the Allied authorities are concerned, and available for collection by the Italian Government or by any private contractors that the Government may care to authorise.
2. Particular cases are in the Anzio - Nettuno area, Battipaglia area, Lucera area etc.
3. It is suggested that the area open to such recovery should be the present Italian Government territory, less any area (such as Caserta, Allied Airfields etc.) that you may care to specify, and subject to authority of C.S.O. Districts.
4. It would of course be made an overriding condition that special care should be taken to avoid interference with working circuits; it is not thought that this would cause any difficulty in practice.

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J.L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

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