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Nota di contenuto	Introduction : "We were heavily armed, and we had crystals" -- From wire to wireless : the development-- and acceptance-- of tactical radio -- Crystal control-- the great gamble -- The Signal Corps lays the foundation -- Nothing else to do but grind crystals -- Riding the "Flat Wheel Limited"-- overseeing a mass production industry -- Supplying a mass production industry-- the civilian government steps in -- "The whole radio crystal program of the Armed Services depends upon the success of the procurement program in Brazil. Nothing must be allowed to interfere with it" -- "God made lots of small crystals" -- The aging crisis-- stopgap measures -- The aging crisis-- physics to the rescue! -- "Without crystals, you have radio; with them, communications" -- Appendix 1 : Crystal-controlled equipment -- Appendix 2 : Crystal manufacturers.