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Oct. - Nov. 1944

Subject:- Progress Report.

To: HQ IMIA.

51 British Liason Unit.

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CSO AFHQ.
CSO AAI.

Ref your 282LK6 of 4 Oct. Herewith position as at 18 Nov 44.

1. Appx 'A'. Personnel Dept.

(6) Radio Montafax. 3 (one in hospital).

2. Appx 'B'. Controlled Stores.

	WE	Field	Dep
ACL 6	36	15	21
Batteries 12 volt 22AH	114	-	114
Inst testing AC/DC	8	-	8
Test Set portable No.2	6	2	4
Voltmeters pocket 250 volt	10	-	10
Ladders tele	22	-	22

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Field.
10-Nov 44.
ANA/XS

35 *Wickham*
Capt.
SO R. SIGS.

Subject :- Progress Report

To :-

HQ MIA Sigs

51-British Liaison Unit

X 7

C S O Branch AFHQ

C S O Branch AAI

Ref your 232IX6 of 4 Oct 44. Herewith position as at 41 Nov 44.

I App A. Personnel Deficiencies
(a) British complete
(b) 3 Radio Montatori def

2 App B. Controlled Stores

A C L 6	W E	Held	Def
Batteries 12 volt 22	36	15	21
Inst Testing AVO	II4	-	II4
" " A/C/DC	3	I	2
Test Set Portable No 2	8	-	8
Voltmeters Pocket	6	-	6
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Batteries 12 volt 23
Inst Testing AVO
" " A/C/DC
Test Set Portable No 2
Volumeters Pocket
Ladders tele

W 36
II4 3
3 8
6
10
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4 App D. Vehicles
(a) Complete
(b) Remainder of vehicles have now been released and are to be collected within the next few days.

Field
11 Nov 44
AWA/RGT

Quentin
Capt
S O R SIGS

B/T for HQ Calabry
on 21st
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Subject :- Progress Report

To :-
HQ MILA

CSO AFHQ
CSO AAI

51 British Liaison Unit

X 7

Ref your 2824X6 of 4 Oct 44. Herewith position as at 4 Nov 44.

1 App A Personnel Deficiencies

(a) British R Link detachment complete
(b) Italian : Radio Montatori

WE. 16 Held. 14 Def. 2

2 App B Controlled Signal Stores

	WE	Held	Def
A G L 6	36	15	21
Batteries 6 v 65 a h	12	-	12
" 12 v 22 a h	144	-	114
" 6 v 125 a h	68	64	4
Reception Sets R 109	4	-	4
Charging Sets 500 watt	59	53	6
Hydrometers	73	40	33
Cable W 110 B miles	45	-	45
" W 110 "	226	-	226
" D 8 "	100	-	100
Boxes terminal Sigs Off	5	-	5
Inst testing AVO	3	-	3
" " AC/DC	8	-	8
Lamps signalling	34	-	34
" " stands	34	-	34
Inst testing No. 1	13	-	13
Wt Sets No. 9	2	-	2
Test Sets portable No. 2	6	-	6
Voltmeter 3 volt	5	-	5
" 250 "	10	-	10
Strips terminal 8 pair	24	-	24
Bars carrying cable	26	-	26

(Have drawn 3 sets and hold IIR for 3)

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" 12 v 22 a h	114	-	114
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Reception Sets R 109	4	-	4
Charging Sets 300 watt	59	53	6
Hydrometers	75	40	33
Cable W 110 3 miles	45	-	45
" W 110 "	226	-	226
" D 8 "	100	-	100
Boxes terminal Sigs CCF	5	-	5
Inst testing AVC	3	-	3
" " AC/DC	3	-	3
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(b) Artillery finished the first week of second course. By next week they should be almost completely trained. Of course a lot of practice will still be needed.
(c) Teleradio spent first 3 days of week on small arms training. All men now know Rifle, Pistol, Bren, Tommy gun and Grenades. Second part of week spent on training in No. 19 Set and the telephonists on the T & F board. Linesmen worked the mechanical layer.

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4 App D Vehicles

	WS	Held	Def
(a) BNU rear link section complete	16	14	2
(b) Trucks 15-cvt GS	20	20	-
" 15-cvt WT	1	1	-
" Office	3	-	3
" 4 x 4 personnel			

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4. App D Vehicles (continued)

	WE	Held	Def
Lorries 3-ton GS	17	17	-
" " Cypher	1	-	1
" " TEV	1	-	1
M/C solo	35	8	27

5. General

So far no test insts of any sort have been received. This makes it impossible for the I M's to do any training whatsoever. I consider it of the utmost importance that they should have the opportunity of working on the sets and gaining some knowledge of their insides as soon as possible. Could some effort please be made to procure some tests insts.

The 9 Set position is still the same. We have now drawn three No. 9 Sets and the combined efforts of my own electrician and the Z wagon RMM personnel cannot produce even one complete set.

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5 Nov 44
ANA/RCT

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Capt
SO R Sign

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General

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Subject: Progress Report.

British Liaison Unit
CMF

To :-

HQ MIA X Branch

Copy to :- GSO AFHQ
GSO AAI

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MIA
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SOP 2
2 M
P.D.

Ref your 0821 X 6 of 4 Oct 44 herewith return as on 28 Oct 44.

1. App. A Deficiencies Personnel :

- (a) British rear link Section Complete
(b) Radio Montatori (IM's)
Antisti (DVT's)

WM	Held	Def	Released
16	13	3	
59	58	1	

2. App. B Controlled Signal Stores :

Charging Sets 4.5 Kw
ATL 6

Batteries 2ndy 6 Volt 125
12 Volt 75

No Cables released as yet.

200 Battle Batteries released.

WM	Held	Def	Released
4	-	4+	
24	15	9	
36	-	56+	
114	98	16+	

+ Above Items have been released and will be most probably drawn today.

29 Oct. Sure items are held.

3. App. C Vehicle Deficiencies :

(a) Trucks 15 cwt W/T

" " " CS

" 3-ton CS

(b) Trucks 15 cwt CS

" " " FFW

" " " Office

" " " 4 x 4 personal

Lorries 3-ton 4 x 4 CS

" " " Officer

" " " TEV

vM/C Solo

Truck Water cart

WM	Held	Def	Released
2	2	-	10
1	1	-	10
1	1	-	1
16	3	13	17
20	-	20	-
1	-	1	-
3	-	3	-
17	-	17	-
1	-	1	-
1	-	1	-
35	-	35	-
1	-	1	-

4. App D Training :

(a) Inf finished their 1st course 21 Oct 44. This provided instructors for 2nd weeks Trg. Two courses were run per Bn, 1 telegraphist, 1 wireless.

200 Battle batteries have been released. This will allow for more mobile training with the 48 set's.

(b) Arty are finishing 1st course this week. Instrs are now plentiful and the next week there will be two courses per Bty. They have now got 22 Set's, Batteries etc.

(c) Teleradio Coy finished 2nd weeks training today. This week was mostly devoted to 22 Set's. Next week 19 Set's will be concentrated on. The idea is to pick out the best crews for each type of set. Comms with 22 set were established area 10 Kilos, which is not bad in this close country. Trg has also been going on for Linemen and Swgms. The F & F board is being installed at Div to give Ops practice in operating. Mechanical cablelayer is going to be used next week.

SO B.C. of Signals

Subject :- PROGRESS REPORT.To :- HQ. Military Mission Italian Army. ✓

51 British Liaison Unit

CSO AAI.
CSO AFHQ

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Ref your 2824 X 6 of 4 Oct 44. Herewith position as at 21 Oct 44.

1. APP. A. Personnel Deficiencies.

British personnel for Rear Link Detachment complete. A few adjustments may have to be made in ranks.

ITALIAN REAR SIGS.Radio Monatori
Drivers

W E	Held	Def
16	13	3
59	47	12

2. APP B. CONTROLLED STORES DEFICIENCIES.

Charging Sets 4.5 MW

W E	Held	Def
4	-	4
24	15	9
Batteries Secondary 6 volt 125 56	-	56
" " 12 volt 75 114	98	16

No Cable yet released.

No Battle Batteries yet released.

British Message Forms, Dockets, stationery etc.

3. APP C. VEHICLE DEFICIENCIES.

W E	Held	Def
Trucks 15 cwt W/T	2	2
Truck 15 cwt GS	1	1
Truck 5 ton GS	1	1

But the above have been released and I expect to draw shortly.

300 Vels for Division have been released. I cannot yet say how many are going to the Signal Coy. This will appear on next return.

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On Monday new Course for :-

- (1) W/T Ops
- (2) Linemen and Sigs.
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This will last one week.

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Field.
 22 Oct 44
 AHA/TEL.

Antennas.
 Capt.
 SO R Sigs.

Subject :- Progress ReportTo :-
HQ MIA ✓

X Branch AMI

51 British Liaison Unit

X 801

Oct 44.

Ref your 2821X5 dated 4 Oct 44, herewith return as on 14

(1) App A

Deficiencies personnel (British R L Det)		Italian Engr Sigs	
Treffe	W E	Held	Def
Sgt	1	1	1
OWL	11	11	11
Cipinar	3	3	3
ES	1	1	1
Dvr Ops	2	2	2
Dvr Mech	1	1	1
Dvr I/C	1	1	1

Italian Engr Sigs		Def	
Treffe	W E	Held	Def
Radio Montat-	16	13	3
Aufieri Ori	59	47	12

(2) App B (Controlled Stores Deficiencies)

Item	W E	Held	Deficient
A C L 6	24	15	9
Wireless Sets			
No 22	57	-	57
Batteries			
Secy Fort			
6 v 125 A H	56	-	56
12 v 75 A H	114	98	16
Wireless Set			
No 9	2	-	2

Remainder of stores have all arrived. No non-controlled stores yet.

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Field
(5 Oct 44)C. A. Lawrence
Date

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ES 1 1
Dvr Ops 2 2
Dvr Mech 1 1
Dvr I/C 1 1

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15 Oct 44
ANA/EXT

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Capt
S O R Sigs

Subject :- Progress Re 1

"B" British Liaison Unit

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To :- HQ MMFA

AAI 3 Branch

Ref your 2821X6 dated 4 Oct 44, herewith return as on 7 Oct 44.

APP APersonnel (British R L Det)

Trade	WE	Held	Det
Sgt	1	-	1
O & L	11	-	11
Cypher	3	-	3
R S	1	-	1
Dvr Mech	1	-	1
Dvr Ops	2	-	2
Dvr I/O	1	-	1

Italian Exp Sigs Coy

Trade	WE	Held	Det
Radio Operator	16	13	3
Motocyclists	21	20	1
Artillery	59	35	24
Mechanical	5	4	1

APP B

No stores as yet arrived, but expected on Sunday morning.

APP C

No Vets yet arrived.

APP D

- (i) Pamphlets still have not arrived. Considering that they were translated and finished on the 30th of Aug I consider it is about time they were sent to B.L.U's., so far only 22 Set Javanester Class D Tale F have arrived, could this please be hurried up.
By AM 11 of 1 Oct 44 refers.

- (ii) Slidex was promised by the end of Sept so far no issue has been received. Can this please be sorted out. If Slidex is not going to be used could B.L.U's. be told at once so that they can carry on tag with COLCODE or some other R. F. Code.

I do not intend to teach COLCODE until I have a definite answer about SLIDEX.

- (iii) I understand there are several 2/Lt's at NOLA waiting for a job. Could one or two of these be loaned to me until a job for them is found. They would be very useful for looking after the training at the Regt's. I obviously cannot be at the Regt's the whole time as there are other things at the HQ to be seen to.

Field
11 Oct 44
AMA/AMH

Andrew
Capt.,
S. S. R. Sigs.