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SUBJECT:- Progress Report

52 British Liaison Unit.

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13 Jan 45

To:- SORSica
Land Forces Sub Comm A3 (MMIA)

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Period ending 13 Jan 45

Herewith the above current report. AAI letter 2821X6 of 4 Oct 44 has been amended by verbal agreement with 15 Army Group to mean the rendering of a report over longer intervals than the one week originally laid down. Subject to further instructions on the matter I shall render a report fortnightly.

RGA/WN.

Copy to:- CSO, 15 Army Group
CSO, AFHQ.

Phold. P. P. P.
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LEGNANO - Period ending 13 Jan 45

APPENDIX 'A'

51st Signal Coy (Italian)

PERSONNEL	BS	HELD	REMARKS
O.O. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSAs	1	-	
CQMS	1	1	
SQMS	1	1	
CQMS (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sigs	11	11	
Platoon Sigs	11	11	
Cipher Ops Sigs	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
Dks	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5	
BS	6	6	
IMS	15	10	5 deficient
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Linenmen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	83)	
Ops Line	28	12)	11 deficient
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Battmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	
	334	317	

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5	5	5 deficient
6	6	
15	10	
5	5	
43	43	
78	83	)
28	12	)
15	15	
8	8	
4	4	
59	59	
2	2	
1	1	
1	1	
1	1	
334	317	

52 ELU REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>ES</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sub	1	1	
CWLS	11	10	1 deficient
Dvr Ops	2	2	Dvr Mech's held in lieu
ES	1	1	
Dvr Mech's	1	-	1 deficient
Dvr IC	1	1	
Cipher Ops	3	-	- to be available later from AFHQ
	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	

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APPENDIX 'B'

S-ORES (MAJOR I-ELIS)

	W.E.	HELD	REMARKS
W- Sets No. 11	57	53	Being exchanged
W- Sets No. 48	104	104	
W- Sets No. 19	14	14	BLU
W- Sets No. 9. (Can)	2	2	
Reception Sets R. 107	5	5	
Batteries 5V 100/125 AH	68	240	) In lieu of all
" 6V 170 AH	-	84	) other we. batteries
Cable W. 110 twisted miles	45	45	
" " single miles	226	226	plus 20 miles sine
" D.S. twisted miles	96	76	
See Frames 40-pair	1	1	
Switchboards UC 10 line	21	21	
" F K F	1	1	
Telephones D Mk V	190	180	10 deficient
" EE6	30	30	
Wave meters Class D	12	12	8 deficient
Frames D & P 10 wire	9	1	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Cherries Sets 4.5 kw	4	4	
" " 1260 watts	8	8	
" " 300 watts	59	53	6 deficient
ACL No. 2	36	24	12 deficient
ACL No. 3	14	14	
Cable Layers Mech No. 1	1	1	
Barrows Drum WD	4	4	18 deficient
Superposing Unit Coils C161	28	10	12 1 trans in
" " 3 trans	4	-	lieu

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APPENDIX 'C'

TRANSPOR-

W.E. HELD

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	1	180	10 deficient
Telephones D & P V	1	180	10 deficient
" " " " " "	190	30	
Wavers Clads D	30	12	8 deficient
Frames D & P 10 wire	12	1	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Cherms Se's 4.5 kw	4	4	
" " " " " "	8	8	
ACL No. 2	59	53	6 deficient
ACL No. 3	36	24	12 deficient
Cable Layers Mech No. 1	14	14	
Barrows Drum WD	1	1	
Superposing Unit Coile C161	4	4	
" " " " " "	28	10	18 deficient
" " " " " "	4	-	12 1 trans in lieu

LEGNAO - Period ending 13 Jan 45

APPENDIX 'C'

TRANSPORT

W.E. HELD

REMARKS

M.Cs	35	-	
Trucks 15 cw GS	15	14	3589
" " " " " "	20	20	248 01.1D
" " " " " "	3	-	
Lorry 3 4x4 Personnel	17	15	
" " " " " "	1	1	
" " " " " "	1	-	
Trailer 15 cw Waver	1	-	
	94	50	

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LEGNANO - Period ending 13 Jan 45APPENDIX 'D'STATE OF TRAINING AND POINTS REQUIRING ACTIONTraining

(i) Lack of satisfactory progress during the past formation has been due to the very slow arrival of vehicles. It is only within the last 5 days that most of those shown in Appendix 'C' have arrived.

(ii) It is still considered that at least a fortnight of full radio training is required before the Signal Platoons are fit to be considered satisfactory, and suitable to serve the HQ's to which they belong.

(iii) The No. 11 sets are now however in the process of being exchanged (AFHQ DOS 1430/4641) and this will tend to prolong the period before a state of readiness can be given, particularly in the Artillery.

(iv) In other respects, e.g. line, switchboard operating and the ability to maintain, it is considered that individual training is complete. Formation exercises have however yet to take place. Although they will, by their nature, be essential to complete training, it is felt that these tradesmen are now in a fit state to benefit from them.

ActionELU Cipher Operators

These 3 N.C.O.s are still deficient. The position was saved to you on 11 Jan, and you undertook to see that they became available before this Gruppo is required for operations.

in the Artillery.

(iv) In other respects, e.g. line, switchboard operating and IM ability to maintain, it is considered that individual training is complete. Formation exercises have however yet to take place. Although they will, by their nature, be essential to complete training, it is felt that these tradesmen are now in a fit state to benefit from them.

Action

BLU Cipher Operators

These 3 N.C.O.s are still deficient. The position was stated to you on 11 Jan, and you undertook to see that they became available before this Gruppo is required for operations.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF

30 Dec 44

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SORSics
Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(MMIA)

Week ending 30 Dec 44

Herewith the above current weekly report.

AAI Letter 2821X6 of 4 Oct refers.

RJA/WM.

Richard Adams
Captain,
SORSics

Copy to:- CSO AAI
CSO AFHQ

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LEGNANO - Week ending 30 Dec 44APPENDIX 'A'51st Signal Coy (Italian)

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Est</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSM	1	-	
COs	1	1	
COAS (F of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Serts	11	11	
Platoon Serts	11	11	
Cipher Ops Serts	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
DRs	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5	
ES	6	6	
Im	15	10	5 deficient
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	83	
Ops Line	28	-	23 deficient
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Batmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	
	334	305	
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IAs
 Electricians (Bty)
 Linemen
 Ops Radio
 Ops Line
 Ops Switchboard
 Ops Cipher
 Cooks
 Drivers
 Batmen/Drivers
 General Duties
 Med Ord
 Shoemaker

13 5 43 78 28 15 8 4 59 2 1 1 1
 5 43 83 - 15 8 4 59 2 1 1 1
 } 23 deficient
 334 305
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<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Est</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Srt	1	1	
OWLS	11	10	1 deficient
Dvr Ops	2	2	Dvr Mechs held in lieu
ES	1	1	
Dvr Mechs	1	-	1 deficient
Dvr IC	1	1	
Cipher Ops	3	-	No be available later from AFHQ
	20	15	
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LEGNAHO - Week ending 30 Dec 44APPENDIX 'B'STORES (MAJOR ITEMS)

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>HOLD</u>	
WT Stns No. 11	57	53	4 deficient
WT Sets No. 48	104	104	
WT Sets No. 19	14	14	
WT Sets No. 9. (Can)	2	2	BLU
Reception Sets R. 107	5	5	
Batteries 6 v 100/125 AH	68	240	) In lieu of all
" 6 v 170 AH	-	84	) other wet batteries
Cable W. 110 Twisted miles	45	45	
" " Single miles	226	226	
" D. 8 twisted, miles	96	76	plus 20 miles since
Switchboards UC 10 line	21	21	
" F X F	1	1	
Test Frame 40-pair	1	1	
Telephones D Mk V	190	180	
" EE6	30	30	
Wavemeters Class D	12	12	
Frames D & P 10 wire	9	1	8 deficient
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging Sets 4:5 kw	4	4	
" " 1260 watt	8	8	
" " 300 watt	59	53	6 deficient
ACL No. 2	36	24	12 deficient
ACL No. 3	14	14	
Cable Layers Mech No. 1	1	1	
Barrows Drum WD	4	4	
Superposing Unit Coils C161	28	10	18 deficient
" " 3 Trans	4	-	12 1 trans in lieu

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REMARKS

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Wavemeters Class D	30	30	
Frames D & P 10 wire	12	12	
Fullerphones	9	1	8 deficient
Charging Sets 4:5 kw	42	42	
" " 1250 watt	4	4	
" " 300 watt	8	8	
ACL No.2	59	53	6 deficient
ACL No.3	36	24	12 deficient
Cable Layers Mech No.1	14	14	
Barrows Drum WD	1	1	
Superposing Unit Coils C161	4	4	
" 3 Trans	28	10	18 deficient
"	4	-	12 1 trans in lieu

LEGNAO - Week ending 30 Dec 44

APPENDIX 'C'

TRANSPORT		HEAD	
	W.E.		REMARKS
M.Cs	35	-	Certain vehicles
Trucks 15 cwt GS	16	-	have now been drawn
" " FFW	20	7	by LEGNAO but
" " 4x4 Personnel	3	-	have not yet been
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 GS	17	-	handed over to
" " Cipher Office	1	-	Signal Coy's
" " DEV	1	-	charge.
Trailer 15 cwt water	1	-	
	95	88	
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APPENDIX 'D'

State of Training and points requiring action

The position is the same as last week; Further progress depends on transport which is not likely to be available for use for another ten days.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report

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52 British Liaison Unit.
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23 Dec 44

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Land Force- Sub Comm. AG.,
(LALIA)

RMSC/8

Week ending 23 Dec 44

herewith the above current weekly report.
AAI letter 2821XG of 4 Oct refers.

RGA/WR.

Copy to:- CSC AAI
CSC AAIQ

Rhoad. Adams
Captain,
SORSig.

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LEGHANO - Week ending 23 Dec 44APPENDIX 'A'51st SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSM	1	-	
COMS	1	1	
SQMS	1	1	
COMS (Per S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sgts	11	11	
Platoon Sgts	11	11	
Cipner Ops Sgts	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
DRs	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5	
ES	0	0	
LMs	15	10	5 deficient
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	83	
Ops Line	28	-	23 deficient
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cipner	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Battmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ora	1	1	
Snoemaker	1	1	
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ES	0	0	5 deficient
Ins	15	10	
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	83	
Ops Line	28	-	23 deficient
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cripner	0	0	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Barmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Snoemaker	1	1	
	<u>334</u>	<u>305</u>	

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52 B.L.U. REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>RELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Sgt	1	1	
OWLS	11	10	3378 1 deficient
Dvr Ops	2	2	Dvr Mecons held in lieu
ES	1	1	
Dvr Mecons	1	-	1 deficient
Dvr IC	1	1	
Cripner Ops	3	-	To be available later from AFHQ.
	<u>20</u>	<u>15</u>	
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LEGRANO - Week ending 23 Dec 44APPENDIX 'B'STORES (MAJOR ITEMS)

	<u>W.S.</u>	<u>HELD</u>	
WT Sns No. 11	57	53	
WT Sns No. 48	104	104	
WT Sns No. 19	14	14	BLU
WT Sns No. 9. (Can)	2	2	
Reception Sns R. 107	5	5	
Batteries 6 v 100/125 AH	68	240	) In lieu of
" 6 v 170 AH	-	84	) all other
			) wet batteries
Cable W 110, Twisted miles	45	45	
" " Single, miles	226	226	
" D.8 twisted, miles	96	76	plus 20 miles
			single
Switchboards UC 10-line	21	21	
" F x F	1	1	
Test Frame 40-pair	1	1	
Telephones D Mk V	190	180	
" EE8	30	30	
Wavemeters Class D	12	12	
Frames D&P 10 wire	9	1	8 deficient
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging sets 4.5 kw	4	4	
" 1260 watt	8	8	
" 300 watt	59	53	6 deficient
ACL No 2	36	24	12 deficient
ACL No 3	14	14	
Cable Layers Meca No 1	1	1	
Barrows Drum WD	4	4	
Superposing Unit Colls C161	28	10	18 deficient
" " 3 Trans	4	-	12 1-trans
			in leg.

Test Frame 40-pair
 Telephones D Mk V
 " E38
 Wave meters Class D
 Frames D&P 10 wire
 Fullerphones
 Charolier sets 4.5 kw
 " " 1260 watt
 " " 300 watt
 ACL No 2
 ACL No 3
 Cable Layer's Mech No 1
 Barrows Drum WD
 Superposing Unit Colls C161
 " " 3 trans

1
 190
 30
 12
 9
 42
 4
 8
 59
 36
 14
 1
 4
 28
 4
 1
 180
 30
 12
 1
 8
 42
 4
 8
 53
 24
 14
 1
 4
 10
 -
 18 deficient
 12 deficient
 6 deficient
 18 deficient
 12 1-trans
 in line.

Note. Consulted request for making up these and other major deficiencies has just gone forward to CSO AFHQ.

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LEGNANO - Week ending 23 Dec 44APPENDIX 'C'TRANSPORT

	<u>WE</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
M.Cs	35	-	
Trucks 15 cwt GS	16	-	Certain vehicles have
" " " FFW	20	7	now been drawn by
" " " 4 x 4 Personnel	3	-	LEGNANO but have not
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	17	-	yet been handed over to
" " " Clipper Office	1	-	Signal Coy's charge.
" " " TEV	1	-	
Trailer 15 cwt water	1	-	
	<u>95</u>	<u>88</u>	

LEGNANO - Week ending 23 Dec 44APPENDIX 'D'State of Training and Police requiring action.

1. I have now made the following report to GSO I, 52 ELU for forwarding to DMF:-

"Suitable progress has been made to enable Signals to function in the LEGNANO subject to another two weeks minimum of uninterrupted training with vehicles and subject also to the availability of the equipment issued (see para below). In the case of wireless units provisional period will extend as far as beyond the middle of January on account of the incomplete arrival of wireless vehicles so far, and the fact that even if they arrived tomorrow (which it is understood will in any case not occur) some would be required to man the sets in the vehicles and use them."

2. I further reported the following:-

"The No. 11 sets issued in lieu of No. 22 sets have NOT proved

APPENDIX 'D'State of Training and Policies requiring action.

1. I have now made the following reports to GSO I, 52 EIU for

forwarding to DMT:-

"Successful progress has been made to enable Signals to function in the LEGNANO subject to another two weeks minimum of uninterrupted training with vehicles and subject also to the limitations of the equipment issued (see para below). In the case of wireless this provisional period will extend at least beyond the middle of January on account of the incomplete arrival of wireless vehicles so far, and the fact that even if they arrived tomorrow (which it is understood will in any case not occur) time would be required to modify the sets in the vehicles and test them."

2.

I further reported the following:-

"The No. 11 sets issued in lieu of No. 22 sets have NOT proved a satisfactory alternative capable of giving a comparatively service. The reason is the age and poor state of the actual No. 11 sets issued. (4 had to be BLK'd straightaway) Only a very small proportion of those requiring skilled workshop attention have yet been able to receive it, and the reports of 65 Hy A A Workshops indicate that those sets already tackled have been in a disapplicable condition requiring a very great deal of work to retrain them."

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52 British Liaison Unit.
Cdr.
16 Dec 44

SORSirs,
Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (MMIA)

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Week ending 16 Dec 44

Herewith the above current weekly report.

AAI letter 2821AB of 4 Oct refers.

RGA/WN.

Copy to:- CSO AAI
CSO AFHQ.

R. Wood Adams
Captain,
SORSirs.

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LEGnano - Week ending 16 Dec 44

APPENDIX 'A'21st SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSa	1	-	
CQAS	1	1	
SQAS	1	1	
CQAS (F or S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sats	11	11	
Platoon Sats	11	11	
Cipner Ops Sats	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
DRs	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5	
ES	6	6	5 deficient
IMS	15	10	
Electricians (Hvy)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	83	23 deficient
Ops Line	28	-	
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cipner	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Battmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Snoemaker	1	1	
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Vehicle Mechanics	5	0	5	deficient
ES	15	10		
Ins	5	5		
Electricians (Bty)	43	43		
Linemen	78	83		23 deficient
Ops Radio	28	-		
Ops Line	15	15		
Ops Switchboard	8	8		
Ops Ciper	4	4		
Cooks	59	59		
Drivers	2	2		
Battmen/Drivers	1	1		
General Duties	1	1		
Med Ord	1	1		
Shoemaker				
	334	305		
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52 B.L.U. REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Set	1	1	1 deficient
OWLS	11	10	Dvr Mech held in lieu
Dvr Ops	2	2	
ES	1	1	1 deficient
Dvr Mechs	1	-	
Dvr IC	1	1	To be available
Ciper Ops	3	-	later from AFHQ.
	20	15	
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LEGNAO - Week ending 16 Dec 44APPENDIX 'B'STORES (Major Items)

	<u>W.S.</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
WT Sets No. 11 complete sets	51	53	In lieu of No. 22 sets 4 B.L.R.
Tele D Mk V	180	180	
Tele EE 8	30	30	
Test Frame 40 - pair	1	1	
WT Sets No. 48	104	104	
Wavemeters	12	12	
Reception Sets R. 107	5	5	
WT sets No. 19 complete sets	14	14	
Batteries 6v 100/125 Ah	58	240	In lieu of 82AH, 6v
" 6v 170 AH	-	64	22AH 6v 75 etc. Only 200 bties are charged
Cable W 110 twisted miles	45	45	
Cable W 110 single miles	226	226	
Cable D 8 twisted miles	96	76	20 miles deficient
Barrows Drum	4	4	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Chaffing sets 1250 watt	8	8	
" 300 "	59	59	
" 4.5 kw	4	4	
Cable Layer Mech No. 1.	1	1	
ACL No. 2	38	24	12 deficient
ACL No. 3	14	14	
Switchboard Exp 40 - line	1	1	
" UC 10 - line	21	21	

LEGNAO - Week ending 16 Dec 44APPENDIX 'C'TRANSPORT

	<u>W.S.</u>	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
MO	35	-	Certain vans
Trucks 15cwt 4x2 GS	16	-	have now been drawn by the Gruppo but
" 15cwt TFW or Wireless	20	-	they have not yet

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Barrows Drum	4	4	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging sets 1200 watt	6	6	
"	59	59	
"	4	4	
Cable Layer Mech No. 1.	1	1	12 deficient
ACL No. 2	30	24	
ACL No. 3	14	14	
Switchboard FxR 40 - line	1	1	
"	21	21	

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APPENDIX 'D'

TRANSPORT

	W.E.	HELD	REMARKS
MC	35	-	Certain vans
Trucks 15cwt 4x2 GS	15	-	have now been drawn
" 15cwt FFW or Wireless	20	-	by the Gruppo but
" 15cwt Personnel 4x4	3	-	they have not yet
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	17	-	been handed over to
" 3 ton Cipher Office	1	-	the Sigs Coy since
" 3 ton TEV	1	-	they are being used
Trailer 15 cwt Water	1	-	as a pool of trans-
	95	-	port to complete the
		-	Gruppo move.

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 LEGNANO - Week ending 16 Dec 44

APPENDIX 'D'

Brief statement of State of Training and of points requiring action.

Owing to the move of the Gruppo from PIEDIMONTE to BRACCIANO which has been taking place during this week, no change is reported from last week.

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52 British Liaison Unit.

CMF.

9 Dec 44

SORSigs,
Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (MMIA)

BLUS/6

Week ending 9 Dec 44

Herewith the above current weekly report.

AAI letter 2821X6 of 4 Oct 44 refers.

RGA/WM.

Copy to:- CSO AAI
CSO AFHQ.

Rhodell Adams

Captain,
SORSigs.

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LEGNANO - Week ending 9 Dec 44APPENDIX 'A'51st SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSM	1	-	
COMS	1	1	
SCMS	1	1	
COMS (r or S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sets	11	11	
Platoon Sers	11	11	
Cipner Ops Sets	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
DKs	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5	
ES	6	6	8 derelict
lms	15	1	
Electricians (Hvy)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	16	13	33 derelict
Ops Switch Line	28	-	
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cipner	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Battmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	

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52 B.L.U. REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

ES
 Lms
 Electricians (Bty)
 Linemen
 Ops Radio
 Ops ~~Signal~~ Line
 Ops Switchboard
 Ops Cipher
 Cooks
 Drivers
 Batmen/Drivers
 General Duties
 Med Ord
 Shoemaker

6
 15
 3
 43
 16
 28
 15
 8
 4
 59
 2
 1
 1
 1
 6
 1
 3
 43
 13
 -
 15
 6
 4
 59
 2
 1
 1
 1
 8 deficient
 33 deficient

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52 B.L.U. REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

PERSONNEL

Sgt
 OWLS
 Dvr Ops
 ES
 Dvr Mech
 Dvr IC
 Cipher Ops

EST
 1
 11
 2
 1
 1
 1
 3

HELD

REMARKS

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Dvr Mechs held in lieu

To be available later
 from AFHQ.

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LEGNANO - Week ending 9 Dec 44APPENDIX "B"STORES (Major Items)

	<u>WE</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
WT Sets No. 11 complete sets	57	53	(In lieu of No. 22 sets
Tele D Mk V	180	180	4 BLK.
Tele EE 8	30	30	
Test Frame 40 - pair	1	1	
WT Sets No. 48	104	104	
Wave meters	12	12	
Reception Sets R. 107	3	3	
WT sets No. 19 complete sets	14	14	
Charging Sets 300 watt	59	59	
Batteries 6V 100/125 AH	68	240	(In lieu of 85AH, 6V
" 6V 170 AH	-	64	22AH 6V75 etc. Only
			200 batts are ordered.
Cable W 110 twisted miles	45	45	
Cable W 110 single miles	226	226	
Cable D 8 twisted miles	96	76	
Barrows Drum	4	4	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging Sets 1260 watt	8	8	
" 300 "	59	59	
" 4.5 kw	4	4	
Cable Layer Mech No. 1	1	1	
ACL No. 2	36	24	
ACL No. 3	14	14	
Switchboard ExF 40 - line	1	1	
" UC 10 - line	21	21	

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Cable D 8 twisted miles	96	76
Barrows Drum	4	4
Fullerphones	42	42
Charging Sets 1250 watts	8	8
" 300 "	59	59
" 4.5 kw	4	4
Cable Layer Mech No. 1	1	1
ACL No. 2	36	24
ACL No. 3	14	14
Switchboard FXF 40 - line	1	1
" UC 10 - line	21	21

LEGNAO - Week ending 9 Dec 44APPENDIX "C"TRANSPORT

	<u>WE</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
MC	32	-	
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	16	-	3000
" 15 cwt PPW or Wireless house	20	-	
" 15 cwt Personnel 4x4	3	-	1 held by BLU
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 GS	17	-	
" 3 ton Gopher Office	1	-	
" 3 ton TEV	1	-	
Trailer 15 cwt Water.	1	-	

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APPENDIX "D"

Brief statement of State of Training and of points requiring action.

1; Training

(i) Training has been much hindered this week by continuous rain. Some progress has been made in line testing and maintenance. Development of wireless training is now seriously held back by the absence of any transport, which however should now be here before the end of the month. The Signal Coy is probably better off for drivers than most other units in the Gruppo; the report of the two attached British officer M.T. instructors is relatively favourable.

(ii) Uncontrolled stores are now being received.

2. Action

Decentralization of Genio Admin.

Please reply to the note in my report for last week, 2 Dec, referring to a request raised in my report of 4 Nov, and repeated both on 11 Nov and 18 Nov. No information has been received from you.

It would be of assistance, even if it could be known that SMRE are NOT going to make a decision in the near future. What is the position?

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Subject: Progress Report.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CAF.
2 Dec 44

SORSice,
Land Forces Sub-Comm AG (MIA)

BLUS/B.

Sigs

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Week ending 2 Dec 44.

Herewith the above current weekly report.

AAI letter 2821X6 of 4 Oct 44 refers.

Rhodd. Adam

Captain,
SORSice.

RGA/NS

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CSO AFHQ.

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APPENDIX 'A'

1st SIGNAL Coy (ITALIAN)

PERSONNEL	POST	HOLD	REMARKS
C.O. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSM	1	-	
CQMS	1	1	
SQMS	1	1	
CQMS (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sgts	11	11	
Platoon Sgts	11	11	
Cipher Ops Sgts	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
DRs	22	22	
Draughtsman	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5	
TS	6	5	
IMS	15	7	8 deficient
Electricians (Ety)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	73	33 deficient.
Ops line	28	-	
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Clocks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Batteries/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	

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Vehicle Mechanic
 53
 14
 Electricians (SBty)
 43
 Ops Radio
 Ops Line
 Ops Switchboard
 Ops Cipher
 Cooks
 Drivers
 Batmen/Drivers
 General Duties
 Med Ord
 Shoemaker

5 6 7 5 43 73) 33 deficient.
 15 5 43 73 28 15 8 4 59 2 1 1 1
 3 6 15 5 43 73 28 15 8 4 59 2 1 1 1

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53 B.I.U. REAR LINK SIGNALS SECTION

PERSONNEL

Sgt 1
 CWIS 11
 Dvr Ops 2
 ES 1
 Dvr Mech 1
 Dvr IC 1
 Cipher Ops 3

REMARKS

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Dvr Mech held in lieu

To be available later from AFHQ.

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LEGMANO - Week ending 2 Dec 44.APPENDIX 'B'SEGRES (Major Items)

	<u>WE</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
WT Sets No 11 complete stns	57	57	
Tele D Mk V	180	180	
Tele EE 8	30	30	
Test Frame 40 - pair	1	1	
WT Sets No 48	104	104	
Wavemeters	12	12	
Reception Sets R 107	5	5	
WT Sets No 19 complete stns	14	14	
Charging Sets 300 watt	59	59	
Batteries 6v 100/125 AH	68	240)	
" 6v 170 AH	-	84)	In lieu of 85 AH, 6v 22 AH 6v 75 etc. Only 200 batts are charged.
Cable W 110 twisted miles	45	45	
Cable W 110 single miles	226	226	
Cable D 8 twisted miles	96	76	
Barrows Drum	4	4	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging Sets 1260 watt	8	8	
" 300 watt	59	59	
" 4.5 kw	4	4	
Cable Layer Mech No 1	1	1	
ACL No 2	36	24	
ACL No 3	14	14	
Switchboard FxP 40-line	1	1	
" VC 10-line	21	21	

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Cable W 110 twisted miles	45	45
Cable W 110 single miles	226	226
Cable D 8 twisted miles	96	76
Barrows Drum	4	4
Fullerphones	42	42
Charging Sets 1250 watt	8	8
" 300 watt	59	59
" 4.5 kw	4	4
Cable Layer Mech No 1	1	1
ACL No 2	36	24
ACL No 3	14	14
Switchboard PxF 40-line	1	1
" MC 10-line	21	21

LEGNANO - Week ending 2 Dec 44APPENDIX 'C'TRANSPORT

	<u>WE</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
MC	35	-	
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	16	-	
" 15 cwt PPW or wireless house	20	-	
" 15 cwt Office	1	-	
" 15 cwt Personnel 4x4	3	-	1 held by BLU
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 GS	17	-	
" 3 ton Cipher Office	1	-	
" 3 ton TEV	1	-	
Trailer 15 cwt Water	1	-	
	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	

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LEGNANO Gruppo - Week ending 2 Dec 44.

APPENDIX D.

Brief Statement of State of Training and of Points requiring Action.

1. Training.

Use of stationery and organization of Signal Offices are now being stressed. The General OC Gruppo has sent out a clear and comprehensive instruction on the employment of Signals in the field, also laying down the degree of training to be reached by officers in the use of RT. It is felt that the Gruppo staff are adopting a most helpful and satisfactory attitude to Signals, with the result that training is going well, subject to the great lack of transport.

2. Action.

Please state position in regard to decentralization of Genio Bn Admin. My reports dated 4 Nov, 11 Nov, and 18 Nov refer.

R. Hoold. Adams
Captain,
SORSigs.

RJA/SC.

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Subject: Progress Report.

52 British Liaison Unit,
CAF.

25 Nov 44

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SORFIC.

Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (AMIA)

Week ending 25 Nov 44.

Herewith the above current weekly report.

AAI letter 24276 of 4 Oct 44. refers.

RTA/NS.

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Rhodes Adams
Captain,
SORFIC.

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<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST.</u>	<u>HOLD.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
OC (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSAs	1	-	
COs	1	1	
SOAs	1	1	
COMS (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Supt	11	11	
Platoon Sergeants	11	11	
Cipher Ops Supt	3	3	
Clerks	1	1	
DRs	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5	
Es	6	6	
IMS	15	7	8 deficient
Electricians (Bty)	3	3	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	73	73	33 deficient
Ops Line	28	-	
Ops Switchboard	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Engineers/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	

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Vehicle Mechanics	5	6	7	8	deficient
23	5	6	7	8	
IMS	15	3	3	3	
Electricians (2TV)	43	43	43	43	
Linemen	78	78	78	78	13 deficient
Ops Radio	28	28	28	28	
Ops Line	15	15	15	15	
Ops Switchboard	8	8	8	8	
Ops Cipher	4	4	4	4	
Cooks	59	59	59	59	
Drivers	2	2	2	2	
Battmen/Drivers	1	1	1	1	
General Duties	1	1	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	1	1	
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52 BLT REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

PERSONNEL	EST.	HELD.	REMARKS.
Sgt	1	1	
OWLS	11	11	
Dvr Ops	2	2	Dvr Mech held in lieu.
ES	1	1	
Dvr Mech	1	1	
Dvr IC	1	1	
Cipher Opn	3	-	To be available later from NFMQ.
	20	17	

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LEONANO - week ending 25 Nov 44.APPENDIX 'B'STORES (Major Items)

	<u>WE</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
WT Sets No 11 complete stns	57	57	
Tele D AX V	180	180	
Tele E X R	30	30	
Test Frame 40 - pair	1	1	
WT Sets No 48	104	104	
Wavemeters	12	12	
Reception Sets A 107	3	3	
WT Sets No 18 complete stns	14	14	
Charging Sets 300 watt	59	59	
Batteries 6v 100/125 AH	68	240)	
" 6v 170 AH	-	84)	In lieu of 95 AH, 6v 75 etc. Only 120 batteries are charged.
Cable # 110 twisted miles	45	20	
Cable # 110 single miles	226	20	
Cable D 6 single miles	96	20	
Barrowe Drum	4	4	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging Sets 1260 watt	8	8	
" 300 watt	59	59	
" 4.5 kw	4	4	
Cable Leyhr Mech No 1	1	1	
ACL No 2	36	24	
ACL No 1	14	14	
Switchboard PxF 40-line	1	1	
" TC 1C-line	21	21	

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Cable W 110 twisted miles	43	20
Cable W 110 single miles	226	20
Cable D 0 single miles	56	20
Barrows Drum	4	4
Fullerphones	42	42
Charcine Nets 1260 watt	8	8
" 300 watt	59	59
" 4.5 kw	4	4
Cable Laybr Mech No 1	1	1
ACL No 2	36	24
ACL No 1	14	14
Switchboard PXP 40-line	1	1
" 10-10-line	21	21

LEGNANO - Week ending 25 Nov 44.APPENDIX 'C'TRANSPORT

	<u>WE</u>	<u>HOLD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
MC	35	-	
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	16	-	
" 15 cwt PFW or			
wireless house	20	-	
" 15 cwt Office	1	-	
" 15 cwt 4x4 personnel	3	-	1 held by BLU
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 GS	17	-	
" 3 ton cipher office	1	-	
" 3 ton TRV	1	-	
Trailer 15 cwt Water	1	-	
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Appendix B Week ending 28 Nov 44.

LEGnano GruppoProgress Report on Signal TrainingAt 23 Nov 44.1. General Progress

- (a) All controlled signal stores have been in the hands of units for more than two weeks, some much longer.
- (b) No uncontrolled signal stores have yet arrived other than some which are ancillary to wireless sets. On 21 Nov 44 it was laid down by Ord 13 AFHQ that uncontrolled stores could be now be indented for, which is being done.
- (c) Almost no transport is available yet for training purposes.
- (d) Personnel all through the Gruppo are now nearly complete for numbers against signal establishments. A heavy proportion are however bodies with no previous experience. The worst case is the main one, namely operators. There are approximately 250 from all arms, to train from nothing.

2. State of training of specialists and tradesmen.

- (a) Operators (i) Signal Coy. Attention has so far primarily been concentrated on wireless. A basic knowledge of procedure and of the sets exists but much further practice is required. This week the first lectures on the Signal Office, use of British stationery etc are being given.
- (ii) Others. As above except for Signal
- Office training.
- (b) Linemen. (i) Signal Coy. The men are experienced but do not come up to British standards. Lack of transport precludes much practical line-laying. Lectures are being given
- (ii) Others. As above, but it has not yet been possible to allot British NCO instructors. This will be done in the near future.

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- (c) Switchboard Operators.

Fairly good throughout the Gruppo. British exchanges

have been brought into daily use.

- (d) Instrument Mechanics and Electricians. Signal (Genio only) Instrument is fair.

State of training in use of British equipment is fair.

The issue of used No 11 Sets (in lieu of No 22 Sets) has meant for instance that much work has had to be done on them before they would work at all; this has greatly benefited Italian IM's, who have worked alongside British personnel from the BLU Rear Link Signal Section. Italian workmanship and knowledge seems very fair.

The liability here is the deficiency of 3 IM's out of

15.

- (e) Drivers and DR's (Genio only)

Almost no driving instruction can be given to the inexperienced owing to lack of transport. Unsuitability of roads. No full assessment of the state of training is yet possible, but the proportion of fairly experienced drivers in the Genio may be taken as over 50%. Map reading is however generally poor.

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3. Balance of Programme to be completed.

- (a) Practical wireless operating. At least 4 weeks.
- (b) Morse. Many weeks of morse training for beginners.
- (c) Signal office and Message Procedure etc. 3 weeks.
- (d) Lines. Practical line laying with British vehicles and equipment. 2 weeks from time equipment is all available.
- (e) Switchboard Ops. OK now.
- (f) IM's and ES. 4 weeks.
- (g) Drivers and DRS. Probably many weeks before a British standard could be reached, but 4 weeks with enough vehicles and proper roads should place them at a minimum servicable standard as Italians.

4. Courses and Special Training completed.

Instruction on all British equipment to at least a cadre from each unit.
Primary instruction on wireless procedure to all.

5. Any special difficulties encountered. (a) Lack of transport.

- (b) The hold-up on the issue of uncontrolled stores e.g. no wireless sets were issued with charged batteries either wet or dry, and consequently special application had to be made for (i) electrolyte (ii) dry batteries. Neither are yet available in entirety, although it is now hoped they will be in hand within 7 days, or at most 14 days.
- (c) The big number of complete beginners of all arms for wireless operating.

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52 British Liaison Unit
CMF
18 Nov 44.

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S.O.R.Sigs
Land Forces Sub-Comm AC (SMAIA)

Week ending 18 Nov 44.

Herewith the above current weekly report.

AAI letter 2521X6 of 4 Oct 44 refers.

Rhodd. Adams

Captain,
S.O.R.Sigs.

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LEONANO - Week ending 18 Nov 44APPENDIX 'A'21st SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>ASST.</u>	<u>HEAD.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
A.S.M.	1	-	
C.Q.M.G.	1	1	
S.Q.M.G.	1	1	
C.Q.M.G. (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sats	11	11	
Platoon Sats	11	11	
Cipher Ops Sats	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
A.R.	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	3	2	
E.S.	3	6	
I.M.E	15	7	8 deficient
Electricians (pty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	68	37 deficient
Ops Line	28	-	
Ops Swhd	15	12	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Battmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	
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E.S.	6	8 deficient
I.M.	15	7
Electricians (Bty)	3	5
Linemen	43	43
Ope Radio	78	68
Ope Line	28	-
Ope Swbd	13	12
Ope Cipher	8	8
Cooks	4	4
Drivers	59	59
Estuon/Drivers	2	2
General Duties	1	1
Med Ord	1	1
Shoemaker	1	1
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52 BLU BLAN LINE SIGNAL SECTION

PERSONNEL	EST.	HOLD.	REMARKS
Sgt	1	1	
CWLS	11	11	
Dvr Cps	2	2	3389 Held in
E.S.	1	1	Dvr Acche Field in
Dvr Mech	1	1	Area
Dvr IS	1	1	
Cipher Cps	3	1	To be available later
	20	17	from AFHQ.

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APPENDIX 'E'

STORES (Major Items)

	W.E.	HELD.	REMARKS.
WT Sets No 11 complete stns	57	57	
Tele D Mk V	180	180	
Tele E E 8	30	30	
Test Frame 40 - pair	1	1	
WT Sets No 48	104	104	
Wavemeters	12	12	
Reception Sets R 107	5	5	
WT Sets No 19 complete stns	14	14	
Charging sets 300 watt	59	59	
Batteries 6v 100/125 AH	68	240)	
" 6v 170 AH	-	84)	In lieu of 85 AH, 6v 22 AH. 6v 75 etc. Only 66 batteries are charged.
Cable W 110 twisted miles	45	20	
Cable W 110 single miles	226	20	
Cable D 8 single miles	96	20	
Barrows Drum	4	4	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging sets 1200 watt	8	8	
" 300 watt	59	59	
" 4.5 kw	4	4	
Cable Layer Mech No 1	1	1	
ACL No 2	36	24	
ACL No 1	14	14	
Switchboard F x P 40-Line	1	1	
" UC 10-Line	21	21	

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Cable D 8 single miles	98	20
Barrows Drum	4	4
Fullerphones	42	42
Conraining sets	3	3
"	59	59
"	4	4
Cable Layer Mech No 1	1	1
ACL No 2	36	24
ACL No 3	14	14
Switchboard F z F 40-Line	1	1
" UC 10-Line	21	21

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APPENDIX 'C'

TRANSPORT

	W.S.	HOLD.	REMARKS.
AC	35	-	
Trucks	16	-	
"	20	-	
"	1	-	
"	3	-	1 held by BIU
Lorry	17	-	
"	1	-	
"	1	-	
Trailer	1	-	
	95.	-	

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APPENDIX 'D'

Brief statement of state of training and of points requiring action.

1. Training.

(i) Further to last week's report on wireless training, progress has not been great, owing to the fact that the main body of Italian rank and file operators are now tackling the new procedure. The NCOs already being used as instructors continue to be fairly satisfactory, but it is felt that it will be some time before the ordinary marconisti is proficient both with his set and his procedure.

Lack of charged batteries continues to restrict the number of sets that can be used at any one time, but it is hoped to obtain more electrolyte this week.

The state of wireless training in the Infantry and Artillery is similar to that set out above in respect of Signals, except that the Infantry can use all their sets, but mostly with the hand generator only, as few dry batteries are yet to hand.

(ii) A start has been made on the use of British stationery. The message form, signal register and DR docket are being used in the embryonic Signal Office being set up at Gruppo HQ.

2. Action.

This is still requested in respect of,

- (a) decentralization of Admin within the Genio Bn, and,
- (b) the supply of marconisti, as stated in the last two weekly progress reports.

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Subject Progress Report

52 British Liaison Unit
CMF.

11 Nov 44

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S.O. R.Sigs
Land Forces Sub-Commission AC(MMIA)✓

Week ending 11 Nov 44

Herewith the above current weekly report.

AAI letter 2821X6 of 4 Oct 44 refers.

R. Harold Adams
Captain
S.O.R.Sigs.

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CSO AFHQ

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LEGHANO - Week ending 11 Nov 44.APPENDIX 'A'51st SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST.</u>	<u>HELD.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
R.S.M.	1	-	
C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
C.Q.M.S. (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sgts	11	11	
Platoon Sgts	11	11	
Cipher Ops Sgts	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
D.Rs	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle mechanics	5	2	
E.S.	0	6	8 deficient
I.Ls	15	7	
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	69	
Ops Line	26	-	37 deficient
Ops Swbd	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	
Batmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	

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D.Hg	22	22
Draughtsmen	1	1
Vehicle Mechanics	5	2
E.S.	6	6
I.Ms	15	7
Electricians (Bty)	5	5
Linemen	43	43
Ops Radio	78	69
Ops Line	28	-
Ops Swbd	15	15
Ops Cipher	8	8
Cooks	4	4
Drivers	59	59
Batmen/Drivers	2	2
General Duties	1	1
Med Ord	1	1
Shoemaker	1	1
	334	285

8 deficient
37 deficient

52 BLU REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

PERSONNEL	EST.	HELD.	REMARKS
Sgt	1	1	
OWLS	11	11	
Dvr Ops	2	2	Dvr Mech held in lieu
E.S.	1	1	
Dvr Mech	1	1	
Dvr IC	1	1	
Cipher Rps	3	-	To be available later from AFHQ
	20	17	

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LEGNAO - Week ending 11 Nov 44APPENDIX 'B'STORES (Major Items)

	<u>W.B.</u>	<u>HELD.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
WT Sets No 11 complete stns	57	57	
Tele D Mk V	180	180	
Tele E B 8	30	30	
Test Frame 40 - pair	1	1	
WT Sets No 48	104	104	
Wavemeters	12	12	
Reception Sets R 107	5	5	
WT Sets No 19 complete stns	14	14	
Charging Sets 300 watt	59	59	
Batteries 6v 100/125 AH	68	240)	In lieu of 85 AH,
" 6v 170 AH	-	64)	6v 22 AH, 6v 75 etc.
		)	Only 44 batteries
		)	are charged.
Cable W 110 twisted miles	45	20	
Cable W 110 single, miles	226	20	
Cable D 3 single, miles	36	20	
Barrows Drum	4	4	
Fullerphones	42	42	
Charging sets 1200 watt	8	8	
Charging sets 300 watt	59	59	
Charging sets 4.5 kw	4	4	
Cable layer seen No 1	1	1	
ACL No 2	36	24	
ACL No 3	14	14	
Switchboard 2XF 40-line	1	1	
Switchboard UC 10-line	21	21	

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Cable W 110 twisted miles	45	20
Cable W 110 single, miles	236	20
Cable D 6 single, miles	90	20
Barrons Drum	4	4
Fullerphones	42	42
Charging sets 1250 watt	8	8
Charging sets 300 watt	59	59
Charging sets 4.5 kw	4	4
Cable layer mech No 1	1	1
ACL No 2	36	24
ACL No 3	14	14
Switchboard FxP 40-line	1	1
Switchboard UC 10-line	21	21

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APPENDIX 'C'

TRANSPORT

	W.E.	HOLD.	REMARKS.
MC	35	-	
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 GS	16	-	
" 15 cwt P2W or wireless house	20	-	
" 15 cwt Office	1	-	
" 15 cwt 4x4 personnel	3	-	
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 GS	17	-	
" 3 ton cipher Office	1	-	
" 3 ton TRV	1	-	
Trailer 15 cwt water	1	-	
	95	-	

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1 held by 250

LEONARD GRUPO - Week ending 14 Nov 44.

APPENDIX 'D'

Brief statement of state of training and of points requiring action.

1. Instructors.

Ref last week's report the instructors concerned have now returned.

2. Training.

- (i) Training has started properly this week with British equipment, and is proceeding satisfactorily. Practice groups have been held at outdoor classroom range with the respective sets viz: No 19, No 11 and No 48. British procedure as translated into Italian has been used throughout, and key personnel have mastered it promisingly.
- (ii) The number of No 19 and 11 sets that can be used for training is still severely limited by the shortage of charged batteries, but up till now this has not mattered greatly since the ~~aim~~ has been to train a nucleus of proficient NCOs who will in the next few weeks supervise their own men as well as perfect their own knowledge of both procedure and sets. It will however matter from now on.
- (iii) With regard to the shortage of batteries, another 250 gallons of ~~electrolyte~~ is required in order to be able to proceed with initial charging. 50 gallons were released originally and it was understood that no more was immediately available at that time viz: approx 1 Nov. A further request is now being made.
- (iv) Morse training is being held up in the Infantry Regiments for lack of both loudspeaking apparatus and suitable accommodation, and progress has been slight. Steps are being taken to construct a Morse training set for each Regiment by the Genio. It is hoped that accommodation will be more readily available

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(v) Drivers and DRS. Very little driving instruction is possible for either of these, on account of :-

- (a) lack of vehicles and DRS (except 2 DRS)
- (b) complete unsuitability of any roads in the FLEWELMONT area for beginners to drive on.

(vi) (a) The state of training of the following is fairly satisfactory :-

Linemen

Switchboard operators.

(b) Linemen will learn to handle the types of cable that have now come into possession. SWBd ops are equally practising on the P&P and UC 10-lincs.

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(vii) Ims and ES. The existing personnel are making excellent progress in their knowledge of British equipment. The grave liability here is the shortage of 50% of the Ims. Battery ES now have actual charging to handle with the new charging sets.

3. Action.

No special action is requested other than the pursuing of the points 2 and 3 raised in last week's Appendix 'D'.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report

To:- S.O.R. Sigs,
MMIA. Rome.

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52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF. x507/3.
4 Nov 44

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Week ending 4 Nov 44

Herewith the above current weekly report.
AAI letter 2821 x 6 of 4 Oct 44 refers.

R. Wood Adams
Captain,
S.O.R. Sigs.

Copy to:- C.S.O., AAI.
C.S.O., AFHQ.

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LEGNANO - Week ending 4 Nov 44APPENDIX 'A'51st SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST.</u>	<u>HELD.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
R.S.M.	1	-	
C.Q.M.S.	1	1	
S.Q.M.S.	1	1	
C.Q.M.S. (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Smts	11	11	
Platoon Smts	11	11	
Cipher Ops Smts	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
D.Re	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	2	3 coming
E.S.	6	6	
I.Ms	15	7	8 deficient
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	65	37 deficient
Ops Line	28	-	plus 4 men
			taken under
			training.
Ops Swbd	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	59	Deficiencies
			made up.
Batmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	

Electricians (3 ty)

Linemen
Ops Radio
Ops Line

Ops Swbd
Ops Cipher
Cooks
Drivers

Batmen/Drivers
General Duties
Med Ord
Shoemaker

2 43
43 43
78 65
28 -

15 15
8 8
4 4
59 59

2 2
1 1
1 1
1 1

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52 B.L.U. REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

PERSONNEL

Sgt
OWLS
Dvr Ops
ES
Dvr Mech
Dvr IC
Cipher Ops

EST HELD REMARKS

1 1
11 11
2 2
1 1
1 1
1 1

3 3
20 17

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Dvr Mech held in lieu.

To be avail-
able 1st Aug
from 1st Aug

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LEGHANO - Week ending 4 Nov 44APPENDIX 'B'STORES (Major Items)

	<u>W.E.</u>	<u>HELD.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
W.T.Sets No. 11 complete stations	57	57	In lieu of No. 22 Sets.
Tele D Mk.V.	180	180	
Tele E E 8	30	30	
Switchboard F & F 40 line	1	1	
Test Frame 40 - pair	1	1	
W.T.Sets No. 48	104	104	
Wavemeters	12	12	
Reception Sets R. 107	5	5	
W.T.Sets No. 19 complete stns	14	14	
Charging sets 300 watt	59	17	Remainder to be collected
Batteries 6 v 100/125 AH	68	240	In lieu of 85 AH,
" 6 v 170 AH	-	84	6 v 22 AH, 6v 75
			etc. Only 44
			batteries are charged

LEGHANO - Week ending 4 Nov 44APPENDIX 'C'TRANSPORT

<u>W.E.</u>	<u>HELD</u>
35	-
16	-

MC

Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS

batteries are charged

LEGNANO - Week ending 4 Nov 44

APPENDIX 'C'

TRANSPORT

	W.E.	HELD
MC		
Trucks 15 cwt 4 x 2 GS	35	-
" 15 cwt FFW or wireless house	16	-
" 15 cwt office	20	-
" 15 cwt 4 x 4 personnel	1	-
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 GS	3	- 1 held by BLU
" 3 ton cipher office	17	-
" 3 ton TEV	1	-
Trailer 15 cwt water	1	-
	95	-
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LEGNANO Gruppo - Week ending 4 Nov 44Appendix DBrief Statement of state of training and of points requiring action1. Withdrawal of instructors

(i) The sudden and peremptory detachment by SMRE of 50% of the trained instructors in the Sigs Coy on 1 Nov 44 has been the cause of great difficulty and disappointment. It is felt that the reconstitution of these persons (1 offr, 4 NCOs) who were all trained at the School of Sigs, LAUSANNE, for the specific purpose of instructing in this Gruppo, is of the utmost possible urgency. It is pointed out that it is at this precise moment, when equipment is arriving, that they are most required.

(ii) As you will be aware from RH Signal RG/2 of 011930 A the circumstances in which these instructors were sent to the Italian Signal School were very unsatisfactory. And it is felt that the position should not only be restored immediately, but that any future demands on specialised and key personnel from this Gruppo should be made through the RH. It is hoped that no withdrawal of personnel will be made in the future, such as in this last instance.

(iii) The names of the individuals whose return is required are:-

Ten	FORNENTI	Genio
SM	MARZELLI	"
SM	SOLOGNESI	"
Serg	SCHABERIS	"
Serg	PINZON	"
Ten	RIVOLTA	Arty

(iv) It is felt that no work on the part of the above could be more important at the present time than

personnel will be made in the future, such as in this last instance.

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Ten	FORNATI	Genio
SM	MARTELLI	"
SE	BOLOGNESI	"
Serg	SCHIAVIELLO	"
Serg	PINSON	"
Ten	RIVOLTA	Arty

(iv) It is felt that no work on the part of the above could be more important at the present time than instructional duties in this Gruppo.

2. Company Admin within Bn Genio.

(i) On 27 Sep 44 the LEGNANO Gruppo sent a letter ref. 01/33 to SARE (Ufficio Ordine e Mobilitazioni) requesting authorization of the plan, apparently already discussed, to decentralize down to Companies the 354th of the Battaglione Genio in a Gruppo di Combattimento. This was followed by a reminder on 27 Oct 44 ref 01/360.

(ii) No reply to these communications has been forthcoming.

(iii) Action is requested to stimulate an immediate reply and a reply in the affirmative.

(iv) It is understood that other Gruppi are in agreement with the request. In particular you are reminded that 50 BLU have been pressing the matter.

(v) This decentralization is:-

(a) considered necessary and advisable

(b) required now as soon as possible

for the following reasons:-

(a) it will release the Bn HQ from certain routine work which the Coys are in a better position to take over.

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(b) it will enable off base on the HQ to attend better to technical duties

(c) it will render available for Signals duties one of the two subalterns on BN HQ. He is at present an Admin officer. He is required to handle codes and cipher. He should, in this Gruppo, be made available at an early date to learn his new duties, including if possible the attending of an Italian cipher course in Rome.

3. Deficiency of Marconisti

(i) Further to my report last week that CC Sigs Coy was to interview personnel at AFRAGOLA Camp, there were none available for interview. It appears that the arrangements made by SMRE have failed to produce any specialist personnel at all. It is understood that they were to have come from SARDINIA.

(ii) The LEGNANO Gruppo is deficient, counting all arms, of no less than 224 persons who operate radio sets. 41 of these are Genio. While it will obviously be possible to train infantrymen to use No 48 sets R/T, any such step with the Genio on their equivalent sets will by itself be quite inadequate. In mountainous country it is possible that both infantry and artillery may need to use morse, but it is certain that the Genio operators must be able to do so at any time.

(iii) There is not the time available to train personnel from the beginning. It is once again urged that drastic steps be taken to secure at least 40 partly trained marconisti from some part of the Italian armed forces in this theatre. This is far the biggest problem here in Signals. Failure to increase the number of operators in this Gruppo will seriously affect its efficiency.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report

52 British Liaison Unit;

CMF.

28 Oct 44

To:- S.O.R.Sigs,

MIA ROME.

BLUS/8

Week ending 28 Oct 44

Herewith the above current weekly report. AAI letter
2821 x 6 of 4 Oct 44 refers.

RJA/WN.

R. Harold Adams
Captain,
S.O.R.Sigs.

Copy to:- C.S.O., AAI.
C.S.O., AFHQ.

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LEGNANO GRUPPO - WEEK ENDING 28 OCTOBER 44APPENDIX A51st SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>1. PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
O.C. (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
R.S.M.	1	-	
O.Q.M.S.	1	1	
S.Q.M.S.	1	1	
C.Q.M.S. (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sgts	11	11	
Platoon Sgts	11	11	
Cipher Ops Sgts	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
D.Rs	22	22	
Draughtsmen	1	1	4 Coming
Vehicle Mechanics	5	1	
E.S.	6	6	8 Deficient
I.Ms	15	7	
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	
Ops Radio	78	65	} 41 Deficient
Ops Line	28	-	
Ops Swbd	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	30	29 Deficient - coming shortly
Batmen / Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	1	
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I.Ms	15	7	8	Deficient
Electricians (Bty)	5	5		
Linemen	43	43		
Ops Radio	78	65		41 Deficient
Ops Line	28	-		
Ops Swbd	15	15		
Ops Cipher	8	8		
Cooks	4	4		
Drivers	59	30		29 Deficient - coming shortly
Batmen / Drivers	2	2		
General Duties	1	1		
Med Ord	1	1		
Shoemaker	1	1		
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52 B.L.U. REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

PERSONNEL	EST	HELD	REMARKS
Sgt;	1	1	
CWIs	11	11	
Dvr Ops	2	2	Dvr Mechs held in line
ES	1	1	
Dvr Mech	1	1	
Dvr IC	1	1	
Cipher Ops	3	-	To be available later from AFHQ
	20	17	
	=====		

LEGNANO GRUPPO - WEEK ENDING 28 OCT 44APPENDIX BSTORES (Major Items)

	<u>HELD</u>		<u>REMARKS</u>
WT Sets No.11 complete stations	- 57		Held in lieu of WT Sets No.22.
Tele D.V.	- 180		Incomplete viz less batteries and frames.
Tele EE8	- 30		
Switchboard F & F 40 line	- 1		
Test Frame 40 - pair	- 1		

LEGNANO GRUPPO - WEEK ENDING 28 OCT 44APPENDIX CTRANSPORT.

	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>
MC	35	-
Trucks 15 cwt 4X2 GS	16	-
Trucks 15 cwt FFW	20	-
Trucks 15 cwt office	1	-
Trucks 15 cwt 4X4 Personnel	3	-
Lorry 3 ton 4X4 GS	17	-
Lorry 3 ton cipher office	1	-
Lorry 3 ton TEV	1	-
Trailers 15 cwt water	1	-
	<u>95</u>	-

1 held by E.O.

APPENDIX CTRANSPORT.

	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>
MC	35	-
Trucks 15 cwt 4X2 GS	16	-
Trucks 15 cwt FTW	20	-
Trucks 15 cwt office	1	-
Trucks 15 cwt 4X4 Personnel	3	-
Lorry 3 ton 4X4 GS	17	-
Lorry 3 ton cipher office	1	-
Lorry 3 ton TEV	1	-
Trailers 15 cwt water	1	-
	<u>35</u>	-

1 held by BVO

 LEGNANO GRUPPO - WEEK ENDING 28 OCT 44

APPENDIX D

BRIEF STATEMENT OF STATE OF TRAINING AND OF ANY OTHER POINTS
 REQUIRING ACTION

1. Personnel

O.C. Sigs Coy is visiting Italian units at AFRAGOLA Camp today in order to interview wireless operators for posting to his company against the efficiency of 41. It is understood that these men may be available for release as a result of action taken by MMIA.

2. Stores

Release of stores has been made, and collection is steadily taking place. The first load arrived on Friday 27 Oct and distribution to units will be complete by 1200 hrs 30 Oct. This consists mainly of WT Sets No.11., less batteries.

3. Action

No special action is requested at the moment, beyond that requested last week.

SUBJECT: Progress Report

52 British Liaison Unit;
CMF.
21 Oct 44

To: Signal Officer,
MAIA, ROME.

BLUS/6

WEEK ENDING 21 OCTOBER 1944

1. Herewith report as above.
2. It is made out on the lines laid down in your X507 of 16 Oct. No cancellation of AAI letter 2821 X 6 of 4 Oct has however been received.
3. Thus two separate instructions exist as to the form the report is to take. The additional paragraph raised by AAI has been retained namely:- POINTS REQUIRING ACTION.

R. Hoold-Adams
Captain.
S.O.R. Sig.

RJA/WN.

Copy to: C.S.O. AAI.
C.S.O. AFHQ.

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LEGNANO GRUPPO - WEEK ENDING 21 OCT 44.APPENDIX A51ST SIGNAL COY (ITALIAN)

<u>1. PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
OC (Major)	1	1	
Subalterns	6	6	
RSM	1	-	
CQMS	1	1	
SQMS	1	1	
CQMS (P of S)	2	2	
Chief Wireless Sgts	11	11	
Platoon Sgts	11	11	
Cipher Op Sgts	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
DR's	22	22	
Draughtsman	1	1	4 coming
Vehicle Mechanics	5	1	
ES	6	6	8 deficient
IA's	15	7	
Electricians (Hty)	5	5	
Linemen	43	43	41 deficient
Ops Radio	78	65	41 deficient
Ops Line	28	-	
Ops Swbd	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	30	29 deficient shortly
Batmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Snowmaker	1	1	
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IM's	15	7	8 deficient
Electricians (Bty)	5	5	
Lineamen	43	43	41 deficient
Ops Radio	76	65	41 deficient
Ops Line	28	-	
Ops Swbd	15	15	
Ops Cipher	8	8	
Cooks	4	4	
Drivers	59	30	29 deficient shortly)
Batmen/Drivers	2	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Med Ord	1	1	
Snowmaker	1	1	
	334	251	

2. TRANSPORT

MC	35	Nil
Trucks 15 cwt 4x2 G3	16	"
Trucks 15 cwt FTW	20	"
Trucks 15 cwt office	1	"
Trucks 15 cwt 4x4 Personnel	3	"
Lorry 3 ton 4x4 G3	17	"
Lorry 3 ton cipher office	1	"
Lorry 3 ton TEV	1	"
Trailers 15 cwt water	1	"
	95	Nil

1 held by BLU
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3. STORES (Major items)

<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Nil	Controlled stores released by AFHQ. Will be collected during the coming week.

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LEGNARO GRUPPO - WEEK ENDING 21 OCT 44APPENDIX B52 BLU REAR LINK SIGNAL SECTION

<u>1. PERSONNEL</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Sgt	1	1	
OWL's	11	11	
Dvr Ops	2	2	Dvr Mechs held in lieu.
ES	1	1	
Dvr Mech	1	1	
Dvr lc	1	1	
Cipher Ops	1	-	To be available later from AFHQ
	<u>20</u>	<u>17</u>	

2. TRANSPORT

Truck 15 cwt 4x2 GS	1	1
Truck 15 cwt 4x2 FFW	2	-
Lorry 3 ton 4x2 GS	1	1
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>

3. STORES (Major items)

<u>HELD</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Nil	As for 51 Sig Coy (Italian)

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3. STORES (Major items)

HELD

Nil

REMARKS

as for 51 SIG Coy (Italian)

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LEGnano GRUPPO - WEEK ENDING 21 OCT 44

APPENDIX CSTATE OF TRAINING AND POINTS REQUIRING ACTION1. STATE OF TRAINING IN 51 SIGS COY (IT)

<u>TRADE</u>	<u>STATE</u>
Operators Radio	) Knowledge of Morse mostly good.
	) Nucleus know Brit. sets from R Sigs School.
Operators Line	) Have learnt and are practising trans-
	) lation of Brit. procedure.
Operators Switchboard	Experienced
I.Ms	Those there are, are good. 3 have knowledge of Brit equipment from R.Sigs School
E.S.	Experienced but not yet on Brit eqpt.
E.S. (Bty)	Experienced but not yet on Brit eqpt.
Veh Mechanics	One. He has a fair knowledge of some Brit vehicles.
D.Re	Seven O.K. Remainder poor. Map reading and knowledge of Brit road signs poor.
Linemen	Very experienced anal: P.L. in most cases.
Drivers	Those there are, are fair to good.

2. POINTS REQUIRING ACTION

e) the deficiency of 41 Operators (Marconiati)

Operators Switchboard	Experienced
I.Ms	Those there are, are good. 3 have knowledge of Brit equipment from R.Sigs School
E.S.	Experienced but not yet on Brit eqpt.
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2. POINTS REQUIRING ACTION

- a) The deficiency of 41 Operators (Marconisti)
 Ref report for last week, it is further suggested that experienced marconisti should be available from Italian Air Force sources.
 It is essential that at least a proportion of this big deficiency in morse operators be made up from sources outside the Legnano Gruppo.
- b) Deficiency of I.Ms (radiomontatori)
 This is now shown as 6 since 1 is the C.Q.M.S. (F of S) which vacancy was to have been provisionally filled from another Signals Coy
 This deficiency of 6 should be treated on the same basis as that of the operators above.

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SUBJECT:- Progress Report

52 British Liaison Unit.

CMF.

15 Oct 44.

Signal Officer ✓
M.M.I.A., ROME.

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Week - ending 14 October 44.

1. Reference AAI letter 2821 x 6 of 4 Oct 44 herewith Weekly Progress Report for week-ending 14 Oct.
2. It is regretted that no report was rendered for week ending 7 Oct. The letter from AAI did not reach here till 9 Oct. Further, it was felt that you were aware of the general position, namely that the LEGNANO Gruppo having not yet completed re-organisation from the C.I.L. and being without any British equipment at all, no training had started. This situation was also reported to you in my BLUS/8 of 12 Oct in reply to your X507/7 of 10 Oct.

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Appendix 'A' to AAI 2821 x 6 of 4 Oct 44

Weekly progress report52 B.L.U. with LEGNANO Gruppo.For week ending 14 Oct 44SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES OF PERSONNELREAR LINK SIGNALSITALIAN SIGNALS COY.

<u>Trade</u>	<u>Est</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Trade</u> (<u>excl Sgts</u>)	<u>Held</u>	<u>Def</u>
OWL	12	12	Ops Radio	78	13) 28) 41
Dvr Ops	2	2 Dvr Ops Mechs in lieu	Ops Line	28	NIL
Dvr Mech	1	1	Veh Mechs	5	1
E.S	1	1	E.S	6	6
WG CIPHER Ops	3	NIL	Cipher Ops	8	8
Dvr I.C.	1	1	Drivers	59	21
			I.Ms	15	8
			ES(Bty)	5	5
	20	17	Linemen	43	43
			D.Rs	22	22
			TSBO's	15	15
			Braughts- men	1	1
			Clerk	1	1
			Batmen	2	2
			Gen Duties	1	1
			Med Ord	1	1
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					7

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Dvr I.C.	1	1	15	8	7
	20	17	5	5	-
I.Ms			43	43	-
ES(Bty)			22	22	-
Linemen			15	15	-
D.Rs			1	1	-
TSBO's			1	1	-
Broughts- men			2	2	-
Clerk			1	1	-
Batmen			1	1	-
Gen Duties			1	1	-
Med Ord			1	1	-
Shoemaker			4	4	-
Cooks					
			295	205	90

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Appendix 'B' to AAI 2821 X6 of 4 Oct 44SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES OF SIGNAL CONTROLLED STORES.

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Est</u>	<u>Held</u>
LEGNANO Gruppo	App. Cable Layer No.6.	36	NIL
	" " No.3.	14	NIL
	Cable Layers Mech No.1.	1	NIL
	Barrows Drum WD Mk II.	4	NIL
	WT Sets No.19. H.P.	2	NIL
Complete	" " No.19.	14	NIL
Stations	" " No.22.	57	NIL
	" " No.18.	104	NIL
	" " No.22/18(carrier)	1	NIL
	" " No.18(carrier)	2	NIL
	Wavemeters Class D	12	NIL
	Charging sets 4 kw	4	NIL
	" " 2260 watt	8	NIL
	" " 300 watt	57	NIL
	Reception Sets R 107	5	NIL
	Reception Sets R-109	4	NIL
	Swaps P&P 40-line	1	NIL
	" UC 10-line	21	NIL
	Superposing Units-		
	Coils C161 in lieu	28	NIL
	Boxes Terminal S.O. Mk.II	9	NIL
	Frames D & P 10-wire, Mk.I.		
	sets	9	NIL
	Fullerphones	42	NIL
	Tele D.V.	180	NIL
	" For L or EES	30	NIL
	Test Frames 40 pair	1	NIL
	Watches G.S.	79	NIL
	Telephone loudspeaking No.2.	8	NIL

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Test Frames 40 pair	1	NIL
Watches G.S.	79	NIL
Telephone loudspeakers	8	NIL
No. 2.		

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Appendix 'C' to AAI 2821X6 of 4 Oct 44

SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES OF SIGNAL VEHICLES

<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>EST</u>	<u>HELD</u>
Trucks 15-cwt FFW	20	NIL
Lorries 3 ton Cipher Office	1	NIL
Lorry 3-ton TEV	1	NIL
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Appendix 'D' to AAI 2821x6 of 4 Oct 44BRIEF STATEMENT OF STATE OF TRAINING AND OF ANY OTHER
POINTS REQUIRING ACTION.
-----1. PERSONNEL

(i) It was understood that the grave deficiency of 41 operators (incl. radio & line) could be partly made up by "milkings" the 129 Italian Signal Coy.; but this Coy has now been transferred to the FOLCORE Gruppo.

It is requested therefore that the Italian authorities be required to produce the deficient operators from other units. These must all be "marconisti" (NOT "telegrafisti") since the Italian line operator is not proficient in morse by ear.

It is understood that the LEGNANO Gruppo have themselves requested assistance from the Ministry of War but have met with a refusal on the grounds that:-

- (a) no marconisti are to be found in the few units now remaining under their own sole direction.
- (b) they cannot withdraw them from units serving under either British or American direction.

It is suggested that "marconisti" are to be found in the 209th and 210th Italian Divisions, now employed on road maintenance. There are doubtless also other sources.

(ii) The deficiencies in IM's (radiomontatori) and drivers are less serious, but it does not seem possible to make them good immediately from sources here.

It is requested that efforts be made to find 7 radiomontatori by the same method as outlined above in respect of operators.

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2. STORES

Release of G. 1098 scale is now promised by AFHQ for this coming week. This will enable training to begin on British equipment.

3. TRAINING

(i) 3-day Courses are being run w.e.f. 16 Oct for regimental signallers in an Italian version of wireless procedure as translated directly from British procedure.

(ii) During the past week the Signals Coy has been translating learning and practising this procedure (without apparatus however except a telephone group). Excellent progress has been made.

(iii) It is requested that it be confirmed that the Italians will use British Signal Stationery e.g. Message Forms, Signal Registers and Wireless logs.

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