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Oct 1944 - MAR. 1945

CONFIDENTIALNOTES ON SIGNALS OF COMBAT GROUP FOLGORE ON ARRIVAL IN THE LINE1. RECONTAISANCE AND LIAISON

Several days prior to the beginning of the take-over, representative parties of all signal elements were installed at British HQs to be taken over. They were conducted over the line network and general layout of communications in their particular sector. Close liaison was maintained during this period by the SO E. Signal and the BIL with the 3 R. Signal and other Signal officers of the division. Handing over, detailed plans for the switching of lines etc were prepared for each stage of the hand-over.

2. LINE

As soon as the general plan as to location of HQs etc was known, the lines were built in preparation for the leading in of trunks and junctions. Duplicate exchanges were installed alongside existing British exchanges at Divisional and Brigade HQs with the lines. On the passing of command, lines were switched en masse to the Italian exchange. This procedure proved most effective and no breakdown or delay in communications occurred.

3. WIRELESS

The general principle was that wireless would be available but would not be used unless in the event of complete line failure. As happened, lines stood up well and wireless was not used. In general, wireless operators are not sufficiently highly disciplined in the use of standard procedure. While it is realized that practical use is essential to obtain competence, one is hesitant from the security point of view to allow a greater use of wireless than is absolutely necessary.

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The establishment of a SIGNAL OFFICE is an idea comparatively new to the Italian Army. Consignal guidance and coordination has been necessary to get them to think in terms of, and establish, a Signal Office system. I would suggest that a small pamphlet be prepared in Italian detailing the duties of Signalmaster, Superintendent, Counter clerks, etc, and the general organization of a Signal Office and JIS, for the guidance of Italian personnel concerned.

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5. TRAINING OPERATING

In general the Italian switchboard operator talks too much and is too fond of saying "PROMPTO." It is inevitable that non-Italian speaking officers have to use the Italian language. The possibility of obtaining them within groups Italian operators who have at least a fair smattering of English is well worth considering.

6. REQUIREMENTS

As was anticipated, the establishment of telephones and switchboards within the BLU and Group is quite inadequate. 11 switchboards and 57 telephones were issued on loan by Corps and distributed before taking over. Even this equipment has proved to be only just sufficient to fulfil the requirements in the role held. Some of equipment is on the whole good. Maintenance of batteries can be improved.

7. ATTACHMENT

(a) BLU: The Rear Link Signal Section has of necessity been more than doubled in strength.

The BLU signal system includes 4 wireless links (2 to Main Corps, one to Rear Corps, and one to Flanking formation), 2 fulltime links (one to Corps and one to Flanking formation), a switchboard of 20 lines, and a fair amount of ELS traffic.

The installation and maintenance of numerous tie lines and locals and the provision at times of technical guidance to the Group signals given ample work for a line detachment. A liaison mechanic has also been necessary to install the signal office wiring and to look after the 1 + 1 carrier terminal equipment. Sufficient personnel to carry out the above commitments have been provided by Corps. The BLU set-up is sufficiently involved as to require supervision. The SO R.Sigs generally has his hands full supervising the functioning of the Group signals. An officer has been provided by Corps. The need for a clerk complete with typewriter for the

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SO R. Sigs is strongly felt. There is so much pressure of work on the BLU orderly room clerks that correspondence quite often takes as long as 48 hours to be typed.

(b) Group Signals: The officers of the Signals Coy and regimental signal officers have on the whole shown a commendable degree of enthusiasm if not always of efficiency. In many instances they show a lack of sense of urgency or "priority." They hesitate to think out the solution of a problem or to make a decision for themselves.

The quality of the average signalmen is moderate. Their discipline is weak, they are not sufficiently signal minded. A case has occurred of a DR breaking down on a busy road and failing to get his packages to the Signal Office for a further 18 hours as a result! Similarly, a lineman has decided, when on a fault in the dark, that it "it cannot be found."

Wireless detachments have blamed the frequency for bad communications and on being instructed to re-site or re-orientate have got perfect results. Switchboard operators chip in on the line saying "FINITO ? FINITO ?" while a conversation is actually in progress between subscribers.

Few of the officers are sufficiently conscientious to jump on and correct those points as soon as they are spotted.

The standard however improves gradually.

It is fortunate that the sector of line taken over is fairly quiet and that an excellent line network existed. Valuable experience has been gained and is being gained at no cost.

8. SECURITY

The standard of telephone security is very bad. An Italian "C" officer has said he preferred to telephone his orders and sitrops rather than have them sent on the Fullerphone! In forward areas the telephone is used with an alarming lack of security. Much of this is due to indigenous volubility but efforts are being made to check this tendency. There is also a tendency to resort to 'phonograms' whenever possible even where Fullerphone or V/T links exist. This is bad security apart from the resultant congestion on main speech circuits.

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10. GENERAL

Due mainly to the excellent line network existing and to the valuable assistance rendered by the division relieved and by Corps the arrival in the line was a signal success. It is doubtful however, whether, if conditions had not been so favourable, the operation would have been so successful.

Date: 14 Mar 45

DISTRIBUTION:

CSO 15 Army Group	1
CSO Eighth Army	1
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CSO 13 Corps	1
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (AfLIA)	1
for SO R. Sigs:	1
SO R. Sigs 50 BLU	1
SO R. Sigs 51 BLU	1
SO R. Sigs 52 BLU	1
SO R. Sigs 56 BLU	1
"G" Officers File	1
File	2

AKW
Capt. R. Sigs,
SO R. Sigs

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Subject: Progress Report

To: Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (LSCA) for SO Ridge.

53 P.L.U.
Ref. SX1/2
22 Jan 45.

Herewith Progress Report in respect of Signal Coy, Combat Group POLAORN,
for week ending 21 Jan 45.

COPY TO CSO 15174.
CSO 8 ARMY.

[Signature]
Capt. R. Sign
50 P. Sign
53 BLU

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PROFORMA 'A'

STATE OF FORMATION OF ITALIAN SIGNAL COY.

PERSONNEL

Detail	W.B.	Strength	Remarks
C.O.	1	1	
Subalterns	5	9	
Regt. Sjt. Major	1	1	
Det. Quartermaster Sjt.	1	1	
Det. Quartermaster Sjt.	1	1	
Staff Quartermaster Sjt.	1	1	
Company Quartermaster Sjt. (SERS)	1	2	
Chief Wireless Sjt.	11	11	
Platoon Sjt.	11	11	
Cipher Operator Sjt.	5	4	
Clerks	1	1	
Dispatch Riders	22	22	
Drummers	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	3	
Electrician Sjt.	5	5	
Instrument Mechanic	15	20	
Electrician Pvy. Changing	5	5	
Linemen	43	58	
Operators Wireless	78	77	
Operators Line	28	29	
Cooks	4	4	
Switchboard Operators	15	17	
Cipher Operators	3	8	
Drivers	59	62	
Section/Driver	2	2	
General Dutymen	1	1	
Medical Clerk	1	1	
Procurement	1	1	
TOTAL	333	399	TOTAL 364

Includes 5 'Telephono Mochis' see
SX2/1 of 22 Jan 45.

+ 5 M.F.Rs.

TRAINING

Remarks

Strength

W.B.

Detail

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SECTION 1B
STATE OF FORMATION OF THE AIR SIGNALS SECTION
REMARKS

<u>Details</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sgt.	1	1	Letter sent by B.L.U. to O2E requesting reinforcements.
Electrician (Signals)	1	1	
Operators (N & L)	11	10	
Receiver Operators (Cvr, Clm)	1	3	
Printer Operators	2	-	
Printer (B for duty as drivers)	1	-	
Other Operators (3 cyls.)	3	2	
TOTALS	1, 20	17	

TRUCKS

<u>Details</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Truck 10 cvt. 4 X 4 65	1	-	
Truck 15 cvt. 4 X 4 2 65	2	2	
Truck 3 cvt. 4 X 4 2 65	1	1	
TOTALS	4	3	

SECTION (Signal Section)

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<u>Detail.</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 10 cwt. 4 X 2 GS.	1	-	
Truck 15 cwt. 4 X 2 Chevrolet Radio	2	2	
Truck 3 ton 4 X 2 GS.	1	1	
	4	3	

EDWARDS (Major items)

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Major Items & Values.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
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All major items held.

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STATE

SUMMARY REPORT ON THE STATE OF SIGNALS TRAINING IN COMBAT GROUP POLICORETRAINING.1. TELE-RADIO COMPANY.Linemen and WRO's

During the last three months the company has installed and maintained extensive line communications thus giving much practical static training. For the past six weeks this has been carried out with British equipment. Further training with the mechanical layer is to be done. Theoretical instruction has been given to all linemen and WROs by officers of the company. 80% of these men have had active service experience as such in various theatres of war with the Italian Army and the C.I.L.

The personnel of the Signals Platoon which will work with the San Marco Regt, since they are personnel selected from the San Marco Regt (Naval personnel) have not the same practical experience as the others. Special attention is being paid to the training of this platoon.

Operators Line.

Theoretical and practical training has been carried out in the use of the Fullerphone. More classes have been held regularly. Two Fullerphone links have been in use during the past two weeks superimposed on telephone lines manned by operators of the company. Operators are familiar with the British type of message form.

Operators Wireless.

The operators of the company have reached a high standard of technical ability in the use of No 11 and No 19 sets. Practical training has been carried out in the use of remote control. A good standard of netting drill has been achieved with groups of up to 8 stations. Mobile schemes have been carried out satisfactorily. The operators of the San Marco platoon (all naval operators) are of a high standard.

Despatch Riders.

Due to the complete lack of M/Cs in the company the practical training of DRs has suffered badly. All of them can ride a M/C but more road work, rough riding and mechanical training is required. Lectures have been given in the general duties, use of dockets etc.

As a result of their not having machines, the morale of the DRs tends to be low.

Radio Mechanics.

Of the radio mechanics in the company, 2 are first class, 4 second class and the remainder have been trained within the company. All have done practical repairs and adjustments to 11, 19 and 48 sets. They assisted in mounting 19 and 11 sets into wireless vehicles.

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Despatch Riders.

Due to the complete lack of M/Cs in the company the practical training of IRs has suffered badly. All of them can ride a M/c but none road work, rough riding and mechanical training is required. Lectures have been given in the general duties, use of ciphers etc.

As a result of their not having machines, the morale of the IRs tends to be low.

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It is expected that a reasonably good standard of efficiency will be reached by these mechanics of lesser experience. 5 men are specialised in the repair and maintenance of all types of line instruments.

Electrician Signals.

These men are all electricians in civil life. They have had wide experience in the installation and maintenance of electric lighting and also work on vehicles etc.

Electricians Battery Charging.

These have had theoretical training. They have given initial charges to approx 150 accumulators and have carried out normal battery charging of wireless and vehicle batteries within the group. A good standard of efficiency has therefore been reached.

Drivers.

Of these, 10 were drivers in civil life, 20 have had previous army experience and the remaining 30 have been trained now. These latter are reaching a fair standard of efficiency. The 'task' system of maintenance is in operation. Due to the shortage of transport in the earlier stages, difficulty was experienced in carrying out a full programme of practical training. The drivers of the San Marco platoon are of a low standard, few of them having driven previously.

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Tactical Training.

Up till now the platoons of the Signals Company have been undergoing training on a company basis and have not been with the regiments with whom they will eventually work. On reaching the new location, platoons will join their appropriate regiment and will then be used in their normal role in the tactical exercises to be carried out.

Signals Security.

The Italian translation of the 'Standard Procedure' pamphlet is still awaited. The gist of the pamphlet has been translated locally and operators are to a certain extent familiar with the system.

Intensive training is planned in the use of SLIPK R/T code for officers and operators. The SLIPK folders and cards have been distributed.

A Code and Cipher officer has been appointed who is thoroughly conversant with the Code Sign and Slidex system.

Signal Office.

The idea of the establishment of a Signal Office, now to the Italian Army, has been discussed upon the minds of the Signals officers. Further trading in the establishment of signal offices will be carried out.

2. ARTILLERY REGIMENT.

Officers and men of the regiment show a commendable degree of enthusiasm and 'signal mindedness'. They have had a fair amount of operative handling of their W/T and telephones. Practical exercises have been carried out employing groups of up to 8 stations. Further tactical exercises employing the platoon from the Signals Company and more training ^{on} Standard Procedure and Slidex will be done.

3. MARCO INFANTRY REGIMENT.

The signallers of the regiment have reached a good standard of proficiency in the handling of the 48 set and have daily schemes using the set. More training is required in the laying and maintenance of lines. Training has been carried out by officers and NCOs who have had a course of signal instruction at Nocera. Officers are 'taking' to Slidex but much more practice is required in its use.

4. SAN MARCO INFANTRY REGIMENT.

The regimental wireless operators are good (ex naval) but the lineamen are decidedly weak. Special coaching will have to be given to this regiment to bring it up to the standard of the rest of the group. The officers have not shown the same degree of interest as have those of the other regiments.

GENERAL.

The recommendations set forth in 53 ELY letter G1-17 of Dec 44 in respect of the present situation and 2. 1008 are reiterated.

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3. NEBO INFANTRY REGIMENT.

The signallers of the regiment have reached a good standard of proficiency in the handling of the 48 set and have daily schemes using the set. More training is required in the laying and maintenance of lines. Training has been carried out by officers and NCOs who have had a course of signal instruction at Moorra. Officers are 'taking' to Slider but much more practice is required in its use.

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GENERAL.

The recommendations set forth in 53 MLU letter G1-17 of Dec 44 in respect of increases to Signal War Establishments and G.1098 are reiterated. The present allotment of telephones and switch-boards especially, is regarded as being too low.

M. J. S.
Captain R Sigs
SO R Sigs
53 MLU.

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Deficiencies of Signal Controlled Stores of POLARIS Combat Group.22 Jan 45.

Cable VIR 1 Pr 12 $\frac{1}{2}$	Yds	440
Telephones Loud Speaker No.2	Comm Sets	8
Telephones D Mt. V		7
Apparatus Cable Laying	No.3	4
" " " "	No.2	12
Ladders Field Telegraph		22
Superposing Units One Transformer C161		18
(Units Three Transformer in lieu, Held-5)		
Hydrometers Sec. Portable		57
Test Sets No.2		6
" " Ferranti AC/DC		6
" " Avramor		1
(2 Test Sets NE 65 and 1 BSGJ held against deficiencies)		

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Subject: Progress Report.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (1911A) for SO R.Sigs.

AAI for SO R.Sigs.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. SX1/1
18 Jan 45

Herewith Progress Report in respect of Signal Coy, Combat Group FOLGORE,
for week ending 14 Jan 45.

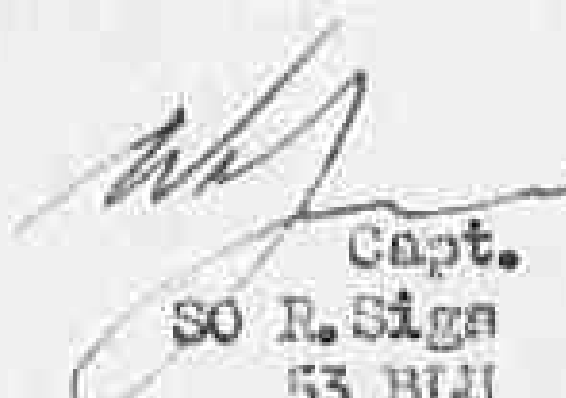
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Capt. RSigs
SO RSigs
53 BLU

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STATE OF TRAINING

A separate report will be forwarded in the course of the next few days when I have had opportunity to investigate the position more thoroughly.


Capt.
SO R. Siga
53 BLU

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INFOFORM 'A'

STATE OF FORMATION OF ITALIAN SIGNAL COY.

PERSONNEL

Category	U.S.	Strength	Remarks
1st Lt.	1	1	1 to go soon, 2 later.
2nd Lt.	6	9	
3rd Lt.	1	1	
4th Lt.	1	1	
5th Lt.	1	1	
6th Lt.	1	1	
7th Lt.	1	1	
8th Lt.	1	1	
9th Lt.	1	1	
10th Lt.	1	1	
11th Lt.	1	1	
12th Lt.	1	1	
13th Lt.	1	1	
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96th Lt.	1	1	
97th Lt.	1	1	
98th Lt.	1	1	
99th Lt.	1	1	
100th Lt.	1	1	
TOTALS	338	358	TOTAL 363

Telephone Mechanisms

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	3 under training.	Non Tradesman 5
Electrician Signaler	5	5
Electrician Inspector	16	16
Electrician P.W. Charge	5	5
Electrician	58	58
Operator Signaler	73	73
Operator Line	29	29
Coals	4	4
Substation Operators	17	17
Signal Operators	8	8
Driver	62	62
Stationary	2	2
General Foreman	1	1
Medical Officer	1	1
Unemployed	2	2
Telephone Mechanics	5	5
TOTALS	338	353
	TOTAL	363

Detail.	W.D.	Strength.	Remarks.
Senior Operator	35	10	The items shown in this column have been released, drawn and allotted by Group to Sigs company. They will be issued within the next day or two.
Trucks 15 cart. 4 X 2 60	16	4	
Trucks 15 cart. 4 X 4 60	20	15	
20 Second Hand Trucks	1	1	
Trucks 15 cart. 60	1	1	
Trucks 15 cart. 4 X 4 60	1	1	
Trucks 3 cart. 4 X 4 60	17	17	
Trucks 3 cart. 4 X 4 60	1	1	
Trucks 3 cart. 4 X 4 60	1	1	
Trucks 15 cart. 60	1	1	
TOTALS	95	37	

STATION - Major Items, 4 bags, 1000000

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PROFORMA 'B'STATE OF FORMATION OF REAR LINK SIGNALS SECTIONSPERSONNEL

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>N. No.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Sgt.	1	1	
Platoon Leader (Signal)	1	1	
Operators (4 & 1)	11	10	
Driver Mechanics (LVR, Class)	1	3	
Driver Operators	2	-	
Drivers 10 for duty as drivers	1	-	
Chief Operators (3 Gps.)	5	2	1 Sgt & 1 Cpl.
TOTALS	20	17	

EQUIPMENT

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>N. No.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 15 Gps. 4 X 2 Gs.	1	-	
Truck 10 Gps. 4 X 2 Wireless Hoses	2	2	
Tractor 5 ton 4 X 2 Gs.	1	-	
TOTALS	4	2	

EQUIPMENT (Major Items)

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TRANSPORT

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 15 cwt. 4 X 2 GS	1	-	
Truck 15 cwt. 4 X 2 Fireless Horse	2	2	
Tractor 3 ton 4 X 2 GS.	1	-	
TOTALS	4	2	

STOPS (Major Items)

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Major Items</u> <u>FOUND.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
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All major items held.

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Subject: Progress Reports.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. SX
8 Jan 45

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MCLA) for SO RSigs
AAI for SO RSigs

Herewith as Proformas 'A', 'B' and 'C', Progress Reports in respect of
Signal Coy, Combat Group FOLCORE for week ending 6 Jan 45.

J. G. Dixon
Capt. RSigs.
SO RSigs
53 BLU 38:3

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PROFCHIA 'A'STATES OF FORMATION OF ITALIAN SIGNAL COY.PROFCHIA 'A'

Total	N.S.	Strength	Remarks
G.O.	1	1	
Subaltern	6	9	
Regt. Sjt. Major	1	1	
Coy. Quarter Master Sjt.	1	1	
Staff Quarter Master Sjt.	1	1	
Company Quarter Master Sjt. (Prof)	1	1	
Chief Wireless Sjt.	11	11	
Platoon Sjt.	11	14	
Cipher Operator Sjt.	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
Despatch Riders	22	26	
Brigade Master	1	2	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	4	
Electrician Signals	5	6	
Instrument Mechanics	19	10	
Electrician Ety. Charging	5	10	
Lantern	43	66	
Operators Wireless	78	81	
Operators Line	28	25	
Cooks	4	4	
Switchboard Operators	15	17	
Cipher Operators	8	8	
Drivers	59	(62)	
Master/Drivers	2	2	
General Dutymen	1	3	
Medical Orderly	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	2	
TOTALS	333	373	Total 377
			NOO i/c Drivers 1
			Head Wireless 1
			Storeman 2
			— 4
			—

TRANSFORM

Total	N.S.	Strength	Remarks

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Vehicle Mechanics	2			
Electrician Signals	4			
Instrument Mechanics	6			
Electrician Pk. Charging	10			
Linemen	10			
Operators Wireless	66			
Operators Line	81			
Cooks	25			
Switchboard Operators	4			
Cipher Operators	17			
Drivers	8			
Battery/Drivers	62			
General Dutyman	2			
Medical orderly	3			
Shoemaker	1			
	1			
TOTALS	333	373	Total	577

NOO i/c Drivers 1
 Mailresser 1
 Storeman 2
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TRANSPORT

Details.	W.B.	Strength	Remarks.
Motor Cyclist Solo	35	14	31 September 1945
Trucks 15 cwt. 4 x 2 CB	16	4	
Trucks 15 cwt. Wireless Hounds			
or fitted for Wireless	20	14	
Trucks 15 cwt. Office	1	1	
Trucks 15 cwt. 4 x 4 Personnel	3	16	
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4 CB	17		
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4	1		
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4	1		
Lorry 3 ton 4 x 4	1		
Tractors 15 cwt. Water	1		
TOTALS	95	35	68 vehicles in use 31 Oct 45

Dec. 22 Dec. 1945
 Dec. 28 Dec. 1945

Stores - Major Items, % held, Remarks

As last week.

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PROGRAM 'D'STATE OF FORMATION OF REAR LINK SIGNALS SECTIONSPERSONNEL

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Sgt.	1	1	
Electrician (Signals)	1	1	
Operators (W & L)	11	10	
Driver Technicians (Lvs, class)	1	3	
Driver Operators	2	-	
Drivers 10 For duty as drivers	1	-	
Cipher Operators (3 only.)	5	2	
TOTALS	20	17	

STORAGE

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 15 ext. 4 X 2 GS	1	-	
Truck 15 ext. 4 X 2 Wireless House	2	-	
Lorries 3 ton 4 X 2 GS.	1	-	
TOTALS	4	-	

STORAGE (Major Items)

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TRANSPORT

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 15 cwt. 4 X 2 GS	1	-	
Truck 15 cwt. 4 X 2 Wireless Horse	2	-	
Trailer 3 ton 4 X 2 GS.	1	-	
TOTALS	4	-	

STORAGE (Major Items)

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Major Items & Held.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
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All major items held.

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PROFORMA 'C'

STATE OF TRAINING.

Individual training of all trades has now been sufficiently thorough to ensure a good general knowledge of principles.

There have been difficulties in the training of Linemen and T.S.B.Os. owing to the large number occupied on the extensive group network, but these have been overcome and all have received adequate individual instruction.

This month we have begun field training in both line and wireless. Line training is confined to drum-burrow, as the line laying trucks have not yet arrived, but we have 14 out of 20 wireless trucks.

The position re Instrument Mechanics continues to be unsatisfactory. All but three are pupils and cannot be expected to reach the standard of experienced men. This is in my opinion the only serious weakness in the personnel of the Company.

Both officers and men, generally speaking, show capability, quickness in learning and goodwill.

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785020

Subject: Progress Reports.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MCLA) for SO RSigs.
AAI for SO RSigs.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. SX134
1 Jan 45

Herewith, as Pro-formas A, B and C, Progress Report as at 31 Dec 44 in respect of Signals Coy. Combat Group 'Polgore.'

J. S. Dixon
Capt. RSigs
SO RSigs
53 BLU

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INTERCOM 'A'

STATUS OF FORMATION OF ITALIAN SIGNAL COY.

RECORDED

Detail	N.A.	Strength	Remarks
O.C.	1	-	
Subalterns	6	9	
Regt. Sjt. Master	1	-	
Qvy. Quarter Master Sjt.	1	1	
Staff Quarter Master Sjt.	1	1	
Company Quarter Master Sjt. (MOS)	1	3	
	1	2	
Chief Wireman Sjt.	11	11	
Platoon Sjt.	11	12	
Cipher Operator Sjt.	5	5	
Clerks	1	1	
Dispatch Mfrs	22	26	
Drummers	1	2	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	4	
Electrician Signals	5	5	
Electrician Mechanics	15	12	
Electrician Ety. Charging	5	5	
Lineamen	45	46	
Operators Wireless	78	78	Electricians
Operators Line	28	23	MO i/c Transport
Cooks	4	4	"Radio motorista"
Switchboard Operators	15	14	Radioaddresser
Cipher Operators	8	8	Storemen
Drivers	59	57	
Batteries/Drivers	2	3	
General. Duties	1	1	
Medical Orderly	1	1	
Stoemaker	1	2	
TOTALS	333	336	Total
			345

N.C.Os.
S.C.Os.Electricians
MO i/c Transport
"Radio motorista"
Radioaddresser
Storemen

TRANSCRIPT

Detail	N.A.	Strength	Remarks
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Instrument Personnel				
Electrician Bty. Charging	5	5	Electricians	5
Engineer	43	46	HCO i/o Transport	1
Operators Wireless	78	78	"Radio motorista"	1
Operators Line	28	25	Hairdresser	1
Cook	4	4	Storemen	2
Switchboard Operators	15	14		
Cipher Operators	8	8		
Drivers	59	57		10
Detachment/Drivers	2	3		
General Dutyman	1	1		
Medical Orderly	1	1		
Shoemaker	1	2		
TOTALS	339	336	Total	346

TRANSPORT

Detail.	W.E.	Strength.	Remarks.
Major Cyclon Solo	35	-	
Trucks 15 cnt. 4 x 2 GS	46	4	
Trucks 15 cnt. Wireless Hound	20	7	
or fitted for Wireless	1	-	
Trucks 15 cnt. Office	5	-	
Trucks 15 cnt. 4 x 4 Personnel	17	12	
Lorry 3 cnt 4 x 4 16	1	-	
Lorry 3 cnt Cipher Office	1	-	
Lorry 3 cnt 16V	1	-	
Trailers 15 cnt. Water	1	-	
TOTALS	95	25	3669

DEFICIENCIES - Major Items, 2 held.

Deficiencies.	W.E.	Held.	Remarks
2 109	4	-	Avoninor
Loudspeaking Teles	8	-	Hydrocasters
Wires D & P 10 wire	9	-	Test Sets Fort No. 2
A.C.B. 3	14	10	Inst Test Penanti
A.C.B. 2	36	24	Bones Terminal Signal
Ladders Field Tele	22	-	Office
Superimposing Unit Coils	28	10	

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SECTION 'B'STATE OF FORMATION OF FIVE LINK MISILE GROUPSTRANSITION

<u>Detail</u>	<u>M.F.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sgt.	1	1	
Electrician (Signals)	1	1	
Operators (A & B)	11	10	
Driver Machine (Ltr, Class)	1	3	
Driver Operators	2	-	
Drivers 10 for duty as drivers	1	-	
Engine Operators (3 Gals.)	3	2	
TOTALS	1. 20	17	

TRANSITION

<u>Detail</u>	<u>M.F.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Truck 15 Gals. 4 X 2 GS	1	-	
Truck 15 Gals. 4 X 2 Wireless Radio	2	-	
Loraine 5 Gals 4 X 2 GS.	1	-	
TOTALS	4	-	

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<u>Detail.</u>	<u>U.S.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 15 cwt. 4 X 2 GS	1	-	
Truck 15 cwt. 4 X 2 wireline house	2	-	
Lorries 3 ton 4 X 2 GS.	1	-	
TOTALS	4	-	

STORES (Major Items)

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Major Items / Held.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
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All major items held.

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PROFORMA 'C'STATE OF TRAINING.

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>State of Training</u>
Despatch Riders	Satisfactory.
Vehicle Mechanics	Training in Workshops.
Electricians Signals	Satisfactory.
Electrician Signals (Battery)	75% of batteries issued to Group were not initial charged. ESs have thus had plenty of work to do, and have shown satisfactory mastery of their duties.
Instrument Mechanics	We are still short of trained and experienced I.Ms.
Linemen	Have been trained in use of drum barrow and A.L.C.2. Now that transport has arrived we shall practice line-laying from vehicles.
Operators W/P	Satisfactory.

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Instrument Mechanics	We are still short of trained and experienced I.Ms.
Linemen	Have been trained in use of chain barrow and A.L.C.2. Now that transport has arrived we shall practice line-laying from vehicles.
Operators W/T	Satisfactory.
Operators Line	Satisfactory.
T.S.B.O's.	All employed at group exchanges.
Drivers	About 20 are still of doubtful ability.

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Subject: Weekly Progress Report.

To :- Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (LMA) for Sigs.
AAI for Sigs.

29/3/44
53 B.L.V.
17 Dec. 44

Ref. SX/122

✓
Herewith as Proforma A, B & C, weekly progress report for week ending 16 Dec 44, in respect of Combat Group 'Polgore'.

J. G. Dixon

Capt.
30 RSigs
53 HAU

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Detail	T.O.	Strength	Remarks
C.O.	1	12	Capt. Uberti has left the Coy
Subalterns	6	1	owing to ill-health. A
Regt. Spt. Major	1	1	Subaltern is A/C.O. Coy.
Capt. Quarter Master Spt.	1	1	
Staff Quarter Master Spt.	1	1	
Campy Quarter Master Spt. (RQFS)	1	1	
Chief Wireless Spt.	11	11	
Platoon Spt.	11	13	
Cable Operator Spt.	3	5	
Clark	1	1	
Despatch Section	22	23	
Drum Section	1	2	
Female Mechanics	5	5	
Electrician Signal	5	12	
Instrument Mechanics	5	5	
Electrician Pty. Charging	4	5	
Linemen	78	80	
Operators Wireless	28	24	
Operators Line	4	4	
Cooks	15	17	
Switchboard Operators	3	8	
Alpha Operators	53	64	
Drivers	2	2	
Master/Driver	1	3	
General Engineer	1	1	
Medical Officer	1	2	
Chamberlain			
	333	369	

DECEMBER

Instrument Mechanics
 Electrician Pky. Charging
 Lineman
 Operators Wireless
 Operators Line
 Cooks
 Switchboard Operators
 Cipher Operators
 Envy 40
 Motor Drivers
 General Engineer
 Medical orderly
 Stenographer

Stenographer 2
 MCO A/C Driver 1
 Radioman 4

TOTALS

333

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Detail.

W.S.

Strength.

Remarks.

Motor Vehicle Solo
 Trucks 15 mt. 4 x 2 20
 Trucks 15 mt. Wireless Group
 or Detail for Wireless
 Trucks 15 mt. Office
 Trucks 15 mt. 4 x 4 Personnel
 Trucks 2 mt. 4 x 4 15
 Trucks 2 ton Captain Office
 Trucks 3 ton 200
 Trucks 15 mt. Water

35

16

20

1

3

17

1

1

1

4

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-

-

12

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TOTALS

95

16

GROUPS - Major Items, % held, Remarks

Anticipation of cable for group is in process of collection. Otherwise situation as last week.

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PERSONNELSTATUS OF PERSONNEL ON ACTIVE DUTY AIRCRAFT 2200000PERSONNEL

<u>Details</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1st Lt.	1	1	
Operations (Flight)	1	1	
Operations (Base)	11	10	
Engine Mechanics (2nd, Class)	1	3	
Engine Mechanics	2	-	
Engine Mechanics	1	-	
Engine Mechanics (3rd Class)	3	2	
TOTALS	17	17	

PERSONNEL

<u>Details</u>	<u>No. of</u>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Engine 1st Lt. 4 X 2 1st	1	-	
Engine 1st Lt. 4 X 2 2nd Lt.	2	-	
Engine 1st Lt. 4 X 2 3rd Lt.	1	-	
TOTALS	4	-	

PERSONNEL (Active Duty)

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Detail	Qty.	Remarks	Unit Price
Truck 15 units 4 X 2 5/16	1	-	-
Truck 15 units 4 X 2 5/16	2	-	-
Truck 15 units 4 X 2 5/16	1	-	-
TOTAL	4	-	-

EXPENSE (Major Items)

Detail	Major Item No.	Quantity
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As last week

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Proforma 'C'State of Training

Despatch Riders.

10 are experienced Dns.
7 are sufficiently trained to be able to take over a m/c.
We expect to complete training the remainder during the coming fortnight.
Technical training is backward. Instruction has been given in the tank system and the method of repairing the most common faults, but the level of mechanical knowledge is still low.

Vehicle Mechanics.

At Group Workshops, where they are obtaining ^{used} experience.

Electricians Signals

All were civilian electricians and are competent men.
State of training satisfactory.

Electricians Signals
(Battery Charging)

Satisfactory.

Instrument Macks

We still have only two men with previous experience as I.Ms.
6 pupils have received a fair standard.

Kindness.

Certain changes in the last week, namely
Arrival of new vehicles thus facilitating patrol of lines.
Arrival of linemen of San Marco Regt Pl, who although previously shown on the strength were not actually at Coy HQ.
Absence of further need for long line to Piedra Alta d'Alife.

have made it possible to concentrate linemen at Coy HQ for training. I intend to put the present men through a fortnight's course and then send them out to relieve those new on duty.

We are deficient of jack-sulvers and insulating tape.

Operators 4/X

High standard of Morse operating. Good knowledge of 19 sets.
Instruction on 11 set has been delayed by u.s. condition of majority of sets. A new consignment of 11 sets for the Group, specially chosen and reserved by Depot workshops has just arrived, and it is hoped that instruction on 11 set may now be able to proceed unhindered.

Operators Line

Good general standard.

T. S. B. Os

Employed on existing line network.

Drivers.

15 are long service drivers, and now have vehicles on charge.
A further 10 are considered competent. The training of the remainder is a matter of the utmost urgency. Hitherto there has been only 1 training vehicle for the Coy. I have now

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Operators #/T

Operators Line

T.S.B. On

Drivers.

shown on the strength were not actually at Coy HQ.
Absence of further need for long line to Macdonald's.
have made it possible to concentrate linemen at Coy HQ
for training. I intend to put the present men through a
fortnight's course and then send them out to relieve those
on duty.

We are efficient of jack-knives and insulating tape.

High standard of Morse operating. Good knowledge of 19 set.
Instruction on 11 set has been delayed by U.S. condition of
majority of sets. A new consignment of 11 sets for the Group,
specially chosen and reserved by Depot workshops has just
arrived, and it is hoped that instruction on 11 set may now
be able to proceed unhindered.

Good general standard.

Employed on existing line network.

15 are long service drivers, and now have vehicles on charge.
A further 10 are considered competent. The training of the
remainder is a matter of the utmost urgency. Hitherto there
has been only 1 training vehicle for the Coy. I have now
been provided a further 3, which will make possible a big
speed-up of training.

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Subject: Weekly Progress Reports.

1 - Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MHA) for Sigs. ✓

Copy - A.A.I. for Sigs.

Sig. 16/12/1

53 B.L.U.
SK 110/1
11 Dec. 44

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Herewith, as per forms 'A', 'B' & 'C', weekly progress report in respect of Combat Group FOLGORE.

T. S. Dixon

Capt. R. Sigs.
SO RSGS
53 HLU

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INFORMA 'A'

STATE OF FORMATION OF ITALIAN SIGNAL COY.

PERSONNEL

Detail	N.M.	Strength	Remarks
O.O.	1	12	
Subalterns	6	1	
Regt. Bt. Major	1	1	
Coy. Quarter Master Sgt.	1	2	
Staff Quarter Master Sgt.	1	1	
Company Quarter Master Sgt. (SOFB)	1	1	
Chief Wireless Sgts.	11	13	
Platoon Sgts.	11	15	
Clinton Operator Sgts.	3	5	
Glorks	1	24	
Reception Sgts.	22	5	
Dramatists	1	4	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	6	
Electrician Sgts.	15	11	
Instrument Mechanics	5	5	
Electrician Sgts. (Charging)	45	52	
Linemen	78	75	
Operators Wireless	28	23	
Operators Line	4	4	
Cooks	15	25	
Switchboard Operators	8	8	
Signal Operators	59	65	
Drivers	2	3	
Engine/Drivers	1	1	
General Dutyman	1	1	
Medical orderly	1	1	
Showerer	1	2	
	353	363	Grand total 363

In addition there are the following :-

1000 drivers	2
barber	4
Showerer	2
	5

TRANSPORT

Detail	N.M.	Strength	Remarks
	35		

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Operator Line	23	23	In addition there are the following:- 1000 delivery barber Shoremen 2 4 2 5
Code	4	4	
Switchboard Operators	15	15	
Cipher Operators	8	8	
Drivers	59	65	
Boatmen/Engineers	2	3	
General Maintenance	1	4	
Medical orderly	1	1	
Shoemaker	1	2	
TOTALS	333	363	Grand total 363

TRANSMISSION			
Details	N.2.	Strength	Remarks
Motor Cyclist Solo	33	9	First installment of G.1098 transport.
Trucks 15 mt. 4 x 2 65	16		
Trucks 15 mt. 4x4 65	20		
or fitted for travelling	1		
Trucks 15 mt. 4x4 65	17		
Trucks 15 mt. 4 x 4 Personnel	1		
Trucks 3 ton 4x4 65	1		
Trucks 3 ton 4x4 65	1	9	363
Trucks 3 ton 4x4 65	1		
Trucks 3 ton 4x4 65	1		
TOTALS	95	9	

STRENGTH - Major Items, % total, Remarks

A list of deficiencies in Signals Controlled stores has been forwarded to H.M.I.A. Most important deficiencies are Cable and Test Equipment. I am not yet able to report on non-controlled stores as we are still drawing.

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EXHIBIT 13
STATUS OF PERSONNEL OF AIR LINE SIGNS CENTER

Summary

<u>Detail</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
934.			
Director (Signal)	1	1	
Operators (A & B)	1	1	
Driver Operators (A, B, C, D)	11	10	
Driver Operator	1	3	
Driver Operator	2	-	
Driver Operator	1	-	
Driver Operator (5 Sigs.)	3	2	
TOTALS	1, 20	17	

Summary

<u>Detail</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
934.			
Director (Signal)	1	-	
Operators (A & B)	2	-	
Driver Operators (A, B, C, D)	1	-	
Driver Operator	4	-	
TOTALS	4	-	

Summary (Major Items)

Major Items

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Set ID	Set Description	Set Strength	Remarks
100001	100001	1	-
100002	100002	2	-
100003	100003	1	-
100004	100004	4	-

GROUPS (Major Items)

Set ID	Major Items	Remarks
No. 9 sets complete sets No. R107 Sw/bd U.C.10 Tale DVs Wavacitors Avoninora	2 1 1 8 1 1	

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PARAGRAPH 'C'STATE OF TRAINING.

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>State of Training</u>
Despatch Riders	Programs in place as only 1 m/c has hitherto been available for training. Instruction in I.C. engine and tank system of maintenance has been given.
Vehicle Mechanics	Under instruction at the Group Vehicle Workshops.
Electricians Signals	Good knowledge of all new equipment.
Electrician Signals (Battery)	Satisfactory.
Instrument Mechanics	One I.M. has come from San Marco Regt, making two. The rest are pupils. Three have reached a fair standard of competence.
Linenmen	As stated in last report, these are at present fully occupied in maintaining existing network.
Operators W/I	Now familiar with 19 set. Have had more R/T practice using British procedure.
	About 4 are first class operators with civilian experience.

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Instrument mechanics	One I.M. has come from San Marco Regt, making two. The rest are pupils. These have reached a fair standard of competence.
Linemen	As stated in last report, these are at present fully occupied in maintaining existing network.
Operators W/T	Now familiar with 19 sets. have had much R/T practice using Italianish procedure.
Operators Line	About 1/2 are first class operators with civilian experience. The remainder vary greatly in ability. All have 1/2 year technical training daily.
T.B.D. C's	The telephone network is so extensive that W/Ts are insufficient to run it. It is therefore not possible to withdraw them for theoretical training, but they are working 80% and U.S. 10%.
Drivers	The arrival of new transport will enable release of more Italian vehicles for training purposes. At present standard is very low. Only 1% of 50 drivers are competent.

J.S. (3)

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Subject: Progress Report.

1: - Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA) for SO RSigs.
AAI for SO RSigs.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. SX/114
3 Dec. 44

Herewith, as Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C', Progress Report for week ending
2 Dec. 44.

J. S. Dixon

Capt
SORSigs
53 BLU

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UNITED STATES ARMY
REPORT ON COMBAT OF ITALIAN SIGNS COY.
1945-1946

Detail	W.L.	Strength	Remarks
C.O. Capt. Subaltern Regt. Sigs. Coy. Coy. Quarter Master Sigs. Staff Quarter Master Sigs. Company Quartermaster Sigs. (JAGS)	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 11 1 1 1 2	S.M.R.M. has decided that the Sigs Platoon attached to San Marco Regt shall be composed entirely of San Marco personnel. At present San Marco have produced only 40 out of 68. If the remainder are not quickly forthcoming training will be seriously retarded.
Chief Signaller Sigs. Platoon Sigs.	11 11	12 12	
Signal Operator Sigs. Clarks	5 1	5 1	
Detachment Sigs. Dynamometers	22 1	22 3	
Various machines Electrician Sigs. Instrument mechanics Instructor Sigs. Charging Instructor	5 15 5 45 78 28	7 7 5 70 68 1	
Operators Sigs. Operator line Sigs.	4 15 13	4 22 6	
Switchboard Operators Signal Operators Sigs.	53 2 1	49 2 1	
Engineers General Sigs. Signal Sigs.	1 1 1	1 1 1	
Subaltern	1	1	
	333	318	

UNITED STATES ARMY

REMARKS

STRENGTH

W.L.

DETAILS

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The whole of AFHQ release of controlled stores. I have put in an indent for G. 1098 uncontrolled stores, which are now to be released in order to facilitate training.

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PROPOSED BYTABLE OF COMPOSITION OF THE AIR SIGNALS SECTIONREMARKS

<u>Detail</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sgt.	1	1	1 L/Cpl C.M.L. to come.
2 Operators (Signals)	1	1	
Operators (4 L)	11	10	2 D.Ms. in lieu of D.Ops. -
Driver Machine (100, 1000)	1	3	
Driver Operator	1	-	1 of these a Sgt.
Private 10 per duty as driver	1	-	
Driver Operator (3 Sigs.)	3	2	
TOTALS	1, 20	17	

REMARKS

<u>Detail</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Track 15 out. 4 X 2 05.	1	:	
Track 15 out. 4 X 2 05. 2	2	NIL	
Operator 3 out. 4 X 2 05.	1	:	
TOTALS	4	NIL	

STORES (Major Items)

<u>Detail</u>	<u>Major Items & Price</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Canadian 9 sets H.P.	2	Remainder of stores, although down.

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STANDARD

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Ref.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 15 sets, 4 X 2 1/2	1	1	:
Truck 15 sets, 4 X 2 1/2	2	2	NIL
Truck 15 sets, 4 X 2 1/2	1	1	:
TOTALS	4	4	NIL

STORES (Major Items)

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Major Items</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Canadian 9 sets H.P.	2	Remainder of stores, although drawn, is at present held at Sigs Coy H.Q. owing to lack of storage space at Gruppo H.Q.
Avominors	1	

35.4%

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INFORMATIONSTATUS OF TRAINING

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>Status of Training</u>
Despatch Riders	1 m/c allotted for training.
Vehicle Mechanics	Train on Italian transport and go with Drivers for driving instruction.
Electronics Signals	Have received instruction in all new equipment. Appear to have a good technical grasp.
Electrician Signals (Battery)	Capt. Zennini has given a long and thorough instruction in battery charging, which is now proceeding satisfactorily with new batteries.
Instrument Mechanics	There is only one I.M. with previous experience. We are training seven others. Lack of experienced I.Ms. is a grave defect in the Coy.
Limbo	They have little time for theoretical training as they are fully occupied in maintaining existing network.
Operators W/T	Are at present concentrating on No. 19 set. Training will be more realistic and extensive when we draw W/T vehicles.
Operators Line	Daily practice with Fullerphone.

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battery charging, which is now proceeding satisfactorily with new batteries.

(Battery)

Instrument Mechanics

There is only one I.M. with previous experience. We are training seven others. Lack of experienced I.Ms. is a grave defect in the Coy.

Linemen

They have little time for theoretical training as they are fully occupied in maintaining existing network.

Operators W/T

Are at present concentrating on No. 19 set. Training will be more realistic and extensive when we draw W/T vehicles.

Cooperator Lines

Daily practice with Fullerphone.

R.S.B.O's.

Fully occupied on existing network.

Drivers

1 - 3 tonner allotted for training. Most of men will now have to learn to drive on G.1093 vehicles.

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Subject :- Weekly Progress Reports.

To :- R. Sigs,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Copy to :- R. Sigs,
A.A.I.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. SX/102.
19 Nov. 44.

8/Sec. 20/32.
23/11

Weekly Progress Reports for week ending 18 Nov. 44 are
attached herewith.

J. G. Dixon
Capt,
SO III,
R. Sigs, 53 B.L.U.

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PROGRESS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 18 Nov. 44. Pro-forma 'A'

Personnel and Transport as last week.

Stores.

The remaining items on ARHQ release 3192 have been collected, including the following :-

No. 11 sets with accessories	57
A C L 2	24
A C L 3	10
Superposing Unit 3 xformer	6
Drum barrows	4

In addition 100 162/3 v batteries for 48 sets have been obtained. All No. 48 sets have been issued to Regts. The remainder of the stores are held at present by Signals and it is intended to issue them during the coming week. Collection from 3 Sub Depot has been greatly delayed by lack of transport and collapsed bridges.

Personnel and Transport. - As last week.

Pro-forma 'B'

Stores.

Accessories for 2 No. 9 sets have been collected. None of the No. 9 sets held by 3 Sub Depot and allegedly serviced by REME is in working order. A corporal and an S.S. of my section are at the Depot at present, attempting to service two sets. I have today received LAIA message re collection of set from LAURO. This will be done tomorrow.

Pro-forma 'C'

Infantry and Artillery.

48 sets have been issued to Bns up to scale. Two day courses in No. 48 set (1 Ofpr, 1 O.R.) have been given under my supervision at Sigs Coy H.Q. for Infantry and Artillery personnel. I have secured the appointment in each Bn and each Bty of an officer responsible for Signals. Training in 48 set will begin next week. 57 No. 11 sets have just been collected from 3 Sub Depot. They have not yet been issued.

Signals Coy.

The training in U.C. 10, Fullerphone and D V is proceeding satisfactorily. Wireless training is almost entirely theoretical owing to the lack of transport.

Stores.

Accessories for 2 No. 9 sets have been collected. None of the No. 9 sets held by 3 Sub Depot and allegedly serviced by R.E.E is in working order. A corporal and an E.S. of my section are at the Depot at present, attempting to service two sets. I have today received LIA message re collection of set from LAURO. This will be done tomorrow.

Infantry and Artillery.

40 sets have been issued to Bns up to scale.

Two day courses in No. 48 set (1 Offr, 1 O.R.) have been given under my supervision at Sigs Coy H.Q. for Infantry and Artillery personnel. I have secured the appointment in each Bn and each Bty of an officer responsible for Signals.

Training in 48 set will begin next week. 57 No. 11 sets have just been collected from 3 Sub Depot. They have not yet been issued.

Signals Coy.

The training in U.C. 10, Fullerphone and D V is proceeding satisfactorily. Wireless training is almost entirely theoretical owing to the lack of transport.

Signals School, Nocera.

At the last LIA Signals Officers Conference on 13 Nov. I agreed to take the LAGNANO quota of places for the two courses at the above school. This means that there are 40 men from FOLGORE on the Genio Course and 80 on the Arty and Inf course. I visited the school on the 17th inst and regret my decision to take these places. It is so inadequately equipped that it is quite impossible to run efficient courses there. Among a host of other deficiencies, there are no No. 11 sets, no charging engines, no drum barrows, no ACLs 2 or 3, no 48 set generators and few batteries. There is scarcely any of the vital equipment for the Regimental Course, and catastrophic deficiencies in that for the Genio Course.

In view of the urgency of the situation, I have decided to ~~leave~~ the following equipment to the school until such time as it is obtained from the correct source.

Fullerphones	10
Telephones D V	15
11 sets complete stations less batteries.	10
48 set with hand generator	1
48 set batteries	24
ACL 2's	12
ACL 3's	5
Drum barrows	1
Charging engines 1260 watt	1
" 300 "	1

Not correct

...../ I have

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"2"

300 watt 1/....

I have already delivered part of this to the school and will send the remainder tomorrow. I wish to have these stores back as soon as the school is equipped efficiently by the responsible source. I have lent them owing to the substantial percentage of total FOLCORE Signals personnel who are involved and and a desire not to see the training of the group suffer through the inadequacy of preparations at NOCERA

Capt

SO III
R Sigs 53 BLU

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Subject :- Weekly Report.

To :- M.M.I.A. Sigs.

Copy to :- A.A.I. Sigs.

I forward Weekly Report on State of Formation and Training
of FOLCORE GRUPPO SIGNALS.

53 B.L.U.
Ref. SX/101
10 Nov. 41.

x 507/4.

J. G. Dixon
Captain,
S.O. Signals.

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STATE OF FORMATION OF ITALIAN SIGNAL COY.
PERSONNEL

<u>Detail</u>	<u>N. A.</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
O. C. Captain	1	1	
Adjutants	6	14	
Regt. S. S. Major	1	1	
Regt. Quarter Master S. S.	1	1	
Staff Quarter Master S. S.	1	1	
Company Quarter Master S. S. (Jocks)	1	1	
Chief Wireless S. S.	11	6	
Platoon S. S.	11	11	
Chief Operator S. S.	11	3	
Clerks	1	1	
Transport Riders	22	22	Completely untrained.
Drummers	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	4	
Electrician: Signals	13	5	
Instrument Mechanics	5	8	
Electrician Bty. Charge	43	-	
Linemen	75	70	
Operators Wireless	28	68	
Operators Line	4	1	
Cooks	15	4	
Radio/Wireless Operators	8	22	
Signal Operators	59	6	
Drivers	2	49	Majority completely untrained.
Recon/Drivers	1	2	
General Duties	1	1	
Medical Company	1	1	
Prisoner			
TOTALS	333	303	

REVISION

Remarks

Strength

N. A.

Detail

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PROFORMA "C"STATE OF TRAINING.

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>State of Training</u>
Despatch Riders	Nil. No motorcycles available.
Vehicle Mechanics	Nil. No vehicles available.
Electricians Signals	Receiving instruction on new equipment.
Electrician Signals (Battery)	Signal Company has no E.S. (Btys) on strength owing to a discrepancy between Italian and British version of W.E. O.C. Signal Company has requested Comando Gruppo to demand 5 E.S. (Btys) from Reinforcement Depot.
Instrument Mechanics	There is only one thoroughly trained I.M., but seven more are under instruction and making good progress.
Liaison	These have plenty of practice in maintenance of existing lines.
Operators W/T	Receive four hours instruction per day in Morse and new equipment.

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Signal Company
discrepancy between Italian and British version of W.E. O.C.
Signal Company has requested Comando Gruppo to demand 5 E.S.
(3W's) from Reinforcement Depot.

Instrument Mechanics (Battery)	There is only one thoroughly trained I.M., but seven more are under instruction and making good progress.
Linenman	These have plenty of practice in maintenance of existing lines.
Operators W/T	Receive four hours instruction per day in Morse and new equipment.
Operators Line	Commencing instructions in Fullerphones.
T.S.B.O's.	Receiving instruction on English sw/bds.
Drivers	Nil. No vehicles available.

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PROVIDA, B.
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE CIVIL SERVICE
PERSONNEL

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Off.			
Electron (operator)	1	1	
Operator (5 & 1)	1	1	
Driver technician (lrv, class)	11	6	
Driver Operator	1		
Driver 10 for duty as drivers	2		
Operator Operator (3 spl.)	1		
	5		
TOTALS	20	8	

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
Truck 15 car. 4 X 2 GS	1	/	
Truck 15 car. 4 X 2 division head	1		
Truck 3 car 4 X 2 G.	1		
TOTALS	4	.	

STONES (major items)

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TRANSPORT

Level	No. of	Strength	Remarks
Grade 15 cut. 4 X 2 1/2	1		
Grade 15 cut. 4 X 2 1/2	2		
Grade 15 cut. 4 X 2 1/2	1		
			TOTAL
	4		

STORAGE (Major Items)

Detail	Major Items	Remarks
		3 Sub Depot inform me that they have no No. 9 W/P Sets fit for issue and that there is a delay owing to R.E.M.E. having refused to accept responsibility for re-servicing them.

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STORES.

Cable-layers, mech.	1
No. 19 Sets.	14
No. 40 Sets.	104
Wavemeters.	12
Charging Sets, 300W	53
" " 1260W	8
" " 4.5 LW with defective rheostats.	4
Reception Sets, R107.	5
Switchboards UC 10.	21
Fullerphones.	42
Tele D 5 S.	180
EE 0 AS.	30
Test frames 4C pair.	1
Batteries, Sec. port 6v 100/125 AH	240
" " " 170 AH	84
Cable D8 single miles.	20
Cable W 110 B twisted miles.	20
Cable W 110 B single miles.	20

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		Reception Sets, R107.	5
		Switchboards UC 10.	21
		Fullerphones.	42
		Tele D 5 S.	180
		EE B AS.	30
		Test Frames 40 pair.	1
		Batteries, Sec. port 6v 100/125 AH	240
	"	" " " 170 AH	84
		Cable D8 single miles.	20
		Cable W 110 B twisted miles.	20
		Cable W 110 B single miles.	20

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Subject : Returns.

To :- M.M.I.A. (Sigs)

A.A.I. (Sigs)

53 B.I.U.

Ref.

28 Oct. 44

I enclose herewith, copies of Pro formas A, B and C,
showing States in Folgore Gruppo as on 28 Oct. 44.

J. S. Dixon
Capt.

S.O. Sigs.

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PROCESSED BY:

RECEIVED AT: ITALIAN BUREAU, COY.

DATE:

Detail	W.S.	Strength	Remarks
O.C. Capt.	1	1	O.C. Sigs. is given as a Capt.
Subaltern	6	10	in Italian version of W.E. and
Regt. Sjt. Major	1	1	he does in fact hold that rank
Coy. Quarter Master Sjt.	1	1	at present. This is in
Staff Quarter Master Sjt.	1	1	accordance with Italian practice
Company Quarter Master Sjt. (MOR)	1	1	and I should like to know
	11	6	whether it is intended to
Chief Wireless Sigs.	11	6	depart from it and make the
Platoon Sjt.	11	3	O.C. Coy. a Major.
Cipher Operator Sjt.	5	1	
Glarm	1	21	
Despatch Riders	22	1	
Drummers	1	1	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	4	
Electrician Signals	6	5	
Instrument Mechanic	15	1	(Not mentioned in Italian booklet.
Electrician Pty. Charging	5	1	I have informed O.C. Sigs. that
Linemen	43	106	5 men must be trained as Elec.
Operators Wireless	78	78	Sty. Charging.
Operator Line	23	1	
Coder	4	4	
Switchboard Operators	16	22	✓ The figure of 106 Linemen
Cipher Operators	3	6	includes 21 non-
Drivers	59	53	specialised sergeants.
Batteries/Drivers	2	2	
General Postmen	1	1	
Medical Orderly	1	1	
Stenographer	1	1	
TOTALS	334	333	

TRANSPORT

Detail	W.S.	Strength	Remarks

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	43	106	Qty. Charging.
Linemen	78	78	
Operators Wireless	28	1	
Operators Line	4	4	
Cooks	15	22	
Switchboard Operators	3	6	
Cipher Operators	59	53	
Drivers	2	2	
Engine/Drivers	1	1	
General Dutyman	1	1	
Medical Orderly	1	1	
Stenographer	1	1	
TOTALS	334	333	

The figure of 106 Linemen includes 21 non-specialised sergeants.

Detail.	W.A.	Strength.	Remarks.
Motor Cyclon Solo	35		
Trucks 15 cwt. 4 X 2 GS	16		
Trucks 15 cwt. Wireless House	20		
or fitted for Wireless	1		
Trucks 15 cwt. Office	1		
Trucks 15 cwt. 4 X 4, Panhard	17		
Lorry 3 ton 4 X 4 GS	1		
Lorry 3 ton Cipher Office	1		
Lorry 3 ton. 1947	1		
Trailers 15 cwt. 1947	1		
TOTALS	95		

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STORES - Major Items, % held, Remarks

Ord. ANHQ have issued a release for controlled stores for the Gruppo. I have collected part of these and they are at present stored in bulk in the Signals Coy. I shall collect the remainder as soon as transport is available. I append a list.

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ENCLOSURE (B)STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA OF NEW YORK BUREAU MEMORANDUMMEMORANDUM

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Inventory

Quantity

U.S. Government

Particulars

Truck 15 out. 4 X 2 G.S.
Truck 15 out. 4 X 2 G.S.
Truck 15 out. 4 X 2 G.S.

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Major Items

Quantity

Major Items

Particulars

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PROFORMA 'C'STATE OF TRAINING.

<u>Detail.</u>	<u>State of Training</u>
Despatch Riders	No practical training whatever owing to lack of motor cycles.
Vehicle Mechanics	5 trained men : Remainder require much instruction and practice.
Electricians Signals	2 trained men : 3 others under instruction.
Electrician Signals (Battery)	
Instrument Mechanics	Only one on strength at present.
Linemen	Plentiful supply of trained men.
Operators W/T	50% well trained on Italian equipment, no English equipment yet available. Remainder under horse instruction.
Operators Line	These are being made up from excess linemen, only one previously existed.

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Electrician Signals (Battery)	Only one on strength at present.
Instrument Mechanics	
Linenmen	Plentiful supply of trained men.
Operators W/T	50% well trained on Italian equipment, no English equipment yet available. Remainder under Morse instruction.
Operators Line	These are being made up from excess Linemen, only one previously existed.
T.S.B.O's,	Well trained on Italian equipment,
Drivers	Only 10 have actual driving experience. Training hampered at present by lack of vehicles and petrol.

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Controlled stores in process of collection.

Cable layers, mech. No. 1.	1	
Barrels, Drum, A.D. Mk II	4	
No. 9 Sets, complete less dya.	2	
No. 19 Sets, " " "	14	
No. 11 Sets, " " "	57	
No. 43 Sets.	104	
Wavemeters Class D.	12	
Charging sets, 1250 watt.	8	
" " 300 "	53	
Reception sets, R 107	5	
Switchboards, WC 10	21	
Superposing Unit 3 transformer.	6	
Coils, O 161	10	
Fullerphones.	42	
Telephones D Vs.	180	
A.B. dia.	30	
Test Frames, 40 pair.	1	
Batteries Sec Part, 6V 100/125 A.H.	240	
" " 6V 170 A.H.	84	
Cable Electric D8 single.	20	miles
W 110B twisted.	20	"
Charging sets 4.5 KW with defective rheostats.	4	
Apparatus C.L. No. 2	24	

Fullerphones.

Telephones D Va.

A.A. Gas.

Test Frames, 40 pair.

Batteries Sec Part, 6v 100/125 A.H.

" " " 6v 170 A.H.

Cable Electric D8 single.

" 110B twisted.

Charging sets 4.5 Kw with defective rheostats.

Apparatus C.L. No. 2

" C.L. No. 3

Switchboards F & P 40 Line.

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