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X 507/5 Progress Reports. MANTOVA

Dec 1944 - Apr 1945

Land Forces Sub Commission AO

(M.M.I.A.)

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13 Apr 45

Subject: - Mentova Group.

C.S.O., A.P.H.L.

Reference your X105M of 8 Apr 45.

1. No Instrument Mechanics are as yet available. Those under training are not yet ready. The position regarding Operators, is that there is still insufficient to meet the demands of all Groups. A number of semi-trained men have not arrived in the latest call-up, these will ease the position. In the meantime S.O.R.Sigs Mentova has been instructed to put these Line Operators under special training. *The Group is not numerically deficient*
2. It is not clear exactly what information is required regarding the Tech. Maint. Sec., as it has not as yet joined the Group. Signal Officer, Pr Inar 5 Army letter X/6/52 of 5 Apr states that the section is now ready to move. It is presumed that you will issue the necessary orders for the move. Will you please confirm.

[Signature]
W. CALVERT, Major,
S. O. R. Sigs.

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W. Calverley

W. CALVERLEY, Major,
S. O. R. SIGS,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: MANOVA GRUPPI

SIGNAL SECTION
A.F.H.Q.

Tel: FREEDOM 557

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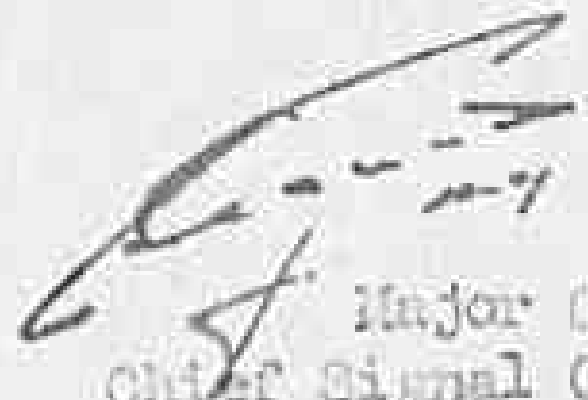
8 Apr 1945

SO Sigs MITA ✓

Reference 56 BLU letter 4 Sigs of 3 Apr.

1. May information be forwarded on progress made in meeting the requirements stated in the above letter.
2. It is understood that a cipher operator has been posted to the Rear Link Signals.
3. Information is also required concerning the Italian Tech Maint Sec which should now be ready to work with the Group.

BSD/BSF


Major General
Chief Signal Officer

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SO. R. Sigs, MMIA

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

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56 BLU
4 Sigs

3 April 45

Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group "MANTOVA" for
period 18 - 31 March 45.

In The Field,
IDBP/cwf

John D. B. [Signature]
Lt Col.
GS.

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A. TRAINING1. Regimental Signallers

- (a) All intensive Signal training has now been completed and all Signal Schools within the Group have closed.
- (b) Applied Signal training is continuing within Regiments.

2. Signal Company

- (a) Two Headquarters and Signal exercises have to date been held, mainly for the purpose of exercising the Signal Company.

These have on the whole been satisfactory. Many minor technical points have arisen, especially in the case of Signal Offices, which are an entirely new innovation for the Italian Army.

It is felt however that with continual exercises of this type the Signal Company will become reasonably efficient.

- (b) All training of Drivers, and Despatch Riders in the Company has now been completed. They have however undergone a very short course and much practice will be required before they can be considered as well trained.

B. PERSONNEL

1. The personnel position in the Signal Company is satisfactory with the exception of Instrument Mechanics and Line Operators.
2. Nine Instrument Mechanics are deficient, and of the twenty eight Line Operators held, not more than eight have proved satisfactory after training.
3. As stated in my 7 Sigs of 17 March 45, it is believed that there are a number of Operators with 712 Signal Company at BARI.

It is understood that SIRE are issuing instructions for these men to be posted to the Company in exchange for an equal number of Linemen.

4. Rear Link Signals are still deficient of one Cipher Operator. It is requested that a posting be effected as soon as possible.

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4. Rear Link Signals are still deficient of one Cipher Operator. It is requested that a posting be effected as soon as possible.

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C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

1. All Controlled Signal Stores for the Combat Group are complete, with the following exceptions, which are not available.

Instruments Testing, FERRANTE AC/DC	4
Ladders, Field Tele	10
Teles, loudspeaking No 2 complete	4

2. May the question of a release of 50 miles of W110 (Single) Cable to replace the 80 miles at present on the ground, please be expedited.

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

1. Rear Link Signals Complete.
2. Signal Company.

Vehicles are at present being released to the Company.

Deficiencies to date are as noted hereunder:-

Lorry 3 ton T.E.V.	1. (Released but not yet drawn)
Trucks, 15 cwt 4 x 4 Armoured Personnel	9.

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TRAINING

1. All intensive training of Regimental Signals Personnel is due to finish on 27 March 45.
2. Applied Signal Training is proceeding within Regiments. Further training cable is however required. (Ky 5 Sigs of 17 March to MIA refers).
3. Intensive training of the Signal Company has now finished. A "drive" on internal economy has been held preparatory to the Platoons going out to join their Regiments.

PERSONNEL

1. The position as regards Line Operators (Telegrafisti) and Instrument Mechanics (Radiomontatori) in the Signal Company is still far from satisfactory.
2. Of the thirty Telegrafisti in the Company, only ten have proved satisfactory after training. *Further intensive training obviously necessary*
3. The Company is still deficient of six Radiomontatori and of the nine held, only five are satisfactory.
4. Rear Link Signals are deficient of one Cipher Operator. It is felt that this N.C.O. should, if possible, be posted before the end of the month so that he may become acquainted with the work of Rear Link Signals.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

1. Deficiencies of Controlled Signal Stores for the Combat Group are as noted hereunder:-

Teles Loudspeaking No 2 Complete Sets	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	12
Instruments Testing PERRANTI AC/DC	2
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5

2. Single Cable was issued in lieu of the 45 mls of Twisted W4103. There is therefore NO Twisted Cable held by the Group. It is requested that a release of 45 mls of W4103 Twisted be authorised, when the Single Cable will be returned (Ky 2 Sigs of 6 March 45 to MIA refers).

3. Approximately 80 mls of G1098 Cable has been used to provide Static Telephone communications in this Area.

this R.C.O. should, if possible, be posted and he may become acquainted with the work of Rear Link Signals.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

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12
2
5
Teles Loudspeaking No 2 Complete Sets
Ladders Field Telegraph
Instruments Testing FERRANTI AC/DC
Boxes Terminal Signal Office

2. Single Cable was issued in lieu of the 45 mls of Twisted W110. There is therefore NO Twisted Cable held by the Group. It is requested that a release of 45 mls of W110 Twisted be authorised, when the Single Cable will be returned (My 2 Sigs of 6 March 45 to MIA refers).

3. Approximately 80 mls of G4098 Cable has been used to provide Static Telephone communications in this Area.

This Cable will naturally have deteriorated when the Group moves and it is not desired to move forward with used Cable.

May a release of 80 mls of W110 (single) Cable therefore be authorised to replace this (My 2 Sigs of 6 March 45 to MIA refers) **3862**

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

1. Rear Link Signals. Complete
Vehicles are at present being released to the Company.
2. Signal Company.

The position to date is as noted hereunder :-

Trucks 15 cwt FFV	20
Trucks 15 cwt Office	1
Motorcycles Solo	35

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PERSONNEL STATE of TECHNICAL TRADES31 MARCH 45107 TELE - RADIO COMPANY

Detail	: Etab	: Held	: Def	: Surplus	: Remarks
Officers	: 7	: 9	:	:	: 2 Subalterns surplus
W.O's & Sgts	: 32	: 32	:	:	:
Despatch Riders	: 22	: 22	:	:	:
Vehicle Mechanics	: 5	: 5	:	:	:
Elect Signals	: 6	: 6	:	:	:
Instrument Mechanics	: 15	: 9	: 6	:	:
Elect Battery Charging	: 5	: 4	: 1	:	:
Linemen	: 43	: 78	:	: 35	:
Operators Wireless	: 78	: 78	:	:	:
" Line	: 28	: 28	:	:	:
Switchboard Operators	: 15	: 15	:	:	:
Cipher	: 8	: 8	:	:	:
Drivers (incl Batman Drivers)	: 61	: 61	:	:	:

REAR LINK SIGNALS

Detail	: Etab	: Held	: Def	: Surplus	: Remarks
Sergeants	: 1	: 1	:	:	:
Operators Wireless	: 11	: 11	:	:	: Urgently required
Cipher Operators	: 3	: 2	: 1	:	: 3670
Elect Signals	: 1	: 1	:	:	:
Driver Operators	: 2	: 2	:	:	:
Driver Mechanics	: 1	: 1	:	:	:
Drivers i/c	: 1	: 1	:	:	:

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SO. R. Sigs. H.M.I.A. —

C.S.O. AFHQ
C.S.O. 15 Army Group.

Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group "MANTOVA" for
week - ending 17 March 45.

In The Field.
IDEP/cwf

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56 BLU
4 Sigs

22 March 45

John D. [Signature]
Col.
GS.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADESWEEK - ENDING 17 MARCH 45107 TELE - RADIO COMPANYNotes
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DETAIL	ESTAB	HAID	DEF	STATUS	REMARKS
Officers	7	9		2	2 Subalterns surplus.
W.O's & Sgts	32	32			
Despatch Riders	22	24		2	
Vehicle Mechanics	5	5			
Elect Sigs	6	6			
Instrument Mechanics	15	9	5		
Elect Bty Charging	5	5			
Linenmen	43	45		2	
Operators Wireless	78	84		6	
Line	28	30		2	
Switchboard Operators	15	19		4	
Cipher Operators	8	8			
Drivers (incl Batman Drivers)	61	65		4	

REAR LINE SIGNALS

Elect Bty Charging

Linenmen

Operators Wireless

Line

Switchboard Operators

Cipher Operators

Drivers (incl Batman Drivers)

5	5	2
43	45	6
78	84	2
28	30	4
15	19	
8	8	
64	65	4

REAR LINE SIGNALS

DETAIL	ESTAB	HELD	DEF	Surplus	Remarks
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Sergeants	1	1			
Operators Wireless	11	11			
Cipher Operators	3	2	1		
Elect Signals	1	1			
Driver Operators	2	2			
Driver Mechanics	1	1			
Drivers i/c	1	1			

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SO. R. Sigs MMIA

CSO AFHQ
CSO 15 Army Group

56 BLU
4 Sigs

13 Mar 45

Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group "MANTOVA" for week-
ending 10 March 45.

In The Field.
IDBF/cwf

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Lt Col. 3557
GS. 3557

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TRAINING

- (1) All Infantry Wireless Operators Courses have now been completed at ALTAVILLA Signal School.
- (2) The Line Training Schools within each Regiment have closed and personnel have dispersed to Battalions and Batteries.
- (3) Applied Signal Training is being carried out within Regiments.
- (4) Owing to the change - over from 11 Sets to 19 Sets within the Group it has been found necessary to continue the training of Artillery Operators at ALTAVILLA for a further fortnight in order to carry out adequate training in the 19 Set.
- (5) The intensive training of the Signal Company has now been completed. The Company is at present being equipped with stores and vehicles.
- (6) Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactory.

B. PERSONNEL

As stated in Progress Report for week - ending 3 March 45.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES.

- (1) Deficiencies of Controlled Signal Stores are as noted hereunder:-

Instruments Testing FERRANTI AC/DC
Teles Loudspeaking No 2 Complete Sets

4
4

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

Rear Link Signals COMPLETE

Signal Company

Vehicles are now being released for the Company. The vehicles held to date are as noted hereunder:-

Trucks 15 cwt FFW	20
Trucks 15 cwt Office	1

E. PERSONNEL STATE of TECHNICAL TRADES.

As stated in Progress Report for week - ending 3 March 45.

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Subject: Progress Report

56 BLU
4 Sigs
7 March 45

SO. R. Sigs. M.M.I.A.

C.S.O. AFHQ
C.S.O. 15 Army Group.

Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group "MANTOVA" for
week - ending 3 March 45.

In The Field,
IDWP/cwf

John F. Kelly
Lt Col.
GS.

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A. TRAINING

1. Training of Regimental Signallers is as stated in Progress Report for Week - ending 17 Feb 45.
2. Intensive training of the Signal Company will finish in the middle of March. The Company will then split into Platoons which will join their respective Regiments.
3. Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.
4. A general review of the Signal training to date shows that it is on the whole satisfactory. The personnel have responded well and it is felt that as long as Regiments continue the necessary Applied Signal Training then the personnel will prove good second class Signallers.

B. PERSONNEL

1. The question of Operators Line and Instrument Mechanics was raised by SO. R. Sigs on his visit to M.M.I.A. on 1st March. 45.
2. It is realised that the present position of Specialists is far from satisfactory and that requirements will be met when personnel are available.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES.

1. Authority has now been received from AFHQ to change all the No 11 Sets in the Group for No 19 Sets. This will improve the position considerably.
2. The 73 hydrometers issued appear to be faulty. After a short period of use they crack and become unserviceable. It would be appreciated if these could be changed.

3. Deficiencies of Controlled Signal Stores are as noted hereunder:-

Instruments Testing FERRANTI AC/DC	6
Switchboards F & F 40 line	1
Tele Loudspeaking, No 2 Complete Sets.	8
Barrows Drum	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5

A release has been received for the undermentioned items but these have not yet been collected.

Barrows Drum	4
Insts Testing Radiomechanical Universal	2
(in lieu of Insts Testing FERRANTI)	5

Barrows Terminal Signal Office

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Switchboards F & P 40 line
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Barrows Drum
Ladders Field Telegraph
Boxes Terminal Signal Office

6
1
8
4
22
5

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Barrows Drum
Insts Testing Radiomechanical Universal
(in lieu of Insts Testing FERRANTI)
Boxes Terminal Signal Office

4
2
5

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

Rear Link Signals
Combat Group

COMPLETE

3 Trucks 15 cwt FFV

Further Signal Vehicles are expected in the near future.

E. PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADES

The Combat Group has received authority to strike off strength personnel who are absent without leave, or who have been in hospital for some considerable time.

This, in addition to postings of unsuitable personnel, accounts for the disposal of the surplus personnel previously held by the Signal Company.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADESWEEK - ENDING 5 MARCH 45107 TELE - RADIO Coy

DETAIL	ESTAB	HELD	DEF	SURPLUS	REMARKS
OFFICERS	7	10		3	
W.O's & SGTs	32	32			
DESPATCH RIDERS	22	24		2	
VEHICLE MECHs	5	5			
ELECT SIGS	6	6			
INSTRUMENT MECHs	15	9	6		
ELECT Bty Charging	5	5			
LINEMEN	43	45		2	
OPERATORS WIRELESS	78	84		6	
LINE	28	30		2	
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	15	19		4	
CIPHER	8	8			
DRIVERS (incl Batmen/Drivers)	61	65		2	

PEAR LINK SIGNALS

DETAIL	ESTAB	HELD	DEF	SURPLUS	REMARKS
SERGEANTS	1	1			
OPERATORS WIRELESS	11	11			
CIPHER	3	2	1		
ELECT SIGNALS	1	1			
DRIVER OPERATORS	2	2			
DRIVER MECHs	1	1			
DRIVERS i/c	1	1			

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C.S.O. ATHQ
C.S.O. 15 Army Group
St. P. Sigs M.H.I.A.

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56 Hqs
4 Sigs
27 Feb 45

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Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group "H. BROWN"
for week ending 24th Feb 45.

In The Field.
HAW/cdf

[Signature]
Lt Col.
GS.

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A. TRAINING

1. Members of Regimental Signallers under training and state of training is as shown in Progress Report for week - ending 17 Feb 45
2. It is hoped to commence Applied Signal Training within Regiments in the first week of March. This will consist of Signal Training in conjunction with Infantry and Artillery exercises.
3. The training of the Signal Company is, on the whole, satisfactory, with the exception of the Operators Line (Telegraphists). These are poor and it is hoped to find replacements (see para B below).
4. Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactory.

B. PERSONNEL

1. The question of Operators Line (Telegraphists) in the Signal Company is as stated in Progress Report for week - ending 17 Feb 45.
2. It would greatly ease the position if twenty good Wireless Operators (Radio Telegraphists or Messengerists) could be posted to the Company, when the worst of the bad Operators would be posted away.
3. The deficiency of five Instrument Mechanics still exist in the Company. As men of this trade require a lengthy training it will be realized that these deficiencies should be made up as soon as possible.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

1. This H. G. letter sigs 2 of 22 Feb 45 to HMA states the position as regards the No 14 Sets. These are in poor condition and it is felt that they will not be reliable in action. It is therefore requested that, if possible, they be changed. ^{15.11.44}
2. No Cradles or Aerial Bases have yet been issued for No 14 Sets.
As it is anticipated that the Group will receive Wireless Vehicles in the near future it is essential that the above be issued as soon as possible.
3. Other deficiencies of Controlled Signal Stores are as stated in Progress Report for week - ending 17 Feb 45.

3. The deficiency of five Instrument Mechanics still exist in the Company. As men of this trade require a lengthy training it will be realized that these deficiencies should be made up as soon as possible.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

1. This L. L. Letter Sign 2 of 22 Feb 45 to MIA states the position as regards the No 11 Sets. These are in poor condition and it is felt that they will not be reliable in action. It is therefore requested that, if possible, they be changed.

2. NO Cradles or Aerial Bases have yet been issued for No 11 Sets.

As it is anticipated that the Group will receive Wireless Vehicles in the near future it is essential that the above be issued as soon as possible.

3. Other deficiencies of Controlled Signal Stores are as stated in Progress Report for week - ending 17 Feb 45.

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

As stated in Progress Report for week - ending 17 Feb 45.

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1. ARMED STATE OF TECHNICAL TROOPS107 TROOPS - RADIO COYWEEK - ENDING 24 FEB 42

DETAIL	ESTAB	ISSUED	DEF	SURPLUS	REMARKS
OFFICERS	7	12	-	5	4 Capt & 4 Subalterns surplus
W.O's & Sgts	32	42	-	10	8 Wireless, 2 Tole su surplus
DISPATCH RIDERS	22	22	-	-	
VEHICLE MECHAN	5	5	-	-	
WIRELESS SIGNS	6	6	-	2	
INSTRUMENT MACHIN	15	10	5	-	
ELECT BTY CHARGING	5	6	-	1	
LABORER	43	60	-	17	
OPERATORS WIRELESS	78	77	1	6	
LINE	28	34	-	14	
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	15	29	-	-	
CIPHER	6	8	-	-	
REUTERS (aid Detachment)	61	53	3	-	

ARMED STATE REAR LINK SIGNALSWEEK - ENDING 24 FEB 42

DETAIL	ESTAB	ISSUED	DEF	SURPLUS	REMARKS
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SERVING (and Detach)

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PERSONNEL STATE REAR LATER SIGNALS

REAR - NO. 24 FEB 45

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Subject, - Progress Report.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

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27. Feb 45

S.O.R.Sigs.

56 S.L.U.

Reference your Progress Report dated 20 Feb 45.

The question of your operators has been taken up with the Ministry of War. They, however, quite rightly point out that your Group is at the moment better off for operators than the other Groups. As they are further advanced than you, it is natural that they must receive first call. The matter will again be taken up nearer the date of completion of your training.

W. Calvelly
W. CALVELLY, Major.
S. O. R. Signals.
M. M. I. A.

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56 BLN
& Signs
20 Feb 45.

C.S.O. A.F.H.Q.
C.S.O. 15 Army Group.
SO. R. Sigs M.E. I. A.

Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group "MANTOVA"
for Week - ending 17th Feb 45.

In The Field.
IIRP/cwf

John B. Alkington
Lt-Col.
CS.

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A. TRAINING

1. The first series of courses for Regimental Signallers at ALTAVILLA Signal School finish at the end of this month. By that date numbers of personnel as under will have completed the course of intensive Signal Training.

Artillery Regimental Signallers,	2 Officers	200 O.Rs
Infantry Regimental Signallers,	2 Officers	320 O.Rs
Total	4 Officers	520 O.Rs.

2. Further courses are at present being run at ALTAVILLA for numbers of personnel as under:-

Artillery Regimental Signallers	1 Officer	57 O.Rs
Infantry Regimental Signallers	5 Officers	95 O.Rs
Total	6 Officers	152 O.Rs

These men will have completed their course by the middle of March.

3. In addition courses for Regimental Signallers are being run in the Maintenance of Signal Equipment.

4. On completion of courses personnel will return to their units where applied Signal Training (i.e. Signal Training in conjunction with Infantry and Artillery Exercises will be carried out).

5. Intensive Training of the Signal Coy will continue until the middle of March.

Number of personnel under training are as shown hereunder:-

2 Officers 177 O.Rs.

6. Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactory.

B. PERSONNEL

1. A number of the Operators Lane (Telegrafisti) of the Signal Coy are not responding well to training.

2. It would greatly ease the position if twenty more good wireless operators (Radio Telegrafisti or Marconisti) could be posted to the Company. The

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2 Officers 177 O.Ns.

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B. PERSONNEL

1. A number of the Operators Line (Telegraphists) of the Signal Coy are not responding well to training.

2. It would greatly ease the position if twenty more good wireless operators (Radio Telegraphists or Marconists) could be posted to the Company. The worst of the Line Operators would then be posted away and the vacancies filled by wireless operators. (b) 7

3. This would be compatible with the principle of combining the two trades.

4. The Signal Coy is still deficient of five Instrument Mechanics. It will be realized that since Instrument Mechanics require a considerable training it is therefore of major importance that these deficiencies should be made up as soon as possible.

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C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

1. NO Cradles or Aerial Bars have yet been issued for No 11 Sets.

As it is anticipated that the Group will receive Wireless Vehicles in the near future it is essential that the above be issued as soon as possible.

2. In addition the No 11 Sets were issued deficient of 6v 16 AH Btys (required as LT Btys when the static HP Bty is used).

3. Other deficiencies of Controlled Signal Stores for the Combat Group are as noted hereunder:-

Instruments Testing FERRANTI AC/DC	6
Switchboards F & F 40 line	1
Tale Loudspeaking, No 2 Complete Sets	6
Barrows Drum	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

REAR LINK SIGNALS : COMPLETE

COMBAT GROUP : Although no signal vehicles have yet been released these are expected in the near future.

E. PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADES

As stated in Progress Report of week - ending 10 Feb 45.

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O.S.O. AFHQ
O.S.O. 15 Army Group
SQ. R. Sigs. M.H.I.A.

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4 Sigs
13 Feb 45

Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group "MANTOVA"
for week - ending 10 Feb 45.

In The Field.
IDSP/cmf

James B. Kelly Jr.
Lt. Col. Capt.
GS.

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A. TRAINING

- (1) The third week of intensive training of Signallers has now been satisfactorily completed.
- (2) The first course for Infantry Operating personnel (Total 123 men) has been completed at ALTAVILLA Signal School. The men have returned to their Regiments where they will continue training.
- (3) By 24 Feb all personnel now under training will have completed one months intensive Signal training. Numbers of the personnel are as noted hereunder:-

Signal Company	2 Officers	177 O.Rs.
Artillery Regimental Signallers	2 Officers	200 O.Rs.
Infantry Regimental Signallers	2 Officers	320 O.Rs.
Total	6 Officers	697 O.Rs.

- (4) On completion of this intensive training, personnel will return to their Regiments where advanced Signal training will be carried out (i.e. Signal training in conjunction with Infantry and Artillery exercises)
- (5) Further courses are being held at the Signal School for as many of the remaining Signallers (up to W.A. + 5 of reserve) as are available.
- (6) Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.

B. PERSONNEL

The position of personnel in the Signal Company is now good. The only major outstanding deficiency is five Instrument Mechanics.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

Deficiencies of Controlled Signal Stores for the Group are as under:-

Instruments Testing FERRANTI AC/DC	6
Switchboards F & F 40 line	1
Tale Loudspeaking, No 2 Complete Sets	8
Barrows Drum	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

Rear Link Signals :	COMPLETE
Combat Group :	NO Signal Vehicles yet received.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADES107 TELE - RADIO COYWEEK - ENDING 10 FEB 45

DETAIL	Estab	Held	Def	Surplus	Remarks
OFFICERS	7	12	-	5	1 Capt 4 Subalterns surplus
W. Os & SETS	32	42	-	10	{ 8 Wireless, 2 Tele surplus
DISPATCH RIDERS	22	22	-	-	
VEHICLES MECHs	5	5	-	-	
ELECT SIGS	6	8	-	2	
INSTRUMENT MECHs	15	40	5	-	
ELECT BTY CHARGING	5	6	-	1	
LINEMEN	43	60	-	17	
OPERATORS WIRELESS	78	77	1	-	
LINE	28	34	-	6	
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	15	29	-	14	
CIPHER " "	8	8	-	-	
DRIVERS (and Batman Drivers)	61	58	3	-	

PERSONNEL STATE REAR LINK SIGNALSWEEK - ENDING 10 FEB 45

DETAIL	Estab	Held	Def	Surplus	Remarks
Sergeants	1	1	-	-	
Operators Wireless	11	11	-	-	
Cipher	3	2	1	-	
Elect Signals	1	1	-	-	
Driver Operators	2	2	-	-	
Driver Mechs	1	1	-	-	
Drivers i/c	1	1	-	-	

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CSO AFHQ
CSO 15 Army Group.
SO. R. Sigs M.M. I.A.

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56 BLU
4 Sigs
6 Feb 45

Herewith Signals Progress Report for Combat Group
"MANTOVA" for week ending 3 February.

In The Field.
LBRP/cwf

Lt-Col.
GS.

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A. TRAINING

- (1) The second week of intensive training of Signallers has now been completed.

On the whole, progress is satisfactory.

- (2) Number of personnel under training are as noted hereunder:-

Signal Company	2 Officers	177 O.R's.
Artillery Regimental Signallers	2 Officers	200 O.R's.
Infantry Regimental Signallers	2 Officers	320 O.R's.
Total	6 Officers	697 O.R's.

- (3) Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.

B. PERSONNEL

- (1) The major outstanding deficiencies in the Signal Coy are in Instrument Mechanic. These are required as soon as possible so that training may be commenced.
- (2) It is expected that all outstanding deficiencies in Regimental Signallers will shortly be made up so that personnel to the full W.E. can be trained.

C. CONTROLLED SIGNAL STORES

Deficiencies of Controlled Signal stores for the Group are as under:-

Instruments Testing PERRANTI AO/DO	6
Switchboards F & F 40 line	1
Tote Loudspeaking, No 2 Complete Sets	8
Barrows Drum	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

Rear Link Signals:	COMPLETE.
Combat Group:	NO Signal vehicles yet arrived.

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PERSONNEL STATE of TECHNICAL TRADES107 TKS - RADIO COYWEEK- ENDING 4th FEB 45

DETAIL	ESTAB:	HELD	DEF:	Surplus	REMARKS
OFFICERS	7	12		5	1 Capt, 4 Subs Surplus 5 Wireless & 2 line surplus
W.O's and SETS	32	39		7	
DISPATCH RIDERS	22	22			
VEHICLE MECHs	5	5			Urgently required.
ELECT SIGS	6	6			
INSTRUMENT MECHs	15	6	9		
ELECT Bty Charging	5	5			21
LINEMEN	43	64			
OPERATORS WIRELESS	78	74	4		
" " LINE	26	30		2	13
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	15	28			
CIPHER	8	8			
DRIVERS (Batman Drivers)	61	50	11		

PERSONNEL STATEREAR LINE SIGNALSWEEK- ENDING 4 Feb 45

DETAIL	ESTAB:	HELD	DEF:	Surplus.	REMARKS
SERGEANTS	1	1			
OPERATORS W & L	11	11			
" " OTHER	3	2	1		
ELECT SIGNALS	1	1			
DRIVER OPERATORS	2	2			
DRIVER MECHs	1	1			
DRIVERS i/o	1	1			

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To: ✓

CSO AFHQ
 CSO 15 ARMY GROUP
 SO R. Sigs. MILA.

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56 BLU
 & Sigs
 29 Jan 45

Herewith SIGNALS PROGRESS REPORT for Combat Group "MANTOVA"
 for the week-ending 27 Jan.

In The Field,
 IDMP/cmf

[Signature]
 Lt-Col.
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TRAINING

1. Intensive training of Signal Coy personnel and Regimental Signallers began on 22 Jan and will continue for one month.
2. Two Signal Schools have been set up, one for training Signal Coy personnel and one for training operating personnel from Infantry and Artillery.
3. Training of Regimental linemen is being carried out centrally within Regiments.
4. Numbers of personnel under training are as shown at Appendix 'A' attached.
5. Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily

PERSONNEL

1. Deficiencies in Operating Personnel in the Signal Coy have now been made up.
2. Deficiencies still exists however in the Instrument Mechanics.

CONTROLLED MATERIAL STORES

Deficiencies of Signal Controlled Stores for the Group are as under:-

Switchboards U C 10 Idne	14
App Cable Laying No 3	10
Instruments Testing Ferranti AC/DC	5
Switchboards F & F 40 line	1
Test Frame 40 yr	1
Teles Loudspeaking No 2 Complete sets	8
W/T Sets No 18 (carriers)	3
Barrows Drum	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5
Battle Batteries for 18 Sets	107

A further release of Switchboards U C 10 (and if possible the Switchboards F & F 40 line) is requested as soon as possible as the number of Switchboards held at the moment are insufficient for training.

Group are as under:-

Switchboards U C 10 Lane	12
App Cable Laying No 3	10
Instruments Testing Ferrenti AC/DC	6
Switchboards F & F 40 Line	1
Test Frame 40 pr	1
Teles Loudspeaking No 2 Complete sets	8
W/T Sets No 18 (carriers)	3
Barrows Drum	4
Laddars Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5
Battle Batteries for 18 Sets	107

A further release of Switchboards U C 10 (and if possible the Switchboards F & F 40 line) is requested as soon as possible as the number of Switchboards held at the moment are insufficient for training.

D. SIGNAL VEHICLES

REAR LINK SIGNALS:	COMPLETE
COMBAT GROUP:	NO Signal Vehicles yet received.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADES107 TEE - RADIO COYWEEK-ENDING 27 JAN 45

DETAIL	EST	HEAD	DET	Surplus	Remarks
OFFICERS	7	11		4	4 Subaltern surplus
W.O's & Sgts	32	37		5	3 Wireless and 2 Telo surplus
DISPATCH RIDERS	22	22			
VEHICLE MECHS	5	5	1		
ELECT SIGS	6	5	2		Required as soon as possible
INSTRUMENT MECHS	15	6			
ELECT Bty Charging	5	5			
LINEMEN	43	57		14	
OPERATORS WIRELESS	78	78			
OPERATORS LINE	26	29		1	
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS	15	18		3	
CIPHER OPERATORS	8	8			
DRIVERS	59	42	17		

PERSONNEL STATEREAR LINK SIGNALSWEEK-ENDING 27 Jan 45

DETAIL

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43 57
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LIFEGMEN
OPERATORS WIRELESS
OPERATORS LINE
SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS
CIPHER OPERATORS
DRIVERS

PERSONNEL STATE

REAR LINK SIGNALS

WEST-ENDING 27 Jan 45

DETAIL

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SERGEANTS
OPERATORS W & L
OPERATORS CIPHER
ELECT SIGNALS
DRIVER OPERATORS
DRIVER MECHS
DRIVERS 1/0

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APPENDIX 'A' to SIGNALS PROGRESS REPORTDETAIL OF PERSONNEL UNDER TRAININGA. SIGNAL COY.

2	OFFICERS
19	W.O.'s and Sgts
78	MANCOURIST
29	TELEGRAPHIST
46	SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS
30	LINEMEN
5	ELECTRICIANS BATTERY CHARGING

TOTAL: 2 OFFICERS and 177 O.R.'sB. REGIONAL SIGNALS1. ARTILLERY

2	OFFICERS
130	WIRELESS and LINE OPERATORS
70	LINEMEN - TELEPHONIST

TOTAL: 2 OFFICERS and 200 O.R.'s2. INFANTRY

2	OFFICERS
144	WIRELESS and LINE OPERATORS
22	SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS
24	PULLPHONE OPERATORS
6	ELECTRICIANS
124	LINEMEN - TELEPHONIST

TOTAL: 2 OFFICERS and 320 O.R.'sC. TOTAL UNDER TRAINING

6	OFFICERS
697	O.R.'s

TOTAL: 2 OFFICERS and 232 G.R.'s

2. INFANTRY

2	OFFICERS
144	WIRELESS and LINE OPERATORS
22	SWITCHBOARD OPERATORS
24	PULSING OPERATORS
6	ELECTRICIANS
124	LINEMEN - TELEPHONISTS

TOTAL: 2 OFFICERS and 320 G.R.'s

3. TOTAL UNDER TRAINING

6	OFFICERS
697	G.R.'s

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56 BLU
4 Sigs
21 Jan 45

To:-

CSD AMHQ
CSD 15 Army Group
SO R Sigs MHLA ✓

Herewith Signals Progress Report for
" MANTOVA " Combat Group for the week-ending 6 Jan.

In the Field.
IDEP/csf

John P. Kelly
Capt.
GS.

A. PERSONNEL and TRAINING

1. Intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal Coy personnel) commences on 22 Jan and will be continued for one month.
2. Deficiencies of Operators Wireless and Instrument Macks still exist in the Signal Coy. It is requested that these be made up as soon as possible.
3. Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.

B. SIGNAL CONTROLLED STORES

Deficiencies of Signal Controlled Stores for the Group are as below:-

Switchboards U C 10 line	14
App Cable Laying No 3	10
Instruments Testing Perrenti AC/DC	6
Switchboards F & F 40 line	1
Test Frame 40 pr	1
Tales Loudspeaking No 2 complete sets	8
W/T Sets No 18 (carriers)	3
Barrows Drum	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5
Battle Batteries for 18 sets	107

A further release of Switchboards U C 10 (and if possible, the Switchboard F & F 40 line) is requested as soon as possible as the number of Switchboards held at the moment are insufficient for training.

C. SIGNAL VEHICLES

Rear Link Signals :- Complete

Combat Group :- No Signal Vehicles yet arrived.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TEXAS: 1. TRAINING107 T-28- RADIO CTRWEEK BEGINS 20 Jan

DETAIL	RET	FIELD	DET	SERVICES	REMARKS
Officers	7	11	-	4	
W.O's & Sgts	32	37	-	5	4 Subalterns surplus 3 wireless and 2 tele sgts surplus
Dispatch Riders	22	22	-	-	
Vehicle Mchrs	5	5	-	-	
Elect Signals	6	5	1	-	
Instrument Mchrs	15	6	9	-	Required as soon as possible
Elect Bty Charging	5	5	-	-	
Lineamen	43	57	-	14	
Operators Wireless	70	44	24	-	Required as soon as possible
Operators Line	18	30	-	2	
Switchboards Operators	15	10	-	5	
Cipher Operators	8	8	-	-	
Drivers	59	42	17	-	

PERSONNEL STATE107 T-28- RADIO CTRWEEK - BEGINS 6 Jan

DETAIL	RET	FIELD	DET	3565
Sergeants	4	4	-	
Operators W & L	11	11	-	
Operators Cipher	5	2	1	
Elect Signals	1	1	-	
Driver Operators	2	2	-	
Driver Mchrs	1	1	-	
Drivers i/o	1	1	-	

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56 BLU
6 Sigs
5 Jan 45

GSO AFHQ
GSO 15 Army Group
SO R Sigs MMIA

Herewith attached Signals Progress Report for
Combat Group "MANTOVA" for week-ending 13 Jan.

In the Field,
IDBP/cwf

John B. Kilgus
Lt-Col.
GS.

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A. Personnel and Training

1. Personnel States of Technical Trades in 107 Teleradio Coy and Rear Link Signals are as shown on Progress Report for Week-ending 6 Jan.
2. Intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal Coy personnel) is due to commence within the coming week.
3. Deficiencies in Wireless Operators and Instrument Mechanics still exist in the Signal Coy. Training will go ahead with personnel available but it is of primary importance that these deficiencies be made up as soon as possible.

B. Signal Controlled Stores

Major deficiencies are as stated on Progress Report for Week-ending 6 Jan.

A further release of Switchboards U C 10 line is required as soon as possible as the seven held at the moment are insufficient for training.

C. Signal Vehicles

Rear Link Signals : Complete
Combat Group : No Signal vehicles yet received.

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56 BLU
6 Sigs
8 Jan 45

To:-

CSO AFHQ
CSO 15 Army Group
SO R Sigs MMIA.

Herewith Signals Progress Report for "MANTOVA"
Combat Group for the week-ending 6 Jan.

In the Field.
IDRP/cwf.

It Col.
GS.

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A. Personnel and Training.

Instructor
1. Deficiencies of wireless operators and Master-Mechanics still exist in the Signal Coy.
It is imperative that these deficiencies be made up as soon as possible if training is not to be seriously held up.

2. The present course at NOORHA finishes on 11 Jan and intensive training of all signallers (Regimental and Signal Coy personnel) will commence on 17 Jan and be continued for one month.

3. Training of Rear Link Signals is proceeding satisfactorily.

B. Signal Controlled Stores.

All controlled stores released by Ord 13 on release Nos 3705 and 3708 of 29 Dec have now been collected.

Major deficiencies of Signal controlled stores for the Group are as below:-

Switchboards U.C. 10 line	14
App Cable Laying No 3	10
Instruments Testing Ferranti AC/DC	6
Switchboard P & F 40 line	1
Test Frame 40 pr	1
Telcos Lowspeeding No 2 complete sets	8
W/T Sets No 16 (carriers)	3
Barrows Drum	4
Ladders Field Telegraph	22
Boxes Terminal Signal Office	5
Battle Btys for 16 sets	107.

It is requested that a further release of switchboards UC 10 line be made as soon as possible as the seven held at the moment are insufficient for training.

C. Signal Vehicles.

Rear Link Signals:- All Signal Vehicles received.

Combat Group:- NO Signal Vehicles yet received.

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- 1 Test Frame 40 pr
- 6 Telos Independent No 2 complete sets
- 3 w/T Sets No 18 (carriers)
- 4 Barrows Drum
- 22 Ladders Field Telegraph
- 5 Boxes Terminal Signal Office
- 107. Battle Btys for 18 sets

It is requested that a further release of switchboards
DC 10 line be made as soon as possible as the seven held at the
moment are insufficient for training.

6. Signal Vehicles

Rear Link Signals:- All Signal Vehicles received. 35.11
Combat Group:- NO Signal Vehicles yet received.

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Personnel State of Technical Trades: 107 Telecommunications Coy.Week ending 7 Jan 45.

Detail	Rgt	Held	Def	Surplus	Remarks
Officers	7	10	-	3	3 Subalterns Surplus
W.O's & Egts	32	38	-	6	3 Wireless and 3 Line Egts surplus
Despatch Riders	22	20	2	-	
Veh Mchrs	5	5	-	-	
Elect Sigs	6	5	1	-	Urgently required so that training may commence
Inst Mchrs	15	6	9	-	
Elect Bty Charging	5	5	-	-	
Lineamen	43	60	-	17	
Operators Wireless	78	46	32	-	Urgently required so that training may commence
Operators Line	28	30	-	2	
Switchboard Operators	15	18	-	3	
Cipher Operators	8	8	-	-	
Drivers	59	48	11	-	

Personnel State Near Link SignalsWeek ending 6 Jan 45.

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Elect Bty Changing	5	5	-	-	-
Linesmen	45	50	-	-	17
Operators Wireless	78	46	32	-	-
					Urgently required so that training may commence
Operators Line	26	30	-	-	2
Switchboard Operators	15	18	-	-	3
Cipher Operators	8	8	-	-	-
Drivers	59	48	11	-	-

Personnel State Rear Link SignalsWeek ending 6 Jan 45

Detail	Net	Held	Def	Surplus	Remarks
Sergeants	1	1	-	-	
Ops W & L	11	11	-	-	
Ops Cipher	5	2	1	-	
Elect Sigs	1	1	-	-	
Driver Operators	2	2	-	-	
Driver Mochs	1	1	-	-	
Drivers i/c	1	1	-	-	

Subject:- Deficiencies of Personnel.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
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9 Jan 45

MINISTRY OF WAR.

There exists at the moment a deficiency of
35 Operators Wireless within the MANTOVA Gruppo.

Please expedite these men as much as possible
as they are now urgently required.

W. Calvelmo
W. CALVELMO, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:-- Progress Reports.

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OSO 15 Army Group
SO P. Sign 181A ✓

Herewith signals Progress Report for H-170VA Group for
the week ending 30 Dec 44.

In The Field.
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Jan 13 1945
Lt Col.
CS.

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PERSONNEL AND TRAINING.

Sufficient accommodation has now been found to set up two signal schools within the Group, one for the training of regimental operating personnel of Infantry and Artillery, and one for specialists of the Signal company. Both schools will operate for one month, from the middle of January to the middle of February.

Regimental line personnel of Infantry and Artillery will be trained within Regiments. All deficiencies in regimental signallers are being made up, by the Combat Group, before 10 January.

It is understood that NMIA are pressing the question of deficiencies of personnel on the signal company. This is also being taken up direct with SRE by the combat group. It is imperative that these deficiencies are made up by 10 January so that training may commence.

Deficiencies in driving personnel, and training of drivers is being dealt with by DADST who is setting up a driving school within the Group.

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SIGNAL CONTROLLED STORES.

As per progress report of 23 Dec.
Controlled stores released by Ord 13 on release No's 3705 and 3708 of 20 December are still being collected from 3 sub depot.

SIGNAL VEHICLES.

Rear link signals.

As per progress report of 23 December.

Combat Group.

NO signal vehicles yet received.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADES - 10. ELERADIO COMPANY.

For week ending 30 December 44.

Detail.	Estab.	Held.	Def.	Surplus.	Remarks
Officers	7	10		3	3 Subalterns surplus
WO's & MOO's	32	40		8	6 Wireless 2 telegraphists Sgts surplus
Despatch riders	22	16	6		
Vehicle mechs	5	5			
Elect. sigs	6	4	2		Urgently required
Instrument mechs	15	5	10		Urgently required
Elect Bty charging	5	4	1		
Linenmen	43	44			
Operators wireless	78	43	35		Urgently required
Operators line	28	28			
Switch board ops	15	15			
Cipher ops	8	8			
Drivers	59	55	24		

PERSONNEL STATE - REAR LINK SIGNALS. For week ending 30 Dec 44.

Detail	Estab.	Held.	Def.	Surplus	Remarks
Sergeants	4	1			
Ops W & L	11	11			

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Operators line

Switch board ops	15	15	
Cipher ops	6	8	
Drivers	59	35	24

PERSONNEL STATE - REAR LINK SIGNALS, For week ending 30 Dec 44

Detail	Asstab.	Held.	Def.	Surplus	Missing
Sergeants	1	1			
Ops W & L	11	11			
Ops cipher	3	2	1		
Elect. Sigs	1	1			
Driver operators	2	2			
Driver mechs	1	1			
Drivers I/C	1	1			

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Subject:- Progress Reports.

56 BLU
6 Sigs.
26 Dec 44.

OSO AFHQ
OSO 15 Army Group
SO R.Sigs MIA

Herewith Signals Progress Report for MANTOVA Group for the
week ending Saturday 23 Dec.

In The Field.
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John D. B. [Signature]
Lt Col,
GS.

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PERSONNEL AND TRAINING.

It is intended that all Signals personnel (Signal Coy and Regimental Signallers) shall undergo a period of intensive training in Signals work from approx 10 Jan - 15 Feb. After this period it is estimated that personnel will be trained sufficiently to co-operate with other arms.

The release of signal controlled stores made by Ord 13 should provide sufficient material for carrying out this training.

In order that the maximum number may undergo this intensive training it is essential that, as far as possible, all personnel deficiencies in the Signal Coy should be made up by 10 Jan. The outstanding deficiencies are Operators wireless, Instrument mechanics and Drivers.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADES - 107 Teleradio Coy.

For week ending 23 Dec 44.

Detail.	Estab.	Held.	Def.	Surplus.	Remarks.
Officers	7	10		3	
WO's & NCO's	32	40		8	8 telegraphists
Despatch Riders	22	16	6		Sigs surplus. Required before 10 Jan.
Veh mechs	5	5			
Elect Sigs	6	4	2		Required before 10 Jan
Inst mechs	15	5	10		Urgently required so that training may be commenced.
Elect Pky charging	5	4	1		
Linemen	45	44		1	
Operator wireless	78	43	35		Required before 10 Jan
Operators line	28	28			
Switchboard Ops	15	15			
Cipher Ops	8	8			
Drivers	59	35	24		Required before 10 Jan

PERSONNEL STATE - REAR LINK SIGNALS

for week ending 23 Dec 44.

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commenced.

	5	4	1
Elect Bty charging			
Linenmen	43	24	1
Operator wireless	78	43	55
Operators line	26	28	
Switchboard Ops	15	15	
Cipher Ops	8	8	
Drivers	59	35	24

Required
before 10 JanPERSONNEL STATE - REAR LINK SIGNALS

for week ending 23 Dec 44.

Remarks.

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	Estab	Held.	Def.
Sergeants	1	1	
Ops W & L	11	11	
Operator Cipher	3	2	1
Elect Sigs	1	1	
Driver Operators	2	2	
Driver Mechs	1	1	
Drivers i/c	1	1	

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SIGNAL CONTROLLED S. RES.

(a) Stores released from 3 Dist for static telephone communications.

25 Teles EE 8
 5 Switchboards UC 10 line.
 30 miles of cable (D3 and W110)
 10 Pullerphones
 2 Drum Barrows

(b) Supplied by MIA.

2 Avominions
 4 Test sets EE GSF

(c) Released from ORD 13 but not yet collected from 3 sub depot 557 EOD.
 (release Nos 3705 and 3708 of 20 Dec).

Teles D Mt V	Qty 170
All Cable laying No 2	" 36
W/T No 11 truck/ground complete stations less batteries	" 57
W/T sets No 18 complete stations	" 104
W/T sets No 19 truck/ground complete stations less batteries	" 14
W/T sets No 9 (CDM) complete stations less batteries	" 2
Reception sets R 107 less batteries	" 5
Reception sets R 109 less batteries	" 4
Batteries 6V 85 AH	" 246
Batteries 6V 175	" 100
Cable electric 1RV 1 pair 12 1/2	" 440 yds
Cable electric D3 single	" 96 miles
Cable electric D3 Double	" 6000 yds
Cable elec W110 single	" 226 miles
Cable elec W 110B twisted	" 45 miles
Switchboards UC 10 line	" 7
Avominions teles EE 8	" 30
Wavemeters D complete stations	" 12
Frames D & P	" 9
Pullerphones	" 42
Charging sets 1260 W (Net No.1)	" 24
Charging sets 300 W	" 57
All cable laying No 3	" 4
Cable layer mech Hot	" 1
Superoosing units coil CH61	" 2

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W/T sets No 9 (GMS) complete set batteries
 Reception sets R 107 less batteries
 Reception sets R 109 less batteries
 Batteries 6V 85 AH
 Batteries 6V 175
 Cable electric 1RV 1 pair 12 1/2
 Cable electric D8 single
 Cable electric D8 Double
 Cable elec W110 single
 Cable elec W 110B twisted
 Switchboards UC 10 line
~~Wave meters~~ telephones
 Wave meters D complete stations
 Frames D & P
 Fullerphones
 Charging sets 1260 W (Net No. 1)
 Charging sets 300 W
 App cable laying No 3
 Cable layer mech No1
 Superposing units coil C161
 Test sets portable No2
 Hydrometers secy port
 Instruments testing avometer
 Instruments testing Ferranti AC/DC
 Superposing units 3 transformer
 Ratchett & Tonge No 3
 Instruments testing Avometer
 Pickets angle short

SIGNAL VEHICLES.

Formation.	Vehicle	Estab.	Held.
Rear link Signals	15 cwt	2	2
	Wireless house	1	1
	15 cwt GS	1	1
	3 ton GS		

COMBAT GROUP

No signal vehicles have yet been received for the Combat Group.

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Subject:- Progress Report.

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18 Dec 41.

Herewith Signals Progress Report for MANTOVA Group for
the week ending Saturday 15 Dec.

In The Field.
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Jan 7 1942
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TRAINING.1. SIGNALS COY.(a) Operators Wireless, Line and Switchboard.

Majority held are trained Signallers, although weak in morse.

61 Operating personnel are at present at Nocera Signal School undergoing a 3 - 4 weeks course.

Intensive morse training is being run within the groups for the remaining operators.

It is intended to train all suitable marconisti and telegrafisti on a combined wireless and line operating course, thus producing the equivalent of the British Operator Wireless and Line. This Policy is being pursued at the school.

A request has been made for sufficient signal equipment to be released before Jan 10th (when Nocera course ends) so that instruction ~~can be given~~ within the Coy, using Nocera trained personnel as instructors.

(can begin)

(b) Linemen.

All are trained in Line work. As soon as equipment is released training can be commenced within the Coy.

(c) Instrument Mechs, Elect Sigs and Elect Bty Charging.

5 Instrument Mechs have been trained at Nocera.

3 Elect Sigs are at present at Nocera.

2 of the Elect Bty Charging held are trained.

It is intended to combine Elect Sigs and Elect Bty charging and training will commence as soon as equipment is released.

(d) Cipher Operators.

Those at present with the Coy are untrained. It is understood that MATA have requested SIRE to arrange a course for these N.C.O's.

(e) Vehicle Mechs. Drivers and D.P.'s.

Training will be commenced as soon as vehicles are released to the Coy.

2. Regimental Signallers of Inf and Bty.

A total of 80 signallers (40 Inf and 40 Artv) are at present at Nocera.

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(e) Vehicle Mechs. Drivers and D.R's.

Training will be commenced as soon as vehicles are released to the Coy.

2. Regimental Signallers of Inf and Bty.

A total of 80 signallers (40 Inf and 40 Arty) are at present at Nocera.

It is felt that the best policy to adopt with the training of Regimental Signallers is to group all operating personnel together and train them as operators, wireless, line and switchboard; and to train the remainder as linemen. Under this scheme all operating personnel will be interchangeable.

Training will be commenced within the groups on return of personnel from Nocera and on release of equipment.

3. Rear Link Signals.

Training proceeding satisfactorily.

4. Summary.

It is estimated that approx 5 weeks will be available for training after the expiry of the present Nocera courses. Training programmes are being prepared on this basis.

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Assuming that enough signal equipment is released before the end of the Nocera course intensive training can be carried out during these 5 weeks.

In order that the maximum number of signalers may attend this intensive training it is essential that as far as possible all personnel deficiencies in the Signal Company should be made up by Jan 10th. The question of the provision by this date of necessary personnel for training as Regimental Signalers to fill deficiencies in Inf and Arty Units is being raised with the staff of the Combat Group.

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PERSONNEL STATE OF TECHNICAL TRADES - ITA N SIGNAL COY.

for week ending 16 Dec 44.

Detail.	Estab.	Held	Def.	Surplus.
Officers	7	8		1
W.O.'s & N.O.O.'s	32	43		11
Despatch Riders	22	12	10	
Vehicle Mechs	5	4	1	
Elect Sigs	6	3	3	
Inst Mechs	15	5	10	
Elect Bty charging Linemen	5 43	5 43		
Operators Wireless	78	39	39	
Operators Line	28	28		
Switchboard Ops	15	15		
Cipher Ops	8	8		
Drivers	59	35	24	

Subaltern - surplus.

3 cipher Sgts & 8 telegrafisti Sgts surplus.

Required as soon as possible.

Urgently required so that trg may be commenced.

Required as soon as possible.

Required as soon as possible.

PERSONNEL STATE - REAR LINK SIGNALS.

	Estab.	Held.	Def.	Surplus.
Sergeants	1	1		
Ops W & L	11	11		

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Required as soon as possible.

PERSONNEL STATE - REAR LINK SIGNALS.

Estab. Held. Def. Surplus.

Sergeants

1 1

Ops W & L

11 11

Operators Cipher

3 2 1

Elect Signals

1 1

Driver Operators

2 2

Driver Mechis

1 1

Drivers i/c

1 1

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Signal Vehicles.

As per progress report for week ending 10 Dec.
No Signal vehicles have yet been received for the Combat Group.

Signal Controlled Stores.

The only Signal controlled stores so far received are as under.

(a) Released from 3 Dist for static telephone communications :

25 Teles EE 8
5 Switchboard UC 10 Line.
30 miles of cable.
10 Fullerphones.
2 Drum Burrows.

(b) Supplied by MMIA

2 Avominors
4 Test sets EE ~~65~~ 65F

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Subject: Progress Reports

To: G.S.C. A.P.H.C.
 G.S.C. A.A.I.
 S.O.R. Sigs. R.M.I.A.

54 BLU.
 Sigs. 1.
 10 Dec 1944

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1. Herwith signals progress report for MANTVA Group and Rear link
 Sigs for the week ending Saturday 9 Dec.

Capt.
 For Lt-Col.
 G.S.C. I.
 54 BLU.

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TRAINING.1. Signals Coy.

- (a) Operators wireless and operators line.
 All personnel at present with the Coy are trained signallers ^(although wireless in message) but have no knowledge of British Equipment (with the exception of a small number who have attended a course at NOCERA). 40 operating personnel (all ranks) from the Signals Coy are being sent to NOCERA for the course which commences on 15 Dec.
 On completion of this course between 1/3 and 1/2 of the total operators wireless and operators line in the Coy will have been trained in British Equipment.
- [If the G 1098 Signal stores can be released to the Group within the next three or four weeks it will then be possible to commence training within the Group when students return from NOCERA.

(b) Linesmen.

All are trained in line work but have no knowledge of British Equipment. Training can be commenced within the Group as soon as stores are released.

(c) Switchboard Operators.

Trained, but require training in British SWE's. This can be done within the Group on receipt of stores.

(d) Cipher Operators.

Personnel held as cipher operators as per table.
 They are however operators wireless and have had no cipher training.
 Can vacancies please be allotted on the cipher course, which it is understood is run in Rome by SMI.

(e) Inst Mechs, Elect Sup and Elect Bty Charging.

Personnel held are trained; the Inst Mechs having been on a course at NOCERA.

(f) Vehicle Mechanics.

Personnel held are trained, but are not yet cognisant with British

(c) Switchboard Operators.

Trained, but require training in British SWB's. This can be done within the Group on receipt of stores.

(d) Cipher Operators.

Personnel held as cipher operators as per table. They are however operators wireless and have had no cipher training. Can vacancies please be allotted on the cipher course, which it is understood is run in Rome by SML.

(e) Inst Mchs, Elect Sup and Elect Bty Charing.

Personnel held are trained; the Inst Mchs having been on a course at NOCERA.

(f) Vehicle Mechanics.

Personnel held are trained, but are not yet cognisant with British Vehicles.

(g) Despatch Riders and Drivers i/c.

An Italian course is being run at CARENZARA on which there are 5 D.R.'s and 15 drivers from the Coy. Further training will be commenced as soon as vehicles are received.

2. Regimental Signallers of Infantry and Artillery.

The majority of these have ^{little} knowledge of signalling ^{and} are not trained in the use of British Equipment. A number have already attended a course at NOCERA and 40 personnel (all ranks) from Inf and 40 from Arty are being sent to NOCERA for the course on the 15th.

3. Rear Link Signal Section.

Training in operating will be commenced as soon as the two No.9 Sets which were received from FOLCOMB deficient of headgear, can be put into working order. Training in M.T. driving and maintenance is proceeding satisfactorily.

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3. SUMMARY.

The policy being adopted is to send personnel to the Signal School at ROCRA who will be able to act as instructors on completion of the course.

If the release of Signal Controlled Stores can be effected before the course ends (approx middle of January) then training within the Group can be commenced immediately on completion of the course.

M.T. training can be started as soon as sufficient vehicles are received.

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Personnel State of Technical Trades; Italian Signal Coy.

Detail.	Estab.	Held	Def.	Surplus.	Remarks.
Officers.	7	8		1	(Subaltern)
WO's & N.C.O.s.	32	43		11	{ 3 Cipher Sats & 8 } { telegraphist Sgts. }
Despatch Riders.	22	12	10		
Vehicle Mech's.	5	4	1		
Elect Sigs.	6	3	3		
Inst Mechs.	15	5	10		Urgently req'd so that } Trng may be commenced }
Elect Bty Charging.	5	5			
Linesmen.	43	44		1	
Operators Wireless.	78	39	39		Req'd as soon as possible.
Operators Line.	28	28			
Switchboard Op's.	15	15			
Cipher Op's.	8	8			Req'd as soon as possible.
Drivers.	59	55	24		

Deficiencies.~~Urgently required are 14 operators wireless and 36 drivers.~~Personnel State: Rear Link Signals.

Detail.	Estab.	Held.	Def.	Remarks.
Sergeants.	1	1		
Operators W & L.	11	4	7	Notification received from O2L that 7 OAL's available at Sigs Depot. Will be collected as soon as possible.

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Req'd as soon as possible.

Cipher op's

59 35 24

Drivers.

Personnel

~~Personnel required are 14 operators, 1 less and 36 drivers.~~

Personnel State: Rear Link Signals.

Detail.	Estab.	Held.	Def.	Remarks.
Sergeants.	1	1		
Operators W & L.	11	4	7	Notification received from O2L that 7 O2L's available at Sigs Depot. Will be collected as soon as possible.
Operators Cipher.	3	-	3	AFHQ have promised 2 Cipher Opls by 10 Dec
Elect. Sigs.	1	1		
Driver-Operators.	2	2		
Driver-Mechanics.	1	1		
Drivers i/c.	1	1		

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Signal Vehicles.

Formation.	Vehicle.	Etab.	Held.
Rear Link Sigs.	15 cwt. Wireless Trans.	2	2
	15 cwt. G.S.	1	1
	3 Ton G.S.	1	-

No Signal vehicles have yet been received for the combat Group.

Signal Controlled Stores.

No Signal Controlled Stores have yet been issued except these below issued from 5 District for the static telephone communications.

25 Teles EE 8 10 Fac. telephones
 5 U G 10 line 2 Drum batteries
 30 Miles of cable (D3 and W 116)

In addition 2 old ~~Ballophone~~ No. 9 sets (less headgear) have been received from POLGORE for *typ* of R/C Sigs.

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