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Subject: Signal Training

56 BLU
5 Siga

27 March 45

CSO. AFHQ

SG. R. Siga, MIA

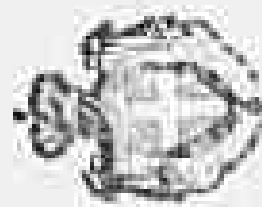
1. Combat Group "MANTOVA" is staging a full scale Signal Exercise on 6/7 April 45.
2. This exercise will mark the completion of individual and Applied Signal Training within units.
3. It would be appreciated if a representative of CSO's Branch could attend this exercise for the purpose of judging the standard of Signal Training within the Group.

In The Field
LBER/cwf

[Signature]
1st Col.
CS

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TO/CA



STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO

VENEZIA ADDESTRAMENTO

n. 11117/4/14 prot. add.

P. M. 3000, 16 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Addestramento di personale specializzato alla cifra per

il Gruppo Combattimento Mantova.

*Training of operational cipher personnel for
Mantova Combat Group.*

17/3.

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

R O M A

Il Comando 56° BLU ha rappresentato l'opportunità di addestrare un ufficiale per ogni comando di reggimento e di battaglione o gruppo presso il Gr. Combattimento Mantova alla cifra, indipendentemente dal personale addetto al servizio "I". Si tratta, complessivamente, di otto ufficiali.

Allo scopo di assicurare il perfezionamento degli ufficiali che affluiranno a Roma, si prega voler concedere al Comando Militare di Roma otto ruoli liberi per il periodo compreso

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presented to Special Representative
Mantova Unitat Group
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 tra il 3 aprile (data di presentazione) e il 10 aprile (data
 di partenza).

IL GENERALE ADDETTO

(G. Luzzi)

Glinelli

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Please translate

Question to

Answers.

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Subject:- Training of Cipher Operators.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X507/7

13 Feb 45

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Will you please arrange for the cipher personnel of MANTOVA Group (five Spts and eight Cpls) to attend a cipher course as soon as possible.

This H.Q. will be informed of the date on which the course is due to commence.


W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT:- Training of Italian Cipher Operators.

56 BLU
3 Sigs

8 Feb 45

SO R Sigs.
MMIA

Reference your X 507/7 of 26 Jan 45.

1. It has been confirmed that eight officers from this Combat Group attended the cipher course on 9 Jan 45.
2. The cipher operators of the Signal Coy are however still untrained in cipher. It is understood that these men should be trained under arrangements to be made by SMRE.
3. May a course therefore please be requested for these men (five Sgts and eight Corporals) as soon as possible.

In The Field.
IDB/ajw

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make 2 more
to arrange*
Jan 7/13
Lt Col,
GS.

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SUBJECT: Inspectorate of Training.

LAND FORCE HQ SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
8/3/15
9 Feb 45

TO : Ministry of War.

Copy to: Director of Military Training. AFHQ.
British Training Unit.

1. I have to inform you that the authority for the Inspectorate of Training referred to in my letter 8/3/15 of 9 February has NOT yet been given by the Supreme Allied Commander.
2. The letter referred to will therefore be cancelled.
3. Please acknowledge the receipt of this communication.

R. G. A. Groom. Rawlin
Major General *Capt*
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT:- Signal Communications

HQ Combat Group "Mantova"

Copy to:- G II Training
SO R Sigs WIAA -

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56 HIA
5 Sigs

25 Jan 45

1. It is desired to hold a series of Signals Study Days for the purpose of discussing communications within the Combat Group.

2. From these discussions it will be possible to build up a signal plan, based upon operational commitments of the Group and the signal equipment available.

3. The first discussion will be on the subject of Infantry communications and it is suggested that this be held at Group HQ at 1430 hrs on 30 Jan.

4. It is requested that the w/m officers attend:-

Representatives of Group HQ Operational Staff
Infantry Regimental Commanders
Deputy Commanders of Infantry Regiments
Senior Staff Officers of Infantry Regiment HQs
Infantry Bn Commanders
Adjutants of Infantry Bns
Officer Commanding Engineer Bn
Adjutant of Engineer Bn

5. It is realised that it will not be possible for Infantry signal officers to attend owing to the signal training schools at present being run.

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In The Field.
IDR/sjv

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For Mr. Kelly
Lt Col.
G.S.

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Subject:- Procedure.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M.M.L.A.)

X507/7

19 Jan 45

S.O.R. Sigs,
56 B.L.U.

Reference your 5 Sigs of 16 Jan.

The proof of the procedure pamphlet has been received from the printers and the necessary corrections thereto have been made. It is anticipated that it will only be a matter of a few days before the pamphlet is ready for distribution.

Immediately they are received copies will be forwarded to you.

W. Calveley
W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. L. A.

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Subject:- Training Team.

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

1307/7

19 Jan 45

Signal Officer,
56 B.L.U.

Copy to: Signal Officer,
52 B.L.U.

Justified Further to telephone conversation (PILGRIM) -
GALVINE. The training team at present with 52 B.L.U. will move
to you, less one Sergeant who will remain until the end of the
month.

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W. GALVINE, Major,
For Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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Subject: PROCEDURE

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56 BLU
5 Sigs
16 Jan 45

SO R. Sigs.
MMIA

It is desired to commence R/T training for Officers
of the Combat Group as soon as possible

It will not however be satisfactory to begin such
instruction until the Procedure Pamphlet, now in the hands
of SIRE, is printed.

May this office please be informed when completion
of this pamphlet is expected, so that training programmes may
be arranged accordingly.

In the Field.
IDRP/cwt

John B. McHenry
AT-Col.
GS.

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Subject:- Training.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
K507/1
9 Jan 45

Signal Officer,
56th L.U.

1. In your training Instruction No.2 of Dec, page 6, para 2, it is seen that you propose to amalgamate Operators Wireless, Operators Line and Operators Switchboard.
2. The amalgamation of the first two is recommended but not that of Operators Switchboard.
3. This latter trade has always been separate in British organisation and is known as T.S.B.O.

It would seem to be a waste of training to train this type of man in Wireless and Line.

W. Calveley
W. CALVELEY, Major,
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO

N.2416/A/19/ADDdt prt. P.M.3800, 11²⁰ dic. 1944
OGGETTO: Addestramento alla cifra.

ALLA L.F.S.C.A.C. (M.M.I.A.) = ROMA =
e, per conoscenza:
AL QUARTIER GENERALE S.M.R.E. = SEDE =

Il 9 gennaio p.v. avrà inizio presso il SIM un corso di addestramento alla cifra riservato ad otto ufficiali del gruppo di combattimento "Mantova".
Presentazione il giorno 8, partenza da Roma il 15 gennaio.

Allo scopo di poter provvedere al vettovagliamento di detti ufficiali si richiede l'assegnazione al Quartiere Generale di questo S.M. n° 8 razioni giornaliere con decorrenza dall'8 corr. e fino a tutto il giorno successivo al termine del corso (15 gennaio)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
- A. Santi -

Tramite for
S16N423 please
27 12 44

STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO
Ufficio Addestramento

P.M. 1600, il 24 dic. 1944. -

TELESCRIPTO

STAMAGGIORE GENERALE SIM (a mano)
COMILIT LAZIO UMBRIA E ABRUZZI (a mano)
GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA
GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO PICENO
STAMAGGIORE QUARTIER GENERALE (a mano)

per conoscenza:

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) - (a mano)
COMILIT CAMPANIA
COMILIT PUGLIE E LUCANIA

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STAMAGGIORE GENERALE SIM ET COMILIT LAZIO UMBRIA ABRUZZI GRUPPI
COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA PICENO ET STAMAGGIORE QUARTIER GENERALE ET
PER CONOSCENZA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) COMILIT
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GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA ALT

STAMAGGIORE ADDESTRAMENTO 103024

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per conoscenza:

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COLONNELLO
 CAPO UFFICIO APOSTOLATO
 19. GENNAIO

[Handwritten signature]

*Our Tel 2375/1414 dated
 24 29/11/19
 Do not - modified in
 the same sense - the
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 instructions separately
 the personnel
 the documents
 cannot change*

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STATO MAGGIORE R. ESECUITO
-Uff. Addestramento-

MEDESCRITTO

STAMAGGIORE GENERALE S.I.M. (a mano)
(Rif. 61449/Org. del 19 corr.)
COMILIT LAZIO UMBRIA ABRUZZI (a mano)
GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO MANTOVA
GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO PICENO
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e, per conoscenza:
COMILIT CAMPANIA
COMILIT PUGLIA LUCANIA
LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.) (a mano)
(Rif. X 507/7 del 14 corr.)

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PER UFFICIALI ADDETTI CITRA ALT VI PARTECIPERANNO OTTO UFFICIA-
LI PREPERIBILIANTO S.P.E. PER CIASCUN GRUPPO DI COMBATTIMENTO
MANTOVA ET PICENO ALT DURATA GIORNI 6 ALT PRESENTAZIONE GIORNO
OTTO GENNAIO AT COMILIT LAZIO UMBRIA ABRUZZI CHE EST PREGATO
PROVVEDERE ALLOGGIAMENTI ALT MENSA AT CURA QUARTIERE GENERALE
QUESTO STAMAGGIORE ALT

STAMAGGIORE ADDESTRAMENTO
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STAMAGGIORE QUARTIERE GENERALE (a mano)

e, per conoscenza:

COMITAT CAMPANIA

COMITAT PUGLIA LUCANIA

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.G. (M.M.I.A.) (a mano)

(Ref. X 507/7 del 14 OTT.)



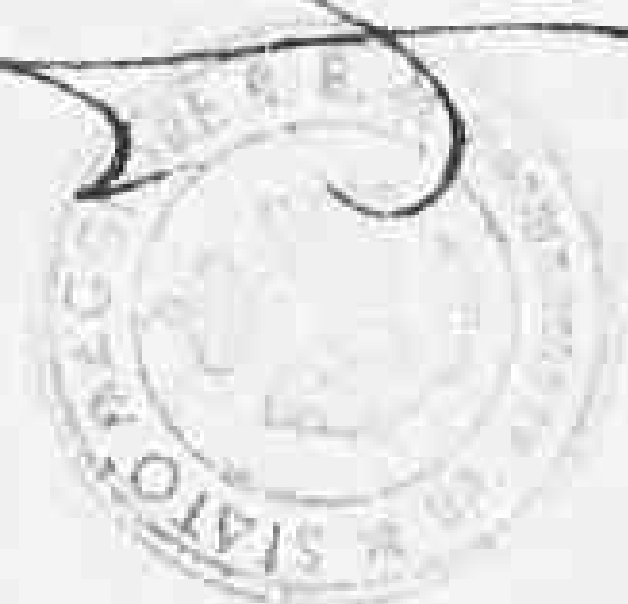
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IL COLONNELLO

CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO



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Subject:- Training of Cipher Operators for MANTOVA Course.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(H.M.L.A.)
X507/7

22 Dec 44

MINISTER OF WAR.

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Reference this H.Q. letter X507/7 of 14 Dec 44,
requesting that 8 cipher operators from Mantova Gruppo be
instructed to attend a cipher course.

Will you please increase by 5 the number of
cipher operators to attend this course, making a total of 13.

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

X507/7

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Subject:- Training of Cipher Operators for MANTOVA Gruppo.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.H.L.A.)

X507/7

14 Dec 44

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Copy to: 56 R.L.U.

1. The Italian cipher personnel with MANTOVA Gruppo are not trained.
2. It is understood that you run cipher courses at a school in Rome.
3. Please arrange for 8 cipher operators from Mantova Gruppo to attend a course.

Calvin
W. CALVIN, Major,
for Major General,
M. H. L. A.

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SUBJECT:- Signal Office

52 British Liaison Unit.
CMF.

7 Dec 44

BLUS/6

To:- S.O.R.Sigs 53 BLU
S.O.R.Sigs 54 BLU
S.O.R.Sigs Land Forces
Sub Commission A.C.(MMIA)

For your information herewith notes in Italian on the Function of a Signal Office, compiled by HQ LEGNANO.

Bearing in mind the novelty of a Signal Office in the Italian Army, it was thought advisable to make these notes in order to avoid misunderstandings. They have been circulated here under cover of a letter over the General's signature.

RGA/WM.

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

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Intelligence.Please translate
return to Schwass. B. 11/24

CENTRO COLLEGAMENTI (Signal)

I°) - SCOPO

Accentrare in un unico organo responsabile le operazioni di ricezione e di trasmissione dei messaggi inoltrati via filo, via radio, per mezzo di motociclista.

II°) - ORGANIZZAZIONE1°) - Compiti:

- trasmissione o recapito di tutti i messaggi emessi dal comando da cui dipende;
- ricezione e recapito di tutti i messaggi diretti al comando da cui dipende;
- ricezione, ritrasmissione e recapito dei messaggi in transito.

2°) - Costituzione (di massima):

- 1 capo centro (ufficiale o sottufficiale) : comandante
- 1 capo ufficio (sottufficiale) : per l'ufficio messaggi
- 1 segretario (pramante) : registratore dei messaggi
- numero vario di fullerphoneisti: operatori di fullerphone e di telefono
- numero vario di pionieri : portordini
- 1 centralinista
- 1 sottufficiale cifratore
- numero vario di motociclisti

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- numero vario di pionieri: portabor dini
- il centralinista
- il sottufficiale cifratore
- numero vario di motociclisti
- numero vario di fuoristrada
- numero vario di marconisti

col. personale e mezzi del plotone telegrafico, eventualmente rinforzati con personale e motociclette del 2°

Rando da cui dipende.

Plotone telegrafico stesso:

- il capo plotone di comando
- il comando di reggimento di fanteria
- il comando di reggimento di artiglieria
- da cui dipende direttamente.

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4°)- Impianto.

Di norma:

a)- riunisce in un unico locale

- il capo centro ed il capo ufficio;
- il segretario;
- i fullerphonisti;
- i pianisti.

b)- Disloca, in altri tre distinti locali, i più prossimi mi possibili, rispettivamente ed in ordine di precedenza per la vicinanza al locale di cui alla lettera a).

- il centralino telefonico e i guardiefilii
- i motociclisti
- l'ufficio c.d.r.

c) - Disloca il più vicino possibile le stazioni radio.-

III°)- FUNZIONAMENTO

1°)- Documenti da tenere costantemente aggiornati e ben visibili:

- un grafico completo di tutti i collegamenti in atto con gli enti collegati scritti in chiaro;
- un grafico particolare dei collegamenti telefonici con gli eventuali nomi convenzionali;
- un grafico particolare dei collegamenti radio con i nomiativi e la frequenza della giornata;
- una carta topografica a grande scala dell'area occupata

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a)

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- una carta topografica a grande scala dell'area occupata dall'unità con le dislocazioni dei comandi dipendenti aggiornata sulle condizioni di viabilità;
- una situazione "stato linee telefoniche"
- una situazione "stato collegamenti radio"
- il turno del personale di servizio;
- un quaderno di stazione "ullerphone";
- i blocchi di ricevuta per porta ordini;
- i "del" "registrati";
- n° 3 "Ticket number" per motociclisti;
- n° 3 "Ticket" dell'ufficio collegamenti.

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2°)- Norme per la ricezione e la trasmissione dei messaggi:

Tutti i messaggi in arrivo verranno ricevuti dal segretario il quale provvederà:

- alla registrazione sui "signal register"
- all'invio eventuale all'ufficio cifra secondo le indicazioni contenute nel messaggio
- alla consegna, agli operatori, dei messaggi in partenza ed in transito, ed al recapito con porta ordini o motociclisti dei messaggi in arrivo.

3°)- Norme per il segretario.

Il segretario, su ordini in proposito del capo centro collegamenti, decide del mezzo di trasmissione del messaggio a seconda del suo grado di precedenza e della disponibilità dei mezzi.

Ove messaggi, non autorizzati dal compilatore, dovessero essere trasmessi via radio per mancanza degli altri mezzi di collegamento, essi devono essere assolutamente cifrati.

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Subject: Training.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
O.I.I.A.)

S/G/15
25 Nov 44

53 B.L.U.

1. Reference report of your Signal Officer, your SX/102 of 19 Nov refers.

The question of the equipment at the School of Signals (Italian) at NOCERA was discussed at the last Signals conference held at this HQ on 13 Nov. It was agreed that the scale of training equipment as issued by AFHQ was inadequate. It was then agreed that the Signal Officer this HQ would pursue the matter and arrange for the release of further equipment from other sources.

2. The matter was immediately taken up by Signals Officer of this HQ with DET at AFHQ, and a further release of stores was made. In addition, certain items were borrowed from CSC 3 District

3. Details of training equipment now released to the School is at Appendix to this letter. This is considered to be sufficient to run the type of courses required.

4. The only items which are not available are A.C.L. and No.11 Sets. Instruction on the No.11 set was not considered necessary as this can be done within the Group.

5. Will you therefore please arrange for the removal of your G1098 equipment as soon as possible.

6. A British Signals Officer, Capt Hasey, has been despatched to NOCERA and will remain for the present to supervise the training.

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equipment as issued by Army was inadequate. It was decided that the Signal Officer this HQ would pursue the matter and arrange for the release of further equipment from other sources.

2. The matter was immediately taken up by Signals Officer of this HQ with IAT at AFHQ, and a further release of stores was made. In addition, certain items were borrowed from CSC 3 District

3. Details of training equipment now released to the School is at Appendix to this letter. This is considered to be sufficient to run the type of courses required.

4. The only items which are not available are A.C.L. and No. 11 Sets. Instruction on the No. 11 set was not considered necessary as this can be done within the Group.

5. Will you therefore please arrange for the removal of your 01098 equipment as soon as possible.

6. A British Signals Officer, Capt Bessy, has been despatched to HOCERA and will remain for the present to supervise the training.

7. As this matter was discussed at the conference in RME on 13 Nov, it was obviously not possible for the additional equipment to be in position at HOCERA by 17 Nov, although the major portion was on its way. It is considered that transport and labour could have been saved by reference to this HQ prior to despatching your 01098 stores.

[Signature]
Major General,
M. E. I. A.

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LIST OF STORES RELEASED TO NOCERA.

W/T Sets No.22	...	...	10
" " No.19	...	...	10
" " No. 9	...	...	5
" " No.21	...	...	10
" " No.48	...	...	15
Waveneters Class 'D'	...	...	2
Switchboards U.C. 10 line	...	...	2
Teles D.V.	...	...	40
Super Coils	...	...	2
Fullerphones	...	...	30
Cable D.VIII (S)	...	...	15 miles
" D.VIII (D)	...	...	10 "
Batteries, Portable	...	...	104
Drums, Barrow	...	...	5
Charging Engines 1260 watt	...	...	3
Morse keys and phones	...	...	24

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Subject: Wireless Training.

54 Division Liaison Unit,
C. M. E.
-----To: HQ IMIA.

13.

Ref your 1907/7 dated 16th October 1944.

1. W/T Sets No. 9 were drawn from 3 Sub Depot on 20th October.

2. These sets were in a shocking condition, indescribably dirty, various switches missing, one generator missing etc. It is obvious that they have been lying in some dump without the slightest attention. Needless to say neither set was working.

3. As soon as these are repaired some effort will be made to put in some training.

4. I would like to point out that in my Rear Link Section there are 4 operators and one Corporal who have had a lot of experience with the Woy Set.

5. Considering that the 2 No. 9 Sets are going to be the sole link between the OMA Division and the outside world if consider it essential that the two sets are first class. At the moment they are the only two No. 9 Sets in the division and will most probably be the only ones in the corps or army with which this division will be fighting.

I foresee great difficulty in (a) Spares, (b) replacements, (c) if a different set is given as a replacement it will mean re-training the operators of the section.

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OCTOBER 1944.

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Capt. S.O. R. Signals.

para 2 this matter has been 3672
not done and will be done

para 1 No 9 sets are only a
temporary measure for a few months
of Canadian No 4 which are 400
we need 15 "flap" or spares, the
Group will always be well always
Group, then ASD Group will be 19 sets
replace, if necessary with 19 sets

H. G. G.
1944

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51 British Liaison Unit

X 701

Dear Major

Thank you for your note. I am sure you are finding it a bit tricky getting the picture clearly. I don't think anyone has succeeded so far.

Anyway here are a few points.

- (1) At the moment instructor position is as follows. Last Wednesday I started 30 were trained at NOLA School of Sigs. Prior to sending them out a 4 day refresher course for these chaps and 5 NOOs were from Arty to instruct. Of the 30, 5 officers and 25 NCOs were from Arty Genio Sigs
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| 6 | - do - | 9 | - do - | Genio Sigs |
| - do - | - do - | 3 | - do - | Inf |
- and 3 I Ms

- On Monday courses start as follows.
- (a) Two courses at each Inf Regt, 15 per course. Instructors to be provided by Arty and Genio Sigs. Course to last 7 days, covering 48 sets, Tele D V, U C 10, Fullerphone, Cable layer No 6, knots, etc. 6 officers and as many ~~as~~ NCOs as possible to attend from each Regt.
- (b) Two courses at ARTY HQ, 15 per course. Instructors to be provided by Arty. Subjects covered same as Inf with the following additions, 22 set, ACL 3, 1260, 300 watt. Course to last 12 days.
- After this courses to be run on Battery and In levels. Instructors being supplied by Inf and Arty respectively.

- (2) Only deficiencies in Italian personnel are

Drivers	12
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No BLU Rear Link Sect personnel arrived as yet. *

- (3) Stores coming on quite well. as far as controlled stores go the only things missing are the following.

(a) 22 Sets	57
(b) ACL 6	9
(c) Batteries	
6 v 125	56
12 v 75	16

No controlled stores as yet.

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Main snag there is Batteries Bottle 162v for 48 sets and 2 cells for telephones.

- (4) I have some practice cypher from AFHQ. As this is similar to that used by the Italians before they are finding it quite simple.

- (5) Simplex! This has been promised a long time ago. Nothing seems to have materialized yet. As this is the ~~only~~ Code there is, could something be done about this?

- (6) Can't think of anything else.

Hope to see you down here in the near future.

15 Oct 44
ANA/RET

Yours

Quinn

- * Have just heard that personnel for R Link are available for collection from NOLA
- Have just heard about Simplex too! Collecting Blacks on Tuesday, Italian code is about 14 days

Military Mission Italian Army.

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11 Oct 44

Subject:- Wireless Training.

50 B.L.U. (Attention Signal Officer)
51 B.L.U. (" ")

Copy to GSO AFHQ
GSO AAI

W/T Set No.9.

1. An issue of two of the above sets per B.L.U. has been made.
These sets have been issued as an interim measure pending the arrival of 10.9 Canadian sets. These are due to arrive at the end of October.
2. In order to accustom personnel to these sets, training will be carried out between the B.L.U's concerned for a period of one week.
3. A training programme will be drawn up by CC Signals 50 and 51 B.L.U. in consultation with C.S.O. 3 District. Copies will be forwarded to C.S.O. A.A.I. and to this office.
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