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12 B.L.U. Monthly Progress Report

Mar. 1945 - Jan. 1947

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Subject:- Progress Report 24

Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Italian School of Signals for December 1946.

St. I "G". I. Recruit Courses are progressing satisfactorily. Students will disperse early this month.
II. Refresher courses for Officers and WOs will commence on 21st Jan 1947, and will be of 10 days duration.

"A". Nothing to Report.

"B". I. Rebuilding and reconditioning of class rooms is well in hand but progress is slow; in some rooms training and repair work are being carried out simultaneously.
II. Students accommodation is excellent and a canteen with a wide range of fares functions well.
III. Spare parts for vehicles are in short supply, as are also serviceable dry cells.
IV. It is emphasised that spare parts will be necessary in the near future, when the 1947 Courses commence.
V. Of 41 Motor Cycles held by the training only one is serviceable. Carried out a physical inspection of the 41 and an announcement that release of tyres would put all of them on the road.
VI. Shortage of vehicles suitable for training driver-operators limits training of students.

General

I. "G" Branch has been requested to approach Ministero della Guerra with a view to supplying M.C. tyres, this office letter x 524 refers.
II. My comments on the 1947 training handbook with reference to signal training were forwarded to "B" Branch under cover x 507 13 Dec 1946.
III. Various pamphlets considered necessary for training of tradesmen have been handed to Major Cantoni of the Signal School Staff.

- II. Students accommodation is excellent and a canteen with a wide range of wares functions well.
- III. Spare parts for V/T sets are in short supply, as are also serviceable dry cells.
- IV. It is emphasized that spare parts will be necessary in the near future, when the 1947 courses commence.
- V. Of 4 motor cycles held on V.T. training, only one is serviceable. I carried out a physical inspection of the V.T. and am convinced that release of tyres would put all of them on the road.
- V. Shortage of vehicles suitable for training driver-operators limits training of students.
- I. "C" Branch has been requested to approach Ministero della Guerra with a view to supplying V.T. tyres, this office letter X 524 refers.
- II. My comments on the 1947 training handbook with reference to Signal training were forwarded to "C" Branch under cover X 507 13 Dec 1946.
- III. Various pamphlets considered necessary for training of tradesmen have been handed to Major Cantoni of the Signal School Staff.
- IV. Signals branch of Ministero della Guerra has asked me to visit PONTEDACCHIANO with an Italian Army Signals representative for the purpose of setting V/T sets, charging plant, etc. Prior to their taking stores over, this visit will be made at the convenience of the Ministero.
- V. The Signal School appears to be efficiently administered and training programmes adequate except where noted.

General

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Major,
S.O. Signals.

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Telephone:
Room 452084 Ext 205.

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 1946.

Sub 524

(X 508)
(Dec 46)

Number: 10

Subject: Progress Report No. 22.

Progress Report in respect of the Italian School
of Signals for November 1946.Part I"a"1. General Remarks - ResultsThe results of the First Radio Mechanic and Telegraph Mechanic
courses were as follows:-

	Radio Mech's	Telegraph Mech's
Excellent	6	1
Very Good	14	4
Good	19	4
Satisfactory	10	9
Unsatisfactory	3	1
TOTAL	57	19

"b"

Nothing further to report.

"c"2. Accommodation and the Accommodation

All works continue to make good progress.

There is no Supplement to this month's report.

WAM/AM

WAM. 5765
G.O. S. (Major)
H. U. I. A.

SUBJECT: Progress Report No. 23Land Forces Sub Commission A.S.
M.M.I.A.
501 X28 October 1946.To: Officer Commanding, 12 B. L. D.Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Italian School of Signals for
October 1946.PART I."C"1. Training Stores.

All requirements will be satisfied without difficulty when the stores at present at PORDACIANO are finally released and moved to ROMA.

2. General Remarks-Recruit Training.

The first Radio Mechanics and Telegraph Mechanics courses finished on 28 October. Results will be included in next month's report.

"A"3. Instructors.

There is still a deficiency of 34 subaltern instructors, and there seems no hope of this situation being relieved.

"B"5. Vehicles

The transport situation is not more acute than ever owing to the fact that:-

(1) The School now has to train driver-operators, and most of its holding of vehicles are required for domestic purposes.

(2) The School is now in possession of only 20 efficient motor-cycles, and at present

present at POWERSHAW are finally released and moved to TERN.

2. General Remarks-Recruit Training.

The first Radio Mechanics and Telegraph Mechanics courses finished on 28 October. Results will be included in next month's report.

"A"

3. Instructors.

There is still a deficiency of 24 subaltern instructors, and there seems no hope of this situation being relieved.

"B"

5. Vehicles

The transport situation is now more acute than ever owing to the fact that:-

- (1) The School now has to train driver-operators, and most of its holding of vehicles are required for domestic purposes.
 - (2) The School is now in possession of only 20 efficient motor-cycles, and at these only 5 have tyres. ~~The~~ The training of despatch riders is therefore extremely difficult.
- I cannot emphasise too strongly the importance of bringing the School up to its full establishment of vehicles and motor-cycles.

Appendix "A" to Progress Report No. 18 dated 30 July 46 refers.

There is no supplement to this Report.

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W.A.M.

W.A.T. MONTAGUE, Major
S.O.R. Signals
M.B.T.A.

SUBJECT : 12 B.L.U. Progress Report.

Wm. 21/10.

12 BLU.
C. H. A.

(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext : 515)

G. 33.

21 October 1946.

To : All Officers 12 B.L.U.
S.O. R.Sigs. H.M.I.A.
Capt. R.L.S.C. M.M.I.A.

1. Officers are requested to forward progress reports to this H.Q. by the 28th October in accordance with AQ/G/5/2057 dated 15 August 1946.
2. All officers are reminded that headings should be listed in the order 'G', 'A' and 'Q' and not in the order 'A', 'Q' and 'G' as previously requested.

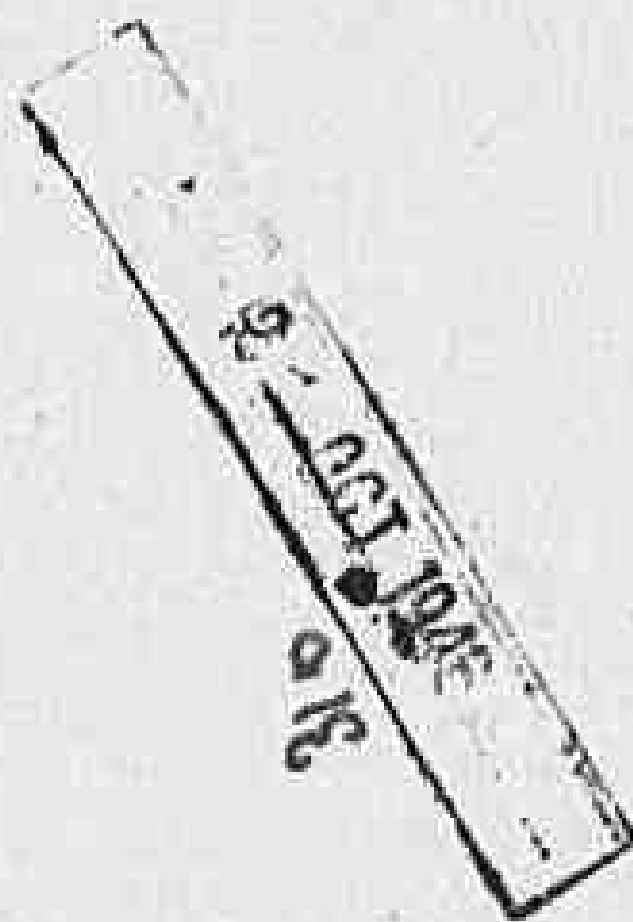
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C.R. L. Hyman
Capt. R.B.
GSO III.

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Capt. R.B.
GSO III.



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SUBJECT:- Progress Report No. 20. 24.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X 508.
27 September 46.

To: Commanding Officer, 12 B.L.U.

Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Italian School of Signals for September 46.

PART I1. Training Stores.

Balance between interim and final demands not yet met. This is being taken up with the "Direzione del Genio".

2. General Remarks-Recurit Training.

The results of courses completed during August 46 were as follows:-

	OPERATORS	OPERATORS, LINE	OPERATORS ELECTRICIANS	ARTILLERY
	SWITCHBOARD	AND TELETYPE	WIRELESS	SIGNALMANS
Excellent	10	14	5	40
Very Good	26	39	14	49
Good	47	20	20	104
Satisfactory	45	25	19	250
Unsatisfactory	12	26	6	47
	<u>132</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>490</u>

The undermentioned courses commenced during September:-

1. SIGNAL CORPS.

	LENGTH OF COURSE (weeks)	NO. OF STUDENTS.
Telegraph Mechanic	24	33
Radio Mechanic	24	44
Operator, Teletypewriter	16	29
Operator, Switchboard	16	110
Operator, Line	16	152
Operator, Wireless	16	288
Driver-Operator	16	48
Electrician	16	29
Lineman	8	173
Despatch Rider	8	43

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CLASSIFICATION	OPERATORS SWITCHBOARD	OPERATORS, LINE AND TELETYPE WRITERS	ELECTRICIANS	ARTILLERY SIGNALERS
Excellent	10	14	5	40
Very Good	26	39	14	43
Good	47	20	20	104
Satisfactory	45	25	19	250
Unsatisfactory	12	26	6	47
	<u>139</u>	<u>124</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>490</u>

The unmentioned courses commenced during September:-

1. SIGNAL CORPS.

	LENGTH OF COURSE (Weeks)	NO. OF STUDENTS
Telegraph Mechanics	24	33
Radio Mechanics	24	44
Operator, Teleprinter	15	29
Operator, Switchboard	15	110
Operator, Line	15	152
Operator, Wireless	15	283
Driver-Operator	16	48
Electrician	16	29
Lineman	8	173
Despatch Rider	8	43

2. ARTILLERY

Officers and M.C.O.'s
Wireless Signaller
Line Signaller
Driver Operator

8	30
8	216
8	56
16	72

The Ministry of War have agreed that signals trades in the Italian Army shall be brought as closely as possible into line with those in the British Army. A list of what will ultimately be the Signal trades in the Italian Army is given as an Appendix to this report. Infantry and Artillery Signallers of this batch of recruits will continue to be separated into "Marconisti" and "Telegrafisti-Centralinisti" but it is hoped that the next batch will be trained as "Specializzati per la Trasmissione".

"A"

3. Instructors.

The deficiency of subaltern instructors is now 34, but the Commandant is expecting this situation to deteriorate rather than improve.

"B"

4. Accommodation.

The War Ministry have stated that they feel unable to take steps to evict the "squatters" from GENOVA until alternative accommodation can be found for

them. As the possible alternative accommodation seems to be the "Villaggio Operario" the situation now rests until 150 GI TruckCoy (US) moves from the latter.

5. Vehicles.

2 more wireless trucks have been received bringing the total to 6. The need for any more is, of course, as urgent as ever.

6. General

The ORS cook-house is now complete and functioning, and is well worth a visit. There is no Supplement to this month's report.

W.A.M.

W.A.P. MORECOMBE, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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Appendix to Form 3 Report No. 20 dated 28 Sept 46.Signals Trades in the Italian Army.ITALIAN NOMENCLATURECorpo dei Collegamenti

Apparecchiatori di Linea
 Apparecchiatori Telegrafici
 Centralisti
 Marconisti
 Marconisti-Conducenti
 Motoristi
 Motoristi-Elettricisti
 Radiocollaboratori
 Stenografi di Fili (Campagne)
 Stenografi di Fili (Linea Permanente)
 Telegrafisti
 Telescrivisti

Panteria
Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Pantaria)

Artiglieria
Specializzati per le Trasmissioni (Artiglieria)
 Marconisti-Conducenti

Reparti Esplorati
 Marconisti-Conducenti

BRITISH NOMENCLATURERoyal Corps of Signals.

Line Mechanics
 Telegraph Mechanics
 Operators, Switchboard
 Operators, Wireless
 Driver-Operators
 Dispatch Riders
 Vehicle Mechanic-Electricians
 Radio Mechanics
 Lineman (Field)
 Lineman (Permanent Line)
 Operators, Line
 Operators, Teleprinter

Infantry
Infantry Signallers,

Artillery
Artillery Signallers
 Driver Operators

Reconnaissance Units
Driver-Operators

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Subject : 12 B.L.U. Progress Report.

12 B.L.U.
C.M.F.

WAm 24/9.

(Tel : ROME 489081 Ext : 545)

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19 September 1946

To : All Officers 12 B.L.U.
S.O. R.S.s. M.M.I.A.
Capt. R.A.S.C. M.M.I.A.

1. Officers are requested to forward progress reports to this A.Q. by the 28th September, in accordance with AQ/6/5/2057 dated 13 August. —

2. Headings should be listed in the order 'G', 'A' and 'Q' and not in the order 'A', 'Q', and 'G' as previously requested. —

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W.R. P. H. H. H. H. H.
Capt. R.D.
G.S.O.III.

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SUBJECT: Progress Report No. 21Land Forces Sub-Commission A.G.
(M.M.I.A.)

X 508

27 August 46.To: Commanding Officer, 42 B.L.U.

Herewith annexed report in respect of the Italian School of Signals for August 46.

PART I"A"1. Instructors

There is still a deficiency of 35 subaltern instructors.

"B"7. Accommodation

It has now been ascertained that R.A.A.G. are not prepared to move 150 Q.M. truck Coy from the Villogio Operaio. Information has also been obtained, however, to the effect that the so-called refugees at present occupying the married families accommodation at GENOVIGLIA were not allotted this accommodation by the Ministry of Post War Assistance and have in fact, no right to be there. "Q" Branch this H.Q. have advised the Ministry of War to take appropriate steps as soon as possible.

9. Vehicles

No change. The urgent need of wireless trucks for training is reiterated.

11. General

The new ORE cookhouse is now almost complete and is of such an extremely high standard that it could be taken as a model for any army.

"C"12. Training Stores

Final demand not yet met.

14. Training Accommodation

The majority of the class-rooms are now complete and are extremely good.

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Coy from the Villogic Operado. Information has also been received that the effect that the so-called refugees at present occupying the married families accommodation at CROCHINGHAM were not allotted this accommodation by the Ministry of Post War Assistance and have in fact, no right to be there. "Q" Branch this H.Q. have advised the Ministry of War to take appropriate steps as soon as possible.

9. Vehicles
No change. The urgent need of wireless trucks for training is reiterated.

11. General
The new CWS cookhouse is now almost complete and is of such an extremely high standard that it could be taken as a model for any army.

"C"

12. Training Stores
Final demand not yet met.

14. Training Accommodation
The majority of the class-rooms are now complete and are extremely good.

15. General Remarks, Recruit Training
The following is a list of courses completed during the month.

Course	Duration in weeks.	Students in Attendance
Switchboard Operator-Telephonist	16	140
Operator, Line & Teletypewriter	16	126
Operator, Wireless	16	346
Electrician	16	75
Artillery Signaller	12	500

The results are not yet to hand and will therefore be forwarded with the next month's report. The only courses now in progress are those for Radio Mechanics and Telegraph Mechanics, each of which have two months more to run, and the Infantry Signallers Course which has just commenced. The programme of future Courses is given as an Appendix to this Report.

W.A.M.

W.A.T. MONTGOMERY, Major,

S.O.D. Signals,

W.M.T.A.

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Supplement to Progress Report No. 19 dated 27 August 46.

I would like to record once more my extremely high opinion of the Commander of the School of Signals, Colonel MANSERCO. Apart from being extremely efficient and most unusually full of energy and drive, his courtesy towards, and willing spirit of co-operation with, myself and other Allied officers with whom he comes into contact, have always been nothing short of exemplary.

W.A.H. Morecombe, Major
W.A.H. MORECOMBE, Major,
S.O.P. Signals,
H.M.I.A.

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Appendix to Y 508 dated 27 August 46.

School	Course	Offrs	NGOs	Troops	Duration (Weeks)	Begins	Ends	Remarks
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CROCHIGNOLA								
"	Telegraph Mechanics	-	-	36	16	23/9/46	13/1/47	
"	Switchboard Operator	-	-	433	16	"	"	
"	-Telephonist	-	-	308	16	"	"	
"	Wireless Operator	-	-	48	16	"	"	
"	Driver Operators	-	-	66	24	23/9/46	10/3/47	
"	Radio Mechanics	-	-	45	16	23/9/46	13/1/47	
"	Operators, Line & Teleprinter	-	-	78	?	?	?	
"	Electricians	-	-	142	?	?	?	
"	Despatch Riders	-	-	104	8	13/1/47	10/3/47	
"	INFANTRY-Line Operators			494	8	"	"	
"	Wireless Operators			145	8	10/10/46	5/12/46	
"	ARMY-Driver Operators			393	8	"	"	
"	Signallers							

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*Major Ware's letter**MM 1A 67*

SUBJECT: 12 U.I.U. Progress Report.

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12 U.I.U. PROGRESS REPORT

for the

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

(Tel: RO. 439054 ext 545)

8/6/5/2057

August 1946.

To: 12 OFFICERS, 12 U.I.U.

From:

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Reference this office 12/6/5/1946 dated 23 July 1946.

1. The above quoted letter is cancelled, and the instructions in the following paragraphs are issued in substitution.

2. In future 12 U.I.U. Progress Report will consist of two parts. The first part will be sent by 12 U.I.U. to the Ministry of War, the second part, known as the "Supplement", will be sent to 12 U.I.U. only. It will contain confidential matters for 12 U.I.U. and domestic points concerning 12 U.I.U. It will require twenty copies of the first part, and seven copies of the Supplement.

3. Copies will be forwarded to this office by the 28th of each month. The report of each School to which they are affiliated. This report will be submitted to the Ministry of War. One copy only is required. The report will be submitted to the following parts:-

4. The report will be included in the first part of 12 U.I.U. Progress Report (see para 2 above). Every endeavour will be made to ensure this draft in such a form that it can go to press without

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2. The 12 U.S. will forward to this office by the 28th of each month, a report to request of each subject to which they are affiliated. This report will be in the form of a memorandum. One copy only is required. The report will be in the form of a memorandum.

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5. Reports will be kept reasonably short. There will be no repetition from month to month. Detailed information will be put in appendices.

6. No direct or implied reference will be made to the Supplement in the first part of the report.

7. If any action is required on any point by MILI, a separate letter will be written, and will be referred to in the text of the report. The progress report is for information only; action is not normally taken on it.

[Signature]

Lt. Colonel,
G.S.

W.C./m

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SECRET
 No. 42 S.I.V. Letter 7/10/5/2057
 dated August 1/50.

LAYOUT OF REPORT.

1. The first part of the report will be prepared under the following headings as far as they are applicable. Headings on which there is nothing new will be omitted. Additional headings may be used if necessary, so long as there is no departure from the general sequence.

2. List of headings :-

1. Units.

1. Instruction.
2. Administrative Staff.
3. Plans.
4. Machinery.
5. Results.
6. Summary.

2. Objects.

7. Introduction.
8. Training.
9. Vehicles.
10. Location (Stores).
11. General.

3. Results.

12. Training Stores.
13. Training Plans.
14. Training, coordination.
15. General Remarks, recruit training (where applicable) /
16. General remarks, other training. /

An appendix will be added showing the programme of courses. The following procedure will be used :-

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10. General.

11. General.

12. Details.

- 12. Training Course.
- 13. Training Areas.
- 14. Training Accommodation.
- 15. General Remarks, Remarks, training (where applicable) /
- 16. General Remarks, other training. /

An appendix will be added showing the programme of courses. The following programme will be used :-

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
General.	Course.	Students.	Officers	Duration	Remarks.
			30s	Days	

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SUBJECT: Progress Report No. 10, 70

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Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(W.H.I.A.)

X 508

30 July 46.

To: Commander.
12 B.L.U.

Herewith progress report in respect of the Italian School of Signals for July 46.

1. INSTRUCTORS.

The School is still deficient of 35 subaltern instructors. Such instructors as I have seen with classes seem to be well informed and control their students well.

2. Administrative Staff.

This is up to strength and is performing its duties adequately.

3. Welfare.

All that can be done for the welfare of the students is being done. Quite an adequate canteen existed prior to the arrival of the students, and a large "Eleoco di Case per i Servizi" is in a well advanced state of construction. This will contain a new canteen, recreation room, library, barber's shop, etc. All things considered the students at the School seem very happy and contented.

4. Discipline.

The discipline in the School is good, as good as I have seen anywhere amongst Italian troops.

5. Health.

The incidence of sickness has been low. An infirmary exists in the School for cases only requiring up to a week or so in bed. Up to a short time ago this infirmary was decidedly unsatisfactory, but is now decidedly improved, although still being below normal British standards.

6. General

The Commander of the School, Col. MARCUSO, is an extremely keen and efficient officer, and his courtesy to, and co-operation with, Major SUMNER and myself have always been exemplary.

7. Accommodation.

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6. General

The Commander of the School, Col. MANFROTTO, is an extremely keen and efficient officer, and his courtesy to, and co-operation with, Major CHITTENDEN and myself have always been exemplary.

7. Accommodation.

The accommodation situation for students and unmarried members of the staff is satisfactory and improving every day. A great house of contention exists, however, regarding the accommodation for the families of officers and N.C.O.'s of the staff. CORTICOMIA was, of course, constructed as a military city and houses for married officers and N.C.O.'s and their families were provided in the normal course of events. Unfortunately these houses are at present occupied by refugees rendered homeless by the war, and the Italian authorities have stated that no alternative accommodation can be found for them. Until alternative accommodation is found, however, none of the officers or N.C.O.'s can bring their families with them, or, in most cases, near them. This situation is certainly considerable discontent at the School and the Commander has asked me to intercede in any way I can. About a mile from CORTICOMIA towards ROMA is a village "Operaio" built in connection with the proposed 1942 Exhibition. This would provide accommodation for at least fifty refugee families, but is at present occupied almost unaccommodated by 150 G.M. Truck Coy, U.S. Army, a Negro Coy. The Commander of the Signal School suggested that perhaps this Coy might move elsewhere, thus making available accommodation for sufficient refugees to make available in turn all the accommodation required for the families of officers and N.C.O.'s. This matter is now in the hands of the Deputy Commander, S.I.A., who has asked MANFROTTO to move the above-mentioned Truck Coy.

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8. Clothing.

There is a serious shortage of boots and socks, but otherwise the situation is satisfactory. The Commander is very much concerned as to whether the Ministry of War will take in time the necessary steps for the provision of winter clothing.

9. Vehicles.

A list of vehicles held is given at Appendix "A". These are adequate for administrative purposes but there is an urgent need of wireless trucks for training purposes.

10. Accommodation Stores.
Adequate.11. General.
Nil.

12.

Training Stores.

The final demand has not yet been met, but the interim demand, met during May, provided quite a satisfactory minimum of training stores.

13. Training Areas.

Available and satisfactory in the vicinity of CERNICHOVA.

14. Training Accommodation.

The class-rooms are not yet quite complete, although some of them are in use. When completed they will be extremely satisfactory.

15. Courses Completed During the Month.

1. Linemen-Telephonist - 8 weeks.
 2. Linemen-Post-Office Rider - 8 weeks.
- Results are given at Appendix "B".

16. Courses in Progress.

Course	Duration in weeks	Students in Attendance
Switchboard Operator	16	140
Telephonist	16	126
Operator, Line & Teleprinter	16	316
Operator, Wireless	16	75
Electrician	24	50
Radio-Mechanic		

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The class-rooms are not yet quite complete, although some of them are in use. When completed they will be extremely satisfactory.

15. Courses Completed During the Month.
1. Lineman-Telephonist - 8 weeks.
2. Lineman-Dispatch Rider - 8 weeks.
Results are given at Appendix "A"

16. Courses in Progress.

Course	Duration in weeks	Students in Attendance
Switchboard Operator	16	130
Telephonist		
(Operator, Line & Teleprinter)	16	126
Operator, Wireless	16	326
Electrician	16	78
Radio-Mechanic	24	50
Telegraph Mechanic	24	33
Artillery Signaller	12	570

17. Progress of Courses.
A proportion of the next batch of recruits must be trained as driver-operators.

18. General Remarks, Recruit Training.
Satisfactory under the circumstances.

19. General Remarks, Other Training.
Nil.

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W.H. Maccombe, Major

W.A. T. WOODHOUSE, Major.
S.O. B. Signals.
N.E.I.A.

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Appendix "A" to X 608 dated 30 July 46.

Italian School of Signals, CECCHIOLOM.T. Situation as of 16 Jul, 46.1. Allied Vehicles.

Motor-cycles, solo	34 (19 at present U/S)
Trucks, 5 cwt, 4 x 4	5
Trucks, 15 cwt, wireless (Morris)	2 (2 at present U/S)
Trucks, 15 cwt	14

2. Italian Vehicles.

Cars, 4 seater	1
Trucks, 15 cwt (petrol)	4
" " (diesel)	2
Trucks, 3 ton (petrol)	1
" " (diesel)	3
Autobuses	2

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Appendix "B" to Z-108 dated 30 July 46.

Italian School of Signals, CASALEMATE.Course Results.

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Lineage-Telephonist</u>	<u>Lineage-Dispatch Rider</u>
Excellent	41	3
Very Good	41	2
Good	164	55
Satisfactory	123	45
Unsatisfactory	23	27

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ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROMA 478303)

Ref : 39/1/

24 June 1946

To : Comd. 12 B.L.U.
CSC III, 12 B.L.U.

To : S.O. R.Sigs.
H.Q.
Land Forces Sub Comm.
A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

Ref. 12 B.L.U. Letter G/13/960 dated 25 June 45.

1. Herewith Progress report in respect of the Italian Signal School for the month of June 1946.

(a)

CENTRAL PROGRESS

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(b)

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(c)

FACTORS DETRACTING FROM THE VALUE OF COURSES

For a period of ten days over 1500 students were away on guard duties in connection with the elections. About 200 were away for a considerably longer period. Nearly 60 MCC instructors have been away for approximately three weeks on duties with wireless communications established to control the elections. Consequently training has suffered throughout the month and in addition, little progress concerning the reduction of the size of classes has been possible.

(d)

OTHER MATTERS

Steady progress has been made by the team of personnel engaged in the unpacking and assembling of the equipment issued to the school. Some of the equipment has been found to be in a bad state and a detailed report will be submitted when the assembling has been completed.

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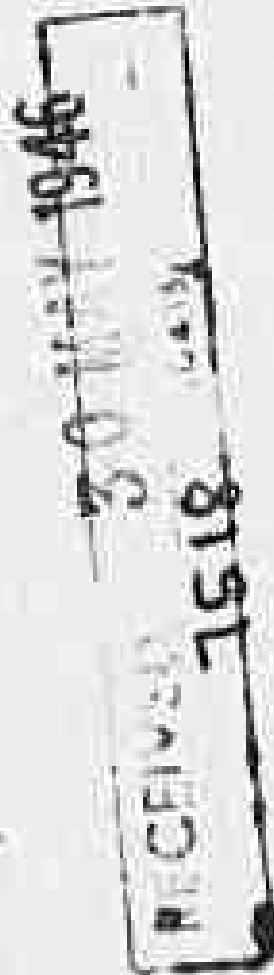
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Maj. R.Sigs.
Instr. R.Sigs.

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
for the
ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOLS
(Tel : ROME 478698)

Ref : A Q / 6 / 5 / 1635

29 May 1946.

W.A.M. 31/5.

To: Commander,
12 British Liaison Unit.

SO.R. Sige,
Land Forces Sub Com AC (IMIA)

GSO (III)
12 British Liaison Unit.

Reference 12 British Liaison Unit letter G/A.5/260 dated 25 January 1946.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Italian Signal School for the month of May 1946.

(a) General.

Considerable progress is now being made in the rehabilitation of the barracks. The class rooms are nearing completion and it should be possible to take them into use about the middle of June. Joinery for the missing window frames and doors has been obtained although glass panes have not yet been placed in the majority of the windows. Generally the progress of the structural works is now satisfactory although, because of the tardiness in commencing work, much improvisation has been necessary to enable the school to cope with the first influx of recruits.

(b) Courses.

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(b) Courses.

No courses were in progress at the beginning of the month. During the first days of the month, the recruits began to arrive and their final numbers exceeded the estimate by 15. Training was commenced on 15 May 1946 and details of the numbers under training are given at Appendix 'A' to this letter. No courses, other than recruit training courses are at present in progress.

(c) Factors detracting from the value of the Courses.

There are three main factors which are, at present, tending to detract from the efficiency of the training.

- (i) Lack of suitable accommodation.
- (ii) Shortage of stores.
- (iii) The Italian Elections.

Owing to the unfurnished state of the classrooms, it has been necessary to improvise in the question of accommodation. The Italians have tended to solve this problem rather by bunching classes together as the easiest solution. This has consequently diminished the value of instruction given but steps are being taken to ensure that classes are kept down to a minimum size. The unusually bad weather for May has made the holding of outdoor classes more difficult than was expected.

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1. (c) Continued.

During the last week of May almost the whole of the items demanded in the Interim Stores indent have been received at the School. They are, at present, being unpacked, tested and issued to the various companies. These stores will do much to facilitate training but it must be borne in mind that they amount to only about 50% of the final requirements of the School and until these are released the standard of training cannot reach the optimum.

The advent of the Italian elections have naturally caused an amount of unsettlement throughout the School although morale and discipline appears to have been fairly well maintained. Nevertheless, even this has its drawbacks, as the School has now to provide 1,500 men for guard duties during the elections. 300 men are being sent to Pescara, 200 to Caserta and 1,000 are to be used in the Rome area. This will necessitate something approaching a cessation of training for a period of from five days to a week.

(d) Future Courses.

No courses, other than the recruit training are envisaged in the immediate future.

(e) Administration.

The administrative staff appears to have coped efficiently with the influx of recruits. The cookhouse arrangements are still rather primitive, but a good kitchen is in course of construction. The present state of the infirmary leaves much to be desired but this is being watched.

During the month sports totalling the value of 20,000 lire was purchased by the School from HQ, I.F.I., MARLES upon the authority of HQ, CEF. This is proving a great boon and helping considerably the welfare of the troops.

Entertainments for the troops are being organised and during the present week, two shows are being presented by visiting companies in the School theatre.

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Instructor R. Signals.
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Appendix "A".

To: 12 B.L.U. letter AQ/6/5/1635
Dated 29 May 1946

Course	Duration	No: of Students.	Date of Commencement
W/P Operators.	4 months.	440	15 May 1946.
Radio Mechanics.	6 months.	65	15 May 1946
Electricians.	4 months.	85	"
Instrument Mech.	4 months.	45	"
Line Operators.	4 months.	135	"
Switchboard Ops.	2 months.	145	"
Linesmen	2 months.	380	"
Despatch Riders	2 months.	105	"
Arty Signallers	5 months.	560	"
	TOTAL	1,960	

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12 British Liaison Unit
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Ref: G/A3.
3 May 46.

TO: Commander 12 B.L.U.

S.O.R. Signals II, HQ M.M.I.A.
GSO III Trg, 12 B.L.U.

Ref 12 B.L.U. letter G/A3/960 dated 25 Jan 46.

Italian

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Signal Training Centre
for the month of April 46.

(a) General

Owing to the pressure of work in other directions I have been able to pay only three visits to the above School during April, but I have maintained throughout close liaison with the Commander, Col. MANCUSO, and during the period 25/28 April he and I, together with Major CANTONI, visited the British School of Signals, GSF, at PADUA. This visit proved to be highly instructive and enjoyable. The British School is expecting to close down within the next six months and its Commandant has promised that, when it does so, he will hand over to the Italian School all his home-made items of equipment, which will be extremely useful.

(b) British Personnel.

Cpl WETTON, ex 78 Div Sigs, reported on 29 April for duty as NCO Instructor R. Sigs, 12 B.L.U. On 30 April I installed him at Ceccignola, where he will be accommodated and mess with 64 Gf Coy. RASC, the HQ of which is only some 200 yds from the Signal School. Until the arrival of the Major Instructor R. Sigs he will occupy himself with becoming thoroughly acquainted with the layout of the School.

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(c) Works.

The reconditioning of the barracks has proceeded most satisfactorily during the month and all essential works are expected to be completed in about two weeks. I made a very thorough inspection of all buildings on 30 April with the Commandant, and the final layout has been extremely well planned.

(a) Courses.

No. 3 Potential Signals Instructors Course and the Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and NCOs duly finished on 20 April. Results of these courses are given as an Appendix to this report.

(c) Stores.

The release of the interim controlled signal stores requirements was received from CMF, CMF, on 29 April. A party consisting of 1 Italian Officer, 10 Italian ORs, and Cpl WETTON left for Ponte Cognano on 2 May.

/This party will

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This party will draw the stores from 3 Sub Depot 557 B.O.D. and will then accompany them by rail to Magliana Ostiense Station, the nearest to Cecognola. 50 Wireless Stations, No. 43, complete, were added by me to the original interim list, prepared by Major Skinner, as it has since been ascertained from GHQ that this type of set will be available to the Italian Interim Army, and a proportion has been included in my controlled signal stores demand for the latter.

(f) War Establishment.

I have recently reviewed the W.E. of the School, and am of the opinion that it should be scrapped and entirely rewritten. I have put this opinion forward to the G I (Training) who agrees. As the recruit training is due to commence so very shortly, however, I have arranged to put forward to the Ministry of War certain essential amendments which I have agreed with Col Mancuso and which are as follows:-

- (1) The deletion from HQ of the Officer with Administrative functions and the substitution of an Administrative Officer consisting of 5 officers, 7 NOOs and 6 ORs.
- (2) The increasing of the Training Office from 2 officers, 3 NOOs, and 3 ORs to 6 officers, 4 NOOs and 3 ORs.
- (3) The insertion of a Stores and Workshops organization consisting of 2 officers, 7 NOOs and 13 ORs

W.H. Morecombe,
for Major R. Signals,
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S.O.R. Signals,
12 B.L.U.*

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12 British Liaison Unit
for the
Italian Central Military Schools.

Ref. C/A3.
29 March 46.

TO: Comd. 12 B.L.U.

USO Intelligence and Liaison, Trg 12 B.L.U.
S.O.R. Signals, N.H.I.A.

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Ref 12 B.L.U. Letter C/A3/960 dated 25 Jan 46.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Signal Training Centre for the month of March 46.

(a) General Progress.

Little progress has been made of the re-conditioning of the barracks during the month. The building of partition walls for the class rooms has, however, been commenced during the last few days. The building of the D & M school which are to be taken over have not yet been occupied but the D & M school is now in the process of evacuating the barracks.

The War Establishment has finally been approved by the Italian War Establishment Committee with a total of 638 all ranks. This is approximately 60 less than was demanded by the School but it should prove adequate.

(b) Courses.

The two courses which were commenced on 24st. Jan 46, finished during the early days of the month. The results of these courses are shown in Appx 'A' to this letter. Two further courses were commenced on 11 March 46, both of six week duration. These courses are No. 3 Potential Signals Instructors Course and a Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and NCOs. Details of the personnel under training are shown in Appx 'A' to this letter.

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The War Establishment has finally been approved by the Italian War Establishment Committee with a total of 838 all ranks. This is approximately 50 less than was demanded by the School but it should prove adequate.

(b) Courses.

The two courses which were commenced on 21st. Jan 46, finished during the early days of the month. The results of these courses are shown in Annex 'A' to this letter. Two further courses were commenced on 11 March 46, both of six weeks duration. These courses are No. 3 Potential Signals Instructor Course and a Wireless Course for Infantry Signaller Officers and NCOs. Details of the personnel under training are shown in Annex 'A' to this letter.

(c) Factors detracting from the value of Courses.

The 19 set situation has been relieved owing to the fact that the Armoured Cars released to the Armoured School were completed with wireless sets and consequently the ten 19 sets borrowed for that School from GHQ have been loaned to the Signal School. The shortage of wireless vehicles still renders the holding of mobile schemes difficult.

(d) Future Courses.

No fresh courses are contemplated before the recruits courses in May. Approval has now been obtained for the three months Regimental Signallers Courses for Inf. Signallers and Arty. Signallers. Programmes for all the courses have been prepared.

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(e) Administration.
Continues to be efficient.

(f) Other matters.

The School was visited on 28th Feb 46 by the G.S.O. 2A
Brig. A.E. Morrison, O.B.E. who expressed satisfaction with the
progress made.

A.R. Pines

D.R. SALMON, Major E. Siggs.,
Maj. Instructor,
12 D.I.U.

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Appx. 'A'Results of Courses.No. 2 Signals Instructors Course.Officers

Passed	13
Failed	2

NCOs.

Very good	3
Good	7
Average	14
Fair	17
Failed	10

No. 1 Course for CC.RR Wireless Operators.Officers.

Very good	2
Good	4
Average	3
Failed	2

NCOs

Very good	6
Good	11
Average	5
Failed	4

Carabinieri.

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Officers.

Very good	2
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Average	3
Failed	2

NCOs

Very good	6
Good	11
Average	5
Failed	4

Carabinieri.

Very good	1
Good	16
Average	34
Failed	9

Personnel under training - 28 March 46.No. 3 Signals Instructors Course.

Officers	22
NCOs	<u>70</u>
Total	<u>92</u>

No. 1 Infantry Signallers Course.

Officers	10
NCOs	<u>19</u>
Total	<u>29</u>

Total Under training 121.

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Ref: G/43
26 Feb 46.

TO: Comd. 12 B.L.U.

GSO II Trg and Inf. Trg 12 B.L.U.
S.O.R. Sigs. M.M.I.A.

Reference 12 B.L.U. letter G/43/960 dated 25 Jan 46.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Signal Training Centre for the month of February 1946.

(a) General Progress.

Progress on the re-habilitation of the barracks has been slow during the month and no start has yet been made upon the large scale repairs. The additional building referred to in last month's report has now been occupied and it is hoped, in the near future, to occupy additional buildings, to the East of the existing barracks, which are at present occupied by the D & E School.

Considerable discussion has taken place concerning the War Establishment of the school and it has been agreed that if the school is to cater for over 2,000 students at a time, a W.E. of approx 900 personnel is necessary. The final W.E. has not yet been approved by the Italian War Establishments Committee.

LT.-COL. GI MARINIS, the officer i/c training at the school, is about to leave and he has been replaced by LT.-COL. SANTO IMPELLIZZANI.

(b) Courses

The two courses commenced on 24 Jan 46 are still in progress and have another fortnight to run. Students on both courses are making good progress. Details of personnel under training are shown at Appx. A.

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(b) Courses

The two courses commenced on 21 Jan 46 are still in progress and have another fortnight to run. Students on both courses are making good progress. Details of personnel under training are shown at Appx. A.

(c) Factors detracting from the value of the Courses.

The course for Carabinieri wireless operators has been slightly hampered by the fact that the school loaned four of its No 19 sets to the Armoured School at CEBIANO in order to enable a course to be commenced there before stores had been released. The lack of sufficient wireless vehicles makes the holding of mobile schemes very difficult.

(d) Future Courses.

Much discussion has taken place between the Commandant of the school, the Comando Scuola Centrale Militari, S.O.R. Sigs. 12 B.L.V., S.O.R. Sigs. M.M.I.A. and a representative of SIRM concerning the proposed training of recruits. It has been tentatively agreed that signallers for the Inf. and Arty. must be trained as regimental signallers and not as specialists and it has also been agreed that considerable re-arrangement of the allocation of the personnel of Signals to various trades will have to be undertaken.

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(e) Administration.

Nothing to report

D.R. Skinner

Major R. Sigs.,
S.O.R. Sigs.,
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APPENDIX A.

Personnel under training 1st Feb 46.
(84 on CG.RR W/T course - 97 on potential instructors course)

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Personnel joined during month.

CG.RR. W/T Course
Potential Instructors Course

NIL
NIL

Personnel departed during month.

CG.RR. W/T Course
Potential Instructors Course

NIL
10

Total under training 26 Feb 46

171

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12 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
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ITALIAN CENTRAL MILITARY SCHOOL
(Tel : ROME 66319)

Ref : G/A.3/964.

29 January 1946.

Comd, 12 British Liaison Unit.
GSO II Trg & Inf Trg 12 B.L.U.
SO.R Sigs 12LIA.

Reference 12 B.L.U. letter G/A.3/960 dated 25 Jan '46.

1. Herewith Progress Report in respect of the Signal Training Centre for the month of January 1946.

(a) General Progress.

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The School now has a new Commandant - Col MARCUSO who assumed command on 12 January '46. The former Commandant Lieut-Col de MARINIS is now in charge of training at the School.

In view of the expected intake of 2,500 students during the four month period commencing April '46, efforts are being made to obtain additional accommodation to house these students. It is hoped to obtain possession of one additional block situated about 100 yards South of the present administrative offices.

(b) Courses.

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(b) Courses.

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(c) Factors detracting from the value of the Courses.

At present sufficient trained instructors and sufficient stores are available to meet the needs of the School. Considerably more will, however, be required if the School is to train 2,500 signallers in a four month period. Steps are well in hand to cope with the provision and training of the necessary instructors, while the technical stores have been demanded by the School authorities.

(d) Future Courses.

Proposed syllabi of courses for the training of the April intake have been submitted by the school authorities to the Comando Scuole Centrali Militari together with a strong representation that the eight weeks technical training proposed by the Scuole Centrali Militari would not be sufficient for certain signal trades.

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(e) Administration etc.

The School appears to have settled down fairly quickly and successfully in its new accommodation. The majority of the personnel appreciate the quality of the accommodation and are attempting to make the administration of the school worthy of its surroundings. In particular the Company Store and the Technical Store are very well kept.

(Q) The possibility of finding accommodation for the families of the permanent staff is one feature which is occupying the minds of all the married men. There are several blocks of flats in CROCHIGNOLA which are at present occupied by displaced persons. Investigations are proceeding to ascertain whether there is any possibility of any of the flats becoming available in the near future.

J. R. Sigs.

Major R. Sigs.
SO. R. Sigs.

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Appendix 'A' to G/A.3/964.
Dated 29 January '46.

PERSONNEL UNDER TRAINING JANUARY 1946.

Personnel under training 1 January '46

NIL

Personnel Joined during the Month

CC.RR. W/T Course

Officers

18

WOs and NCOs

66

84

Potential Instructors Course

Officers

10

WOs

25

NCOs and Privates

62

97

Total under Training 28 January '46

181

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1. Courses.

All courses terminated during the month, and five days leave has been granted to the instructional staff, terminating Jan 5. The school is prepared to take such students as may be made available for transfer.

A new allocation sheet for Telecommunications School (Italian Army) has been prepared and approved during the month. Staffed and partly trained personnel are believed to be available to enable a quantity of such personnel to be ready after two months training.

3. Instructional Organization.
Nothing to report.4. Administration and Finance.
Nothing to report.5. Remarks.

The cessation of "warline" rates of pay has caused great dissatisfaction. All ranks protest that their pay bears no even less relation to the high cost of living. If for example a man goes on leave to Sicily he has to spend all his savings in food to eat on the journey. It is reported that a number of officers of the "Regimento Addetto alla Difesa" have written a letter to the newspaper "L'Espresso" protesting against their conditions of service, but it is not known whether this letter came from the staff, as it referred to the "Regimento" as a whole.

John W. Winters

Sgt.,
U.S. Air Force.

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Subject: Progress Report No. 10.

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152 (11) Signal Training Centre,
28 Nov '45.

"The British Liaison & Training Unit, (1),
30, R. Signals Det A."

Ref "C" Training Unit letter DTU/95/13 of 23 Mar, forwarded in report
on progress at above unit during Nov 45.

1. General Progress.

Arrangements are being completed for the Centre to move
to a new site at CROUCHING, where suitable buildings are available
in which renovations and certain alterations will be necessary. The
School will however be able to continue training without pause by
occupying only part of the barracks at a time.

2. Courses.

Individual trade training has given place during the
month to courses for officer and 700 instructors and a course for
Mortar Officers, which is a new venture.

Appendix "a" gives details of personnel under training
during the month.

3. Instructional Organisation.

Nothing to report.

4. Stores.

No additional items, other than replacement of expendables
have been received during the month.

A party "B" to my visited the school during the month
to inspect and repair equipment. All signal equipment from C.T.V.A.
was inspected - that from CEMADU remains to be done when the move to
CROUCHING is completed. Equipment is reported to be well maintained
and in good condition.

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"British Liaison & Training Unit. (1)."
30, 31 Signals Unit.

Ref "Training Unit Letter HPU/19/13 of 23 Mar, hereunder is report on progress at above STW during Nov 45.

1. General Progress.

Arrangements are being completed for the Centre to move to a new site at CECILIAHOLA, where suitable buildings are available in which renovations and certain alterations will be necessary. The School will however be able to continue training without pause by occupying only part of the barracks at a time.

2. Courses.

Individual trade training has given place during the month to courses for officer and NCO instructors and a course for Motor Officers, which is a new venture.

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month.

3. Instructional Organization.

Nothing to report.

4. Stores.

No additional items, other than replacement of expendables have been received during the month.

"MESS 25" having visited the school during the month to inspect and repair equipment. All signal equipment from S.I.V.A. was inspected - that from CECILIAHOLA remains to be done when the move to CECILIAHOLA is completed. Equipment is reported to be well maintained and in good condition.

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 29 Nov 45.

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Individual trade training has given place during the month to courses for officer and WFO instructors and a course for WFO officers which is a new venture.

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month.

3. Instructional Organization.

Nothing to report.

4. Stores.

No additional items, other than replacement of expendables have been received during the month.

A 2250 "C" lorry visited the school during the month to inspect and repair equipment. All signal equipment from S.I.V.A. was inspected - that from GEMAKO remains to be done when the move to CAMBINGHOL is completed. Equipment is reported to be well maintained and in good condition.

5. Administration.

Under its new commander, Col. DE WATFIELD, the Genio Training Sect. appears to have taken on a new lease of life. The men are smarter and the Barracks are cleaner. Col. DE WATFIELD is full of enthusiasm and drive, and has succeeded in infusing some of this spirit into all ranks.

6. Morale.

The present government crisis has aroused surprisingly little interest among officers and men. The opinion is growing that the major party organs are out for their own ends and are becoming divorced from the feelings of the man-in-the-street. But agree that a "strong man" is necessary to take the lead in the country but ~~strong~~ one is willing to come forward for fear of being branded as another Mussolini by the opposing parties. To be avenged on your enemy you have only to call him a "fascist" until the idea catches on.

Morale among the men is higher - the end-of-the-war reaction is over, and they feel more settled. Quarter turnout and better leadership in the Regt. all contribute to this end. "Regular" officers and men will not be content until the school is permanently established and they can live with their families. "Reservists" tend to chafe at the delay in releasing them to civilian life after long service.

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Major, 20, 7, Signal.

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Appendix "A"

152 (It) Signal Training Centre.
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Personnel Under Training - Nov. 45.

1. Students accepted for training during month:-

Officer and CO Instructors	-	-	40
Porter Course - Operators W/T	-	-	9

2. Courses completed during month:-

Operators wireless (Genio)	-	-	23
Linemen (Genio)	-	-	13

3. Course in suspense:-

Recruits	-	-	24
(Personnel on guard duty at CECENTRONAL)	-	-	

4. Students lost during the month for various reasons
e.g.; postings, discharge etc.:-

Officer and CO Instructors	-	-	3
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5. Students under training on 27 Nov.:-

Officer and CO Instructors	-	-	27
Porter Course - Operators W/T	-	-	9
Add:- Courses in suspense	-	-	24

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(Personnel on guard duty at MACHIGNOL.)

4. Students lost during the month for various reasons
 eight postings, discharge etc.:-

Officer and 100 Instructors	-	-	-	3
Officer and 100 Instructors	-	-	-	87
Porter Course - Operators W/P	-	-	-	9
add:- Course in expense	-	-	-	24
				120

5. Students under training on 27 Nov.:-

Note:-

On present date, the school is scaled to train up to 400 students at a time.

On 25 Nov the Centre had 22 officers (establishment 32) and 20 WCO's (establishment 30).

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Ref: British Liaison & Training Unit, REG. 100. (2).
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Ref: Reg Training Unit letter 370, 39, 12 of 23 1945, hereunder is
 report on progress at above HQ during Aug 45.

1. General Remarks.
 All "General" training has now ceased owing to lack of
 recruits. Other courses are halfway to completion.
2. Courses.
 Experimental work with the "up" set of the 10 19 set
 is continuing, using devices constructed in the school. Communication
 over 30 miles has been effected. 250. This has asked for a technical
 report when tests are complete.
 Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under
 training during the month.
3. Instructional Organization.
 One instructor have been posted to Gruppo during
 the month. The Gruppo have agreed to exchange for instructors from
 the school officers and NCO's with practical experience gained in
 battle. It is believed that instruction will benefit by relation to
 practical problems.

4. Notes.
 Considerable delay in obtaining 12 officers is caused
 by unwillingness of the Regt. to go to the trouble of indenting for
 replacements immediately the need is reported. As a result much of
 the transport is still off the road. "Admiral" is often imposed
 by the Transport Office at Div II, which returns indents on the

appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month.

3. Instructional Organization.

One instructor has been posted to Grappi during the month. The groups have agreed to exchange for instructors from the school officers and WO's with practical experience gained in battle. It is believed that instruction will benefit by relation to practical problems.

4. Morale.

Considerable delay in obtaining PT spaces is caused by unwillingness of the Regt. to go to the trouble of indenting for replacements immediately the need is reported. As a result much of the equipment is still off the road. "dampener" is often imposed by the Indent Office at Div Hq., which restricts indents on the slightest pretext e.g. non-entry of vocabulary numbers. This is very discouraging.

5. Administration.

Nothing to report.

6. Morale.

Morale of officers is definitely low. The men have their "Joker del Colito" - the officers have nothing. They miss the no "dope-room" where they can relax - they have no ⁵⁷⁸⁹ and two tea tables or even plastic garden chairs. There is no communal life, and they have dubbed the place a "concentration camp". They are particularly bitter about the special furniture etc. which is imported by CO Regt. whenever a high officer visits the mess. The CO gets the credit for having a good mess, but the funnel curve is never seen again until the next high-ranking visitor comes.

Junior officers are discontented with a rule which permits senior officers only to entertain friends in the mess - they feel that this uses up rations on an unfair basis.

Discontent is caused by a recent divisional order that all men must attend mass on Sundays. They feel that this is denying them religious freedom, and the chaplain supports them in this view.

The cumulative result of all this is that officers all try for postings, and the staff does not work with enthusiasm.

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In spite of this most officers are extremely loyal, and work on in the hope that "something will be done about it". The germ of esprit de corps is there, but it gets little encouragement outside work.

John W. H. H. H.
Major, R. M. S. S.,
G. O. H. S. S. S.

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Appendix "A"192 (14) Signal Training Centre.Synopsis of Personnel - 31st '45.

1. Students accepted for training during month:-

NIL.

2. Courses completed during month:-

(a) <u>Genio</u>	
Operators Wireless	22
" Line	---
" Dist to board	---
Idleness	5
Despatch Riders	17
(b) <u>Walling.</u>	
Operators Wireless	10
Operators Line	7

NIL.

2. Courses completed during month:-

(a) <u>Genio</u>	
Operators Wireless	22
" Line	---
" Switchboard	---
Linemen	5
Despatch Riders	17
(b) <u>Artillery</u>	
Operators Wireless	10
Operators Line	7
Operators Switchboard	5

3. Students lost during month for various reasons
a.s. postings, discharge etc.:-

(a) <u>Genio</u>	32
(b) <u>Artillery</u>	9
(c) <u>Infantry</u>	13

4. Students under training on 27 Aug:-

(a) <u>Genio</u>	NIL
(b) <u>Artillery</u>	5731
Operators Wireless	14

(c) Infantry
Operators

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Total under training:-

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152(1t) Signal Training Centre
27 July '45

"F" British Liaison & Training Unit, RTO, IOT. (3).

S.O. R. Signals, WIA. —

Ref. 'G' Training Unit letter BTU/D9/13 of 23 March, hereunder
is report on progress at above S.T.C. during July '45

1. General Progress.

During the month the School has been to some extent "marking time" pending a decision on future policy and the arrival of further trainees. As a result it has been possible to extend leave facilities granted to the instructional staff.

Courses in progress last month have continued.

2. Courses.(a) Syllabuses

Due to the recall of the Instructor to CESANO,

physical training has been temporarily suspended.

The time table now includes military training for all personnel at least three times weekly.

Intensive training of wireless operators has been a feature of the month's training, resulting in a notable improvement in operating skill. Two communication exercises over a distance of 70 miles have been held. Points learned in the first contributed to make the second an outstanding success. Communication by speech and morse was maintained between outstations for twelve hours without a break. Some experimental work is being carried out with the "B" (very high frequency) portion of the No.19 set. When complete it is intended to publish details for general information.

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The system of "direction finding by wireless" described in a recent Infantry Training Bulletin has been tried, and tests are proceeding.

(b) Personnel

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel under training during the month. It will be noted that there has been no intake.

3. Instructional Organisation.

Deficiencies now occur due to demobilisation and transfers. These are not being filled until more trainees are admitted and the new W.E. has been decided upon. ^{57/23}

Some officers have been loaned for duty to O.C. Regiment, but it must be made quite clear that these officers must not be posted from the School without the prior consent of the O.C..

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Sheet 2.4. Stores.

The ~~RUEE~~ "2" lorry has now completed its work, and has rendered valuable assistance in bringing wireless sets, mine detectors etc. to the peak of performance. Reports so far received indicate that the equipment of the school is well cared for.

The following stores have been received during the

month:-

Reception Sets	R 107	-	4
Wireless sets	No. 11	-	14

5. Administration.

Stores and personnel of the former autonomous line school have now been incorporated in the S.T.C..

Rehabilitation work continues, but unfortunately the contractor occupies one wing of the school building as workshops and sleeping accommodation. This will therefore be the last wing to be repaired, and will prevent full deployment of students if a large intake is received.

6. Transport.

Willys "Jeep" has been returned B.L.R. to 408 R.V.F., and Truck 15 cwt Class 1(D) (Fordson) received in lieu. Otherwise no change.

7. Morale.

The average Italian soldier continues to show disrespect for officers as a class, as a result of the "do as you like" spirit now abroad. A typical example concerns the recent visit of a touring concert party, the members of which, both male and female, were accommodated in the officers' mess. After the last evening's performance a crowd of men assembled outside the officers' mess abusing the officers for not allowing them to mix with the party.

Some officers were up until 3 a.m. persuading the men to go to bed.

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Men returning from the north of Italy are very perturbed about conditions there, and are bitter about the taunts they receive from so-called "partisans" who prefer "gangstering" to soldiering.

8. Welfare.

Superior officers still remain indifferent to the welfare of their junior officers and men and are extremely reluctant, despite encouragement to authorize the use of transport even for short recreational journeys, e.g. to the lakeside. As a result both officers and men describe the barracks as a "concentration camp".

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9. Long-Term Planning.

The pre-armistice training centre for the "Collegamenti" was at PAVIA, where 'made to measure' workrooms and facilities exist. Here, too, it was possible for the peace-time instructor to settle his wife and family in the equivalent of the 'married quarters' of the English barracks.

No such facilities exist in BRACCIANO or are ever likely to exist. The present instructor at the School has therefore two alternatives, either:-

- (a) to live continually apart from his family, or
- (b) to secure a place for his family in the BRACCIANO -
ROME area.

The first alternative means that all his wages, and more, go for the upkeep of the family, and the second, that even if he could find accommodation in the area, the cost of that and of moving his furniture etc would be prohibitive.

In these circumstances it is difficult for an instructor to work well, however enthusiastic he is, and the effect over an extended period cannot but be harmful. The problem may be summarized thus:-

Will the Italian government revert to its former schools when allied control relaxes?

If not, what facilities does it propose to offer for families of the permanent staffs?

John L. Mader
Mader,
S.O. Resignals.

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Appendix "A"152 (14) Signal Training CentreSynopsis of Personnel July '45.1. Students accounted for training during month:-

Nil.

2. Courses completed during month:-

Nil.

3. Students under Training on 27 July.(a) Genl.

Operators Wirelans

" Mine

Lanemen

Despatch Riders

Operators Switchboard

22

25

5

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14

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(b) Infantry

Infantry 80

20

(c) Artillery

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Operators Switchboard

14
83

(b) Infantry

Infantry Signalers

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(c) Artillery

Operators Wireless

" Mine

" Switchboard

33
7
3
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30 June '45"F" British Liaison & Training Unit,
R.T.C., I.C.F.. (3)

S.O. R. Signals, MIA. ✓

Ref. 'G' Training Unit letter BMU/DG/13 of 23 March;
hereunder is report on progress at above S.T.C. during June '45.1. General Progress

Now that the School has settled down in BRACCIANO, it has been possible to improve and augment the facilities for instruction. A second Morse practice room is nearing completion, which will provide group or individual instruction for 20 - 30 pupils at a time. A "tape - machine" room of 20 machines is now in use, which enables operators to check visually that their Morse characters are correctly sent.

Some progress has been made with an "Information Room", for which material printed in Italian would be an asset.

2. Courses(a) Syllabuses.

Now that a specialist instructor has been obtained, daily physical training is a feature of the syllabus.

A new infantry signallers' course has commenced, in which no "specialist" training is given; all students are henceforth trained to be familiar with all branches of infantry signalling.

(b) Personnel

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel trained or under training during the month. The number of students under training continues to decline.

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(b) Personnel

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3. Instructional Organisation.

Improvement has been observed in punctuality and lesson "drive" during the month. O.C. School is at present on leave.

Demobilisation of certain classes threatens to deprive the school of some good instructors. It is hoped partly to overcome this by securing promotion for certain officers to keep them within the "age limit for the rank".

Exchange of instructors with men from the Gruppi would be extremely beneficial. Many of the subaltern instructors at present at the school have had no other opportunity to acquire military bearing and sense of discipline.

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Sheet 2.4. Stores.

A REME "Z" Detachment (a mobile repair workshops) is at present at BRACCIANO inspecting and repairing all signal stores and mine detectors. It is expected to stay about a month and will also cover equipment at MANZIANA and CESANO.

Some miscellaneous equipment has been obtained for breakdown by the radio mechanics, and more is expected.

5 motor cycles have been transferred to D. & M. School during the month.

21 Reels Cable No. 1 have been received during the

month. Other stores - no change.

Some concern is felt at the length of time taken for indents to be met. A case in point is, an indent (No. ISS/46) for 150 Cells Dry X Mk 11 made on May 24. These are not controlled stores, and were available almost on demand when the School was at NOCERA and made direct demands on local DADOS. The root cause is considered to be the lengthy channel of communication (School - U.C. Regt. - Division - DADOS "P" B.L. & T.U.). This may be bureaucratically correct, but it does not help training when telephones and buzzer training sets do not function for want of batteries.

A fortnightly return of all stores deficiencies is called for by H.Q. Division. No tangible result accrues from one fortnight to the next, hence the return would appear to be a waste of time and labour.

5. Administration.

The autonomous Lane School formerly at FRANCIVILLA PONTEANA has been moved to BRACCIANO. Authority of the War Department is exerted to amalgamate this within the W.E. of the School, and for the staff to be granted current rates of pay.

The new kitchen is now in use, and water supply is working in some parts of the barracks. Work continues on the general rehabilitation of barrack blocks and reconstruction of the administrative blocks.

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5. Administration.

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6. Transport.

An improvement in transport noted early in the month has not been maintained, as the machines are now falling out of use faster than the K.T. officer can get them repaired. A maintenance course for drivers is a vital necessity - the idea of "daily maintenance" is beyond their comprehension. Bad (generally too fast) driving and accidents are still too common for the K.T. officer, however enthusiastic, to cope with the wrecks on his hands. A statement of the M.T. situation is given at Appx "B".

7. Morale.

Appears to have steadied now that the "end of the 5th" reaction is over.

8. General.

"Genio Day" was observed on June 24. The proceedings included demonstrations by students of

- (a) physical training
- (b) erection of W.S. No. 19 ground station
- (c) use of the W.S. No. 48 "main pack"
- (d) cable laying by means of Mech. Cable Layer No. 1

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8. General (Cont.)

A visitors' escort of D.R.'s was also provided. The proceedings concluded with a special meal and cinema entertainment for the troops.

9. Future Plans.

Some 300 students are still required to bring the school to full capacity. After the pending reorganisation it is estimated that some two thirds of the school will function as at present, and the remainder will concentrate on more advanced courses for men from the Gruppi who will ultimately form the "technical backbone" of the new Italian Army.

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Appendix "A"152(14) Signal Training CentreSynopsis of Personnel June '451. Students Accepted for Training during Month.

(a) <u>Genio</u> Operators Switchboard	20
(b) <u>Artillery</u> All trades	21
(c) <u>Infantry</u> All trades	28
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2. Courses Completed During Month.

(a) <u>Genio</u> Operators Wireless " Switchboard	38
Minomen Radio Mechanics	9
	4
	16
(b) <u>Infantry</u> Operators Wireless " Switchboard	16
	8
	<u>91</u>

3. Students Under Training on 27 June.

(a) <u>Genio</u> Operators Wireless	22
" Line	25
" Switchboard	28
Minomen	5

Operators Wireless
" Switchboard
Minemen
Radio Mechanics
(b) Infantry
Operators Wireless
" Switchboard

3. Students Under Training on 27 June.

(a) Genio
Operators Wireless
" Line
" Switchboard
Minemen
Despatch Riders
(b) Artillery
Operators Wireless
" Line
" Switchboard
(c) Infantry
All trades

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Appendix "B"152(14) Signal Training CentreTransport State as at 30 June '45

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Scale</u>	<u>Held</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Def.</u>	<u>Condition of Vehicles held</u>
Car 4 x 2 Utility	1	1 (Jeep)	-	-	B.L.R. Issue 15 cwt. in lieu awaited
Trucks W/T	14	9	-	5	5 out of action
" 15cwt GS 4 x 2	2	4	2	-	
Lorries 3 ton					
4 x 2	5	1	-	4	
Lorries 30cwt					
4 x 2	-	2	2	-	
Motor Cycles	34	29	-	5	

Sheet 2.

CONFIDENTIALSubject: Progress Report No. 6151 (14) Signal Training Centre
29 May 457th MU HQ IOT (3)S.O. 2. Signalers ✓

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Ref. 7th Training Unit letter MU/DG/13 of 23 March hereunder
is report on progress at above HQ during May '45.

1. General Progress.

Progress has been maintained within the limits of accommodation available at RAUGHTON. A considerable amount of training is carried on in other barracks e.g. artillery and infantry. One wing of the School building is still occupied by workmen, and some reallocation of accommodation is still to be made.

2. Courses.

(a) Syllabuses.

Qualification sheet for the new trade of Radio Mechanic (formerly Instrument Mechanic) has been applied for and will form the basis for an extended course when received.

Revision of the Infantry Signaller's course is at present under discussion.

There is a great need for a higher standard of physical training, and the provision of specialist instructors has been requested.

(b) Personnel.

Appendix "A" gives details of personnel trained or under training during the month. Considerable reduction in staff and students has resulted from increased leave facilities.

3. Instructional Organisation.

Main effort of the month has been concentrated on obtaining punctuality and the maximum use of lesson time. In

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3. Instructional Organisation.

Main efforts of the month has been concentrated on obtaining punctuality and the maximum use of lesson time. In this respect the officers have not been setting a good example. There is still a tendency on the part of the School and Chief Instructors to remain glued to their office chairs and to assume that all is well.

4. Stores.

A typewriter has been received during the month from RMA sources.

All equipment surplus to the letter MT/38/4/MTI 57 29 2 Feb. has been returned to RMA with the exception of one Switchboard 10 line H.C. in use at CEMNO.

Negotiations are in progress for the acceptance of a large quantity of miscellaneous electrical components for use in Radio Mech's training.

S.O. R. Signals, Inspectorate of Army Equipment visited the School during the month.

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Sheet 2.5. Administration.

All administration other than training administration has been taken over by C.O. 3rd Regt. "Piceno" Division. While relieving the school of the responsibility of interior economy, messing etc. the arrangement is not satisfactory chiefly due to lack of co-ordinating and co-operation. It is not uncommon for C.O. Regt. to give an order which cuts right across the School organization, without prior discussion with C.O. School.

Some improvement in the standard of hygiene and dress has been noted during the month. The idea of prevention of disease rather than cure appears to be making some impression. The regt. M.C. is keen but gets inadequate support.

6. Transport.

Use and maintenance of vehicles has passed under regt. control, and has resulted in a steady decrease in the standard of maintenance and efficiency.

It was found that indiscriminate use was being made of vehicles intended specifically for wireless training. C.O. Regt. had even sanctioned the removal of seats, tables etc. in these vehicles so that they might be used for transporting personnel and stores. An instruction was therefore given that wireless vehicles would be used only on the personal authority of C.O. School. Within a few days however a driver was stopped leaving the Barracks with a wireless vehicle. He had apparently been sent for a vehicle by C.O. 3rd Regt. School and had taken the first vehicle he saw. He was in possession of a "Foglio di Viaggio" issued by the Regt. but these specify neither vehicle nor journey. The guard at the gate was unaware that the vehicle was not to be taken out.

It is also observed that no check of consumption of fuel is entered on the "Foglio di Viaggio", and misuse of fuel appears inevitable.

Of six wireless vehicles previously reported held, one has been found to be G.M. and the transport return has been

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vehicles entered specifically for wireless training. C.S. Regt. had even mentioned the removal of buses, tables etc. in these vehicles so that they might be used for transporting personnel and stores. An inspection was therefore given. This wireless vehicles would be used only on the personal authority of C.S. Colonel. Within a few days however a driver was stopped leaving the Bangalore with a wireless vehicle. He had apparently been sent for a vehicle by C.S. Captain Debnol and had taken the first vehicle he saw. He was in possession of a "Vigilante di Vigilio" issued by the Regt. but these quickly neither vehicle nor journey. The guard at the gate was unaware that the vehicle was not to be taken out.

It is also observed that no check of consumption of petrol is entered on the "Vigilante di Vigilio", and absence of petrol appears inevitable.

Of six wireless vehicles previously reported held, one has been found to be C.S. and the transport return has been amended accordingly. Three more wireless vehicles have been received during the month, making a total of 9 of this type.

Further motor cycles have been received from the MU to make a total of 34 now held.

7. Morale.

A decided decline in morale has taken place during the month, chiefly because each man thinks he has a claim to immediate leave, and does not and will not understand the difficulties of administration and transport etc. which prevent his wish being granted. A party of 20 - 30 men even forced their way into the senior officers' mess to make themselves heard. Some stimulus has resulted from the first allied action in the TAIPOVE dispute, which has increased the allies' prestige to some extent.

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2. General.

The men have found that inertia is an effective counteraction to discipline. They have no confidence in or respect for their officers, and ignore their NCO's. Subalterns are afraid to enter barrack rooms to get men out of bed in the morning; unless accompanied by a captain they are a target for abuse and even for missiles. It is hoped that the demobilisation of certain classes will largely remove the undisciplined element.

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APPENDIX "A"

152 (14) Signal Training CenterSynopsis of Personnel, May '451. Students accepted for training during month.(a) Genio

Operators Wireless	25
" Line	16
" Switchboard	9
Minemen	8
Electricians Signals	3
Radio Mechanics	2
Despatch Riders	10
To be allotted to trades	71
Officers	13
WCO's.	10
	<u>172</u>

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(b) Artillery

All trades

38

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2102. Courses completed during month.(a) Local

Cifmores	18
WFO's.	10
Operators Line (Genio)	27
" (Infantry)	13
" (Artillery)	7
Operators Wireless (Infantry)	25
Operators Wireless (Artillery)	10
	<u>110</u>

18

10

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13

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10

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2. Course completed during month.(a) Local

Officers	18
WCO's	10
Operators Line (Genia)	27
" (Infantry)	13
" (Artillery)	7
Operators Wireless (Infantry)	45
Operators Wireless (Artillery)	16
	<u>116</u>

(b) At Viterbo (Garibaldi Post.)

Officers	3
WCO's	8
Operators Line	43
" Wireless	43
	<u>97</u>

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Sheet 2.3. Students Under Training on 27 May.(a) Genio

Operators Line	16
" Wireless	44
" Switchboard	9
Electricians Signals	5
Radio Mechanics	16
Despatch Riders	10
Linemen	8
To be allotted to courses	71
	<u>179</u>

179

(b) Artillery

Operators Wireless	19
" Line	12
" Switchboard	3
	<u>34</u>

34

(c) Infantry

Operators Line/Wireless	16
" Switchboard	8
	<u>24</u>

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Total of Students under instruction237

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(c) InfantryOperators Line/Wireless
" Switchboard26
824

Total of students under instruction

237

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Subje t.- Progress Report No. 5.

ISS. (It.) Signal Training Centre.

Date. 30th. April '45.

"F" BIV. BTC. ICP. (3)

S.O. R. Signals. MIA.

Ref "G" Training Unit letter BTU/D9/13 of 23rd. March. Hereunder is

Report on progress at above STC during April '45.

1. General Progress.

Normal progress in all courses has been maintained during the month, until 23rd. Apr., when instruction was suspended to enable the School to be transferred to BRACCIANO. It is anticipated that training may be resumed during the first week in May. The time-table will be extended to restore normal rate of progress.

2. COURSES.

(a) Personnel

Ref. Appx 'B' to BTI/AIO/75 of 26th. Mar. training of DR's has been completed and personnel despatched to CASSANO. The next D.R. Course will commence at BRACCIANO. There is no change in respect of other courses.

(b) Present Holding of Students.

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(b) Present Holding of Students.

Present figures not yet available due to amalgamation of groups formerly at NOCERA and at BRACCIANO.

3. Instructional Organisation.

(a) Study of daily activity has revealed that most instructors fail due to ignorance of the basic principles of teaching method.

An instruction has been issued in an endeavour to rectify this, and its application will be enforced.

(b) A system of training memoranda has been introduced to give a weekly summary of technical instruction faults to be rectified.

4. Stores.

(a) A list of stores received since the last report is given at APPX 'A'. Release of 26 unserviceable wireless sets of various types was

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obtained from AFHQ under auth'y D038417/21/Ord13 of 17th April to enable instrument mechanic's to dismantle sets for examination without having to use complete equipments needed for operators' training.

Owing to apparent duplication a number of items of technical stores have been received in excess of authorised holding under letter DMT/88/4/MT1 of 2nd Feb. These will be returned to Ordnance during May.

(b) A list of outstanding deficiencies is given at Appx. "B".

5. Administration.(a) Accommodation.

Three barrack blocks have been taken over at BRACCIANO, all of which are still being renovated. The present situation is :-

(i) School block.

One wing (8 classrooms) ready for occupation. No use of other wing can be made at present.

(ii) Students Quarters.

Alterations have just begun. No renovation yet commenced.

(iii) Staff block.

Renovation nearly complete. Officers' mess being built in rear.

(b) Hygiene.

Temporary trench latrines are in use pending the restoration of water supply to the buildings.

A shower bath is available.

(c) Move to BRACCIANO.

Preparations for the move from NOCERA revealed grave inability on

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Preparations for the move from NOCERA revealed grave inability on the part of the officers of the School to plan and control the economical use of available man power. Such plans as were made quickly broke down due to lack of a chain of command and indifference of officers to the ensuing disorganisation. Few officers gave any coherent orders or even any orders at all, and these were soon countermanded by someone else.

Three hours before the train was due to leave NOCERA the situation had passed beyond the power of the Italian O.C. to control, and it was necessary for the British Staff to take command and order the men to proceed to the station and entrain -

Removal of certain officers has therefore been recommended.

(d) Personal equipment.

During the month sufficient clothing has been drawn to equip students and staff to the scale of

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boots	2 pairs per man
towels	2 "
socks	3 "
overcoat	1 "
anklets web	1 "

(e) Transport.

Much effort is needed to educate officers and drivers out of the "drive it until it breaks down" attitude. The task system has been introduced, and will be enforced during May by the introduction of daily parade under the M.T. Officer and with British supervision.

(f) Welfare. Nothing to report.

6. Morale.

It appears that many officers and men have been living with or near their families and sharing with them their military rations. Now that the school has moved it would appear that either (a) they will endeavour to bring their families into the district, or (b) their standard of work will decline with the excuse that they are worried that their families cannot live on their pay.

7. General.

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(b) Anxiety is caused by the lack of a sense of responsibility among officers and NCO's. The latter have no disciplinary control whatever over the men, and it is taken for granted that if the men are once told that a course of action is wrong, that they will never again follow it; and further breaches of orders are not corrected.

No effort is made to appeal to all the senses *eg.* no notices are erected; no "daily orders" are published. 3713

It is suggested that considerable improvement might be effected by the following means:--

(i) No Officer or NCO newly-commissioned or appointed should be an instructor at the School.

(ii) Some form of "drill and duties" course for instructors might be instituted.

(iii) A proportion of instructors should be exchanged with officers and men from combat units, whose self-discipline might be of

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a higher standard, and who would certainly have practical experience of the training needs of the front-line signaller.

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Appx. "A".

Hereunder is list of stores received since the last report.

Cable Electric D111. Single.	Miles	15.
App Cable Laying No. 2 or No. 6.		15.
Frames D&P 40 pair.		1.
Switchboards U.C. 10-line.		1.
" R&P 40-line.		1.
Wireless Sets No. 18.		5; (U.S.)
" " No. 48.		55. (5. U.S.)
" " No. 19.		10. (U.S.)
" " No. 21.		5.
" " No. 22.		6. (U.S.)
Wavemeter C1 "C" or "D"		2.
Charging Sets 300w.		4.
" " 1260w.		1.
Avometers Universal		1;

Stores not enumerated in DMT/38/4/MT1 dated 2nd. FEB '45.

Drums Cable No. 5.

15.

Batteries Sec. Port. 6v 40amp.

15.

Charging Sets 300w.

" " 1260w.

Avometers Universal

Stores not enumerated in DWT/88/4/MT1 dated 2nd. FEB '45.

Drums Cable No;5.

Batteries Sec. Port. 6v 40amp.

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Appx. "B".

Hereunder is list of outstanding deficiencies.

Cable Electric DV111 Twisted Miles	5.
Ladders P.T.	2.
Wireless Sets No. 11.	15.
Charging Sets 4KW or Sub.	1.
Avominors	2.

Stores not enumerated in DMT/88/4/MT1 dated 2nd: FEB '45.

Reels Cable No: 1.	57.
Buzzers Sig. Training.	30.
Chests Tool Filled M.T.	2.
Cases " " I.M.	2.
Typewriters	1.
Duplicators.	1.

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Buzzers etc. training.

Chests Tool Filled M.T.

Cases " " I.M.

Typewriters

Duplicators.

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1.

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SUBJECT: Progress Report No.4, Signals. (INFO ICF).

H' Br Trm Incr
INFO ICF.

Ref: BVI/A.10/75

26 March 1945

G' Trg Unit to Italian Army

F' MU RTO ICF
SO R. Sigs, MMIARef BTU/D9/13 dated 23 Mar 45, herewith progress report No.4 for
Signals, RTO ICF.1. GENERAL PROGRESS (Training)

Classes at the Signal School, NOCERA, are now in their eighth week of training and fairly satisfactory progress is being made. IR training which was lagging behind the rest of the courses, is now making good progress since the recent receipt of ten M/Cs.

2. COURSES. (a) Intake and Output of Students.

A table showing courses now being conducted at the Signal School and the projected INTAKE and OUTPUT of students, is given in Appendix 'B'.

(b) Programmes of Training.

Syllabus showing the outlined programme for these courses, is given at Appendix 'C'. These programmes are based upon British Qualification Sheets for each signal trade, suitably modified by me to meet Italian requirements and passed to MMIA for approval.

(c) Numbers held (excl Perm Staff)

At NOCERA:-

Signals (Genio).

Arty.

Inf.

24

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At NOCERA:-

Signals (Genio).	94
Arty.	26
Inf.	46
	<u>166</u>

At BRACCIANO:-

Signals (Genio).	83
(a) Conversion Trg	124
(b) Recruits	207
	<u>207</u>
Total.	<u>373</u>

(d) Instructional Staff (Italian).

(i) Deficiencies against WE.

Officers	-	-	NIL
ORA	-	-	

Specialist Instructors required to complete WE are being found by SARE. The deficiency figure is small. Up-to-date details are not immediately available.

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(a) Instructional Staff (Italian). (Cont'd)(ii) Standard of Instruction.

Technical instruction is fairly good, but supervision of this instruction (other than the tactful supervision exercised by the small British Staff) is very poor indeed.

With few exceptions the Instructional Staff (Italian) is inclined to be inconsistent and unpunctual, but under British supervision displays bursts of enthusiasm in the right direction.

(e) Equipment.

(i) Detailed deficiencies of outstanding urgency are shown in Appendix 'A' (1)

(ii) A detailed statement of controlled stores received during the month is given in Appendix 'A' (2)

(f) Administration(i) Accommodation.

Owing to the accommodation situation there was no INTAKE of students to the Signal School during the month of March. A genuine effort is being made by all concerned to solve this difficulty, and it is now anticipated that the move from NOCIERA to BRACCIANO will be possible early in April.

If the School accommodation is finally ready for occupation at BRACCIANO on time, the April INTAKE of students will include the March INTAKE, and the school will thus be functioning to full capacity by the end of April.

Barracks at BRACCIANO for Signals (incl Arty and Inf Signallers under instruction) will be required to accommodate approximately 800 men apart from the allotment of class rooms, technical stores, etc.

The 800 figure is made up as follows:-

Ex- NOCIERA	320 approx
Already at BRACCIANO	250 "
2nd and 3rd Intake	

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Ex- NOGEMA	320 approx
Already at BRACCLANO	250 "
2nd and 3rd Intake	
Inf and Arty	216 "
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Total.	786 "

With the Engineer School located in the same barracks as the Signal School, accommodation will be somewhat cramped, but it is the intention to overcome this by erecting tentage to house the overflow.

(ii) Hygiene.

A general all-round improvement is apparent with regard to hygiene although, by British standards, much remains to be done to improve the condition of cookhouses, latrines, etc.

(iii) Welfare.

Welfare amenities of any description have so far not been forthcoming; anything in this line would be greatly appreciated.

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(f) Administration, (Cont'd)(iv) Morale.

Appears to be resignedly low among the officers generally. A few of them quietly bemoan their post-war fate as the "losers". A large number of them are worried over family matters, and complain that they cannot now afford to keep their families on their pay.

Most of the Italian ORs are cheerful and well-behaved. They sometimes display mild discontent regarding pay, lack of amenities, shortage of soap, etc, but their complaints are good-humoured and show intelligent understanding of the situation regarding these matters. They often pass uncomplimentary remarks about Italian officers to the British NCOs and this is definitely discouraged.

(g) General.

The junior officers and senior NCOs, with rare exceptions, lack backbone. Drill parades are bad because the rank and file are seldom "checked" for anything.

All ranks are prone to loiter in groups whenever they feel like "dodging the programme" or having a gossip, and they are overinclined to allow idle curiosity to distract their attention from whatever they should be doing.

The impression conveyed to me after three months in my present appointment is that NCOs stripes on an Italian soldier mean nothing to the wearer, and still less to his comrades.

Junior officers generally appear to maintain a completely negative attitude with regard to matters affecting the men, and a half-frightened subservience toward their superiors.

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I have found that both officers and men never admit that they may be wrong in any matter. They always proffer an excuse.

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Appendix 'A' (1)

Equipment
Signal School, RMC IOT.

DETAILS OF DEFICIENCIES OF OUTSTANDING URGENCY

These items will be required at BRACCIANO by 7 April, 1945 as it is expected that the Signal School will expand to full capacity of Students on or about that date after moving from NOCERA.

Cable Ml. D. VIII Single, miles	2
Cable Ml. D. VIII Twisted, miles	5
Reels, Cable, No. 1	47
Apparatus, Cable laying (No. 2 or 6)	17
" " " (No. 3)	1
Ladders, FT	2
Wireless Sets, No. 11	15
" " No. 18 or 48	35
" " No. 21	5
Charging Sets, 1260. W	1
" " 4 KW	1
Belts, Linemans.	28
Progs, Pliers.	48
Pliers, sidecutting, 7", Pairs	48
Poles, Tele, wood, light, 17 ft	20
Pins, earth	32
Pipes, earth	6
Lamps, DSR (with stand).	3
Buzzers, Signal training.	30
Training Sets, W/T.	4

Appendix 'A' (2)

Equipment
Signal School, RMC IOT

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Ladders, FT	2
Wireless Sets, No. 11	15
" " " No. 18 or 48	35
" " " No. 21	5
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" " " 4 KH	1
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Buzzers, Signal training.	30
Training Sets, w/r.	4

Appendix 'A' (2)

Equipment

Signal School, RMC ICF

Details of equipment received during MARCH are as under:-

Coils, C. 161	4
Tele Sets, D, Mk V	34
" " L	4
Wire Stay, BB	1
Frames, D & P (10 wire)	2
Instruments, testing.	4
Miles	

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PROPOSED INTAKE AND OUTPUT OF STUDENTS TO ITALIAN SIGNAL

Trade.	I-N-T-A-K-E						Output		
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	July.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
(GENIO SIGNALS)									
Operators, Wireless.	25	-	50	-	25	25	-	-	-
Operators, Line.	27	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	2
Switchboard Ops.	4	-	6	4	4	4	3	-	-
Linemen.	-	-	9	9	9	9	-	-	-
D.Rs.	11	-	11	-	11	-	-	10	-
Instrument Mechanics.	16	3	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
Electricians, Sigs.	5	-	5	-	5	-	-	4	-
(Inf SIGNALLERS)									
Regtl Oprs. (Inf).	49	-	98	49	49	49	-	-	4
Regtl Linemen. (Inf).	-	-	22	22	22	22	-	-	2
Switchboard Ops. (Inf).	9	-	9	9	9	9	8	-	-
(Arty SIGNALLERS)									
Regtl Oprs. (Arty).	30	-	60	30	30	30	-	-	2
Regtl Linemen. (Arty).	-	-	18	18	18	18	-	-	1
Regtl Switchboard Ops. (Arty).	9	-	9	9	9	9	8	-	-
TOTALS.	185	-	299	177	204	175	19	14	16

NOTES: (a) No intake during March owing to accommodation difficulties.
 (b) No intake of linemen (for Signals, Arty and Inf) during Feb on

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APPENDIX 'B'

IN AND OUTPUT OF STUDENTS TO ITALIAN SIGNAL TRAINING CENTRE.

A-K-E			Output at END of each Month.								
May.	Jun.	July.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.
-	25	25	-	-	-	23	-	46	-	23	23
27	-	-	-	-	24	-	-	24	-	-	24
4	4	4	3	-	6	3	3	3	3	3	3
9	9	9	-	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
-	11	-	-	10	-	10	-	10	-	10	-
-	13	-	-	-	-	35 12	-	-	-	12	-
-	5	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
49	49	49	-	-	45	-	90	45	45	45	45
22	22	22	-	-	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
9	9	9	8	-	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
30	30	30	-	-	27	-	54	27	27	27	27
18	18	18	-	-	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
9	9	9	8	-	8	8 1	8	8	8	8	8
177	204	175	19	14	102	115 118	207	219	135	104	102

owing to accommodation difficulties.
 for Signals, Arty and Inf) during Feb on instructions from MFA.

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Operators Wireless Course.17 Weeks.Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 Training periods of one hour per week.
Total number of periods..... 816.

Subject.	No. of periods.
1. <u>Operating.</u>	
(a) Initial Lectures.	4.
(b) Key manipulation; (Merse Instruction).	54.
(c) Collective Buzzer Reading.	100.
(d). Pair Working.	70.
(e) Group Working.	80.
2. <u>Procedure.</u>	
Normal Procedure and R.T. Procedure.)	
Signal Office Duties and Records.Codes.)	40.
Signal Security.)	
3. E. and M. and Wireless Theory;	90.
4. <u>Wireless Instruments.</u>	
No. 9 Set.) Lectures fault finding	30.
No. 19 Set.) and maintenance.	60.
No. 22 Set.) Siting-Aerials etc.	60.
Wavemeters.	6.
Batteries and Charging.	30.
5. <u>Exercises.</u>	80.
6. <u>Periodical Testing.</u>	44.
7. <u>Non - Signal Training.</u>	
P.T. and Drill.)	
Inspections.)	
Medical Lectures Etc.)	68.

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No. 9 Set.) Lectures Radio Training	60.
No. 19 Set.) and maintenance.	60.
No. 22 Set.) Siting-Aerials etc.	6.
Wavemeters.	30.
Batteries and Charging.	80.
5. Exercises.	44.
6. Periodical Testing.	
7. Non - Signal Training.	
P.T. and Drill.	)
Inspections.	)
Medical Lectures Etc.	)
Map Reading.	)
	68.
Total.	816.

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Operators Line Course.13 Weeks.Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 Training Periods each of one hour.
 Total Periods;;;..... 624.

Subject.NO. of Periods:

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| 1. <u>Operating.</u> | |
| (a) Lectures; | 4. |
| (b) Key Manipulation; Morse Instruction. | 54. |
| (c) Collective Buzzer Reading. | 110. |
| (d) Pair Working; | 156. |

2. Procedure. (incl. Signal Security).

Signal Office Duties and Records. Codes. 50.

3. E. and M.

Elementary Principles. 30.

4. Instruments.

Lectures, practical testing and maintenance. 80.

5. Exercises.

64.

6. Periodical Testing.

24.

7. N/A - Signal Training.

P.T. and Drill;

Inspections;

Medical Lectures etc.)

52.

Lectures, practical testing and maintenance. 80.

64. ■

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P.T. and Drill;

52

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Total. 524.

Operators line are given ten more periods on PROCEDURE than Operators Wireless are given. The former usually require to know more about Sig. Clerks duties. B.

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3.

Switchboards Operators Course.4 Weeks.Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 Training Periods each of one hour per week.
Total Periods 192.

<u>Subject.</u>	<u>NO; of Periods;</u>
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E; and M.

Elementary - cells - the Telephone,	)
calling devices - indicators - switchboards.	)
	)
	24.

Instruments.

Telephones D5 and F; and L.	)
Switchboard U.C. 10 Line.	)
Switchboard F and F.	)
	36.

Procedure.

L.T. Procedure and Phonograms.	)
Switchboard Operating Procedure.	)
Signal Office Duties and Records.	)
Signal Security.	)
	24.

Operating.

(a) Switchboards Schemes.	)
(b) Phonograms pair work.	)
	84.

General.

24.

Signal Office Duties and Records.
Signal Security.

Operating.

- (a) Switchboards Schemes.
- (b) Phonograms pair work.

84.

General.

- P.T. and Drill.
- Medical Lectures.
- Inspections Etc.

24.

Total. 192.

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4.

Short Course for Linemen.Outline.

Syllabus based on 4 weeks each of 48 periods.

No. of Periods.Subject:E. and M.

Elementary Principles.

24.

Instruments.

Connect up, adjust, change cells,
microphone capsules, etc. (no tools
to be used on instruments.);

Telephones D5, F, and L;

Pullerphone;

Switchboard U.C. 10 Line;

Switchboard F and F;

Superimposing Units.

Frames D. and P;

Test Set Portable No.2.

24.

Cable Laying Drill.

(a) Lectures.

(b) C.L. No.3 (from vehicle).

(c) Mechanical Layer No.1;

H; and J. practice and Crossings.

108.

Switchboard F and F;
Superimposing Units.
Frames D. and F;
Test Set Portable No.2.

Cable Laying Drill.

- (a) Lectures.
- (b) C.L. No.3 (from vehicle).
- (c) Mechanical Layer No.1;
H; and J. practice and Crossings.

) 108.

General.

Line Testing.
Maintenance of cable and equipment.

4.
8.

Non - Signal Training.

P.T. and Drill;
Medical Lectures.
Map Reading.
Inspections Etc.

24.

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Total. 192.

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<u>Instruments Mechanics Course.</u>		5.
		<u>17 weeks.</u>
<u>Outline.</u>		
Syllabus based on 48 Training Periods each of one hour per week.		
Total Periods.		816.
<u>Subject.</u>	<u>No. of Periods.</u>	
(a). Knowledge of Training Manuals,	)	
electricity and magnetism.	)	102.
(b). <u>Instruments and Testing.</u>		
Lectures and Instruction on all types on charge.	)	
(a) Line Instruments.	)	330.
(b) Wireless Instruments.	)	
(c). <u>Practical bench work and use of tools.</u>		330.
(d). <u>General Military Training.</u>		
P.T. and Drill.	)	
Medical Lectures etc.	)	54.
Inspections.	)	
Total.		816.

(e). Practical bench work and use of tools.

330.

(a). General Military Training.

P.T. and Drill.

Medical Lectures etc.

Inspections.

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Total.

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6.
8 Weeks.Electrician Signals.Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 hours periods weekly for eight weeks.

Total number of Periods. 384.

Subject.No. of Periods.

1. (a) Knowledge of Manuals applicable to)
~~for~~ apparatus in current use.) 96.
 (b) Electricity and Magnetism. }

2. (a) Primary and Secondary Batteries.)
 (b) Electrical testing and measuring)
 instruments.) 48.
 (c) Telephones. }

3. Manipulative Work.

- (a) Jointing wires and cables.)
 (b) Soft Soldering.) 36.
 (c) Make off Flexible cords. }

4. Charging Engines.

Operate and Maintain. 146.

5. Map Reading.

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36.

4. Charging Engines.

Operate and Maintain.

146.

5. Map reading.

Elementary Knowledge.

10.

6. Non - Signal Training.

- P.T. and Drill.
- Medical Lectures.
- Inspections Etc.

48.

Total. 384.

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7.

Regimental Operators Course & Arty. 9.13 Weeks.Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 hourly periods per week.
Total Periods. 624 ~~384~~.

Subject.No. of Periods.1. Electricity and Magnetism.

20.

2. Operating.

(a) Lectures.

2.

(b) Key manipulation.

40.

(c) Collective buzzer reading.

70.

(d) ~~Exercise~~ Pair and group practice.

100.

(e) Lamp sending and reading;

70.

(f) Exchange operating practice & phonograms practice.

10.

3. Procedure.

Signal Office Duties and Records. 9

Signal Security.)

R/T Procedure. W/T Procedure)

25.

4. Instruments.

(a) L/T and V/T - description- setting up)

and operating- tests and maintenance.)

Telephone, DF and Pullerphone)

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3. Procedure.

Signal Office Duties and Records. 9

Signal Security.) 25.

R/T Procedure. W/T Procedure)

4. Instruments.

(a) L/T and V/T - description- setting up)

and operating- tests and maintenance.)

Telephone D5 and Fullerphone) 10.

S.U.C. 10 Line- Superimposing Unit)

(1 transformer) Lamp S.D.S.R. and)

~~W/T Set No. 22.21.~~ Test Set, Port }
19 22.(b) W/T Sets 18/43") Description, setting
W/T Set No; 22.21.) and tuning; remote control
19 22.) sitting station & use of aerials. 78.

Wavemeters- description and use of.)

Charging (300 Watt Chg Engine) and

maintenance of secondary batteries. 10.

5. Line Laying.Principles of - cable laying and jointing -
use of A.C.L. Nos 2 and 3. 26;6; Exercises.

120.

7. ~~W/T~~ Signal Training.

Drill and P.T. 9

Medical Lectures - Map Reading.
Inspections Etc. } 43.Total 624.

practice. 10.

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8.
13 Weeks.Regimental Operators Course (Infy.).Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 hourly periods per week.
Total Number of periods 624.

No; of Periods.
20.

Subject.

1. Electricity and Magnetism.

2. Operating.

- (a) Lectures. 2.
(b) Key manipulation; 40.
(c) Buzzer - collective reading. 70;
(d) ~~Pair work and group practice.~~ 100.
(e) Lamp reading and sending. 80.
(f) Exchange operating practice. 20.

3. Procedure.

Normal procedure - R/T Procedure - Signal Office Duties, 25.
Signal Security - Codes. *Signal office Records.*

4. Instruments.

- (a) L/T & V/T - description - setting up and operating
and routine maintenance; Telephone D5 & Fullerphone.
S.U.C. 10 Line & Superimposing Unit (1st transferler) 28.
~~Test setting up.~~ Lamp S.D.S.R.
(b) W/T Sets 18/48 - detailed description - netting
drill - routine tests and maintenance - use of
aerials. 50.

5. Line Laying.

Principles of - cable jointing - use of a
Line men's equipment generally. 26.

6. Exercises.

120.

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4. Instruments.

- (a) L/T & V/T - description - setting up and operating and routine maintenance; Telephone D5 & Fullerphone. S.U.C. 10 Line & Superimposing Unit (12 transferler)

28.

~~W/T Sets 18/48~~ Lamp S.D.S.R.

- (b) W/T Sets 18/48 - detailed description - netting drill - routine tests and maintenance - use of aeriaks.

50.

5. Line Laying.

Principles of - cable jointing - use of a Lineans equipment generally.

26.

6. Exercises.

120.

6. Non - Signal Training.

P.T. and Drill.
Medical Lectures.
Inspections Etc.
Map Reading.

43.

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D.R.s Course.4 Weeks;Outline.

Syllabus based on 48 training periods weekly.
Total number of periods 192.

<u>Subject.</u>	<u>No. of periods.</u>
1. <u>D.R. Duties.</u>	
(a) Army Organisation- to assist in the location of Units etc. in the Field.	8.
(b) Duties of D.R. Clerk.	4.
(c) Ride a Bicycle.	))
(d) Ride a Motor Cycle.	60.
2. <u>Maintenance of M/C</u> and knowledge of M/C Engine.	36.
3. <u>Map Reading.</u>	
1; Conventional Signs.	)
2. Use of Maps - Practice.	)
3. Use of Scales.	)
4. Setting Maps by Various Means.	)
5. Use of Map References.	)
6. Visibility of points.	)
7. Bearings.	)
8. Memorizing of Routes by Map Study.)	24.
4. <u>Linemen's Duties.</u>	
(a) Knotting and jointing and principles of cable laying.	))) 24.

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2. Use of Maps - Practice.	)	
3. Use of Scales.	)	
4. Setting Maps by Various Means.	)	24.
5. Use of Map References.	)	
6. Visibility of points.	)	
7. Bearings.	)	
8. Memorizing of Routes by Map Study.	)	
4. Linemen's Duties.		
(a) Knotting and jointing and principles of cable laying.	)	24.
(b). Telephones, Buzzer & Magneto.	)	
(c). Recommendations & report on line	)	
5. Non - Signal Training.		
P.T. and Drill.	)	36.
Inspections Etc.	)	
Medical Lectures.	)	
		564
Total.		192.

NB. Men who claim to have had previous motorcycle experience are selected for this short course.

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-----Subject:- PROGRESS REPORT No.3
SIGNALS, R.T.C., I.C.F.
-----Commanding, B.L.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.

Reference your G/6/4/2 dated 6 MAR 45, herewith No.3 Progress Report for Signals, RTC., ICF. Please renumber my letters G/1 dated 4 FEB, and G/12 of 5 MAR 45, as 'PROGRESS REPORTS' No 1 and No 2 respectively.

1. TRAINING.(a) Signal School NOCERA.

Classes are now in their seventh week of training.

Good progress has been made by all trades under instruction except Despatch Riders, which were held up by the lack of motorcycles.

Since Report No 2, ten motorcycles have been collected from RASC., TD., under arrangements made by DMT, and it is now estimated that fifteen despatch riders will complete training by 3 APR.

Crash helmets, goggles and gloves, have been obtained from 557 BOD., NAPLES, for D.R.'s training.

Training of wireless operators for Arty and Genio Signals has now reached a stage where the lack of wireless vehicles is beginning to be felt. The issue of 14 trucks on the W.E. of the Signal School is still awaited; suitable vehicles are not yet available at R.V.P.

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An up-to-date estimate regarding the move of the Signal School to BRACCIANO will be given when I visit CESANO on 21 MAR.

(b) Signals Reinforcements (3^o Regt - Misto- BRACCIANO)⁴
The training cadre from NOCERA attached to 3^o Regt w.e.f. 6 MAR, has 83 signals reinforcements (trained on Iti. equipment) under instruction on Br. equipment.

124 untrained signalmen at BRACCIANO await the transference of the School from NOCERA, and are now receiving initial training under arrangements made with Col^o SIVO.

(c) Arty Signallers, BRACCIANO. ⁹⁶
A training cadre of 1 Signals Officer and 2 Sergeants (Asst. Instructors), with Br. signals equipment on loan from Signal School, are attached 3^o Regt w.e.f. 21 MAR for the instruction of Arty signallers reinforcements.

Sheet 21. (a) Inf Signallers, CESANO.

In response to a call from G2 (Inf), three Italian signals officers, instructors, trained at NOCERA on Br. equipment, were sent to CESANO on 18 MAR to organise and carry out the training of Inf signallers held as reinforcements. These three officers are surplus to V.E. of the Signal School.

G2 (Inf) has informed me that G.1098 Signal Equipment for Inf specialists at CESANO is expected. Some assistance in this respect can be given by the Signal School if required.

2. DISCIPLINE.

Discipline is improving at the Signal School but lags a long way behind Br. standards in every respect, although the men are generally well behaved.

Great strides have been made with regard to hygiene and sanitation, and barrack rooms, stores, etc., are almost up to best Br. standards.

A lack of proper care of arms is apparent and is being cured.

Petty thefts of clothing in barrack rooms have occurred and steps have been taken to prevent a recurrence.

3. WELFARE & RECREATION.

(a) Welfare amenities of any description have so far not been forthcoming; anything in this line would be greatly appreciated.

(b) Weekly, free film shows are now given for students at Signal School, NOCERA, at the local cinema by arrangements made with the proprietors.

4. OFFICIAL VISITS & INSPECTIONS.

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19 MAR 45

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Captain, R. Signals,
S.O. R. Signals, R.T.C., I.C.F.

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Progress Report No 2
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Subject:- Signal Training, R.T.C., I.C.F.

Commanding B.T.U., R.T.C., I.C.F.

1. OPERATORS, URGENT DEMAND FOR.

Ref your A/7/138 dated 21 FEB 45 regarding the urgent demand for Operators Wireless and Line. On 27 FEB 45 I discovered that 120 part-trained men (60 Wireless and 60 Line) were being held by 3 Regt at BRACCIANO and that the "UFFICIO PERSONALE" at the R.T.C. was not aware of their existence owing to mistakes in returns which had been rendered by 3 Regt. Since this discovery, 37 Operators have been posted to Gruppi, and the balance, 83, are now being trained at BRACCIANO on British signals equipment by instructors from the Signal School, NOCERA. These 83 operators are already trained on Italian equipment and it is estimated that they will be sufficiently advanced on British equipment to warrant their being sent fwd to take part in ops after four weeks further training.

2. SIGNAL SCHOOL, NOCERA.

(a) The following are under training at NOCERA.

It is pointed that these men started from "scratch":-

Trade.	No.	Due to complete on; Date.
Operators Wireless (Genio)	22	6 JUN 45
Operators Line (Genio)	27	9 MAY 45
Operators, Arty	26	9 MAY 45
Operators, Inf	46	9 MAY 45
Instrument Mechanics (Genio)	16	6 JUN 45
Electrician Signals (Genio)	5	4 APR 45
Despatch Riders (Genio)	15	5 MAR 45
Switchboard Ops (Genio)	9	do.
Arty	3	do.

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Switchboard Ops (Genio)	9	do.
do.	3	do.
do.	6	do.

Total 175

* The DR's are held up owing to lack of M/C's.

(b) A further 120 men are now being despatched to the Signal School, NOCERA, to commence training as operators or as lip-men on 12 MAR. This number cannot at present be exceeded owing to the school accommodation situation, but the numbers of students, by arms, is roughly in proportion to recent demands.

Arty		25
Sigs		35
Inf		60

Total, 120.

3. UNTRAINED SIGNALS PERSONNEL.

At present 15 signals officers and 124 untrained signals O.R's are held by 3 Regt at BRACCIANO (in addition to the 83 part-trained men mentioned in para.1) During the time the officers are held as reinforcements, and whilst the men await vacancies at the Signal School, as much signal training as possible should be included in their daily routine, e.g., Electricity and Magnetism, Wireless Theory and Procedure

and Map Reading, etc; To assist in this I have handed over from the Signal School, 50 copies of every available signals pamphlet (Br-Iti) to the Signals Instr attached to 3 Regt (Ten. Scioconetti).

~~In the absence of classrooms, tables and forms, etc., barracksrooms will be made use of for lectures, the men using their rolled blankets as seats.~~

4. TRANSPORT.

14 Wireless vehicles on the W.E. of the Signal School are not yet available for issue at R.V.P.

The issue of 14 motorcycles is also awaited. This is seriously hampering D.R. training; the only machine at present available for this purpose being of an old Italian two-stroke type.

5 MAR 45

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