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Branch Monthly Progress Report

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LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION, AC(MITA) CMC.

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4 Dec. 46.

101 (S), M. MITA.

Subject :- Monthly Activity Report.

1. Work continues to make good progress at the Italian School of Signals, CECCHIGNOLA.
2. The disposal of all communications from M. MITA to its RMs., and vice versa, of security classification CONFIDENTIAL and below through Italian channels seems to be working well.
3. The Italian working party at PORTOFINO has been engaged throughout November and is still engaged in identifying and concentrating material.
4. Major W.A.T. MORECOMBE, R. Signals, S.O.S. Signals, M. MITA, has been selected to attend Telecoms. course commencing in U.K. on 24 Jan. He will be relieved of his present duties as soon as possible by Major DUNN ex. S.O.S. Signal Regiment.

W.A.T. Morecombe, Major,
S.O.S. Signal Regiment.

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6 Nov. 1946

G (SD), HQ, M.M.I.A.

Subject:- Monthly Activity Report.

1. At the Italian School of Signals, CECCHIGNOLA, progress continues to be made in all directions. The transport situation is very bad, however, and is making the training of driver-operators and despatch riders very difficult.
2. The consignment of Signal stores received from PONTAGNANO during July is in process of being distributed. I visited the 557 B.O.D. Sub-Depots at PONTAGNANO and LA PICCIOLA on 23 and 25 Oct. and 1st and 2nd Nov. with Lt.Col. IANUARINO of the "Direzioe Generale del Genio" in order to earmark the signal equipment which the Italian Army will take before ARAR commences to sell in the civilian market. A working party under an Italian Genio subaltern is now engaged in concentrating this material so that it can quickly be moved to Rome when the release is received.
3. Permission has been received from G.H.Q. to dispose of all messages and letters of classification CONFIDENTIAL and below to the F.L.Us via the Italian Ministry of War Signal Office. The Ministry has already agreed to grant us the necessary facilities. A R. Signals M.C.O. will be on duty at the M. of W. Signal Office from 0800 to 1800 hrs daily in order to maintain a separate Signal Register and to facilitate the rectification of errors in routing etc.

July is in process of being classified. The document is at PONTAGNATO and IA PICCIOLA on 23 and 25 Oct. and 1st and 2nd Nov. with Lt. Col. IANMARINO of the "Direzioe Generale del Genio" in order to earmark the signal equipment which the Italian Army will take before ARAR commences to sell in the civilian market. A working party under an Italian Genio subaltern is now engaged in concentrating this material so that it can quickly be moved to Rome when the release is received.

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S.O.R. Major

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SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.O.
(M.M.I.A.)
K 524.
[October 46.]

To: "C" (ED), H.Q., M.M.I.A.

1. The second series of courses at the Italian School of Signals, GENOVA, duly began during the month. The works at the School continue to make good progress, and the C.R.'s cook-house, a really magnificent creation, is now functioning. Full details are contained in my report to the Commander, 12 B.N.
2. The sorting out of the Signal Controlled Stores situation has not ^{yet} been completed.
3. The Ministry of War has agreed to adopt in toto my proposals regarding the nomenclature of Signals trades (My V 508 dated 30 August 46, copies to C (ED) and C (Training) and Ministry of War letter 4628/2x3/T dated 15 September refer).
4. Correspondence still continues between this office and that of the C.B.O., C.H.Q., C.M.F. regarding communications between H.Q., M.M.I.A. and the B.L.U.'s.
5. By 30 September all necessary preparations had been made by the Ministry of War for the assumption by the Italian Army of responsibility for their codes and code-signs.

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W.A.T. HOPKINS, Major,
S.C.P. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report.

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

X 52A.

5 September 46

To: "C" Training, H.Q., M.M.T.A.

1. Good progress continues to be made at the Italian School of Signals, CREMONA. Full details are contained in my report to the Commander, 12 B.L.U.
2. The Signal Controlled Stores situation is still in process of being sorted out. Full details will be given when a complete census is available of the stores received from the H.Q.D. and subsequently issued to the various subordinate formations. It can be stated now, however, that no serious shortages are anticipated.
3. The question of nomenclature of signal trades has been discussed with the Ispettorato del Genio and full agreement has been reached. Details are given in my X 508 dated 30 August 46, copies to C (SD) and C (Training).
4. The problem of communications between H.Q., M.M.T.A. and the B.L.U's has been reviewed. Details of the proposed solution are given in my X 500/1/1 dated 4 September 46, copy to C (SD).
5. It has been decided that the Italian Ministry of War will assume responsibility for codes and code-grams in the Italian Army w.e.f. 1 October 46. The necessary books and documents have been prepared by the Ministry or are in the course of preparation.

W.A.T. Morecombe, Major,
W.A.T. MORECOMBE, Major,
S.C.R. Signals,
M.M.T.A.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report.

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

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To: "C" Training, H.Q., M.M.I.A.

1. Herewith report for July 46.
2. During the month several visits were paid to the Italian School of Signals, CERNICOLA. Good progress continues to be made in all directions. Full details are given in my report to the Commander, 12 B.I.U.
3. On 25 July the W.F. of an Internal Security Brigade, into which each of the three present Internal Security Divisions are to be organised, was presented to me as a "fait accompli", having been already passed by the Italian WFO. As the signals organisation was patently unsatisfactory, this portion of the W.F. was completely redrafted and the new proposals have been submitted by G(ND) to the War Ministry.
4. No details are yet to be had regarding the progress made in the distribution of signal controlled stores to the Italian Inf Divs.
5. Major D.R. SKINNER, P. Signals, Instructor R. Signals 12 B.I.U., left this theatre for U.K. on release on 6 July 46.

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W.A.T. MORRIS, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Acti. by Report.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(H.M. I.A.)
X 524,
5 July 46.

To: "G" (Training), H.M. I.A.

1. Herewith report for June 46.
2. A tour was made commencing on 22 June and ending on 30 June. During this period 4, 2, and 7 B.L.U.'s and the BRUNNA, GARROVA, and POLIGNO Italian Inf Divs were visited. It became evident from these visits that the Ministry of War does not make enough effort to keep the Divs "in the picture", by sending them copies of new war establishments, scales of stores, etc and, as far as signals are concerned, at any rate, no Ministry of War representatives ever make liaison visits to discuss problems and obtain the views of the Divisions on signal matters generally. It is appreciated that the Ministry is having considerable printing difficulties, but much more could be done to engender closer liaison than is being done at present. I am taking this matter up with the Direzione and Spettatore del Genio.
3. The Italian Signal School at ORSICOLA continues to make steady progress and should be very satisfactory and well-organised in time for the arrival of the second batch of recruits.
4. The Signal Controlled stores for the Italian Interior Army have now been received and are in the hands of the Ministry of War who are accepting my advice regarding distribution. Up to now it has not been possible to commence distribution owing to the slowness of some of the Divs in rendering returns of stores held but these have now all been received and issues will begin in the very near future.
5. The system of British military communications in Italy continued to degenerate throughout the month, and communications to Sicily have ceased to exist. In consequence this H.M. has to rely on the Ministry of War for the despatch of official mail to Sicily. The whole question of external communications for this Mission will be reviewed as soon as possible.

W.H. Morecombe, Major,
H.M. I.A. (CORRESPONDENT, Major).

4. The signal controlled stores for the Italian Interim Army have now been received and are in the hands of the Ministry of War who are awaiting my advice regarding distribution. Up to now it has not been possible to commence distribution owing to the slowness of some of the Divs in rendering returns of stores held but these have now all been received and issues will begin in the very near future.

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W.H. Macomber, Major,
H.A.T. COMMUNICATIONS, Major,
S.C.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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July 1946

WAR DIARY

July 4	Visited Italian School of Signals, GEBBIGNOLA, with Major SKINNER, Instructor
July 6	Major SKINNER departed for U.S. on release.
July 17	Visited Italian School of Signals.
July 25	Visited Italian School of Signals.

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WAR DIARY

M.M.I.R. (X Branch)

Major Morecombe, R. Signals.

CHOCIGNOLA, with Major SKINNER, Instructor R. Signals, 12 B.I.U.

release.

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

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NOTES ON ACTIVITIES OF "X" BRANCH, HQ. H.M.I.A.

1. Domestic communications within HQ H.M.I.A. Preparation of telephone directories.
2. External communications necessary for H.M.I.A. Up to now these have been provided by the normal R. Signals communications network in Italy and Sicily, but this network is gradually feeding out, and the whole matter will have to be reviewed in the near future.
3. Preparation of proposed W.E's for Italian Signal formations. Discussion of these W.E's with Ministry of War representatives and consideration of the latter's counter-proposals.
4. Preparation of series of Signal Controlled stores for the Italian Interim Army and Carabinieri. The obtaining of releases for these stores from G.H.Q., C.M.F., and the supervision of their distribution.
5. Issue of frequencies and instructions regarding code-signs and "Slider" to the Ministry of War and to B.I.U.'s for the various Territorial Commands and Italian Inf Divs.
6. Visits to B.I.U.'s, Territorial Commands, and Italian Inf Divs to discuss problems personally with the people directly concerned and to settle as many difficulties as possible on the spot.
7. Supervision of the organisation and training at the Italian School of Signals at GENOVA. An Instructor, R.Sigs (Major) is provided for this purpose on the staff of 12 B.I.U. but during April and May the officer holding this appointment, Maj D.R. SKINNER, R.Sigs, was in the U.K. and is now about to be released without replacement, owing to the extreme shortage of R.Sigs officers in this theatre.

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W.A.T. MORROW, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
H.M.I.A.

1 July 46.

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1 July 46.

W.A.T.

W.A.T. MORROCCO, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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Subject :- Monthly Activity Report

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

X 524

3 June 46.

To:- 'G' (Training), H.Q., M.M.I.A.

From:- S.O.R. Signals.

1. Herewith report for May 46.
2. Major D.R. Skinner, R. Sigs., Instructor R. Sigs., 12 D.L.U., reported back for duty ex-U.K. on 24 May.
3. Full-scale training at the Italian Signal School duly commenced early in the month. All the stores on the interim demand, lease electrolyte, arrived at the School on 21 May. Progress continues to be made in respect of the works services.
4. A conference was held at this H.Q. a.m. 24 May with regard to my proposed W.E. for an Italian Signal Bn and the counter-proposals of the Ministry of War. The following Officers attended:-

Brig. Hope, B.C.S., H.Q. M.M.I.A.

Maj. Birmingham, G II (SD), H.Q. M.M.I.A.

Maj. Morecombe, S.O. II R. Sigs., H.Q. M.M.I.A.

Col. Caszini, Ispettorato del Genio.

Magg. Di Laura, Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

The proposed W.E. produced by Magg. Di Laura was, in my opinion, unsatisfactory and appeared to have entirely ignored my proposed W.E. Certain of my criticisms were accepted, largely due to the support of Col. Caszini, and amendments were duly inserted. One of my suggestions that cipher personnel should belong to Signals and not to Intelligence was left open at the Conference and has since formed the subject of a letter from C (SD), this H.Q., to the Ministry of War.

5. The wireless equipment for the Carabinieri, complete to scale as demanded, arrived in Rome on 27 May. This equipment is now in process of being sorted and inspected prior to distribution. It appears that the Carabinieri have not used as a training cadre the 9 Officers, 22 NCOs and 51 ORs who successfully completed a wireless operators course at the School of Signals, Cecognola early in March. Consequently the training of a considerable number of personnel in wireless operators' duties will be necessary before the proposed wireless layout can be completed.

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Ministry of War. The following Officers attended:-

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 Maj. Birmingham, C. VI (SB), H.A. M.M.I.A.
 Maj. Horecombe, S.O. II R. Sigs., H.A. M.M.I.A.
 Col. Gaszini, Ispettorato del Genio.
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W.A.M. MORTIMER, Major,
 S.O.R. Signals,
 M.M.I.A.

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June 1946

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June 14 Visited Italian Signal School, CECILIA with Major SKIDNER, Instructor.

22/28 Tour ROMA-GENOA-TURIN-FLORENCE-ROMA. Visited 1, 2 and 7 B.L.U.'s and CENOT

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W.M.I.A. (X French)
Major Morecombe, R. Sigs.

DIGNOLA with Major SKINNER, Instructor R. Sigs, 12 B.L.U.

Visited 1, 2 and 7 B.L.U's and CREMONA, MANTOVA and FOLGORE Divs.

W.M.I.A.

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

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SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report.

TO: 'G'

FROM: S.O.R. Signals.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.S.I.A.)
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3 May 46.

1. Herewith report for April 46.

2. Major D.R. SKINNER, R. Sigs, Instructor R.Sigs, 12 BLU explained for the U.K. on duty on 4 April. If this officer returns at all to this theatre, he is expected to do so on or about 1 May.

3. The proposed W.E. for an Italian Inf Div Sig Bn has been entirely re-written and duly forwarded to G(SD). The latter informs me that the W.E. has been forwarded to the War Establishments Committee for approval.

4. I visited CHQ C.M.F., on 15/16 April in order to consolidate and obtain approval for stores demands for:-

- (1) The Italian School of Signals - Interim demand only
- (2) Carabinieri
- (3) Italian Interim Army.

(1) and (2) were disposed of at CHQ and releases were duly received at this HQ for (1) on 29 April and for (2) on 2 May.

(3) was discussed in some detail and the final demand made out by me on my return to this HQ. This demand has been forwarded to G(SD) for onward despatch to CHQ.

5. Considerable progress has been made at the Italian School of Signals during the month, especially in respect of works services, and all is ready for the recruits who have just begun to arrive for training. The Commandant, Col. MARCUSO, is an extremely efficient, keen and energetic officer.

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6. I visited 7 BLU and HQ FOLGHE Div. at Florence on 19/23 April. I discussed the proposed new W.E. of an Italian Inf Div Sig Bn with Capt. ZANUANI, OC Sigs Coy of the Genio Bn, and Major ZENNERLI, of the Div General Staff. Capt. ZANUANI also commented on the very serious shortage of specialised signals personnel in the Italian Army as a whole, and especially in his Coy.

7. I visited the British School of Signals, C.M.F., at PADUA, on 25/28 April, with Col. MANCUSO and Major CANIONI of the Italian School of Signals. The visit proved to be highly instructive and enjoyable and the Commander of the British School premised that, when his school closes, as it is expected to do within the next six months, he will hand over all his home-made items of equipment to the Italian School, which will be extremely useful.

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Monthly Activity Report (Continued)

8. The G.I. for the Italian School of Signals came up for review late in the month and is, in my opinion, in need of considerable revision. This opinion has been put forward to G I (Trg) at this Hq, who is in agreement. In the meantime, certain essential amendments have been put forward to Col. PIACENTINI of the Ministry of War and approved. These amendments do not alter the numerical strength of the School but only the organization. I wish to state here that Col. PIACENTINI had previously refused permission to Col. MARCUSO to make these alterations but, when confronted by the G I and G II (Trg) from this Hq, and myself, said that there was absolutely no difficulty of any kind, that he would be pleased to approve any amendments not altering the numerical strength, and (aside, in Italian, not understood, I think, by any of the British officers present but duly translated for me afterwards by an officer from the Italian School) that he could not understand why so many people had gathered together to discuss a matter of such small importance. The matter was emphatically not of small importance.

W.A.T.

W.A.T. MONTGOMERY, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
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W.A.T. MONTGOMERY, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
N.M.I.A.

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May 1946

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- May 1 Col MANCOSO and Magg CANTONI visited H.Q. M.M.I.A. as arranged for discussion School. Unfortunately unable to go on to Ministry of War as the latter was closed.
- 2 Visited Ministry of War with Lt Col MEDLAN and Major CHRISTIE of 'G' (Training) for discussion with Col PIACENTINI. It was agreed that Col MANCOSO should be within his establishment provided that there was no overall increase in number.
- 23 Visited Italian Signal School, CASCIGNOLA with Brig. HOPE, D.G.S. this H.Q.
- 24 Major SKINNER, Instructor R. Sigs., 12 B.L.U., returned ex-U.K.

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H.M.I.A. (X Branch)
Major Morecombe, R. Sigs.

H.M.I.A. as arranged for discussion with 'C' (Training) regarding W.E. of Signal
to Ministry of War as the latter was observing the 1 May 'Festa'.

and Major CHRISTIE of 'C' (Training) this H.W., and Col MANCUSO and Magg CANTONI
was agreed that Col MANCUSO should be permitted to make certain changes of organisation
there was no overall increase in numbers.

A with Brig. HOPK, B.C.S. this H.W.

L.U., returned ex-U.K.

W.A.I. Morecombe,
Major R. Sigs.

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report.

TO: 'G'

FROM: S.O.R. Signals.

The main activities during March 46 have been as under:-

1. Discussions regarding the proposed Inf. Div. Signals W.E. It has been found necessary to alter considerably the original W.E. At the moment the final approval of the W.E. is being delayed in order to ascertain whether or not the extra men can be found from within the operational ceiling.
2. The compilation of a detailed demand for stores for the Signal School. This has now been forwarded to G (Trg) through 12 TND.
3. Approval has been given to the SARE to re-establish a small military pigeon loft in order to allow the training of military pigeons to be re-commenced.

W.A.M.

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

5 April 46.

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SUBJECT: War Diary - April 1946.

Joint Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)
M.H.I.A.
3 May 46.

TO: 'G'

Herewith S.O.R. Signals War Diary for month of April 46.

W.A.M.

W.A.T. HOBBS, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.H.I.A.

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APRIL 1946.

WAR DIARY.

Place.	Date.	Summary of Events and Information
CESIANO	1.	Major Morecombe visited 12 B.L.U. with Major Skinner.
ROME	4.	Major Skinner, R. Sigs. Instructor, 12 B.L.U., on leave. Expected to return approx 1 May.
CECCINELLA	5.	Major Morecombe visited Italian School of Signals and Col. Mackay, Comd. 12 B.L.U.
CASERTA	15/16	Major Morecombe visited GHQ, C.M.F., and reached C.S.O.'s Branch on the signal stores requirement of the CC.NR, and the Italian Interim Army.
FLORENCE	19/23	Visited 7 B.L.U. and HQ FOLGORE Div. at FLORENCE of an Italian Div. Sig. Bn. with Capt. ZANNINI, and Major LEONELLI, of the Div. General Staff.
PADUA	25/28	Visited School of Signals, C.M.F., PADUA, with Cpl. WERTON, of the Italian School of Signals.
ROME	29	Cpl WERTON, ex 78 Div. Sigs., reported for duty.

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WAR DIARY.

M.M.I.A. (IX Branch)
Maj. W.A.T. Morecambe, R. Sigs.

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Summary of Events and Information.

References.

Morecambe visited 12 B.L.U. with Major Skinner.

Mr. R. Sigs. Instructor, 12 B.L.U., explained for U.K. on duty.
Return approx 1 May.

Morecambe visited Italian School of Signals, CECCHIGOLA, with Brig. Hope, BGS,
May, Comd. 12 B.L.U.

Morecambe visited GHQ, C.M.F., and reached agreement with Major DICKER, SD,
on the signal stores requirements for the Italian School of Signals,
and the Italian Inter-Allied Army.

Morecambe visited HQ FOLGORE Div. at FLORENCE. Discussed proposed new W.E.
in Div. Sig. Bn. with Capt. ZANNINI, O.C. Sig. Coy. of the Genio Bn.,
MONTALI, of the Div. General Staff.

Morecambe visited School of Signals, C.M.F., PADUA, with Col. MARCUSO and Major CANTONI of
School of Signals.

Morecambe, ex 78 Div. Sigs., reported for duty as NCO Instructor R. Sigs., 12 B.L.U.

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APRIL 1946.WAR DIARY.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
CECCIGNOLA	30	Visited Italian School of Signals, CECCIGNOLA, accompanied by Major GANTONI and Cpl. WERTON. Discussed the W.E. agreed the desirability of certain immediate amendments. Arranged to produce these amendments for approval - first M.E.I.A. and then to the Ministry of War. Left Cpl. WERTON having made arrangements for him to be accommodated and Coy. RASC nearby.

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H.M.I.A. ('X' Branch)
Maj. W.A.T. Morecombe, R.Sigs.

Summary of Events and Information

References

at School of Signals, CICCIGNOLA, accompanied by Cpl WERTON. Whole of the School with the Commandant, (Col MANCUSO), the WERTON and Cpl WERTON. Discussed the W.E. of the School and feasibility of certain immediate amendments with Col Mancuso. Advice these amendments for approval - first to "G" (Trg) HQ., then to the Ministry of War. Left Cpl WERTON at the School, arrangements for him to be accommodated and mess with G. G.T. by.

W.A.T. Morecombe,
Major R. Signals.

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report.Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(U.M.I.A.)

X 524.

1 March 45.

TO: 'C'

FROM: S.O.P. Signals.

1. The main activity during the month of February has been the preparation and vetting of establishments.

2. A suggested W.F. for an Italian Infantry Div. Signals has been drawn up and passed to 'C' for the Ministry of War. This W.F. included modern vehicles, e.g. LCVs, TAV, Jeeps, although it is appreciated other vehicles may have to be substituted due to non-availability.

3. The Ministry of War submitted W.Fs for the u/m units: these have been criticised and returned for consideration.

- (a) Ministry of War Signal Bn.
- (b) Territorial Signal Company.
- (c) Ministry of War WLS Company.

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3. The Ministry of War submitted W.Ts for the u/m units; these have been criticised and returned for consideration.

- (a) Ministry of War Signal Br.
- (b) Territorial Signal Company.
- (c) Ministry of War WLS Company.

4. During a tour of the Ministry of War Sig. Br. during the month it was found that this unit is functioning as a Signals Folding Bn. and as an Advanced Training Centre in respect of "L" of C type trainees e.g. Telotype operators. In fact, the actual commitment of providing communications for the Ministry of War is very small due to lack of equipment, shortage of long line facilities throughout Italy and the fact that the Ministry is still functioning on its old system and has no Signal Office.

5. It was also found that the Ministry of War WLS Coy. is still under "B" & "C" control and is in effect not a signal unit at all. It is employed solely within Rome, letter service to Terr. Coms. etc. being by means of the civil postal service. It is felt that the Coy. would serve a much more useful purpose if it ran a trunk WLS to Terr. Coms. as, it is understood, at present a letter takes five days from an office at Ministry of War to an office at 10 Terr. Comd. Naples, for example.

6. Other activities were:

(a) C.E.M. Ministry of War are collecting and moving to army depots C.M. from dumps at Alessandria, Rasun di Sotto and Cosenza. This consists of material of Italian origin only. Wireless equipment is being moved to Rome for overhaul and repair.

(b) Training. W.L. of Signal School has been under review and signal stores to complete school to scale for maximum number of students have been requested.

[Signature]
J.W. FURMAN, Major,
S.O.R. Signals.
A.B.I.A.

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SUBJECT: War Diary - March 1946.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
X524.
3 April 46.

TO: 101

Herewith S.O.R. Signals War Diary for month of March 46.

W.A.T.
W.A.T. MOREXOMBE, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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MARCH 1946.WAR DIARY.

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information.
ROME	1	Discussion with Ministry of War representative (Ma reference use of codes in Italian Army.
ROME	2	Visited Ministry of War reference W.E. of Div. Sigs clearance of field cable in N. Italy.
ROME	4	Maj. J.W. BURAH, R. Sigs. departed on posting. R. Sigs. 12 BLU acting as temporary replacement.
CICCIGNOLA	22	Accompanied Col. MACKAY, Comd. 12 BLU on visit to I
ROME	29	Maj. W.A.T. MORECOMBE, R. Sigs posted to HQ RMIA as
CICCIGNOLA	30	Visited Signal School Ciccignola with Maj. Skinner

WAR DIARY.

MMIA ('X' Branch)

1 - 3 March Maj. J.W. EDURAH, R. SIGS.
4 - 29 March Maj. D.R. SKINNER, R. SIGS.
29 - 31 March Maj. W.A.T. MORESCOMBE,
R. SIGS.

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SUBJECT: War Diary - February 1946.

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

X524.

1 March 46.

TO: 121

Herewith S.O.R. Sign. War Diary for month of February 46.

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J.W. THIRAH, Major,
S.O.R. Signals,
M.M.I.A.

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War Diary - February 1946.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>	<u>EVENTS.</u>
9	Naples	Interview with Commandante del Corso at 10 Terr. Cml. R. regarding employment of Territorial Signal Company.
13.	Rome	Tour of inspection of Italian Ministry of War Signal Bn.
14.	Rome	Conference with Lt. Col. Lamerino (Genio Divisione Materiale) regarding Italian equipment ex GHI dumps in 2 District. (Collection and movement of stores is in hand)
20	Rome	Discussion with Ministry of War (Lt. Col. Gambino - Training Branch) regarding allocation of recruits to Signal School during 1946.
27	Rome	Suggested establishment for Italian Infantry Divisional Signals submitted to G (SD).
28	Cecognola	Chief Signal Officer GHQ GEF visited Italian Signal School.

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GT (INT)

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

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JANUARY 1946WAR DIARY

Place	Date	Summary of Events and Information
ROME	17	Introductory visit (for Maj. J. W. BURAH) to Ministry of War and to of Genio Workshop (Instrument and Wireless).
	19	Tour of inspection to CECIGENOLA - Italian Signal School. (Progress)
	23 - 25	Visited 7 B.L.U. at FLORENCE and FOLGORE Inf Div reference station between Div II and outlying units. Necessary lines arranged in
	30 - 31	Visited CSO Branches at GHI, GHI and H. 3 District reference outposts and MMIA matters, including Signal Stores for Italian Army and all Signal Units.

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WAR DIARY

MMIA ('X' Branch)

1 - 17 January 1946 Maj. B. C. SELL, R. Sig
17 - Maj. J. W. BURAH "

Summary of Events and Information

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aches at GSE, GME and No 3 District reference outstanding 'domestic'
s, including Signal Stores for Italian Army and disbandment of BR-ITI

X Branch
File: X524
8 Jan 46

DECEMBER MONTHLY REPORT

C.E.M. dumps in Northern Italy were visited by S.O.R.Sigs in December, and found to contain a large amount of German and Italian Signal equipment.

The possibility of equipping the C.C.R.R. with C.E.M. wireless sets is now being investigated.

Arrangements have already been made for the issue of Italian Signal equipment from the C.E.M. dumps in N. Italy to the Italian Army, and this work will commence within the next few days.

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S.O.R.Sigs,
M. H. I. A.

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MONTHLY REPORT

NIL report for the month of NOVEMBER 1945.

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B.C. SELL, Major,
S.O.R. Sigs,
M. M. I. A.

5 DEC 45

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SUBJECT: Monthly Liaison Letter and Monthly Report.

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

INT/107.

Dec 45.

TO: ALL BRANCHES, INDIA.

1. Branches are reminded that points for the November Monthly Liaison Letter are now due. It is intended to curtail drastically the length of the Liaison Letter and to eliminate from it all duplicated material. Branches are therefore requested to confine themselves to points of which the B.L.U. have not already been informed or matters which require fuller clarification than they have perhaps received in the normal correspondence of the month.

2. The material for the Monthly Report is due on the 5th Dec. It would be appreciated if this were rendered separately from the Liaison Letter material as the field covered is rather different, being a resume of the main events of importance during the month.

AGR/cjd

R.G.A. Grove-Rainis
for Lt-Col, G.S. Capt

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6 Nov 45

OCTOBER MONTHLY REPORT

The Italian Ministry of War Signal Battalion has started setting up a wireless network between ROME and its Territorial Hqs. Most of the ^{Italian} traffic from these Hqs is handed by the civilian Postal system, and this network when working will considerably facilitate communications with the more distant Territorial Hqs.

[Signature]
S.O.R.Sigs,
M. M. I. A.

SUBJECT: OCTOBER Monthly Report.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME.
INT/107.

5 NOV 45.

TO: (SEE DISTRIBUTION).

The summary of the main events and activities of your branch has not yet been received.

In order to save time the summary already rendered by you for the Monthly Liaison Letter to MMIA IOs can be used for the Monthly Report provided you have nothing to alter or add.

R. G. A. Groom. Rainier
for Lt-Col G.S. *Capt*

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'X' BRANCH REPORT FOR JULY 1945

General

C.S.O., A.F.H.Q. has agreed to the disbandment of the following BR-TH Service Units:-

812 Italian Incr to CSO 2 District
190 Carrier Pigeon Section
518 }
519 } Italian Line Sections
520 }
192 Signal Service Unit.


W. CALVELEY, Major,
S. O. R. Sigs.

8 AUG 45

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'X' BRANCH REPORT FOR JUNE 1945

- 14 June War Establishment for Ministry of War E.L.S. Coy (82 ORs 3 Offrs) brought before War Establishments Committee at this W.Q. and approved. This Coy will be carried in Category 1 (c).
- 21 June Visited CSO AFHQ to discuss the effect on Br-Iti Service units of the demobilisation of 1913/14 classes. The effect will be small - in the region of 20%. I was informed that a cut of 50% could be accepted during the next three months. Have been informed by AFHQ that it is anticipated that 10 of the existing Italian Line Sections in Br-Iti category will be disbanded by 1 Oct 45.



W. CALVELEY, Major,
S.O.R.Sigs,
M.M.I.A.

9 July 45

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'X' BRANCH REPORT FOR MAY 1945

- 1 - 31 May. A request from the Ministry of War for the provision of a wireless network in SICILY has been authorised by AFHQ. This network is to provide radio communications for the Internal Security Divisions of the Italian Army in SICILY. Diagram of the proposed network has been received from Ministry of War and frequencies are being applied for from Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ.
- 1 - 31 May. Request ^{received} from Ministry of War for telephone facilities over Allied Military network between Ministry of War, ROME and various Italian Adm Divisions located in PERUGIA, FLORENCE and LEGHORN. Application made to Chief Signal Officer L of C Italy for such facilities to be granted. Informed by CSO L of C Italy that the Italian Government telephone network had been reactivated and that telephone communication was available between the War Ministry and the Adm Divisions in question on that network.
- 12 May. Instructions issued to Ministry of War to despatch two officers to North of Italy to take inventories of all Genio warehouses. Copies of such inventories are being forwarded to this HQ.
- 15 May. Question of provision of Express Letter Service for Italian Army approved in principle by Ministry of War and this HQ. Priority of issue of vehicles given by 'G'. Detailed War Establishment now awaited from Ministry of War.
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W. CALVELEY, Major,
S.O.R. Sigs, 3673
M. M. I. A.

5 JUN 45

'X' BRANCH REPORT FOR APRIL 1945

3 April

Discussed with Gen SUPINO the question of Carrier Pigeons. It was decided to reduce the size of the Ministry of War Pigeon Section from 80 to 20, and to apply for the transfer of this Section from Iti-Iti to Br-Iti category. This was agreed and application for the transfer has been made.

13 April

S.O. II R. Sigs left ROME on tour of inspection which included visit to Line Training School at FRANCAVILLA FONTANA. The Commandant of the School was informed that the School would close on completion of the present course, approx 20 May. On or about this date it will move to take its correct place which is Line Wing of the Signal Training Centre at BRACCIANO.

21 April

Took up the question with Ministry of War, of provision of an efficient Express Letter Service between Ministry of War and the various Territorial H.Q. It is considered that this service could be inaugurated with 50 motor cycles. A skeleton service could be put on to begin with, say 30 motor cycles. Personnel can be found from within Category 1(c) ceiling. 'Q' have been approached regarding the provision of the motor cycles.

29 April

The Signal Training Centre which up to now has functioned at NOCERA INFERIORE today moved to BRACCIANO.

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30 April 1945

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S.C.II. R.Sigs,
M. M. I. A.

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X BRANCH REPORT FOR MARCH 1945

25 Mar. S.O. II R.Signals visited 56 BLU and
CSO AFHQ.

28 " Capt. R.H.P. THOMAS, R.Signals attached
HQ MMIA for purpose of supervising
training at Signals Training Centre,
R.T.C. I.C.F. posted.
In place Major J. SWINNERTON is posted
to fill vacancy on R.T.C. I.C.F.
establishment.

30 MAR 45

R. H. P. Thomas
S.O. II R.Sigs.
M. M. I. A.

SUBJECT: March Monthly Reports

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C.
(M.H.I.A.)
INT/107
29 March 45

TO : (See Distribution)

1. Please let me have a typewritten summary of the main events and activities in your branch during the month of March.
2. The Summary should be set out in chronological order showing dates against all conferences and visits of importance, policy changes, Directives, etc.
3. The importance of these summaries cannot be too greatly stressed as the consolidated MMIA report goes to WASHINGTON, LONDON and AFHQ. Brevity should not be used at the expense of clarity.
4. Please submit your March reports NOT LATER THAN 8 APRIL 45.



T.R. Selby
Lt. Col. G.S.

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Mov	Capt Lord Westbury
Lab	Maj Suys
Welfare	Lt Copple
Rese	Maj Taylor

MONTHLY REPORT - S.O.R. SIGNALS.

FEBRUARY 1945

12 Feb 45.

Visited Gen CRIVARO of Ministry of War and discussed with him the new organisation of Signals of Category 1 (c).

It was decided to break up the existing organisation and to form independent technical sections to operate as and where required under Territorial H.Q. This re-organisation is progressing.

Feb 20.

Visited Ministry of War (Gen Crivaro) and discussed the question of Genio stores.

It was decided to re-organise the system of warehouses. This is progressing under T/COL. IACMARINO.


S.O.R. Sigs.
M.M.I.A.

13 Mar 45

POINTS FOR WAR DIARY FOR SIGNALS FOR NOVEMBER.

- Nov 1. Controlled Signals Stores for first four Groups are coming through quite satisfactorily. A serious shortage of measuring instruments exists, this, however, has been relieved by CSO AAI who has loaned approx 20. Pliers for Lineman are still not available.
- A meeting of BLU Signal Officers was held at AFHQ on 1 Nov. Copy of minutes are attached at Appendix 'A'.
- Nov 5. It was decided to send Capt. Massey, R. Signals, to the Italian Signal School at NOCERA INFERIORE to act as Liaison Officer. This is due to the very small difficulties which are occurring between the Italians and British; small items such as obtaining petrol and other small items of stores.
- Nov 9. It is considered that there is insufficient transport at Nocera School. DMT have been approached and requested to release 1 4 x 2 8 cwt and four load carrying vehicles. These are necessary in order that W/T Schemes can be carried out.
- Nov 13. Conference of BLU Signal Officers was held at HQ MIA, ROME. Copy of minutes are attached at Appendix 'B'.
- Nov 14. Left ROME to visit AFHQ, 3 District and FRANCAVILLA. Discussed various problems with CSO 3 District, principal amongst which were:
 (a) Shortage of boots in Line Sections.
 (b) Shortage of drivers
 Authority of 'Q' HQ MIA was obtained to hold a small reserve of boots.
- Arrangements were made with Ministry of War to despatch 1 officer and 6 expert instructors to CSO 3 District who will provide transport and form a driving school. This has been done. The school is now functioning and should be of great assistance.
- Nov 30. Conference held at AFHQ of BLU Signal Officers. Copy of minutes are attached at Appendix 'C'.
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The W/T Link, AFHQ - SARDINIA has closed down, with the result that a station complete with operators and Cipher personnel is being despatched to SARDINIA. Air transportation is now awaited.

Robert Thomas
SOS

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SUBJECT: Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) Monthly Report

Ref: S/I/107

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3. Great importance should be given to these summaries as the consolidated Monthly Report goes to LONDON and WASHINGTON.
4. Please submit your summary by 8 Dec 44.

30 Nov 44

W. Kelly
Lt Col *Capt*
GSO 1

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OCTOBER 1944MONTHLY REPORT - S.O.R. SIGNALS.

- 4 Oct. Major W. CALVERT, R. Signals arrived Rome took up duties as S.O.R. Sigs, M.M.I.A. Major Fleming ill.
- 8 Oct. Saw Col Ferrari and discussed Italian Signal School. Pointed out to him that insufficient Instrument Mechanic's were being trained and instructed him to prepare syllabus for course.
- 9 Oct. Informed Col. Ferrari that Italian Signal School must commence not later than 15 Oct, subject to arrival of stores. Urged A.F.H.Q. for supply of stores for Italian Signal School.
- 10 Oct. Spoke to Major Sanderson, A.F.H.Q. re (a) Stores for Italian Signal School (b) Wireless sets for and Cipher personnel for 50 and 51 BLU Rear Link Signals.
11. " Again urged A.F.H.Q. for issue of Rear Link wireless sets. Informed A.F.H.Q. that 30 Oct would be too late for issue of sets.
13. " (a) A.F.H.Q. informed me that an issue of stores would be made to Italian Signal School, (b) SCR 399 wireless sets would be issued for BLU Rear Link pro tem until Canadian No.9 sets were available (c) cipher personnel for 51 BLU ready for collection.
14. " Awaiting confirmation of issue of SCR 399 from CSO AMHQ.
15. " Informed that SCR 399 would not be issued but that No.9 sets would be issued in lieu. AMI agreed. BLU instructed to collect the sets.
18. " Visited AMHQ and discussed provision of stores and cipher personnel for Group 1.
20. " Visited Italian School of Linemen training at TRAIKAVILLA FONTANA. Found things generally satisfactory except issue of clothing. Took the matter up. Clothing will now be issued from British sources.
21. " Returned via AMHQ when I had called a conference of S.O.R. Signals of the BLUs. Conference was successful in co-ordinating the ideas of all BLU's. Supply of stores presented difficulty especially in wireless sets. Ordnance promised to

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23. " As a result of discussion with AMHQ, Q(AE) have issued a new G1098 for signal controlled stores. This new G1098 sub-divides stores and places them on charge to respective units, Arty-Infy etc.

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 S.O.R. Signals.
 L. M. I. A.

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