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MINE CLEARANCE, REPORTS, VOL. I
JUNE 1944 - JAN. 1945

Report by Major BAKER on his visit to the civilian and military Mine Clearing Units in PESCO and CHIETI Provinces.

1. I left ROMA and arrived at CHIETI at 1030 hrs. on 11 Jan.
2. At 0800 hrs. on 12 Jan. I met Lt. STEFANO O. Company Commander of the 32 Italian Mine Clearing Company in CHIETI. He took me to the training center for civilians. The prisoners were fairly clean and there appeared to be plenty food. The men had no complaints to make as regards food and clothing but did complain of shortage of blankets. They were sleeping on straw without palliasses. The straw was very clean but the instructor was afraid that if they did not get palliasses the straw would become loose ridden. The question of blankets and palliasses I took up with Abruzzi Marche Region and they said they would try and help. They were not optimistic about the blankets.
3. As far as equipment was concerned they had mine detectors (Italian type) with which they were satisfied. They asked however for mine cutters and Abruzzi Marche Region said they would try and get some.
4. The recruits are mostly from TERRACINA and are nearly all refugees. The fatal casualties were 14 in Nov. One in Novr. and 2 in December.
5. There are only 37 trained civilians with 11 on the present course. I asked if they could not increase this by 100 and was informed that they expected to do this in February when the weather was better. The men were working in the fields are doing satisfactory work and in December cleared about 4000 mines. This I consider good.
6. There main requirements are blankets, wire cutters, mine batteries for mine Detectors and a meter for checking voltage.
7. I feel that the school is in capable hands and is making

10. I was shown the house where War Materials was being collected. Material is being collected there for the IAD & the Sub Commission.
11. On 23rd Jan. I visited a mine clearing squad working at MUGLIANICO. There they had removed a number of mines and had uncovered many more. This mine belt had been constructed obviously to protect a concealed locality. It is not a deep one but extends a considerable distance and there are thousands of mines still to be lifted.
12. I also visited a mine clearance squad working on the main railway line from FERRARA to OSTIA and they were getting on with the job. They were clearing about 1 1/2 kilometers per day and finding many mines. They were using the new Detectors recently given them. The Detectors enable ground to be covered quickly.
13. At MUGLIANICO the mines are a mixture of metal and wooden mines and searching was done by prodding. They worked very quickly. On the railway track the mines were metal and dozens were located within about two minutes. The place was obviously one where the Germans had sown mines thickly.
14. This company is dispersed over a wide area and there are no less than 18 squads. It would appear therefore that the proper way to handle such companies is by dispersion. The work being done covers a wide area and the results are shown in the number of mines lifted. (See Appendix A).
15. The morale and discipline of this company is high and the training is good. Training goes on all the time and when men become stale they are sent back for a rest and given further training. The work, after a time, is a nerve wearing one and a close watch is kept on the men for any signs of what they call "mine fever". As soon as this exhibits itself the men are pulled out and given a change of occupation.
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- 14. This company is dispersed over a wide area and there are no less than 16 squads. It would appear therefore that the proper way to handle such companies is by dispersion. The work being done covers a wide area and the results are shown in the number of mines lifted. (See appendix A).
- 15. The morale and discipline of this company is high and the training is good. Training goes on all the time and when men become slack they are sent back for a rest and given further training. The work, after a time, is a nerve wearing one and a close watch is kept on the men for any signs of what they call "line fever". As soon as this exhibits itself the man is pulled out and given a change of occupation.
- 16. There were no complaints as to pay accommodation or clothing. Transport is the old problem and while they would like more transport they have enough at present.
- 17. Recreation is well provided for. A concert is taking place on the 15th Jan in which the men and officers have combined their talents. A song has been written by the mine clearance work and is being sung by the men.
- 18. The film unit have been down and have taken a number of shots of the civilians at training and the military removing mines. They are well satisfied with what they saw and this film will be appearing as part of the News reel shown in the Italian Picture houses.

19. Conclusion.

The company is efficient and well run. The officers are good and the men are well led. The company at GASTA could do with some of the drive and initiative shown by the 662. The Company commander of the 662 is prepared to take some of the men from the 661 and train them and it might be well to take say 50 to 60 NCOs and men over to CHIMTI and let Lt. Spampinato handle them for say a month. Alternatively it might be considered sending the Company commander of the 662 over to GASTA for say a month to reorganise the 661. A third method is to create the third company as soon as possible, form a Battalion and give the company commander of the 662 a position of say second in Command to a good Battalion Commander.

William Redman - May

26 Jan 45.

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TOTAL NO OF MILES COVERED IN JULY AND AUG.

Province of QUINZI - 180,232
Province of PESCARA - 21,638

TOTAL 201,870

UNEXPLODED BOMBS RECOVERED BY THE GOV

600

ABANDONED AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES RECOVERED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF BY THE GOV

Approx 400 tons

SUBSIDIES since occupation by allies Jan 44 to 31 Dec 44

CIVILIANS

Province of QUINZI PESCARA TOTAL
Killed Wounded Killed Wounded Killed Wounded Killed Wounded

June	4	24	12	38	3	15	15	80
July	34	58	3	17	4	10	41	90
August	18	60	3	8	1	3	20	48
September	11	33	0	27	-	6	23	56
October	16	37	6	-	1	2	25	39
November	21	7	6	8	2	8	29	39
December	8	21	5	8	1	3	13	31
TOTAL CIVILIANS	112	210	44	94	11	53	166	357

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MINE CLEARANCE PERSONNEL

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
562 Mine Clearance Company	11	42
3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilians)	3	6
TOTAL Casualties Mine Clearance Personnel	14	48
TOTAL Casualties Civilians	166	357
TOTAL Mine Casualties in Provinces of <u>CHIEFI, PESCARA & TIRANO</u>	180	405

NOTE : This total does not include many casualties of trivial nature which have not been reported.

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Report by Major REAMES on his
visit to the civilian and mili-
tary Mine Clearing Units in
PESCARA and CHIETI Provinces.

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1. I left ROME and arrived at CHIETI at 1930 hrs. on 21 Jan.
2. At 0900 hrs. on 22nd Jan. I met Lt. SPAMPANARO, Company Commander of the 862 Italian Mine Clearing Company in CHIETI. He took me to the training centre for civilians. The premises were fairly clean and there appeared to be plenty food. The men had no complaints to make as regards food and clothing but did complain of shortage of blankets. They were sleeping on straw without palliasses. The straw was very clean but the instructor was afraid that if they did not get palliasses the straw would become louse ridden. The question of blankets and palliasses I took up with Abruzzi Marche Region and they said they would try and help. They were not optimistic about the blankets.
3. As far as equipment was concerned they had mine detectors (Italian type) with which they were satisfied. They asked however for wire cutters and Abruzzi Marche Region said they would try and get some.
4. The recruits are mostly from TERAPO and are nearly all refugees. The fatal casualties were three. One in Novr. and 2 in December.
5. There are only 37 trained civilians with 11 on the present course. I asked if they could not increase this by 100 and was informed that they expected to do this in February when the weather was better. The squads working in the fields are doing satisfactory work and in December cleared about 4000 mines. This I consider good.
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6. There main requirements are blankets, wire cutters, spare batteries for mine Detectors and a meter for checking voltage.
7. I feel that the school is in capable hands and is making progress. Another month or two should be given them to settle down to training and work.
8. In the afternoon I visited the HQ of the 562 Company and was shown round the quarters. The place is tidy and very well organized. Discipline is good, and the men are smart and well turned out. The men have a bearing which augurs well for the future.
9. They keep in this building detonators and igniters of all the mines they have cleared. These should be destroyed but are being retained until such time as an officer of authority gives them permission to do so. They are evidence of the number of mines removed. While not being a judge on such matters it is obvious that there are many thousands of detonators here and I can well believe there are 90,000 of them.

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12. I also visited a mine clearance squad working on the main railway line from PASCARA to ORTONA and they were getting on with the job. They were clearing about 1 1/2 kilometers per day and finding many mines. They were using the new Detectors recently given them. The Detectors enable ground to be covered quickly.
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19. Conclusion.

The company is efficient and well run. The officers are good and the men are well led. The company at GARTIA could do with some of the drive and initiative shown by the 562. The Company commander of the 562 is prepared to take some of the men from the 561 and train them and it might be well to take say 50 to 60 NCOs and men over to CHIETI and let Lt. Spanpanata handle them for say a month. Alternative it might be considered sending the Company commander of the 562 over to GARTIA for say a month to reorganise the 561. A third method is to create the third company as soon as possible, form a Battalion and give the company commander of the 562 a position of say second in Command to a Good Battalion Commander.

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25 Jan 45.

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Appendix A

MEMORANDUM showing Mine Clearance and Casualties during period Jun 44 to 31 Dec 44 MINES lifted and Disposed of by:

562 Wine Clearance Company

Jun to Aug 44	= 2.840
Sep 44	= 7.322
Oct 44	= 12.740
Nov 44	= 37.585
Dec 44	= <u>98.200</u>

TOTAL

150.687 of which

117.089	were lifted in the Prov. of CHIEMI
"	" " "
"	" " "
"	" " "
33.598	" " PESCARA

3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilians)

Dec 44

TOTAL No of MINES Cleared to 31 Dec 44:

Province of CHIETI = 120.289
Province of PESCARA = 33.598

TOTAL	153,687
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UNEXPLODED BOMBS Disposed of by 562 Coy

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ABANDONED AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED
of by 562 Coy

Approx 800 tons

CASUALTIES since occupation by Allies Jun 44 to 31 Dec 44

CIVILIANS

Deco 44 = 3,200 in the Province of CHIETI

TOTAL No. of MINES Cleared to 31 Deco 44:

Province of CHIETI = 120,289
Province of PESCARA = 33,598
TOTAL 153,887

UNEXPLODED BOMBS Disposed of by 562 Coy

600

ABANDONED AMMUNITION and EXPLOSIVES destroyed or otherwise disposed of by 562 Coy

Approx 800 tons

CASUALTIES since occupation by Allies Jun 44 to 31 Deco 44

CIVILIANS

Province of	CHIETI		PESCARA		TERAMO		TOTAL
	Killed Wounded		Killed Wounded		Killed Wounded		Killed Wounded
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TOTAL-CIVILIANS 210 44 94 11 53 166 357

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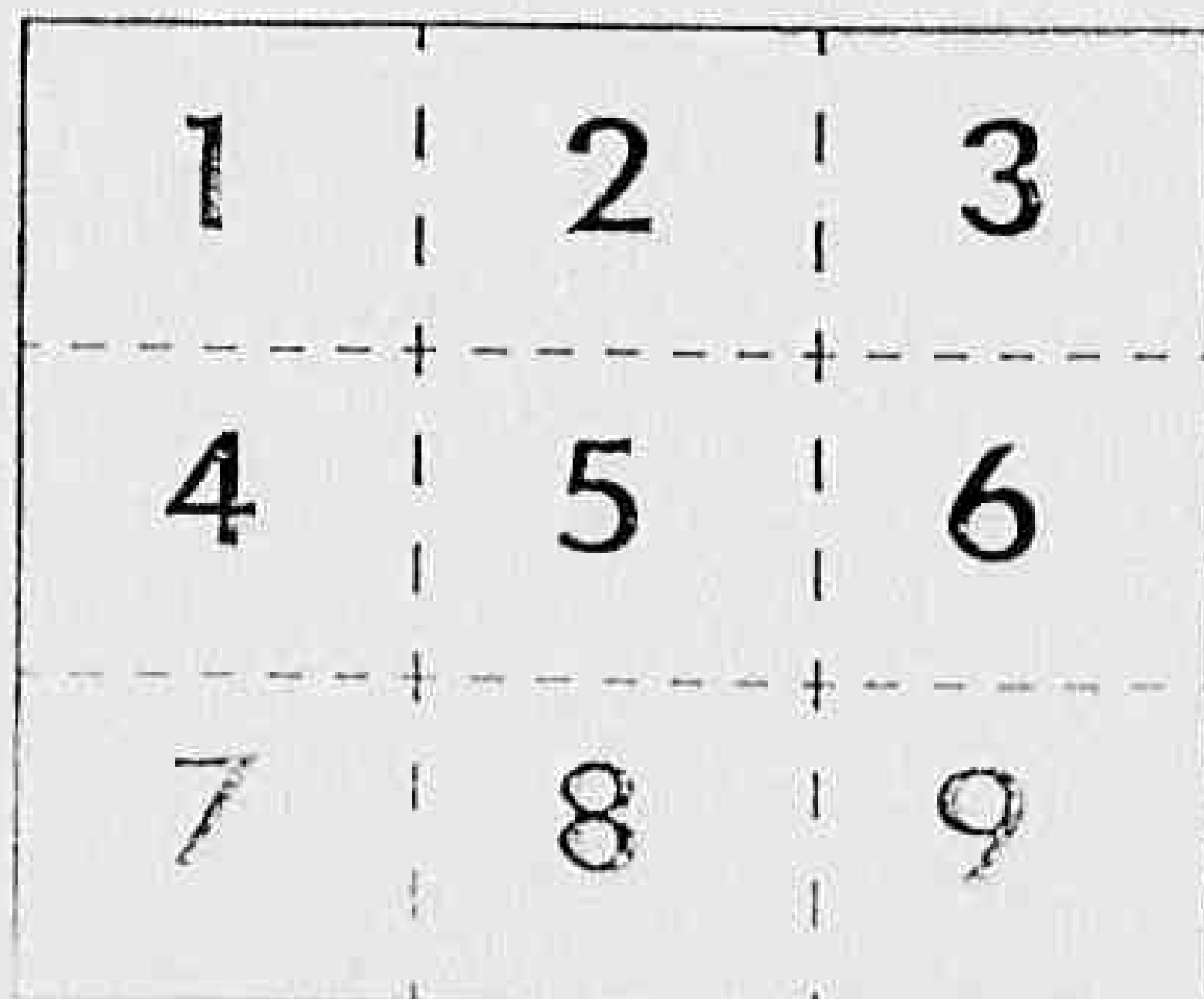
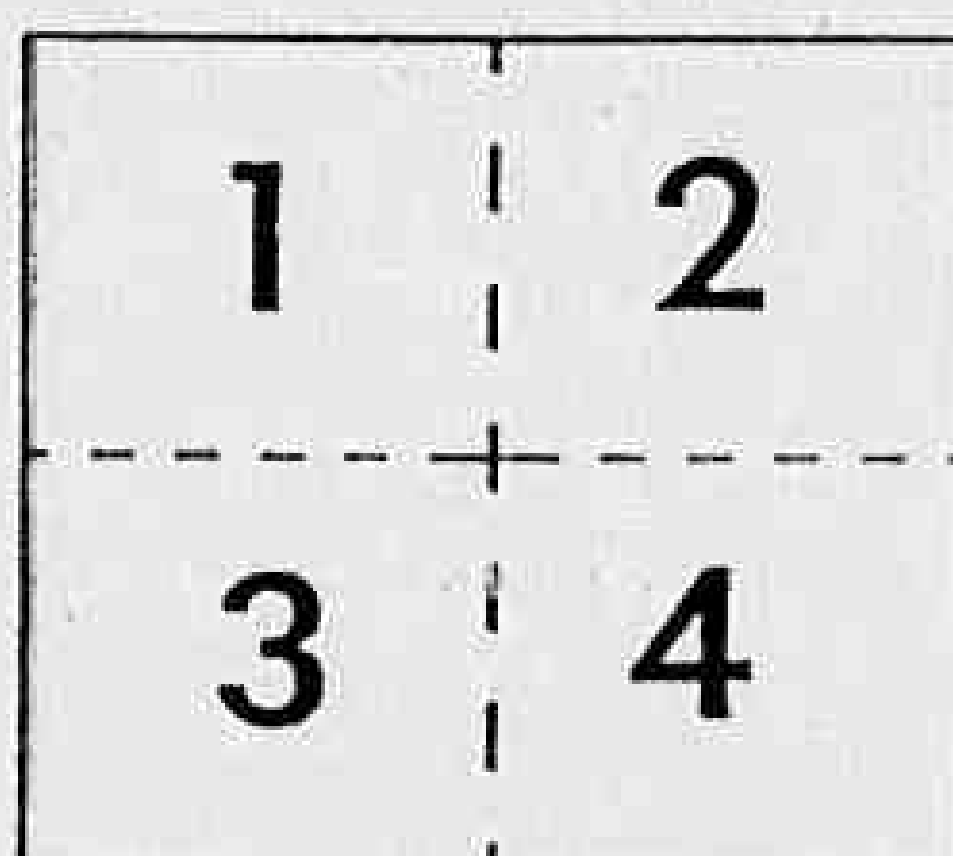
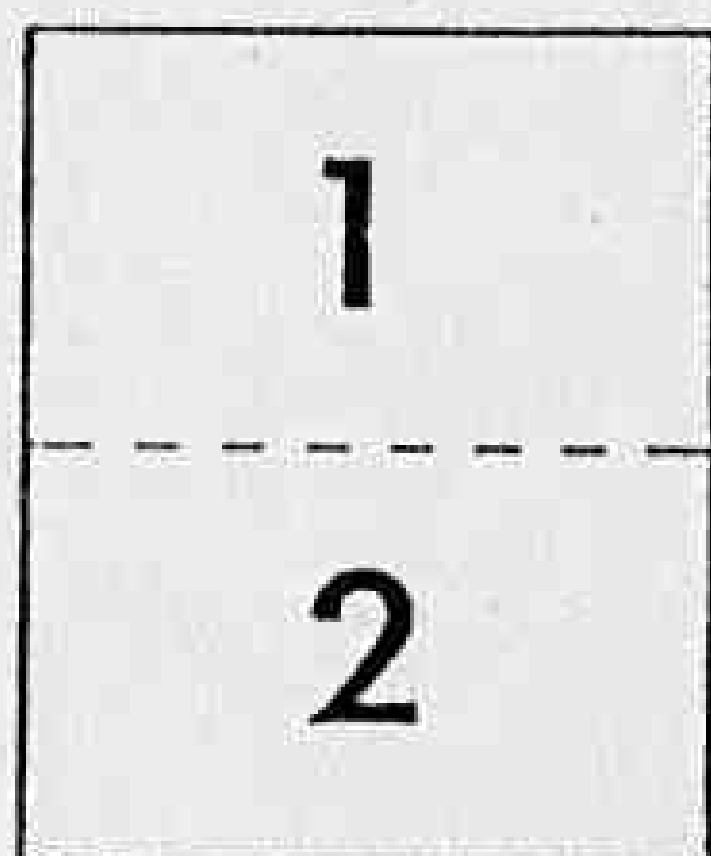
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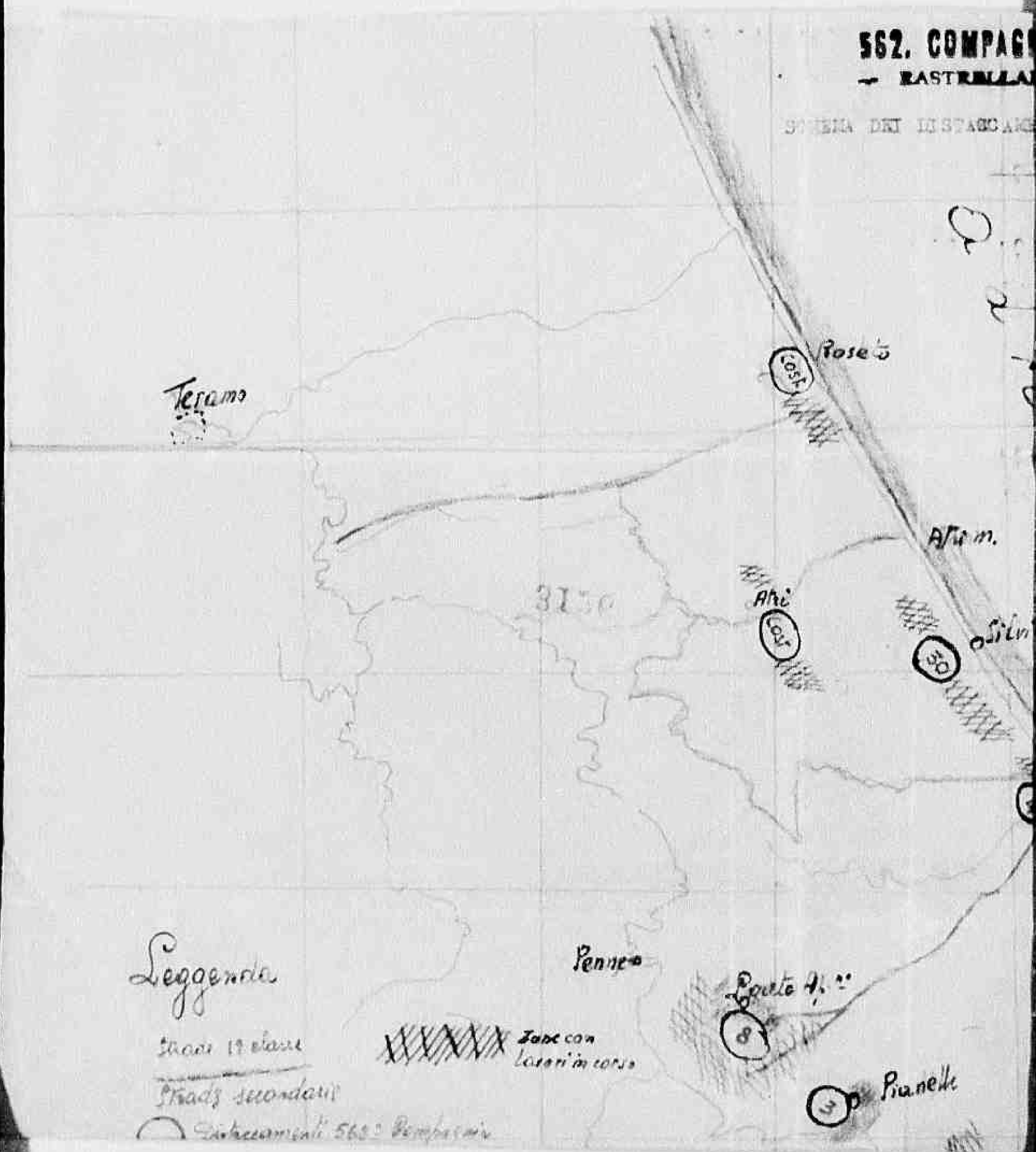
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SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.

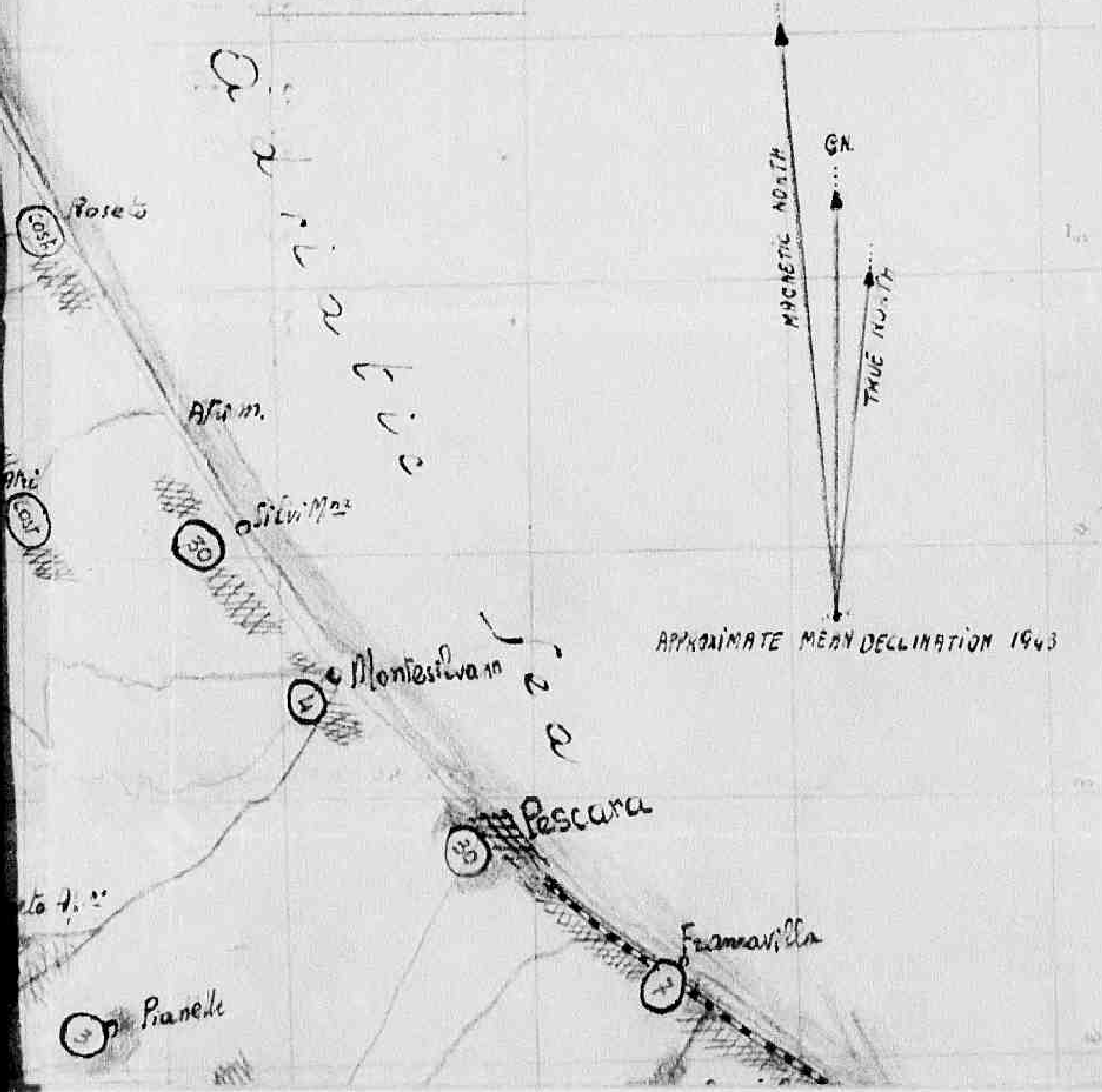


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562. COMPAGNIA AUTONOMA
- RASTRELLAMENTO MINE -

SCHEMA DEI DISTACCAMENTI DELLA 562^a COMPAGNIA AUTONOMA RASTRELLAMENTO
MINE



Leggenda

Strada 1ª classe

Strada secondaria



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Zone rastrellate



Zone con
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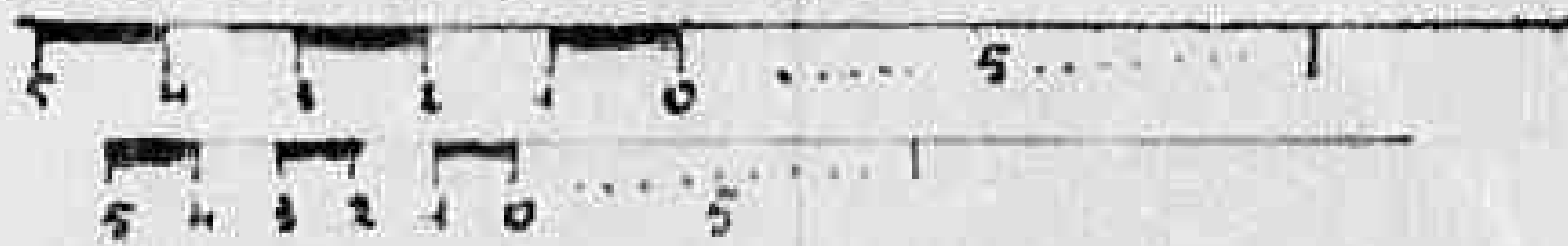
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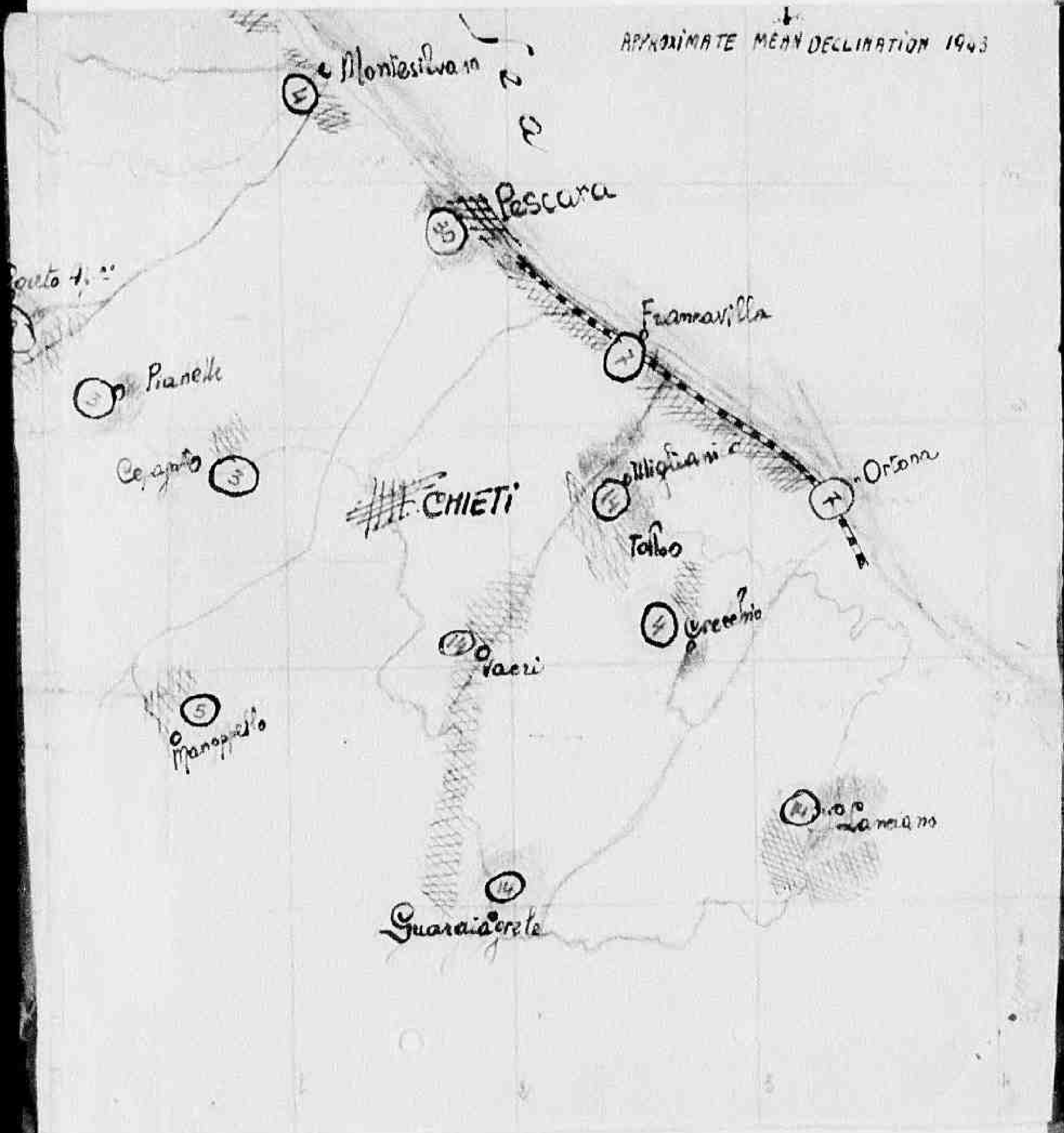
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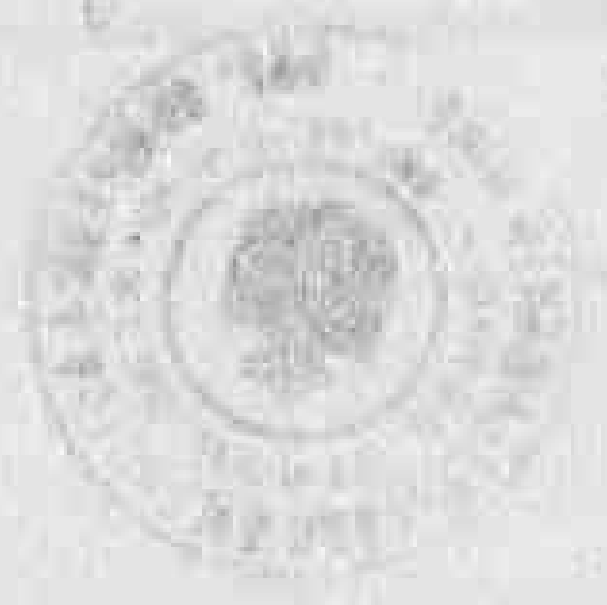
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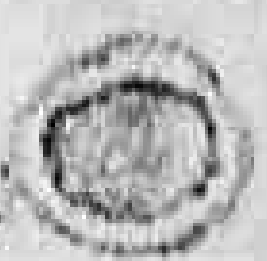
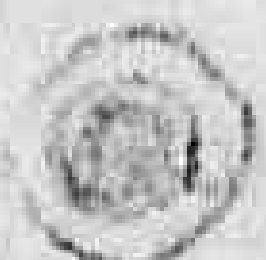
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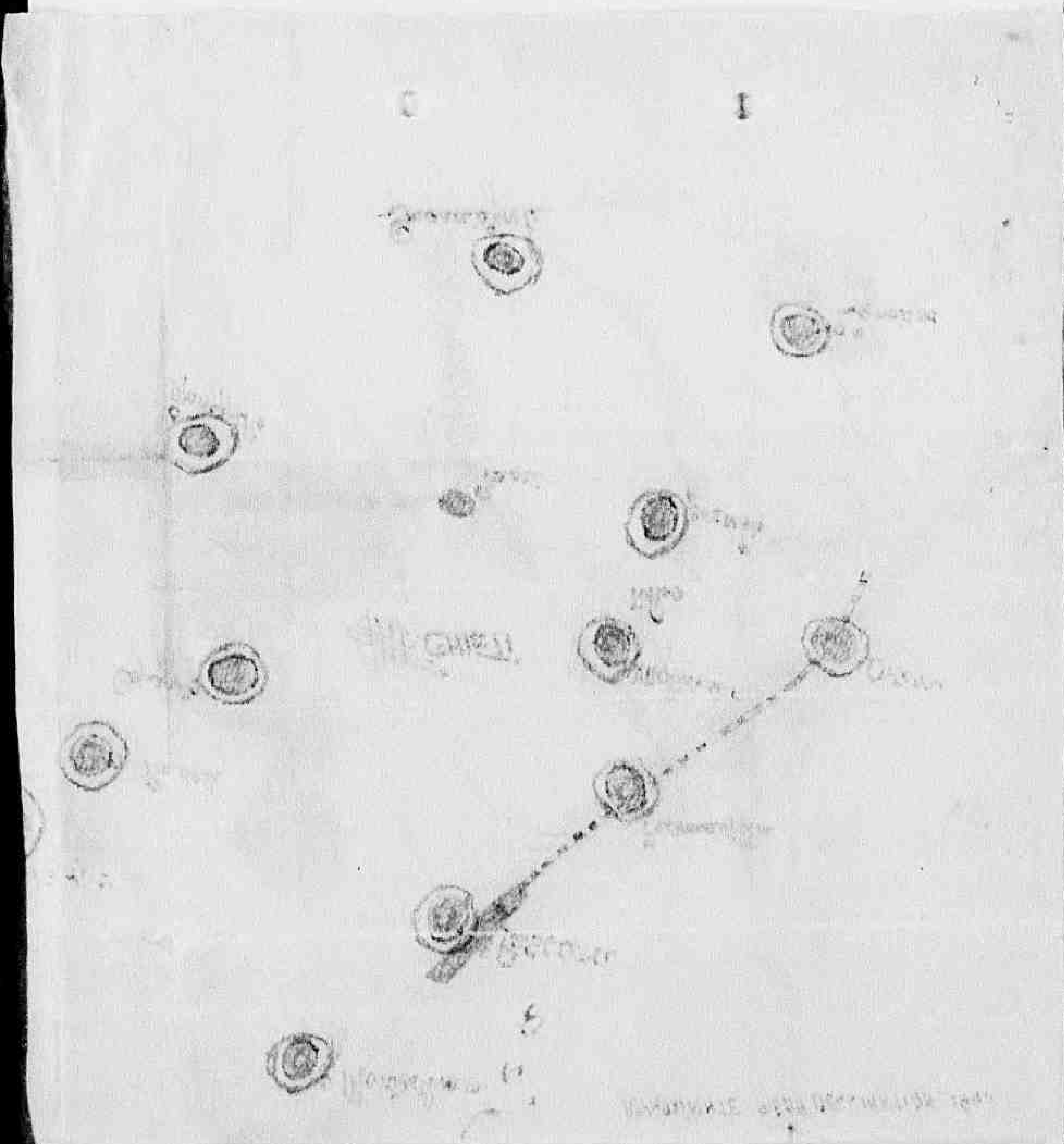


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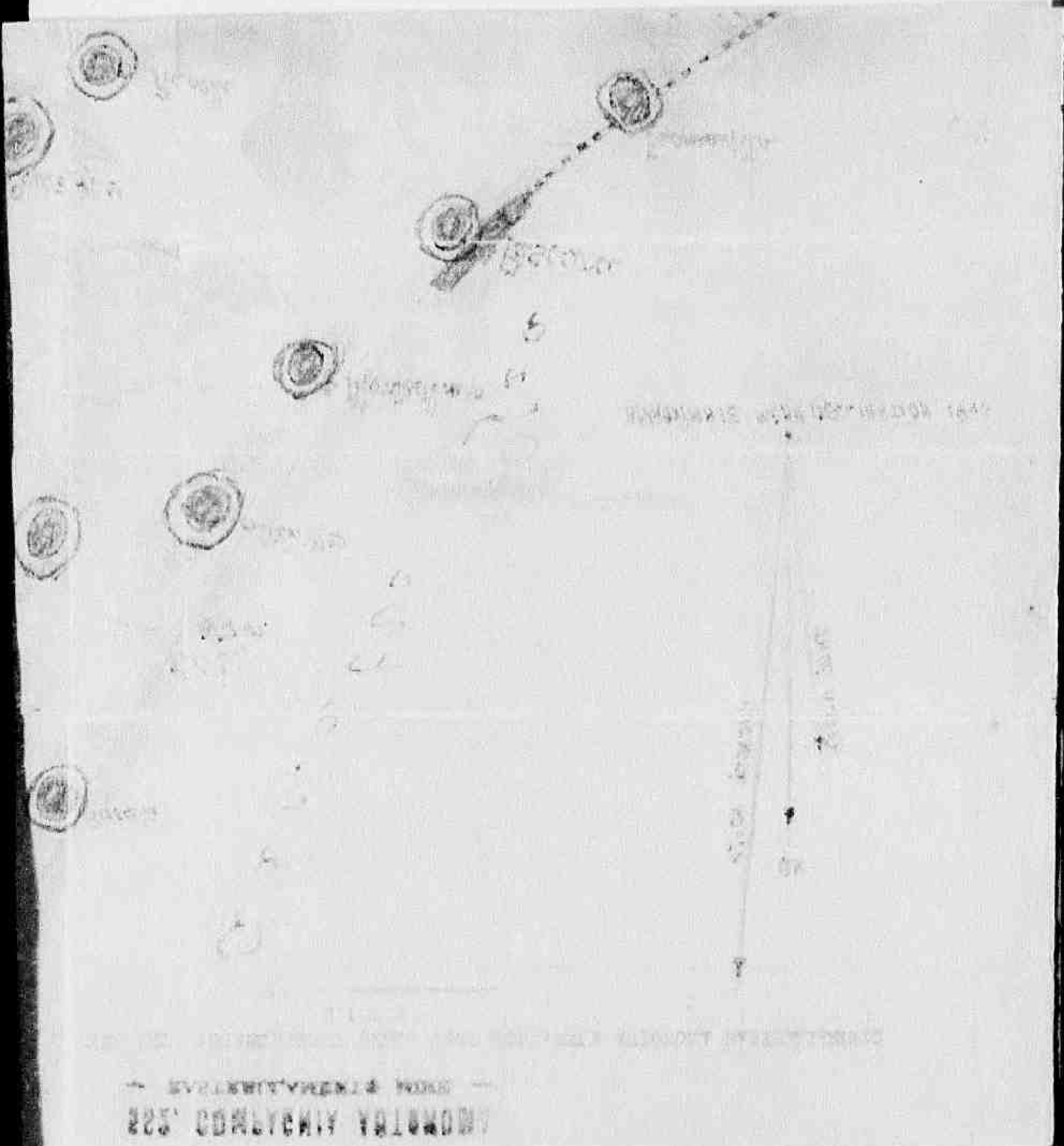
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MINE CLEARANCE PLAN

for

North West Italy

1. OBJECT

To provide a team of instructors for training civilians within each Region and one company of trained engineers of the Italian Army for use on work of prior importance.

2. INTRODUCTION

It is understood that Military intend to clear important roads, railways and docks on L of G, as set out in Log Plan 174.

AC will make one team of instructors available to each Region for the training of civilians.

One Company of trained Italian Army will be made available for urgent work in the North. They will be under control of P1 AC who will determine where they should be employed after consultation with Regional Commissioners.

Equipment, Mine Detectors etc will be earmarked now so that in the event of an early occupation they will be immediately available.

Regions should nominate one officer to supervise Mine Clearance Organisation from which the Zones will receive their instructions as to priorities of work, training etc.

With the limited number of personnel at the disposal of AC it will be a question of priorities which can only be determined after a reconnaissance has been made by each Region. As most of the information will be obtained through cables and partition channels and at Provincial level, it is suggested that a pre-formation the lines of a Parade C be prepared for distribution at an early date. Replies need not be detailed but those information is can quickly be ascertained where the first chapter should be set up.

As priorities are most important it is suggested that the following should be the order:-

- (a) Communications
- (b) Public Works and Utilities
- (c) Ports and large towns
- (2) Devastated areas
- (a) Agricultural areas and land

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As priorities are most important it is suggested that the following should be the order:-

- (a) Communications
- (b) Public Works and Utilities
- (c) Ports and large towns
- (d) Invested areas
- (e) Agricultural areas and land

3. METHOD

To move the mine training centre at LIGURIA (to be known as Zone Liguria) to LIGURIA Region

To move the mine training centre at PIAC (to be known as Zone Piemonte) to PIEMONTE Region

To move the mine training centre at FIATOLA (to be known as Zone Lombardia) to LOMBARDIA Region

To move one Italian Mine Clearing Company to the North as soon as it has been decided where they are required.

4. ADMINISTRATION

Issued under Administration Order (Appendix 4)

C. Sec.
6 Feb 45

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Lieut. Col. J. H. M. J.
for CSO G. Section.

2. ACCOMMODATION

It will be a general responsibility to the all arrangements for billeting, the housing of the troops, the clearance of any and civilian equities living and for civilian any can do so.

Civilian "retrocession" will be accommodated in or near to the buildings needed for the nature of the situation.

The High Commanders (Army) will have its in the original area and the Sections will be advised in suitable buildings in or near to the area in which they are working.

Civilian "equities" when not living at home will be housed near the area of operations.

3. REQUIREMENT

High Commanders (Italian Type) Wire Cutters, etc. will be provided by the Italian Ministry of War in so far as available. About 10 will be made available to each region.

4. MANPOWER REQUIREMENT

All military personnel will take with them their personal issue of blankets and bedding. Personnel should also bring with them blankets etc for their own use. It is anticipated that difficulty will be experienced in so far as civilian are concerned.

5. PAID PAYMENT TO CIVILIANS

Attached hereto at Appendix "A" is the present scale of wages paid by the Italian Ministry of War to civilians working under their scheme. Wages could vary in different parts of the country and it may be found necessary to pay larger rates than set out in the table. As the scale includes basic pay plus danger money any increase will be through a lower rate of danger money or increased amount of living and NOT as an increase in the basic rate of pay.

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4. INSURANCE

Warfare engaged in hazardous military are covered under RM 1765 of 1935 in the state of the nation's compensation insurance (F. C. 1765). If employed in the state this is done through F. 1765 or a special organization with equivalent treatment. If employed by allied forces they are covered by F. 1765 and if the terms of an agreement of 1935 with the Finance Ministry and some recently by a Government decree as explained in 1935 Administration of 16 December 1935.

The Insurance is automatic and it does not matter whether the workers are employed by the Italian Government or by 1935. In the event of injury (fatal or otherwise) claims should be lodged with the Government.

5. FEEDING

The Italian Ministry of War will arrange for the Company and instructors (volunteers) feeding rations on the Italian Army scale through their own channels.

Civilians are entitled to rations on the Army order ration scale 'A' (Authority 1935/63-77 Food dated 1st September 1934).

6. TRANSPORT

While the Italian Ministry of War will grant power to the Zone Commanders of Army, Navy, Air Force, Carabinieri and Militia to hire transport. Requests must be presented to the Ministry of War providing transport for urgent needs. Without transport the system is one of an emergency. The above allowance Company will be the transport of its own but it will require to be paid. The 1935 to date from the Government.

SECRET

DAILY WAGE RATES
paid to
Personnel of the Clearing Squad
employed under the Italian Govern-
ment Mine Clearing Scheme.

		L.	173	per dia
I Chief of Squad (Single)				
"	" (married)		185	
"	" with two child		187.50	
"	" " two children		189.50	
"	" " three "		191.50	
"	" " four "		195.90	
"	" " five "		200.00	
II Workmen				
"	(Single)		156	
"	(married)		170	
"	with one child		172	
"	" two children		174	
"	" three "		176.40	
"	" four "		180.50	
"	" five "		185	

NOTES: I These wages are subject to various small weekly
deductions for insurance, Old Age Pension, etc.
II In addition to the daily wage scale each workman
is entitled to a bonus L. 5, L. 10, or L. 15 per
week according to the number of years of service.

II	Porter	(Single)	153
"	"	(married)	170
"	"	with one child	172
"	"	" two children	174
"	"	" three "	176.40
"	"	" four "	180.50
"	"	" five "	185

NOTES: I These wages are subject to various small weekly deductions for insurance, Old Age Pension, etc.

II In addition to the daily wage scale each worker is entitled to a bonus L.3, L.40, or L.15 for every mine cleared. The bonus varies according to the nature of the ground.

NOTE: While men are being trained they get the same rate as pay is above but retaining danger "money" which amounts to L.80 in each case.

ANNEX 101

Scheduled Properties

Province of

Location and estimated quantity of mines
by commune within the province of :

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Item	Commune in which mined are located,	Estimated No's. i.e. 100, 1000's	Whether in minerals or widely dispersed.	Type of uses mineral houses public utilities, roads, railways, agricultural land etc.
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Item	Contents in which mine are located.	Estimated No's, i.e. 100, 1000's or solely disputed.	Whether in mine, houses or solely disputed.	Type of mine mines, houses or solely disputed.
				mines, houses or solely disputed.

TRANSLATION NO. 502

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref. VIII/7030

ROME, 30 January 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : THE ALLIED COMMISSION
C.A. SECTION
R O M E
and for information
MINISTRY OF WAR

Herewith are enclosed:

- 1) Chart on Mine Clearance work done up to 28 January 1945
- 2) Chart on training courses for civilian workers up to 28 Jan. 1945

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR
General of Division
G. Grivaro

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General Engineering Division

Mine Clearance

Chart on training courses up to 28th Jan 1945

NUMBER	TRAINING CENTER	STUDENTS BEING TRAINED	STUDENTS DECLARED QU
1	PISTOIA	45	40
2	S.MARTINO AL CIMINO (Viterbo)	24	-
3	CHIETI	12	-
4	SPOLETO	44	38

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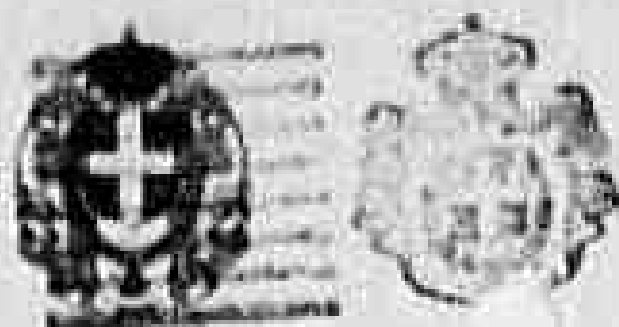
Mine Clearance

Chart on training courses up to 28th Jan 1945

STUDENTS BEING TRAINED	STUDENTS DECLARED QUALIFIED	REMARKS
45	40	COMPLETED (3rd Course)
24	-	BEGUN ON 27th JAN (3rd course)
12	-	• • 10th JAN (3rd course)
44	38	COMPLETED (3rd course)

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Divisione
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Oggetto: Rastrellamento mine

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

GABINETTO- Ufficio A.C.

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Si trasmettono:

- 1 Situazione lavori di bonifica Campi Minati
alla data del 28 Gennaio 1945
- 1 Situazione Corsi di addestramento per operai
civili alla Bonifica dei Campi Minati.-alla
data del 28 Gennaio 1945.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
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MINISTRY OF WAR

GENERAL ENGINEERING DIVISION
Chart of Mine Clearance work done up to 28 Jan 1945

Number	Zone	Locality	Workers	No. of M
1	Tuscany	Misa-S. Piero a grado - Petrico Bagni di Casxiana - Viareggio Barbaricina - Forte a Mare Zambra (Navacchio) Pontedera	59	3172
		Surroundings of Lucca - Ponte a Moriano Carignano-Monte S. Quirico Ponte a Serchio area	61	731
2	Umbria	Commune of Passignano Castiglione del Lago and Chiusi	36	753
3	Latium	Ostia area	99	9073
4	Abruzzi	-	-	-

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MINISTRY OF WAR

GENERAL ENGINEERING DIVISION
Clearance work done up to 28 Jan 1945

Workers	No. of Mines	Remarks
59	3172	From 18 Dec 1944 to 15 Jan 1945
61	731	
36	753	From 5th Jan 1945 to 18th Jan 1945
99	9073	From 31st Dec 44 to 26th Jan 1945
-	-	No information has been received
310	10800	

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GEN
UFFICIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI

Situazione dei Corsi d'addestramento al 28 Gennaio 1945

Numero	Centro di addestramento	Allievi in Addestramento	Allievi qualificati idonei
1	PISTOIA	45	40
2	S. MARTINO al CIMINO (Viterbo)	24	-
3	CHIETI	12	-
4	SPOLETO	44	38

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
SEZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
UFFICIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI

Addestramento al 28 Gennaio 1945

Allievi in Addestramento	Allievi qualificati idonei	NOTE
45	40	ultimato (3° corso)
24	-	Iniziato il 27 Gennaio (3° Corso-)
12	-	" " 10 Gennaio (3° Corso)
44	38	Ultimato(3° Corso)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio Bonifica Campi Minati

Situazione Lavori di Bonifica al 28 Gennaio 1945

Numero	ZONA	LOCALITA'	Operai Impiegati	Numero mine dis- o distr
I	TOSCANA	Pisa-S. Piero a grado-Pet- rio Bagni di Casciana-Viareg- gio Barbaricina-Porta a mare Zambra (Navacchio) Ponte- dera Dintorni di Lucca -Ponte a Moriano Carignano-Monte S. Quirico Zona di Ponte a Serchio	59 61	3172 731
2	UMBRIA	Comune di Fassignano Castiglione del lago e Chiusi	36	753
3	LAZIO	Zona di Ostia	99	9073
4	ABRUZZI	-	-	-

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio Bonifica Campi Minati

Situazione Lavori di Bonifica al 28 Gennaio 1945

LOCALITA'	Operai Impiegati	Numero delle mine disattivate o distrutte	NOTE
Pisa-S. Piero a grado-Pet- rio Bagni di Casciana-Viareg- gio Barbaricina-Porta a mare Zambra (Navacchio) Ponte- dera	59	3172	dal 18 - 12-1944 al 15/1/45
Dintorni di Lucca -Ponte a Moriano Carignano-Monte S. Quirico Zona di Ponte a Serchio	61	731	" " "
Comune di Fassignano Castiglione del Lago e Chiusi	36	753	dal 5/1/45 al 18/1/45
Zona di Ostia	99	9073	dal 31/12/45 al 26/1/45
-	-	-	Non sono ancora giunte le segna- lezioni -

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TRANSLATION NO. 496

SUBJECT: Weekly report (from 15 Jan. to 20 Jan 1945) on mine removal on the Campania electric power line.

TO : ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
and for information
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION)

15 Jan

500 m. of the Campania electric power line cleared and inspected from the 1,375 Km. to the 1,875 Km. (the measurements are made from the S/S cabina at Gaeta) no mines removed.

30 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 5,470 Km. to the 5,500 Km. 7 "S" mines removed.

200 sq.m. inspected and cleared near the destroyed bridge in the region of Pizzone on the Gaeta-Formia provincial road. (letter 182 Littoria Civil Engineers Office, Gaeta detached section) 2 wood mines removed. A squad goes to Monte d'Argento with a superior English officer and inspects a mine to recover the bodies of fallen allied soldiers. 15 Teller mines removed.

16 Jan

200 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared, from 1,875 Km. to the 2,075 (measurements made from the S/S cabin at Gaeta) 3 "S" mines removed.

200 sq.m. inspected and cleared in Pizzone region. 4 Teller mines removed.

20 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared, from the 5,500 Km. to the 5,520 Km. 3 "S" mines removed.

17 Jan Rainy day

18 Jan

150 m. of the Campania electric line cleared and inspected from the 2,075 Km. to the 2,225 Km. No mines removed.

20 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 5,520 Km. to the 5,540. 6 "S" mines removed.

200 m. of the Campania electric line in the region of St. Croce cleared and inspected. 12 German wood anti-tank mines removed.

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19 Jan 150 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared, from the 2.225 Km. to the 2.375 Km. No mines removed.
250 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared, from the 5.540 Km. to the 5.790 Km. 17 Teller mines removed.
1.500 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 0.200 Km. (near S.Croce) to the 1.700 Km. No mines removed.

20 Jan 50 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 2.375 Km. to the 2.425 Km. 3 Stock and 2 '9' mines removed.
50 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 5.790 Km. to the 5.840 Km. No mines removed.
N.B. Clearance along the acqueduct could not be resumed during the whole week, because the Scauri pipe line crosses a completely swamped region.

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Mines removed up to 13 January 1945..... 1566
" " from 15th to 20 Jan 1945..... 74
Total No. of mines removed up to 20th January..... 1640

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MINE CLEARANCE

Along the electric line of Campania
Carried out by the 561st Compagnia Pionieri Rallestamento Campi Minati
Work begun on 15th January 1945

Date	Width of zones in- spected	Progres- sive dis- tances	Advance detach- ments	result of inspections liberated mined zone zone		Clearance done No. of mines re- moved	Type
15/1	m. 8	m. 500	2-3	yes	no	None	-
	m. 8	m. 30	7-8	no	yes	7	sg
	m. 200			no	yes	2	Wood CS2
	m. 50			no	yes	15	Teller
16/1	m. 8	m. 200	3-4	no	yes	3	S
	m. 200			no	yes	4	Teller
	m. 8	m. 20	8-9	no	yes	3	S
17/1	Rainy day						
18/1	m. 8	m. 150	5-5	yes	no	None	-
	m. 8	m. 20	9-10	no	yes	6	S
	m. 8	m. 200	1	no	yes	12	Anti-tank of wood - German
19/1	m. 8	m. 200	5-6	yes	no	None	-
	m. 8	m. 200	10-11	no	yes	17	Teller
	m. 8	Km 2-500	1-2	yes	no	-	
20/1	m. 8	m. 50	6-7	no	yes	5	3 Stock
	m. 8	m. 50	11-12	yes	no	None	-

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MINE CLEARANCE

Restramento Campi Minati

Result of inspections rated mined zone	Clearance done No. of mines re- moved	Type	Information on the mine fields encountered	Notes
no	None	-	"S" mine field transversal to the electric line.	Electric line
yes	7	"S"	Anti tank barrier field	Pinzone Region
yes	2	Wood C32	non completely cleared by the Allied forces	
yes	15	Teller	Anti tank barrier field	
yes	3	S	Mined zone parallel to the electric line.	
yes	4	Teller	Region of Pinzone	
yes	3	S	"S" mine field transversal to the electric line	
no	None	-	"S" mine field (c.s.)	
yes	6	S	Anti-tank barrier field	
yes	12	Anti-tank of wood - German	non completely cleared by the allied troops in their advance.	
no	None	-	Mine field transversal to the electric line	
yes	17	Teller		
no	-	-	Mine field parallel to electric line	
yes	5	3 Stock		
no	None	-		

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We wish to inform you that all the mine clearance ^{jobs} ~~work~~ mentioned in this report have been therefore deemed advisable to include them even if not concerning the work on the Campania to keep to the orders issued by this office in letter No. R. 4/ENC/254, we shall return to cleared area.

The number of available magnetic detectors which the company has to carry on the work is reported.

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clearance ~~work~~ mentioned in this report have been approved by this office and that it was
even if not concerning the work on the Campania electric power line. Next week in order
in letter No. R. 4/ENC/254, we shall return to the recently cleared zones and widen the
re which the company has to carry on the work is reduced to three as seen from the enclosed

THE COMMANDER OF THE COMPANY
(Capp. de Marchi Natale)

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MINE DETECTORS

No.	Series No.	efficient	inefficient	Faults	Notes
1	4332	yes	no	-	
2	8744	yes	no	-	
3	6700	yes	no	-	
4	4348	no	yes	The detector has the following faults: the indicator pointer does not move as it should and arrears, while the loud-speaker makes an irregular sound.	
5	5113	no	yes	Ditto as above	
6	6709	no	yes	The electric cable of the detector is broken and therefore does not carry the electric current to the detecting plate.	
7	6820	no	yes	The detector has the same faults as the apparatus No. 4348.	

N.B. We repeat that fresh batteries must be supplied because the detectors listed as efficient are almost worn out

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P.C. TO H.C. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION)

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Oggetto: Relazione settimanale (dal 15/1 al 20/1/45) rimozione mine sulla linea elettrica della Campania.

Giorno 15 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 500 della linea elettrica della Campania, dal Km. 1,375 al Km. 1,875. (Il Km. 0,00 è determinato dall'ubicazione S/S di Gaeta) mine rimosse nessuna. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 20 dal Km. 5,470 al Km. 5,500 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse 7 "S". Ispezionati e bonificati m. 200 presso il ponte dirocato della località Pizzone sulla provinciale Gaeta-Formia (Lettere 182 Uff. Genio Civile Littoria sez. Stato. Gaeta). Mine rimosse 2 di legno. Una squadra si reca a Monte D'Argento con un uff. Sup. inglese ed ispeziona una zona, per ricupero di cadaveri di cauti alleati. Vengono rimosse 15 teller. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 200 della linea elettrica della Campania dal Km. 1,875 al Km. 2,075 (Km. 0,00 determinato dalla ubicazione S/S di Gaeta). Mine rimosse 3 "S". Ispezionati e bonificati m. 200 località Pizzone. Mine rimosse 4 teller.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 20 dal Km. 5,500 al Km. 5,520 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse 3 "S".

Giornata piovosa.

Giorno 16 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 150 della linea elettrica della Campania, dal Km. 2,075 al Km. 2,225. Mine rimosse, nessuna. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 20 dal Km. 5,520 al Km. 5,540 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse 6 "S". Ispezionati e bonificati m. 200 della linea elettrica della Campania presso località S. Croce. Mine rimosse 12 anticor

ro di legno tendente.

Giorno 17 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 150 della linea elettrica della

op. 100 metri e comunicati m. 200 presso il ponte di roccato della località Pizzano sulla provinciale Gaeta-Formia (lettere 102 Uff. Genio Civile Littoria sez. Stac. Gaeta). Mine rimosse 2 di legno. Una squadra di reco e Monto D'Argento con un uff. Sup. inglese ed ispezioni una zona, per ricupero di cavi veri di cavi all'est. Vengono rimosse 15 Teller.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 200 della linea elettrica della Campania dal Km. 1,815 al Km. 2,075 (Km. 0,00 determinato dal la cabina 3/3 di Gaeta) Mine rimosse 3 "3". Ispezionati e bonificati m. 200 località Pizzano. Mine rimosse 4 Teller.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 20 dal Km. 5,500 al Km. 5,520 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse 3 "3".

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Ispezionati e bonificati m. 150 della linea elettrica della Campania dal Km. 2,225 al Km. 2,375. Mine rimosse nessuna. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 250 dal Km. 5,540 al Km. 5,790 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse 17 Teller. Ispezionati e bonificati Km. 1,500 del Km. 0,200 (presso loc S. Croce) al Km. 1,700 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse nessuna.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 della linea elettrica della Campania dal Km. 5,790 al Km. 5,840. Mine rimosse nessuna. N.B. Durante tutte la settimana non si è potuto riprendere i lavori di bonifico sull'acquedotto, perchè il condotta di Bonuri percorrere una zona completamente allagata.

Mine rimosse al 13/1/45.....	1556
Mine rimosse dal 15/1 al 20/1.....	74
Totale delle mine rimosse al 20/1.....	1630

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Giorno 16 Gennaio.

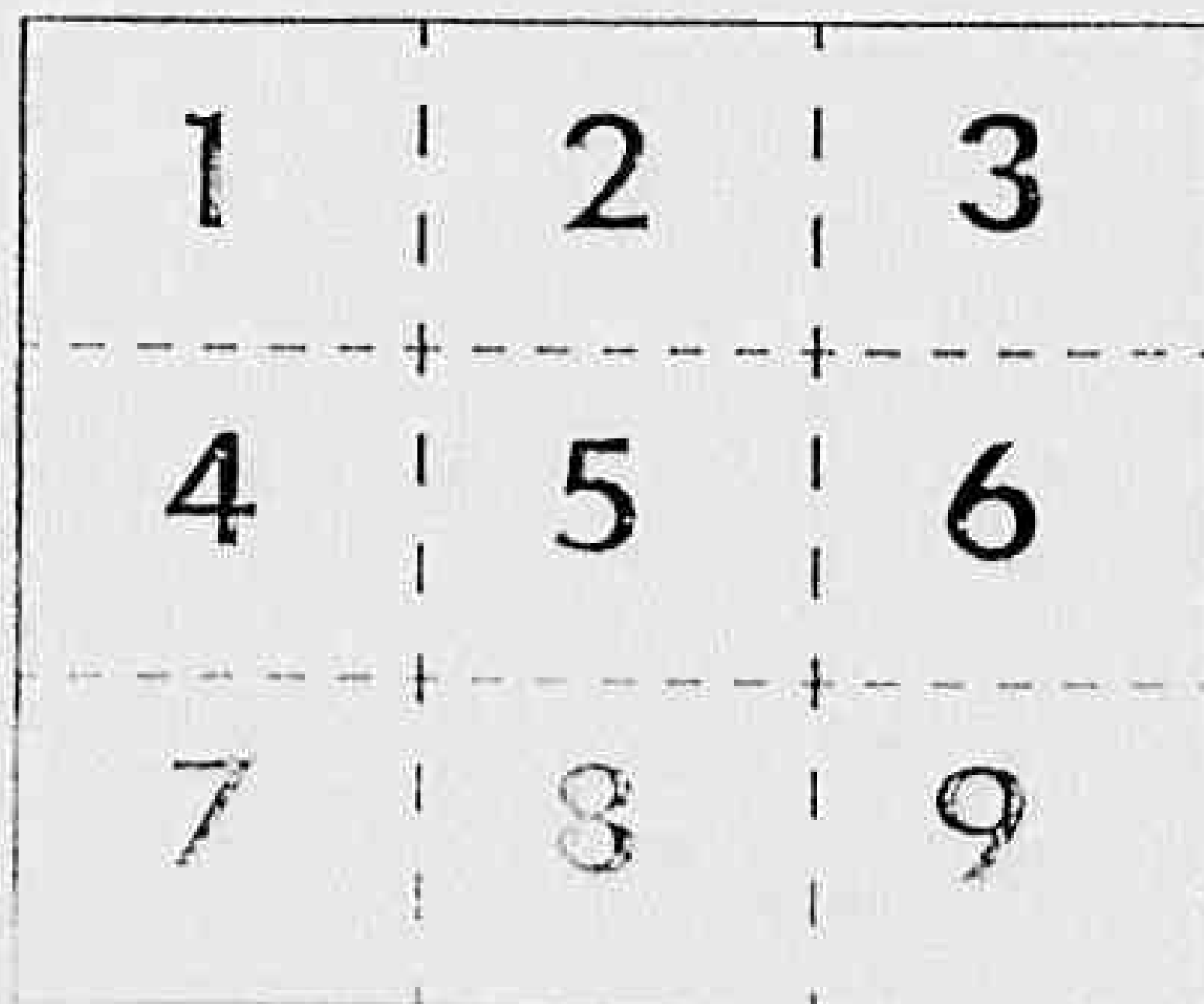
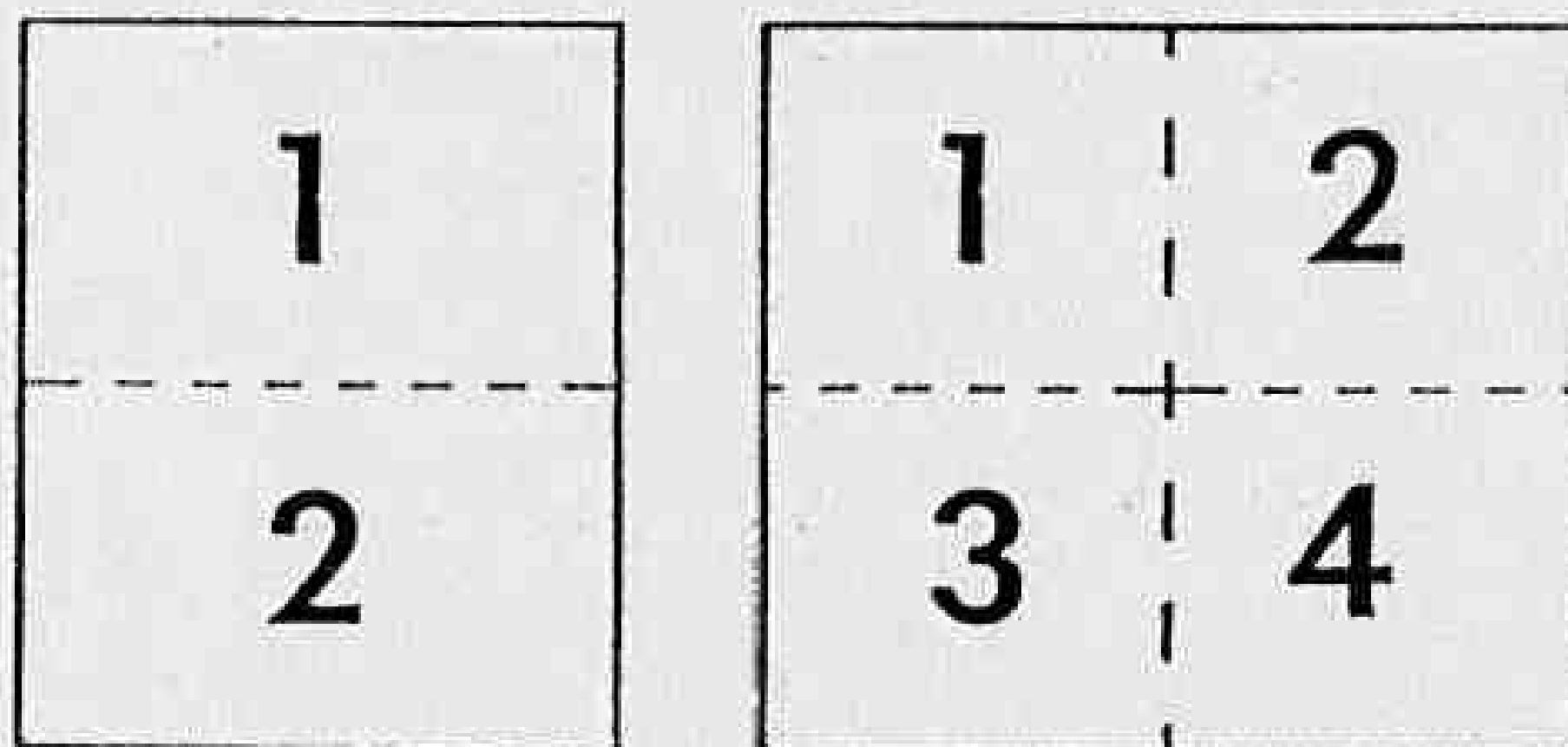
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BONIFICA DI MINE

Lungo la direzione della Linea difensiva della Campania.....
 Compiuto dalla 561 Compagnia Pionieri per Rimozione Campi minati
 Lavoro iniziato il 15 Gennaio 1945

DATE	Larghezza sezione ispezionata	Distanza progressiva	Picchetti di avanzamento	Risultato delle ispezioni		Bonifica eseguita		INFO sui campi minati
				zona libera	zona minata	n° mine rimosse	Tipo	
15/1	m. 8	m. 500	2-3	si	no	N.H.		
	m. 8	m. 30	7-8	no	si	7	"S"	Campo mine a rettrice line
	m. 2	200 cento		no	si	2	leg. C82	Campo di sbar completamente forse alligato
	m. 2	cinquanta		no	si	15	Teller	Campo di sbar
16/1	m. 8	m. 200	3-4	no	si	3	S	lancia minata linea elettrica
	m. 2	duecento		no	si	4	Teller	Loc. Pi
	m. 8	m. 20	3-9	no	si	3	S	Campo mine a linea elettrica
17/1	910 metri	piovano						
18/1	m. 8	m. 150	4-5	si	no	N.H.		
	m. 8	m. 30	9-10	no	si	6	S	Campo mine a
	m. 8	m. 200	1	no	si	12	Ant. 100.	Campo mine a piattamento in le trincee di
19/1	m. 8	m. 150	8-6	si	no	N.H.		
	m. 8	m. 300	10-11	no	si	17	Teller	Campo trincee
	m. 8	km. 1,500	1-2	si	no			
20/1	m. 8	m. 50	6-7	no	si	5	stock	Campo parallelo
	m. 8	m. 50	11-12	si	no	N.H.		

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BONIFICA DI MINE

Linea elettrica elettrica della Casapala.....

561 Compagnia Pionieri per Rimozione Campi minati

11 15 Gennaio 1945

Risultato delle ispezioni		Bonifica eseguita		INFORMAZIONI sui campi minati incontrati	Annotazioni
zona I Vers	zona minata	n° mine rimosse	Tipo		
si	no	N.B.	---	---	Lin. Elettrica
no	si	7	"S"	Campo mine a trasversale alla rettrice linea elettrica	
no	si	2	leg. CS2	Campo di sbarramento non completamente bonificato dall' forza alleata	Loc. Pizzone
no	si	15	Teller	Campo di sbarramento antic.	Monte d'Argento
no	si	3	S	fascia minata parallela alla linea elettrica	
no	si	4	Teller	Loc. Pizzone	
no	si	3	S	Campo mine a trasversale alla linea elettrica	
si	no	N.B.	---	---	Lin. elettrica
no	si	6	S	Campo mine a (c.s.)	
no	si	12	leg. CS2	Campo mine a sbarramento non com- pletamente fatto dalle le truppe alleate avanzanti	Linea elettrica
si	no	N.B.	---	---	Lin. Elettrica
no	si	17	Teller	Campo trasversale linea elettrica	
si	no	---	---	---	Linea elettrica
no	si	5	Stouk S	Campo parallelo alla linea elettrica	
si	no	N.B.	---	---	

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16/1	m. cinquanta			no	si	15	Teller	Campo di sbarramento
	m. 8	m. 200	3=4	no	si	3	3	lascia mine
	m. 2 duecento			no	si	4	Teller	Linea elettrica
	m. 8	m. 20	3=9	no	si	3	3	Loc. 1 Campo mine Linea elettrica
17/1	Giornata pietre							
18/1	m. 8	m. 150	4=5	si	si	N.A.		
	m. 8	m. 20	9=10	no	si	5	3	Campo mine
	m. 8	m. 200	1	no	si	12	Ant. 200. legno	Campo mine pletamente le truppe
19/1	m. 8	m. 150	5=6	si	si	N.A.		
	m. 8	m. 200	10=11	no	si	17	Teller	Campo truppe
	m. 8	Km. 1,500	1=2	si	no			
20/1	m. 8	m. 50	5=7	no	si	5	2 Stock 2 3	Campo per...
	m. 8	m. 50	12=13	si	no	N.A.		

Si informa che tutti i lavori di bonifica menzionati sulla presente relazione ufficio e che pertanto si è creduto opportuno menzionarli anche se non inerenti Campania. Nelle prossime settimane per attenerci alle disposizioni date da quest'ufficio ritorneremo sulle zone precedentemente bonificate per allargare la zona di bonifica. I rivelatori magnetici di cui dispone la compagnia per la prosecuzione del lavoro rischiarare la situazione allegata.-

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si	15	Teller	Campo di sbarramento antio.	Monte d'Argento
si	3	3	fascia minata parallela alla linea elettrica	
si	4	Teller	Leo. Pissone	
si	3	3	Campo mine e trasversale alla linea elettrica	
si	N.D.			linea elettrica
si	5	3	Campo mine a (C.M.)	
si	12	Ant. Tel.	Campo mine antio. non con elemento tutto salire dal le truppe alleate avanzanti	linea elettrica
si	N.D.			linea elettrica
si	12	Teller	Campo trasversale linea elettrica linea elettrica	
si	5	3 stock 2 3	Campo parallelo alla linea elettrica	
si	N.D.			

bonifiche menzionati sulla presente relazione sono stati tutti approvati da questo
opportuno menzionarli anche se non inerenti al lavoro della linea elettrica della
per attenerci alle disposizioni date da questo ufficio con lettera prot. R4/ENG/254
te bonificate per allargare la zona di bonifica.
e la compagnia per la prosecuzione dei lavori si sono risorti a tre come si fa

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA
(Cap. de Lavori Sotale)

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SITUAZIONE GERMANIA

U. ord. n° di	effi	inf	ativi di inefficienza	note
unificati	cento	vicente		
1	4500	si	no	
2	5700	si	no	
3	6700	si	no	
4	4200	no	si	Il rivelatore presenta i seguenti difetti: 1) Lancetta dell'indicatore a sposta normalmente e si incastra, mentre l'oscillatore da un suono irregolare. idem come sopra
5	5200	no	si	
6	5000	no	si	Il cavo elettrico di questo rivelatore non si è mosso e quindi senza con- tatto la corrente elettrica al pist to di prova.
7	5500	no	si	Il rivelatore presenta gli stessi difetti dell'arma recante n° 4148 di n° 11000.

N.B. Le armi di prova perché vengono assegnate la batteria di vicende
perché i rivelatori dati per efficienti sono in via di esaurimento

Stampa: 3112
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TRANSLATION NO. 503

Ref. 96

TO: ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
and for information
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION)

SUBJECT: Weekly report (from 22 Jan to 27 Jan 1945) on removal of mines along the
Campania electric line.

22 Jan - 25 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 1.512 Km.
(beginning at Garigliano) and the zone of clearance widened from 8 to 16 m.
according to letter RA/ENI/25.4 of 3 Jan 1945 from your office.
100 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared (M. Conca region)
near Vindiccio. - No mines removed.

2 mine bombs and 2 boxes of explosive material removed from the bridge of
della Moia at 140-060 Km. of the S.S. No. 7 Via Appia. A work of public and
military interest (according to the decisions of this office with letter
dated 15 Oct 1944.

23 Jan - 50 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared at the 2,900 Km.
clearance zone widened. - No mines removed.
220 m. inspected and cleared at the 4,750 Km. clearance zone widened. No
mines removed.

24 Jan - 300 m. inspected and cleared at the 5,750 Km. previously cleared zone widened.
8 "g" mines removed.
50 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 2,425 Km.
to the 2,475 Km. 4 "g" mines removed.

25 Jan - Rainy day.

26 Jan - " "

27 Jan - 75 m. of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared from the 2,475 Km.
to the 2,540 Km. 7 "g" mines removed.
A squad was taken from the Command of the 54 Military Police Station of Formia
to free a wounded person caught in a mine field. 2 mines removed. A truck

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220 m. inspected and cleared at the 4,750 Km. clearance zone widened. No
mines removed.

24 Jan - 300 m. inspected and cleared at the 3,150 m. level.
 8 "g" mines removed.
 50 M. of the Campana electric line inspected and cleared from the 2,425 Km. to the 2,475 Km. 4 "g" mines removed.

25 Jan - Rainy day.

26 Jan -
27 Jan -

Names removed up to 20th Jan 1945.....1640

Mines removed up to 20th Jan. 1942		3111
Mines removed from 22nd to 27th Jan.		30
Total of mines removed up to 27th Jan.		1670

THE COMMANDER OF THE COMPANY
(Capt De Marchi Natale)

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MINE CLEARANCE

Along the Campania electric line carried out by the
561st Pioneer Company
begun on 22nd January 1945

DATE	WIDTH OF ZONES IN- SPECTED	PROGRES- SIVE DIS- TANCES	ADVANCE DETACH- MENTS	RESULT OF INSPECTIONS		CLEARANCE DONE	
				Liberated zone	mined zone	No. Mines removed	Type
22/1	m. 16	m. 25		yes	no	None	-
	m. 16	m. 100		yes	no	None	-
23/1	m. 16	m. 50		yes	no	"	-
	m. 16	m. 220		yes	no	None	"S"
24/1	m. 16	m. 300		no	yes	8	"S"
	m. 16	m. 50		no	yes	4	"S"
25/1	Rainy day						
26/1	Rainy day						
27/1	m. 16	m. 75		no	yes	7	"S"

- The branch line of the aqueduct, from Scauri, could not be cleared this week either, because the
Almost the whole week's work consisted in widening the previously cleared zones from 8 m. to 16 m.
to 8 m. will be widened.

We wish to point out that the situation as regards indicators is still difficult, only two mine-d

MINE CLEARANCE

along the Campania electric line carried out by the
561st Pioneer Company
begun on 22nd January 1945

RESULT OF INSPECTIONS		CLEARANCE DONE		INFORMATION ON THE MINE-FIELDS ENCOUNTERED	REMARKS
Liberated zone	mined zone	No. Mines removed	Type		
yes	no	None	-	Campania electric line	
yes	no	None	-	"	"
yes	no	"	-	"	"
yes	no	None	"S"	"	"
no	yes	8	"S"	"	"
no	yes	4	"S"	Field along the electric line of Campania	
no	yes	7	"S"	"	"

could not be cleared this week either, because the region is still swamped.
ing the previously cleared zones from 8 m. to 16 m. Next week other zones already cleared
his indicators is still difficult, only two mine-detectors still being at all reliable.

Lungo la corrente Linea elettrica C. in Compagnia
 Compiute dalla 501 Compagnia pionieri
 Lavoro iniziato il 11.11.1944

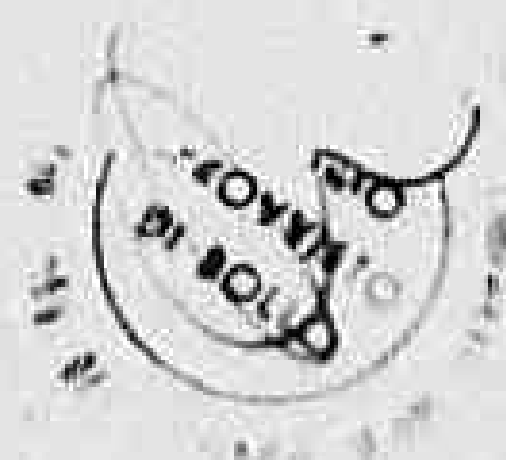
DATE	Larghezza zone ispe zione	Distanza progre siva	Picchetti di avanza mento	Risultato della ispezione		Monitoria eseguita		sul cam
				zona li bera	zona minata	n° mine rimosse	Tipo	
22/I	m. 16	m. 25		si	no	N.N		Linea
	m. 16	m. 100		si	no	N.N		"
23/I	m. 16	m. 50		si	no	"		"
	m. 16	m. 200		si	no	N.N		"
24/I	m. 16	m. 300		no	si	8	3	
	m. 16	m. 50		no	si	4	3	Campo gioco elettrico
25/I		Giomata piovosa						
26/I		Giomata piovosa						
27/I	m. 16	m. 75		no	si	7	3	e. s.
	~~N.N~~							

N.B. La disseminazione dell'acquetto, dovuto al "secco", non si è potuta fare
 settimana perché la zona è rimasta allagata.
 Il lavoro della settimana è stato quasi completamente speso per allargare
 oltre da m. 5 a m. 16. Nella prossima settimana si procederà all'allargare
 per l'aspirazione di m. 8.
 Si fa presente che la situazione dei rivelatori rimane sempre difficile
 anche dalle uscite allungate.

BONIFICA I MINE
 ca elettrica della Campania
 Campa pionieri
 di Campa

Rilevato della inspezione		Bonifica eseguita		INFORMAZIONI sui campi minati incontrati	Annotazioni
zona li vera	zona minata	n° mine rimosse	Tipo		
SI	no	N.N		Line e elettrica della campania	
SI	no	N.N		" " " "	
SI	no	"		" " " "	
SI	no	N.N		" " " "	
no	si	6	S	" " " "	
no	si	4	S	Campo giacente sulla direzione della linea elettrica della Campania	
no	si	7	S	O. S.	

to, condotta di Campa, non si è potute bonificare anche nella presente
 zona alligata.
 stato quasi completamente speso per allargare le zone precedentemente bonifi
 prossima settimana si procederà all'allargamento di altre zone già bonificate
 zone dei rivelatori sempre sempre difficoltosa poichè solo due persone
 sono



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CASECT

n° 26 di pmt.

P.M. 3400 28/1/45

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LARIO UMBRIA REGION

A.P.C. 394

P.O. TO H.O. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION)

A.P.C. 394

Oggetto: Relazione settimanale (dal 22/1 al 27/1/45) rimozione mine sulla linea elettrica della Campania.

Giorno 22 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 25 del km. 1, 12 della linea elettrica della Campania (presente dal Carigliano) allargando la zona di bonifica da 4. 6 a m. 10 come da lettera R4/ENG/25.4 del 3/1/45, al codello ufficio ispezionati e bonificati m. 100 della linea elettrica della Campania (loc. M. Jona), presso Viaducolo. Mine rimosse non.

Giorno 23 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 all'altezza del km. 2,500 della linea elettrica della Campania, allargando zona bonificata. Mine rimosse nessuna. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 220 all'altezza del km. 4,750 allargando zona di bonifica. Mine rimosse, nessuna.

Giorno 24 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 300 all'altezza del km. 5,750 alle seguenti zone precedentemente bonificate. Mine rimosse n° 3.

Giorno 25 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 del km. 2,425 al km. 2,475 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse 7 "8".

Giorno 26 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 75 del km. 2,475 al km. 2,540 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse 7 "8". Una squadra viene prelevata dal Comando della 54 Military Police Stationi Forlida per liberare un ferito che si era infortunato in un campo minato. Vengono rimosse 2 mine di tipo Un autocarro si rovescia a Terra cina con una squadra di minatori per agevolare il locale Comando R. Marina che doveva fare esplosione delle mine di mare (in seguito ad ordine telegrafico del Ministero Marina) che si trovavano su spiaggia minata

Gior 23 Gennaio. Il pubblico ministero e militare incaricato (stato le dis
 sizioni di questo ufficio con lettera del 15 Ott. 1944.
 Ispettorati e bonificanti m. 50 all'altezza del km. 4,500
 della linea elettrica della Compagnia, allargata zona bonifi
 ca. Mine rimosse nessuna.

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 Ispettorati e bonificanti m. 300 all'altezza del km. 5,750
 alle righe sono precedentemente bonificate. Mine rimosse
 n. 3 "g".

Ispettorati e bonificanti m. 50 del km. 2,425 al km. 2,475
 della linea elettrica della Compagnia. Mine rimosse 4 "g".

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 la linea elettrica della Compagnia. Mine rimosse 7 "g".
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 Police Station di Roma per liberare un ferito che si era
 inoltrato in un campo minato. Vengono rimosse 2 mine di ciro
 Un autocarro si inceppa a terra circa con una squadra di minato
 si per agevolare il locale Comando R. Marina che doveva fare
 esplodere delle mine di mare (in seguito ad ordine telegrafici
 co del Ministero Marina) che si trovavano su spiaggia minata
 Vengono rimosse 4 mine Felier e 5 Showmine.

Mine rimosse al 20/1/45..... 1640
 Mine rimosse dal 22 al 27/1..... 30
 Totale delle mine rimosse al 27/1..... 1670

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA
 (Sig. De Marchi Natale)
 (Firma)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES

Subject: Mine Clearance

MEMORANDUM showing Mine Clearance and Casualties during period June 4 to 31 Dec 44

WITNESSES Lifted and Disposed of by:-

562 Mine Clearance Coy

Jun to Aug 44	-	2,840
Sep 44	-	7,322
Oct 44	-	12,740
Nov 44	-	37,585
Dec 44	-	<u>90,200</u>
TOTAL	-	150,687

all 7,089 were lifted in the Province of CHIETI
33,598 " " " " - PESCARA

3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilians)

Dec 44 - 3,200 in the Province of CHIETI

TOTAL No. of MINES Cleared to 31 Decch:-

Province of CHIETI	-	120,289
Province of PESCARA	-	39,598

TOTAL
-
- 153,887

UNEXPLODED BOMBS Disposed of by #62 Coy

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~~Jepsonodip~~ seawater to destroyed EAL6017A was NOT IN THE possession of anyone.

- 150,687 of which

117,089 were lifted in the Province of CHIANTI
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 33,598 " " " " " PISTOIA

Grá yno Clearance Zone (Civilian)

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UNEMPLOYED BOYS disposed of by 1962 Coy

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Abandoned AMMUNITION and EXPLOSIVES destroyed or otherwise disposed of
by 562 Coy

Approx 500 tons

CASUALTIES since Occupation by Allies Jun 44 to 31 Dec 44

CIVILIAN

Province of	CHIEFTI		PESCARA		TERAMO		TOTAL
	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	
June	4	24	12	38	2	18	80
July	34	58	3	17	4	15	90
August	16	40	3	6	1	2	48
September	11	33	9	17	-	6	56
October	16	27	6	-	1	2	29
November	21	7	6	8	2	8	23
December	9	21	5	9	1	2	31
TOTAL - CIVILIANS	111	210	44	94	11	53	357

/ Mine clearance personnel

MINE CLEARANCE PERSONNEL

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
562 Mine Clearance Company	11	42
3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilians)	3	6
TOTAL Casualties Mine Clearance Personnel	14	48
TOTAL Casualties Civilians	166	357
TOTAL Mine Casualties in Provinces of CHIENTI, PESCARA & TERAMO *	180	405

NOTE This total does not include many casualties of trivial nature which have not been reported.

The figures relating to mines, bombs and explosives disposed of have been compiled from reports submitted by Lt SPANFANTO and I cannot certify their accuracy.

CHIENTI

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Chienti
Major,
Provincial Commissioner,
AC CHIENTI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROVINCES

DISTRIBUTION: - HQ ADM/AC ABRUZZI-MARCHE Region
HQ Allied Commission (CA Sec for Col GRUPP) - 2 copies (incl
one for Film Unit)

Report by Major BRADSHAW on his visit to the civilian and military Mine Clearing Units in PESCOARA and CHIETI Provinces.

1. I left Rome and arrived at CHIETI at 1930 hrs. on 11 Jan.
2. At 0900 hrs. on 12nd Jan. I met Lt. SPANFANA, Company Commander of the 42 Italian Mine Clearing Company in CHIETI. He took me to the training centre for civilians. The premises were fairly clean and there appeared to be plenty food. The men had no complaints to make as regards food and clothing but did complain of shortage of blankets. They were sleeping on straw without palliasses. The straw was very clean but the instructor was afraid that if they did not get palliasses the straw would become louse ridden. The question of blankets and palliasses I took up with Abruzzi Marche Region and they said they would try and help. They were not optimistic about the blankets.
3. As far as equipment was concerned they had mine detectors (Italian type) with which they were satisfied. They asked however for wire cutters and Abruzzi Marche Region said they would try and get some.
4. The recruits are mostly from LIGURIA and are nearly all refugees. The total casualties were 11 in Nov. and 2 in December.
5. There are only 37 trained civilians with 11 on the present course. I asked if they could not increase this by 100 and was informed that they expected to do this in February when the weather was better. The squads working in the fields are doing satisfactory work and in December cleared about 4000 mines. This I consider good.
6. There main requirements are blankets, wire cutters, spare batteries for mine Detectors and a meter for checking voltage.
7. I feel that the school is in capable hands and is making progress. Another month or two should be given them to

optimistic about the blankets.

3. As far as equipment was concerned they had mine detectors (Italian type) with which they were satisfied. They asked however for wire cutters and Abruzzi Machine Region said they would try and get some.
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7. I feel that the school is in capable hands and is making progress. Another month or two should be given them to settle down to training and work.
8. In the afternoon I visited the HQ of the 562 Company and was shown round the quarters. The place is tidy and very well organized. Discipline is good, and the men are smart and well turned out. The men have a bearing which assures well for the future.
9. They keep in this building ^{the} detonators and lighters of all the mines. They have cleared. These should be destroyed but are being retained until such time as an officer of authority gives them permission to do so. They are evidence of the number of mines removed. While not being a judge on such matters it is obvious that there are many thousands of detonators here and I can well believe there are 90,000 of them.

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10. I was shown the house where War Materials was being collected. Material is being collected there for the MID & PW Sub Commission.
11. On 23rd Jan. I visited a mine clearing squad working at MIGLIANICO. There they had removed a number of mines and had uncovered many more. This mine belt had been constructed obviously to protect a defended locality. It is not a deep one but extends a considerable distance and there are thousands of mines still to be lifted.
12. I also visited a mine clearance squad working on the main railway line from IMBICOLA to ORIONA and they were getting on with the job. They were clearing about 1 1/2 kilometers per day and finding many mines. They were using the new Detectors recently given them. The Detectors enable ground to be covered quickly.
13. At MIGLIANICO the mines are a mixture of metal and wooden mines and searching was done by probing. They worked very quickly. On the railway track the mines were metal and dozens were located within about two minutes. The place was obviously one where the Germans had some mine thickly.
14. This company is dispersed over a wide area and there are no less than 16 squads. It would appear therefore that the proper way to handle such companies is by dispersion. The work being done covers a wide area and the results are shown in the number of mines lifted. (See Appendix A).
15. The morale and discipline of this company is high and the training is good. Training goes on all the time and when men become stale they are sent back for a rest and given further training. The work, after a time, is a nerve wearing one and a close watch is kept on the men for any signs of what they call "mine fever". As soon as this exhibits itself the man is pulled out and given a change of occupation.

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16. There were no complaints as to pay accommodation or clothing. Transport is the old problem and while they would like more transport they have enough at present.

17. Recreation is well provided for. A concert is taking place on the 25th Jan in which the men and officers have combined their talents. A song has been written by the mine clearance work and is being sung by the men.

18. The film unit have been down and have taken a number of shots of the civilians at training and the military removing mines. They are well satisfied with what they saw and this film will be appearing as part of the News reel shown in the Italian Picture houses.

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1a. Conclusion.

The company is efficient and well run. The officers are good and the men are well led. The company at GAZTA could do with some of the drive and initiative shown by the 662. The Company commander of the 662 is prepared to take some of the men from the 661 and train them and it might be well to take say 50 to 60 NCOs and men over to GHISLI and let Lt. Symonds handle them for say a month. Alternative is might be considered sending the Company commander of the 662 over to GAZTA for say a month to reorganise the 661. A third method is to create the third company as soon as possible, form a Battalion and give the company commander of the 662 a position of say second in Command to a good Battalion Commander.

Thomas Reilly May

25 Jan 45.

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25 Jan 45.

MEMORANDUM showing clearance and cancellation
of all persons during period Jan 40 to 31 Dec 44 who were lifted
and returned to homeland:

JUN 60	Aug 64	- 2,840
Sep 44		- 7,122
Oct 44		- 10,740
Nov 44		- 37,058
Dec 44		- 28,200

200.067 of which

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= 3,100 in the Province of CUMI

Province of QUITA	=	100.000
Province of PESCARA	=	53.528

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CASUALTIES since occupation by allies Jun 44 to 31 Dec 44

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TOTAL NO OF MINES CLEARED TO 31 Dec 44:

Province of CHIANTI = 120,889
Province of PISCARA = 33,598

TOTAL 154,487

UNEXPLODED BOMBS DISPOSED OF BY 302 COY

600

ABANDONED AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES DESTROYED OR OTHERWISE DISPOSED OF BY 466 COY

Approx 800 tons

CASUALTIES since occupation by Allies Jun 44 to 31 Dec 44

CIVILIANS

Province of	CHIANTI		PISCARA		TOTAL	
	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded	Killed	Wounded
June	4	24	12	38	2	18
July	34	66	3	17	4	41
August	16	40	3	6	1	20
September	11	33	9	17	-	20
October	16	27	6	-	1	23
November	21	7	6	6	2	23
December	9	21	5	8	1	31

TOTAL CIVILIANS 210 44 94 11 322 307

MINE CLEARANCE PERSONNEL

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>
502 Mine Clearance Company	11	42
3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilians)	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL Casualties Mine Clearance Personnel	14	42
TOTAL Casualties Civilians	<u>185</u>	<u>357</u>
TOTAL Mine Casualties in Provinces of <u>CHIEMI, PESCARA & TERAMO</u>	<u>199</u>	<u>402</u>

NOTE : This total does not include many casualties of trivial nature which have not been reported.

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COMUNICATO

VENERDI' 12 alle ore 16 - SABATO 13 alle ore 17, al Teat. Vittoria
gli uomini che rastrellano mine e che avanzano a forza di dinamite, si presenteranno sulla scena per sfidare la folla, rastrellare applausi, provocare esplosioni di risate.

Bassa con la quale i seguenti militari isolati della 17^a Comp. Genieri si trasferiscono sulla ribalta:

Serg. MORLACCHI MARIO
" USLENGHI FRANCO
" LOGUERCIO GERARDO
" LONZI CESIDIO



Bassa con la quale il seguente nucleo della 562^a Cpg. Rastrell. Mine e della 17^a Comp. Genieri si trasferiscono sul palcoscenico:

"I 25 UOMINI DEL
GRUPPO CORALE"



Bassa di passaggio in aggregazione sul teatro.... di operazione delle seguenti volontarie "non ordinarie":

Sig.ra GEMMA DI GIROLAMO
" ELVIRA FOLLO
" MEMMA AMOROSO

TABELLA DEL SERVIZIO

La parte vocale sarà diretta dal Maestro

ROSOLINO TOSCANO

Tutto il complesso verrà presentato dal Sig.

VITTORIO DEL RE

Ruolino del servizio da compiere

PRIMA PARTE

Ma, insomma, che cos'è?
Cantano i rastrellatori
Com'è buono questo caffè
Il voluttuoso
La donna smontabile
Pepè e Papus
O sole mio!
La fanciulla del West
O campagnola bella
Di te
La sonnambula
I 4 cori

INTERCALARE

L'arte di imbrogliare onestamente.
N. 4 Romanze intercalate dal coro del
" NABUCCO "

SECONDA PARTE

La Montanara
Viaggio di nozze
Oggi il mio amore ha parlato
Il Bacio
"Ideale" di Tosti
Lucean le stelle
Dante e Beatrice
Rometta e Giulio
Lolita
Parla prima con la mamma
Giornali e sorrisi
Il piazzista
I Rastrellatori salutano il pubblico.

IL COMANDANTE
DEL COMPLESSO ARTISTICO
Firmato (Ten. OEDEMA OSSUR)

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TEXT OF THE SPEECH OF GENERAL O. CHIVAROV OF THE
GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE MILITARY ENGINEERS OF
THE MINISTRY OF WAR.

Foreword:

Reclamation of mined fields means elimination of mine snares that the enemy leaves on the lands from which he withdraws in order to delay the works of reconstruction impoverishing the sources of the national economy and those of agrarian production.

It is a real battle with all its soldiers even if the greatest part of them are without uniform: there are dead and there are injured: fighting men without weapons who face the snares of a hidden enemy. The work has been entrusted to the Military Engineers and they are doing it with the same tenacity which they have always demonstrated in peace time and in war time. In this battle our natural allies are the farmers. It is therefore logical and opportune that these latter be informed regarding the organization of mine clearance work so as to have their cooperation and have them know what is involved in clearing up lands, and its returning to productive condition.

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2. Policies and Procedures with which this Problem has been met. 3100

a. The reclamation of the mined areas was carried out at the beginning by units of the "Genio Artieri" which operated in Southern Italy and the Islands. These units did a good job in Puglia, Calabria and Sardinia and in this last territory the infested areas have been reclaimed almost entirely. When the front line moved north, it was no longer

possible to use these units because they were employed by the Allies for more urgent war necessities. It was therefore determined to organize a special Service of Reclamation of Mined Fields employing civil personnel. The solution of the problem was first devised by using a strong group of civilian personnel. At least 1,500 workers were taken on for training so they would be in a position to carry out this very dangerous work under the best possible conditions of security. The Service was therefore based on the following criteria:

1. Establishment of training centres in those localities where it was foreseen that a higher number of civilians could be enlisted.
2. Allocation of mined field areas in order to carry out their reclamation.
At the same time part of the personnel already trained by the Allies in Campania was distributed among the various training centres.
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b. The various obstacles faced since the beginning of the organization: the number of workers showing up at the training centres has in fact been limited in comparison with forecasts owing to the desire of the labourers to find work less dangerous and often more economically worth while.

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In Abruzzi at the Training Centre of Chieti during two courses 35 specialized workers were trained. Another course of 40 workers has been announced for the 9th of next month.

In Umbria, the Training Centre of Spoleto has already carried out two courses resulting in another 35 specialized workers. Another course of 44 workers is being developed.

In Campania at the Training Centre of Capua nothing has been able to be done owing to the lack of workers.

Actually already 300 labourers are already working in the areas of Central Italy and about 100 are in training.

From the above figures it appears that the results reached are very much lower than those forecast and inadequate for the effective carrying out of this work.

c. The same difficulties that we met in enlisting workers have been met in getting materials, especially in so far as electro-magnetic apparatus concern, for the detecting of mines, because of the lack of raw material for this manufacturing and of valves and electric batteries.

It has been, therefore, necessary to face also the problem of manufacturing the said detectors both by private industries as well as by the Military Engineers.

Actually 70 detectors are operating and 80 are being manufactured and it is forecast that they will be ready within the end of this month. Supplies of raw material for manufacturing detectors are being obtained in order to be able to give work to about 2000 workers. We are waiting for some supplies from the Allies.

In so far as clothes and equipment are concerned, the Allied Authorities have given a certain quantity of clothes and shoes which have been already distributed to the laborers actually working.

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e. In spite of the mentioned difficulties, the "Mined field reclamation services" has been able to start its functioning and it goes on for the fulfillment of its tasks.

An organization similar to that of Central Italy has been forecast for Campania and Sicily. Necessary measures have been taken in order to assure, also for those regions, the necessary labor for the cleaning of mines from those areas where the military engineers could not complete their work.

This Ministry beside the direct execution of the reclamation works, examined the possibility to employ private enterprises which applied for this work.

Technical specifications for the execution of mine work are going to be issued in order to balance the rights of both of the contracting parties. Such factors as the following will be stabilized: determination of compensations in relation with the area to be reclaimed, the density of mines, the nature of the soil, etc.

The various companies which have been called for this purpose, have very much appreciated the policy of the Ministry of War and they have submitted their recommendations which are, at the present time, the subject of study. This study will result in a standard contract for the granting of reclamation works to the highest number of companies, cooperatives, etc.

Furthermore, I would like to remind you that, in Gaeta and Pescara, areas two companies of Allies are working for the reclamation of large areas near main works of public utility (roads, canals, aqueducts, electric lines).

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- In Marche - territories in the commune of Pozzilli
- In Calabria- localities of the three provinces
- In Sardinia- in areas along the golf of Cagliari and Oristano and on the coast north east of the Island.

Up to December 31, 7 million of square meters have been cleared and 500 thousands mines have been gathered or destroyed.

In spite of the great difficulties and obstacles we can say that the reclamation work is proceeding. But if the results so far reached are satisfactory considering the difficulties to be overcome, they are still inadequate for the solution of the problem.

These results have demanded a large contribution in blood. The military and civilian loss amounts to 68 dead and 76 wounded.

Forecasts, Requirements and Subsequent Proposals.

1. The problem of reclaiming the mined fields - in itself very complicated - is still more complicated by the presence of unexploded projectiles and bombs of various kinds used by the Germans.

Agreements are in process of preparation between the competent bodies of the Artillery Service to coordinate and regulate land reclamation operations also with regard to the plan of the artillery forces, so that effective result may be obtained.

Reports by the authorities or private individuals as to the localities infested by mines are, in most cases, vague or wanting exactness of specification of the zone concerned in other ways.

It is necessary, however, to address, forward and examine those reports of competent and responsible organizations in order to ensure rapid and complete collection of data collected.

It should be noted, however, that the reports as regards mined zones are usually exaggerated, so that the general requirements, particularly labour, may be considered more adequate than the original reports would indicate.

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All the 13 firms, in fact, which applied for resuming mine clearance operations, possess altogether in all 77 mine detectors.

With these means available we could employ not more than 350 employees, but according to present conditions this is not possible. The maximum area of land which it is considered can be reclaimed per month amounts to about 8,000,000 sq. meters, but even these data have to be confirmed.

At all events, allowed for the afore-said possibility of expected work, investigating only the mined land of the Consorzio di Bonifica di Littoria, of an area of about 13,000 hectares, the delay of 16 months, employing simultaneously all the 13 firms.

This shows again the extent of the problem at the present state and well founded forecasts indicate that conditions will get worse with the extension of the zone of the liberated territory.

3.- To facilitate the solution of so important a problem adequate provisions are urgently required which cannot be postponed. The main regulations are given as follows:

- a)- active propaganda among the working classes to attract and draw them towards training courses and work;
- b)- participation in said courses should include the police corps, personnel of the U.N.F.A., forest rangers, field and municipal guards, etc.;
- c)- the assistance of the Military Administration in the training of workmen belonging to private organizations, so that they should be able to assume more important obligations of work.
- d)- Establishment of small mess rooms for land reclamation workmen, assisted by local administrations, consorzi, and various enti, etc.;
- e)- a contribution by the owners concerned commensurate with benefits derived. Said contribution has inter alia the aim of checking the tendency of reporting superficially areas supposed to be mined.
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4.- The summary listing of the principal measures for the solution of the problem, already gives an idea of its importance and calls attention to the necessity for all the activity and energy of the agencies concerned.

The most effective coordination of the various administrations concerned will be accomplished by means of a special Interministerial Committee, in which delegates of equal rank of the said administrations will participate. Not an advisory but deliberative Committee, that is a kind of board of directors of this great undertaking which the State is directly assuming for the reclamation of mined fields.

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With this end in view various central administrations have been called to deal with the land reclamation problem in their different jurisdictions. In view of the importance of the problem, the proposed Executive Committee may realize the urgent necessity of working out provisions and other measures which are going to be discussed here.

These are the general lines concerning this work on which the Bonifacio Campi Minanti (Reclamation of Mined Fields) called the attention of the War Ministry and that of the Military Authorities.

The task is great, but it should be stated that with the voluntary and energetic cooperation of all the agencies concerned and associated in this great war for the redemption of our soil we shall bring back the victory which in vain the enemy tried to undermine, the victory which is so necessary for our People.

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Jan to Aug 44		
Sep 44	-	2,840
Oct 44	-	7,322
Nov 44	-	12,740
Dec 44	-	37,595
	-	90,202

- 150,687 of which

	117,089	were listed in the Province of CHIETI	" " "	" " "	PESCARA
	33,598				

Dec 44

TOTAL NO. of MINES Cleared to 31 Decch:-

Province of CHILIND	-	120,289
Province of PEGU	-	865,33
Province of SINGU	-	682,621

TOTAL

UNEMPLOYED BOMBS DISPOSED OF BY 462 Coy.

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abandoned ammunition and explosives destroyed or otherwise disposed of

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Killed Wounded

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3 6

14 48

166 357

180 405

562 Mine Clearance Company
3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilians)

TOTAL Casualties Mine Clearance Personnel

TOTAL Casualties Civilians

TOTAL Mine Casualties in Provinces of
CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO

NOTE This total does not include many casualties of trivial nature which have not been reported.

The figures relating to mines, bombs and explosives disposed of have been compiled from reports submitted by Lt BRAMANTEO and I cannot certify their accuracy.

CHIETI
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Alfredo Major,
Provincial Commissioner,
AC CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROVINCES

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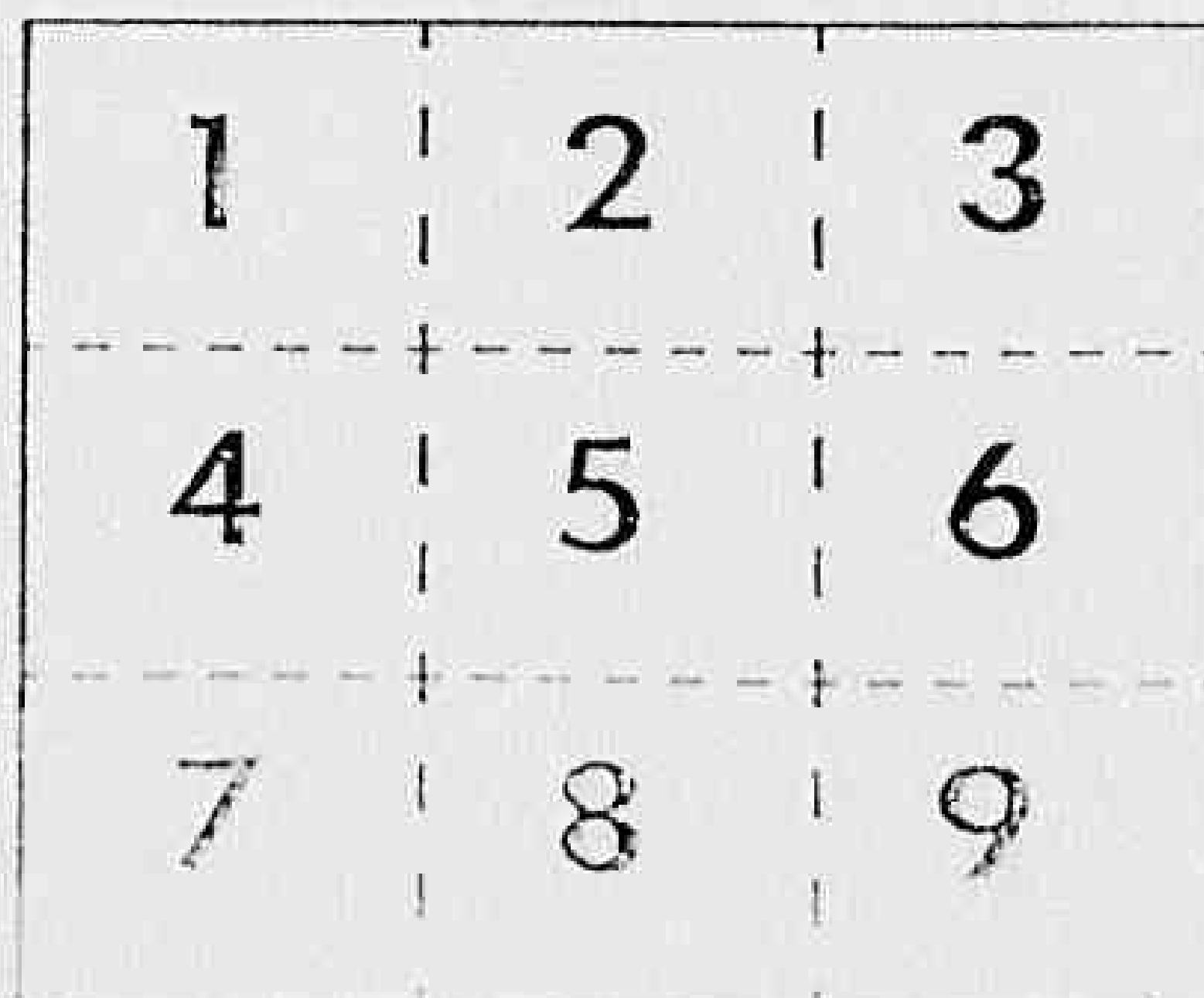
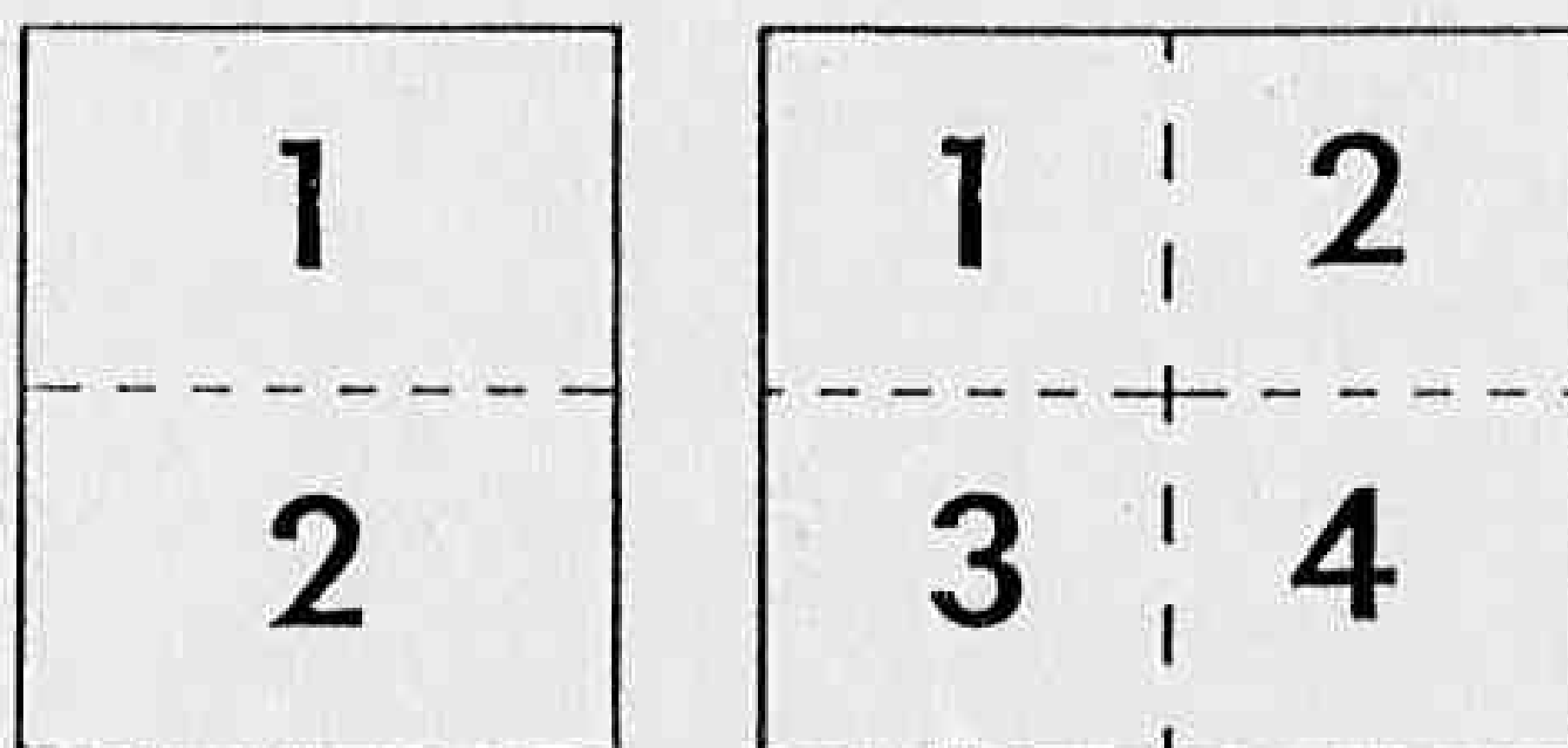
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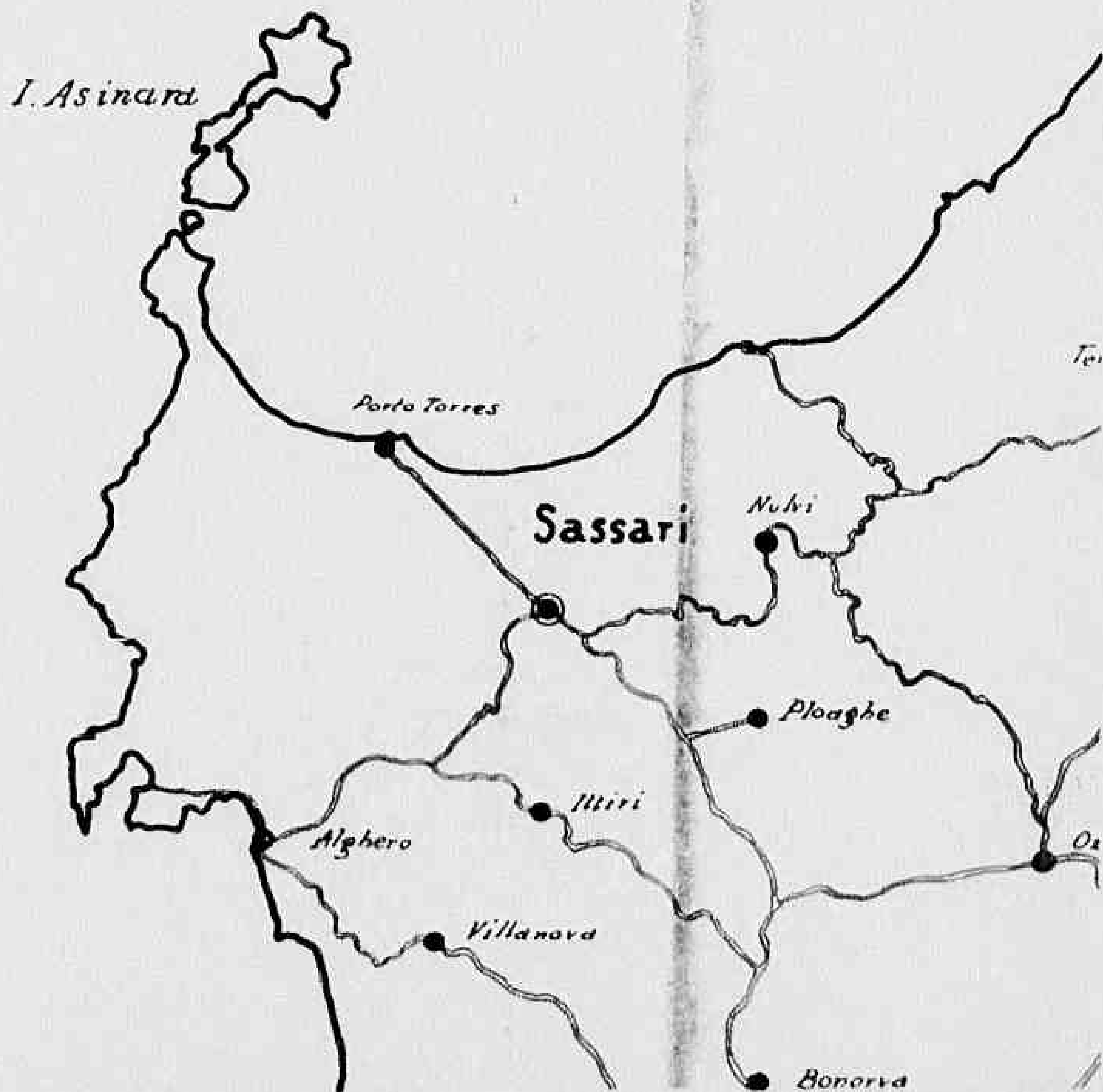
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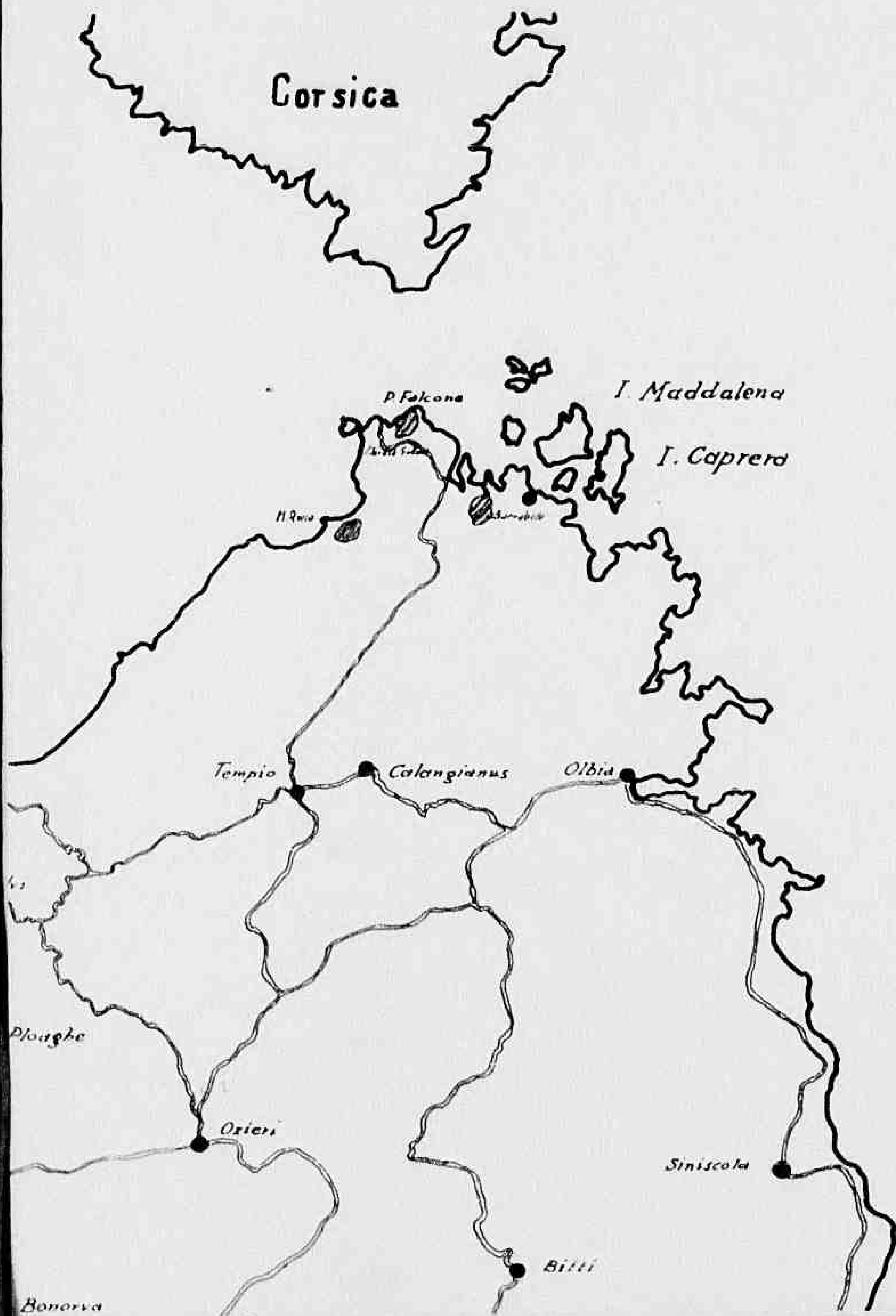
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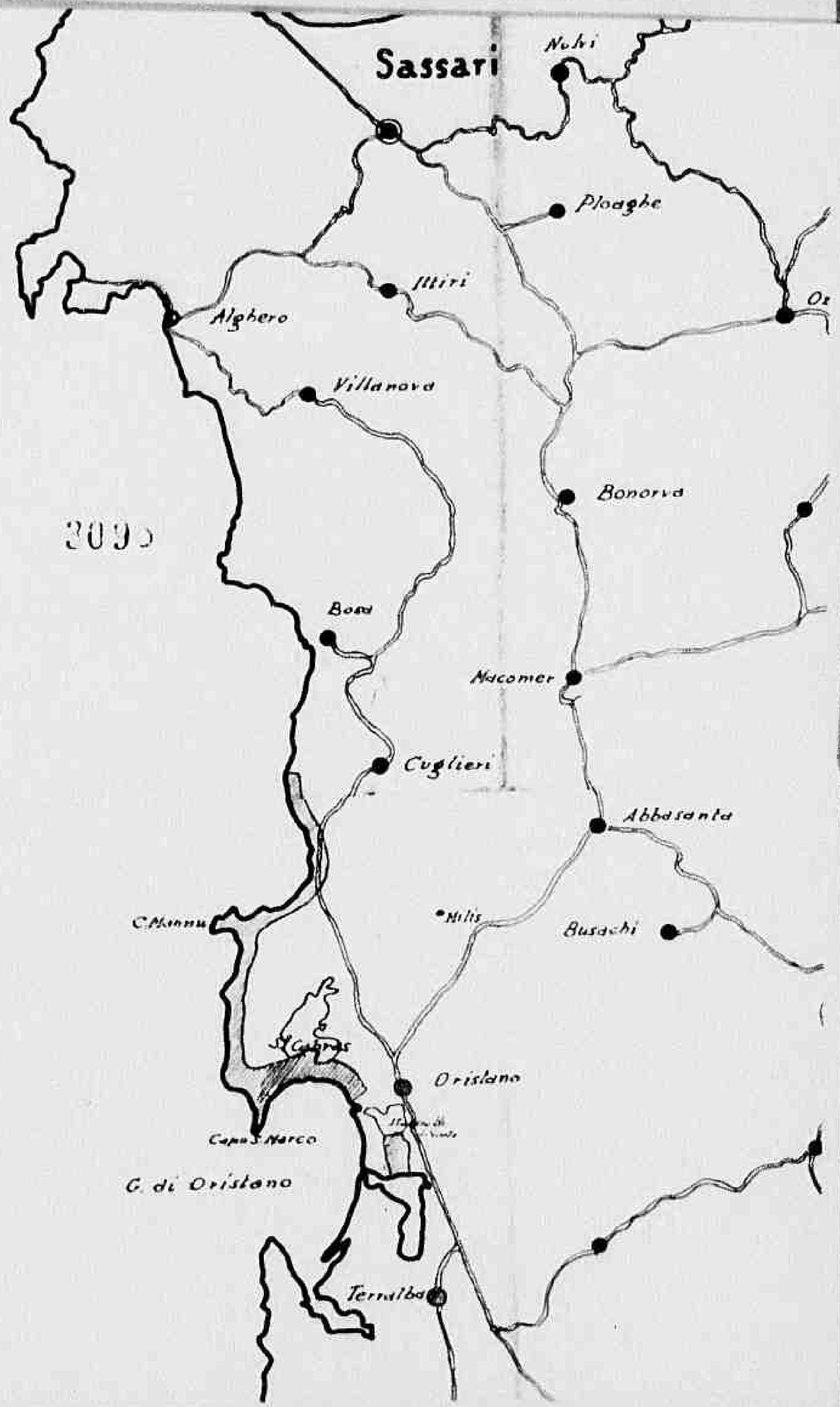


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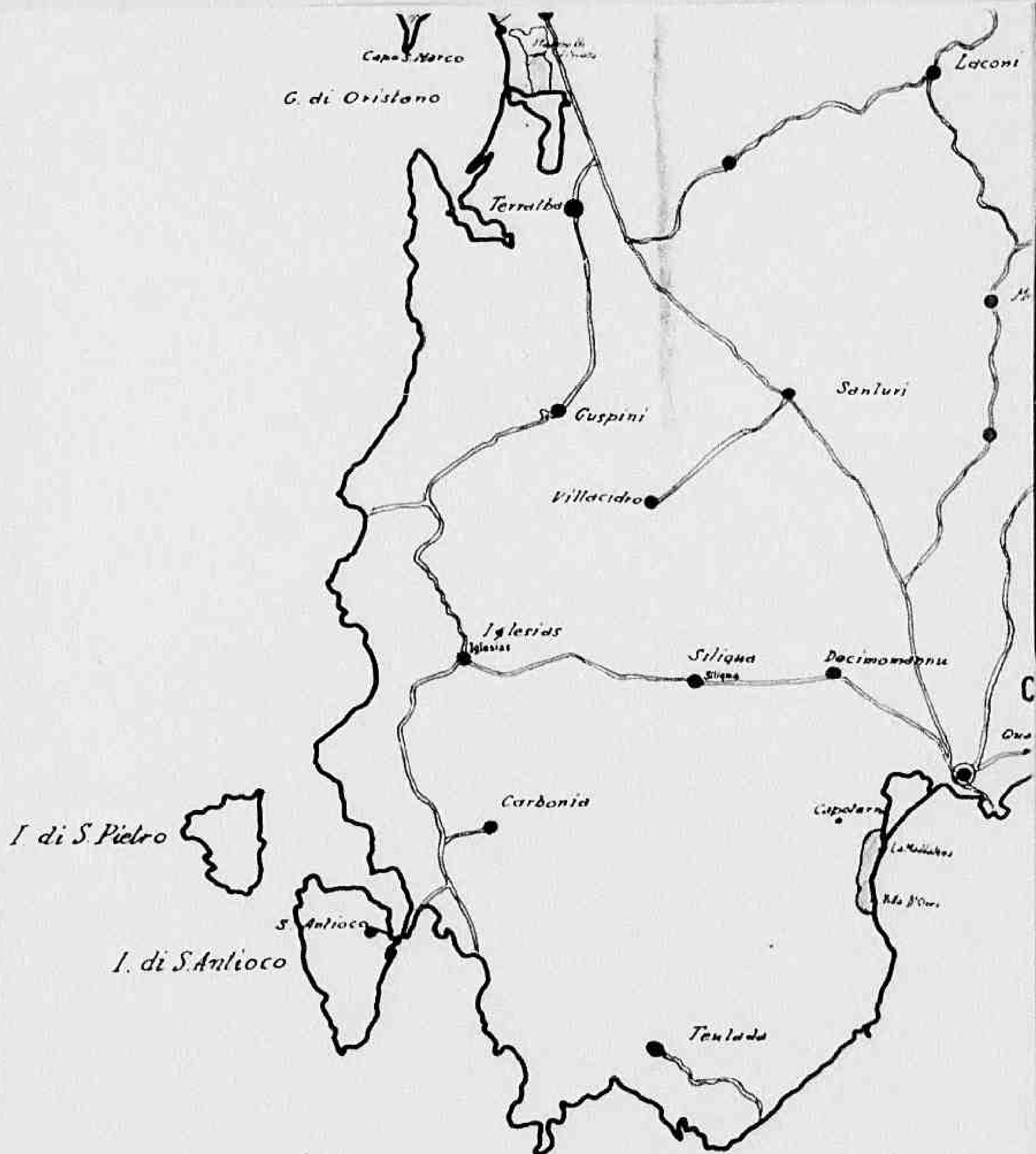


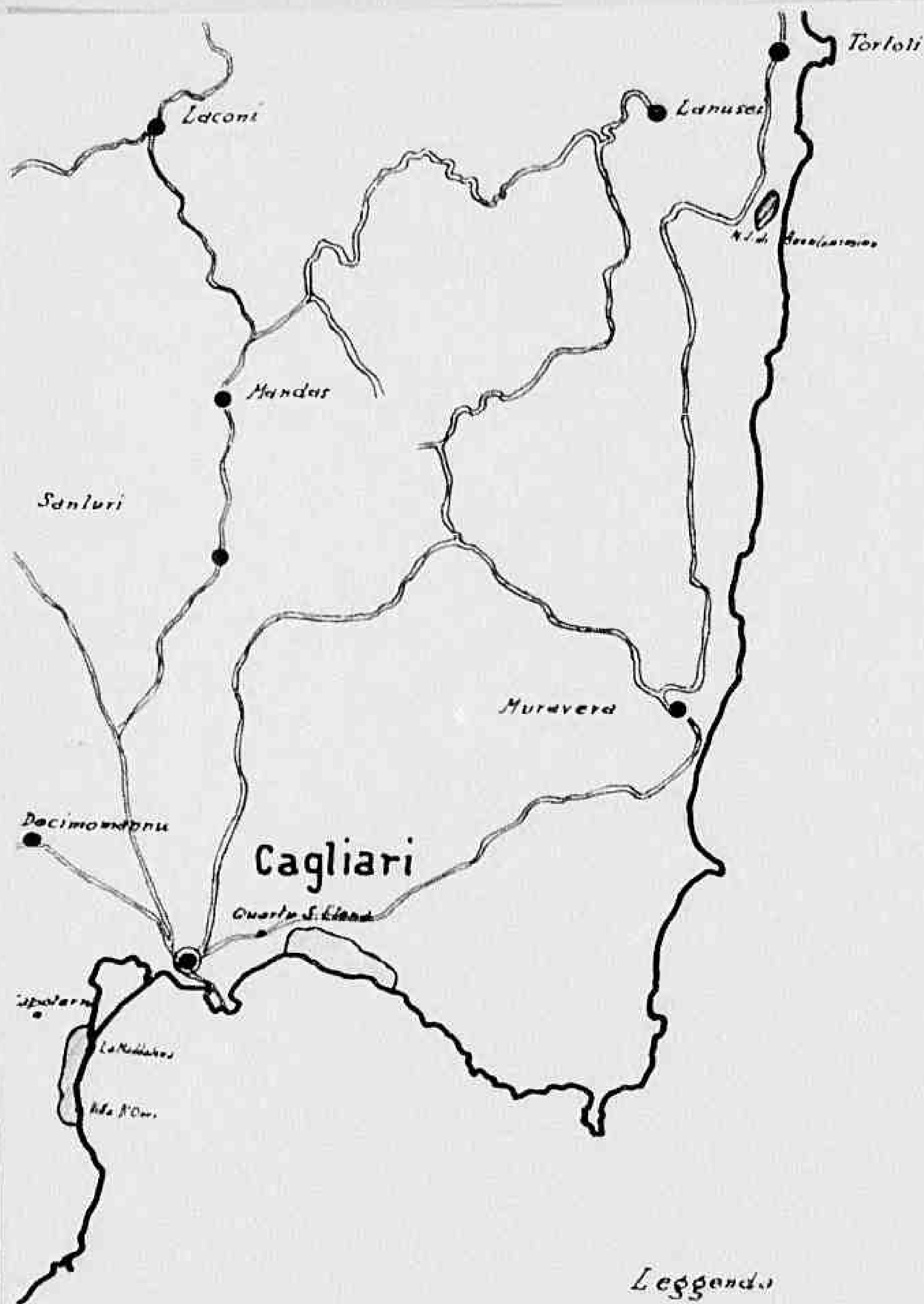
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MINISTRY OF WAR - MAIN ENGINEERING DIVISION - MINE CLEARANCE OFFICE

Chart of the mine fields cleared in the various regions up to 31 December 1944

Mined Locality	Mines Removed		Area in Squa
<u>PROVINCE OF PISA</u>			
Pisa - Riglione - Barbaricina		<u>T O S C A N A</u>	
Pugnano - S. Piero a Grado	Various mines	497	Cleared Area
<u>PROVINCE OF LUCCA</u>			
Lucca - Zone of Ponte a Serchio	Various mines	231	" "
	Total No. Mines removed or destroyed	728	Total
<u>U M B R I A</u>			
<u>PROVINCE OF TERNI</u>			
Comune of Narni (S.Vito District)	T.Mi 42 Mines	951	Cleared Area
" " Calvi	C.S. 42 Mines	146	" "
" " Orvieto			
" " Castel Viscardo			
" " Castel Giorgio			
<u>PROVINCE OF PERUGIA</u>			
Comune of Castiglione del Lago	T.Mi 43 Mines	1,200	" "
" " Passignano	S. Mines	300	
" " Spoleto (S.Giacomo District)			
	Total No. Mines removed or destroyed	2,597	Total
<u>L A Z I O</u>			
<u>PROVINCE OF ROME</u>			
Comune of Ostia Lido	T.Mi 42 Mines	4,372	
	Various Mines	2,022	
	Holz	890	
	Schu	2,235	
	Shells (305)	24	
<u>PROVINCE OF LITTORIA</u>			
Zone of Minturno - Scauri - Rio Perlala	S. Mines	59	
Pomezia Highway - Littoria	Cement Mines	16	
Pian di Fresso	Teller Mines	258	
	Mark I (English)	11	
	German Anti-tank Mines	9	
	T.Mi Mines	21	
	Various Mines	2,931	Cleared Area
	Total No. of Mines	12,848	
<u>A B R U Z Z I</u>			
<u>PROVINCE OF CHIETI</u>			
Counties:			
S. Anna - Vallerlunga - Pontenuova Colle	German Universal Grenade	1	
S. Paolo - S.Filomena - Via Tricale	T.Mi (35) Anti-tank Mines	51	
	Various Hand Grenades	56	
	S. Anti-Personnel Mines	1	
	Loaded Shells	45	
	Various Mines	350	

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ENGINEERING DIVISION - MINE CLEARANCE OFFICE

Regions up to 31 December 1944

Area in Square Meters Cleared

Remarks

T O S C A N A

497 Cleared Area 136,900 sq. meters

231 " " 57,542 " "

728 Total 194,442 " "

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951 Cleared Area 14,000 " "

146 " " 25,000 " "

1,200 " " 63,000 " "

300

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Commune of Pozzilli

Teller Anti-tank Mines and
C.S.2 Mines

2,300

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Commune of Ferruzzano

Bivio Staiti

Lenterna County (Galati)

Commune of Catona

Fiumara Gallico

Jonica zone

Pietra del Corvo County

Sacchio and Tarone County

Ponte Calabro'

T.M. 42 mines

768

Cleared Area

" " " "

142

" " " "

55

S. 42 mines

138

T.M. 42 mines

202

" " " "

120

Total of mines removed
or destroyed

1,425

SARDINIA

Areas included in the Provinces of

CAGLIARI - SASSARI - NUORO

B4 anti-personnel mines

11,600

Cleared Area

V5 mines for light vehicles

4,000

B2 anti-tank mines

500

V3 anti-tank mines

4,000

CS/42 anti-tank mines &

42/2 mines

18,456

T/35 & T.42 anti-tank mines

201,330

anti-personnel mines S

20,029

" " " "

against air landings thrown
by airplane (HHK)

2,030

Total No of mines removed or
destroyed

261,945

made 1
Mines 51
s 56
nes 1
45
350
504

(The figures on the area cleared have not been received yet)

To be added from cleared by 157,000 sq. ft. from log. 562 sq. ft. from log. 200

LUCANIA - MOLISE

2,300 (The figures on the area cleared have not been received yet)

CALABRIA

768	Cleared Area	78,000
142		11,000
55		5,000
138		30,000
202		35,000
120		4,200

1,425 163,200 sq. meters

SARDINIA

11,600	Cleared Area	384,000
4,000		24,000
500		3,000
4,000		24,000
18,456		553,000
201,330		3,014,160
20,029		316,640
2,030		8,520

261,945 4,291,320

This communication refers to the mine clearance work done by the Command of the Engineers of Sardinia from Oct 1943 to Dec 1944.

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SUMMARY MILIT

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

SUMMARY MILITARY COURT RECORD

PLEA	SYNOPSIS OF TRIAL AND REMARKS

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PORT RECORD

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DI
Ufficio B.C.M.

Specchio dei Campi Minati rimossi nelle varie regioni e tutto

Località infestata	Lavoro eseguito
=====	
= T O S C =	
<u>Prov. di PISA</u> Città di Pisa - Riglione - Barbaricina Fornano - S. Piero a Grado	Mine varie N° 497
<u>Prov. di LUCCA</u> Città di Lucca e zona di Ponte a Serchio	Mine varie " 231
	<u>Totale mine ricuperate o distrutte</u> N° 728
= U M B R =	
<u>Prov. di TERNI</u> Comune di Narni (fraz. S.Vito) Comune di Calvi Comune di Orvieto " " Castel Viscardo " " Castel Giorgio	mine T.Mi 42 N° 951 " tipo C.S. 42 " 146
<u>Prov. di PERUGIA</u> Comune di Castiglione del Lago " " Passignano " " Spoleto (fraz. S. Giacomo)	mine T.Mi 43 " 1200 mine tipo S. " 300
	<u>totale mine • ricuperate o distrutte</u> N° 2597
= L A Z I O =	
<u>Prov. di ROMA</u> Comune di Ostia Lido	Mine T.Mi 42 N° 4372 Mine varie " 2022 Mine Holz " 890 Mine Schu " 2235 Proiettili da 305 " 24

Allegato al foglio N.....
della Direzione Generale del

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio B.C.M.

i rimossi nelle varie regioni a tutto il 31 Dicembre 1944.-

Lavoro eseguito		Superficie bonificata	
= T O S C A N A =			
Mine varie	N° 497	Sup. Bon.	mq. 136.900
Mine varie	" 231	" "	" 57.542
Totale mine recuperate o distrette	N° 728	Totale	mq. 194.442
= U M B R I A =			
mine T.Mi 42	N° 951	Sup. Bon.	mq. 14.000
" tipo G.S. 42	" 146	" "	" 25.000
mine T.Mi 43	" 1200	" "	" 63.000
mine tipo S.	" 300		
Totale mine • ricupe- te o distrette	N° 2597	totale	mq. 102.000
= L A Z I O =			
Mine T.Mi 42	N° 4372		
Mine varie	" 2022		
Mine Holz	" 890		
Mine Schu	" 2235		
proiettili da 305	" 24		

Allegato al foglio N.....in data.
della Direzione Generale del Genio

GUERRA
DEL GENIO
M.
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atto il 31 Dicembre 1944.-

Superficie bonificata				Note
C A N A =				
Sup. Bon.	mq.	136.900		
" "	"	57.542		
Totale	mq.	194.442		
I A =				
Sup. Bon.	mq.	14.000		
" "	"	25.000		
" "	"	63.000		
totale	mq.	102.000		
D =				

Prov. di ROMA
Comune di Ostia Lido

Prov. di LITTORIA
Zona di Minturno - Scauri - Rio Perlaia
Rotabile Pomezia - Littoria in località
Pian di Prasso

Mine T.Mi 42 No 4372
Mine varie " 2022
Mine Holz " 800
Mine Schu " 2235
Proiettili da 305 " 24

mine S. " 50
mine in cemento " 16
Tellersmine " 258
Inglesi Mark I " 11
mine anticarro tedesche
in legno " 9
mine T.Mi " 21
mine varie " 2931

totale mine recuperate o distrutte No 12848

= L A Z I O

Prov. di CHIETI
Contrade:

S.Anna - Vallerlunga - Pontenuova - Colle
S.Paolo - S.Pilomena - Via Tricalle

granata universale tedesca No 1
mine anticarro T.Mi 35 " 51
bombe a mano varie " 56
mina S.tedesca antiuomo " 1
cariche esplosive " 45
mine varie " 350

totale mine recuperate o distrutte No 504

= A B R U Z Z I

Prov. di Campobasso
Comune di Pozzilli

mine anticarro Teller e C.S.2 No 2300

= P U G L I A - B A S I L I C A T A

Prov. di REGGIO CALABRIA
Comune di Ferrazzano
Rivio Staiti
Contrada Lanterna (Galati)
Comune di Catona
Piumara Gallico
Zona gioiosa Jonica
Contrada Pietra del Corvo

mine T.M. 42 No 768
" " " " " 142
" " " " " 55
" S. " " 138
" T.M. " " 202
" " " " " 120

Totale mine recuperate o distrutte No 1425

= C A L A B R I A

= L A Z I O =

Mine T.Mi 42	N°	4372
Mine varie	"	2022
Mine Holz	"	800
Mine Schu	"	2235
Proiettili da 305	"	24
mine S.	"	59
mine in cemento	"	16
Tellermine	"	258
Inglese Mark I	"	11
mine anticarro tedesche in legno	"	9
mine T.Mi	"	21
mine varie	"	2931
totale mine recuperate o distrutte		N° 12848

Sup.Bon. mq. 275.000

= A B R U Z Z I =

granata universale tedesca	N°	1
mine anticarro T.Mi 35	"	51
bombe a mano varie	"	56
mina S.tedesca antiuomo	"	1
cariche esplosive	"	45
mine varie	"	350
totale mine recuperate o distrutte		N° 504

I dati relativi alla superficie bonificata non sono ancora pervenuti

= PUGLIA - BUCANIA - E MOLISE =

mine anticarro Teller e C.S.2	N°	2300
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I dati relativi alla superficie bonificata non sono ancora pervenuti

= C A L A B R I A =

mine T.M. 42	N°	768
" " "	"	142
" " "	"	55
" S. "	"	138
" T.M. "	"	202
" " "	"	120
Totale mine recuperate		N° 1425

Sup.Bon.	mq.	78000
" "	"	11000
" "	"	5000
" "	"	30000
" "	"	35000
" "	"	4200
Totale		mq. 163200

Sup.Bon. mq. 275.000

I dati relativi alla superficie bonificata non sono ancora pervenuti

UCANIA - E MOLISE=

I dati relativi alla superficie bonificata non sono ancora pervenuti

R I A =

Sup.Bon.	mq.	78000
" "	"	11000
" "	"	5000
" "	"	30000
" "	"	35000
" "	"	4200
Totale	mq.	163200

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PROV. NA - N. 10 - CRISTINA

Comune di Ferruzzano
 Bivio Staiti
 Contrada Lanterna (Galati)
 Comune di Catona
 Fiumara Gallico
 Zona gioiosa Jonica
 Contrada Pietra del Corvo
 Contrada Saccio e Tarone
 Fonte Calabrò

mine T.M. 42	N°	768
" " "	"	142
" " "	"	55
" S. "	"	138
" T.M. "	"	202
" " "	"	120
Totale mine ricu- rate o distrutte	N°	1425

SARDE

Zone comprese nelle Province di
CAGLIARI - SASSARI - NUORO
 (ved. allegato lucido al 500.000 della
 Sardegna)

mine antiuomo B.4	N°	11600
mine contro veicoli leggeri V/5	"	4000
Mine anticarro B/2	"	500
" " V/3	"	4000
" " CS/42	"	
" " 42/2	"	18456
" " T/35-T.42	"	201330
mine antiuomo tipo S.	"	20029
" " contro avionbarchi lanciate da aereo (HEV)	"	2030
Totale mine ricupa- te o distrutte	N°	261045

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N. 42	N°	768	Sup. Bon.	mq.	78000
" "	"	142	" "	"	11000
" "	"	55	" "	"	5000
" "	"	138	" "	"	30000
" "	"	202	" "	"	35000
" "	"	120	" "	"	4200
mine ricupe-	N°	1425	Totale	mq.	163200
distrette					

= S A R D E G H A =

uomo B.4	N°	11600	Sup. Bon.	mq.	348000
entro veicoli	"		" "	"	
V/5	"	4000	" "	"	24000
ticarro B/2	"	500	" "	"	3000
" V/3	"	4000	" "	"	24000
" 08/42	"		" "	"	
42/2	"	18456	" "	"	553000
" T/35-T.42	"	201330	" "	"	3014160
uomo tipo S.	"	20029	" "	"	316640
" contro	"		" "	"	
chi lanciate	"		" "	"	8520
(C.M.)	"	2030			
mine ricupera-	N°	261045	Totale	mq.	4.291.320
trutte					

La presente segna-
ce ai lavori di
dal Comando Gen
dall'Ottobre 194

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Sup. Bon.	mq.	78000
" "	"	11000
" "	"	5000
" "	"	30000
" "	"	35000
" "	"	4200
Totale	mq.	163200

A =

Sup. Bon.	mq.	348000
" "	"	24000
" "	"	3000
" "	"	24000
" "	"	553000
" "	"	3014160
" "	"	316640
" "	"	8520
Totale	mq.	4.291.320

La presente segnalazione si riferisce ai lavori di bonifica eseguiti dal Comando Genio della Sardegna dall'Ottobre 1943 al Dicembre 1944

23 JAN 1965

See/1/106.

REPORT, Mine Disposal.

5 May 64, S.O.

19 Jan 65.

1. PROGRESS.

(a) PMSA. Work continues in the districts of San Pictin & Graco, Petbori, Nevechole, Viaregato, Pontedura and Regal el Gasolinas. 111,750 Sq. ft have been cleared and 1,601 mines lifted.

(b) DISSEA. Work continues at Ponte a Morlano, Carignano and Monte San Virico. 6150 Sq. ft have been cleared and 450 mines lifted. Work in latter has been considerably interrupted during the last week, as the area was swarming to earth until after the funeral of the four casualties which occurred on 13 Jan 65. The funeral took place on 16 Jan.

(c) PMSA. The newly trained squads are still working ^{under} supervision of the instructors.

2. MATERIALS.

Four American type mine detectors have been received from Rome, and authority has been given for mines to be drawn from ordnance.

3. TRANSPORT.

There is still an urgent necessity for the squads to have their own transport. Vehicles supplied by the Mine Transport Office are usually unreliable, and very often do not report for duty. Considerable time has been wasted in this manner as, if for any reason transport is unavailable for duty, the Mine Transport Office fails to advise the S.O. Mines Disposal Squads, and vehicles are kept waiting for considerable periods.

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The funeral took place on 16 Jan.
(c) PW 2211. The newly trained squads are still working ^{under} supervision
of the instructors.

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to advise the C.I. Mines Disposal Squad, and workers are kept waiting
for considerable periods.

Robert

R. ROBERT

Captain R.A.C.F.

Copies to:
3 Army A.S.G.
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P.O. Pilsa
P.O. Laos
Cao Viang
P.O. Pilsa
P.O.

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Civil Affairs Sect
AC 26

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 304
PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH

195/RV/2RS

13 January 1945

Press Release - Immediate

Mine clearance in liberated Italy continues to progress with over 114,000 mines removed during the month of December. The Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission announced today.

Two Italian mine clearance companies, each with a strength of 200 personnel, and 300 civilians are engaged in this work. A further 150 civilians are at present under training.

One of the companies is working at Gesta, where the terrain is difficult, as many of the buildings were demolished by the Germans and the mine field. The other company, which has cleared over 150,000 mines since its formation, is operating in the area around Pescara and Ortona. In a big belt extending many thousands of miles.

Millions of miles are working in the provinces of Lucca, Livorno, Pisa, Pistoia, Arezzo, Terni, Ortona, Pescara and Pescara.

During the month the two mine clearance companies cleared between them 20,255 mines. Civilian groups removed 1,543 mines from the Lazio Region, 4,500 from Florence, 4,415 from Perugia and Terni, 3,657 from Ortona and Pescara, 497 from Pisa province, 231 from Lucca, and a further 1,500 from other places in liberated Italy.

Centers of instruction have been opened at Pistoia and Livorno. The centers at Ortona, Pescara and Pescara continue to train workers, while those at Pisa and Lucca will shortly be holding further courses.

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page (2) Perhaps in the light of the reports

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Mine Clearance.

Mine clearance continues to make good progress but is handicapped by shortage of equipment and transport.

The undernoted are engaged on Mine clearance in liberated Italy,

Trained.

561 Italian Mine Clearance Company.	Str	200
562 do.....do.....do.....		209
Civilian squads, trained and working		307

725

Under training

Under training	150
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Total personnel.....	885
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The 561 Company is working at ^{where?} FARETA. The terrain is difficult. Most of the buildings have been demolished and the ruins mined. Work is necessarily slow and the number of mines removed smaller than in minefields.

The ⁵⁶² ~~762~~ Company is working in and around PESCARA and CHIETI. The area is a vast mine belt containing many thousands of mines.

Civilian squads are working at ^{Province,} PISA, LUCCA, LIVORNO, PISTOIA, PERUGIA, TERNI, CHIETI, ORTONA ~~and~~ VARREGGIO and FLORENCE.

The undernoted mines have been removed during the month.

561 Italian Mine Clearance Company.....	65
562 do.....do.....do.....do.....	90,200
PISA Province.....	497
LUCCA	231
PERUGIA, TERNI.....	4,418
LAZIO Region.....	9543
CHIETI and ORTONA	3,857
FLORENCE	4,500
Miscellaneous.....	1,000

114,311

The 562 Italian Mine Clearing Company have cleared ³⁰⁹⁹ over 150,000 mines since its formation.

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Trained.

161 Italian Mine Clearance Company	Str	208
162	do.....do....	207
Civilian squads, trained and working		307
		<u>725</u>

Civilians.

Under training

160

Total personnel

885

The 161 Company is working at Gasta where the terrain is difficult. Most of the buildings have been demolished and the ruins mined. Work is necessarily slow and the number of mines removed smaller than in mine-fields.

The 162 Company is working in and around PESCARA and CHIETI. The area is a vast mine belt containing many thousands of mines.

LUGCA,
VIAREGGIO

the month,

65

20,200

497

231

4,418

162

161 Province

LUGCA

CHIETI

Total personnel

888

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VIAREGIO

the month,

65
90,200
497
231
4,416
9,543
3,857
4,500
1,000
114,311

65
Pisa Province
LUCCA
PERUGIA, TERNI
Lazio Region
CHIETI and ORTONA
FLORENCE
Miscellaneous

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

R E P O R T
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Ref: REP/1/97

15 January 1945

SUBJECT : Mines Disposal.

TO : Col. R.R. CRIPPS, Civil Affair Section, HQ., AC.

1. Progress.

a. PISA, Work continues in this district at S. Piero a Grado, Pettorio Bagri di Casciana and Viareggio.

72390 mq have been cleared and 938 mines lifted.
b. LUCCA, Work continues at Ponte al Serchio and 13680 mq have been cleared and 46 mines lifted. Weather conditions make progress very slow in this district and in many parts it is impossible to operate owing to deep snow.

c. PISTOIA, The newly trained squads are continuing to operate in the field under supervision of the instructors.

2. Transport.

The situation as regards P.Cs transport for mines disposal squads has improved, but none the less, the only satisfactory solution of this problem is for the squads to have their own transport.

3. Materials.

The mine-detectors provided by the Ministero della Guerra, Rome, are now useless as the batteries are exhausted. May it please be pointed out to the Ministero that to send mine detectors without spare batteries is as useless as providing no detectors at all.

4. Casualties.

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4. Casualties.

a. LUCCA. It is regretted that four (4) men became total casualties on Saturday 13 January 1945.
b. VIAREGGIO. The injured man is progressing well and his release from hospital is expected shortly.

DISTRIBUTION:

2 - Col. CRIPPS ✓
1 - Fifth Army, AMB,
1 - P.O., Pisa.
1 - P.C. Lucca,
1 - C.A.C., Viareggio,
1 - File.

M. Short
M. SHORT,
Capt., R.A.S.C.
c/o P.C. Lucca.

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TRANSLATION NO. 471

P.M. 3400 14/1/45

Ref. 3128

TO: ENGINEERING DIVISION - LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
and for information
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
C.A. SECTION
R O M E

SUBJECT: Weekly report on the removal of mines along the electric line by the
Company from 8 January to 13 January 1945.

- 8 Jan. - 1250 meters of the electric line of Campania (Santa Croce-Scauri sector)
inspected and cleared. No. of mines removed: none. 50 meters of the
5.odd kilometers of the Campania electric line. No. of mines removed, 9 "S".
- 9 Jan. - Stormy (snow, wind, rain).
- 10 Jan.- The area to be cleared is flooded. The squads retire because it starts to
rain and to snow.
- 11 Jan.- Stormy (snow, rain, wind).
- 12 Jan.- 150 meters of the Campania electric line (Calegna-Monte S. Agata sector)
inspected and cleared.
No. of mines removed, 3 Italian of wood.
A squad goes to Terracina to recover a jeep in a mined field for the 54th
Military Police Station of Formia. 6 Teller mines are made to explode.
The Scauri zone is entirely flooded.
- 13 Jan.- Stormy (snow, rain, wind).

No. of mines removed up to 6 January 1945.....1548

" " " " from 8 Jan. to 13 Jan. 45..... 18

Total No. of mines removed up to 13 Jan. 45.....1566

COMMANDING OFFICER
Capt. De Marchi Natale

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MINE CLEARANCE

Along the Electric Line of Campania
by the 561 Pioneer Company for Mine-field clearance
Work begun on 8 Jan 1945

DATE	WIDTH OF ZONES INSPECTED	LINEAR DISTANCE	ADVANCE MINE LOCATORS	RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS		CLEARANCE	
				Free Zone	Mined zone	No. Mines removed	Type
8/1	m 8 m 8	Km. 1,250 m. 50	1 6 - 7	yes no	no yes	None 9	- "3"
9/1	Stormy. snow. rain, wind	-	-	-	-	-	-
10/1	The area to be cleared is flooded	-	-	-	-	-	-
11/1	Stormy. snow. wind, rain	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/1	m. 8	m. 150	1 - 2	no	yes	3	Italian of wood
Recovery of jeep left on a mined field in the Terracina area. Most of the mines found in fastened to rocks, to pieces of fence and logs lying about the field. This area is very							
13/1	Stormy, wind, snow, rain						

MINE CLEARANCE

Along the Electric Line of Campania
561 Pioneer Company for Mine-field clearance
Work begun on 8 Jan 1945

MINE S	RESULTS OF INSPECTIONS		CLEARANCE		INFORMATION ON MINE-FIELDS MET	REMARKS
	Free Zone	Mined zone	No. Mines removed	Type		
	yes no	no yes	None 9	- "S"	--- A field of "S" Mines across the electric line	Electric Line " "
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	no	yes	3	Italian of wood	Mined a strip parallel to the electric line	

the Terracina area. Most of the mines found in this area are of the Teller type, and are logs lying about the field. This area is very dangerous.

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P.M. 3400 14/1/45

13 GEN 1945

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

A.P.O 294

e p.o. TO H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION)

A.P.O 294

Oggetto: Relazione settimanale (dall'8/1 al 13/1/45) rimozione mine sulla linea elettrica della Campania.

Giorno 6 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 1250 della linea elettrica della Campania (tratto Santa Croce-Scauri). Mine rimosse, ne assunsi ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 del km. 5,420 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse, 9 "8".
Giorno 9 Gennaio. Giornata burrascosa (neve, vento, pioggia)

Giorno 10 Gennaio. La zona di bonifica viene trovata allagata e le squadre di lavoro rientrano anche perchè ricomincia a piovere e a nevicare.

Giorno 11 Gennaio. Altra giornata burrascosa (neve, pioggia, vento)

Giorno 12 Gennaio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 150 della linea elettrica della Campania (tratto Calagna - Monte S. Agata). Mine rimosse n° 3 di legno italiane. in campo minato
Una squadra si reca a Terracina per recuperare una Jeep della 54th Military Police Station di Formia. Vengono fatte esplodere 16 mine Teller ancorate.
La zona di bonifica di Scauri viene trovata completamente allagata.

Giorno 13 Gennaio. Giornata burrascosa (neve, pioggia, vento).

Mine rimosse al 6/1/45.....1546
Mine rimosse dall'8/1 al 13/1/45.....18

Totale delle mine rimosse al 13/1/45

1566

nevicare.

Giorno 11 Gennaio. Altra giornata burrascosa (neve, pioggia, vento)

Giorno 12 Gennaio. Ipezionati e bonificati n.150 della linea elettrica della Campania (tratto Calagna - Monte S. Agata). Mine rimosse n° 5 di legno italiane. in campo minato
Una squadra si reca a Terracina per recuperare una Jeep della 54th Military Police Station di Formia. Vengono fatte esplodere 16 mine Teller encostrate.
La zona di bonifica di Scauri viene trovata completamente allagata.

Giorno 13 Gennaio. Giornata burrascosa (neve, pioggia, vento).

Mine rimosse al 6/1/45.....1546

Mine rimosse dall'8/1 al 13/1/45.....18

Totale delle mine rimosse al 13/1/45 1566

Dr. IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA
(Cm. DE MARCHI METALE)

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BONIFICA DI MINE

1. Alla linea elettrica della Campania

Compagnia Pionieri per Rimozione campi minati

8/1/45

Risultato delle ispezioni		Bonifica eseguita		INFORMAZIONI	Annotazioni
RISULTATO OTTENUTO		CLEARANCE		Sui campi minati incontrati	REMARKS
zona libera	zona minata	n° mine rimosse	Tipo	INFORMATION ON MINED FIELDS MET	
si	no	NFE	==		linea elettrica
no	si	9	"S"	Campo mine "S" trasversale alla linea elettrica	" "
no, pioggia					
no, pioggia					
no	si	3	Legno It.	Fascia minata parallela alla linea elettrica	" "
Tutta la zona minata nella zona di Terracina. Le mine che si trovano su Tellor, risultano ancorate, e l'ancoraggio è fissato a macigni di legno abbandonati sul terreno. La zona si mostra molto insidiosa.					
no, pioggia					

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FROM: HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Chieti, Pescara and Teramo Province
Italian Liaison Officer.

Ref: 155/10 14 31 Dec 44

TO : Col Cripps, Civil Affairs Section

1. Clothing and Equipment.

The assigned clothing has been drawn. Other requests for similar material have been made and action on them is awaited.

2. Office for the recovery of War Materials.

The office is functioning regularly. It is necessary, however, to put a vehicle at the disposition of the P.S. Official attached to the Office in order that he may personally carry out investigations in the Communes of the three dependent Provinces. The President of the Chamber of Commerce of Chieti has been contacted for this purpose and he will provide for the requisitioning of a vehicle to be used for this service.

Part of the recovered material has been taken to the warehouse of Capagatti while the remainder must be withdrawn.

3. Third Zone of Mine Fields: Mine Clearance School for Civilians.

The Mine Clearance School has yielded very little due to the insufficient preparation of the civilians.

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Agreements have been reached with the Provincial Deputy, Capt Marshall, and the Prefect of Teramo. The first detachment of the 562nd Mine Clearance Company has been formed in Silvi, for the mine clearance work to be done in said province.

The Prefect of Teramo has taken upon himself to furnish all the details concerning the zones to be cleared. For this purpose he has requested information from the Communes under his jurisdiction. He promised to supply 150 litres of gasoline each week for said work but this has not been obtained yet.

5. Recall of Italian Soldiers.

Information has been requested from the Districts in regard to the well known recalls. The District at Chieti, with letter 1447 of 22 Dec 44 and with letter 1567 of 30 Dec 44, has furnished the following information:

I	(a) reported	1,749
	(b) rejected	1,119
	(c) convalescence	150

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Transport:

60 vehicles have been used which are furnished by the MILIA for the transport of 958 soldiers who were headed for the south to Ortona.

These men included:

109 soldiers of AVELLA District
483 " " TIRANO
20 " " SULLMONA

84 have been sent out from the District of CHIETI.

III

Morale:

The meagreness of the daily allowance to the families of the soldiers who have been recalled, the recall during the Christmas holidays, the disastrous conditions in which the Province of Chieti is as a result of military operations, the work in connection with the olive season, have been the cause, up to today, of the small number of those answering the recall. It is believed that after the holidays the number will increase considerably. While the soldiers were in this District they were given hot food, wine, cigarettes, fruits, newspapers, and other items. A committee, consisting of men and women, was formed in Chieti and offered many gifts to the departing soldiers. The recalled soldiers were billeted in the premises of the Caserma "Pierantoni" and slept on straw on the ground.

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All the soldiers were given all the items prescribed by the Italian military regulations.

C. Activity of the 562nd Mine Clearance Company.

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At present the following are detachments of the company: PESCARA, CAPARATI, MANOPELLO, MONTESILVANO, LORETO, VACRI, LANCIANO, GUARDIAGRELE, PIANELLA, NICLIANICO, CAPORASSO, SILVI, S.MARTINO, S.VINCENZO, FOSSACESIA, CASACANDITELLA.

The company has removed 90.200 mines of various types during the month of December through the above mentioned detachments; has covered 200 tons of explosive munitions of various foreign makes, depositing them in the dumps; it has further removed 80 bombs of various weights.

It is to be pointed out that the unit has very few vehicles; it is necessary to obtain the allocation of some vehicle in order that the execution of its task may be facilitated.

LT. SPAMPANATO 2081
Liaison Officer
HQ/AC Chieti

GENERAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE UNIT.

If with the figures representing the monthly activity of the company we make a diagram with the mine clearance the number of the unit, we would find in the first place (see fig.) which in the last part rises sharply in the first months. The first it is evident that in the space of about six months, the first school based on theory and practice, the individual lessons given by the officers, the harmony among the squads, the enthusiasm of the mine clearers who have always been supported and encouraged by the superior commands, have all succeeded in creating a very solid group technologically and morally, and in obtaining considerable results.

The approach of the winter season induced this Command to go far back in November to organize on a wider scale the mine clearance work in the case that there were hit the hardest and in such places where the clearance of mines was benefit agriculture. A greater effort from each individual became indispensable in order to accelerate matters and free very vast zones of mines before the hardship of the weather, which is the worst enemy of the mine clearers would appear and limit the activities of the entire unit.

The objective has been realized completely and the "result" curve has reached a maximum appearing which shows how much the Italian soldier can still do if he is supported by faith and if given attention and sympathy by superior commands. Even in the fight between Mine Clearance and winter the former has won, as shown by the following figures:

Number of mines decontaminated or destroyed during Dec.	90,200
" " " " " " " " " " " "	Since the creation of the Unit 180,687

The unit was proud of the reward granted to its Commandant and replied to the solemn praise of his M. the General Commandant of the Puglia and Lucania, with the best proof of its gratitude - i.e. with a service which was the fruit of faith; scorn for death and the knowledge of being worthy of its Country which was again at all costs.

The losses suffered during these months of activity are serious and show that the task assigned is quite arduous, but the will to continue until the last mine has been removed from our Country which has suffered such martyrdom animates the whole unit; in every tragic vicissitude of destiny, the mine clearer who remains behind replies with an angry will to continue in order to be worthy of his comrade fallen on the field of honour.

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Subject :- Mine Clearance.

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To :- HQ Allied Commission.
CA Sec. (for Col. Cripps)

13 Jan, 45.

From :- P.C. AC Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

1. The attached report covering the activities of 562 Mine Clearance Coy during the six months it has been under the control of this H., is forwarded, together with translation thereof.

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Chieti.

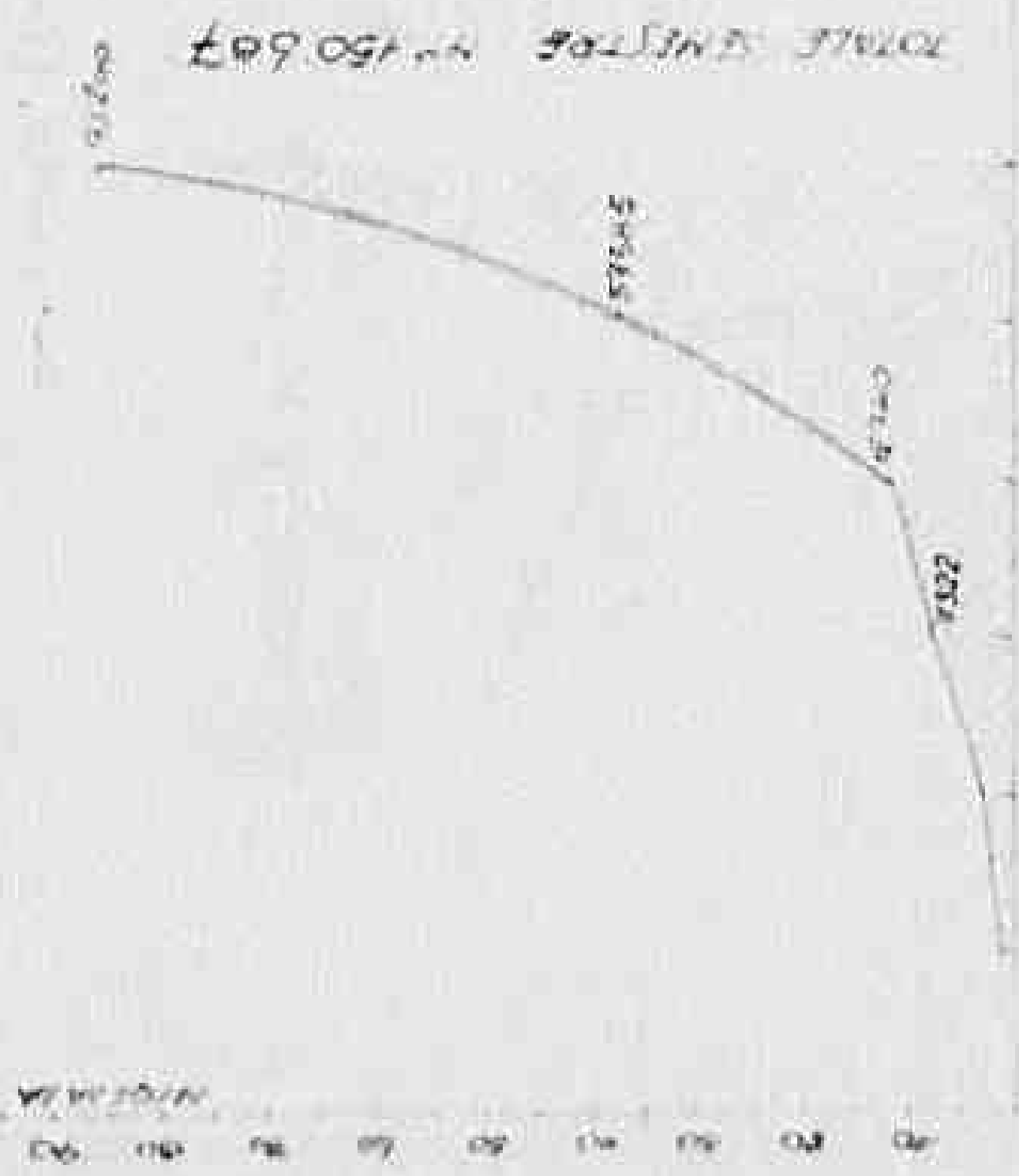
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Major,
Provincial Commissioner,
AC Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

Copy to :- HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region.

7 JAN 1945

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Se si confrontano alla medesima cifra che sintetizzano l'attività mensile della Compagnia, un diagramma avuto per assai il tempo e per ordinato la quale rastrellata nei singoli mesi in tutti i Distretti del Reparto, si otterrà una curva ascendente (vedi fig. 1) che nell'ultimo tratto a'inalza vertiginosamente quasi con legge iperbolica: appare quindi evidente che nelle spese di circa sei mesi, la scuola ideale tecnico-pratica, i singoli insegnanti degli ufficiali, l'affiancamento delle squadre, l'entusiasmo dei rastrellatori sempre sostenuti ed apprezzati dai Comandi Superiori, sono riusciti a creare una compagine solidissima tecnicamente e moralmente si è raggiunti risultati notevolissimi.



Lo scopo è stato raggiunto in pieno e la curva "rendimento" per merito di tutti gli uomini del Reparto ha toccato un massimo iperbolico che sta a dimostrare quanto se fare ancora il soldato italiano se sorretto da una fede e seguito con attenzione e simpatia dei Comandi Superiori.

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L'approssimarsi della stagione invernale, decide questo Comando, sin dal mese di novembre, a organizzare su più vasta scala il lavoro di rastrellamento nei centri più colpiti e dove più era importante operare nell'interesse dell'agricoltura. Si rese indispensabile un maggior sforzo da parte dei singoli uomini, per accelerare i tempi e liberare dal corpo delle mine vastissime zone prima che l'inclinazione del tempo, il più duro nemico del rastrellatore, pigliasse il sopravvento e limitasse l'attività di tutto il Reparto.

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Mine disattivate o distrutte nel mese di dicembre 30200
Mine disattivate o distrutte dalla creazione del Reparto a tutto oggi 150.667

All'Enciclopedia Solenne tributata da S.S. il Comandante Generale delle Puglie e Lucania, il Reparto orgoglioso per il premio concesso al suo comandante, risponde con la prova migliore della sua riconoscenza: con il suo rendimento che è frutto di fede, sprezzo della morte, cosciente certezza di essere degni della Patria che dovrà rinasce ad ogni costo.

Inevitabilmente nei prossimi mesi la curva "rendimento" declinerà su cifre più modeste: i campi sono già tutti seminati ed è l'opera del rastrellatore subirà una sosta. - Servirà per ripigliare fiato, dopo sei mesi di lotta accanita, assillante, contro un nemico invisibile, per affinare la qualità di tutti con insegnamenti teorici e nuovi consigli e su mine inglesi che cominceranno a comparire.

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no ad essere notate con maggior frequenza nelle zone dove la guerra è più
una dolorosa morte nel passato è una.

Ma il lavoro di rastrellamento, anche se è stato formalmente ridotto,
verrà continuato in quei centri costieri dove le condizioni del terreno su-
ranno meno sfavorevoli.

Sono già stati disposti alcuni trasferimenti di distaccamenti situati
in località montane in zone dove l'inverno sarà meno rigido e meno neve. E
inoltre allo studio e di prossima attuazione il trasferimento della
scuola militare teorico-pratica per rastrellatori della zona di Quarantarelle
al Comune di Gili o Roseto degli Abruzzi, dove affluiranno i nuovi compia-
menti assegnati al Reparto.

Le perdite subite in questi mesi di attività sono gravi e stanno a di-
mostrare che il compito assegnato è ben arduo, ma la volontà di continuazione
fino a quando l'ultima gine sarà strappata da questa nostra terra martoriata,
anima tutto il Reparto, ed anzi ad ogni tragico rinvenco del destino il ra-
strellatore che resta, risponde con rabbiosa volontà di continuare ancora per
essere degno del compagno caduto sul campo dell'onore.



IL TENENTE COLONNELLE
(Com. Rastrellamento)

Six monthly report on the Reparto's Activity.

If we were to substitute the simple sum of 3 which sum up the monthly activity of the Company, with a diagram which has as a straight line "time" as a vertical line, the mines which have been cleared, in all the months and in all the disbursements of the reparto, one would obtain a curve rising upwards (see figure 1) which in its last trait appears scores vertiginously, nearly with an hyperbolic law: it then appears clearly that in the space of about six months, the initial theoretical practical school, the single instructions of the Officers, the familiarity of the squadrons, the enthusiasm of the mine sweepers - always sustained and appreciated by the Superior Commander, have succeeded in creating a solid nucleus (technically and morally) so as to be able to attain very good results. The approach of the winter season, recedes this Commander, ever since the month of November, to organize on a larger scale, the mine clearing work in the centres which have most been tried on, where most important it was to work in the interest of agriculture.

A greater struggle on the part of the single men was deemed necessary so as to accelerate time and liberate from mines very vast areas - before the winter season set in (the greatest enemy of mine sweepers) and taking the upper hand were to limit the activity of the whole Reparto. The aim has been fully attained and the "resulting curve" for the merit of all the men of the Reparto has reached an hyperbolic maximum which indicates what a lot the Italian soldier can still do if he is sustained by faith and if he is followed with attention and sympathy by the Superior Commander.

Also in the struggle between the mine sweeper and winter the first has won, which is shown by the ability of the following numbers.

Mines which have been put out of use or destroyed in December 90.200
Mines which have been put out of use or destroyed since the starting (creation) of the Reparto, up to the present day 150.687

To the solemn praise which has been tributed by his Excellency the General Commander of Puglia and Lucania, the reparto which was proud for the premium which was granted to its Commander, has replied with the best proof of its gratitude: that is, by giving such good results which are the fruit of faith, contempt of death, conscious certainty of being worthy of their Country, which will have to revive at any cost. Inevitably, in the next months, the "resulting curve" will decline towards more modest numbers: the fields are covered with snow and the work of the mine sweeper will undergo a pause. It will serve to take breath again, after six months of hard struggle, against an invisible enemy, so as to render more subtle the qualities of all with theoretical teaching

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REPORT BY MAJOR REAVES ON HIS VISIT TO THE

561 RASTRELLIARDO CAMPANA. *OK BETA*

- 1 On 14th December I went down to SARTA to inspect the Italian Mine Clearing Company working in that area.
- 2 The present strength of the company is 4 Officers and 120 ORs. *Dismissed*
Being a holiday, the company was not working. I met the Company Commander, *Captain*
Lt Marco NITALE. He explained to me the difficulties with which he was concerned. In the main these difficulties are shortage of boots and clothing of all kinds. The man had one battledress and one pair of boots each, one blanket, and that was more or less all they had. They had no underclothes and what they were wearing they had provided for themselves. The boots they were wearing were in a shocking condition. He explained that several attempts have been made to get clothing provided but were unsuccessful. The following is a list of clothing which is urgently required and should be forwarded without delay: An extra battledress for each man; two complete sets of underclothing; one pair of boots for each man and one overcoat. All this equipment should be provided from Italian military sources and if not available I propose to tell Col. Supina to send down from his stocks 200 pairs of battledress trousers and 100 pairs of boots. The question of obtaining battledress blouses and overcoats, I shall take up with the Italian Ministry of War and Land Forces Sub-Commission

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2 They need supplies of small equipment such as floor brushes, buckets, etc., and cleaning materials to keep the building in which they are living clean. I asked the O.C. what grievances the men had and the principal one would appear to be pay. I understand the men are entitled to 5 1/2 lire per day plus 5 lire per mine cleared. The money for the mines cleared is collected on a company basis. I understand that this rate of pay (5 1/2 lire per day) has been approved. Nothing seems to have been done about getting the money paid over to the men. At the present moment they are only receiving

receiving 20 lire per day. There would seem to be no reason why this money should not be paid to the men.

4. *Sp*
The other complaint ~~the men make~~ is that they are getting no cigarettes. This applies to the officers also, who purchase cigarettes on the black market. The OC showed me a packet of Woodbines which he had purchased for 95 lire. *I don't think it is cigarettes that are scarce at all.*

(14) Medical requirements are satisfactory.

5. Accommodation. I asked the OC of the company to show me round the quarters. It is a large building with no windows and while the offices, dispensary, and in fact the whole building is kept as clean as possible under the circumstances it has a dingy appearance. The food store was particularly clean. I went through the men's quarters where quite a number were hanging about. They had a brazier burning in each room but this is essential to keep the place dry and warm. It was fairly tidy but there seemed to be no provision for the recreation or relaxation of these men although I understand that the local church does something in this respect.

6. Morale. While conditions such as these tend to lower morale, I got the impression that if these men received fair treatment with respect to the smaller luxuries of life and they got a number of their major grievances solved they would make a very fine team indeed. Discipline, while not of the standard of the British Army, I consider quite

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Training. The OC pointed out that while they were supposed to have been trained by the 13th Artillery, they had in fact received no training in mine clearance at all and have had to learn the subject from books and other sources. I think the result is that these men, having had no expert instruction, have little knowledge on mines and how to remove them. In the circumstances I propose to ask the Ministry of War to send down immediately two instructors with the necessary equipment to train this company. If this was done I think the company could be made into a first class mine clearing company. They had one accident recently in

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uses of mines.

no further time should be wasted. The oxygen
reservoir should be kept open to the atmosphere.

• Csejzen exceed ucs 11 in 41 - our pump is

number are coming here for repair, that to clear essential houses of mines, no further time should be wasted. The company

The company has four vehicles, three of which are on the road.

(c) In all they said they had cleared, since 6th December, approximately 4,800 mines, but in a place like this, where there must be literally thousands of mines it is a poor show, but it was pointed out that these men have been doing other work besides mine clearance. They appear to have no instructions as to their future programme and unless the company is taken in hand now it will soon become useless.

Conclusion. (i) I suggest that the next month be spent in bringing

the company up to full war strength; that all necessary boots, clothing,

blankets, etc., be provided immediately; that the company undergoes a

further course of training in mine clearance and that weekly reports be

rendered to this Headquarters on their state of training, discipline, ³⁰⁷⁵

(ii) I feel that the Region concerned have lost interest in the company

and that the company should be used to reinforce civilians working to the

north or held in reserve at Geste for a sudden call to the northern areas.

In the meantime, as they may remain ~~xxxxxx~~ at Geste for some time, someone

should go down and map out a plan of work which could be systematically

gone through and completed instead of the haphazard way in which they appear

to be working now. So far as the officers are concerned, I think they are

keen and capable but like direction and while I should like to see
at least one of these officers trained as an expert on wires I think
they should be allowed to remain with the company.

*As present
some of them have had very limited
experience.*

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Since writing my report on my visit to Lazio I have had meetings with Col. Caruso - Italian Colonel attached to Lazio-Umbria Region, Col. Clayton Kerr - Land Forces Sub-Commission, and Maj. Coppiestone - Land Forces Sub-Commission.

MEETING WITH COL. CARUSO.

Col. Caruso explained that the difficulty he had with the company at Ceate was one of clothing, equipment, mine detectors, etc., and he had been unable to make any real progress. I went through my report with him in detail and explained that I considered the company was in rather a bad way as far as administration was concerned. I told him I had seen Col. Kerr of MIA who informed me that MIA had approved, on the 11th Dec. the issue of the following clothes to the Company:

154 Battledress Blouses
154 Trousers
154 prs. of Boots
154 prs. of Socks
308 woolen Drawers
154 Overcoats
154 Pullovers (replaces undershirts)

I also said I could not understand why these had not been drawn.

Col. Caruso said that the company had been stopped from drawing this by Maj. Cole, MIA, who had instructed him to write a letter to Region I stating that it was their responsibility. There is obviously some confusion here and it would appear to have arisen earlier on. On the face of it, it appears that Maj. Cole had countermanded an order approved by another Branch; in point of fact these items are debited against their account. I cleared this point later on with Maj. Coppiestone. Col. Caruso said he would make enquiries as to the question of pay and why the unit was not receiving cigarettes.

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At the close of the meeting he asked me to raise 1 point with MGIA:

1. MGIA to write to the Ministry of War and inform them once and for all that it was their responsibility to equip and clothe this company.
2. To approve our T3/4.
3. Arrange for a Flame Thrower for each company.
4. To provide a specialist officer who would supervise the removal of shells, etc.

I agreed to do so and have taken these points up with MGIA.

MEETING WITH COL. KERR.

I saw Col. Kerr this forenoon and went over the various points of my report with him. He was satisfied. He had given instructions for the clothing to be provided but as I was not in the picture at the time I did not know the order had been countermanded. I said I would investigate further as to why the goods had not been delivered. He showed me the scale of equipment, saying that when these items were furnished to the unit, they would be up to scale. He did not understand the question of pay at

all as he thought the figure I mentioned was too high. He said he would look into it.

He said that the cigarettes should be drawn with the ration. He said that so far as he was concerned he would do all that he could to help. He said, however, that he had no blankets to spare and that he understood that the men had 2 blankets each when they came over from Sardinia but if they could show they had only one blanket then he would furnish the second one.

MEETING WITH MAJ. COLLECTONE

I went over the points discussed at the previous 2 meetings and

Maj. Collectone has agreed to cover the 4 points which Col. Caruso raised with me concerning clothing, M/S. Flame Throwers, and Specialist Officer for removal of shells.

In addition he raised the point of our letter asking for attention of these units. He pointed out that there were several old units clearing mines up and down the country. In the circumstances he was putting in for the establishment of 2 companies plus training instructors.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

MINES-CLEARANCE COMPANY

includes: - 1 Company Headquarters
4 Mine-Clearance Sections

Includes: - 1 Company Headquarters
4 Minuteman Platoon

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLEARING COMPANY

Includes :

- 1 Commandant and Officers for various jobs
- 1 Squad Headquarters
- 1 Motor Pool

TRANSPORT

PERSONNEL

Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	Junior Non-Commissioned Officers	Privates	Cars	Light trucks	Medium trucks	Motorcycles	Bicycles
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4

Commandant (Captain)
Junior Officers for various tasks
Junior Medical Officer

Squad Headquarters
Non-Commissioned Officers
Clerks
Draftsmen
Radio men
Quartermasters
Cook
Medical orderlies
Military personnel for various services (orderlies etc.)

Total

Motor Pool
Non Commissioned Officer
Drivers
Motorcycle drivers

Commandant (Captain)	1	Office	Non-Commissioned Officer	1	Private	1	Cars	1	Light	1	Medium	1	Motorcycle	1	Bicycle
Junior Officers for various tasks	2			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Junior Medical Officer	1			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	4			1	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Signal Headquarters															
Non-Commissioned Officers	(1)	2		1	2	1		1							
Clerks				1	1	1		1							
Privatemen															
Radio men				(2)	1	1		1							
Quartermasters				1	1	1		1							
Cooks				1	1	1		1							
Medical orderlies				1	1	1		1							
Military personnel for various services (orderlies etc.)				2	1	1		1							
Total		2	4	20											
Motor Pool															
Non Commissioned Officer		1		5				1(3)	1(3)						
Drivers			2	2											
Motorcycle drivers				2											
Reconno				1											
Total		1	2	8				1	1						
TOTAL OF COMPANY HQ	4	3	6	28				1	1						

- (1) - 1 Non-Commissioned Officer accountant - 1 Non-Commissioned Officer for food rations and supplies
- (2) - For repair and maintenance of mine detectors
- (3) - For the Company HQ
- (4) - 1 for the Company HQ - 1 for each mine clearance platoon
- (5) - For the Company HQ

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MINE CLEARANCE PLATOONS

- Includes :
- 1 Platoon Headquarters
 - 6 Mine Clearance Squads

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Commandant (Junior Officer)
Non-Commissioned Officers
Medical Officer
Military Personnel for various services

Total

MINE CLEARANCE SQUAD

4/c Squad
Mine Clearance
Total 1 mine clearance Squad
Total 6 "

TOTAL MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON

TRANSPORT

Officers
Non-Commissioned Officers
Junior Non-Commissioned Officers
Privates

Cars
Light trucks
medium trucks
motorcycles
bicycles

TOTAL 1 MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON 1 2 6 33 8 24 132

<u>PLATOON MANPOWER</u>										
Officers	Non-Commissioned	Junior Non-Commissioned	Privates	Cars	Light truck	medium truck	motorcycles	bicycles		
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total										
<u>MINE CLEARANCE SQUAD</u>										
1/c Squad										
Mines Clearers										
Total 1 mines clearers Squad										
Total 6 "										
TOTAL MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON										
1	2	6	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL 4 MINE CLEARANCE PLATOONS										
4	8	24	132	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

(1) - For Platoon Commandant
(2) - Each has 3 mines clearers equals under it.

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SUMMARY MINE CLEARANCE COMPANY

PERSONNEL	TRANSPORT					TOTAL COMPANY		
	4 Officers	Non-Commissioned and Officers	150/156	2 Cars	1 Light trucks		1 Heavy trucks	2 motorcycles
Company Headquarters	4	8	156	-	-	-	4	-
4 Mine clearance Platoons	8	11	190	1	1	5	6	1

A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a dark, rectangular object, possibly a book cover or folder, with the number '1136' faintly visible on its upper left side. The object is set against a light, textured background.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENT

MINE-CLEARANCE COMPANY

Includes: - 1 Company Headquarters
4 Mine-Clearance Platoons

Includes: - 1 Company Headquarters
4 Mine-Clearance Platoons

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Commandant (Captain)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Junior Officers for various tasks	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Junior Medical Officer	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Squad Headquarters	-	(1)2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Commissioned Officers	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Draftsman	-	-	-	(2)1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Radio man	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quartermasters	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
cooks	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical orderlies	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Military personnel for various services (orderlies etc.)	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	2	4	20	-	-	-	-	-	1
Motor Pool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non Commissioned Officer	-	1	-	1	-	-	1(2)	1(3)	5(4)	-
Drivers	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motorcycle drivers	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2(5)
Mechanic	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	1	2	3	-	-	1	1	5	2
TOTAL OF COMPANY HQ	4	3	6	25	-	-	1	1	5	2

- (1) - 1 Non-Commissioned Officer accountant - 1 Non-Commissioned Officer for food rations and supplies
- (2) - For repair and maintenance of mine detectors
- (3) - for the Company HQ
- (4) - 1 for the Company HQ, - 1 for each mine clearance platoon
- (5) - for the Company HQ

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MINE CLEARANCE PLATOONS

Includes :

- 1 Platoon Headquarters
- 6 Mine Clearance Squads

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Commandant (Junior Officer)
Non-Commissioned Officers
Medical Orderly
Military Personnel for various
services

Total

MINE CLEARANCE SQUAD

1/c Squad
Mine Clearers

Total 1 mine clearance Squad

Total 6 " "

TOTAL MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON

TOTAL 4 MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON 4

TRANSPORT

PERSONNEL

Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	Junior Non-Commissioned Officers	Privates	Cars	Light trucks	Medium trucks	Motorcycles	Bicycles
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)2	-
-	(2)2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1	2	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	6	30	-	-	-	-	-
1	2	6	33	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL 4 MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON 4 8 24 12

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Commandant (Junior Officer)
Non-Commissioned Officers
Medical Orderly
Military Personnel for various
services

Total

MINE CLEARANCE SQUAD

I/c Squad
Mine Clearers

Total 1 mine clearance Squad

Total 6 " "

TOTAL MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON

TOTAL 4 MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON 4 3 24 172

- (1) - For Platoon Commandant
- (2) - Each has 3 mine clearance squads under it.

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Office	Non-Commissioned Officers	Junior Officer	Private	Squad	Light	Medium	Motor	Vehicle
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)1	-
-	(2)2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1	2	-	3	-	-	-	1	-
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	5	30	-	-	-	-	-
1	2	6	33	-	-	-	-	-
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4	3	24	172	-	-	-	4	-

SUMMARY MINE CLEARANCE CO. BY

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	<u>PERSONNEL</u>				<u>TRANSPORT</u>				
	Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	en/or		cars	light trucks	medium trucks	motorcycles	bicycles
Company Headquarters	4	3	34		1	1	5	2	1
4 Mine Clearance Platoons	4	3	156		-	-	-	4	-
TOTAL COMPANY	8	11	190		1	1	5	6	1

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Clearance Platoons		4	3	156	-	-	-	-	4	-
TOTAL COMPANY		3	11	190	1	1	5	6	1	

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W A R M O T A D L I E H M Y N T

N I H H - C I E N A R A H C H C O M Z A N Y

Includes: - 1 Company Headquarters
1. Miscellaneous Documents

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Technical - 1 Company Headquarters
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HEADQUARTERS OF THE CLEARING COM. IT

- Includes :
- 1 Commandant and Officers for various jobs
 - 1 Squad Headquarters
 - 1 Motor Pool

	PERSONNEL				TRANSPORT			
	Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	Junior Non-Comds	Privates	Cars	Light trucks	Medium trucks	Motorcycles
Commandant (Captain)	1							
Junior Officers for various tasks	2							
Junior Medical Officer	1							
Total	4							
Squad Headquarters								
Non-Commissioned Officers	(1)	2						
Clerks				2				
Draftsman				1				
Radio man				1				
Quartermasters				2				
Cooks				4				
Medical orderlies				1				
Military personnel for various services (orderlies etc.)				9				1
Total		2	4	20				1
Motor Pool								
Non Commissioned Officer		1						
Drivers			2	5	2(3)	1(3)	5(4)	2(5)
Motorcycle drivers				2				

	On	No	Of	Ju	Pr	Car	Li	Med	Mo	Bo
Commandant (Captain)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Junior Officers for various tasks	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Junior Medical Officer	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Squad Headquarters</u>										
Non-Commissioned Officers	(1)	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Clerks	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Draftsman	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Radio man	-	-	-	(2)	1	-	-	-	-	-
Quartermasters	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Cooks	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-
Medical orderlies	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Military personnel for various services (orderlies etc.)	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	3	4	20	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>Motor Pool</u>										
Non-Commissioned Officer	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drivers	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Motorcycle drivers	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5(4)	-
Mechanic	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2(5)	-
Total	-	1	2	8	-	-	-	-	2	1
TOTAL OF COMPANY HQ	4	3	6	28	-	-	-	-	2	1

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- (1) - 1 Non-Commissioned Officer accountant - 1 Non-Commissioned Officer
for food rations and supplies
- (2) - For repair and maintenance of mine detectors
- (3) - For the Company H
- (4) - 1 for the Company H; - 1 for each mine clearance platoon
- (5) - For the Company H

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- 1 Platoon Headquarters
- 6 Mine Clearance Squads

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Lieutenant (Junior Officer)
 War-Commissioned Officers
 Medical Orders
 Military Personnel for various
 sections

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Category	Total	1 more	circumstances
Total	6	1	6

TOTAL AND CUMULATIVE TISSUE

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1. **Introduction**

	Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	Junior Non-Commissioned Officers	Privates	
Cars	1	1	1	1	1
Light trucks	1	1	1	1	1
Medium trucks	1	1	1	1	1
Motorcycles	1	1	1	1	1
Bicycles	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	4	4	4	4	4

PLATOON INVENTORY					
Comment (Junior Officer)	Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	Junior Non-Commissioned Officers	Privates	CARS
Non-Commissioned Officers	1	2	1	1	1
Medical Orderly	1	1	1	1	1
Military Personnel for various services	1	1	1	1	1
Total	1	2	1	1	1
MINE CLEARANCE SQUAD					
1/c Squad	-	-	1	1	1
Mine Clearers	-	-	1	1	1
Total 1 mine clearance squad	-	-	1	1	1
Total 6 "	-	-	1	1	1
TOTAL MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON					
	1	2	6	33	-
TOTAL 4 MINE CLEARANCE PLATOON					
	4	8	24	132	-

- (1) - per Platoon Comment
- (2) - Each has 3 mine clearance squads under it.

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SUMMARY MINE CLEARANCE COMPANY

	<u>PERSONNEL</u>				<u>EQUIPMENT</u>				
	Officers	Non-Commissioned Officers	en/or		cars	light trucks	medium trucks	motorcycles	bicycles
Company Headquarters	4	2	34		1	1	5	2	1
4 Mine Clearance Platoons	4	8	156		-	-	-	4	-
TOTAL COMPANY	8	10	190		1	1	5	6	1

Company Headquarters	4	3	34	1	1	5	2	1
	4	8	156	-	-	-	4	-

TOTAL COMPANY	8	11	190	1	1	5	6	1

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HEADQUARTERS
 ALLIED GUERRILLION
 NORTH PERGAMA AND TIRAKO PROVINCES
 LIAISON OFFICER

Ref. No 155-101
 Subject: Monthly report December.
 TO: COL. CHIEF - SUPERVISION A.C.

1) Clothing and equipment

The list of clothing has been compiled and other lists of materials of the same kind have also been done and are waiting.

2) War material recovery Office

The office is working regularly. It is necessary that the functionaries of A.C. has transport, therefore to select a person to make an inspection of the documents in the three provinces.
 The director of the Camera di Commercio di Chieti was interested and will find a car that will do work.

A part of the materials recovered were taken to a store at Capagatti while the remaining have yet to be removed.

The military trucks have been stopped, while waiting for information they have passed over to 362. Caspagna Battellinetti Mine. Also other trucks and motorcycles have been taken and given to 502. Comp. Battellinetti Mine who will know what to do with them.

We are waiting for the answer from Region to get all military trucks in circulation in the provinces Teramo.

The Prefects of Teramo and Pescara have not answered my letter dated 18/11/44 about the instructions to be given to the Commune about recovery of war materials.

3) Third Mines Fields Area-School for civilian mine sweepers

The mine clearing school, in consideration of the short preparation of civilians, has given very poor results. In the period which runs from the 1st to the 15th 11, it has answered the following letter.

Dec. 10. I. founded in 15 August 1944, one of the following. From the Ministry of War Inspection Area del Golfo - instructions have been issued to the 3rd Area Command for what concerned the clearing of the mine area is the territory of the provinces of Ancona and Fano.

4) Work in the Teramo-Teramo
Procedures have been done with the Provincial Deput. 109. Macchelli

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3) Third mines plus area-school for civilian mine sweepers. The mine clearing school, in consideration of the short preparation of civilians, has given very poor results. In the period which runs from the 10th to the 15th it has suffered the following losses:

Dead - 10, wounded - 15, amongst which one disabled. From the Ministry of War (Ispettorato Armi del Genio) - instructions have been issued to the 3rd and 4th zones for what concerns the clearing of the mine areas in the territories of the provinces of Ancona and Pesaro.

4) Work in the Teramo Province. Arrangements have been made with the Provincial Deputy M. Marchelli and with the Prefect of Teramo. A first detachment of the 502^a mine clearing Company has organized in Ancona, in accordance to the clearing of mined fields in that Province. The Teramo Prefect has promised to supply us with all details in regard to the areas which have to be cleared. For this reason he has asked for particular from the Commune depending from him. For these areas he has promised to let us have 150 liters of petrol per week, but up to now we haven't obtained anything.

5) Italian soldiers enrolled in mine. We have asked the district to send us details in reference to the soldiers who have enrolled to arms. The district of Chieti with 3039 of the 22/15 and with 1517 has supplied us with the following particulars:

of requested themselves ... n° 1745
of requested ... n° 1113
of requested ... 100

to look again. He thinks that directly the soldiers are over, a great number will present themselves, during the absence in this district, of the entire regulars. Soldiers are not too far given them, wine, cigarettes, food, news, papers, and other things. A committee, which was formed in Mexico and sent to the United States to order any presents to the departing soldiers. The soldiers called to arms, have been organized in the "volunteer" battalions where there would need little on the floor.

(c) THIRD PART

The above clothing works have been starting in the treatment of prisoners in Alcatraz, where we have about a hundred of the C. I. Company's flimsy detachments have been organized. The inmates are being taken to the explosion of the C. I. type.

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H2/40 MARY FRANKLIN
PROVINCE

Summary of Releim
received from Ministry of
Work. as at 13 Jan.

Centros of Instruction.	No of Students	Qualifications
1. Pistoia	35	not finished.
2. S. Martino al Cimino Viterbo.	58	54
3. Anallu course is starting S. Maria.	13	13
4. Chieti	10	10
5. Spoleto.	44	-
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Work done during the month.

Prov.	Locality.	No working.	males Removed.
1. Toscana.	Pisa, Lucca R.	132	728
2. Umbria	Perugia Terni Spoleto R.	36	4418
	Bastia.	104	9543
3. Lazio	Chieti Ostia	35	3857

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2. Umbria	Perugia Terni Spoleto R.	36	4418
3. Lazio	Castel.	104	9543
4. Abruzzi.	Chieti, Pescara	35	3857
	Total	307	18546
561 Corp.		86	3057
562 Corp.			90200.
Miscellaneous. Florence R.			1000
Totals.			109832

HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref: LU/2

SECRET

7 Jan. 1945

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal.

TO: Col. R.R. CRIPPS, C.A. Section, HQ, AC.

FROM: Capt. M. SHORT, R.A.E.C.

1. Progress.

- (a) PISA. Work continues in this district at S. Piero a Grado, Barbaricina & Pettoro, 52,000 sq having been cleared and 327 mines removed.
- (b) LUGO. Work continues at Ponte a Serchio and on the electric power line. Progress on the latter is considerably handicapped by present weather conditions. The greater part of the line is in mountainous country and the ground is frozen solid. 16000 sq have been cleared and 193 mines removed.
- (c) LIVORNO. Owing to conditions outlined in letter LU/2 of 29 Dec. 44, no work has been done in this city.
- (d) PISTOIA. The squads trained in this Province began work on 2 Jan. 45.
- (e) VIAREGIO. The squads which began work on 2 Jan. 45, is making satisfactory progress. There has been one casualty, fortunately not seriously injured. More than 500 mines have so far been removed from this city.

2. Transport.

This item still presents a vital problem. The arrangement whereby Provincial Commissioners are to provide daily requirements is not working well in practice. The P.Cs already have many calls on their transport, and unless the Mines Disposal Service can be provided with their own vehicles, it is feared that its usefulness will be very largely nullified, owing to immobility.

3. Insurance.

There is still no settlement of the matter of insurance for workmen's dependents. A settlement was promised by the end of 1944. Can this matter again be raised?

4. Materials.

Although sufficient Mines Detectors are available for immediate requirements, there are no spare batteries. The life of these batteries is only 24 hours, and immediately the detectors will soon be

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4. Materials.

Although sufficient Mines Detectors are available for immediate requirements, there are no spare batteries. The life of these batteries is only 24 hours, and unless spares are provided immediately, the detectors will soon be rendered useless.

5. Requests.

The requests, received from Chianciano to clear the telephone line, has been cancelled.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - Col. CRIPPS ✓
- 1 - Fifth Army AHC,
- 1 - P.O. Lucca
- 1 - P.O. Pisa
- 1 - P.O. Viareggio
- 1 - P.O. Livorno
- 1 - File.

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M. SHORT,
Capt., R.A.S.C.

Translation no. 444

P.M. 3400 24/12/44

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

and for information
TO H.Q. A.C.C. (C.A. SECTION)

Subject: Weekly report (from 18th to 23rd December, 44) removal of mines along the Gasta-Romula-Vinturno aqueduct, and along the Campania electric line.

16/12/44 300 m. of the Campania electric line from the 4.320th Km. inspected and cleared. No mines removed.

90 m. of the Le Torre- Tufo pipe line inspected and cleared. from the 0.550 Km. 13 mines removed.

18/12/44 400 m. of the Campania electric line, from the 4.620th Km., inspected and cleared. No mines removed.

50 m. of the Le Torre - Tufo pipe line, from the 0.440 Km. inspected and cleared. 26 mines removed.

20/12/44 250m. of the Campania electric line, from the 5.020 Km., inspected and cleared. 7 mines removed.

170 m. of the Le Torre - Tufo pipe line, from the 0.490 Km., inspected and cleared. 16 mines removed.

21/12/44 220 m. of the Le Torre - Tufo pipe line, from the 0.610 Km., inspected and cleared. The Tufo reservoirs inspected. No mines removed.

On the request of the 52nd Military Police Command of the Station at Formia, 3 mines were removed from an only passage.

22/12/44 On arriving at the place of work, it was impossible to carry on owing to the cold and very windy weather.

23/12/44 Same as above.

pected and cleared. No mines removed.

50 m. of the Le Tore - Tufo pipe line, from the 0.440 Km. inspected and cleared. 26 mines removed.

20/12/44, 250m. of the Campania electric line, from the 0.020 Km., inspected and cleared. 7 mines removed.

170 m. of the Le Tore - Tufo pipe line, from the 0.490 Km., inspected and cleared. 16 mines removed.

21/12/44 220 m. of the Le Tore - Tufo pipe line, from the 0.610 Km., inspected and cleared. The Tufo reservoir inspected. No mines removed.

On the request of the 52nd Military Police Command of the Station at Piuma, 3 mines were removed from an only passage.

22/12/44 On arriving at the place of work, it was impossible to carry on owing to the cold and very windy weather.

23/12/44 Same as above.

Mines removed by 16/12/44 1452
Mines removed from 15th to 23rd Dec. 65
Total number of mines removed by 23/12/44. 1517

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COMPANY COMMANDER
(Capt. De Marchi Natale)

n° 3029 di prot.

P.M. 5400 24/12/44

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LACIO UMBRIA REGION

A.P.O. 394

P.O. TO H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION)

A.P.O. 394

Oggetto : Relazione settimanale (dal 18 al 23/12/44) rimozione mine sull'acquedotto Gaeto-Formia-Minturno, e sulla linea elettrica della Campania.

Giorno 18/12/44

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 300 del Km. 4,320 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse, nessuna.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 90 del Km. 0,350 del condotto Le Tore - Tufo. Mine rimosse n° 13

Giorno 19/12/44

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 400 del Km. 4,620 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse, nessuna.

Giorno 20/12/44

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 del Km. 0,460 del condotto Le Tore - Tufo. Mine rimosse, n° 25.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 350 del Km. 5,020 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse, n° 7.

Giorno 21/12/44

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 170 del Km. 0,490 del Condotto Le Tore - Tufo. Mine rimosse, 16.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 220 del Km. 0,610 del condotto Le Tore - Tufo. Ispezionato il serbatoio di Tufo. Mine rimosse, nessuna.

A richiesta del Comando della 52nd Military Police

Station di Formia sono state rimosse n° 3 mine su un posto di passaggio obbligato.

Andati sul lavoro non si è potuto lavorare perchè la giornata era ventosissima e fredda.

Idem. Come sopra.

Giorno 22/12/44

Giorno 23/12/44

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to 14 years - Tufo. Mine rimosse n°13

Giorno 19/12/44 .
Ispezionati e bonificati m. 400 dal Km. 4,620 della
linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse, nessuna.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 dal Km. 0,450 del con-
dotto Le Tore -Tufo. Mine rimosse, n°26.
Giorno 20/12/44 .
Ispezionati e bonificati m. 350 dal Km. 5,020 della
linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse, n° 7.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 270 dal Km. 0,490 del Con-
dotto Le Tore -Tufo. Mine rimosse, 16.
Ispezionati e bonificati m. 220 dal Km. 0,610 del condot-
to Le Tore-Tufo. Ispezionato il serbatoio di Tufo. Mine
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Giorno 22/12/44 . Andati sul lavoro non si è potuto lavorare perchè la
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Giorno 23/12/44 . Idem. Come sopra.

Mine rimosse al 16/12/44.....	1452
Mine rimosse dal 18/12 al 23/12.....	65
Totale delle mine rimosse al 23/12	1517

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Or . IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA
(Cap De Marchi Natala)

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BONIFICA DI MINE

11a linea elettrica della Campania e lungo
Lungo la direzione da.....

Computa da 11a 561^ Compagnia Pionieri Per Rivasione Campi Minati

Lavero ini intoll.....18/12/44

DATA	Larghezza zone ispe- zionate	DISTANZE progressive	Piochetti di avanza- mento	Risultato delle ispezioni		Denuncia eseguita		INF sui campi
				Zona Libera	Zona minata	n° Mine rimosse	Tipo	
18/12	m. 8	m. 300	4 - 5	si	no	=	=	Difesa 11 parallelo
"	m. 10	m. 90	2 + 3	no	si	13	Mark V	
19/12	m. 8	m. 400	5 - 6	si	no	=	=	Come sop
	m. 10	m. 50	3 - 4	no	si	26	Mark V	
20/12	m. 8	m. 50	6 - 7	no	si	7	"S"	Campo min linea te
	m. 10	m. 170	4 - 5	no	si	16	Mark V	
21/12	m. 10	m. 320	5 - 6	si	no	=	=	Difesa 11
22/12	Giornata fredda e ventilata							
23/12	Giornata fredda e ventosa							

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BONIFICA DI MINE

lla linea elettrica della Compagnia e lungo il condotto Le Tore-Tufo.

Compagnia Pionieri per Rimozione Campi Minati.....

18/12/44

1 a	Risultato delle ispezioni		Bonifica eseguita		INFORMAZIONI sui campi minati incontrati	Annotazioni
	Zona Libera	Zona minata	n° Mine rimosse	Tipo		
	si	no	=	=		linea elettrica
	no	si	13	Mark V	Difesa linea alleata campo parallelo al condotto	Condotto Le Tore Tufo
	si	no	=	=	=	linea elettrica
	no	si	26	Mark V	Come sopra	Condotto Le Tore Tufo
	no	si	7	"S"	Campo minato antistante la linea tedesca	linea elettrica
	no	si	16	Mark V	Difesa linea alleata	Le TORE TUFO
	si	no	=	=	=	"

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Subject: Leave Italian Military Personnel

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) E.O.M.E.
AQ/17

30 Dec 44

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR

1. The current regulations which govern leave for Italian Military Personnel are set out below:

2. PRIVILEGE LEAVE.

(a) Where Italian Military Personnel are under Allied Command, leave will not be granted without the prior consent of the Allied Commander who will decide whether the Military Situation permits the granting of leave.

(b) Leave may be granted for a period of 7 days, excluding travelling time, not more than once in six months.

3. COMPASSIONATE LEAVE.

Compassionate leave may be granted in deserving cases subject to approval by an officer of the Italian Army of rank of Colonel or above, for 14 days excl travelling time. Recipients of compassionate leave will on return be placed at the bottom of the roster for ordinary leave.

4. LEAVE QUOTA.

Not more than 5% of a unit may be away on privilege and compassionate leave at any one time. Personnel who fail to return from leave on the due date will continue to count against the 5% quota until they either return or are struck off the strength of the Italian Army after 30-days absence.

5. CONVALESCENT LEAVE.

(a) Convalescent leave will only be granted to Military Personnel who are already patients in a Territorial Military Hospital, and will be authorised by the Commanding Officer of the rank of Lt Col or above.

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- (a) Convalescent leave will only be granted to Military Personnel who are already patients in a Territorial Military Hospital, and will be authorised by the Commanding Officer of the rank of Lt Col or above.
- (b) The maximum period of Convalescent leave will be 14 days. All cases requiring longer periods will be referred to the Director of Medical Services of the Territorial Command concerned.
- (c) Convalescent leave plus time in Hospital may be authorised up to 60-days, after which the patients will be struck off the strength of the Italian Army.
- (d) Personnel given Convalescent leave are considered as patients and do not count against the 5% leave quota as at para 4 above.

6. PERMITTED AREAS.

Personnel will be permitted to travel on leave as follows:-

- (a) Troops stationed in rear of Army Security Control Line.

Anywhere in rear of Army Security Control Line.

(b) Troops stationed fwd of Army Security Control Line.

- (1) Anywhere in rear of Army Security Control Line.
- (11) Fwd of the Army Security Control Line only with approval of Army. District or Base Section concerned.

The discretion of Army, District or Base Section will not be exercised in favour of any person who cannot give good reasons for spending leave in the area in question by reason of location of his home, family or business.

(c) Troops of the Italian Combat Groups.

anywhere south of the Italian Leave Forward Limit Line. This line will be adjusted from time to time; the following is the present line:

LAKECA - PISTOLA - RIVIERA.
The towns defining the boundary are inclusive to the permitted leave area.

7. The Army Security Control Line referred to in para 5 above has been established for the specific purpose of restricting and controlling movement of personnel into fwd operational areas.

This line consists of a series of check posts, which are manned continuously to prevent access to fwd areas by persons not in possession of a pass.

This line will be adjusted from time to time; the following is the present line:-

PANO 32273 URBINO 89161 SAN SEPOLERO 85044 AREZZO
SIBRA COLLE DI BALLE EL SANO 26030 UECINA

These towns defining the boundary are inclusive to the unrestricted leave area.

6. SICILY.

- (a) Leave may be granted for personnel on the Mainland to visit SICILY, and for personnel in SICILY to visit the Mainland.

- (b) The following special transport facilities have been arranged for the use of personnel travelling on leave to SICILY:-

Rail accommodation for 100 persons per day in each direction between NAPLES and REGGIO.

9. SARDINIA.

No leave will be granted for personnel on the Mainland to visit SARDINIA, or for personnel in SARDINIA to visit the Mainland, until further instructions are issued, when the arrangements have been

to prevent access to civil areas by persons not in possession of a pass.
This line will be adjusted from time to time; the following is the present line:-

PANO S2273 UREIMO R5161 SAN SEPOLORO R5044 AZE220
SIENA COLLA DI BALD EL SAMO Q6630 GECINA

These towns defining the boundary are inclusive to the unrestricted leave area.

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10. PERMITS.

- (a) Where troops may travel to or within any specified area only at discretion of appropriate Army, District or Base Section (see para 6(b) ii above), a permit authorising such travel will be issued by appropriate HQ. No person without such permit will be permitted to travel to or in that area.
- (b) (i) Members of the Combat Groups proceeding on leave to the area north of the Rear Army Security Control Line, as provided in para 6 (c) above, will be in possession of the Standard ABC yellow movement pass.

(ii) The BLU attached to each group will :-

- (A) be responsible for obtaining sufficient blank ABC yellow movement passes from HQ A.C.

(B) complete the permits in respect of all personnel within the Group proceeding on leave.

(C) forward the completed permits for signature and stamping as follows:-

(1) where Group is located North of Near Army Security Control Line, to the nearest Area Officer.

(2) where Group is located South of Near Army Security Control Line, to Army SCAO, or Provincial Commissioner of the Area in which the soldiers home is situated.

11. RESTRICTED ZONES.

Personnel granted leave to places within the area bounded on the North by the Army Security Line (as defined in para 7 above), and on the South by the northern boundaries of the Provinces of Tiflis - Elisavetpol and Nakhichevan, or to places in the province of Gilan, must be in possession of A.C. passes, or in the case of troops of the Combat Groups, must receive authorization from the Hill attached to the Group.

12. TRANSPORT.

Except as provided in paras 8 (b) and 9 above, no demand on Allied Military sea, rail or road facilities will be made for personnel going on leave. The movement of personnel going on leave will be carried out by the Italian Army. There is no objection to existing Allied Military transport facilities being used for the purpose, providing such use is not to the exclusion of any Allied military personnel or stores, as decided by the appropriate movements Officer.

Transport belonging to Combat Groups may be authorized for transport of Combat Group leave personnel, providing that the Allied Commander's concurrence is first obtained, and that such use is not to the exclusion of operational or administrative commitments.

13. RATIONS.

The issue by the despatching unit of up to a maximum of 2 days Travel Rations is authorized for the outward journey only. No other rations will be issued from Italian Army stocks.

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14. HOT CAMPS & LEAVE CAMPS.

Rest or Leave Camps, or any facilities serving similar purposes, will not be obtained by the Italian Army for Italian Personnel on leave, except as authorized by MIA in each particular case.

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Copies to: AFHQ (5)
HQ 15 Army Group,
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HQ 2 District (5)
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For Major General,
M.M.I.A.

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CITY OF FLORENCE

12/11/11/8.2 C.D.

22, December 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Squads.

TO: Director Public Safety, Sub-Commission
John W. Chapman, Colonel, J. A. G. D.

1. Your communication regarding the clearing of mines received on 22, December 1944.

2. I am herewith forwarding the requested information for your records concerning the Headquarters, strength, organization, etc., of the Mine Clearance Squads of U.N.P.A., working in the City and Province of Florence at the present time:

Headquarters	Prefettura, Florence
Commandante	Generale Vegliano, Raimondo
Number of Squads	5
Qualified men who are clearing mines	27
Other employees	53

3. The following is a resume of the work that has been done up to the present date.

Locations cleared of mines, bombs, etc.,	1203
Square meters of ground cleared	144,870
Mines lifted	4546
Bombs lifted	4086
Projectiles lifted	5099
Pieces of TNT lifted	1741

4. In addition to the above clearance work done the Commandante has held four classes of instruction at which ninety-five additional men were trained. These men were given a course in mine and bomb

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Commandante	Generale Vaglini, Reimsano
Number of Squads	5
Qualified men who are clearing mines	27
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Copy to:
Administrative Sec., Hqtrs., A.C.
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Captain S.E., 3050
Mine and S.D., Officer

Juan R.C. from file
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361 COMPAGNIA PIONIERI
Castrellamento Campi Minetti

P.M. 186 17 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Weekly report (from 11th to 16th December 1944) removal
of mines on the Geeta, Farnie Minterio equaduct and along the
electric line of Campania.

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

and f.r. APQ 394

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION
(CA Section)

APQ 394

11th December

1,600 km of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared
of mines. 17 mines removed.
(N.B.) Work was begun on the Gerigliano and measured from that
point.
Letore, Infe pipe-line inspected and cleared along 0,100 km
from head. 31 mines removed.

12th " Rainy day.

13th " Campania electric line inspected and cleared along 0,650 km from
the 1,600th km. 27 mines removed.
The Letore Tufo pipe-line inspected and cleared along 0,250 km
from the 0,100 km. 67 mines removed.

14th " Campania electric line inspected and cleared along 0,720 km from the
2,400 km. No mines removed.
2,100 km inspected and cleared from the 0,400 km to S. Maria
Infante. No mines removed.

15 " Campania electric line inspected and cleared along 1,150 km from
the 3,170 km. 52 mines removed.

11th December

1,500 Km of the Campania electric line inspected and cleared of mines. 17 mines removed.
(N.B.) Work was begun on the Gerigliano and measured from that point.
Letore. Safe pipe-line inspected and cleared along 0,100 Km from head. 31 mines removed.

12th " Rainy day.

13th " Campania electric line inspected and cleared along 0,850 Km from the 1,600th Km. 27 mines removed.
The Letore Tufo pipe-line inspected and cleared along 0,250 Km from the 0,100 Km. 67 mines removed.

14th " Campania electric line inspected and cleared along 0,720 Km from the 2,450 Km. No mines removed.
2,100 Km inspected and cleared from the 0,400 Km to S. Maria Infante. No mines removed.

15 " Campania electric line inspected and cleared along 1,150 Km from the 3,170 Km. 52 mines removed.

16 " Cold, rainy day.

Mines removed by 9/12/44 TOTAL No 1253
" " from 11th to 16th/44 " 194

TOTAL No 1452

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COMPANY COMMANDER
s/

Cap. DE MARCHI NATALE

N.B. The graph of mine clearance work cannot be included because it is still in our office

MINE CLEARANCE

Along the Electric line of Campania - Monte Bracchi S. Maria Infante to Torre Tufo
Carried out by the 561st Compagnia Pionieri Rastrellamento Campi Minati.
Work began on 11th December 1944.

Date	width of zones in- spected	progres- sive dis- tances.	advance detach- ments.	result of inspections liberated	clearance done mined no. of	Type	Information on the mine fields en- tered.
				zone	zone	mines removed	
11/12/44	10m.	1.600 Km.	1.	no	yes	17	G.S.I. Mark V. Field not entirely cleared for advance of Allied troops.
	10 m.	100 m.	1.	no.	yes	31	Shrapnel Trip-wire mines defused Allied lines
12/12/44		RAINY DAY					
13/12/44	10 m.	850 m.	1-2	no.	yes	27	M.IaI Allied anti-tank mines
	10 m.	250 m.	1-2	no.	yes	67	Shrapnel Trip-wire mines defused Allied lines
14/12/44	10 m.	720 m.	2-3	yes	no	—	
	10 m.	2.100 Km.	1-2	yes	no	—	
15/12/44	10m.	1.150	3-4	no	yes	52	Various Anti-tank and anti-air mines surrounding area
16/12/44		COLD, RAINY DAY					

COMPANY
(Capt.)

1. CLEARANCE

Monte Bracchi S. Maria Infante to Tore Tufo
Meri Rastrellamento Campi Minati.

Result of clearance operations done				Information on the mine fields encountered.		Notes	
Zone	yes	no	mines removed	Type			
100	yes		17	G.S.I. Mark V.	Field not entirely laid for advance of Allied troops.	Campania electric line	
100	yes		31	Shrapnel Mark II	Trip-wire mines defence Allied lines	La Tore Tufo pipe-line	
100	yes		27	M.IaI	Allied anti-tank mines	Campania electric line	
100	yes		67	Shrapnel Mark II	Trip-wire mines defence Allied lines	La Tore Tufo pipe-line	
						~~Campania electric line~~	
						~~Monte Bracchi S. Maria Infante line~~	
100	no		—			Campania electric line	
100	no		—			Monte Bracchi S. Maria Infante line	
	yes		52	Various	Anti-tank and anti-personnel mines surrounding anti-tank trap	Campania electric line	

COMPANY COMMANDER
(Capt. Marchi Natale)

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Rebelle settimanale (dall'II al 15/12/944) rimozione
ordine sull'acquedotto Gaeta Formia Minturno, e sulla linea
elettrica della Campania.--

A.P.O. 394

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A.P.O. 394

Ispersionisti e bonificati Km. 1.600 del Km.0,00 della linea elettrica della Campania.Mine rimase N° 17 (M.B.) Il Km. d'inizio lavori(Km.0,00)è determinato dal fiume Garigliano.

Ispezionati e bonificati Km. 0,100 dal Km.0,00 del condotto
Letore Tufo. Mina rinceva 31

Giornate di lavoro.

Ispezionati e bonificati Km. 0,850 del Km. 1,500 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimesse N° 27

Ispezionati e bonificati Km. 0,250 del Km. 0,100 del condotto Letore Tufo. Mine rimesse N° 67.

Ispezionati e bonificati Km. 0,720 del Km. 2,450 della line

a elettricità della Campania. Mine rimosse = Nessuna.
Ispezionati e bonificati Km. 2,100 dal Km. 0,400 a S. Maria
Inferiore. Mine rimosse = Nessuna.

ingegnerati e bonificati Km. 1,150 dal Km. 3,170 della linea

a elettrica della Compagnia Mineraria N° 52.

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Gioinata rígida e piovosa.

Giorno 11/12/944=

Ispersionati e bonificati Km. 1,600 dal Km. 0,00 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse N° 17 (N.B.) Il Km. d'inizio lavori (Km. 0,00) è determinato dal fiume Garigliano. Ispersionati e bonificati Km. 0,100 del Km. 0,00 del condotto Letore Tufo. Mine rimosse 31

Giorno 12/12/944=

Giornata piovosa. Ispersionati e bonificati Km. 0,850 dal Km. 1,600 della linea elettrica della Campania. Mine rimosse N° 27 Ispersionati e bonificati Km. 0,250 dal Km. 0,100 del condotto Letore Tufo. Mine rimosse N° 67.

Giorno 13/12/944=

Giorno 14/12/944=

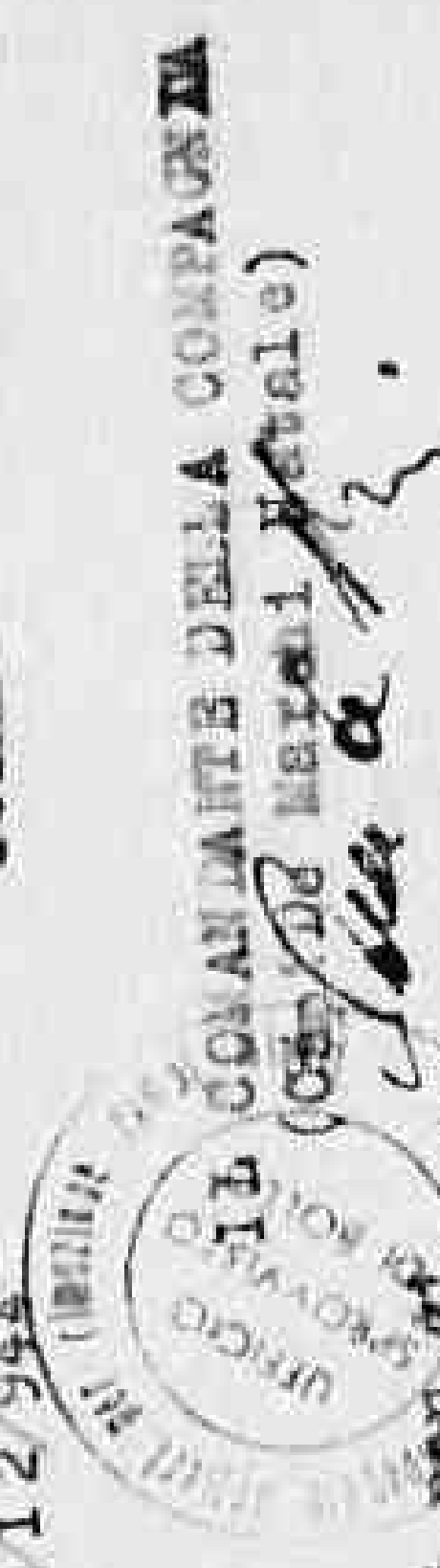
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Giorno 15/12/944=

Giorno 16/12/944=

Giornata rigida e piovosa.

MINE RIMOSSE AL 9/12/944	TOTALE.....N°	1258
" " Dall'1/al 16/12/944	"	194
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" " AL 16/12/944	TOTALE	1452



di bonifica

N.B. Il servizio dei lavori consisteva non di più allestire perché trovassi tuttora presso l'Ufficio.

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BONIFICA DI MINE

lungo la linea: ELETTRICA DELLA CAMPANIA-MONTE BRACCHI SS MARIA INFANTE-LE T
compiuto dalla: 561^a COMPAGNIA PIONIERI-RASTRELLAMENTO CAMPI MINATI.-
lavoro iniziato l'11/12/944.-

DATA	larghez zone		distan se pro-		Picchet ti di	Risultato Bonifica		Informazioni	
	sa zone	ispezio	se pro-	gressi-		Inspezioni eseguite	Informazioni		
	nate	nate	ve	ve	avanzamento	zona libera	zona mine	mine	sui campi minati incontrati
11/12/944	m. 10	Em. 1,600	N° 1		no	si	17	MARK V.	Campo non costruito interamente per la avanzata delle truppe alleate
	m. 10	m. 100	" 1		no	si	31	SHRAPNEL MARK II	Mine a strappo difesa linea alleata
12/12/944	G I O R N A T A							P I C C I O V O S A	
13/12/944	m. 10	m. 850	I-2		no	si	27	M. Iad	Mine anticarro Alleate
	m. 10	m. 250	I-2		no	si	67	SHRAPNEL MARK II	Mine a strappo difesa linea alleata
14/12/944	m. 10	m. 720	2-3		si	no			
	m. 10	km 2,100	I-2		si	no			
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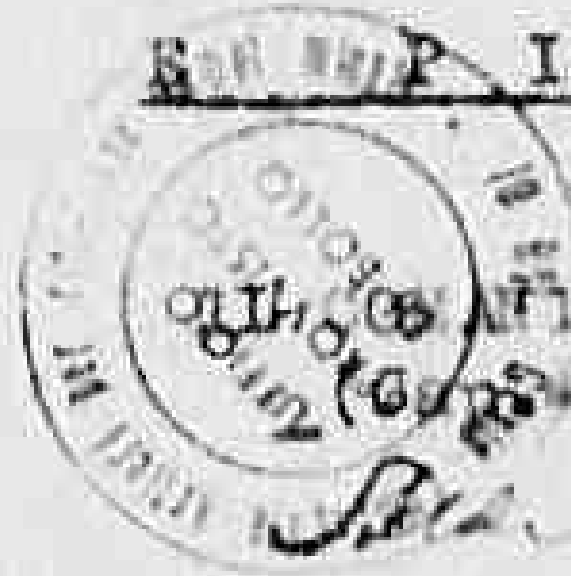
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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref.

R E P O R T

16 December 1944

SUBJECT:

Mines Disposal.

TO:

Col. CRIPPS, C.A. Section, HQ AC.

FROM:

Capt. M. SHORT, R.A.S.C.

20 DEC 1944

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TRANSLATION *from news paper Report* 29

Mine Clearance in Italian territory

It is supposed that the enemy left about 3 millions of mines throughout liberated Italy. The very hard work of removing these mines proceeds slowly but successfully. The mine clearance service is performed by a few experts of the Italian Army and by Italian civilians. These groups are working on the basis of indications furnished by the Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission in close collaboration with the Italian Government.

The squads instructed by Allied military technicians are working with Allied material. Until now they removed about 1 million of mines. Southern Italy, Sicily and Sardinia are completely cleared out. The same for the towns of Pescara and Pisa which were both strongly undermined. But, however, there are still hundred and hundred thousands of mines left.

The Allied Commission and Officers of the AMG have organized instruction centres for Italian civilians at Pisa, Pistoia, Spoleto, Perugia, Pescara, Chieti, Florence and Lucca. More than 400 men got instructions in these centres and it is supposed that about 1500 are completing their instruction.

Two companies of the Italian Army are actually operating in various mine camps. An officer commanding one of these units declared that his men removed 67,000 mines, 41,000 of which during the month of October. Both companies have been recently commended by the Allied Commission for their work. Originally mine clearance has been committed to two companies of the Italian Corps of Engineers. These companies operated in Sardinia during the spring and summer months until the end of August.

The organisation of these civilian squads is due to the fact that the Italian Government and the Ministry for War assumed the responsibility of executing the plans.

Experts of A.C. estimate that the enemy laid down about 1,435,000 mines; of these about 1 million are already removed. Thousand and thousand hundreds of mines laid down throughout Central Italy, rural centres and small towns will bring the total to 3 millions.

Corriere, di Roma.

13 Dec.

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CHIEF, li I/12/44

Subject. Monthly report
To Major MAUNDER PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER HQ/AC

1) CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

The clothing and equipment of civilians and soldiers leaves much to be desired. We hope to be able to overcome the urgent necessities by means of the "Ufficio Recupero materiali da Guerra" (Office in charge of recovering war materials). As winter comes on, the difficulties go on increasing.

We have obtained some materials, and we are expecting the return of the truck, which has been sent to fetch them.

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3) MINE CLEARING SCHOOLS

On the 24th of November inst. the first teaching series for the mine clearing civilian volunteers was ended. It had started on November the 6th with 40 participants. Of these, 32 have been declared capable for the mine clearing work. They have been divided in squadrons of 5 men at the dependancy of a chief Squadron and under the surveillance of two Officers and three Sub Officers which were teachers. They have started mine clearing work in the areas of GIULIANO TEATINO-ARIELLI-TOULIO. So as to be able to put into contact these new mine clearing men

with older men who have had more practice and also to perfection them in their theoretical and practical knowledge, besides giving them a sanitary, moral and material help, we have decided that from December the 1st they will be put to work together with the Genieri of the 562nd Mine clearing Company, as a result of an agreement we came to with Colonel CRIPPS of the Sub Allied Commission and with Colonel GIPINO of the Ispettorato Arma del Genio.
So as to have other mine clearing sweepers, we are enlisting other workmen for a second course, which will start on December the 3rd inst. We think we shall have 30 men.

The Aziendale mess has been feeding the workmen of the Chieti squadron

4) WORKS IN TERAMO PROVINCE

As far as the mine clearing works are concerned in the 26 Communes of the Province of Teramo, of which we were informed of by the Teramo P.O. the 562 Company has already received orders for the preparation of the necessary detachments.

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The means of transport are very scarce. We have had great difficulties in ensuring the work of the 562nd Company and of the 3rd mined fields Area. The carburetors are insufficient. The Chieti Alimentation Section has given us very little, so that we have had to beg this Command to let us have 200 liters of petrol.

6) RURAL ASSISTANCE

The 562nd Company so as to offer the soldiers a little amusement has organized a theatrical show which on December the 3rd will be given in Pescara and later on in Chieti and other centers.

7) ALLIED TROOPS IN THE PROVINCES OF CHIETI AND PESCARA

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Precise orders have been issued so ~~that~~ Allied troops can be entirely protected from mine explosions

In the areas where the troops are having their rest, an officer for the Province of Chieti and one for the Province of Pescara have been ordered for the mine clearing service.

8) As a consequence of accidents which have taken place during the course of mine clearing in the mined areas, we have had the following losses during the month of November

DEAD	No 3
WOUNDED	" 5

Since the day in which the mine clearing operations were started up to to day we have had the following losses.

DEAD	No 10
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Chieti, Pescara and Teramo Provinces

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TO : HQ Allied Commission (Civil Affairs Section)
FROM: HQ AMG/AC Abruzzi Marche Region C.M.F.
SUBJECT : Mine Clearance
Ref : R5/501/32
Date : 9th December 1944

1. Reference your 9/8A/CA dated 22 October 44.

Attached please find report on the progress of the scheme for training Civilians in Mine Clearance for the Chieti Centre of Instructions, together with translations.

2. Also enclosed is a report on the first fatal accident sustained by one of the workmen.

3. As will be seen from this report petrol does not appear to have been obtainable in sufficient quantities; your 9/8A/CA of 2 Dec 44 it is hoped will however now make for improvement in that respect. Meanwhile instructions have been given, with the verbal consent of Pet. Sec. AFHQ, that if the work is being held up through delay in getting POL from Italian Army Sources CIP is to supply for Dec 44 and reclaim on Italian Army later.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

J.D. SCHOLTZ
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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Chileno, 2 agosto 1944

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Comandante General Donato

Al Sr. Don. Donato Donato

SENAO PROVINCE

CHILE

La sede delle conclusioni del documento di ieri è stata

presa anche il ~~///~~ Don. Don. Donato

Donato Donato

1° Presso (senza dubbio) è stato effettuato un primo

colloquio con il Capitano Donato Donato n° 49 giorni del

al termine del corso (24 settembre), sono stati

2° Con i dati generali sono state fornite le

stesse dati (documenti) : n° 1 e 2 (1944) ; n° 1 e 2

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3° Il primo 1 e 2, conterrà un documento

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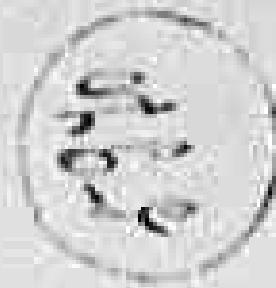
10. Erano quindi venute le nuove disposizioni di legge, dopo che
l'Amministrazione di Roma aveva provveduto al n° 45, presso del quale n° 32
di versare nel corso (24 novembre), dopo averli amministrati insieme.
20. Con data 19 gennaio 1945, sulla base del n° 6 approvato in sede dove
avere così stabilito: n° 2 a Torino, n° 4 a Firenze, n° 7 a Genova;
n° 1 a Cagliari e n° 1 a Catania.

20. Il giorno 4 n.m. si svolse un secondo corso del quale si era
preoccupato di realizzare la sua organizzazione e di nominare
delle persone al servizio di quella sede.

Secondo gli accordi presi verso l'organizzazione di quella
sezione, per quanto concerne la sezione Nazionale della "Legge con
Criteri Civili", come è noto, è stato stabilito di realizzare della
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3rd Zone Mine Field Clearing

Chieti, 2 December 1944

Ref. No. 127/10

SUBJECT: Program for Employment of Civilian Workers

TO : Maj Maunder, PC, Chieti, Pescara and Teramo Provinces.

Following our conversation of yesterday, in which Lt. Col Castellano of the War Ministry also took part, I report that:

1. The first course of training has been held at this station, with 45 workers participating of which 32 were declared fitted at the end of the course (24 November).
2. Six squads have been formed from these workers; the squads have been distributed as follows, two at Tollo, one at Arielli, one at Canosa, one at Giuliano and one at Chieti.
3. On the fourth of this month a second course for which workers are now being recruited will begin; I shall inform you as soon as possible of the number enrolled.

According to our agreements, I will maintain direct liaison with your headquarters for all that relates to the clearing of mine fields by civilian workers which, as you know, has been delegated to the Ministry of War, General Engineering Direction, and will place before you for advance approval the plan of work for the squads which it will later be possible to employ.

The Zone Chief
(signed) Capt. Remo Bandinelli

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3rd Zone Mine Field Clearing
Ref. No. 171/19

Chieti, 3 December 1944 19

SUBJECT: Misfortune in the work at Anelli on 29 November 1944.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, Chieti.

Attached, for information, is a preliminary report on the accident noted in the subject.

Further details of the accident will be communicated, as well as further details of the further carrying out of the work.

The Zone Chief
(signed) Capt Remo Bandinelli

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3RD ZONE MINE FIELD CLEARING

1st, 2 DECEMBER 1944

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER TO THE MINE-LIFTING SQUAD OF SQUAD CHIEF GUERINO RACANO WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF ARIELLI.

Only today, the 2nd of December, about 11 a. m., I was informed of the serious accident which occurred with the explosion of a charge in Arielli, St. Martin's Hill, on the property of the priest, among the mine-lifters of the 3rd Zone Mine Field Clearing, working on that farm.

The news concerned the death of the worker, Biagio Santoro, the grave injury (amputation of the right hand and injuries to both eyes) of Squad Chief Guerino Racano, of the injuries to the left arm of worker Rosario Malandra, of injuries to Giuseppe Mammarella and to the minor boy Armando Musi who were nearby.

As soon as I was able to obtain a small quantity of gasoline (since the zone headquarters has been completely without any for some time), I went, along with Lt. Col. Castellano of the general direction of the Ministry of War, to the civil hospital of Ortona where the injured persons are recovering, except for Mammarella who, because of the slight injuries suffered, has been released from that hospital and sent to Chieti.

The Squad Chief Guerino Racano, despite his serious condition, was able to answer several questions. He stated that at about 1530 that day while he was undertaking to neutralize some charges of a type not well determined or known (foreign or special mines) which had been found by one of the workers of the land where the squad was working, one of this ~~charge~~ charges caught fire, causing its explosion and that of six or seven other charges which had been placed on a table located in the open. After the explosion, he can naturally remember nothing.

The worker Rosario Malandra, who is in a less serious condition, was able to answer other questions. However, he confirmed the statement of the squad chief. He remembered that the worker Biagio Santoro - who died after a few hours in the Ortona hospital as a result of his wounds - was nearby.

The boy Musi, also injured, didn't know very precisely what had happened.

As shown by the report of Lt. Biagio Cattano, instructor of the training course for the clearing of mine fields, he repeated that he and other officers and NCOs had left scarcely an hour before from Canosa, Giuliana and Tollo to return here after practicing at the place where the work was to be done. The Squad Chief Racano, a former engineer and an experienced mine-lifter who had worked for some time on his own account in the Lentella country near Tollo, remained at Arielli.

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This worker was rightly considered by the instructors as a very sure element because on the basis of examinations and on the basis of his sobriety and other excellent qualities he had been given the confidence of a vote of 9 out of ten votes in by the examining commission on the 24th of the month.

It would therefore appear from the investigation it has been possible to make in the brief time, that the accident must be chiefly blamed on an imprudence on the part of Racano, who, well knowing his work, went too lightly about neutralizing an explosive charge not well known to him and, what is more serious, in the presence of his workers.

Tomorrow there will be provided a motor ambulance to bring the injured persons from Ortona to Chieti and then it will be possible to carry out a more complete investigation than it has yet been possible to execute, as Lt. Col Castellano can testify, giving briefly the condition of the injured.

The writer points out that provision will be made in the shortest possible time for the carrying out of all the formalities provided by the law regarding the judicial determination of the question, especially as regards insurance.

Lt Col Castellano notes in this connection the critical situation in which this headquarters finds itself for the absolute lack of gasoline which has existed for more than 20 days, a deficiency which, impeding transport, puts the zone itself in the sorry situation of no longer having any connection between the headquarters and the squads, as can be seen in the very sorrowful and unfortunate circumstances of the accident mentioned, which happened only 40 kilometers away but which was learned about here three and a half days after it happened by means of the mail.

THE ZONE CHIEF
(Capt Remo Sandinelli)

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28 Nov. 1944

R E P O R T

Col. CRIPPS. C.A. Section, HQ Allied Commission.

FROM: Capt. M. SHORT., R.A.S.C.

1.- Schools.

Arrangements have been made for the opening of a new school of instruction in Mines Disposal at the Casa del Mutilato PISTOIA. Instruction will be begin on 4 Dec. '44, and so far 48 trainees have been enrolled.

2.- Casualties.

On 22 Nov.; two casualties occurred at Ponte al Serchio, both being killed. The two men concerned had not reported for duty on the day in question, and it was subsequently established that they had been working independently. As there is the possibility that the owners of the property on which the men were working had offered them some inducements to carry out this work, the matter is being investigated by the Carabinieri.

3.- Transport.

The lack of transport has in part been overcome by putting men out to work, on detachment. The first two detachments of 20 men are at Ponte al Serchio and Mettato, respectively. If this method of working proves satisfactory other detachments will be put out. This however can only be regarded as temporary measure, and the matter of transportation is of vital urgency. If the clearance squads become finally immobilized, their usefulness to the Allied Commission has been asked to

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4.- Insurance.

The casualties mentioned in Para 2 of this report, emphasize the urgency of making an immediate decision in the matter of benefits for workmen's dependents. It so happened that the two men concerned were absent from duty when the mis-hap occurred, but had they been there and their dependents morally entitled to some benefit, there would be a grave possibility of disaffection amongst the other workmen.

5.- Mines Detectors.

In spite of assurances and instructions in the method of prodding for mines with a probe, the workers are still convinced in their own minds that the detector is the only satisfactory means of mines discovery. It is hoped that eventually this prejudice may be overcome by experience, and in the meantime as many more detectors as possible are requested.

6.- Personnel.

o/KJ.
Three Italian ~~officers~~ for office staff reported for duty on ./.

28 Nov. Capt. STUTTA has now requested that he may be allowed to remain in this command to carry out mine clearance work. This has been made the matter of separate correspondence via 5th Army AMG. Three Italian ex-officers at present employed in the mine clearance squads have requested to rejoin the service. Their applications are being dealt with through the proper channels.

7.- Clothing.

This is still of vital importance. The weather is now bad and it is inadvisable to expect men to work in the open, if they have no protective clothing or change of clothes. Application has been made for salvage gas-capes through DAQ 2 Brit. Inc. 5th Army to act as raincoats. Application has been made for re-conditioned battle-dress and boots on repayment to Major BIRT, Provincia Building, Naples.

8.- Materials.

- (a) A quantity of bar-iron suitable for making probes is required. Attempts are being made to obtain this from demolished structures.
- (b) White tape is essential to mark off such zones as have been cleared at the conclusion of a days' work. None is available by local purchase. Can Engineers be instructed to provide this?
- (c) Ropes, long, for pulling mines from the ground. The same remarks apply as in sub-para (b).

9.- Training.

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref.

28 Nov. 1944

SUBJECT: R E P O R T

TO: Col. CRIPPS. C.A. Section, HQ Allied Commission.

FROM: Capt. M. SHORT., R.A.S.C.

1.- Schools.

Arrangements have been made for the opening of a new school of instruction in Mines Disposal at the Casa del Mutilato PISTOLA. Instruction will be begin on 4 Dec. '44, and so far 48 trainees have been enrolled.

2.- Casualties.

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5.- Mines Detectors.

In spite of assurances and instructions in the method of proceeding for mines with a probe, the workers are still convinced in their own minds that the detector is the only satisfactory means of mine discovery. It is hoped that eventually this prejudice may be overcome by experience, and in the meantime as many more detectors as possible are requested.

6.- Personnel.

C/Rs

Three Italian ~~officers~~ for office staff reported for duty on 1/12

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28 Nov. Capt. MURTA has now requested that he may be allowed to remain in this command to carry out mine clearance work. This has been made the matter of separate correspondence via 5th Army AMG. Three Italian ex-officers at present employed in the mine clearance squads have requested to rejoin the service. Their applications are being dealt with through the proper channels.

7.- Clothing.

This is still of vital importance. The weather is now bad and it is inadvisable to expect men to work in the open, if they have no protective clothing, or change of clothes.

Application has been made for salvage gas-capes through DAQ 2 Brit. Inc. 5th Army to act as raincoats.

Application has been made for re-conditioned battle-dress and boots on repayment to Major BIRT, Provincia Building, Naples.

8.- Materials.

(a) A quantity of bar-iron suitable for making probes is required.

Attempts are being made to obtain this from demolished structures.

(b) White tape is essential to mark off such zones as have been cleared at the conclusion of a day's work. None is available by local purchase. Can Engineers be instructed to provide this?

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REPORT.

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal.

TO : Fifth Army AM3

FROM : Capt. M.SHORT - R.A.S.C.

6 November 1944.

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Sufficient instructional material has been brought from ROME to have all present trainees proficient in 7 days from this date.

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Mines Disposal Squads will begin their duties on 13 Nov. 44.

4. Administration.

Forms have been prepared, for completion after each job, in which will be stated details of work done, and which will be signed by the individual responsible for each task. A daily work book has also been prepared. Specimens of both these are attached.

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REPORT

SUBJECT: Report Mines Special Squad.

TO : Fifth Army, AMG

1st Nov. 44

1. Materials: from Ministry of War.

So far a small quantity only of the materials promised by the ISPELTOATO GENIO-Ministero della Guerra- has been received. No less than six attempts both by letter and telephone have been made by Capt. NIUTTA to expedite delivery. Copies of the letters and notes of the telephone conversations appear in Capt. NIUTTA's files.

One of Capt. NIUTTA's Officers is at present in ROME and it is hoped that his efforts will be successful.

2. Materials. Other services.

- (a) During a recent visit to VIAREGGIO, a number of excavated and neutralized mines were noticed. Some of these have been obtained for instructional purposes.
- (b) A small quantity of explosive, detonators and fuse has been obtained with the co-operation of 2nd Coy. 23rd Bn. GENIO ARTIERI, also one Italian Type mine-detector.

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Capt. NIUTTA has requested that permission be granted for the civilian personnel of the Mines Disposal Squads to purchase certain clothing items from PENINSULAR BASE SECTION. The outfit consists of shoes/at a cost of Lit. 400. = per man.

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7. Attachment.

In accordance with MMIA letter AQ/66 of 12 Oct. 44, signed by Col. NOAMES, Capt. NIUTTA requests that the military personnel of the Mines Clearing Squads be attached to 210th Italian Infantry Division, FLORENCE.

8. New Type Teller Mine Igniter.

appeared A new type of Teller Mine Igniter, exactly similar in outward to the old type has recently been encountered. This igniter, however, explodes the mine if an attempt is made to unscrew it. Instructions are that all Teller Mines must now be treated as though they were fitted with this device.

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REPORT.

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal Squads.

TO: 5 Army A.M.G.

FROM: Capt. W. Short R.A.S.C.

25 Oct 1944.

Location of Schools.

1. There are two schools in operation for training Civilians in mines disposal, under Command of Capt. MIUTTA. They are situated as follows:

- a) At Pisa in the Via Carducci where there are 94 trainers under the instruction of 2 Officers and 5 other ranks.
- b) At Lucca, in the Piazza Santa Maria Bianca, where there are 78 trainers under the instruction of 2 Officers and 1 other rank.

Inspections.

2. Both these schools have been visited and the students were present. The instruction appeared to be sufficient.

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3. The pay of these civilian trainees is as follows:

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Materials, Other sources.

5. Army engineers have been contacted, as also Genio Civile but neither has any materials available for Capt. Miutta (Wido 5 Army AMG Letter 205/17 of 18 Oct 1944) Local Engineers unit has also been approached without results.

Additional instruction.

7. The most help that 5 Army engns can give is to send an instructor, with demonstration models of German Mines and booby traps for two days to the Pisa-Lucca Area. Arrangements are being made for this to be done as soon as possible.

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Publicities.

8 A notice is appearing in Corriere del Arno on 26 October 1944, instructing the public to report the location of all mines to the nearest Carabinieri Station, whence this information will be collected by Capt. Miutta.

Public notices are being prepared for the benefit of such districts in the Capt Miutta's territory which will not be reached by the newspaper.

Temporary measures.

9) a) In the absence of detectors, Capt. Miutta has been advised to instruct the trainers in the art of "laying out" mines.

b) Until such time as mine exploding materials arrive, Capt. Miutta has been advised to collect as many mines as possible, and having neutralized them to store them in a safe place. He is disinclined to do this, as he considers that all mines should be exploded on the spot, owing to the possibility of mines exploding, least interference.

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Subject - Mine Clearance.

To - HQ I on 5 AM.

From - P.C. Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

OPT/141.

20 Sep. 44.

1. Ref your RE/501/32 dated 5 Sep. 44, withdrawing 164 Compagnia Artieri D'Arresto from PESCARA.

2. I had already decided to move that Company to the Province of CHIETI, and in view of the many pressing requests from the Prefect of CHIETI for mine clearance in the area CRETINA - LANCIANO - GUARDIAFERRA (last winter's battleground). I have recently moved 4 detachments into CHIETI Province, of the remaining Company.

3. The following is a brief summary of the position regarding the remaining Company - 562 Compagnia Pastrellamento Mine :-

Location.	Company HQ and 1 Platoon	PESCARA
	Detachment (approx 16 men)	PIANVILLA
		LORESTO ARQUITINO
		CEPASARTE
		LABRIANO
		TURBIDIAZZELLE
		ACQUILANICO
		VACCHI

Strength 5 officers 158 ORs.

Casualties To date 5 soldiers have been killed and 13 wounded by mine explosions in the course of their duty. First Aid equipment almost negligible.

Transport On arrival the Company were without transport. It has been possible with great difficulty to requisition vehicles as follows:-

Private Trucks (about 15 cwt) - 3

Private car

Small van - Fiat 500

- 1 (this van was originally requisitioned for PESCARA PROVINCE - ACC N.82 but has since been de-requisitioned and is now being requisitioned by the Italian Army authorities.)

All the above are in a poor state of repair. One is required full time to draw rations every 2 days from CRETINA and distribute them to detachments which are widely scattered.

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Equipment Up to the present, the Company has:-

Lifted and disposed of, or otherwise made safe - 23,000 300 lbs

Collected into dumps - 165 tons of explosives and ammunition

mostly German and Italian)

- 30 tons of other war material.

It is not possible to estimate the amount of mine clearance yet to be effected, but there is certainly sufficient work to keep the Company occupied for a further 6 months.

4. Considering that the Company on arrival in PISCARA, were untrained in mine clearance duties, the progress so far made reflects great credit on the CC. Lt. SPAMPANATO, but even so, only 50% effort is being obtained owing to the shortage of transport.

5. In order to move the 164 Company from PISCARA to GRCOM, in accordance with AM SD 1407 dated 1 Sept 44, which stated that mine would be under arrangements ACC it was necessary to use AMF truck Pool Ltd. as no other transport was available from either Italian Military or AMF. As a result this HQ has been presented with a bill for the use of 5 trucks. Also in order to move the detachments from Pescara into the

ing to the lack of transport and first aid equipment, even if slightly wounded, they run the risk of bleeding to death before they can be got to a hospital. (this has actually happened more than once).

9. In view of the above, will you please clarify the position as regards:-

- (a) The question of shortage of transport.
- (b) Amount for use of Truck Pool transport. (see para 5.)
- (c) Supply of POL - present requirements for 5 vehicles is 75 gallons per week.
- (d) Supply of First Aid equipment- none available through Italian Army channels.
- (e) Request for vehicles to collect stores - see para 7 above.

(signed) J. A. Holmes.

Lt. Col.
Provincial Commissioner.
AMI Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

Copy to HQ 60 Sub Area.

HQ Delegation 'A' BMT.

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No. 67/5 M 51 Prot

P.M. 125 M 6/10/1944

COPY

To: A.M.C. Pescara - Teramo - Chieti Provinces

CHIEF

Subject: - Work Report

Actually this Company has 7 Sections for Mine Clearance in the Communes of:-

Guardiagrele - Lanciano - Vesci - Loreto Aprutino - Pianella -
Cepagatti and PESCARA.

In the last town 3 squads work on clearance in the "Pineta" and in the civil habitations.

The works effected by all the Engineers of this Department in the period

1 - 30 Sep 44 are the following:-

Clearance of 19,011 mines; destruction in situ of 1,061 mines too dangerous to be transported; inspections of 182 civil habitations; search and clearance of mines in the following streets of Pescara:-

(List of 79 streets in Pescara)

50 tons of explosives and various ammunition, 5,000 Bombs of various calibre of which 800 about destroyed in situ or neutralized, have been cleared by all workers of this Department.

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(Felice Spampinato)

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THE FIRST FOUR MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1944

MINE CLEARANCE

Apart from the hopeless situation of the people in the devastated areas they have added danger of mines.

I have moved a portion of the Italian Mine Clearance Company into these regions. The other company was taken away from us.

In GUARDIAFERRA the officer in charge reports that there are some 150,000 mines, 77000 of these are in our field.

The equipment, of course, always goes when the men are blown up and they have at present 7 detectors for all his company. They came entirely without transport and we have had to help them. At first they had not even a truck to carry away their wounded.

I feel that these two matters should be reported and considered along with my report.

(SU) J.A. MOHAM

Lt-Col.

Provincial Commissioner, Chieti, Pescara, Teramo.

564 COMPANIA AUTONOMA
ESTRALLERO MINE

31 Oct. 44

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TO: - AGO CRISTI, TERAMO & PESCARA PROVINCES

Cristi.

Subject: - Work Relation, October 1944

In the present month our Company unextended its work of mine clearing also in the Communes of Montesilvano, Creda and Crescenze in which now we have constituted other sections. It has initiated also a school for the mine clearance in Cadorina in order to perfect the new engineers in the difficult task and has executed all the work ordered by this Headquarters.

In this month the various types of mines extracted by our sections of Rosarda, Guardinella, Lasciano, Sigliano, Loreto, Aprutino, Pinnella and Capogatti amount to 41,000.

In Pescara our engineers have executed also the inspection of 250 Civil habitations.

In this town, without incident, we have provided to the destruction of a very dangerous booby-trap and a large calibre bomb, of which it was impossible to remove.

"Tonnellate" 300 of explosives and various munitions have been collected by our sections. 100 bombs of various calibre have been cleared and 70 of them destroyed. About 25,000 kilograms of the mines till now cleared have been destroyed. Clearings of "Antiaerea" has been executed by one of our squads every day with Allied means and materials.

In the above named period we have had 4 fatal incidents and 7 wounding. It is dutiful to ask that the Company has a little allotment of petrol and a few trucks for its work. It would be necessary to obtain further means in order to facilitate its task and to extend it in other areas full of mines, for the clearing also the numerous requests of the population.

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Please provide to define the question concerning our mine detectors of which to the letter dated 25 Oct. 44 NO. 118/2/44.

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X Because it will be possible for us shortly to show our
work for unserviceable cases of the above named class of cases.

IL. TESTS COMPLETED

(3 specimens tested)

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 735016

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<u>Mine Casualties - Province of CHIETI</u>				
<u>CIVILIANS</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	June 14	4	24	28
	July	24	58	92
	August	16	10	56
	September	11	33	44
	October	16	27	43
	TOTAL -Civilians	81	182	263
<u>MILITARY</u>				
562 1st Mine Clearance Coy		9	36	45
	TOTAL	90	218	308

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REPORT

SUBJECT : Mines Disposal.

TO : AMG, Fifth Army.

FROM : Capt. M. SHORT - R.A.S.C.

10 Nov. 44.

1.- Commencement of Duties.

Lt. Col. Walters will address the workers on 11 Nov. 44, on the completion of their training course. The attached notice will appear in the "Corriere dell'Arno".

2.- Insurance of Workers.

- (a) The workers are insured with Istituto Nazionale Previdenza Sociale as far as old age pension is concerned.
- (b) They are insured with Ente Nazionale di Previdenza ed assistenza per i dipendenti statali" for sickness and injury benefits.
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3.- Proficiency.

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4.- Discipline.

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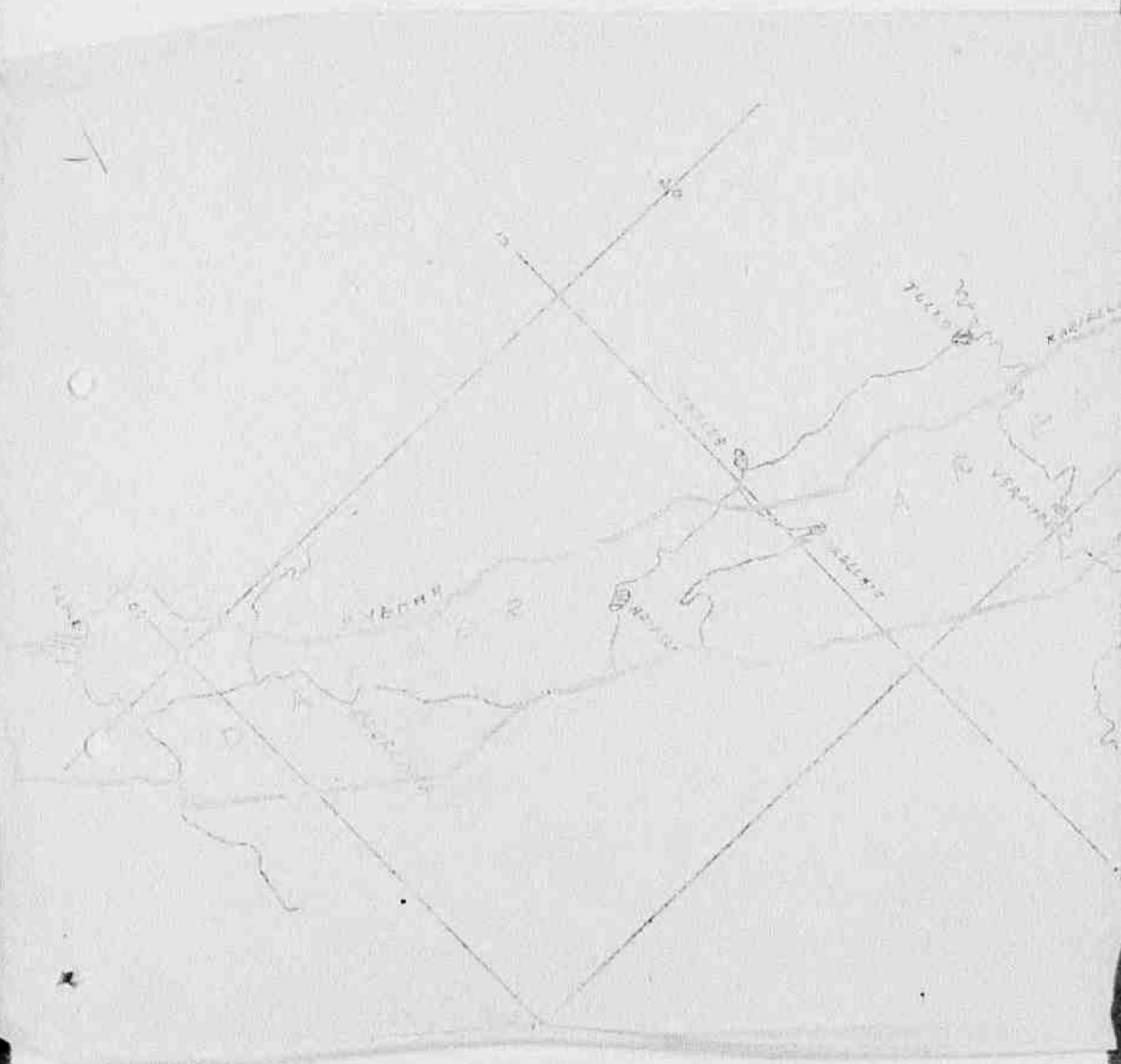
4.- Discipline.

Arrangement have been made for all absentees from duty, unsupported by a medical certificate, to be investigated by the Carabinieri.

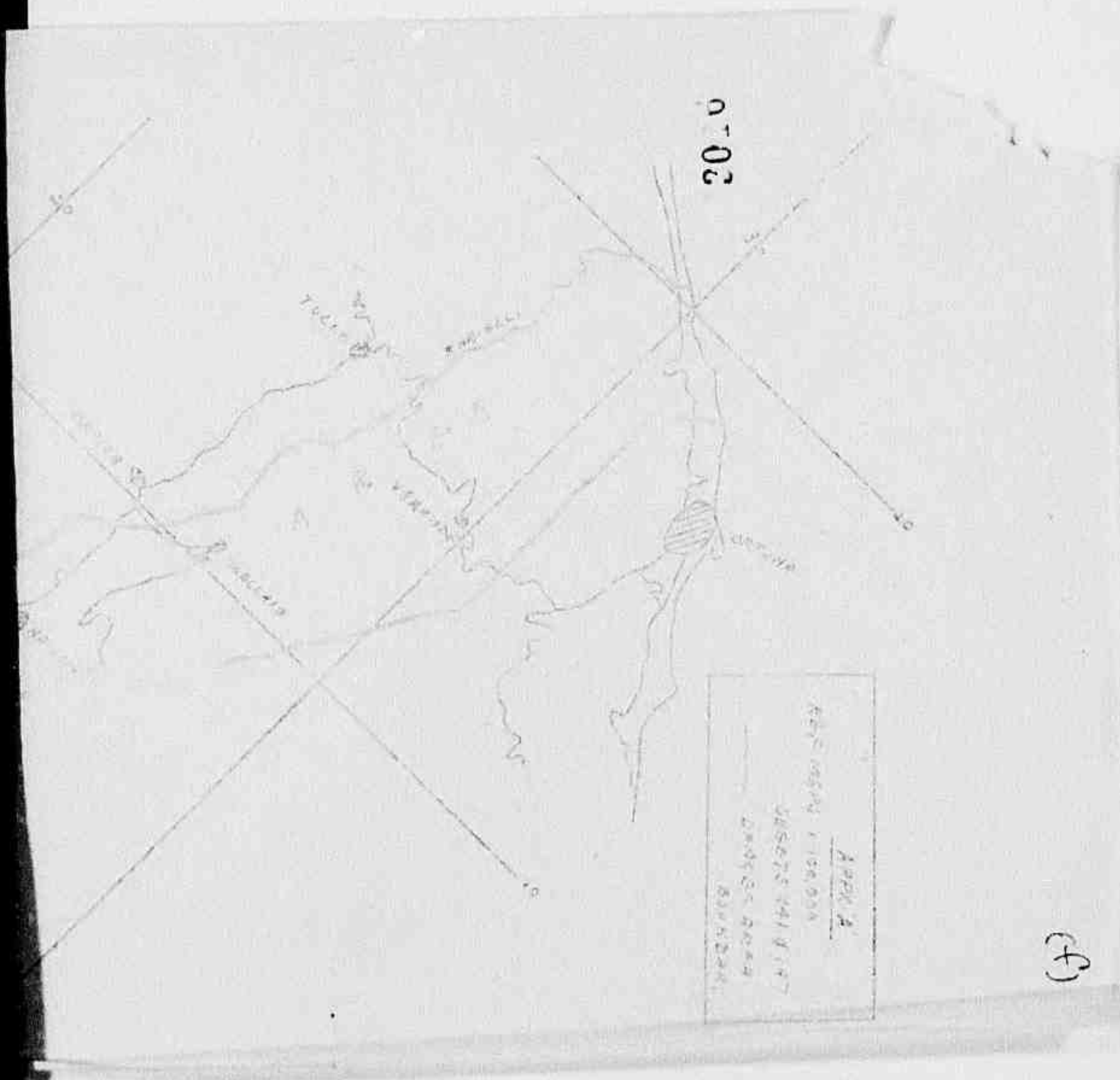
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