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HEADQUARTERS
MINE CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
AMC 394

AMP/31

Ref: 515

AMP/43-5N/FOOD

13 October 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Squad, Pise

TO : Hq. AMG 5th Army

1. Reference your cable 595 of October 11th.
2. Attached are 222/CA dated 25th May. Supplementary Rations for Heavy Workers and AMP/43-1/FOOD of 30th June. Basic Rations.
3. In regard to Heavy Workers Supplementary rations, the present basis of issue for the area between the Northern boundaries of the provinces of Caspobasso and Napier and the 5th Army boundaries is:

<u>SCALE "A"</u>	<u>SCALE "B"</u>
<u>Midnight Meal</u>	<u>Midnight Meal</u>
150 grams (1/3 lbs) bread	150 grams (1/3 lbs) bread
6 ozs Fresh Vegetables	6 ozs Fresh Vegetables
0.8 ozs Dehydrated Soup	0.8 ozs Dehydrated Soup

Supplementary cards issued weekly entitling workers to purchase:

700 grams Pasta	350 grams Pasta
or Flour equivalent	or Flour equivalent
200 grams Dehy. Soup	

4. Scale "A" and "B" supplementary cards are in the hands of the Regional Supply Officers concerned.

5. It has been ruled that Mine Clearance Squads shall be entitled to the Heavy Workers Supplementary Rations Scale "A".

6/ Regarding 5th Army Areas, letter dated 30th May, 202/4, notified this Headquarters, that 5th Army AMG were following instructions given by 5th Army in regard to the feeding of workers. It is assumed this practice will be followed in the case of the mine clearance squad at Pise.

Copy to: Regional Sup. Off. Reg. 6
Food S/C Representative
A.A.I.

R.I. 1263, Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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Food Ration Scale

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

102/43-1/FOOD

30 June 1946

SUBJECT: New Basic Ration Scale - Normal Consumer

TO : Regional Commissioners, Region I, II, III, V, VI, VII

1. With effect from 1 July the Normal Consumer Basic Ration will be increased from 160 grams of flour to 240 grams of flour per capita. In agreement with the Italian Government, the new ration will be 300 grams of bread per day, plus 550 grams of pasta per week.

2. This new scale will apply to Sicily, Sardinia and the Mainland of Italy, south of the northern boundaries of Garofano and Naples Provinces.

3. The increase will apply only to the Normal Consumer Class. A complete schedule of authorized Ration Scales is annexed as Appendix I.

4. The introduction of the new ration scale imposes a heavy supply commitment and to avoid abuse it is imperative that requirements should be carefully calculated and supplies rigidly controlled. On this, the Grower's Retention Allowance, has a vital bearing. The total numbers of persons entitled to retention allowances should be accurately determined by means of the document forms and Bollette di Mezzi Agricoli issued by the Agriculture Sub-Commission which should be carefully checked. Ration cards should be withheld from those persons, or withdrawn in cases where they have already been issued.

5. The numbers of Heavy Workers entitled to Scales 'A' or 'B' should be regularly reviewed in the light of a permanent reduction in the numbers employed by the Armed Forces in the territory defined in para 2.

6. It will be noted that an adjustment has been effected in the issue of Heavy Workers 'A' and 'B' Scales. This will facilitate administration and reduce possibilities of abuse. Engrained Scale at current scale and price is authorized to be served on the job to holders of Heavy Workers Supplementary Scale 'B' cards. Contractors should also continue to provide the six (6) ounces of Fresh Vegetables daily.

7. To ensure uniformity and equitability Supplementary Scales 'A' or 'B' will be applied in Sicily and Sardinia in accordance with Appendices I and II of 222/64.

3. The increase will apply only to the Normal Consumer Class. A complete schedule of authorized Region Scales is annexed as Appendix I.

4. The introduction of the new ration scale imposes a heavy supply commitment and to avoid abuse it is imperative that requirements should be carefully calculated and supplies rigidly controlled. In this, the Governor's Ration Allowances, has a vital bearing. The total numbers of persons entitled to ration allowance should be accurately determined by means of the Accertamento forms and Bollettino di Ration issued by the Agricultural Sub-Commission which should be carefully checked. Ration cards should be withdrawn from those persons, or withdrawn in cases where they have already been issued.

5. The numbers of Heavy Workers omitted on Scales 'A' or 'B' should be regularly reviewed in the light of a general reduction in the numbers employed by the Armed Forces in the territory referred to in para 2.

6. It will be noted that an adjustment has been effected in the issue of Heavy Workers 'A' and 'B' Scales. This will facilitate administration and reduce possibilities of abuse. Dehydrated Soup at current scale and price is authorized to be served on the job to holders of Heavy Workers Supplementary Scale 'B' cards. Contractors should also continue to provide two six (6) ounces of Fresh Vegetables daily.

7. To ensure uniformity and equity Supplementary Scales 'A' or 'B' will be applied in Sicily and Sardinia in accordance with Appendices I and II of 222/CA dated 25 May 1941. All other scales or allowances for Heavy Workers, will be abolished in all regions.

/s/ G.A.I. SHIPP, Lt. Col.
for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

For Information to:

Regional Commissioners, Region IV and VIII
Regional Commissioner, Rome Region
SCAC's 5th and 6th Armies
HQ 42nd Section
Economic Section (5)
Admin (5)
Spere (20)
HQ A.I. (20)
PSC (2)

Appendix I

1. The following Ration Scales have been approved and are to be applied with effect from 1 July 1944.

A. Normal Consumer

By Ration Card

Bread	200 grams per day
Pasta	550 grams per week

Or variation, not to exceed a basis of 240 grams of flour per day.

Milk	Dehydrated Soup	} At the current month's scales
Sugar	Olive Oil	
Dried Veg.	M & V Stew	
Meat (Preserved)		
Other commodities as available		

B. Hospital Patients.

By bulk authorization according to number of inmates.

Bread	250 grams per day
Pasta	100 grams per day
Sugar	33 grams per day
Evap. Milk	100 grams per day
Olive Oil	25 grams per day
Dried Veg.	100 grams per day
Dry. Soup	100 grams per day
Beefsteak	1 Cup per day
M & V Stew	400 grams per week
or Preserved Meat	200 grams per week

C. Public Security Areas, Prison Guards, Nurses, Guardia Forestale.

Flour	250 grams	By bulk authorization	(	Per Ration
or Bread	250 grams	or variation, not to	(	Per Day.
Pasta	100 grams	exceed a total of 380	(	
Soup	60 grams	grams of flour per day	(	
Sugar		Olive Oil	)	

at the current monthly

B. Hospital Patients.

By bulk authorization according to number of inmates.

Bread	50 grams per day
Pasta	100 grams per day
Sugar	50 grams per day
Evap. Milk	100 grams per day
Olive Oil	25 grams per day
Dried Veg.	100 grams per day
Soup	100 grams per day
Bouillon	1 Cube per day
M & V Stew	400 grams per week
or Preserved Meat	200 grams per week

C. Public Security Agents, Prison Guards, Firemen, Guardia Forestale.

Flour	250 grams)	By bulk authorization	(	Per Meal,
Bread	350 grams)	or variation, not to	(	per Day.
Pasta	100 grams)	exceed a total of 350	(	
Soup	60 grams)	grams of flour per day	(	
Sugar		Olive Oil	)	
Dried Vegetables		M & V Stew	)	At the current monthly
Meat (preserved)		Milk	)	Scales for normal consumers.
Other commodities as available.			)	

D. Prisoners in Penal Establishments.

By bulk authorization
according to number of inmates.

Bread	300 grams per day
Dried Veg.	100 grams per day
Sugar	50 grams per day
Soup	100 grams per day
Bouillon	1 Cube per day
Olive Oil	Current monthly normal consumer's scale.

E. Refueled in Camps administered by AGO Refugee Branch.

By bulk authorization

Bread	200 grams per person per day
Pasta	100 grams per person per day
Sugar	50 grams per person per day
Strip. Milk	100 grams per person per day
Dried Veg.	100 grams per person per day
Dairy. Soup	100 grams per person per day
Cheese/Meat	50 grams per person per day

F. Harvesters

Maximum 40 days. Inactive only during period of harvest.

Bread	400 grams per person per day
Pasta	50 grams per person per day
Cheese	100 grams per person per day
Meat (preserved)	50 grams per person per day
Peas (or Soup)	100 grams per person per day
Olive Oil	20 grams per person per day

G. Heavy workers, working directly for Armed Forces 100%, including Heavy Railway Workers.

SCALE "A"

A. The approved entitlement for this class is comprised as follows:

- (1) Manual Transport Scale (para 1A) by ration cards.
- (2) Minimum Meal via: supplied by employer unit, on job.

Bread	1/3 lb (150 grams)
Fresh Vegetables	6 oz.
Dehydrated Soup	0.8 oz.

- (3) Supplementary Ration via: by Supplementary Ration Card

400 grams per person per day
 50 grams per person per day
 100 grams per person per day
 60 grams per person per day
 100 grams per person per day
 20 grams per person per day

g. Heavy workers, working directly for Armed Forces 100%, including
 heavy refinery workers.

Scale 'A'

1. The approved entitlement for this class is comprised as follows:

- (1) Normal Consumer Scale (para 14) by ration cards.
- (2) Minimum Meal viz: as filed by employing unit, on job.

Bread 1/3 lb (150 grams)
 Fresh Vegetables 6 oz.
 Dehydrated Soup 0.6 oz.

(2) Supplementary Ration viz: by Supplementary Ration Card

Scale 'A'

Pasta 150 grams per week
 Dehydrated Soup 250 grams per week

h. There is no increase in the overall quantity of rationed foods for this class. The quantities have been adjusted in between the Normal Consumer Scale and the Supplementary Ration Card 'A'. As from the date of the adoption of these Ration Scales. On July 1944, the Supplementary Ration Card will be valid for the quantities indicated in Sub paragraph Giii only.

i. Heavy workers working indirectly for the Armed Forces, as indicated in 222/CA dated 25 May.

Scale 'B'

1. The approved rations for this class are comprised as follows:

- (1) Normal Consumer Scale (para 14) by Ration Card.
- (2) Supplementary Ration viz: by Supplementary Ration Card Scale 'B'.

Bread 150 grams per day.

Appendix I - Cont'd

b. There is no increase in the overall quantity of Rationed Foods in this class. The quantities have been adjusted as between the Normal Consumers Ration Card and the Supplementary Ration Card Scale "B". As from 1 July 1944 the Scale "B" Supplementary Ration Card will entitle the workers to the quantity indicated in para H.(2) only.

2. The mid-shift meal Flour Element has been abolished for this class but Employees will still have made available to them, 0.8 ounces of Dehydrated Soup per entitled employee per shift. (Supply Officers please note).

3. These scales will be adopted in Region I (Sicily), Region VI (Sardinia), and on the Mainland of Italy to the south of the northern boundaries of the provinces of Naples and Campobasso.

4. The Ration Scales incorporated in this instruction supersede all previous Ration Scales and Supplementary issues which are hereby abolished.

5. No additional issue of controlled foods may be authorized without prior approval of the Chief Commissioner, Allied Control Commission.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R. U. & M. C. SECTION
A.L.C. 394

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25 MAY 64

Ref: 222/CA

SUBJECT: New Action Scale for Heavy Weapons

TO : Regional Commissioners,
Reg. C. I.
Region II
Region III
Region IV
Region V
Region VI
Region VII
Region VIII

S.A.C. A.C. A.M. I., 5th Army
S.A.C. A.C. A.M. I., 3th Army

1. Reference in AGC/43-3/20 of dated 14 May 1944.
2. The subamm has now been approved, and will become effective as of 1 June 1944. The first issue of coupons will therefore be on the 7th June.
3. Attached appendices incorporate all previous instructions.
4. Supplementary action coupons are being dispatched to Regional/Provincial Supply Officers for immediate issue to units and formations in case of Scale "A" and to Administrative authorities in the case of Scale "B".

M. Driffield M.A., Major
For Brigadier
Executive Commission

Copies to:
Executive Commission 1
Italian Government 50
Allied Force Local
Reference Board 10

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1. Reference is made to AEC/13-2/7470 dated 10 May 1944.
2. The subject has now been approved, and will become effective on 1 June 1944. The first issue of copies will therefore be on the 7th June.
3. Attached appendices supersede all previous instructions.
4. Supplementary action requests are being dispatched to Regional/Provincial Supply Officers for immediate issue to units and formations in cases of Scale 'A' and to administrative authorities in the case of Scale 'B'.

A. Driffield, Major
For Brigadier
Executive Council member

Copies to:

Executive Commissioner	1
Indian Government	20
Allied Force Council	
Resources Board	100
Economic Section	10
Administrative Section	10
R.C. & M.C. Section	10

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Appendix I to 222/2A of
25 May 44.

SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD RATIONS FOR HEAVY WORKERS

1. The following ration scales will be instituted for Italian civilians performing heavy labor for the benefit of the Allied Forces. They are applicable to civilians, employed directly by the Allied Forces, and by contractors on their behalf and industry operating for the Allied Forces.

2. The classes of workers which will be entitled to food and supplementary coupons to purchase food, are as under.

SECTION I: SCALE 'A'

Heavy workers who are employed:-

a. Directly by Allied Armed Forces, or

b. By contractors and for industrial who, in turn are employed 100% by the Allied Armed Forces.

c. Heavy Railway workers on both public and private railways.

SECTION II: SCALE 'B'

Heavy workers who are employed less than 100% by the Allied Armed Forces in the following trade groups:

(i) Minsers of all categories

(ii) Public Utility Workers as under:

- a. Telegraph workers & postal delivery workers
- b. Gas
- c. Electricity
- d. Water
- e. Sewer Workers

(iii) Forest Workers

(iv) Oil Workers

(v) Road Workers

by contractors and for industries who, in turn are employed 100% by the Allied Armed Forces.

2. Heavy Railway workers on both public and private railways.

SECTION II: SCALE "A"

Heavy workers who are employed less than 100% by the Allied Armed Forces in the following trade groups:

- (i) Miners of all categories
- (ii) Public Utility Workers as under:
 - a. Telegraph workers & postal delivery workers
 - b. Gas
 - c. Electricity
 - d. Water
 - e. Sewer Workers

(iii) Forest Workers

(iv) Oil Workers

(v) Road Workers

3. Heavy workers referred to in Section I & II shall be defined for the purpose of entitlement to Ration Series "A" or "B", as those classified as "lavoratori penali" or "lavoratori penatissimi" as defined by Italian law and as expressed in document issued by "Confederazioni dei lavoratori del commercio" in Rome, 21st February 1941 and in Circular No. 36 of same date.

4. Such workers shall not include "lavoratori leggeri" or "lavoratori agricoli" as defined by Italian law. "Penatissimi" can be defined as persons doing work of a heavy nature involving the continuous and strenuous application of physical energy in such processes as lifting, conveying, loading, unloading, cleaning, and other operations of a similar nature.

5. Labor, other than as stated in Sections I & II above is not entitled to any additional food or supplementary rations except as may be authorized subsequently by Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

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6. Base Sections, District and Area, or equivalent Commanders, will be responsible for the provision of the facilities necessary to prepare and serve meals when the employee works directly for the Allied Armed Forces and in conjunction with AAF to ensure proper disposition of supplementary ration coupons for the purchase of food as herein after referred to.

7. The following ration scales and supplementary Ration Cards will be used.

SCALE "A"

PART I

Quantity per
Person per day

Item

Bread

1 2/3 lb.

Bread

1 2/3 lb.

Fresh Vegetables

6 ounces

Fresh Vegetables

6 ounces

Dehy. Soup

0.8 ounces

Dehy. Soup

0.8 ounces

(Midshift Meal) The above will be served on the job. The daily food items, except fresh vegetables may be provided from service stocks, subject to replacement through regular channels.

SCALE "B"

PART I

Quantity per
Person per day

Item

1 2/3 lb.

6 ounces

0.8 ounces

Part II

Supplementary Ration Cards entitling
worker to weekly ration of 700 grams
Fats, and 200 grams Dehydrated Soup

Part II

Supplementary Ration Cards entitling
worker to weekly ration of 350 grams
of Fats.

0.8 ounces

0.8 ounces

0.8 ounces

(Mistake fixed) The above will be served on the job. The daily food items, except fresh vegetables may be provided from service trucks, subject to replacement through regular channels.

Part II

Supplementary Ration Cards entitled:
worker to weekly ration of 700 grams
Ration and 200 grams Dehydrated Soup

Part III

Supplementary Ration Cards entitled:
worker to weekly ration of 350 grams
of Pasta.

Note:

Heavy Workers Section were amended by letter New Basic Rations dated 30 June
reference AGC/13-1/POB as regards liberated territory south of the Northern borders
of Naples and Campobasso Provinces.

Appendix 2 to 222/CA of 25 May 44

ISSUE OF SUPPLEMENTARY RATION COUPONS SCALE "A"

UNIT COMMANDERS

1. (a) District, Base Section and Area or Equivalent Commanders will furnish to the Regional or Provincial Supply Officers Allied Control Commission of their respective areas, information in accordance with the specimen pro-forma attached viz.

(i) Numbers, only, of their employees who are by the decision of such Commanders, entitled to the issue of the Supplementary Ration Coupons. This will in all cases correspond with the numbers entitled to the midday meal (Col. A).

(ii) Numbers of employees of contractors working 100% for the Allied Forces (Col. B).

(iii) Numbers of additional Ration Coupons necessary to cover possible increases in their employees. Such numbers will be shown separately as Reserve Coupons. (Col. D).

(iv) Coupons not issued will be reported as "Stocks" for ensuing periods. (Col. E).

(v) Breakdown of the numbers of employees by location.

(b) Such information should be furnished by the 15th of each month for Ration Coupons for the following month.

2. (a) District, Base Section and Area or equivalent Commanders will be responsible for issuing coupons to all entitled employees, and in the case of Contractors the number of coupons against the approved requirements.

(b) Before issue, the coupon will be checked by the Unit's Authentication and dated. The coupons will be valid for seven days after issue only, and the date inserted should be that for the seventh day following the date of issue. A suitable rubber stamp will be used which will identify the issuing authority.

3. (a) The Cards will be divided into the four separate coupons before issue to the employees. (The present cards are a temporary measure. The permanent coupons will be for weekly periods).

(a) Each employee will be instructed to write his name, address and personal Ration Card Number on the coupon. This must be done before it is presented to his

(iv) Coupons not issued will be reported as "Stocks" for ensuing periods.

(Ref. B).

(v) Breakdown of the numbers of employees by location.

(b) Such information should be furnished by the 15th of each month for Ration Coupons for the following month.

2. (a) District, Base Section and Area or equivalent Commanders will be responsible for issuing coupons to all entitled employees, and in the case of Contractors the number of coupons against the approved requirements.

(b) Before issue, the coupons will be checked by the Unit's Authentication and dated. The coupons will be valid for seven days after issue only, and the date inserted should be that for the seventh day following the date of issue. A suitable rubber stamp will be used which will identify the issuing authority.

3. (a) The Cards will be divided into the four separate coupons before issue to the employee. (The present cards are a temporary measure. The permanent coupons will be for weekly periods).

(b) Each employee will be instructed to write his name, address and personal Ration Card Number on the coupon. This must be done before it is presented to his Retailer, not necessarily at the time of issue.

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4. District, Base Section and Area or equivalent Commanders will inform the Regional or Provincial Supply Officers, Allied Control Commission, immediately after the issue the exact numbers of weekly ration coupons issued.

5. (a) To prevent abuse of the scheme, the proper designation of the Supplementary Ration Coupons must be regarded as a vital responsibility of all formations or units concerned in their issue.

REGIONAL/PROVINCIAL SUPPLY OFFICERS AND AUTHENTICATION AUTHORITIES

6. On receipt of the information referred to in para 1, Supply Officers, will issue to the District, Base Section, and Area or equivalent Commanders the numbers of coupons demanded by each formation, by the 22nd of the month.

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7. The Supply Officers will notify the Alimentation Authorities the numbers given on the breadcard list by locations, in order that they will take available to the authorized retailers in these localities, the quantities of pasta and soup needed to meet the requirements.
8. Supply Officers will ascertain from the Alimentation Authorities, the names and addresses of suitable retailers in each locality, who will be authorized to sell the supplementary rations to the workers.
9. The Supply Officers will be responsible that the names of the authorized Retailers are made known to the workers by all available means including the posting of notices at their place of work.
10. In the preliminary phase, the pasta and soup will be allocated to the shops according to the numbers of workers in each locality. In places where it is necessary for more than one shop to be authorized, the Alimentation Authorities will regulate the quantities to each shop according to the demand, and will withdraw rations if necessary from one shop or shops, to augment the stocks at shops where the demand exceeds the supply.
11. No coupon will be accepted by a Retailer unless it is inscribed with:
 - (1) The Retailer's name, address and personal Ration Card number for proof of identity (see para 2b).
 - (2) The employing formation or units, or contractor's authentication. (Cracking stamp).
12. The Retailer will retain the week's coupon as proof of the purchase of the ration and will forward all such coupons to the Alimentation Authorities. For the following week's issues the Alimentation Authorities will allocate to the retailer, the quantity of the supplementary rations represented by the number of coupons.
13. Total numbers will be checked by Supply Officers against Alimentation records of issues for the week.
14. Supply Officers will make arrangements for the manufacture of the Pasta required and for the release of Dehydrated Soup to the Alimentation Authorities. Distribution to the Retailers will proceed through the local channels.
15. Violations, or any offences will be the subject of heavy penalties involving imprisonment and fines.

12. No coupon will be accepted by a Retailer unless it is inscribed with:

(1) The Holder's name, address and personal Identification number for proof of identity (see para 3b).

(2) The supplying formation of units, or contractor's authentication. (crossing stamp).

12. The Retailer will retain the week's coupon as proof of the purchase of the ration and will forward all such coupons to the Alimentation authorities. For the following week's issues the Alimentation authorities will allocate to the retailer, the quantity of the supplementary rations represented by the number of coupons.

13. Total numbers will be checked by Supply Officers against Alimentation records of issues for the week.

14. Supply Officers will make arrangements for the manufacture of the Paste required and for the release of Dehydrated Soup to the Alimentation authorities. Distribution to the Retailers will proceed through the local channels.

15. Violations, of any offence will be the subject of heavy penalties involving imprisonment and fines.

PRO FORMA 12

To: Regional/Provident Supply Officer
Allied Control Distribution

FORM FOR SUPPLYING RATION CARDS

DISTRICT/LOCATION _____ DATE _____

Numbers of Entitled Employees		Total of A.M.E.	Reserve Coupons Re-issued	Less Stocks of Coupons on hand	Total Demand
Allied Forces	Contractors Working A.M.E.				
A	B	C	D	E	F

PRO FORMA 15

DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYEES BY LOCATION

Total or Cumulative	No. of Employees
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Appendix 3 to E32/CA of 25 May 44.

ISSUE OF SUPPLEMENTARY RATION CARDS TO ITALIAN WORKERS

AND ALLIED WORKERS

SECTION 1. The following scheme will be operative for all classes of workers entitled to Section 1, or 12, who are not employed.

- (a) directly by the Allied Armed Forces, or
- (b) by contractors and/or industries who in turn are not employed 100% by the Allied Armed Forces.

SECTION 2. Not later than 22nd of each month every employer of group of workers entitled to Supplementary Section 12, as defined in Annex 1, shall send to the rationing authority of the locality in which it carries on business a prescribed list in duplicate prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of this instruction and showing the name of each person employed by him on the 15th of each month. A prescribed list prepared in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be signed by the employer.

SECTION 3. In preparing a prescribed list referred to in Section 2 of this Article an employer shall include only the names of persons working within the categories of "laboratori domestici" or "laboratori professionali" as defined by Italian law. A prescribed list shall not include the names of persons coming within the categories of "laboratori industriali" or "agricoltori" as defined by Italian law.

SECTION 4. Where an employer carries on business in more than one locality, a prescribed list referred to in Section 2 of this Article shall be sent to the rationing authority of each of the localities in which such employer carries on business but each prescribed list shall contain only the names of persons working in the locality of the rationing authority to which the list is sent. The name of any person shall not be included in more than one list prepared in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 5. Each prescribed list sent to a Rationing Authority in pursuance of Section 2 of this Article shall be scrutinized by the rationing authority and amend the list by deleting therefrom the names of all persons who do not come within the category of persons entitled to additional rations as prescribed by the Allied Control Commission and shall then approve the list.

SECTION 6. The Rationing Authority shall send to the Allied Control Commission a list of the names of persons who have been deleted from the list.

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SECTION 3: In preparing a prescribed list referred to in Section 2 of this Article an employer shall include only the names of persons working within the categories of "employed domestic or "domestic communications" as defined by Italian law. A prescribed list shall not include the names of persons working within the categories of "domestic labor" or "domestic" as defined by Italian law.

SECTION 4: Where an employer carries on business in more than one locality, a prescribed list referred to in Section 2 of this Article shall be sent to the rationing authority of each of the localities in which such employer carries on business but each prescribed list shall contain only the names of persons working in the locality of the rationing authority to which the list is sent. The type of any person shall not be included in the list. That one list prepared in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 5: Each prescribed list sent to a Rationing Authority in pursuance of Section 2 of this Article shall be scrutinized by the rationing authority. It shall amend the list by deleting therefrom the names of all persons who do not come within the category of persons entitled to additional rations as prescribed by the Allied Control Commission and enroll them on the list.

SECTION 6: The Rationing Authority shall send one copy of an approved list to the employer by whom it was submitted together with special ration cards for use in the four succeeding weeks for each name which appears on the approved list. Each employer to whom special ration cards are issued shall retain such cards until he issues them in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained.

SECTION 7: The worker will be entitled to a supplementary Ration Coupon only after completion of six days work in any week. His name must have appeared on the approved list in the category of heavy work shown in the list as previously submitted. The employer will issue the coupons at the earliest convenient time after entitlement viz, at the time of payment.

SECTION 8: The employer shall write in ink on each special ration card issued by him the name of the person to whom the card is issued. Each person to whom a special ration card is issued shall sign a receipt for it on a prescribed list showing the names of all persons to whom ration cards are issued. Each prescribed list mentioned in this Section shall contain a certificate, signed by the employer by whom the list is prepared, stating that the employer has issued a special ration card to each person whose name appears in the list, and that such person was employed by him on the day on which the card was issued in the capacity shown on the list.

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SECTION 9: Not later than the end of the fourth week after the date from which the ration scale will become effective, and thereafter not later than the end of each successive fourth week, each employer to whom special cards have been issued shall send to the rationing authority by mail the cards not issued;

a. The prescribed lists referred to in Section 8 of this Article; and

b. All special ration cards which have not been issued by him.

SECTION 10: The rationing authority shall ascertain to each prescribed list referred to in Section 9 of this Article and shall check the special ration cards referred to in the same section and shall thereupon issue to the employer by whom such prescribed list was sent a further supply of special ration cards sufficient to enable such employer to issue during each of the next four weeks one special ration card to each person employed by him and entitled to such card.

SECTION 11: Where owing to an increase of staff an employer finds that he is unable to supply a special ration card each week to each person employed by him and entitled to such card, he shall forthwith send to the rationing authority to whom he has sent a prescribed list under section 2 of this Article a further prescribed list in duplicate showing the name of the additional persons employed by him and thereupon the rationing authority shall send such prescribed list in the manner set out in Section 5 of this Article and shall then approve the list and send one copy of it to the employer by whom it was sent. When so approved such further prescribed list shall be deemed for all purposes to be part of the approved list.

SECTION 12: An employer shall on demand produce to the rationing authority to whom a prescribed list has been sent, or to any person authorized in writing by such rationing authority:

a. the approved list sent to him;

b. every special ration card issued to him and retained by him;

c. every prescribed list prepared by him under Section 8 of this Article and retained by him; and

d. every pay sheet, pay roll, and receipt or voucher for pay belonging to him not relating to a period prescribed by the rationing authority.

SECTION 13: The supplementary ration coupon will be valid for seven days from the day of issue. The date inserted on the coupon therefore will be the date seven days from the day of issue.

supply a special retention card and ask to each person employed by him and entitled to such a card, he shall forthwith send to the retaining authority to whom he has sent a prescribed list under section 8 of this Article a further prescribed list in duplicate showing the names of the additional persons employed by him and thereafter the retaining authority shall send such prescribed list in the manner set out in Section 5 of this Article and shall then approve the list and send one copy of it to the employer by whom it was sent. When so approved such further prescribed list shall be added for all purposes to a part of the approved list.

SECTION 12: An employer shall on demand produce to the retaining authority so whom a prescribed list has been sent, or to any person authorized in writing by such retaining authority:

- a. the approved list sent to him;
- b. every original retention card issued to him and retained by him;
- c. every prescribed list prepared by him under Section 8 of this Article and retained by him; and
- d. every pay sheet, pay roll, and receipt or voucher for pay belonging to him and relating to a period prescribed by the retaining authority.

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SECTION 14: The procedures for the initial issues will be that contained in paras 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14, of Appendix "B".

SECTION 15: If it is considered desirable in the interests of retaining procedure, a system of presentation may be worked out and adopted locally, after the initial phase.

SECTION 16: No person to whom a Special Retention card is issued shall give, sell or transfer that card or a coupon thereof to any other person except in accordance with the provisions of this instruction.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACT/43-3N/FOOD

16 October 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearing Companies

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference your 436/102/CA dated 13 Oct.
2. Herewith copy of our reply to 5th Army cable 438 as requested.

W. J. Legg
W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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TRANSLATION NO. 367

CIVIL AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Mine-field clearance.

TO A.C.C. - OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

Following the request of Colonel Cripps, I forward you a report concerning the present state of the mine-field clearance organization, drawn up by the Engineering Inspectorate.

Possible difficulties to the subsequent development of the organization are indicated.

I should be glad if you would examine the report with a view to finding a rapid solution of the various problems.

*When assigned
working*

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mine clearance *base 700 44.* *Unit.* *100*
REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE MINE-FIELD CLEARANCE ORGANIZATION.

At the present moment the organization of the mine-field clearance is in the following conditions:

1) The civilian personnel training centers at Pisa and Capua have been formed.

The Spoleto center is being formed under difficulties.

The centers at Chieti and Viterbo are still to be formed.

The particulars are as follows:

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Pisa - The instructing squad and a vehicle have already arrived; 5
330 workmen have been recruited and they are already being trained.
The rest of the military personnel required for the organization and another vehicle are being sent.

A Capua - The instructing squad is already on the spot. It is not known yet how many workmen have been recruited or whether the training has begun. We are waiting for a report which we have already requested urgently.

Spoleto - It is still being organized - considerable difficulty has arisen in respect of the recruiting of labor, because a civil organization supported by the prefecture of Perugia offers much higher wages than those established by the Ministry of War

Chieti

Viterbo - It is considered that the training squads and the personnel left over from the organization can be sent next week. *34263*

II) While training centers are being organized, many problems concerning the clearance work soon to begin are being solved, such as the distribution of vehicles, fuel supply, system for

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withdrawing food rations, the supply of ~~several~~ ^{various} materials.

Below is the summary of the essentials required for the purpose:

A - Vehicles

So far, 10 army vehicles have been obtained (2 for each training center.)

The assignment of the 165 vehicles required for the clearance groups and squads must be determined.

The M.M.I.A. has informed us in letter S.D/4 of 23 September, that the Administrative Section of the A.C.C. is providing for the distribution of vehicles from civil sources.

Colonel Cripps of the ACC has announced that he [will order] 10 vehicles to be assigned by 10 October and the rest later. We are waiting for confirmation of this announcement.

B - Fuel.

The War Ministry Cabinet, with letter no. 300979 dated 11 September, requested the Allied Authorities for a supply of fuel and oil for the vehicles. The Allied Authorities have not yet replied to this letter. The fuel and oil should be supplied as soon as possible, keeping in mind that 30,000 litres of petrol and a corresponding amount of grease are required for each center (Pisa, Capua, Spoleto, Viterbo, Chieti).

C - Food Rations

The civil workmen will provide their food at their own expense. They will be issued, besides the regular ration cards, two supplementary ration cards as supplied to persons doing heavy work and under difficult conditions.

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The soldiers (numbering 110) draw rations on the same basis as those issued to the engineering personnel.

A system for drawing rations for the military and civil personnel must also be determined, because the centers may be set up in localities where there are no Italian units from which they could draw rations. Every region head (capo zona) should be authorized to draw from the English or American supply centers the 22 rations required for his own military personnel. There are five region heads who will be stationed for the present in Pisa, Capua, Viterbo, Chieti, Spoleto.

The authority of the ACC is essential in this matter.

D - Mine-locators

10 Italian mine-locators are being got ready and the material for constructing 50 more is being collected. Various difficulties ^{found} are in putting them in order which will be overcome in time, but in the meanwhile it would be necessary to have at least 20 from the A.A. Commands.

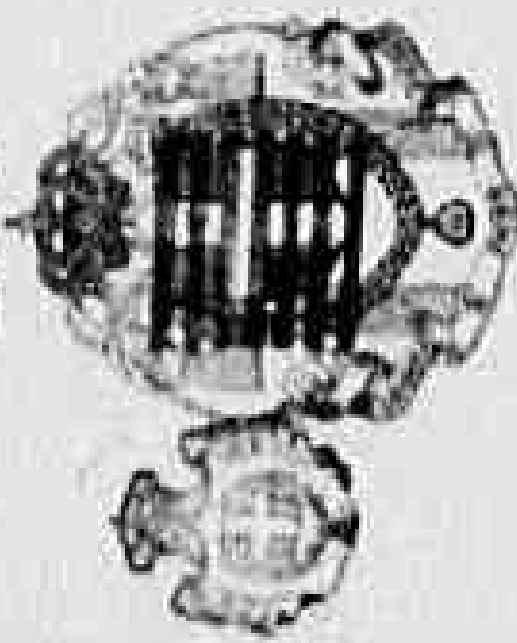
The authority of the ACC is also necessary to see to this requirement.

III) In conclusion, the mine-field clearance organization has not yet reached the desirable stage, due to the many difficulties encountered in actual practice.

As mentioned above, it is absolutely necessary that the ACC make provisions for supplying vehicles and fuel.

In any case it is hoped that the groups prepared by the centers at Pisa, Capua, and Spoleto will begin work before the end of October. Those prepared at Chieti and Viterbo will require another ten days before beginning.

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HEADQUARTERS
14 OCT 1944
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CABINETTO

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P.M. 151, 12 ottobre 1944

ALLEGATO 1 -

OGGETTO: Bonifica campi minati -

ALLA A.C.C. - Ufficio del Vice Presidente - R O M A

In esito a richiesta verbale del Colonnello CRIPPS, trasmetto un promemoria relativo allo stato attuale della organizzazione bonifica campi minati, compilato dall'Ispettorato del Genio. In esso sono prospettate le contingenti difficoltà per l'ulteriore sviluppo dell'organizzazione.

Sarò grato a codesto A.C.C. se vorrà prendere in esame quanto rappresentato per una possibile sollecita soluzione delle varie questioni.

IL SOTTOSGEGNATARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.B. OXILIA)

ALLA A.C.C. - Ufficio del Vice Presidente - ROMA

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Roma, 8 ottobre 1944

PROMEMORIA SULLO STATO DELLA ORGANIZZAZIONE DEL
SERVIZIO CAMPI MINATI

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Alla data odierna l'organizzazione del servizio bonifica
campi minati si presenta come segue:

- I) - Sono stati costituiti i centri di addestramento personale
civile a Pisa e a Capua -
- E' in via di laboriosa costituzione quello di Spoleto -
- Sono ancora da costituire i centri previsti a Chieti e
Viterbo -

In particolare:

Pisa - Sono affluiti la squadra istruttori e un automezzo;
sono stati reclutati 330 operai che seguono già il
corso di addestramento - E' in corso ai avviamento
il rimanente personale militare, occorrente per
l'inquadramento, e un secondo automezzo -

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se l'addestramento è in corso - si attendono noti-
zie in proposito già sollecitate -

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si sono sorte per il reclutamento dell'elemento d'ope-
ra, perchè un'organizzazione civile appoggiata dalla
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Chieti e Viterbo - Nella prossima settimana si ritiene possano essere inviate le squadre di addestramento ed il relativo personale d'inquadramento. -

II) - Contemporaneamente al lavoro di organizzazione di centri di addestramento, sono in corso di definizione molte questioni connesse col prossimo inizio dei lavori di modifica, quali le assegnazioni di automezzi, la riforma delle carriere, le modalità per prelevare viveri, le provviste di taluni materiali. -

Di seguito sono riassunti gli elementi essenziali in proposito:

1) automezzi -

Per ora, si sono potuti avere 10 automezzi militari (2 per

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ogni centro addestramento).--
Occorre definire l'assegnazione dei 165 automezzi occorren-
ti per i nuclei e equare bonifices.

Per questo l'...I.A. con foglio 5.3/4 in data 23 settem-
bre, ha comunicato che la sezione amministrativa del Coman-
do A.O.C. sta provvedendo all'assegnazione degli automezzi
da fonti civili.

Il colonnello Crippa dell'A.O.C. ha comunicato che per
il 10 ottobre sarà assegnare 10 autocarri e che successiva-
mente sarà assegnare il rimanente numero. Si è ancora in at-
tesa di conferma della presente notizia.--

B) Carburanti -

Il Ministero della Guerra - rifornisce con le lire 100.000 in
data 11 settembre ha chiesto alle autorità alleate l'assegna-
zione di carburanti e lubrificanti per gli automezzi.

Le autorità alleate non hanno ancora risposto in merito. De-
corre sollecitare l'assegnazione dei carburanti e lubrifican-
ti, tenendo presente che i quantitativi dovrebbero essere di-
sposti in ragione di 10.000 litri di benzina e corrispon-
dente quantitativo di lubrificanti e grassi per ciascuna del-
le località sedi dei centri (Riva - Capua - Spoleto - Viter-
bo - Ostia) -

C) Viveri -

Gli operai civili provvedono al vitto e proprie usanze - Essi
saranno muniti, oltre che delle tessere alimentari normale, di

man to take against it minute matters. It occurs in all
the 14 common cells, probably in 14.

Countdown —

c) Viewed -

gli operai civili provvedono al vitto e propria spese - 2500
 saranno suniti, oltre che della tessera a memoria normale, di
 due tessere per viveri supplementari provvisti per i lavoratori
 sottoposti a lavori gravosi. -
 1. militare (in totale 110) prelevano le rendite viveri dalla
 entranza delle rendite consegnate al servizio fondo.

Così, risolvere ancora le difficoltà del telesempio per gli utenti civili dato che i centri possono trovarsi in località dove non esistono reparti iveliani ai quali appoggiarsi, occorre che ogni caso venga sottoposto a un'istruttoria.

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prende le assistenze inglesi e americane, le
occorrenze di vario personale all'it.
no cinque e esami, per ora, a fine
Chieti - Spole

Per questo sarebbe auspicabile l'interessamento

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D) - Cerviniano -

Sono in corso di addebiamento 10 convogli italiani e si
sta provvedendo il materiale per costruirne altri 30 -
Per l'allestimento si incontrano varie difficoltà che col
tempo saranno superate, ma per intento sarebbe necessario
poterle avere almeno una ventina dei Comandi A.A.

Anche per ~~questo~~ risolvere questa esigenza necessita l'in-
teressamento dell'A.C.C. -

III - In conclusione l'organizzazione della bonifica campi minati
non ha ancora raggiunto l'avanzamento desiderabile, ~~già~~ causa del-
le molteplici difficoltà che si incontrano nella attuazione pra-
tica.

Come più sopra accennato, è indispensabile che l'A.C.C. vo-
glia provvedere a dare norme per l'assegnazione degli automot-
ori e dei carburanti.

Comunque si spera che entro la fine del corrente mese di ot-
tobre possano cominciare a funzionare i nuclei preparati dal

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senti.

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zi e dei carburanti.

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tobre possano cominciare a funzionare i nuclei preparati nei
centri di Pisa, Campa e Spoleto. Quelli da prepararsi a Chieti
ed a Viterbo avranno bisogno di una decina di giorni in più
per entrare in servizio.



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CA Sect 561

Subject:- Mine Clearance

Civil Affairs Section
HQ Allied Armies in Italy
TEL: FIVE 152

To:- V.P. Civil Affairs Sec.,
HQ ADG

DOCAO/5/3A
14 Oct 44

1. Reference your 9/9/CA dated 10 Oct 44, subject Mine Clearance.

2. Confirming telephone conversation between Colonel Cripps and Lt. Col. Persell, the position at AAI on this subject is as follows:

a. HQ AAI keeps no records of the locations of mine fields.

b. The Armies keep records of mine fields immediately to their front and in their immediate vicinity. As the Armies move forward and these fields become out of Army boundaries, marked overlays and all available information as to their locations are forwarded direct to AFHQ.

c. P.B.S. receives its information on this subject from AFHQ not AAI.

3. It is recommended that you send an officer skilled in the use of maps to G-5 AFHQ for the purpose of securing such data as will be of assistance to your mine-clearing groups.

4. In the interim, I will try to have AAI request that copies of the documents now forwarded to AFHQ be made, and forwarded to this Section here. If successful, the documents will naturally be forwarded to you. I am not too hopeful that this may be accomplished as it necessitates duplication of effort at the Army level, which is considered unjustifiable as the details are made available to AFHQ.

5. I have discussed the above with DCS and with a representative of G (IB).

Copy to:
Colonel Manfort



R. A. PERSALL
Lt. Col., Inf.
for DOCAO
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref: 456/102/CA

13 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearing Companies.

TO : Economic Section . (Food Sub-Commission)

Reference to signal No. 2285 of 11 October from
AMG 5th Army requesting supplementary rations for mine
clearing squads please forward copy of your reply to this
Section. Reference is also made to your AGO/45-3/PWD of
15 September 1944.

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R.E. CRIPPS , Col.
CSO CA Section.

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squads. We have no instructions regarding this. Will you issue necessary directive
please. Cite our 438



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Subject:- A.C.C. Monthly Report-
Comments by C.G.S. and
C.A.O., Adv H.Q. A.A.I.

ADV H.Q. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Ref:- LA/2

To:- Chief of Staff,
Headquarters, A.C.C.

8 Oct 1944

1. The Monthly Report of the Allied Control Commission for August 44, was passed to C.G.S. and C.A.O. at this Headquarters. The attached comments are forwarded, as requested by C.G.S.

2. The Liaison Officer at this Headquarters discussed today with Major FLETCHER, SO2 (Ops), at Main H.Q. A.A.I., the question of the training by the Army of further Italians in mine clearance. It was stated that two Italian Coys had already been released for mine clearance in certain areas. These had come from SARDINIA. It had been agreed that certain personnel would be drawn from these Coys to train six Mobile Squads of civilians, who would tour the country and give demonstrations. Major FLETCHER wished to know whether this had been done. The R.E. Branch at this Headquarters suggests that a letter should be written (through AFHQ) regarding the possibility of training further teams.

3. Notes of a Conference (made by Major FLETCHER) held on 9 Aug 44 are forwarded for information.

4. Major FLETCHER hopes to see you in ROME on 10 Oct 44, when he will bring with him a Training Manual on Mine Clearance, which has been published in Italian for the use of Italian military personnel.

AWC/dm

Encl:

Red 11 Oct
file
A.W. Cunningham
Major,
A.C.C. L.O.

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Appendix A
NOTES FOR A.C.C. CONFERENCE ON MINE CLEARANCE

1. Military Assistance:

It is desired to make it quite clear that no military assistance in mine clearance can be given at the present time, due to lack of men and equipment.

Local Engineer does assist if possible in limited circumstances, to individual demands.

Italian

2. Trained Personnel:

Two Italian Mine Clearance Coys brought from SARDINIA and loaned to A.C.C. for period one month will be required to be released end Aug. It is understood that other Italian personnel have been attached for trig purposes to these Coys. Assistance was also given by the SMC by the loaning of instructors.

3. Future Assistance:

Future assistance will probably be limited to technical advice for starting a school for mine clearance instructors.

4. The Problem of Mine Clearance:

The problem of mine clearance resolves itself into two parts -

- (a) Detection of areas and individual mines.
- (b) The removal of those mines and their destruction.

5. Detection:

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- (a) For use of mine detectors, considerable skill and try of intelligent personnel is required in locating German and Brit mines.
- (b) Prodding is a far simpler operation and almost any intelligent man can be taught to prod fairly quickly.
- (c) Delousing of mines and removal require a knowledge of all types of Brit, American, German and Italian mines and German methods of booby trapping.

7. Try Required:

If decided to set up Italian Mine Clearance School, suggested should be in two parts -

- (a) For try of good instructors.
- (b) For mass try of personnel of delousing squads.

8. Time Required:

- (a) Time required for try of instructors probably 3/4 weeks.
- (b) Time required for try delousing squads in operative methods and mine recognition, probably 10 days.

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9. But Required:

Prodders or bayonets
Signal cable or cordage
Tracing tape
Pickets
Mine detectors

Technical advice on mine detectors will be given by Col DOVE.

Detector though not itself essential would really be required on a scale of one per squad of 20 men.

2 Aug 44

SCORE II

MINISTRY OF WAR

7 October 1944

Prot. N. 3203

To Colonel CHIFFS A.C.C.
ROME

Subject : Contracts for the clearing and improvement of mined fields

I was informed of the remarks made by Colonel Chiffis to Colonel Dupine from this Ministry during their conversation of the 3rd October 1944.

I observe :

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2. that it is not sure that a private firm will do the work well because of the lack of capable personnel and because of the speculative tendencies of every private firm.

3. therefore, the cost will be much higher than the one fixed by the organization of this Ministry for the clearing and improvement of mined fields.

For all these reasons I do not agree with the accomplishment of these contracts.

/S/ The Under Secretary of State
Division General
G. S. Gatti

*See letter from
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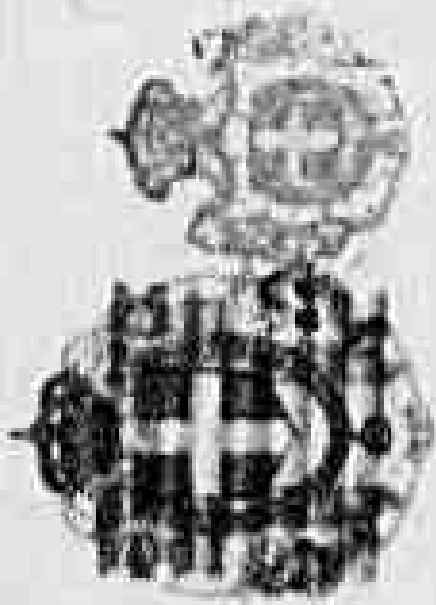
/S/ The Under Secretary of State
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Ministero della Guerra
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Roma 7 OTT 1944

la A.C.C. ROMA
e, P.C.:
AL COL. CRIPPS ROMA
A.C.C.

Proposta al Regio del
Gen. Art.

OGGETTO

Contratti bonifica campi minati.-

Ho preso nota di quanto segnalato dal Col. CRIPPS nel suo colloquio del giorno 3 c.m. col Col. del Genio SUPINO di questo Ministero.

Al proposito faccio notare:

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- 3) in definitiva l'onere finanziario risulterà notevolissimo e molto superiore a quello previsto per l'attuazione della bonifica coll'organizzazione in corso di attuazione a cura di que-

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- 3) in definitiva l'onere finanziario risulterà notevolissimo e molto superiore a quello previsto per l'attuazione della bonifica coll'organizzazione in corso di attuazione a cura di questo Ministero.

Per il complesso delle circostanze addotte esprimo parere sfavorevole a che i contratti di cui trattasi abbiano corso.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO
(Gen. Div. G.E. OXILIA)

G. Oxilia

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF
G-3 Section
AG 394

10 October 1944

Ref : 2/84/11

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : M. A. A. I.
P. B. S.

1. The Italian Government through the Ministry of War is responsible for the removal of mines and the clearance of all minefields in Italy which have not been cleared by the Allies.
2. To this end a mine clearance service is being established by the Italian Government. As the work affects the reconstruction of lines of communication and agriculture to a very large extent, this commission is interested in giving every assistance possible.
3. While some information as to locations of mine-fields has been received by this HQ. from Regional Commissioners it is far from complete. It is intended to pass on to the Italian Government as much information as we can concerning mine-fields and it is requested that plans of mine-fields in your possession be made available for this purpose. We are, of course, only interested in mine-fields outside the Army Areas.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF

"R. K. Cripps" *cc*
C. R. UPYCH, Brig.
VP G-3 Section
Deputy Chief of Staff

Copy to :
A. F. H. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICIAL COMMISSIONS
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 384

Ref : 9/24/44

7 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Air Clearing Contract.

TO : Lazio-Libria Region (R)

Reference is made to your P/34/12 of 24th September 1944.

1. It has been agreed that as a long term policy the Italian Government will be responsible for the removal of all mines and clearance of minefields in Italy which have not been cleared by the Allies.

2. The Italian Government is now prepared to accept full responsibility for mine clearance work as they are working up a mine clearance service under the direction of the Ministry of War. Regions will not therefore enter into any contract which will constitute a responsibility of Italian Government.

3. It would appear that your Regional Engineer had no authority from your Regional Office to enter into a contract for mine clearance which he signed in his name. In the last paragraph of his letter P/34/12 of 19th September he stated "I am afraid to get things going and if no one can say who I'll sign again but I'll expect financial backing of bills." This last sentence indicated that the contract had not been fully completed or cleared and if this is so then the Ministry must be informed that the contract cannot enter into effect and that the matter should be referred to the Italian Government.

4. Please instruct to the effect of report by return the position of this contract.

BY ORDER OF THE ALLIED OFFICIAL COMMISSIONS

G.R.J. signed 9 Oct 44

G.R. JONES, Esq.
V.C. C. Section
Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 364 U.S. ARMY

7th October 1944.

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SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : H.Q. A.C.C. - Civil Affairs Section.
(Att: Col. Cripps).

Reference telephone conversation Colonel Cripps - Captain Mynors of this H.Q. of yesterday's date it is considered that the work of the civilians who are being trained by Colonel Crazzini will be severely hampered by lack of transport unless some vehicles of load-carrying type can be provided for each group operating at any distance from the provincial centres. The recent offer of the Patriot Branch to provide transport in connection with Patriot Activities suggests that the shortage of transport in Rome is not as acute as was at one time thought.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. Mynors
E.B. MYNORS,
Colonel, U.D.P.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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Reference in letter to H.Q. 10/10/44

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F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.



X This is a copy of Col. Wiedemann's
letter of 22 Sept. See Folio 51 X
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 230.4-13

6 October 1944

SUBJECT: Training Civilians in Mine Clearance.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. Referring to your 9/8.A/AS of 29 September 1944, there are no objections on the part of this headquarters. You may proceed with the training program provided the personnel selected are

- a. Properly screened;
- b. Instructed only in the clearance of mines as encountered in Italy;
- c. Not given access to the latest secret information on German equipment, particularly igniters and fuses;
- d. Not given any information whatsoever on allied bomb disposal.

2. QM (CEMS) has stated that a limited quantity of Tellermine and Halzmine are available for issue within established priorities. Any demands for captured enemy equipment for this project must be forward to this office.

3. The Engineering section of this headquarters has raised an objection to the civilian school of instruction being established at Capua in view of the Engineer school being located in that city. It is suggested that a location other than Capua be selected for this school.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

F. J. SLAUGHTER
Captain, A.G.D.

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Translation

7 Oct 44.

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Dear Mr. Winston:

Subject: Contracts for Mine Clearance.

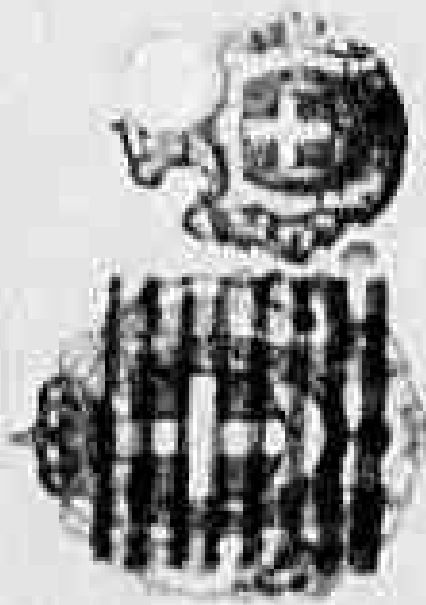
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I have taken note of what Col. Grippa pointed out in his talk with Col. Supino on Oct. 30 in this Ministry. On this question I wish to say:

- 1) The assignment to contractors of mine-clearance work in Region IV (Lazio) might become of serious interference to the organization actually in being under the care of the Italian military authorities (with authorization of the ACC - Page 5 of 26 Sup. 44) particularly as regards the fact that personnel needed by us would be taken by the contractors.
- 2) Entrusting contractors with mine-clearance does not offer a sufficient guarantee of thoroughness, which is essential, both through lack of proper personnel, and for the inevitable speculative tendencies of contracting companies.
- 3) Finally, the expense would be very heavy, and far superior to that foreseen for the carrying out of mine-clearance by the organization already in course under the care of this Ministry.

For all these reasons I am against the idea of allowing the contracts to be made.

The Under Secretary of State 3-100
Gen. Dir. G. J. Oxilia



Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

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OGGETTO

Contratti bonifica campi minati.-

Ho preso nota di quanto segnalato dal Col. CRIPPS nel suo colloquio del giorno 3 c.m. col Col. del Genio SUPINO di questo Ministero.

Al proposito faccio notare:

- 1) l'assegnazione ad impresa di lavori bonifica campi minati nella IV Regione (Lazio) può costituire un'interferenza dannosa coll'Organizzazione in atto a cura dell'Autorità Militare Italiana (con personale civile, in corso di attuazione in seguito ad autorizzazione dell'A.C.C. (foglio SD/4 del 26 agosto c.a.) in particolare per l'accaparramento di personale idoneo che sarà fatto dalle imprese.
- 2) l'affidare ad imprese la bonifica non offre sufficiente garanzia che essa sia integrale, come necessario, sia per deficienze di personale idoneo, sia per l'inevitabile tendenza speculativa delle imprese assegnatarie dei lavori.
- 3) in definitiva l'onere finanziario risulterà notevolissimo e molto superiore a quello previsto per l'attuazione della bonifica coll'organizzazione in corso di attuazione e cura di cui

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Per il complesso delle circostanze addotte esprimo parere sfavorevole a che i contratti di cui trattasi abbiano corso.

IL SOTTOSGEGNATARIO DI STATO
(Gen. Div. G.B. OLLIVA)

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HEADQUARTERS REGION VIII
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File Ref: RVIII/8/S/

Date: 4 Oct 1944

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Civil Affairs
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SUBJECT: Courses - Italian Mine Clearance.

10 OCT 1944

TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ, ACC.

1. As you know, courses of instruction for Italians in the removal of Mines and Booby Traps are being organized under Italian Supervision at PISA. Each course will last 15 to 20 days.

2. May this HQ please be informed whether applications for instruction on these courses when they get under way should be called for by Provinces, or whether students are selected in some other way.

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Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, F.A., U.S. Army,
Regional Commissioner.



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Civil Affairs Section.

Ref: D/R.N.A.S.

5th October, 1944.

To: - Ministry of War Cabinet.

SUBJECT:- Clearance of Minefields.

1. This is to confirm the interview which took place between Colonel R.E. Cripps of this Commission and Colonel Supina of the Inspectorate of the Corps of Engineers in your HQ, when the possibility of placing civilian contracts for mine clearance was discussed.
2. In view of the time that would be necessary for civilians to be trained in mine clearance, and the inevitable delay which will take place before these squads are ready to take the field, it is considered that the possibility of using civilian contractors to do some or all of this work should be examined by you.
3. The R.C. of Lazio Region has investigated this possibility and is prepared to make contracts, but in view of the fact that your Ministry is ultimately responsible for this work it is not proposed to continue with this without hearing your views. A specimen form of contract is attached for your perusal and it will be greatly appreciated if you can give your remarks and recommendations on this as early as possible.

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R.E. CRIPPS. Colonel.
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HEAD QUARTERS SECTION IV
Allied Control Commission
(Engineering Division)

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15 Settembre 1944

CAUTELATO GENICO D'AMALDO PER L'ESERCIZIO DEI LAVORI DI
MANUTENZIONE DEI MECCANISMI DELLA IV REGIONE . .

I.

Il lavoro consiste :

a) Nella ricerca delle rive di guastanti tipo e natura
confermando quelle sono accertate, con l'uso dei rivelatori elettromagnetici
o con il metodo della prova di vista, se trattati di mine anti-
aeree, fusti della presenza dell'acqua .

b) Nella segnalazione con segnali di segnalazione delle zone già
benificate o da benificare.

c) Nella segnalazione e individuazione con filo di ferro degli altri
ostacoli guastanti che l'ispezione durante il lavoro, come bombe
da aereo non bene, costituirà d'ostacolo alla loro, ecc.

II.

Il lavoro di rastrellamento verrà eseguito nei luoghi designati
dalle direzioni lavori in base alle mappe del caso di riva, che verranno
controllate volta per volta all'ispezione. Il lavoro sarà eseguito ad
ispezione del Regional Engineer o dei suoi rappresentanti.

III.

L'esecuzione dei lavori sarà fatta con la precedenza fissata dal
Regional Engineer o l'ispezione e obbligata a seguire questa priorità
qualsiasi cosa possa essere, nella Regione IV.

IV.

L'ispezione di sicurezza ogni giorno, con priorità civile, verrà
agli inferiori che potranno capitare di suoi operai, come anche

o) Nella popolazione è radicato con filo di ferro negli altri
collegi giuridici che l'industria dovrebbe durante il lavoro, esse debbe
da essere loro loro, i ricettivi d'artigianato in o loro, ecc.

II.

Il lavoro di riqualificazione deve essere eseguito nei luoghi designati
nella direzione lavori in base alla natura e del tipo di miniera, che verranno
consegnate volta per volta all'impresa. Il lavoro sarà sottoposto ad
la direzione del riqualificazione e dei suoi rapporti.

III.

L'esecuzione dei lavori sarà fatta con la precedenza fissata dal
"Regolamento di lavoro" e l'impresa è obbligata a eseguire questa priorità
qualunque cosa possa essere, nella Regione IV.

IV.

L'impresa si assicura ogni giorno una omabilità civile nel 330 2
agli incidenti che potrebbero verificarsi ad ogni opera, come anche agli
rischi omabilità per gli incidenti verso tutto terreno, avvenuti per causa di
negligenza da parte dell'impresa e sul luogo del lavoro; anzi anche
quella relativa ai rischi delle cose di terzi, dovuti a negligenza.
Quando il danno è probabile, l'impresa deve dare avviso alle persone
e ricevere preventivamente autorizzazione dalle Autorità locali.

L'industrializzazione e il pagamento dei rischi contrattuali viene
autorizzante liberata d. ogni sua omabilità.

La polizia d'assicurazione sugli incidenti deve essere da esitata
in quest'ufficio.

V.

L'impresa si obbliga con il presente contratto a bonificare ogni
area, come se ridotta, almeno 200.000 (duecentomila) metri quadrati
di terreno, sia mirato o sia se etto mirato.

VI.

La mina, per quanto possibile tecnicamente, dovranno essere recu-
perate e non fatte esplodere. Si usura l'esplosione per quelle mine per le
quali il renderle innocue fosse pericoloso per il personale di lavoro.

Le mine e tutti gli altri materiali riciclati, essendo preda di

guerra, sono di proprietà della Banca Alente e quindi dovranno essere cedute a cura e spese dell'Incarico nei luoghi e nei de esiti che verranno volti per volta conseguenti. Però al momento in cui non siano regolarmente consegnati la ditta sarà resa responsabile di ogni eventuale perdita o estensione.

VII.

L'Incarico fornirà al proprio personale a cui sarà a cura, quanto appresso:

- Alloggio nei pressi del luogo del lavoro secondo le norme dei sindacati.
- Vitto secondo le norme fissate dall'Art. 2.4. Includa inoltre su licenziamento B per lavoratori addetti a lavori speciali. I benefici della parte assicurativa devono essere versati per i lavoratori delle normali sezioni.

L'Incarico deve provvedere le normali viveri comuni, eccetto al numero degli uomini ed impiegati (effettivamente o eventualmente residenti sul lavoro) con accordi con le autorità locali.

- Attivarsi a tutti gli lavori opportuni per l'esecuzione del lavoro di ricerca, organizzazione o rifornimento idrico.

I lavoratori e impiegati in servizio i quali si sono visto necessari al lavoro, saranno forniti dall'Incarico, di ogni materiale del tipo necessario per l'esecuzione del lavoro. La loro spesa sarà a carico dei fondi comuni.

- Quali altri mezzi di trasporto e di lavoro necessario al personale per il suo lavoro straordinario o per la buona esecuzione del lavoro.

VIII.

L'Incarico fornirà ogni cosa per tutto lavoro e personale necessario, che si incontrano con qualsiasi di qualsiasi altro mezzo dell'Incarico per la esecuzione a regola d'arte del prodotto finito.

- Termini lavorativi, fissati dal "Regolamento Inglese" e da tutti gli altri norme, l. 2.4.0 (Lavoro di cura e di)

Ma di qualsiasi tipo servizio, di lavoro, di materiale necessario l. 30 (quantità) ogni.

- Ma di qualsiasi servizio distribuito con esportazione in caso, solo dopo verifica del "Regolamento Inglese" o suo in, eventualmente l. 20 (verità) ogni.

d) I contratti e i subcontratti, con esclusione i punti di fatto sono necessari al lavoro, saranno firmati dall'ingegnere, oppure dall'ingegnere del Regional Engineer, prelevando il tutto da una copia originale di tutti i documenti.

e) Ogni altro nome di un'impresa o di lavoro necessario al contratto per il suo buon funzionamento o per la buona esecuzione del lavoro.

III.

Il contratto, appena per detto lavoro i termini sono stati, che si lavorano, o da venuti da qualsiasi altro mezzo dell'impresa per la esecuzione a regola d'arte con redatto tutto:

- a) Terzo benedetto, diretto dal "Regional Engineer" unico se non si trovano altre, L. 2.10 (lire due o 10)
- b) Mito di qualsiasi tipo scritto, firmato, disegnatore eccettuata L. 38 ((tratti tutti) ogniuno.
- c) Mito di qualsiasi genere distribuito con esemplare in due, solo dopo verifica del "Regional Engineer" o suo re, eccettuata L. 20 (venti) ogniuno.

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IV.

I pagamenti dei lavori eseguiti saranno fatti all'impresa mensilmente; il giorno 10 del mese l'impresa presenterà stato d'avanzamento dei lavori, con relativa fattura.

V.

Il presente contratto è valido fino alla somma di 2.000.000 (due milioni) di metri quadrati di terreno; tra cui venire riscosso dal "Regional Engineer" se il lavoro non verrà eseguito a regola d'arte.

VI.

Il presente contratto, per quanto riguarda le condizioni generali si basa sulle norme in vigore, sui regolamenti e sul regolamento generale del Ministero della Guerra.

VII.

Il presente contratto potrà essere devoluto alle competenti Autorità Italiane, e in tal caso, con la firma di esse rimane valido.

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In caso di divergenze avrà valore la versione in lingua inglese.

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Lt. C
Regional Engineer ABC IV

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AFCO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

9/8.A/AS

29 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Training Civilians - Mine Clearance.

TO : AFHQ G-5 Section.

- 1 Reference your G-5 230.4-13 dated 26th Sep. The stipulations laid down in your Para 2 are noted.
- 2 The position at present is as follows. 30 Officers and O.Ps have been trained at British Military Engineering Training Establishments as instructors. It is presumed that the qualifications of these officers and O.Ps and their training complied with the conditions of your Para 2.
- 3 They have been put at the disposal of the Italian Ministry of War by MELA for use in mine clearance work in conjunction with the programme which the Ministry of War has now in hand in rear areas.
- 4 The outline plan of the Ministry is as follows :-
 - a) To set up a mine clearance service for work in back areas. For this purpose it is intended to set up with the staff now available (mentioned in Para 2) five centres of instruction, each staffed with one of two officers and three O.Ps. The locations to be at Capua, Chieti, Viterbo, Spoleto and Pisa.
 - b) At each school it is intended to train 300 civilian students who when trained will be made up into groups of 100 under a group organiser and again divided into squads of 10. The total number thus to be trained in the first instance will be 1500 persons.
- 5 In Allied Military Government territory the trained personnel will be under the control of the Regional Commissioners concerned in so far as priorities and areas are to be determined, in Italian Government territory they will of course be at the disposal of the Italian Ministry of War subject to any priorities for work which it may be deemed necessary for AXC to lay down.
- 6 In view of the fact that the Military Mission to the Italian Army have already trained these instructors and have allotted them to the Ministry of War, may it be assumed that they can proceed with the programme now in hand which is of a very urgent nature in view of the large number of casualties that are occurring daily in mined areas.

a) to set up a mine clearance service for work in back areas. For this purpose it is intended to set up with the staff now available (mentioned in Para 2) five centres of instruction, each staffed with one of two officers and three CIs. The locations to be at Capua, Chieti, Viterbo, Spoleto and Pisa.

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7 A manual which has been prepared for the purpose of instruction ^{is} attached, may this please be sanctioned and any points that it is considered should be cut out, so dealt with.

8 May this matter please be dealt with as urgent, as it is considered that with the nucleus of instructors now available, considerable headway can be made provided always that there is no delay in setting up the schools mentioned in Para 4b above.

9 While it may be found necessary later to ask for vacancies for further instructors to be trained by the Military Engineering Training Establishments, it is considered that until it is seen how the present instructors fare in the proposed schools, and in fact how successful the schools are in teaching this subject, it is not proposed to make applications for vacancies at these establishments immediately.

G.R. URBACH Brigadier,
for Acting Chief Commissioner
Allied Control Commission.

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Civil Affairs Section

Ref: 9/4.A/A.E.

6th October, 1944.

TO:- Ministry of War Cabinet.

SUBJECT:- Clearance of Minefields.

1. Reference your 300979/C.A. dated 11th Sept. The delay in answering this letter is regretted. It has been necessary to refer the question of training civilians in mine clearance and details of Allied weapons to higher authority.

2. This Commission approves of your scheme set out in your letter of 11th Sept., in general outline, there are however certain stipulations as laid down by AFSA connected with the subjects to be taught which will have to be observed. They are as follows:-

- a) Civilians will only be instructed in clearance of mines as encountered in Italy.
- b) Civilians will not be given access to the latest secret information on German equipment, particularly on igniters and fuses.
- c) Civilians will not be given any information on Allied bomb disposal.
- d) Demands for captured enemy material for training purposes will be processed through this Commission HQ.

3. With regard to 2(c) above it will be necessary for you to instruct your squads when at work that any unexploded bomb encountered will be marked and fenced off and the site reported to the nearest AEC or AOC HQ.

4. With regard to Para.6 of your letter referred to in Para.1 above, -

- e) Authorisation is given for the institution of training courses to be set up at the following locations:- Capua, Viterbo, Ostia, Pisa and Spoleto.

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B) The transportation sub-commissions of this Commission has been requested to assign 150 light trucks for this work. It is considered that these may not all be forthcoming immediately and a pressing demand has been made for 50 of these trucks to be allocated immediately at Spoleto and Pina; (divided equally).

c) Investigations are at present being made into the possibility of obtaining mine detectors. It will be of great assistance if a consolidated demand for the number required can be received from you. In this connection it is stressed that owing to the difficulty of placing the latest types of mine detectors, which are on the British and American secret lists, at the disposal of the manufacturers, the best course is to be adopted is for your Ministry to consider manufacturing mine detectors of Italian pattern in this country. The Industry sub-commission of this B. is prepared to give what assistance it can in this matter and demands for any help that you may require should be addressed to this Section for coordination with the Industry Sub-Commission.

5. Authorisation by the Food Sub-Commission of this B. for mine clearance workers to receive heavy workers rations Scale "A" has been given. (Ref. AXX/43-3/4 dated 15th Sept., '44).

G. H. UPJOHN. Brigadier.
V. P. CA Sec.
Dep. C. of S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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RHW/ap.
6 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Prisoners of War.

TO : V.P. Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference your letter 11/L.B./A.S. of 5 Oct 44.
2. By Art. 32 of the Geneva Convention of 27 July 1929 it was provided :

"It is forbidden to employ prisoners of war on unhealthy or dangerous work."

3. It can hardly be said that clearance of mines is not dangerous. It might be argued that to prisoners of war, experts in mine clearance, such work would not be dangerous. I feel that the work is inherently dangerous and German prisoners of war can not legally be compelled to engage in it. Any such compulsion would clearly and directly infringe the Geneva Convention.

Richard H. Wilmer
RICHARD H. WILMER,
Colonel, CAC.,
Chief Legal Advisor.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

JHB/dh

Tele 378

30 September 44

ACC/TM/R/3

Subject: Mine Clearance - Request for Trucks.

To : CSC Admin. Section. ✓

1. Reference your 9/8.4/A.S. dated 28 September, addressed to the Economic Section.
2. It is regretted that at the present it is not possible to make an allocation of 2½ ton trucks.
3. Your letter has been passed on to the Regional Commissioners of the Regions concerned with a request that they should notify us as to the number of light trucks they can make available.
4. Their replies will be communicated to you at the earliest possible moment.
5. Reference para (4) of your letter, could you please inform us as to the locations where the 50 vehicles are required.

[Signature]
D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, CE.
Director, Tn. Sub-Comm.

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TRANSLATION No 246

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COMMUNIQUE

The War Ministry is organizing a service in order to remove as soon as possible all the mines and explosives^{explosives} that are in the liberated territory and are proving a danger to public safety and to agriculture.

The mine removal service will be entrusted mostly to squads of civilians duly equipped and trained in courses about to be formed in various localities.

All former servicemen with the qualification of mechanics, mine layers and the like who wish to participate in this service shall address their application on ordinary paper to the War Ministry-Inspectorate of the Corps of the Engineers, Mine-Removal Service. *(See address!)*

The salaries, food and insurance will be made known with another communique. *Any possibility of more details*

In order to facilitate the organization of the Mine-Removal service *in territory at present administered by Royal Government* all the R. Carabinieri Stations, the Mayors, the Commissioners, Pastors, and all the citizens who are interested are asked to send any information regarding the presence of mines or other explosives in buildings or in fields to the War Ministry - Inspectorate of the Corps of the Engineers - Mine-Removal Service, *with* enclosing, if possible, a sketch that would make the identification of the locality possible.

C O M U N I C A T O

Il Ministero della Guerra sta organizzando un servizio per rimuovere al più presto le mine e gli ordigni esplosivi che trovansi in tutto il territorio nazionale, con grave pregiudizio dell'incolumità pubblica e con danno per l'agricoltura.

Il servizio bonifica campi minati sarà affidato di massima a squadre di civili opportunamente attrezzate e istruite in corsi di imminente istituzione in varie località.

Tutti gli ex-militari non qualificati di artiglieri, minatori o altri che desiderano entrare a far parte di tale servizio dovranno indirizzare subito domanda in carta semplice al Ministero Guerra - Ispettorato Genio - Servizio bonifica campi minati.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

30 September 1944

TO : HQ. Region IV. (Attention Lt. Col. Bonham-Carter).
SUBJECT : Clearance of Mines.
IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/KHG/25.1

1. Attached is a copy of R4/KHG/25.1 dated 19 September 1944. and
reply from Regional Finance Officer.-

I will take up with Ministero di Guerra the transfer of this
contract. This entirely blocks any future action by us.

2. I have arranged to meet Col. Cripps on Sunday 1st October at 15.00
hours to discuss

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 - (i) On loan from Army
 - (ii) Local Manufacture which contractors say they can do.
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Lawson

Regional Engineer
Lazio-Umbria Region AMG.
Lt. Col. R.E.

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to hand 1st October.

Cripps
Regional Engineer
Lazio-Umbria Region AMG.

Lt.Col.R.E.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.F.C. 594

SUBJECT:- Mine Clearance - Equipment

TO:- Economic Section

9/8.14/L.S.

28th September, 1944.

1. The Italian Government (of the Ministry of War) have in hand at the present moment a programme for mine clearance. The first step being to set up schools of instruction to teach civilians who will then be organised into groups of 100, sub-divided into working parties of 10.

2. It is intended that these groups should be sufficiently mobile and self-contained to be able to move about the country for their work. In addition the schools themselves will require a certain amount of transport for their own maintenance and instruction.

3. It is therefore requested that the vehicles set out below be made available from civilian resources for this very urgent work.

165 light vehicles (motorcycle with load-carrying body would suffice)
15 $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck type, and
10 $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks.

The disposition of these vehicles to be as follows:-

Southern Region

30 light vehicles
3 ($\frac{3}{4}$ ton) "
2 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ton) "

Lazio Region

60 light vehicles
6 ($\frac{3}{4}$ ton) "
4 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ton) "

Abruzzi-Marche Region

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Abruzzi-Marche Region
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3 ($\frac{3}{4}$ ton) "
2 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ton) "

Toscana Region
30 light vehicles
3 ($\frac{3}{4}$ ton) "
2 ($2\frac{1}{2}$ ton) "

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4. It is appreciated that it may not be possible to provide the total number vehicles immediately, but 50 vehicles are essential by the first week of October if mine clearance is to make any progress whatsoever.

R.R.C.
R.R. CRIPPS. Colonel
CSO Admin. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AP.O. /394

9/26/44

26th September, 1944.

TO:- C.M.P. V. Army.

1. The u/a vehicle is proceeding to PISA conveying mine clearance materials for work in that area.

FIAT 626 No. RE 101462 - Drivers:- Autista Z. PIERILINO Bruce
Autista LULLI Fusco

2. AMC V. Army are urgently requiring the material carried by this truck, and you are requested to give every facility and any necessary assistance to see the vehicle through.

JRC
P.R. CRIPPS. Colonel
CWO Admin Section.
RE A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 524

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SUBJECT:- Mine Clearance.

9/8 A.A.S.

To:- Region V

25th Sept., 1944

1. Reference your letters RS/501/32 dated 11th and 15th September, it is regretted that further mine clearance companies of the Italian Army cannot be made available for this work.

2. It has been decided that as the Italian Army cannot be made responsible for the work of mine clearance in the rear areas, a mine clearance service will be organised and run by the Italian Ministry of War using civilians and partisans for the work. To that end squads of instructors are at present being trained who will later set up and organise schools in various parts of the country.

3. It is intended to set up such a school at Chieti in your province at which it is proposed to train civilians for this work. The whole scheme is at present being formulated and you will be advised as soon as this has been completed and the scheme forwarded to you.

P.A.C.

P.P. CHIFFS. Colonel.
CSC Admin. Section.
H.Q. A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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23 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Movement of Italian Soldiers.

TO : HQ AMG Fifth Army
" " Eighth Army

1. The undersigned personnel of the Italian Army are engaged in mine clearance activity, particularly in establishing a school for mine clearance study at Pisa.
2. This note is to request that they be accorded courtesy and any assistance as may be properly required in connection with their work.

S. Tenente	CESATI Carlo
"	" REGOSA Gaspare
Serg Magg.	VERONESI Mario
"	" SCANIGLIA Emanuele
"	" CAMPAGNARI Adelino

R. H. Gripps
Colonel, CSO
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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Ref. 9/8A/15 ✓

21 sep 44.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region VIII ACC.

- 1 The undermentioned documents are passed to you for information.
 - a copy of a letter dated 9 Sep 44, Ref. 3 ACC/G/15/2563 from CME Airfd Constr Group;
 - b a detail of mine clearance at the Sports Stadium, Livorno;
 - c Map of mine clearance in Livorno.

Ext. 609
RHC/mt

R.R. Griffiths
R.R. GRIFTHS, Colonel,
for VP Admin Section

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RECEIVED : 9/1/43 ✓

SUBJECT: Rations for Mine Clearance Squads.

TO : Food Sub-Commission.

1 The Italian Government has recently made the Ministry of War responsible for the work of Mine Clearance. In order to implement this the War Ministry proposes to train and employ civilians and partisans on this work in the back areas so as to relieve Italian Military personnel, and to augment the number available.

2 It is anticipated that as an initial step 3000 personnel will be trained and afterwards employed in schools to be set up at

CLASH	South Region
OSINTI	Region V
VITRHO	Region IV
STOLVO	Region IV
OSINTALLO	Region VIII

3 The program is to get these centers in operation by 15th/18th Sep.

4 The work will be highly dangerous and laborious as the large proportion of locating work will require to be done on hands and knees with the use of steel spikes. In addition it involves the carrying and loading of blasted mines either for destruction or to Jua s. Furthermore it is necessary to maintain the highest possible morale among the squads.

Authorization is requested please for persons employed in this work to be furnished with the Heavy Gunners' Rations of Rations.

R. A. G. P. S. C.
R. A. GRIMS Col
JCS Staff Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO REGION
APO 394

F/310/IV

28 September 1944

Subject : Contracts

To : Regional Engineer
HQ.ACC.Lazio Region

1. Reference is made to your letter R4/ENG/25.1 dated 19 Sept. 44 on the above subject.
2. Normally contracts should be made by the Ministero della Guerra, Direzione Generale del Genio Militare, who are recruiting a special body of Italian Technical Military Officers for the Mines Clearance Scheme.
3. Future contracts should be dealt with accordingly and you should obtain the approval of the Ministero della Guerra for any already signed by you.
4. I have no comments to make on the Contract enclosed with your letter as it should not have been entered into on behalf of ACC/AMG.-

Signed : B.R. Leigh-Jones
W/Cdr.R.A.F.
Regional Finance
Officer

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

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19 September 1944

TO : ACC IV (Finance)

SUBJECT : Copy of contract

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/35.1.

1. Attached is copy of contract for Mines Clearance Signed by me it may amount to about lire 6.000.000.-
Please let me have any observations.

2. I have a similar offer from another Contractor for minimum of 6.000.000 sq. that would be about lire 25.000.000 to 30.000.000.
Can you advise me who is the correct Italian Authority to make such a contract.

It seems to me it ought to be Ministero della Guerra.

It is urgent to get things going and if no one can say who I'll sign again but I'll expect financial backing of bills.

Signed by: G. Windley Lt. Col. R. E.
Regional Engineer ACC. IV.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
(Engineering Division)

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APO 394

23 Sett. 1944

Al Sig. PREFETTO di Littoria

OCCETTO: "Impresa Sangiovanini Mario"

N:prot : EA/ENG/26.1

L'Impresa "Sangiovanini Mario" ha assunto con contratto i lavori di bonifica dei campi minati in alcune zone del territorio di cotesta Provincia, per conto di questa A.C.C.

La sede dell'Impresa sarà per ora la città di Littoria.

Essa richiederà il vostro aiuto perché venga facilitata nella ricerca degli alloggi agli operai e al personale, il cui numero per ora è di circa 50 (cinquanta)

Vogliate aiutarla in tale necessità.

AG
A.G. EVANS, Major
for Regional Engineer ACC IV

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Allied Control Commission
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

AGE/cv

23rd Sept. 1944

TO: : The PREFETTO of Littoria

SUBJECT : "Sangiovanni Mario" Firm

IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENG/26.1

"Sangiovanni Mario" Firm has made a contract with A.C.C. for minefield clearing works in some areas of your Province.

The residence of the contractor will be for the present the town of Littoria.

Your help will be needed in the research of lodging for workmen and employees, which are now in the number of 50.

Will you please help in this affair.

A.G. EVANS, Major
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for Regional Engineer ACC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO REGION
APO 394

E/5436

27 September, 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Detectors

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission
HC and MC Section
Attention of Colonel Cripps.

1. We know that you are already interesting yourself in this matter but are not sure if the following request has specifically been put forward.

2. Can permission be granted for the Italians to have a pattern or specifications of an efficient Detector- not necessary the latest. Several prospective contractors are asking to be allowed to make them.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. D. Bonham-Carter
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Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APS 39h

Del : 478709

26 September, 1944.

ACC/14047/PS

SUBJECT : Mine disposal.

TO : Administrative Session.

1. Attached is copy of letter from Headquarters Region VIII dated 20th September relating to the above mentioned subject.

2. It is not yet known by this Sub-Commission who is now handling the mine lifting matter but previous correspondence has been addressed to you by this Sub-Commission (Reference our ACC/14047/PS dated 8th September).

3. It is requested that the copy of letter from Region VIII referred to in para.1 above be forwarded to the appropriate officers.

4. In view of AG321 (Inter Services Mines & Missiles Committee) HQ1 - AGM from A.F. H.Q. and dated 21 December 1943 (copy attached) it is probable that the Inter Services Mines & Missiles Committee A.F. H.Q. should be informed.

Ephraim
for JOHN W. THURMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.F.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

WHM/6.

*Forwarding to the
Mines & Missiles
Committee
A.F. H.Q.
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HEADQUARTERS
REGION VIII (TUSCANY)
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

20 September 1944.

R-VIII/PS/10.8

SUBJECT : Removal of Mines.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission HQ. A.D.C.
for information of Civil Affairs Branch.

1. Reference this office R-VIII/PS/10.8 dated 18th September, 1944, and previous correspondence on the same matter.

2. I forward for your information a copy of a letter from the Sindaco of S. GIOVANNI D'ASSO, Siena, which indicates a state of affairs which exists in many parts of Region VIII.

3. It is hoped that it is possible to instill some energy into the Italian Authority concerned with a view to getting some action.

A. F. BASLERSON
Lt. Col. C.I.
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
AFHQ

21 December 1943

AF 321 (Inter-Services Mines and Missiles Committee)

SUBJECT : Inter Service Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ.

TO : All concerned.

1. An Inter Service Mines and Missiles Committee will be formed immediately with the object of :

a. Collecting and disseminating through normal departmental channels all information dealing with items listed in paragraph 3 below.

b. Determining the responsibility for handling specimens of certain types of enemy equipment handled by the Committee, in which all services are interested.

c. Carrying out preliminary examinations, and in the case of new missiles, devising emergency measures for disposal and for neutralization.

d. Insuring that all intelligence under sub-paragraph a. above is passed to similar organizations in other theaters of war.

2. The Committee is to be called 'The Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ'.

3. The Committee is to handle the following items of enemy equipment only :

Mines - land and sea.
Bombs
Torpedoes
Explosives
Demolition charges
Booby traps.

4. It will consist of not more than two representatives from each of the following :

Army (R.E.)
Army (U.S.)

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G-2 (Technical)
Engineer Section
Ordnance (A)
Ordnance (B)
Ordnance Intelligence Unit (A)
Weapons Technical Staff Field Forces, AFHQ
Joint Intelligence Collection Agency AFHQ
Mediterranean Allied Air Forces.

3. The Committee will meet only to discuss questions of policy and procedure.

4. The Chairman of the Committee will be the Staff officer Grade II (Bomb Disposal) of the Engineer Section, this Headquarters.

7. On receipt of this instruction all branches nominated in paragraph 4 will forward the names of their representatives with addresses and telephone number to :

The Chairman,
Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ
c/o Engineer Section, AFHQ.

By Command of General EISENHOWER

T. J. DAVIS
Brigadier General SA
Adjutant General.

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Subject:- Provision of Vehicles for Mine Clearance

Military Mission Italian Army
ROME
SD/4
23 Sep 44

Ministry of War
copy Administrative Sec HQ ACC (with translation of previous
correspondence)

Ref your 301165 /CA dated 22 Sep 44.
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The clearance of minefields in Rear Areas is NOT an Italian Army responsibility and therefore authority for the provision of transport from Italian Army sources for this task cannot be granted.

The Administrative Section HQ ACC is arranging for the provision of the necessary transport from civilian sources, and it is requested that you will correspond with this Section in the future.

[Signature]
Maj Gen
Military Mission Italian Army

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Copy - A/Q

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TRANSLATION

From - MMW
To - MCIA

301165
320-I-1 /C.A.
22 Sep 44

Subject:- M.T. for Mineclearance Service

The plan for the clearing of minefields in liberated territory was forwarded to the Mission under our letter 300979/C.A. dated 11 Sep.

Amongst the materials asked for were included 150 M.T. vehs. Should there be difficulty in obtaining these from Allied sources, could an equal quantity of those at present blocked in SARDINIA be brought to the Mainland.

A prompt clarification of the question as a whole would be greatly appreciated. The importance of a solution of the problem must certainly be apparent to you, in as much as with each day that passes the agricultural and industrial rehabilitation is retarded and the number of civilian victims of mines is continually increasing.

(sgd) Under Secretary of State,
Generale G.B. Oxilia

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Admin Sect 52
TBJ/JJJr
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G-5: 230.4-13

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Training Civilians - Mine Clearance.

23 SEP 1944

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394

1. Reference is made to G/BA/AS of 31 August.
2. Enquiries show as follows:-

a) A reasonably limited number of Italian officers can be ~~assigned~~ ^{assigned} at military engineer training establishments (either U.S. or British). These could then undertake the training of civilians as in your letter under ACC and Italian control.

b) G-2 have made the following stipulations as to the officers to be trained:-

- (1) They would have to be properly screened.
- (2) They would be instructed only in clearance of mines as encountered in Italy.
- (3) They would not be given access to latest secret information on German equipment particularly lighters and fuses.
- (4) They would not be given any information whatsoever on Allied bomb disposal.

c) Demands for captured enemy material for training purposes would have to be processed through this HQ.

3. In view of the above general agreement in principle will you please submit details of the following:-

a) Minimum numbers of Italian officer instructors who should be trained.

b) Numbers of civilians proposed to be trained with details of their proposed organization and disposition.

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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

T. B. Jackman
T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS
23 Sep 44
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 612

TBJ/JJJr

G-5: 230.4-13

22 September 1944

SUBJECT: Training Civilians - Mine Clearance.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission,
APO 394

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For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

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T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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Subject: Special Requests for P.O.L. for Salvage
and removal of Explosives.

ST/51/5

Military Mission Italian Army.
ROME.

27 Sep 44.

tel: 480001 EXT 526.

To : Dires. Gen. della Motorizzazione,
Ministry of War.

Copy : Admin. Section, HQ, ACC. ←

1. In reply to your 19018/23/G/3 dated 21 Sep 44.
2. As the job in question is administered by Allied Control Commission, request for P.O.L. should be submitted through A.C.C. channels.

Chapman
(OO PAPEREAU).

for Lt. Col. RASC.
ADST, MITA.

OCP/JMD

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

SUBJECT:- Mines & Explosives

Ref: 9/8.A/A.S.

TO:- P.C. Region IV.

25th Sept, '44.

The attached correspondence would appear to have reached this office without passing through you. Will you please take such action as you think fit and refer it back to the H.Q. if deemed necessary.

R.R.C.

R.R. CHIEF, Colonel
C.O. Admin. Section

Encl.

*Lettr. P.P.30 Risti & RC19? Region IV
Ry R.I./PS/22. Dtd. 19 Sep 44.*

*Atto dtd 20 Sep. Subject No 9 mines claimed by
S/L FARRALL.*

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R.R.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

SUBJECT: - Mine Clearance.

9/CA/A.S.

TO: - Major J.D. Scholts
HQ A.C.C. (HQ & MC Section).

25th Sept., '44.

1. Reference your letters RS/501/32 dated 11th and 15th September, it is regretted that further mine clearance companies of the Italian Army cannot be made available for this work.
2. It has been decided that as the Italian Army cannot be made responsible for the work of mine clearance in the rear areas, a mine clearance service will be organised and run by the Italian Ministry of War using civilians and partisans for the work. To that end squads of instructors are at present being trained who will later set up and organise schools in various parts of the country.
3. It is intended to set up such a school at Chieti in your province at which it is proposed to train civilians for this work. The whole scheme is at present being formulated and you will be advised as soon as this has been completed and the scheme forwarded to you.

R.R.B.
R.R. CRUTE. Colonel
CNO Admin Section.
H.Q. A.C.C.

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TO : HQ A.C.O. (RC & MG Section)
FROM : H.Q. REGION V - A.M.G.
SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - PESARO Province.
REF : RC/501/32.
DATE : 11 September 1944.

1. Further to this office letter of even number dated 6 September 44.

H.Q. AMG Main 8th Army have reported that in the vicinity of the "Gothic Line" in PESARO PROVINCE is a considerable devastated Area including extensive mine-fields.

2. They have requested that ^Amine ~~Sweeping~~ ^ACompany be made available for duty in the Province at an early date.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

TC/mc

Copy to: HQ AMG Main 8th Army.

J. D. Scholtz
J.D. SCHOLTZ
Major
Executive Officer (Brit)

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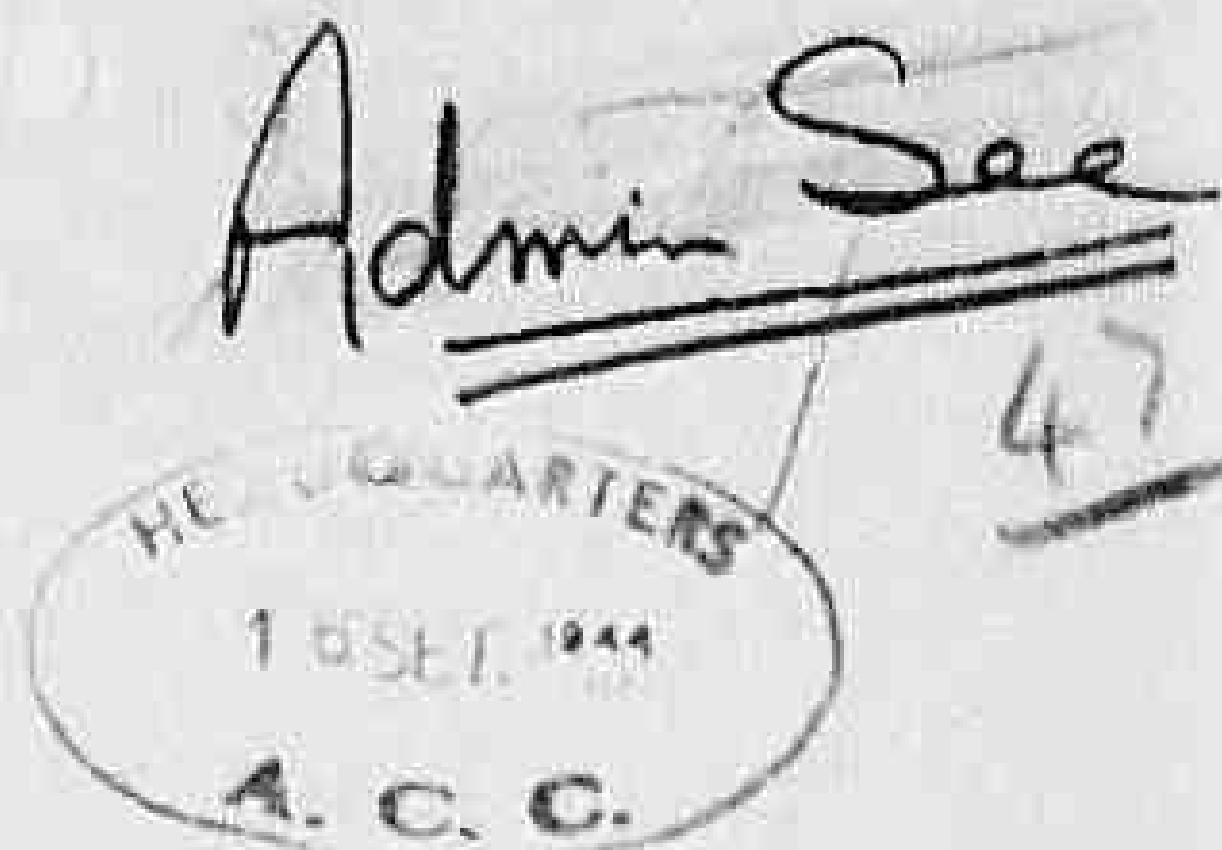
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TO : HQ. AGC. (RC & MG Section)
FROM : HQ. Region 5, AGC.
SUBJECT : Clearing of Mines in Aquila Province
REF : R5/501/12
DATE : 15 September 1944

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The matter of mine clearance in this Province has assumed major importance, and I feel that the problem is not properly appreciated.

Apart from the lamentable loss of life, which includes an American Red Cross Officer, I feel that Agricultural interests demand that the clearance of mines be regarded as a matter of major importance to the welfare of Italy.

There is at present one Italian Army Mine Clearance unit in this Region. Its entire attention is centered on clearing the City of Pescara of mines and other explosives.

In the mean time the casualties in other devastated areas are mounting daily and unless immediate steps are taken to remedy the situation the number will be appalling.

I should be very glad if this particular matter could be taken up at the highest level.

For the Regional Commissioner :

J. D. Schultz
J. D. SCHULTZ.
Major USA.
Executive Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION IV
APO 394

R/5390

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : H.Q. Allied Control Commission,
R.C. and M.G. Section.

21st September 1944

Reference the attached letter from Regional Engineer, can you

kindly obtain the ruling for us.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C. A. Bonham Carter.
A.D. BONHAM CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)



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For the Regional Commissioner:

C. D. Bonham Carter

A. D. BONHAM-CARTER

Lt. Colonel

Executive Officer (Provinces)



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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ENGINEERING DIVISION

APC 324

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19th September 1944

TO : HQ ACC IV (attention Lt. Col. Donham Carter)
(3 copies)

SUBJECT: Mine clearance

IN REPLY QUOTE: 24/SEC/25.1

1. It will be necessary to remove Mines of all Types, German, Italian, British, American, to reduce casualties among civil workers it is necessary that they should know the mines they have to handle.

2. Drawings of German Mines have been made for Distribution to Italian Military Unit and Civil Contractors.

3. There may be security reasons against doing likewise for Allied Mines.

Official reading

Please obtain an ~~estimate~~ on what can be issued with 100 copies of such drawings as can be issued.

Such drawings should at least show Outward Drawing of Mine together with sufficient detail to enable a man to be instructed how to disarm a mine.

Goodwin

Regional Engineer ACC. IV
Lt. Col. RE

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Lt. Col. RE

Regional Engineer ACC. IV

Copy to:

Mine Section

By his order

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ENGINEERING DIVISION
APO 394

CdeCCEP/cv

19th September 1944

TO : HQ ACC IV (attention Lt. Col. Bouham Carter)
(3 copies)

SUBJECT: Mine clearance

IN REPLY QG073, B4/ENG/25.1

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Official ruling
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Charles E. Taylor

Regional Engineer ACC. IV
Lt. Col. RE

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Ernest

Lt. Col. R.
Regional Engineer ACC. IV

Copy to:

Mine Section *By A. A. A.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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9/8/44 ✓

20 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Col. W.R. MAYNE - AMT 5th Army

- 1 This is to introduce Col. Cassino CASSINI of the Ministry of War. He is the officer mostly concerned with Mine Clearance in the liberated territory, and wishes to go to Pisa and Livorno in connection with that organization, he is mainly doing a reconnaissance.
- 2 I will be very grateful if you can give him any assistance possible to carry out his mission.

Ext : 608
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R.R. CHIFFE
Col., 200
for V.P. Admin Sec

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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20 Sept 44.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : Colonel E.B. MAYNE.

This is to introduce Captain ERICO NIUTTA who has been designated to handle the instructors of mine clearance squads at Pisa.

Any assistance you can give him will be very much appreciated.

His squad of 5 instructors is due to leave Rome on Friday 22 Sept. and will move direct to Pisa reporting to him upon arrival.

They have instructions to report first to A.M.C. HQ. at that city.

Ext : 608
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R.R. CRIPPS
Col., Sec.
for V.P. Admin Sec

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
AGRICULTURE SUB COMMISSION
APO 394

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12 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Mine clearance from Agricultural Fields

TO : H.E. The Minister of Agriculture

1. Reference is made to your letter of 10053 of 12 Sept on the above subject. We also have before us a copy of the Memorandum for the Organization of a Service of Land Reclamation in Minefields prepared by the Inspectors of the Corps of Engineers.
2. The whole mine clearance program including the organization of schools for training civilians in mine clearance is being dealt with by Colonel Grippes of the Administrative Section of AGC who is devoting much time to this matter in conjunction with the Italian War Ministry.
3. The matter of transportation, fuel and equipment mentioned in para 6 of your letter is also being dealt with by Col. Grippes.

BY ORDER OF CAPTAIN STONE (USNR)

DISTRIBUTION:

Economic Section
Administrative Section ✓

H.A. PARTMAN
Lt. Colonel
Director

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel: 515

ACC/43-3/FOOD

15 September 1944

SUBJECT: Rations for Mine Clearance Squads.

16 SEP 1944

TO : C.S.O. Administrative Section.

1. Reference your letter 9/BA/AS/
2. Authorization is given for the issue of Heavy Workers Rations Scale A to the personnel of Mine Clearance Squads.

William A. Leck
W.J. LECK
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: Labour Sub-Commission

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*As per 704 memo on issuing
assigned to 100-103-910
to issue at time of work
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

REF : 436/177/CA.

12 September 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Companies.

TO : Admin. Section
Attention: Col. Cripps.

1. In confirmation of the conversation ^{for Sep} ~~today~~, it is agreed that the handling of the two Rastrellamento Mine Coys should be taken over by your Section.
2. For your information these two Coys are now working one under the command of Region IV and one under Region V.
3. They are not functioning very satisfactorily mainly due to lack of equipment.
4. The Files 436/CA (Vols 1 and 11) are forwarded to you for your retention. They contain reports and sketch maps from Regions showing mine-fields etc. The latest letter on this subject from MIA is at folio 175. No action has been taken on this or folios 176 and 179.

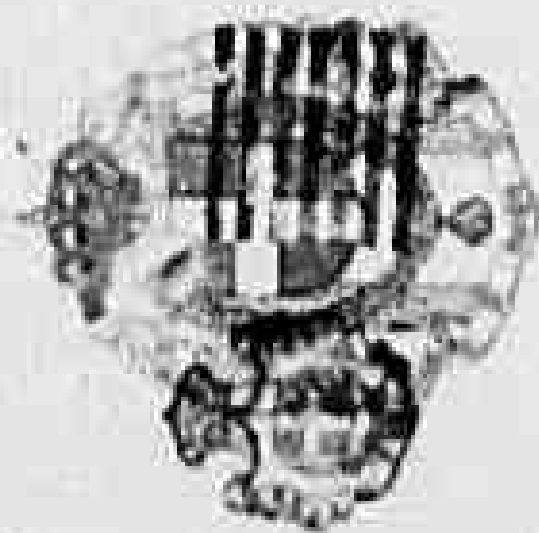
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W. G. F. W. C.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner 3361

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Ministero della Sanità

GABINETTO

Prot.N. 300979 /C.A.

P.M. 151, 11 settembre 1944

RE.

OGGETTO: Bonifica campi minati -

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'Esercito

R O M A

Dall'Ispektorato dell'Arma del Genio è stato concretato,previ contatti con il colonnello Cripps, il piano per la organizzazione della bonifica dei campi minati .

1) - In sintesi esso prevede:

a) l'impiego iniziale di 1500 civili da trarsi dai patrioti, da personale già specializzato (minatori, artigiani ed affini) e da operai già in servizio presso stabilimenti di artiglieria. Il personale sarà suddiviso in 150 squadre ordinate in gruppi di dieci alle dipendenze,ogni gruppo, di un ufficiale del genio capo nucleo. Totale del personale di previsto impiego : 1500 civili, 60 militari di cui 15 ufficiali capi nucleo.

b) istituzione di corsi di addestramento della durata di 15 giorni a:

- Capua (per il Lazio meridionale)
- Viterbo (per il Lazio settentrionale e Umbria)
- Chieti (per la zona litoranea adriatica)
- Orbetello (per la zona litoranea tirrenica)
- Salsomaggiore (per la Toscana)

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b) istituzione di corsi di addestramento della durata di 15 giorni a:

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- Capua (per il Lazio meridionale)
 - Viterbo (per il Lazio settentrionale e Umbria)
 - Chieti (per la zona litoranea adriatica)
 - Orbetello (per la zona litoranea tirrenica)
 - Spoleto (per la Toscana)
- E' stata prevista tale dislocazione per ottenere che il personale da addestrare sia a portata della zona che dovrà successivamente benificarsi.
- L'attuazione del primo corso di addestramento è prevista dal 10 settembre al 2 ottobre.

- 2) - Per il funzionamento delle squadre e dei nuclei occorrono 175 autocarri leggeri (1 per squadra ed 1 per nucleo, più 10 di riserva) ed il relativo carburante calcolato sulla base di 70 km. giornalieri per autocarro.

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3) - I materiali () addestramento saranno previsti in parte dai magazzini italiani (mine italiane) in parte dovrebbero essere ceduti dalle autorità alleate con le quali l'ispettorato Genio ha già preso contatto.

4) - I materiali per lavoro, in particolare ricercatori magnetici, saranno provveduti: un'aliquota dall'ispettorato Genio, un'aliquota dovrebbe essere fornita dagli Alleati. Il Colonnello Cripps al riguardo ha promesso il suo interessamento.

5) - Vetteggiamento del personale civile: è prevista l'assegnazione della normale razione civile maggiorata dei supplementi che competono ai lavoratori pesanti.

6) - Premesso quanto sopra prego codesta A.S.C. di :

a) autorizzare la istituzione dei corsi di addestramento a:

Capua, Viterbo, Chieti, Orbetello e Spoleto;

b) assegnare 150 autocarri leggeri per le 150 squadre di lavoro ed il carburante calcolato sulla base di un percorso complessivo mensile di 400.000 km.;

c) assegnare ricercatori magnetici nel maggior numero che sarà possibile.

Come già prospettato in altra occasione rappresento che la questione riveste particolare urgenza per cui sarà grato se codesta A.S.C. vorrà far conoscere con cortese sollecitudine le proprie determinazioni in merito a quanto richiesto al n. 6 -

IL MINISTRO

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VERY URGENT

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TRANSLATION No. 152

MINISTRY OF WAR
-Cabinet-

P.M. 151, 11 September 44.

File No. 300979/C.A.

SUBJECT : Clearance of mine fields.

TO : ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION -Army Sub-Commission-

R O M E

The Inspectorate of the Corps of Engineers, after having contacted Col. CRIPPS, has drawn up a plan for the organization of the clearance of mine fields.

1) - This plan essentially calls for:

a) the initial employment of 1,500 civilians to be drawn from the ranks of the patriots, from specialized personnel (mine-layers, mechanics and the like) and from workers already in service in artillery workshops. The personnel will be divided into 150 squads organized into groups of ten; each group will be commanded by an officer of the Engineers. Total of the estimated personnel to be employed: 1,500 civilians, 60 military of which 15 are officers to be group commanders.

b) formation of training courses lasting 15 days in:

- Capua (for Southern Latium)
- Viterbo (for Northern Latium and Umbria)
- Chieti (for the Adriatic sea-coast)
- Orbetello (for the Tyrrhenian-sea coast)
- Spoleto (for Tuscany)

These locations have been chosen in order to place the personnel to be trained near the area in which it will eventually work. The first training course is estimated to begin on 18 September and to last until 2 October.

2) - In order that the squads and the groups may function, 175 light trucks are needed (1 for each squad and 1 per group, besides 10 to be held in reserve); plus the necessary fuel which is calculated on the basis of a distance of 70 kilometers to be covered by each truck.

3) - The training equipment will be supplied in part by Italian depots (Italian

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mines), and in part will be furnished by the Allied Authorities which have already been contacted by the Inspectorate of the Engineers.

- 4) - The working tools, particularly mine detectors, will be supplied, part by the Inspectorate of the Engineers, and part by the Allies. Col. CHIPPS has promised to look into this matter.
- 5) - Food rations, for the civilian personnel, it is intended to give the personnel the normal ration for civilians plus extra rations which are due to heavy workers.
- 6) - Having advanced the above, I wish to ask the Army Sub-Commission to:
 - a) authorize the institution of training courses in: /
Cepua, Viterbo, Chieti, Orbetello and Spoleto;
 - b) assign 150 light trucks for the 150 squads and the fuel computed on the basis of a distance of 400,000 kilometers to be covered altogether every month;
 - c) assign as many mine detectors as possible.

As I have already pointed out in another occasion, this question is of a particular urgency and I shall be very grateful if the Army Sub-Commission will make its own decision known soon in regard to what is requested in No. 6.

THE MINISTER

a/ CASATI

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 391

8 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Disposal.

TO : Administrative Section.

Reference attached cable and notes. This Sub-Commission has had nothing whatever to do with the provision or movement of these Italian Troops. C.A. Branch has a file on subject and presumably know something about as to who has ordered the previous movements. It is assumed that the action copy of cable was sent to this Sub-Commission in error.

The activities of this Sub-Commission in mine and bomb disposal is confined to reporting and general police action such as evacuating of areas etc.

In our view this matter rests between C.A. Branch and M.M.I.A. and it is pointed out that the personnel concerned are Italian Troops.

A. E. Young
for A. E. YOUNG, Col.,
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

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MESSAGE FORM

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FROM

HQ, AMG, REGION EIGHT.

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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For Action

AOC, HQ.

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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MUST BE SENT IN CIPHER

J. HOWARD SAITER,
MAJOR, RA.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: HQ ACC ROME INFO HQ REGION 5 AMG MEAI - 60 SUB AREA HQ DELEGAZIONE 'A'
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FROM: AMG PESCARA PROV CHIETI CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
REFERENCE No: CPT/1 PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 060900B OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

CONFIRM MOVEMENT ORDERS 164 CP ARTILLERI D'ARRESTO PESCARA TO
CASERTA 9 SEPT. NO ORDERS RECEIVED ACC/AMG CHANNELS. AAI SD 1406 OF
1 SEPT REFERS. SUFFICIENT WORK 3 PROVINCES UNDER MY COMD FOR 2 COYS
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CLEARANCE NOW PRESENTING SERIOUS PROBLEM OWING DETERIORATION WOODEN BOX
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC HQ

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 23/12

FROM: HQ AMG REGION 8

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No 8.37

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

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FROM HQ AGC FROM ADMIN SEC

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ROUTINE

ADMIN SEC

ITALIAN MINISTRY WAR PROPOSES TO SET UP MINE OPERATING SCHOOLS
AND PARTISANS AT ORBITELLO PAREN TO HQ REGION EIGHT AGC FROM HQ
AGC FROM HQ IN SEC PAPER COMMENCING APPROX ONE FIVE SEP FOUR FOUR
PD ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF FEEDING AND INSTRUCTION
WILL BE WITH WAR MINISTRY PD HAVE ANY OBJECTION PD FULL DETAILS OF
SCHEME WILL FOLLOW EARLIEST

Signal ✓ This should be spelt "ORBETELLO"
are we too late? A Lushman 1/1

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LRNS V LMY 247 ROUTINE

FROM DMT ADNAP 127 2 B

TO HQ ACC CMT (ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION)

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DMT/279 R/77 RESTRICTED . YOUR 9/30/48 OF ~~27~~ 31 AND NOW
REFERRED TO BY G-3 AFHQ NOT RECEIVED THIS OFFICE .

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INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: HQ ACC CEF (ACC)

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FROM: DMT ADNAP

REFERENCE No: DMT/279

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No. 82/12

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PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

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YOUR 9/8A/AS OF 31 AUG NOW REFERRED TO BY G-5 AFHQ NOT
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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

CITY OF PIBA EXTENSIVELY DAMAGED AND REPORTED HEAVILY FIRED. APART FROM WATER SUPPLY, WHICH IS IN HAND, THE CIVIL GOVERNMENT TO THE RETURN OF POPULATION TO THE CITY IS PREHINDERED BY MINES SOME OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY CAUSED LOSS OF LIFE. ARMY ENGINEERS HELPFUL BUT CAN ONLY DEAL WITH ESSENTIAL BUILDINGS. SUGGEST THIS IS IMPORTANT CASE WHERE ITALIAN MINE DISPOSAL SECTIONS SHOULD BE USED AND REQUEST THAT A UNIT BE SENT FORWARD AT AN EARLY DATE. PLEASE ADVISE HOW SOON THEY CAN BE SENT. CITE OUR 313.

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A heavy team to be allocated
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HEAD QUARTERS
ARMY DEFENSE COMMISSION
AND
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

2/BA/AS

11 August 1944

SUBJECT: Training Civilians - Mine Clearance.

TO : C-3 Section A.F.M.C.

The clearance of mines on certain of the higher priority installations and communications is at present under consideration, in particular regarding pipe lines, electric cables, bridges; it is also important to clear certain agricultural areas when drainage and anti-malaria control are exercised.

A preliminary survey of the situation reveals that this is not a condition that the Italian Army can at present assume as large numbers of men are involved. It is therefore proposed to organize for this purpose civilian labour principally drawn from patriot sources.

This proposition will involve instruction in mine clearance methods, and the mechanical construction of land mines being given to civilians. Authority to do so is therefore sought.

It may be mentioned that it is believed a precedent for this has been set in that pamphlets giving directions to patriot bands now operating have already been distributed.

For Acting Chief Commissioner

G. R. WILSON, Brig.
V.P. Admin Section.

Copy to D.M.F. A.F.M.C.

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Italian Engineer

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SUBJECT: Minefield Clearance.

ARMY SUB-COMMISSION (MMIA)
HQ ACC
HOME
SI/4

MINISTRY OF WAR
Copy S M R E

26 Aug 44

Ref. your 300023/CA dated 19 Aug 44.

1 I have to inform you that your proposal to use five Artieri di Arresto companies and eleven additional companies for mineclearance of rear areas in Italy cannot be accepted. At this stage of the War, civilians, and not the Italian Army, must be used for this purpose.

2 The S.M.R.E. is at the moment forming five mineclearance training squads out of the thirty officers and NCO's recently trained at the British School of Military Engineering.

There is no objection to all five of these training squads being placed at the disposal of the Italian Government and used for the training of civilians in minefield clearance.

3 The mineclearance training squads will each be given a number and included in Category 1, as defined in G/61/F dated 15 Aug 44.

(note in pencil)
Saw Brigadier Upjohn of Admin Section ACC, who is perfectly satisfied with scheme outlined above.
Operative w.e.f. about 20 September 44.

R. G. Butterworth

Mr. Pisa

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TRANSMISSION

From - NEW
To - MALTA

300,023/A.C.
19 Aug 44

SUBJECT: Clearing of Minefields.

- 1 The present available means for the clearing of minefields are concentrated in the zone south of the line Sangro-Gerigliano and in Sardinia. It is a matter of few units (about 680 men in all, of whom 445 are in 561 & 562 "rastrellatori" Coys working under the Allies).
In Sardinia the removal of mines is almost finished (about 200,000 made safe); south of the abovementioned line however work is proceeding slowly due to lack of means employed. It would appear necessary to reinforce them.

- 2 It will be seen that it is necessary now to urgently provide for the clearing of recently liberated regions. To carry out the clearing of this territory, to be subdivided for the work into four large districts (Lazio, Abruzzo-Molise, Marche, Umbrie, Toscana), in a period of 75-90 days, it is considered that 16 Coys will be required - 3,200 trained men. I think, generally speaking, having these units available one could also tackle future needs which will arise as a result of the Allied advance northwards.
3 For the requirements mentioned in preceding para no units are available. However the following "d'arresto" (genio) units specialised in laying and clearing minefields now exist; they are however at the disposal of the Allies as "lavoratori" units.

13 Coy d'arresto)	
163 - (	
164 -)	TOTAL OF ABOUT 1,000 men well trained and equipped
11 - (	
12 -)	

Considering the urgency for clearing in the liberated areas I request:

- 1) - that the above coys be made available
- 2) - the constitution of another 11 coys with eng' pers and pers of other arms now available, in the Army or demobilized.

The above coys would be formed into batts. The mineclearing in view of its importance and extension would be organised and directed by a special control unit.

If the above 5 d'arresto coys cannot be spared, I ask -

that the specialists of these units be made available - by substituting them with other men to be drawn from various arms of service.
- and the facility to form with said personnel special units "bonifide campi minati".

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that the specialists of these units be made available - by substituting them with other men to be drawn from various arms of service.
- and the facility to form with said personnel special units "bonifica campi minati".

4 The supply of materials for the units, particularly magnetic mine detectors, should be from the Allies, the Italian Army being practically without.

5 The above request would completely settle the serious and delicate problem of mineclearing. Immediate effectiveness would be the result of the employment of the Artieri d'Arresto coys.

In the event of ASC not granting requests in para 3 I propose, finally, the employment of civilians carefully chosen and trained to work under the Corpo Reale delle Foreste. I state however that this last solution would not in any way meet present needs which are extremely urgent.

The requests in this letter are made on account of a situation affecting the morale of the population, particularly farmers, and the economic rehabilitation of the country.

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The population looks to the Allied and its mil authorities to put an end to the scourge of these insidious arms which are claiming victims after victims. Thousands of civilians have been killed by mines, making the country people distrustful, by whom farm work cannot be carried out with the speed and promptness which the situation demands.

The above requests could settle sufficiently quickly the serious problem.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 794

Phone: 20
478808

REF : 436/147/CA.

28 August 44

SUBJECT : Equipment for Mine Clearing Coys.

29 AUG 1944

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. Enclosed herewith is copy letter from Region IV (Engineering Division) dated 19 August 44, setting the equipment urgently needed by the 561 Compañia Artillería Rastrellamiento Mine Comando. Similar equipment is required for the 562 Compañia.

2. Please take the matter up with the appropriate authorities and see what can be done about getting this equipment or part of it made available by these Companies.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Comandante.

Copy to Admin. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Engineering Division
APO 394

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19 August 44

TO : HQ, ACC, Region IV (Economics & Supply)

SUBJECT : Requisition for mine removal supplies.

FILE No.: RM/HM/47.6

1. There is herewith submitted a list of items which are urgently needed by the 564 Compagnia Artieri Rastrellamento Mine Commando for use in the detection and removal of mines:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Antitank mine Detector (complete with spanners)	ea	12
Round iron 1/4"	yds	150
Round iron 1/8"	yds	90
Manilla rope 3" diam.	yds	1000
Tape, cotton, general use 3/4 in. wide 500 ft	ea	20
Cap, blasting, special non-electric	yds	2000
Fuse, blasting, time	yds	2000
Trinitrotoluene (TNT) block 1/6 lb	ea	2000
Lighter, fuse	box	50
Barbed wire	yds	3000
Wire, iron 3mm. diam.	yds	3000
Wood, size 3x30 cm.	cu.ft	10
Square wood 4 in. side each 4 m long	cu.ft	10
Wheelbarrow	ea	10
Buckets 15 quart	ea	4
Nails 4 in. length	lb	100
" 3 " "	lb	100
" 1 " "	lb	40
2 1/2 ton trucks	ea	9
Motorcycles	ea	2
Shovel, general purpose, round point (type IV) long handle No.2, 10x15 m, blade	ea	100

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Item	Unit	Quantity
Measure, steel w/flexible spout	ea	2
Trowel, brick (type C) 10 1/2 in. blade	ea	10
Pick, drifting, handled 5 lb	ea	100
Hatchet, claw, handled, 4 in.	ea	10
Hammer, mason (type M) handled, 31b	ea	10
Hammer, striking (type T) short pattern, handled, 8 lb	ea	5
Hammer, carpenter (type D) nail, curved claw, ball face, handled	ea	10
Hatchet, half (type G) handled 35/8 in.	ea	10
Pliers, lineman's (type N) side cutting, 8 in.	ea	10
Saw, hand, crosscut, 1-man (type 4) 36 in.	ea	2
Saw, hand, crosscut, 1-man (type 11) Eastern pattern	ea	4
Pincers, carpenter's 6-in.	ea	4
Handle, pick, drifting, 36-in.	ea	150
Handle, shovel, D-handle	ea	150
Handle, hatchet, broad, 16-in.	ea	10
Handle, hammer, striking, short pattern, 36 in.	ea	10
Handle, sledge, 36-in.	ea	100
Handle, hatchet, half 14 in.	ea	10
Typewriter, non-portable, elite type, 18 in.	ea	2

HARRY LARSON, Major C.E.

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HL/gd

Advana City 25 Aug. 17

HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
 Allied Control Commission
 Engineering Division
 APO 394

24 August 1944

SUBJECT : Tentative T/O and T/E for Proposed Headquarters Detachment.

TO : Regional ~~Commissioner~~ ^{Engineer} Region IV, Allied Control Commission, APO 394. (Through channels)

FILE NO : RA/ENG/322

*and this is just a small
 working order that is submitted*

1. In order to control and coordinate the activities of two Italian mine removal companies, which have recently been assigned to the Allied Control Commission, it is essential that some form of Headquarters be authorized and established. These units will work in scattered localities and in comparatively small parties, which will create a problem in communication alone. The control and coordination of these units must be centralized. Transportation is necessary to make the required contacts. A considerable amount of supplies and equipment is required by the two work companies, and it is therefore essential to have one officer, who can receive and receipt for such supplies. This will require practically the full time of one officer since he must keep a record of, and his eye on, all such equipment. The services of a Medical Officer is essential because of the probability of serious accidents. It may be noted that the medical equipment authorized for an Engineer Battalion is herewith included.

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2. It is urgently recommended that the following tentative Table of Organization and Table of Equipment be approved for a Headquarters, Provisional Mine Removal Battalions

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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

Officers

- 1 En Commander - Field Grade
- 1 Adjutant - Capt. or Lieutenant
- 1 Supply Officer - 1st Lieutenant or 2d Lieut. (U.S. or Allied)
- 1 Medical Officer - 1st Lieutenant

Enlisted Men

- 1 Clerk - Typist
- 1 *Driver*
- 3 Drivers
- 1 First Aid Man (Private)
- 1 Medical NCO

1 *Interpreter*

TABLE OF EQUIPMENT

Transportation:

Car for B. Cmdr. ea 1
 Truck, 1/4 - ton, 4 x 4 ea 1
 Ambulance, ^{3/4} 3/4 - ton, 4 x 4 ea 1
 Motorcycle, solo ea 1

Medical Equipment

Chest, MD 4 ea 1
 Kit, First Aid, motor vehicle ea 1
 Kit, Medical Officer ea 1
 Kit, Medical privates ea 2

Quartermaster Equipment

Desk, fiber, field, headquarters ea 1
 Typewriter, portable ea 1
 Table, camp, folding 3340 ea 4
 Chair, folding, metal 3340 ea 4

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3. It is requested that a designation including number be given to the proposed Headquarters, and that activation orders be issued.

HARRY LARSON
Major, Corps of Engineers

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.O. SECTION
APO 394

Phone: 14
478908

2 AUG 1944

REF : 436/138/CA

22 August 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearing Coys.

TO : Army Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to this Hq. letter 436/103/CA of 14 August 44, there is forwarded for your information and such action as you consider necessary, copy letter received from Region IV dated 20 August 44. With regard to para 3 thereof can you please say if an Italian Officer could be attached to Region IV to supervise the training and operations of these Coys.

2. It would appear that vacancies can be obtained at British Mine Schools for Italians. Would you make enquiries on this point and ascertain when they could be made available.

3. The report on the Coys in Gasta and Pescara by the Regions concerned are disappointing. The discipline of the companies is poor indeed. We shall be glad if you will look into the matter and draw the attention of the appropriate military authorities to the state of these Coys.

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive,
Commissioner.

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Copy to: Admin. Section.
Region IV. (your R/6017 of 20 August, refers)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone
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Ref/436/128/CA.

16 August 1944

AUG 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearing Coys.

TO : R.C. Region IV.

1. For your information there is sent copy signal received from AAI stating that the 13 Artieri di Arresto Coy will be withdrawn after 29 August.

2. In view of this it would seem desirable that a report should be made on the 561 Coy Rastrellatori Mine as to the state of their training to-date and whether this training will be completed by the time the 13 Coy is withdrawn. Would you please cause investigations on this point. *Be made*

Norman E. Fiske

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Admin Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

9/3A/13.

10 Aug 44

SUBJECT : Clearance of Mines.

TO : Signore Carboni and Spinelli,
Via del TRITONE 62, ROME.

- 1 The enclosed outline plans for the clearance of mine-fields is returned to you.
- 2 The scheme has been considered but it is regretted that this Commission do not consider that it can make use of it in its present form.
- 3 It is suggested that you may find interest in it at the Italian Ministry of the Interior.
- 5 It is not clear whether you have an efficient mine-detector, if you have designs for one this Commission would be interested to be furnished with details.

Ext 608
RRC/gal

R.R. Chitts
R.R. CHITTS Col,
for A/Hd. Admin Sec.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone:
Ext. 453.

10 AUG 1944

Ref/136/101/CA.

9 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearing Companies.

TO: Army Sub-Commission.

1. We have been informed that the two Companies at PESCARA are short of equipment and have no transport. They are also badly in need of clothing and boots. The two Companies at GAETA are probably also in a similar plight but we have no information about them.
2. It had been hoped that the Companies would arrive fully equipped and ready to start work. It is unfortunate that lack of equipment is proving a big handicap, but your provision of 24 mine detectors has been of great assistance and is much appreciated.
3. As one Company at PESCARA and one Company at GAETA will be withdrawn at the end of this month it is of great importance that they should be fully equipped as soon as possible. We shall be obliged if you will make arrangements through the appropriate Italian Army channels for the Companies to be suitably equipped. We have no means of knowing what equipment is required but presumably they will be equipped on a similar scale to that of a British Company designed for mine clearing. As it is probably the case that the Italian Army cannot supply, would you please make the necessary application to *ALL for release of the necessary equipment and transport for the Companies.*
(see last in files)
4. We understand that the two Companies at Gaeta are being placed under the administrative command of Italian Military Hq. Campania, and that you are also arranging for the Companies at Pescara to be placed under control of an Italian Headquarters. Will you please let us know in due course under whose administrative control they are placed.
5. The assistance that you have given in obtaining these Companies for use in areas in rear of the Army boundaries is much appreciated and we shall be grateful if you can give us the further assistance requested in this letter and so enable the Companies to function as efficiently and promptly as may be.

W. J. L. L. L.
MORLAN 3320
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

✓ Copy to: Admin. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 436/80/CA

28th July 1944

29 JUL 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance in Liberated Territory

TO : Admin. Section

1. Reports continue to come in from Regional Commissioners of Regions IV, V and VIII of the difficulties of getting into motion again the normal wheels of existence. This is in very large measure due to the presence of extensive minefields in these Regions. It is a problem which will probably be met increasingly the further north we go. The worst areas for mines in Region IV are at Anzio beach-head, Gaeta and Viterbo. In Region V there is an extensive minefield in Pescara town and a mine belt in Chieti Province. There are also other mined areas within Region VIII - at Marruchetone and Valle Rotana. The latter two places are also extensively booby-trapped.

2. The means which exist at present to deal with this problem are very scanty and only scratch the surface. With great difficulty we have helped Regional Commissioners by obtaining two trained Engineer Coys for mine lifting from the Italian Army. These Coys in turn are training two other Coys to carry out the same duties. These Coys have been allotted as follows, - one to Region IV and the other to Region V. There are none available for Region VIII at present. Each Region could no doubt use three or four Coys with the greatest of ease.

3. You will remember it was proposed at last week's meeting at HQ. AAC that some sort of central school should be set up to train Italians in mine lifting duties. There are certain difficulties about this, the chief ones being two - firstly, the Allied Armies will not accept any responsibility for the clearing of mines except in forward operational areas, and secondly, the Italian Army has a very limited ceiling and it almost certainly is not willing to detach units from its ceiling for this purpose.

4. It would seem therefore that in order to get round these two difficulties one would have to produce volunteers (Patriots could volunteer the same as anybody else but are not necessarily more suitable). These volunteers would be trained in the school, or schools, which would have to be set up with the help of both of the Allied Armies and of the Italian Army who would have to be asked to provide instructors and equipment.

5. It is considered that as part of the civil rehabilitation of Italy this is primarily a function of the Italian Government and that they should be approached on this matter and asked to give it their immediate attention.

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If you are in agreement will you please take action accordingly.

Norman E. Fiske
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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TRANSLATION

Rome, 18 July 1944

To A.G.C.

SUBJECT: Setting up of an Italian squad in order to clear off grounds mined by the Germans.

By letter, an enclosed copy, Leut. Col. E.B. Wayne, Chief of Staff AMG 5th Army, requested the Italian Government to organize and grant him the service of a company of Italian soldiers specially equipped and trained to find out and isolate mines and other explosive engines left by the Germans in buildings and land areas recently liberated.

To such request, inspired by human and comprehensive feelings in accordance with the necessities of the present situation, the R. Government gave his full agreement, giving through the Supreme Headquarters proper orders to the R. Army Staff by letter No. 13/66 June 4th, as enclosed copy.

It is now made known that your Commission has given an unfavorable advice about the setting up of the above Company.

Please let us know your clear advice on this matter, and possibly approve this company, certainly most useful to civil populations and to the Allies as well, to be set up as requested by 5th Army Command.

We should anyhow like to get your reply on this question.

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SUPREME COMMAND
1st Dep. Operation Office

M. 135 - June 4 1944

TO : R. ARMY STAFF

Inf. to Presidency of Ministers Council
R. Navy Staff
R. Air Force Staff

SUBJECT : CLEARING OFF MINED GROUNDS

Following letter 12425 "nd Inst. I forward copy of an urgent request for the setting up and the employment of an Italian Company, duly trained and equipped, to remove mines to the profit of the civil population, made by AMG 5th Army to the Liaison Group of Office I by the same Army.

Please perform urgently the setting up of a special body fit for this task, taking timely agreements with the Allied Control Sub-Commission.

GIOVANNI MESSE
MARSHAL OF ITALY
GENERAL CHIEF OF STAFF

HQST ORIENT

Enclosure: 1

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A B G 5th ARMY COMMAND (Tactic)

P.M. (allied) 364
Army Am.

31 May 1944

PRO MEMORIA

TO : Lieut. Col. DE MARCO
Liaison Office 5th Army

Civil reconstruction is in many cases delayed by mines and explosive engines. In some cases the civil administration cannot be organized out of fear of possible mine and explosive engines placed in public buildings. In other cases the agriculturists are not able to reap on account of mines placed in their fields.

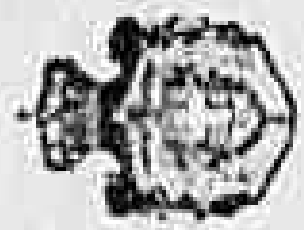
5th Army Engineers are not in condition to remove them because they are engaged in removing mines along the operation lines.

It is requested an Italian company trained and equipped on this purpose, to be available to perform such work to the profit of civil population.

This office will be glad to cooperate with yours to collect and give informations concerning the location of mines.

By Order of G. O. C.
L. B. Wayne
Lieut. Col. Chief of Staff
ABG 5th Army

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Gabinetto

Prot. N. 10579 9-2

Risposta alla lettera N.

del

Roma, 18 luglio 1944

Costituzione di una squadra italiana per la bonifica dei terreni minati dai tedeschi.

O G G E T T O

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

R O C M A

Con la lettera che si unisce in copia in il Tenente Colonnello E.B. Mayne, capo di S.M. del Comando A.M.C. della V Armata, ebbe a richiedere al R.Governo di organizzare e pettere a sua disposizione una compagnia di militari italiani addestrati ed equipaggiati per la ricerca e l'isolamento delle mine e degli altri congegni esplosivi lasciati dai tedeschi negli edifici o nelle campagne dei territori di recente liberati.

A siffatta richiesta, ispirata ad apprezzabilissimo senso di umanità e di comprensione delle peculiari necessità del momento, il R.Governo aderì pienamente impartendo a mezzo del Comando Supremo opportune disposizioni in tal senso allo Stato Maggiore del R.Esercito con lettera n.13466 del 4 giugno, che pure si unisce in copia.

Viene ora peraltro riferito che codesta On. Commissione si sarebbe pronunciata in senso contrario alla costituzione della

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Con la lettera che si unisce in copia ⁱⁿ Tenente Colonnello E.B. Mayne, capo di S.M. del Comando A.M.G. della V Armata, ebbe a richiedere al R.Governo di organizzare e mettere a sua disposizione una compagnia di militari italiani addestrati ed equipaggiati per la ricerca e l'isolamento delle mine e degli altri congegni esplosivi lasciati dai tedeschi negli edifici o nelle campagne dei territori di recente liberati.

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Si prega pertanto codesta On.le Commissione di voler fare cortesemente conoscere il suo esplicito parere al riguardo e, possibilmente di consentire che la costituzione di detta compagnia, indubbiamente utilissima si alle popolazioni civili che agli stessi Alleati, abbia luogo come richiesto dal predetto Comando della V Armata.

Sulla prospettata questione si gradirebbe comunque un cortese cenno di risposta.

IL SOTTOSCRITTARIO DI STATO

[Handwritten signature]

COMANDO A.M.C. 5^a ARMATA (TATTICO)

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HEADQUARTERS

22 AUG 1944

P.L. (alleata) 464, Esercito Am.

31 maggio 1944

PROMEMORIA:

per il Ten.Col. DE MARCO

Ufficio di Collegamento, 5^a Armata

La ricostruzione civile è in molti casi ritardata dalla presenza di mine e di congegni esplosivi. In alcuni casi, non può essere riorganizzata l'amministrazione civile per il timore di possibili mine o congegni esplosivi in edifici pubblici. In altri casi, gli agricoltori non possono mettere a causa delle mine poste nei loro campi.

I genieri della 5^a Armata non sono in grado di rimuoverle dato che sono impiegati a togliere le mine lungo le linee di operazioni.

Si richiede che una compagnia italiana, addestrata ed equipaggiata a tale scopo, sia messa a disposizione per eseguire tale lavoro a vantaggio della popolazione civile.

Questo ufficio sarà lieto di cooperare con il vostro per raccogliere e fornire indicazioni riguardanti l'ubicazione di mine.

Per il Generale Comandante

La ricostruzione civile è in molti casi ritardata dalla presenza di mine e di congegni esplosivi. In alcuni casi, non può essere riorganizzata l'amministrazione civile per il timore di possibili mine e congegni esplosivi in edifici pubblici. In altri casi, gli agricoltori non possono mettersi a causa delle mine poste nei loro campi.

I genieri della 5^a Armata non sono in grado di rimuovere le mine dato che sono impiegati a togliere le mine lungo le linee di operazioni.

Si richiede che una compagnia italiana, addestrata ed equipaggiata a tale scopo, sia messa a disposizione per eseguire tale lavoro a vantaggio della popolazione civile.

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R/to E.B. Mayne
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e, per conoscenza:

ALLA PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. MARINA

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Allegati: 1

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