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MINE CLEARANCE, CORRESPONDENCE
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(Course of Instruction for Mine Clearance)

Colonel INFOLITO telephoned on 5.11.44 :

In CHERTI - A course of instruction for 200 workers will begin to-morrow.

In PASSARO - A group of 100 workers, who are already at work in that area, will be trained in a few days.

Col INFOLITO's Telephone Number : 489.061 (Central Number)
57.46 (Extension)

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MINISTRY OF AR

Rome 31 October 1944

TO : A.C.C.

R O M E

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

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The training squads have been sent to Genoa, Chieti, Spoleto and Viterbo and we feel confident that the courses organized in said localities will yield concrete results in the shortest possible time.

3. We thank you very warmly for your offer to assign civilian vehicles hired by the Allied Authorities. Since these vehicles are ruled by contracts stipulated for a different use from that which they are today serving, this Ministry before assuming any administrative responsibilities which might be inadequate and excessive in respect to the service the vehicles would give, wishes to know the following:

The terms of the working contracts existing between the Allied Administration and the owners of the vehicles;

The terms for the transfer of the vehicles to the Italian Administration and the obligations and duties that the latter would have to assume;

The powers that the Allied Authorities intend to keep in the management of such vehicles.

At any rate Lt. Col. De Pasquale, assigned to the training center of Pisa in the place of Capt. Nitti who has been transferred to a combat Unit, has been ordered to go to Siena and contact Maj. F. Howard Salter, belonging to the Regional Command of that city.

4. Once the vehicles have been assigned it will be the task of the agencies working under this Ministry to send at the right time requests for fuel to the Allied Authorities. While waiting for the settlement of this question it is necessary that a certain amount of fuel be allocated for the operation of 10 trucks which this Ministry has assigned to this service.

For this purpose it is sufficient to assign the amount of gasoline that would be needed to cover a distance of 100 kilometers daily for each truck, and therefore 500 kilos of gasoline

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5. We have taken into account what was communicated in regard to the food rations for the military personnel.

The UnderSecretary of State
GE. Oxilia

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale del Genio

N. 111/100123/100123

Risposta al

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OGGETTO : Rastrellamento mine.-

AL COMANDO A.C.C.C.

R O M A

1. - Risposta alla vostra lettera 9/8A/CA in data 17 ottobre 1944.
2. - Il numero di operai civili che hanno confermato l'ingaggio per la bonifica campi minati e che frequentano il corso di addestramento di Pisa si è ridotto a 170. - Sono in corso le operazioni per reclutare altri operai nella provincia di Firenze.
Sono state inviate le squadre di istruzione a Capua, Chieti, Spoleto e Viterbo e si nutre fiducia che i corsi istituiti in tali località possano portare al più presto possibile a risultati concreti.

3. - Si ringrazia vivamente per offerta cessione degli automezzi civili a suo tempo noleggiati dalle Autorità Alleate.

Trattandosi di mezzi di trasporto vincolati da contratti stipulati per un impiego diverso da quello cui oggi dovrebbero disimpegnare, questo Ministero prima di assumere oneri amministrativi che potrebbero risultare inadeguati ed eccessivi rispetto al servizio che devono compiere, desiderebbe conoscere:

- gli estremi dei contratti di lavoro esistenti fra l'Amministrazione Alleata ed i proprietari degli automezzi;
- le modalità del passaggio degli automezzi all'Amministrazione italiana e gli obblighi e gli oneri che questa dovrebbe assumere;

- le attribuzioni che le Autorità Alleate intenderebbero conservare nella gestione di tali automezzi.

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Comunque è stato disposto perchè il Ten.Col. De Pasquale destinato al centro di addestramento di Pisa in sostituzione del Capitano Niutta trasferito ad un Gruppo di combattimento, si rechi a Siena e prenda contatto col Magg. F. Howard Salte di quel Comando regionale.

4.- Una volta avvenute la cessione degli automezzi sarà cura degli organi dipendenti da questo Ministero di inoltrare tempestivamente alle Autorità Alleate le richieste di carburante.

In attesa della definizione della questione si renderebbe necessaria l'assegnazione di un certo quantitativo di carburante occorrente per l'esercizio di 10 autocarri che questo Ministero ha destinato al particolare servizio.

Potrebbe per questo essere sufficiente l'assegnazione della

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benzina occorrente per un percorso medio giornaliero di 100 Km.-
autocarro e cioè 500 Kg. di benzina al giorno.

5.-Si è preso atto di quanto viene comunicato a riguardo della re-
zioni viveri per il personale militare.-

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
(Gen. OXILIA)

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~~PREFETTURA DI NAPOLI~~

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION.

PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION.

1 Novr; 44.

Major Reakes,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
CA Section, Rome.

1. Herewith copies of plans borrowed from
you during my visit to Rome on Monday, 30 Oct. 44.

Enc. 3 plans.

C. Noble
C. NOBLE,
Regional Fire and
Civil Defence Officer.

W. J. 3/11

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AMHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
Tel: ROME 476131

SUBJECT: PCL for Civilian Mine Sweeping
Companies.

PRF 30/8/19/1

2) Oct. 44

HQ. A.C.C. Commerce Sub-Commission, APC 394.

Reference your ACC/5146/2/Commerce/PCL 12 dated 25 October 44.

1. It is noted that instructions have been issued through your circular attached, reference 9/B.A/CA dated 22 Oct. 44, to Regional Commissioners.
2. The instructions in paragraph 5 are not agreed as it is felt that a better way to handle the distribution will be on the following lines:
 - (a) The Liaison Officer makes up the demand and supports same by vehicle figures, and forwards same to the Italian Ministry.
 - (b) The Italian Ministry then forward demands from the various Regions to M.M.I.A. setting out points where supplies are required.
 - (c) Supplies will then be made available through C.I.P.
 - (d) C.I.P. will render a bill at the end of each month for handling charges only, to the Italian Government.
 - (e) Accounting for the product will be handled in a similar way as now in force for PCL supplies to Italian Army units in rear of Army boundaries.
3. Detailed estimates of requirements should reach this Section not later than the 15th of the month preceding the month in which supplies are required.

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J. J. Yagan
J. J. YAGAN
Major, R.E.

for Colonel
Petroleum Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/8A/CA

3 November 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission .

Reference this Headquarters letter 9/8A/CA of 22 October 1944.

1. There is sent for your perusal translation of letter received from the Italian Ministry of War dated 31 October 1944.
2. Your attention is drawn to para 4 in which the Italian Ministry of War request a supplementary allotment of P.C.L. Can this be arranged please .

R.R. CRIPPS Col.
CSO CA Section .

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This was covered 3525
has been exhaustively in
our AC/SM/6/2/Commerce
of 1 Nov 44. All
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admittedly
6 Nov

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

ASB/na.

Ref. AC/5146/2/Commerce/POL. I+

1 November 1944

SUBJECT: POL Civilian Mine Sweeping Companies.

TO : Civil Affairs Section . ✓

1. Your 9/8 A/CA of 22 October 1944 refers.
2. It is evident from paragraph 3 that, notwithstanding the fact that they are civilian personnel, these companies are being operated by and are under the control of the Italian Ministry of War.
3. The POL must therefore be supplied and accounted for in the same way as supplies to the Italian Army (non-operational) units and not from Civilian Sources as would otherwise be the case.
4. The POL must therefore be demanded by the Liaison Officer, supported by vehicle details, from the Italian Ministry of War.
The latter forwarded Regional demands to MMIA stating at what points supplies are required.
5. Supplies will be made available through CIP without coupons and are outside Civilian Allocations. CIP will bill the Italian Government at their special price.
6. Detailed estimates of requirements must reach Petsec from MMIA by the 10th of the month previous to that in which the supplies are required.
7. At the time we discussed the supply of POL with ³⁵²² makes we understood the companies were exclusively Civilian and being operated as such. It now appears that they are definitely military in so far as control and supplies are concerned.
For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

W.P. Evans
W.P. EVANS
Colonel - Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

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Colonel - Director

Commerce Sub/Commission 3551

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39
OFFICE OF 2-4 (H)

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4 November 1944

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SUBJECT:- R.G.L.

TO :- Distribution below.

This H.Q. has been informed that P.O.J. has been drawn on behalf of vehicles of this Commission from C.I.P.

It is intended that C.I.P. shall supply R.G. vehicles when no W.D. source of supply is available, but this should be avoided whenever possible.

R.G. supplies are laid down by C.I.P. at selected points in such quantities as are necessary to meet the known demand, which normally consists of allocations made by Petrol Section A.F.H.Q. for civilian purposes.

It is therefore essential that except in emergency this formation should only draw from C.I.P. stocks when previous warning of the demand has been given in time to allow C.I.P. to make the necessary increase in demand.

All Regions etc. who expect to draw from C.I.P. stocks will give C.I.P. notice of the anticipated demand and will forward copy of such demand to this H.Q.

Any Region etc. which is presently operating such an arrangement with C.I.P. is requested to inform this H.Q. of the amount of the demand or in the case of Sicily Region to confirm that figures given in cable 341823 of 21 June 1944, are unaltered.

By command of Commander STEGE.

S.W. Miller
S.W. MILLER
Lieut. Col.
G-4 (H)

Distribution "A" (see Serial Nos. 63, 64 and 77 - 87 inclusive).

Copy to:- Petrol Section A.F.H.Q.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub - Commission
APO 394

JHS/bm.

Tele: 478303

31 Oct. 44.

AC/TN/R/3

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance - Transport.

TO : CA Section.

1. Reference your letter 9/8A/CA dated 22 Oct.
2. There would appear to be a little mis-understanding regarding the method by which trucks are to be obtained for mine clearance.
3. It will be necessary for the Italian officers in charge of the training schools to contact the Regional Transport Officers.
4. In the case of the Lazio-Umbria Region they should contact Major Harris, Via Lucullo 6, Rome, and in the Southern Region: Lt. Col. Giles, Provincia Building, Naples.
5. They will then be able to make all arrangements direct.
6. This Sub-Commission does not handle the accounting which is a Regional responsibility, but we will be pleased to check any account should they ~~appear~~ ^{be} to be unreasonable.
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E. S. Adams
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Colonel, C.E.,
Director, Tptn. S/C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/68/CA ✓

2 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mines Disposal Squad.

TO : Servizio Bonifica Campi Minati,
Ispettorato Genio,
Ministero della Guerra.

Attached is a copy of a report 5 Army AMG which is passed
to you for information.

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

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R E P O R T.

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal Squads.

TO: 5 Army A.M.G.

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

25 Oct 1944.

Location of Schools.

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

a) At Pisa in the Via Carducci where there are 94 trainers under the instruction of 2 Officers and 5 other ranks.

b) At Lucca, in the Piazza Santa Maria Bianca, where there are 78 trainers under the instruction of 2 Officers and 1 other rank.

Inspections.

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

Pay
3.

The pay of these civilian trainees is as follows:

- a) Whilst undergoing training Lire 66.-- per day.
b) On becoming proficient £ 146.--
plus Lire 5.-- for each mine removed.

Materials from Italian Army.

4. On 22 Sept when Capt Niutta was in Rome, he was promised certain officers and materials by the Direzione del SERVIZIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI, ISPEKTORATO GENIO, MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA. The Officers have been posted to him but the materials have not arrived.

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Completion of training.

5. Capt. Niutta states that the trainees will be ready for action within 7 days of the receipt of the materials he requires, which includes explosives for mine destruction.

Materials, Other sources.

6. 5 Army engineers have been contacted, as also Genio Civile but neither has any materials available for Capt. Niutta (Vide 5 Army AMG Letter 205/17 of 18 Oct 1944) Local Engineers unit has also been approached without results.

Additional instruction.

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

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Publicities.

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

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

Temporary measures.

9) a) In the absence of detectors, Capt. Nintta has been advised to instruct the trainers in the art of "Bayonet prodding".

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

Advised Capt RASC

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Revised
N.W. P.S.
Waller

TRANSLATION No 386

TRAINING PROGRAM FOR CIVILIAN WORKERS
TO BE EMPLOYED FOR THE CLEARANCE
OF MINE - FIELDS.

The training course to civilians for the clearance of mine-fields will cover a period of 15 days and will be mainly of a practical character.

The lessons will be given according to the following schedule:

1st day - Explanation of terms employed in connection with mines and their component parts.
- Comparison between Italian, English, American weights and measures.
- Instruction on English mines, MK II-IV-V type, and on the Hawkins mine.
- Practical example of the clearing of a mine-field with MK II-IV-V mines.

2nd day - Review of lessons of the previous day and questions.
- English methods for the laying of mines and for remembering their location.
- Practical example for the removal of Hawkins mines.

3rd day - Review of lesson of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on English Shrapnell mines, MK II.
- Procedure for the removal of English Shrapnell mines, MK II.
- Practice in field of removal of above mentioned mines.
- Instruction on simple English traps, mechanisms and devices.

4th day - Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on American anti-tank mines, M I and personnel mines, M II.
- Practice in field in the removal of above mentioned mines.
- Instruction on American devices.

5th day - Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on Italian anti-tank mines, B II, V III and C.S.
- Instruction on Italian personnel mines, B IV, V I.B.

- Practical example of the clearing of a mine-field with MK II-IV-V

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- Instruction on English Shrapnell mines, MK II.
- Procedure for the removal of English Shrapnell mines, MK II.
- Practice in field of removal of above mentioned mines.
- Instruction on simple English traps, mechanisms and devices.

- 4th day - Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on American anti-tank mines, M I and personnel mines, M II.
- Practice in field in the removal of above mentioned mines.
- Instruction on American devices.

- 5th day - Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on Italian anti-tank mines, B II, V III and C.S.
- Instruction on Italian personnel mines, B IV, V I, P.
- Practice in the field in the removal of above mentioned mines.
- Instruction on the Italian mine detector.
- Practice in the field with mine detector.

- 6th day - Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on German mines and on fuses Z.3.35.
- Instruction on German S mines and on fuses S.MI.33 35.35, MI.3.40.
- Practice in field in the removal of the above mentioned mines.

7th day - R E S T

- 8th day - Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on German Holmgren and Shrapnell mines and fuses Z.3.43.
- Instruction on German L.3.2. mine and on the concrete mine.
- Practice in field in the removal of above mentioned mines.
- Practice in field in the use of mine detectors.

- 9th day - Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instructions on the various types of German fuses.
- Instruction on German methods with simple traps.
- 10th day- Review of lesson of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on the German R. mine.
- Instruction on the Hungarian "Bumping" type and on the C.V.P. mine.
- Practice in field in the removal of above mentioned mines.
- Instruction on clearance of mines from roads.
- 11th day- Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on the German hand grenade.
- Practice in the use of the mine detectors with and without diagrams.
- Removal by remote control.
- Instruction on the employment of explosives for the destruction of mines.
- 12th day- Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on German circumstance mines. (7)
- Instruction on delayed action fuses, Veder "504" type.
- Practice in field.
- Visit to a mine-field to be cleared and practical demonstration of clearance to be done.
- 13th day- Review of lessons of previous day and questions.
- Instruction on mine detecting with and without special equipment.
- Practical instruction on the employment of explosives for the destruction of mines and other devices.
- 14th day- R E S T
- 15 day - Review of and questions on, main points treated in the course.

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Pfc/ V. Bonaudi
Translator

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PROGRAMMA DI ADDESTRAMENTO DA SVOLGERE AGLI OPERAI
CIVILI E INPIEGARE NEI LAVORI DI L'IPICA

CAMPI MINATI

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Il corso di addestramento operai civili alla bonifica campi minati sarà svolto in un periodo di 15 giorni ed avrà carattere eminentemente pratico.

Le lezioni si svolgeranno secondo il seguente calendario-

- 1° giorno - Spiegazioni dei termini usati per le mine e per i loro componenti-
- Comparazione fra pesi e misure italiani- inglesi e americani-
- Istruzione sulle mine inglesi tipo MK II- IV- V- e sulla mina Hawicins-
- Esempio pratico di rimozione di un campo di mine e MK II-IV-

II° giorno - Riepilogo delle lezioni del giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Metodi inglesi per sistemare le mine e per ricordare la posizione-

- III° giorno - Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine Shrapnell inglesi MK II-
- Modalità per la rimozione delle mine Shrapnell inglesi MK II-
- Esercitazione pratica, sul terreno di rimozione mine suddette-
- Istruzione su semplici trappole, meccanismi e congegni inglesi.

- 4° giorno - Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine americane anticarro M 1 e antiuomo M 2-
- Esercitazione pratica, sul terreno, di rimozione mine suddette-
- Istruzione sui congegni americani.

- 5° giorno - Riepilogo ~~lezioni~~ giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine anticarro italiane B 2, V 3, e C.S.-
- Istruzione sulle mine antiuomo italiane B4, V4, R-
- Esercitazione pratica sul terreno sulla rimozione delle mine suddette-
- Istruzione sul cercamine italiano-
- Esercitazione pratica sul terreno con il cercamine-

- Esempio pratico di rimozione di un campo di mine e NK II-IV-

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III° giorno- Riepilogo delle lezioni del giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Metodi inglesi per sistemare le mine e per ricordare la posizione-
- Esempio pratico di rimozione di un campo di mine H a m Kins
IV° giorno- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine Shrapnell inglesi NK II-
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- Modellità per la rimozione delle mine Shrapnell inglesi NK II-
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- Istruzione pratica, sul terreno di rimozione mine suddette-
- Istruzione su semplici trappole, meccanismi e congegni inglesi.

- 4° giorno-
Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine americane anticarro M 1 e antiumo M 2-
- Esercitazione pratica, sul terreno, di rimozione mine suddette-
- Istruzione sui congegni americani.

- 5° giorno- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine anticarro italiane B 2, V 3, e C.S.-
- Istruzione sulle mine anticarro italiane B 4, V 1, R-
- Esercitazione pratica sul terreno sulla rimozione delle mine suddette-
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- Esercitazione pratica sul terreno con il cercamine-

- 6° giorno- Riepilogo lezioni giorno, precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine tedesche e sugli accenditori S.Mt. Z. 35-
- Istruzione sulle mine tedesche "SG" e accenditori S.Mt. Z. 35;
S.S.Mt 2.40-
- Esercitazione pratica sul terreno, di rimozione delle mine suddette -

- 7° giorno - R I F O S C -
8° giorno- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
- Istruzione sulle mine tedesche Holamine e Shumine e accenditori Z. Z. 43.-
- Istruzione sulla mina tedesca L.P. Z. e sulla mina in calcestruzzo-

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- Esercitazione pratica, sul terreno di rimozione delle mine suddette-
 - Esercitazione pratica sul terreno dell'uso dei cercamine-
- 9° giorno
- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
 - Istruzioni sui vari tipi di accenditori tedeschi e sul loro impiego pratico-
 - Istruzione sui sistemi tedeschi di semplice trappole-
- 10° giorno
- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
 - Istruzione sulla mina tedesca R.-
 - Istruzione sulla mina ungherese "Salto" e sulla mina C.V.P.-
 - Esercitazione pratica, sul terreno, di rimozione delle mine suddette-
 - Istruzione sul rastrellamento delle mine sulle strade-
 - Esercitazione pratica sul rastrellamento delle mine sulle strade
- 11° giorno
- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
 - Istruzione sulle granate a mano tedesche-
 - Esercitazione pratica sull'uso dei cercamine con e senza schemi-
 - Controllo lontano della rimozione-
 - Istruzione sull'impiego degli esplosivi per la distruzione delle mine-
- 12° giorno
- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
 - Istruzione sulle mine tedesche di circostanza-
 - Istruzione sugli accenditori ritardati Feder "504"-
 - Esercitazione pratica sul terreno-
 - Visita ad un campo minato da bonificare e dimostrazione pratica del lavoro di bonifica da compiere-
- 13° giorno
- Riepilogo lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio-
 - Istruzione sulla ricerca delle mine con e senza speciale equipaggiamento-
 - Istruzione pratica sull'impiego degli esplosivi per la distruzione delle mine ed altri congegni-
- 14° giorno - R I F O S O +
- 15° giorno - Riepilogo e interrogatorio sui principali argomenti trattati

To VP for information BRC
SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

REPORT ON VISIT TO SPOLETO

1 I arrived at Spoleto at 1230 hrs and went to the Provincial Commissioner's HQ. The PC was not there but I had a talk with his clerk, who gave me Col. Carini's address. I saw Col. Carini who told me that his chief difficulties were, -

- (a) Accommodation.
- (b) Rations.
- (c) P.O.L.
- (d) Equipment.

2 Accommodation I saw the Town Major and explained to him how important it was that this Mine Clearance School get every assistance and asked if he would try and give them some extra accommodation. He said he was under orders to requisition everything for the troops but was prepared to hand over a hospital which he did not consider suitable for the troops. I have not seen this building but the Town Major did not desire it. I told Carini this and asked him to see the Town Major.

3 Rations I explained to Carini and the PC's clerk that these men were entitled to rations on the heavy workers scale and asked that ration cards be issued for this.

4 POL POL was hard to come by in Spoleto. The PC could not get any for himself nor could he get any transport. I told him he'd have to look into this matter and he said he would do so.

5 Equipment. Equipment was satisfactory. They had Italian, British and American mines. The only thing lacking was a mine detector and Carini asked for a Polish one. He was getting some Italian mine detectors next week. They asked for 10 or 20 mines for demonstration purposes as they proposed to set up a dummy field to train personnel.

6 Centre of Instruction

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(a) I visited the Centre of Instruction which is in an old church. There I met the instructors and 20 students. These students all belong to Spoleto. Until they get further accommodation they cannot add to this number from outside. There is a fair amount of equipment there. They also asked for German hand grenades and anti-personnel mines which are usually sown in mine-fields.

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(b) There is a young officer in charge who is very enthusiastic. I asked him what he thought of the personnel and he shrugged his shoulders. His impression is that some of these men come in for the pay and the extra rations, and that when the mines go "off" so will the men. I was not impressed with them.

(c) When the teams are trained they will work in the mined areas at Siena, Terni, Orrezzo and Perugia. There are practically no mines in Spoleto, which is undamaged, although all the surrounding villages and towns are badly knocked about.

7 Conclusion.

(a) I should like to see the results at PISA before my undernoted remarks are taken up but I feel that the question of pay and risk may not be good enough to attract the right type. I understand that the Contractors were paying up to £9 a week. I do not know the rate of pay the Italian Government are giving but gather it is low. Any attempt to do this job on the cheap will in my view be doomed to failure - however we must allow the Italian Government to have a try.

(b) Taken all in all, progress has been made and I think will go on being made, but practical results can be the only guide.

J. Keating May

3 Nov 44

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Civil Affairs Section

Ref:- 9/8a/CA

1 Nov '44.

SUBJECT:- Mine Clearance.

TO:- Lazio-Gabria Region.

1. With reference to your R/5639 of 27th Oct., your file 26.1 Contract C.O.B.E.R. is returned to you herewith.

2. The matter has been submitted to Finance Sub-Commission who have granted authority for payment under the contract. They are anxious that the contract should be terminated under Clause 11 if it is found that the contractors are not carrying out their side of the contract efficiently.

Plutus Reiter May

P.R. CRIPS. Col.
CHO CA Sec.

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Copy to Finance Sub Commission - for info.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOV
Lazio-Umbria AGO
AIO 354

R/5639

27 October, 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Lifting Contract.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission.

1. Application is made for special sanction through Finance Sub-Commission for the attached mine lifting contract which has been signed and is already in operation.

2. The reason why the present position has been reached is as follows.

At the beginning of August the delay in making any sort of start in lifting mines was causing serious difficulties in Frosinone and Littoria Provinces. The civilian casualty rate was very high and morale was very low.

Two Italian Companies were then posted to the Region for the purpose of mine clearance. But hopes were dashed once more when it was realised that these men were in no sense fit for the job, without a long period of training.

In view of the bad effect on the population generally and the continued delays caused by attempts to negotiate with the Italian Government, the Regional Commissioner gave orders for arrangements to be made with the many civilian contractors who were applying for the work. His view was that it was essential for some mines to be picked up. This view he still considers to have been entirely justified.

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- a) The circumstances described above warranted emergency action.
- b) Essential Public Service works - power line repairs, etc-

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- a) The circumstances described above warranted emergency action.
- b) Essential Public Service works - power line repairs, etc - were being held up.
- c) Sooner or later the work must be done. This contract will be a helpful standard by which to measure cost.
- d) The contract can be limited under Clause XI.
- e) It is undesirable not to recognize a contract signed by an Allied Officer even if he was technically incorrect in signing it.

Charles Polletti

CHARLES POLETTI, Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

1 November 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : The Ministry for War
Italian Government .

This Headquarters has been informed that 50 mines (wooden type) may be drawn for instruction purposes. Would you please say how you would like them distributed and to what places. If desired you could collect in bulk and make the distribution yourselves.

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G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec.
Dep. C . o . S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

31 October 44

SUBJECT : Proposed P.E. for
Mine clearing Company.

TO : LAZIO-UMBRIA Region .

Your letter R/5649 of 26 October 1944
and relative documents have been passed to
Army Sub-Commission for attention.

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R.P. CRIPPS Col.
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

31 October 44

SUBJECT : P.O.L.-Italian Army
Mine Clearing Companies.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.

Reference your ACC/5146/1/Commerce/PO2
15 of 25 October 1944 to Pet. Sec. AFHQ, RAAC
copy to this Section may this section please be
sent a copy of Pet Sections reply.

pk
R.R. CRIPPS Col.
CSO CA Section.

Copy to: Abruzzi-Marche Region (your R/S/501/32
of 23 October 1944 refers)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/8A/CA

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Request
for electric Cement.

TO : The Italian Ministry for War.

Your letter No. 303153/ea of 21 October 1944 is
acknowledged. The matter has been passed to Lazio Umbria
Region for investigation and report to this Headquarters.


R.H. CRIPPS Col.
CBO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : HQ LAZIO-UMBRIA Region .

Republic of San Marino .

Reference is made to telephone conversation
(Col. Bonham Carter - Major Reakes).

1. A.M.G. 8th Army has requested that a mine detector with one experienced man be sent to instruct the Fire Brigade personnel at SAN MARINO .

2. It has been considered that politically everything should be done to help this Republic and it will be appreciated if you will spare a man (a NCO) who is capable instructor from 562 Compagnia Rastrellamento for this purpose. It would also be necessary to send a mine detector with him.

3. A short period of instruction lasting three to four weeks would be sufficient and if so desired it would be arranged that at the end of a month the man would be returned to you with his equipment.



R.R. CRIPPS Col.
C30 CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 3/11B/CA

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Electricity .

TO : Lazio-Umbria Region .

1. The attached letter (with Translation) received from the Italian Ministry of War is forwarded for your attention. Please investigate the matter and ascertain if it is possible to give an increased supply of Electricity for the purpose of making mine detectors for a limited period.

2. It seems a good opportunity to inspect the work being done in the workshop and this HQ shall be glad if you will do this and send a report as to equipment &c being produced.



R.H. CRIPPS Col.
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : Italian Ministry of War .

There is sent for your information and such action you may consider necessary copy letter received by Lazio-Umbria Region from a firm of contractors in Rome. There is also forwarded some suggestions made by Lt. Col. ARMENANTE a retired officer of Italian Engineers who is employed as a civilian by Lazio-Umbria Region for your consideration.

RRC
R.R. CHIPPS Col.
CSO CA Section.

2 Enclosures.

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Subject: Electricity.

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Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
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28 Oct 44

Civil Affairs Section, Allied Commission

1. Italian Ministry of War letter 303153/CA dated 21 Oct 44, together with translation is forwarded herewith.
2. As neither firms are Italian Military installations, and the electric current is required for work under your direction, it is requested that you screen this application, and present to the Electricity Control Board, RAAC, as necessary.

J. G. Bird, Capt.
J. G. BIRD Capt.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

JB/nh

Copy to: Ministry of War.

*Letter to Reg 10 is a report which
for further information
JGK 31/10*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
EIGHTH ARMY

Subject: Mine Sweeping in SAN MARINO.

H.Q., A.C.G. ✓
A.P.O. 394.

19 Oct 44.

1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from SAN MARINO authorities. Endeavours have been made without success to obtain a mine-detector from Army. Though it is recognized that the problem in SAN MARINO in regard to mine fields is no different to that which obtains in other parts of Italy, it is felt that every effort should be made in the peculiar circumstances of the Republic, to help remove mines.

2. It is suggested that a mine-detector, with one experienced man be sent from the mine-detecting squads which are operating in the rear, up to SAN MARINO, who could instruct the local fire brigade how to operate same, and that the mine-detector be then lent to them for a period.

3. A gesture of this kind would I feel sure, help the relationship between the Republic and the Army, which although it is still good, is not helped by the protracted period over which troops have through operational necessity to remain, and indeed be increased in the Republic.

4. May consideration be given to this urgently.

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Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
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Approved

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.C. Eighth Army.

COPY to: P.L.O. SAN MARINO.

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REPUBBLICA DI S. MARINO

CONGRESSO FORESTALE E DI AGRICOLTURA

San Marino, li 17 Ottobre 1944/1944 d.P.R.

All'Ufficio Politeco Alleato di
Collegamento

SAN MARINO.

Il Congresso dell'Agricoltura e delle Foreste, riunitosi oggi in seduta plenaria davanti ai Capitani Reggenti per la trattazione di problemi urgenti interessanti l'economia agricola del Paese, esprime il voto perché la S.V. voglia interporre i suoi alti uffici presso i competenti Comandi Alleati, al fine di poter ottenere il rastrellamento delle mine entro il territorio in modo che possano essere effettuate le operazioni di seminagione del grano entro il corrente mese.

Aggiunge che le risorse della Repubblica sono basate prevalentemente sull'economia agricola e che pertanto il Paese si vorrebbe a trovare in gravissime condizioni ove le dette operazioni di seminagione non potessero essere effettuate tempestivamente.

Con i sensi della più alta considerazione.

IL PRESIDENTE

(Conte Baldesio Mancori Borghesi)

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IL PRESIDENTE
(Conte Batolomeo Mansoni Borghesi)

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TRANSLATION NO. 376

REPUBLIC OF S. MARINO
CONGRESS OF FORESTS AND AGRICULTURE

S. MARINO, 17 October 1944

TO: ALLIED POLITICAL LIAISON OFFICER
S. MARINO

The Congress of Agriculture and Forests, having met to-day in a plenary session before the Regent Captains (Capitani Reggenti) in order to examine the urgent question dealing with the agriculture of the Nation, asks you to contact the proper Allied Authorities in order to have mines cleared out of the territory so that grain can be sown within this month.

It adds that the Republic's wealth is based mainly on agriculture and therefore the country would find itself in a very grave condition if the sowing could not be done on time.

Cordially Yours, 3497

The President

Trans: Pfc. V. Bonanni

/s/ Edoardo Manzoni Borgheesi

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512, 24 October 1944.

TO: Deputy President, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Civil Affairs Section)

1. There is no record of receipt in this headquarters of mine maps covering areas in rear of operational zone.
2. As Army rear boundaries move forward, Army headquarters should hand over the mine maps of the areas concerned to the district headquarters taking over.
3. Application for information on mine fields in rear areas should be made to district headquarters concerned.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. Freese
R. H. FRESE,
Captain, AGD,
Asst Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS
25 OCT 1944
A. C. C.

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*I consider Freese should be asked to
provide from their area a list of
mine fields*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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Ref. ACC/5146/1/Commerce/POL 15

25 October 1944

SUBJECT: POL - Italian Army Mine Sweeping Coys.

TO : Pet.Sec. AFHQ, Rome Allied Area Command.

1. Attached are copies of HQ Abruzzi-Marche Region's R5/501/32 of 23 October 1944 and Enclosure CPT/141 of 15 October.

2. Will you please advise Region V with a copy to us how this matter should be handled.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

W.P. Evans
W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

2 Encls. as para 1 refers.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section (Attn. Maj. Reakes)
~~R.C. Region V.~~

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COPY

TO : HQ ACC
FROM : HQ/AMG/ACC, Abruzzi-Marche Region.
SUBJECT: POL for Mine Clearance Coy
REF : R5/501/32
DATE : 23 Oct. 44

Attached hereto is a copy of a report from the Prov. Commissioner of Chieti, Pescara, Teramo, regarding the POL situation which faces the 562 Mine Clearance Coy (Italian) now operating in those Provinces.

May the report be turned over to the proper Sub-Commission, so that the situation can be clarified as to the responsibility for the payment for these very essential supplies.

As this work is very important and as the Company is doing an excellent job, it is essential that the matter be treated as urgent.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

/s/
J.D. SCHOLTZ
Major
Executive Officer

JDS/WEC.

Copy to : P.C.Chieti.

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SUBJECT: POL for Mine Clearance Company

CPT/141

Copy to: PSO

TO : HQ AMG ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
FROM : P.C. Chieti, Pescara & Teramo

OC 562
Mine Coy
15 Oct. 44

1. Ref. your R5/501/32 dated 4 Oct. 44 para (c).
2. It appears that in the meantime arrangements had been made between the OC 562 Mine Clearance Coy and CIP for the supply of a further amount of POL; this, however, has had to be paid for in cash by Lt. SPAMPANATO himself to the amount of some 47,000 Lire.
3. It would appear, at first sight, that to obtain POL to carry out so important a task as that of mine clearance would present very little difficulty. This HQ has found that this is not so and that to obtain the small amount required without payment by the OC Coy presents a problem which has interested this HQ for some 2 1/2 months and still has not been solved.
4. The following is a summary of the position to date:
 - a) 562 Mine Clearance Coy and 164 Coy (since withdrawn) arrived in PESCARA 25 Jul. 44 without any means of transport whatsoever. After a few days it was found possible to requisition 2 rather decrepit trucks which were used for drawing rations etc.. POL was obtained through CIP.
 - b) On 20 Aug. 44 the OC 562 Coy complained that he had been presented with a bill for POL issued by CIP and asked for instructions as to the responsibility for payment. The matter was referred to the PSO, who was informed that as the vehicles were properly requisitioned by the Italian Army it was considered that payment should be arranged between CIP and the Italian Ministry of War.

c) The PSO replied that nothing could be done in view of the directive which stated that 'The Italian distributing agency (CIP) will sell only for cash'. He further added that ration cards had been issued to the Coys but drawings against the cards was contingent on arrangements made between CIP and the Coys that the quantities

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- d) A request was then made to HQ 60 Sub Area for permission to draw from Military sources. Permission was refused on the grounds that the units did not appear in the Italian Order of Battle and that the proper source of POL was through CIP (Vide 50 Sub Area letter 308/Q dated 2 September 44).
- e) In the meantime, however, the local Italian military authorities, HQ Delegazione "A" CHIETI, had been asked to render assistance and had obliged by agreeing to issue a very limited amount of POL, which was then sufficient for the needs of the one Coy remaining.
- d) As more vehicles had been requisitioned, the amount of petrol allowed by the Italian Army became insufficient and this was represented to Region HQ in this HQ letter of even number dated 20 Sep. 1944, resulting in approval for the application for further allocations through CIP.

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e) The question had also been represented to the Italian Ministry of War by ACC 562 Coy in person. He was informed that as the Coy was directly employed by ACC, the refund of money expended in buying POL from CIP was not a legitimate charge against that Ministry.

f) On receipt of your above quoted letter, the matter was again referred to the P30, who stated that the position remained as in para(o) above, i.e. that POL could only be obtained on payment.

5. Please inform this HQ as to the procedure for payment for POL used for mine clearance duties by 562 Coy and also the procedure by which Lt. Spanpanato may obtain a refund of money already expended.

CHIETI

Provincial Commissioner
AME CHIETI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROV.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Lazio-Umbria Region
APO 354

27 October, 1944

R/5639

SUBJECT: Mine Lifting Contract.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission.

1. Application is made for special sanction through Finance Sub-Commission for the attached mine lifting Contract which has been signed and is already in operation.

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- d) The contract can be limited under Clause XI.
- e) It is undesirable not to recognize a contract signed by an Allied Officer even if he was technically incorrect in signing it.

CHARLES TOLETTI, Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 594

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27 October, 1944

0052007: Wine Clearance

TO : HQ Allied Commission

The attached correspondence is sent to you because it is felt that the Italian Government should make use of these contractors.

For the Regional Commissioner:

U. A. Borden & Co.

A. G. DOWLING, JR.

Lt. Colonel

Executive Officer (Provinces)

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Testimony of Patricia A. Heston

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For the Regional Coordinator:

U. S. Bank Deposits

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Dr. Dozoret

Executive Officer (Provinces)

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ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Lazio Umbria Region
(Engineering Division)
APG 394

21 October 1944

TO : HQ. Region Lazio & Umbria (2 copies) ✓

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

IN PERRY QUOTE: R4/280/25.1

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2. 18 Contractors have expressed their willingness to clear mines, 10 of them say they can provide tools and apparatus.

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4. I have just heard of one case in which a Comune on the commencement of whose Housing scheme was blocked by Mines who have made such a contract with one of the 18 firms - which shows that there is a desire that might unobtainable given encouragement.

Enclosures: 2
Report in English and Italian.

Copy to:

Lt. Col. Armande

Letter from DIME Italian and English.

Lt. Col. M. E.
Regional Engineer
Radio Umbria Region AMO

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TRANSLATION No. 380

MINISTRY OF WAR

File No. 303243/C.A.

Subject: Mine-field clearance - use of civil concerns.

To : A.C.G.
Office of the Vice-President
Rome.

Rome, 27 October 44

In reply to letter No. O/4.A/AS of 5 inst., we wish to inform you of the following:

- 1 We have carefully examined the proposal to employ civil concerns for the clearance of mine-fields.
- 2 This Ministry is of the opinion that this system is neither advisable nor convenient for the following reasons:
 - a) The use of civil concerns interferes with the activity carried out by this Ministry on an economical basis.
 - b) The concerns very probably aim at speculation, and moreover do not offer any profitable advantages.

In fact they do not offer:

- speedy work, since according to the draft of contract signed by the concern, the zone to be cleared up is a very small one (200,00 sq. meters monthly). Trained workmen and technical equipment will certainly be lacking.
- an economic advantage, since according to the draft of the contract, the expenditure per hectare is from L. 24,000 to L. 80,000 (nearly the value of the field).

- 3 For these reasons we wish to reaffirm the opinion expressed above.

This Ministry instead intends to give a greater impetus to the organization under way:

- Forming other training courses, besides those already organized;
- Extending the clearance to all the national territory;

Risponde alla lettera C/4.3/AS del 3 corrente.

- 1) si sta attualmente esaminando la proposta di impiantare imprese civili per la bonifica del campo infetto.
- 2) questo problema non è attualmente conveniente né opportuno rinocerare o fare altro.
- Nonché è noto che:
- a) l'impiego di imprese civili non interferisce con l'azione diretta, svolta ad esempio, da questo ministero
- b) le imprese non sono irrimediabilmente considerate come attività speculative, che si potrebbe evitare con opportuni vantaggi.

Infatti:

- non c'è attività di lavoro, perché nello stesso di contratto l'impegno che si assume l'impresa è di vendita, non una sola di territorio hanno avuto (200.000 lire annua).
 - difettano con tutta probabilità gli operai addestrati ed i mezzi tecnici.
 - non c'è nessuna economia, perché, secondo la stima di un esperto, la spesa per ettaro eccelle di 1.245.000 a 1.300.000 (quindi quanto il valore del terreno).
- 3) Per quanto sopra si conviene di porre in essere **3487** che invece intendimento di questo ministero dare maggiore impulso alla organizzazione in corso:
- effettuare altri corsi di addestramento dopo quelli in corso;
 - estendere la bonifica a tutto il territorio nazionale;
 - creando una organizzazione di squadre cooperative tipo cooperative.
- Al riguardo è in corso il relativo studio.

T E N I N I S T R O

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
(Engineering Division)
ATTN 354

21 October 1944

TO : COL. CRIPPS A.C.C. HQ. ✓

SUBJECT : Mines clearing analysis of cost.

IN REPLY QUOTE: 24/ENG/25.1

Dear Colonel,

Further to my talk with you about 4 weeks ago

1. Enclosed is an analysis of costs made in this office as a check against others.

(The original is in Italian and can be sent if desired).

It worked out at:

£. 2.15 per meter square swept whether mines found or NOT plus
£. 30 per mine found, disarmed and destroyed.

(The value of this was proved as the first offer received was £.
16 per meter square plus £. 40 per mine).

2. As I had to cater for sweeping bridges and other areas in which
work had to be done it was necessary to be able to get an area swept in
which the chance of mines was small although unexpected and this seemed the
only way other than direct labour that would be just to us and the
contractor. - Like all contracts there will be difficulties in supervision.

The areas actually ordered to be swept and in progress are an
Electric line in this case a test strip 4 meters wide all along the line
which is known to be mined has been ordered.

Where mines are found in test strip they will be marked an area

IN REPLY QUOTE: 24/12/25.1

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Where mines are found in test strip they will be marked an area cleared sufficient for work.

Several bridges and a water supply break are also in land mine
each case the area to be swept is definitely specified and plans provided.

3. Can you please return the comment in due course as it is my signed office copy.

Yours sincerely

Ch. Col. S. E.

Regional Engineer

Radio Umbria Region ASD

Enclosure

(16 papers)

Wages to personnel for mine clearance

Chief

- pay	L.	180,==
- industrial accident insurance 100% on L. 180	"	180,==
- various insurances and indemnities 80% on L. 180	"	144,==
- general charges 72% on L. 180	"	129,60
- gain 15% on L. 180	"	27,==
	L.	660,60
		=====

Expert workman

- pay	L.	120,==
- per cent 267% on L. 120	"	320,40
	L.	440,40
		=====

1st Squad

- 1 chief	L.	660,60
- 4 expert workmen 4 x 440,40	"	1.761,60
	L.	2.422,20 per day

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=====3,80

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Price for Mine Clearance Analysis.

1. Squad A detects mines in an area of 2,40 x 100 m. without mines, and employs 1 1/4 hour (two passages).
In one day (7 hours - 1 hour to go and return to work location) the squad makes:

$$\text{mq. } \frac{2,40 \times 100 \times 7}{1\frac{1}{4}} = 1120 \text{ clearance work}$$

The squad is paid L. 2422, so the cost price according to contract is:

$$\frac{\text{L. } 2422}{\text{mq. } 1120} = \text{L. } 2,15 \text{ about per mq.}$$

2. In this area of 2,40 x 100 mq. there are maximum 40 mines. One squad will perform the clearance work of this area and will employ:

2 minutes for each pull-mine

4 minutes for each pressure-mine

(disarming, carrying out of the field, defuzing, etc....)

In each mine field they will find the proportion of 1/4 of pull-mines and 3/4 of pressure-mines.

Medium time for 1 mine clearance is:

$$2 \times 1/4 - 4 \times 3/4 = 3\frac{1}{2} \text{ minutes.}$$

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3.484

Then the price of every mine is:

$$\frac{L. 2422 \times 3\frac{1}{2}}{7 \times 40} = L. 30 \text{ about for every mine.}$$

Here is an analysis of general charges which a firm, who will take the charge of mine clearance with 12 squads of 5 men each (60 men) will have to bear.

This calculation has been made according to foreseen expenses and experience of the present market.

As for petrol and lubricants the prices considered are the ones that C.I.P. makes to people authorized to draw petrol from them.

These general charges foresee only all percentages on labour rates; the final account is considering without any gain for the contracting firm.

A squad takes L. 420 per day

12 squads x 660 = L. 7920 per day so:

$\frac{6061}{7920} = 72\%$ percentage on general charges.

The profit of the firm has been fixed to 15%

This percentage is justified on account of the present difficulties of the work and of the large organisation needed to complete these works with success.

GENERAL CHARGES

1	Engineer	£. 10.000 per month	£.	333 per day
	Insurance 100%		"	333 "
2	Technical chiefs £. 2.000 per month each		"	533 "
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1	Administrative manager £. 6.000 per month		"	200 "
2	Clerks £. 4.000 per month each		"	266 "
1	Car: 1 driver £. 3.000 per month		"	100 "
	petrol - 200 Km. per day - 20 litres		"	270 "
	lubricant		"	20 "
	amortising in 6 years (cost of car		"	
	£. 300.000) $\frac{300.000}{6 \times 360}$		"	138 "
	repairs during year £. 10.000		"	30 "
				360
2	Medium trucks (for transporting workmen tools, food, water etc.			
	2 drivers £. 3.000 per month each		"	200 "
	petrol 100 Km. per day, 20 litres each p.d.		"	540 "
	lubricant		"	30 "
	Amortising in 6 years (cost of truck £. 500.000 each)		"	
	2 x 500.000		"	460 "

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	petrol - 200 Km. per day - 20 litres		"	100
	lubricant		"	270
	amortizing in 6 years (cost of car		"	20
	£. 300,000)	<u>300,000</u>	"	138
	repairs during year	<u>£. 10,000</u>	"	30
		6 x 360		360

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	2 x 500,000	<u>500,000</u>	"	390
	6 x 360		"	3,181
	Repairs during year	<u>£. 2 x 15,000</u>	"	360

SUPPLY

40	detectors	£. 10,000 each = 400,000	"	280
	Amortizing in 4 years	<u>£. 400,000</u>	"	4 x 360

.../...

TOOLS

(shovels, picks, wire, safety pins, rope etc.)

£. 5 per squad x 20 £. 100 per day

Fuses, caps, explosive etc.

10 % mines to explode = 400 mines for 20 squads - 40 mines

40 cartridges at £. 10 each 400 " "
40 metres of fuse at £. 5 per m. 200 " "
40 caps at £. 2 each £..... 80 " "

£. 5.236 " "

TAXES

Gains fixed by the Government: 10% on contracted sums

Per day:

Supposing 12 squads clear every day 300 mq. each and 2 mines every 100 mq. each

300 x 12 = mq. 10.000 x 2.15 = £. 21.500 £. 21.500

300 x 2 x 12 = about 200 mines x £. 30 = " 6.000
27.500

GAINS FIXED BY THE GOVERNMENT

27.500 = £. 2.750
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Taxes are 10% =

£. 275 per day

Workmen lodging (tents or rent for habitation)

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GAINS FIXED BY THE GOVERNMENT

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Workmen lodging (tents or rent for habitation)

£. $1.5 \times 5 \times 20$

" 150 "

INTEREST ON CAPITAL EMPLOYED

For such a work a capital of £. 2.000.000 is necessary. Calculating the interest at 5% per year

£. $2.000.000 \times \frac{5}{100} =$

" 280 "

The firm must have a movement of capitals of £. 900.000 equal to a month's workmen pay

Interests : £. $900.000 \times \frac{5}{100} =$

125 "

£. 6.061

MINES CLEARING

A - Squad of 5 men (4 men and 1 chief) for detecting and disactivating mines.

B - Squad of 6 men for removal, transportation, etc.

1. The 4 men (all specialized men) mark and fix the entrance in the minefield.
2. They advance on a belt of 2,40 metres after clearing the field and marking limit M-N.
3. No 1 and detect the mines with the detector passing through the field twice; and No 3 and 4 mark the mines, they disarm them, putting them in a safety condition.
4. When squad A gets to the limit M the 5 men, of squad B collect the mines and, after defusing them, they carry them out of the fields in a predisposed position, keeping fuses apart from mines.
5. Mines dangerous to defuse, are left on the ground and are made to blow by some explosive by the same men of squad B.
6. As for pushtrap mines the proceeding is the same one; to avoid accidents cords and ropes must not be pulled or touched or cut before assuring oneself that they have been put in a safety

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WITH THESE TWO SQUADS:

The time required to clear one sq. of unmined field including preparation and marking of limits etc. is 1/4 of a minute. The time required to clear 1 mine is 3 minutes.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/BA/CA

24 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : AFHQ G-5

1. With reference to this HQ letter 9/BA/CA of 22 October 1944 setting out the scheme for clearance of mines in Italy it is pointed out that shortage of equipment is one of the handicaps. In particular there is an urgent need for mine detectors. When the scheme is in full operation 150 mine detectors will be required. Can these please be supplied as without mine detectors progress will be very slow and percentage of casualties will be proportionately high.

2. Spares such as valves and batteries are also required to repair the mine detectors originally supplied to two Italian Mine Cleaning Companies as a number are unusable for lack of spares. A supply of spares is necessary to keep mine detectors in use. Please say if they can be made available.

FOR COMMODORE STORE

G.R.C.
G. R. UPJOHN, Brigadier
V.E. C.A. Sec.
Dep. G. a. S.

Copy to G4.

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RE. MARTINE ALLEN COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF : 9/84/GA ✓

28 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : Regional Commissioner
Lazio Umbria Region
(Attention Regional Engineer)

Reference your letter RE/884/25.1 dated 27 Oct 44.

Herewith 3 copies of the memorandum 9/84/GA dated
22 Oct 44, Subject as above.

JK
J.S. REARDS Major,
For CSD GA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Lazio-Umbria Region
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

27 October 1944

TO : HQ. A.C.C.

SUBJECT : Request of Memo.

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/25.1

1. Will you please send this Division No 3 copies Memo No 9/8
A/CA of 22nd October 1944.

Mattoli
Dott. A. MATTOLO, Exec. Secr.
for Regional Engineer
Lazio-Umbria Region AMG.

SUBJECT: Request of Memo.

IN REPLY QUOTE : 54/ENG/25.1

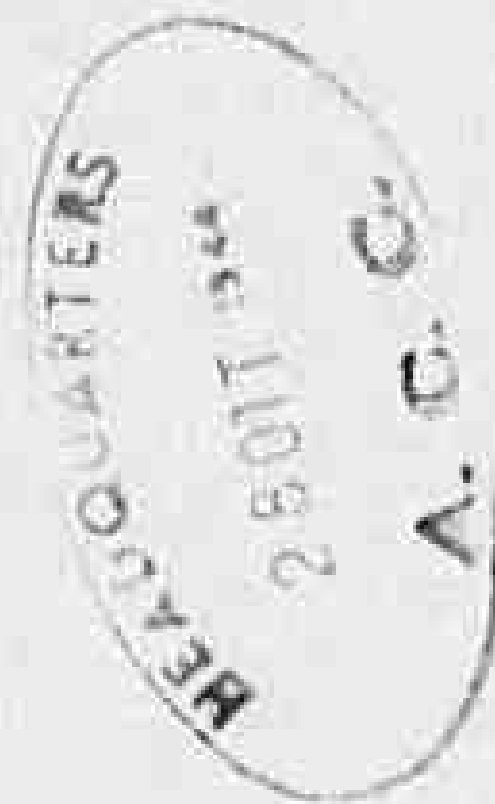
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for Regional Engineer
Lazio-Umbria Region AMJ.

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C. A. Section 1323

Subject: Minefield Records.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel:- MILPO 22

2511/9/RS

21 Oct 44.

Civil Affairs Sec AAI

Ref your DCAO/5/3A dated 12 Oct 44.

- 1 All records, maps and mine traces for 'our own' and 'enemy' minefields are held by Armies.
- 2 In the Armies vacate territory the minefield records and maps are handed over to the incoming formations (Districts or Corps).
- 3 Applications should therefore be made to Districts or Corps for details of all minefields and areas known to be mined behind the Army Rear Boundaries.

(Sd) J. Fletcher, Major
for Major General,
Chief Engineer.

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VF Civil Affairs Section, HQ AAG.

DCAO/5/3A

- 1 Refer to Ltr DCAO/5/3A subject Mine Clearance dated 14 Oct 44.
- 2 The above letter from CE AAI modifies our letter which was based on verbal conference.
- 3 It is suggested that PBS and the Districts be contacted by an officer accompanied by a skilled draftsman who can make copies of the marked maps sent in by the Armies.
- 4 Fifth Army did send copies of the known fields in their areas to AFHQ but this has been disapproved according to AAI (Engineer) by AFHQ.

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23 October 44.

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W. H. H. H.
R. A. H. H. H., Lt Col Inf.,
for DCAO.

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Translation .

From : Ministero della Guerra
Gabinetto

To : ACC Headquarters Rome 23 October 1944

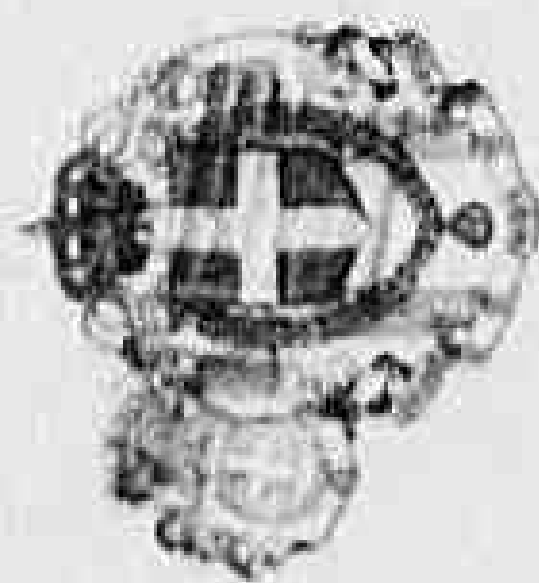
Reference: Carburant allocation for drainage of mined fields.

I. Awaiting for the decision which will be taken by ACC relative to the proposals referred to in our letter N. 302778/C.A. of 18 October 1944 I will be grateful if the following urgent carburant allocation be granted:

2800	litri	di	benzina	in	Fiume
2800	"	"	"	"	Chieti
2800	"	"	"	"	Viterbo
2800	"	"	"	"	Spoleto
2800	"	"	gasolio	"	Capua
2000	"	"	benzina	"	Roma
500	"	"	gasolio	"	Roma

2. Said carburant, lubricants, heavy oil will be used for a period of about 30 days for 10 trucks which will be working for drainage service of mined fields.

Comune 5/c



Ministero della Sanità

CABINETTO

24 OTT 1944

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n. 103022/C.A.
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P.L. 151, 23 ottobre 1944.

Oggetto: richiesta esbittanti per bonifico campi diati.

ALLA A.S.C. - DIREZIONE VIA VENEZIA 100

R O M A

- 1) In attesa delle decisioni che saranno prese da codesto A.S.C. in merito alle proposte di cui alla lettera n. 102775/C.A. del 13 corrente, sarà dato se per intero sarà disposto in seguito all'esecuzione urgente di quanto:

2800	litri di benzina in Pisa
2800	" " " Chieti
2800	" " " Viterbo
2800	" " " Spoleto
2800	" " " Capua
2800	" " " Ancona
2800	" " " Roma
500	" " " Caserta

- 2) Tale esbittante, con relativi libriccetti e guanti, serviranno, per un periodo di 10 giorni circa, per l'attività di lavoro del 10

AREA A.C.C. - SERVIZIO PER I CLIENTI

W C M A

- 1) In attesa delle decisioni che saranno prese da codesto A.C.C. in merito alle proposte di cui alla lettera D.302775/C.A. del 10 corrente, sarà fatto se per iscritto sarà risposto in seguito te assegnazione urgente di carichi:

2300	litri di benzina in T100
2300	" " " " " Chiari
2300	" " " " " Viterbo
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- 2) Delle cariche, con relativi identificativi e servizi, per un periodo di 30 giorni circa, per l'assistenza dei 10 autoveicoli di cui può disporre il servizio bonifica impiantati.

Il sottoscrittore di questo documento
(Generale G. T. Oxilia)

G. T. Oxilia

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APC 394

Ref : 9/BA/CA

23 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : SCAOs 5 & 8 Armies
Southern Region
Umbria-Lazio Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Toscana Region
Emilia Region

With reference to this Headquarters letter 9/BA/CA of 22 October 1944 it has been agreed that as the Italian Government is responsible for clearance of mines within Italy which have not been cleared by the Armies , Regions will not enter into any contract for clearance of mines within their Regions which will eventually become a responsibility of the Italian Government. Should any contract have been made they will be reported to this Headquarters by return , alongwith copies of the Contract.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec .
Dep. C. o. S.

Copy to { Economic Section (3)
Finance S/C
Public Works & Utilities S/C
Liguria Region
Piemonte Region
Lombardia Region
Venezia Region

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/BA/CA

24 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : The Italian Ministry of War.

The attached letter from Antonio Pompili dated 19 October 1944 is forwarded for such action as you can take .

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G.R. MPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec .
Dep. C.W. S.

Copy to : Lazio-Umbria Region

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To the ALLIED
CONTROL COMMISSION
R O M A

21 October 1944

The undersigned for himself and his brothers, renters of the Farm estate "Malatesta" of Rtt. 140 in the province of VELLETRI 5 Km from the latter.

The works for the cultivation of the ground already started, is in this ground checked by the many mines and the gun shells scattered all over the place which of course puts in a great danger ^{to} ~~the~~ the undersigned and ~~of the~~ ^{his} workers.

Therefore we beg to ask ~~that~~ Allied Command, to take the necessary action in order to remove the above mentioned explosives so that our works may be going on regularly in the favour of the population and Agriculture.

Antonio Pompili fu Giovanni
Casale Boffi Tenuta "Malatesta"
Velletri Roma

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Antonio Pompili fu Giovanni
Casale Boffi Tenute "Malatesta"
Veletri Roma

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10 May 1968

Paris to the Ministry of War

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Subject: Administration of Mine Clearance Squads.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
AQ/66

21 Oct 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref this HQ letter AQ/66 dated 18 Oct 44.

1. It is understood from Civil Affairs Section, A.C.C., that the Ministry of War have numbered the Mine Clearance Squads as follows :-

- | | | |
|----------------|---|-------------------------|
| (a) At CAPUA | - | 1 Mine Clearance Squad. |
| (b) At VITERBO | - | 2 " " " |
| (c) At CHIETI | - | 3 " " " |
| (d) At SPOLETO | - | 4 " " " |
| (e) At PISA | - | 5 " " " |

2. This is agreed.

F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

JB/hh

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section, ACC
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/BA/3A

23 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ. A.A.I.

Reference your letter 1A/2 of 8 October 1944.

1. For your information there is forwarded to you a Direction issued by this HQ on mine clearance. This Directive explains the present position. ANM have given permission for the setting up of centres of instruction and five centres are being set up one of which is now functioning; 60 officers and NCOs will be in charge of training the civilian : ANM have granted permission.

2. It is hoped at a later date to ask that further facilities be given for the training of mobile squads but even now this HQ cannot obtain further Italian Military Personnel for training as such.

FOR THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

R.R.C.
G.R. HUGHES, Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sect.
Dep. C. C. A.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/BA/CA

23 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Railways .

TO : Economic Section
(for Transportation S/C)

1. Reference Transportation Sub-Commission letter 488701 of 30 September 1944 there is attached for your information copy letter which we have sent out to Regions & c. giving the present situation with regard to Mine - Clearance.
2. From it you will see that five centres of instruction are being set up for training civilians in this work and shortly trained squads will be carrying out this work.
3. It is considered that the question of deciding the priority on which mine clearing work will be carried out is one which should be decided by the Regional Commissioners. It is suggested therefore that you put the matter before the Regional Commissioners concerned leaving it to them to decide the degree of priority which should be given to clearing railways.

G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN, Brigadier
V. P. C. A. Sec.
Dep. C. o. S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMBAT COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission

APD 394

ACR/fd

Tele : 470701

30 September 1944

ACW CR/59

SUBJECT : Redevelopment of railways - mine clearance

TO : Economic Section

1. Transportation Sub-Commission is anxious to take steps for the rehabilitation of railways not of immediate military priority, but paramount for the economic life of the community.

2. The line Bulmona-Avezzano-Rivoli-Rome has been examined and arrangements are in hand for the repair to that portion which carries essential foodstuffs from the fertile areas round Lago Fucino, the transport of which has only been possible over bad mountain roads.

3. An urgent priority is now established to remove railway electrical transformers from the Rivoli area to Rome thence northward, in order to assist in the military electrification of the Orte-Ancona line. It is only possible to move such traffic by rail, and the question of repairs to two bridges would be only a matter of a few weeks.

4. I.S.P. raises the question of clearing the tracks and surround of mines. It is understood MILA is training Italian units for this work, but it is not thought they will be ready for some months, and no other service of clearance appears to

priority, but paramount for the economic life of the community.

2. The line Sulmona-Averzano-Rivoli-Rome has been examined and arrangements are in hand for the repair to that portion which carries essential foodstuffs from the fertile areas round Lago Fucino, the transport of which has only been possible over bad mountain roads.

3. An urgent priority is now established to remove railway electrical transformers from the Tivoli area to Rome thence northward, in order to assist in the military electrification of the Orte-Ancona line. It is only possible to move such traffic by rail, and the question of repairs to two bridges would be only a matter of a few weeks.

4. I.S.R. raises the question of clearing the tracks and surround of mines. It is understood M.I.A. is training Italian units for this work, but it is not thought they will be ready for some months, and no other service of clearance appears to be available.

5. It is therefore desired to obtain a definite guidance as to what steps are to be taken to ensure speedy clearing of this particular line, and to have established a satisfactory source of contact for future rehabilitation work. It will be appreciated that restoration of transportation facilities is a primary step for the development of economics.

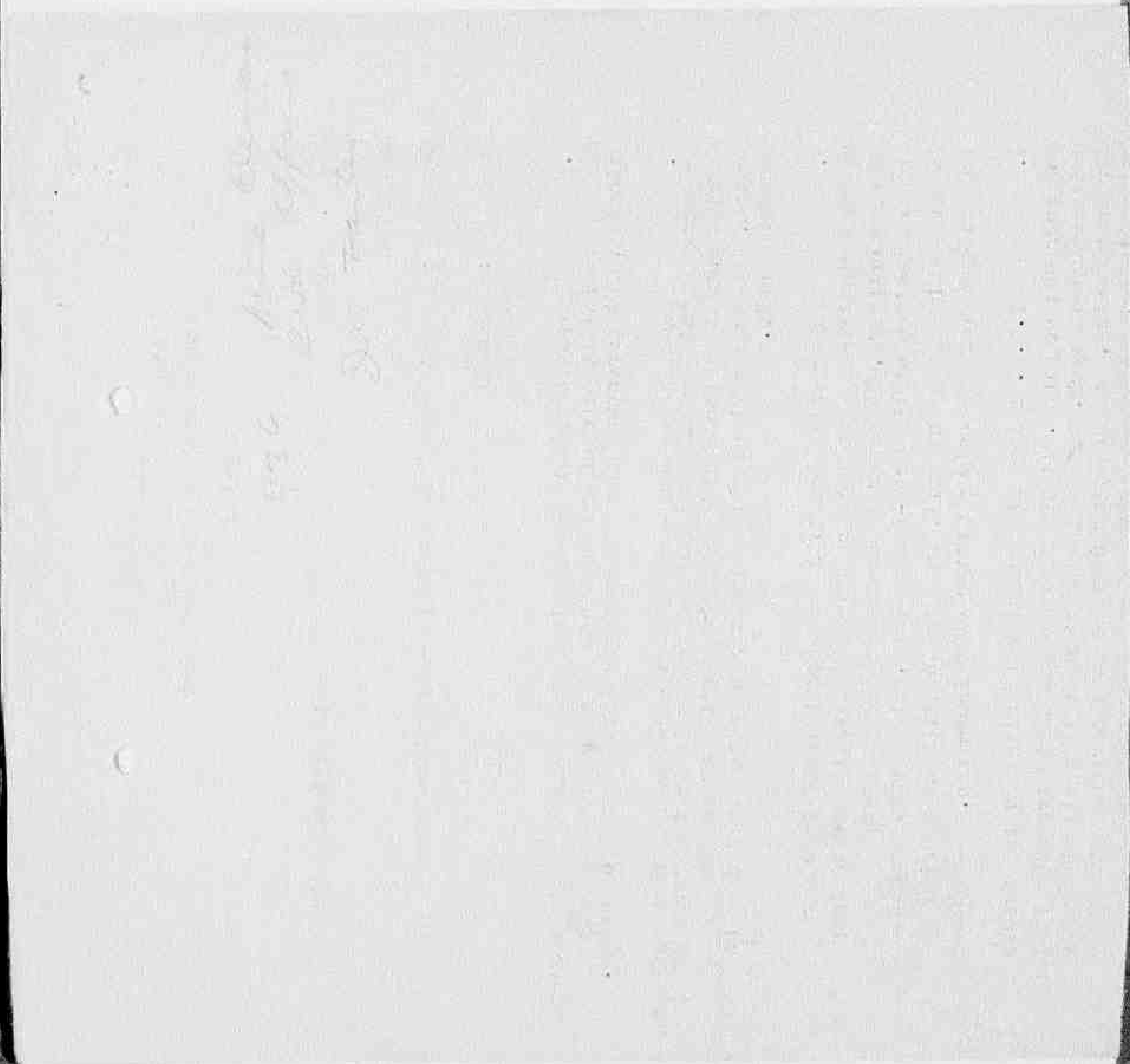
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Colonel Colonel, U.S.A.,
Director, M. S/O.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
C/ SECTION

9/8..A/24

22 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : SACOs 5 & 6 Armies
Southern Region
Naples-Lazio Region
Abruzzi-Marche Region
Toscana Region
Emilia Region

- 1 Owing to operational requirements the Armies are not able to allocate Allied Mine Clearing Companies to ACC for mine clearing outside Army Areas. Efforts have been made to get Italian Army mine clearing Companies for this purpose, but at present there are only two companies working under ACC control. It will not be possible to increase the number of Italian Army Companies working on mine clearance under ACC owing to the operational commitments of the Italian Army.
- 2 The task is a large one and one for which the Italian Government is responsible. In their task they will require the close cooperation and assistance of all Regional Commissioners. Understood is an outline of the proposed plan of operation which will be carried out by the Italian Ministry for War working in conjunction with Regional Commissioners.
 - (a) Five centres of instruction will be set up at or near the following places : - Capua, Viterbo, Chieti, Spoleto and Foggia.
 - (b) At each centre 300 civilians (patriots and specialised personnel) will be trained for mine clearance in courses lasting 15 days.
 - (c) Courses will give instruction in the clearance of mines as encountered in Italy, but will not include the latest secret information on German equipment, particularly igniters and fuses. Nor will instruction be given on Allied bomb disposal.
 - (d) Instructors will be Italian officers and SACOs trained at the

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- (b) At each centre 500 civilians (Civilians and specialised personnel) will be trained for mine clearance in courses lasting 15 days.
- (c) Courses will give instruction in the clearance of mines as encountered in Italy, but will not include the latest secret information on modern equipment, particularly lighters and fuses.
- (d) War will instruction be given on allied bomb disposal.
- (e) Instructors will be Italian officers and NCOs trained at the British Military Engineering Training Establishment.
- (f) On completion of the course trainees will be divided into groups of 100 men, each commanded by an officer of the engineers (Italian).

- (g) Each group will further be divided into sections of 10 men each for working parties.
- (h) Trainees' employment will be the direct responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War subject to priorities set up by Regional Commissioners.
- (i) The Italian Ministry of War will be responsible for:
 - (a) The organisation of the courses, instruction, and provision of instructors.
 - (b) The billeting, housing and equipment of trainees and working sections.
 - (c) The payment of wages, insurance and compensation for death or injury to the personnel employed in this work.
 - (d) Provision of medical personnel and necessary medical supplies.
 - (e) Nomination of a liaison officer who will work in close contact with the Regional Commissioner.
 - (f) The management and control of transport allotted by this HQ and/or regions for this work.

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- 4 Regional Commissioners will be responsible for :
 - (a) Laying down priorities of work within their Regions, subject to any further instructions which may be issued from time to time by this HQ.
 - (b) Appointing an officer who will be responsible for liaison with the Italian Ministry of War's nominated representative in the region concerned.
 - (c) Provision of transport and allotment to the mineclearance organisation as will be directed by the Transportation Sub-Commission of this HQ.
 - (d) Furnishing every assistance possible as to the location of the mine-fields in their area, through the liaison officers, and assisting generally in the working of the scheme.
- 5 P.O.L. - Application for the supply of petrol will be made through the liaison Italian officers to the local civilians licensing authority (or local supply officer in Allied Military Government territory) who will issue the requisite coupons. When making this application a statement in support thereto will be required giving number and type of vehicles, estimated mileage for the month following and the estimated quantity of petrol required for the same period. The estimate will be submitted monthly thereafter not later than the 10th of the preceding month for which the petrol is required.
- 6 Bomb disposal. - ARHQ standing instructions on bomb disposal continue to be in force. It will therefore remain the responsibility of the Allied Military authorities. The presence of any U.Z.B. discovered in the course of operations will be reported through Regional HQ to the nearest District or Area HQ. They will be fenced off and clearly marked.
- 7 Rations. - These will be provided at the heavy workers ration scale 'A' (Authority AOC/43-3/food dated 15th September 1944). Responsibility for feeding the military personnel will be one for the Italian military authorities. Where, however, difficulties arise Regional Commissioners will give every assistance and report the steps taken to this HQ.
- 8 Reports. - Special reports of progress made by the mine clearance groups of the mine clearance scheme are not called for, but Regional Commissioners should refer to the progress made in their monthly report. This HQ however will be glad to receive any information or suggestions for the improvement of this service, once operating, through Regional Commissioners at any time.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

G.E. UPJOHN Esq.,
V.P., QA Section,
Dep. C of S.

Copies to : AFHQ (3-5)

- HQ AAI
- Economic Section (2)
- Transportation Sub-Commission
- Food Sub-Commission
- Commerce Sub-Commission
- Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
- MMIA
- War Materials and P.M. Sub-Commission
- PHO
- Liguria Region
- Piemonte Region
- Lombardia Region
- Venezia Region

APPENDIX A.

List of vehicles to be provided
within Regions.

SOUTHERN REGION

30 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)
3 3/4 ton vehicles
2 2 1/2 ton vehicles.

LAZIO - UMBRIA REGION

60 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)
6 3/4 ton vehicles
4 2 1/2 ton vehicles

ABRUZZI - MARCHE REGION

30 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)
3 3/4 ton vehicles
2 2 1/2 ton vehicles

TOSCANA REGION

30 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)
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3 3/4 ton vehicles
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NOTE : - While Northern Regions are not shown above Regional Commissioners will base their requirements on the above figures.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED OFFICIAL COMMISSION
APO 334
CA SECTION

9/BA/CA

22 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Transport.
TO : Economic Section
(For Transportation Sub-Commission)

Reference is made to this HQ letter 9/BA/AB of 28 Sep 44 to you and 9/BA/CA of 19 Oct 44 addressed to the Secretary of State for War, copy to you.

1. It is understood that transport can be got in Southern and Lazio Abruzzo Regions. When you have obtained the transport, please direct that the transport for Southern Region report to the ex-gunpowder factory (stabilimento pirotecnico) Capua, where the training section is now working. The drivers should report to Captain Enrico ENGA. In the Lazio Abruzzo Region, fifteen trucks should report to the Italian Military Garrison Commander at Spoleto, which is being organized as a centre of instruction under Lt. Col. Paolo Garini. The balance of the trucks (ten or fifteen as the case may be) should be brought to the Italian Military Garrison Commander at Viterbo. The drivers should report to Maj. Venturo Rossetti.

2. The Italian Ministry for War would like to know when these trucks will report. Please inform this section when this is expected.

3. The Ministry for War have asked what system they should use in the administration and management of the drivers and vehicles. It has been explained to them that A.O.C., through our Sub-Commission will be responsible for hiring of vehicles and drivers and that in the beginning at least, they will be organized on your system of supervision and checking. It has also been explained that all accounting will be done through Transportation Sub-Commission and that after you have approved of the bills, etc., they will be passed on to the Italian Government for payment. If you have any rules or suggestions which will enable the Italian Government to administer the transport, for which they will be responsible, please let this section have same at the earliest.

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R.R. Adams
R.R. ADAMS, Col.,
O B O, C A Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
C.A. SECTION

9/30/44

22 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Instructors.

TO : Emilia Region (IX)

Reference is made to Major ⁴Lough's call here when he requested that a Major Paolo Dersagliere be permitted to attend a course in Mine Clearance at one of the Centres of Instruction being set up by the Italian Government.

The Italian War Ministry have no objection and suggest that he report to the Centre of Instruction set up in Spoletto. The officer to whom he should report is Lt. Paolo Garini. It is understood that you will make all necessary arrangements for his feeding, etc.

BY CHIEF OF COMMOBRE STORM.

R. R. Clipp
R. R. CLIPP, Col.,
C S O, C.A. Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/8A/CA

23 October 1944 .

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Contracts .

TO : LAZIO - UMBRIA Region .

Reference is made to your letter R/5574 of 15 October 1944 and to Major J.B. Reakes call upon you. Under clause XI of the signed Contract there is provision for terminating the Contract if the work is unsatisfactory and this provision should be kept in mind. This Section has no authority to approve of the Contract which should be cleared through Finance channels. Please let us know when this has been done.

BY COMMAND OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER .

GPC
G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec .
Dep. C. o. S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMY TYPING UNIT
ADD AKA U.S. ARMY

18th October 1944.

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SUBJECT: Mine clearance.

TO : Captain Niatte (c/o P.O. Mine).

I am now in a position to answer several of the questions raised by you at our conversation at Pisa on October 16th.

1. Rations.

a. The Chief Supply Officer at this H.Q. has confirmed that you can continue to draw rations for yourself and your other military personnel from the A.M.D. depot at Novacchio. If at a later date some change in this arrangement seems desirable we will see to it that you can draw the necessary military rations through the A.M.D. Provincial Commissioner of whatever Province you are working in at the time.

b. Detailed instructions have now been circulated to the officers concerned to insure that heavy workers rations can now be issued to your civilian employees. A copy of these instructions (in English) is attached.

2. Petrol.

It is not possible to authorise your vehicles to draw petrol individually from Allied Army Depots. However the Chief Supply Officer of this H.Q. states that it will always be possible for you to draw petrol in drums from the A.M.D. Civilian Supply Depots, at present located at Novacchio and Firenze, and the officers in charge of the depots have been so informed.

3. Maps.

The maps you asked for, three sets of Tuscany in 100,000 and 200,000 scales, are enclosed.

4. Information from G.M.S.

It has been decided that it would be better to organize the collection of information from G.M.S. about the location of mines, etc., on a provincial rather than a compartmental basis. Instructions have therefore been issued to all Provincial Commissioners under control of this Headquarters to order the provincial G.M.S. Commander to collect such information and keep it at the provincial capital where it will be available for the squads when trained. Priorities for the work of removal will also be given on a provincial basis.

A copy of this instruction (in English) is attached.

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3. Florence MIA there.

I have raised the question of your having some of the Florence MIA workers to act as armed leaders but the provincial commissioner is unwilling to allow them to go outside his province. In view of the large amount of work to be done in Florence Province I ordered the provincial commissioner's decision.

4. German Equipment.

In view of the delay in getting material from the COM I am arranging for the delivery to you of some German mines and booby trap appliances for instructional purposes by the Fifth Army Engineers.

5. Explosives for destruction of Mines.

The necessary explosives, detonators and fuse required by you for destroying mines, etc., will be obtained from the appropriate local civils. It is not anticipated that you will have any difficulty in obtaining the small amount you require in view of the stocks held everywhere for road working, quarry blasting, etc.

The local civils will use this instruction as authority for writing off the cost of such material as a charge against the expense concerned.

6. Letters of introduction for Officers.

The letters of introduction in English for your officers are enclosed as requested.

7. Permits for armed leaders.

Permits and letters of introduction for your armed leaders should be obtained by you from the local A.S.C. office as required when the squads are ready to go into operation.

8. Other matters.

I am taking up the other matters you raised with H.Q., A.S.C. and will communicate the results to you in due course.

9. Results.

I cannot over emphasize the fact that we look for substantial results from you within a very short period after receipt of the German equipment you need for the completion of training.

You should keep this H.Q. regularly informed of the progress of your work.

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Lt. Col. Neprad,
MMA Fifth Army Rear.

THIS FOR A.S.C. Place
Hq. 1st - attn. Col. Griggs.
H.Q. Florence region

Adding Lt. Col.
H.Q. 1st.
Captain Costa Griggs.
H.Q. 1st.
MMA Fifth Army

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/8A/CA

17 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : War Material and Prisoners of War
Sub-Commission .

Reference conversation between Col. Cripps - Lt. Col. Campbell
50 Tellermines and 50 Halzmines are required for use by the Instructors
at the centres of instruction set up by the Italian Government. If
you can provide please say where they may be collected.

G.R. Cripps
G.R. UPJOHN Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec.
Dep. C.O.S.

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W M D DIV.
DATE 19-10-44
REF 146 WMD/50.

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TRANSLATION NO. 375

P.M. 151, 15 October 1944

MINISTRY OF WAR

SUBJECT: Fuel and vehicles required for mine-field clearance.

TO : A.C.G.
R O M E

Following the request of Col. Cripps, I forward particulars of the fuel requirements for the mine-field clearance organization.

1) - Fuel requirements -

The amount of fuel required for the "B.C.M." service is estimated to be approximately 30,000 litres monthly for each zone, and 10,000 litres for the service direction.

The total requirement is therefore 160,000 litres monthly, equaling approximately 35,000 (thirty-five thousand) British gallons.

Oil and grease should be assigned with the fuel in the usual proportions.

2) - System of supply -

Kindly direct the quantities assigned to the zones to be made available at the centers of the latter (Pisa, Capua, Chieti, Viterbo and Sioleto) and at Rome the quantity assigned to the service direction.

The practical system of supply should be determined by the A.C.G., considering that it will necessarily be dependant on the present organization which is directed by Allied Authorities.

3) - The Engineering Inspectorate has informed us of your notification to the effect that the assignment of the vehicles promised (letter No. 9/4. A/A.S of 6 Inst.) may undergo an unforeseen delay.

You have therefore advised us to have recourse to requisitioning essential vehicles and horse wagons.

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The total requirement is therefore 160,000 litres monthly, equalling approximately 26,000 (thirty-five thousand) British gallons.

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Subsequent orders are being issued.

As is known, the civil authorities are already in great difficulties as a result of the lack of transport which is completely preventing business from returning to normal. I believe that it will be very difficult therefore to requisition even a minimum of vehicles essentially required to carry on the service.

I would be very grateful therefore if the assignment of vehicles promised could be made as soon as possible.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
(General G.D. CALIA)

*This matter being taken care of by Tpt. 5. En.
Their distribution for petrol are being arranged by my office
it is with that they should not be delayed by P. 5. up to 1000
in Regiment Camp opposite. Our direction. Luyellen down*

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

UFFICIO C.A.

F.M. 151, 18 ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Fabbisogno carburante e mezzi di trasporto per bonifica campi minati -

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

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In totale sono 160.000 litri mensili, pari a circa 35.000 (trentacinquemila) british gallons.

Con i carburanti dovranno essere assegnati lubrificanti e grassi, nelle consuete proporzioni.

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Le modalità pratiche di rifornimento dovrebbero essere stabilite da co-desta A.C.C., tenuto conto che sarà necessario appoggiarsi alla organizzazione in atto a cura delle autorità alleate.

3) - L'Ispettorato del Genio ha comunicato, per informazione avuta da co-desta Commissione, che la consegna degli automezzi promessi (lettera

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n. 9/4. A/A.S del 6 corrente) potrà subire un ritardo imprevisto.

Perciò codesta Commissione ha consigliato di ricorrere alle requisizioni necessarie di automezzi e di mezzi a traino animale.

Vengono impartite le disposizioni conseguenti.

Sono già note le difficoltà in cui si dibattono le autorità civili per la grave crisi dei trasporti che paralizza la ripresa delle varie attività. Ritengo perciò sin da ora che sarà assai difficile poter requisire quel minimo indispensabile di mezzi per il funzionamento del servizio bonifico.

Sarò grato, pertanto, se potrà essere sollecitata l'assegnazione degli automezzi promessi.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA
(Generale G.E. OXILIA)

G. Oxilia

TRANSLATION No 37 - C.A.

Aide-memoire for Col Gripps.

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- 1 30 trucks, which you have already declared are available in Campania, to Capua, ex gun-powder factory (stabilimento pirotecnico) where the training squad is already working. Captain Enrico Ronga will receive them;
- 2 25 or 30 light trucks already available in Lazio and Umbria:
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PROMEMORIA PER IL SIG. COL. CRIPPS DELL'A.C.C

In relazione alle vostre richieste vi informiamo che gli autocarri che saranno destinati dalle Autorità Alleate al Servizio Bonifica Campi Mihati dovrebbero essere avviati nelle seguenti località:

- 1) - N. 30 autocarri già da ^{Voi} ~~loro~~ dichiarati disponibili in Campania al corso di addestramento in atto a Capua nei locali dell'ex stabilimento pirotecnico - Ufficiale ricevente Capitano ROMGA Enrico;
- 2) - N. 25 o 30 autocarri leggeri già disponibili nel Lazio e Umbria:
 - N. 15 autocarri al corso in via di organizzazione in Spoleto - Comando del presidio militare italiano - Ufficiale ricevente Ten.Col. CARINI Paolo -
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Vi sarei grato se vorrete compiacervi avvisarmi quando tali autocarri potranno essere avviati nelle rispettive destinazioni e fare conoscere le modalità per la loro gestione amministrativa.-

Roma, 20 ottobre 1944.

Col. Cripps

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Roma, 20 ottobre 1944.

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Subject: Administration of Mine Clearance Squads.

Military Mission
Italian Army,
R O M E
A/66

18 Oct 44

MINISTRY OF WAR

Ref our SB/L dated 26 Aug 44.

1. Under the above letter thirty Italian Army personnel were to be loaned to the Italian Government in order to train civilians in mine clearance.

2. The Italian Government are employing these personnel in five groups of six men each at the following places :-

- (a) Pisa. 5
- (b) Capua. 1
- (c) Spoleto. 4
- (d) Chieti. 3
- (e) Viterbo. 2

3. These Army personnel remain an ITI-ITI commitment, and the Italian Ministry of War will attach them to the nearest Italian HQ for administration, i.e. pay, clothing, discipline, rations, etc. Rations will be indented for from the nearest Allied or Italian Depot, using MMIA Form ST/8.

4. For convenience it is suggested that the Five groups in para 2 above are numbered serially, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Mine Clearance Squads. Please say whether this is agreed.

JB/hh

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section, ACC.
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ROME.
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F. J. NOAKES Lt. Col.
For Major General.
M. M. I. A.

I have arranged with the 1st Lt. Col. to show 3452
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR
Food Sub-Organization
W.D.C. 204

17 October 1944

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W.D.C. 204

SUBJECT: War Relocation Authority - Supplementary Actions

TO :	Regional Supply Officers, Pacific Region	Welfare Region
	Southwest Region	Eligible Region
	Island-Islands Region	Mountain Region
	Atlantic-Maritime Region	War Relocation
	San Diego Region	War Relocation
	Texas Region	
	5th Army Area	5th Army Area

1. Civilian emergency training at Kato Chawara Training Grounds, and other facilities, working as Kato Chawara personnel will be entitled to supplementary Heavy Workers National, Social and Relief funds for the area in which they are located, with official certification.

2. Normal procedure will be followed for the issue of the midweek meal and supplementary cards.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

[Signature]

W. J. 1322

Chief

Director, Food Sub-Organization

Copy to: Labor Sub-Organization
C/311 Office Section
Emergency Section

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Western Region

Thames Region
5th Army HQ

5th Army HQ

1. Civilians undergoing training at 1st Airborne Division, including personnel, and other personnel, working as 1st Airborne Division personnel will be entitled to supply necessary heavy weapons material, including a 1st Airborne Division for the area in which they are located, with effect from 1st October.

2. Material requested will be followed for the issue of the identity card and supplementary card.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

J. H. Smith

W. J. L. Smith

Colonel

Director, 1st Airborne Division

Deputy: Deputy Chief Commissioner
Civil Affairs Section

Parasole Section

W. J. L. Smith, Deputy

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Ministry for War

1st Airborne Division, HQ

All applications for 3451

Col. Smith for info

see reply

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED FORCES COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APT 394

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Ref: 2/80/21 ✓

18 Oct 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Toscana Region (VIII)

1. Reference is made to your letter EVIII/8/5 of 4 October 1944.
2. Students are selected by the Italian Government Authorities on grounds of previous experience in handling mines or on account of technical experience. At present good type is being recruited. If however you wish to nominate applicants for a course it is suggested you get in touch with the centre of instruction at FIM and put the names forward. When submitting names please give short details as to the experience and technical qualifications. The applicants should be screened before submitting names.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER

R.P.C.

G.A. WORTHING, Sec.
V.P. G.A. Sec.
Dep. S.C.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CENTRAL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/BA/CA ✓

17 October 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : War Material and Prisoners of War
Sub-Commission .

Reference conversation between Col. Gripps - Lt. Col. Campbell
50 Tollenzen and 50 Hainzen are required for use by the Instructors
at the centre of instruction set up by the Italian Government. If
you can provide please say where they may be collected.

R.P.C.
C.R. INFANTRY Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec.
Imp. C.A.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL APPLIES SECTION
APO 334

Ref: 9/24/CA

19 October 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: AFHQ (C-5)

With reference to para 2 of your C-5 230.4-13 of 6 October 1944, as Tellomines and Halmines are required for instruction purposes may this be informed where these mines can be collected. 50 are required of each type.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
APO 394

Ref : 9/BA/CA

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19 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : Secretary of State for War.

1. Your letter No 302580/CA 320.I.1 of 12th October 1944 is acknowledged.
2. It is noted that the instructing squad has arrived at PISA and that 330 civilians have been recruited. It is also noted that the instructors have arrived at CAPUA and are now recruiting civilian personnel.
3. The main problems which you raise are of transportation, fuel supply and feeding.

(a) Transportation .

At present Southern Region, Lazio Region and Toscana Region have stated that they can supply the whole or part of the transport and we anticipate that the other Regions will shortly fall into line. In this connection it is explained that the bills will be passed through this HQ (Transportation Sub-Commission) and will be forwarded to you for payment. It will be essential for the smooth running of the scheme that these bills are paid promptly. TOSCANA Region state that some transport is available now and you might detail an officer from Pisa to contact Major Howard J. Salter at Region HQ in SIENA as soon as possible and make arrangements for obtaining transport.

Please inform this HQ where by Regions you wish the transport sent and to whom drivers should report. You will appreciate that an officer should be detailed to look after the drivers and see that they get their instructions as to garaging of the vehicles , billeting and food.

(b) P.O.L.

There should be no difficulty on this account. Application³ for Petrol should be made through the Local Civilian Licensing Authorities or Local (AMG) Supply Officer. There should be submitted with the application a statement of the number and type of vehicles held ,

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estimated mileage and petrol requirements for any one month.

(c) Rations for Military Personnel.

The rations of Italian Military Personnel is a responsibility of your Ministry. Present regulations forbid the issue of Rations from Allied units and depots to details of the Italian Army. Arrangements will therefore have to be made for supplies to be drawn from Italian Military Sources. In case of any real difficulty M.E.I.A. should be consulted.

R.R. Cripps
 C.R. HUBBEN, Brigadier
 M.E.I.A.

Copy to M.E.I.A.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

15 October, 1944

R/5574

SUBJECT: Mine clearing Contracts

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission
C.A. Section (For Colonel Cripps)

The attached file of correspondence is self-explanatory.
May we please carry on with the one contract at least.
It will have the added advantage of indicating a cost
under this method.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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

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

13 October 1944

TO : ACC. Lazio & Umbria Region (Attention Regional Commissioner(2 copies)).✓

SUBJECT : Mine Clearing Contracts.

IN REPLY QUOTE: 34/ENG/25.1

1. This contract was signed by me in good faith acting on General Instructions to get on with Mine Clearance and this I felt to be the best way.

It cannot be cancelled without going back on the signature of a British officer. -

Please confirm it as a special case.

2. It is noted that other contracts cannot be entered into.

Please say if you wish me notify 18 other firms who have submitted offers on similar lines that their services are not required as it has been decided that it is not in accordance with Policy of Italian Government.

3. Before finally turning down this proffered help you should know that the first contract signed is being used to clear an Electrical line which so far could not be repaired and also Bridge sites for reconstruction. -
Other similar lines with E. M. S.

There are still portions of Bone Water Supply unrepaired owing to mines and at least portions of 6 water supplies also work to prevent flooding of Route 6 near CASSINO.

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Are all these to wait perhaps 2 months until this training scheme is developed? If so the responsibility rests on those who make that decision.

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other similar work with P. 2. 1. 1. 1.

There are still portions of Rome Water Supply unrepaired owing to mines and at least portions of 6 water supplies also work to prevent flooding of Route 6 near CASSINO.

Also housing at TERRACINA is definitely held up and will probably be at CASSINO and CISTERNA.

Are all these to wait perhaps 2 months until this training scheme is developed? If so the responsibility rests on those who make that decision. -

All bridge sites should be swept before rebuilding and are so when done by troops. - Is work to stop?

There are approx. 1000 Bridges destroyed in the region of which schemes have been approved or prepared for about 200.

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Gallatin Lt. Col. R.E.
Regional Engineer
Lazio-Umbria Region ASD

Enclosures: copy of 3 letters .
Copy to: Finance Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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4 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Contracts.

TO : Regional Engineering, Lazio Region.

1. Colonel Cripps advises that we should hold our hands from signing any more contracts.
2. At the same time he is anxious to look at the cost per area swept in any contract actually operating.
3. Regret to say one of the team in Frosinone has been killed. As a result they may give up.

For the Regional Commissioner:

(signed) A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
(tpd) A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)

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For the Regional Commissioner:

(signed) A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
(tpd) A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

APC 304

Ref: 9/8A/CA

9 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearing Contracts.

TO : Lacio Umbria Region (IV)

Reference is made to your P/310/IV of 28th 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 Armies.

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

3. It would appear that your Regional Engineer had no authority from your Finance Officer to enter into a contract for mine clearance which he states he has signed. In the last paragraph of his letter R4/ENG/25.1 of 19th September he states "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". This last sentence indicates that the Contract has not been fully completed or closed and if this is so then the Contractors must be informed that ACC cannot contract with them on this matter and they should be referred to the Italian Government.

4. Please investigate the matter and report by return the position of this Contract.

By Command of the Acting Chief Commissioner

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By Command of the Acting Chief Commissioner

(Signed)

G.B. UNGOON, Brig.

V.P. C.A. Section

Deputy Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARTERS
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

P/310/IV

11 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearing Contracts.

TO : Regional Engineer
HQ.ACC. Lazio Umbria Region.

1. Copy of a letter 9/BA/CA dated 9 October 1944 on the above subject from Civil Affairs Section HQ. ACC., is attached.

2. I am informed that the Contract of which you enclosed a copy with your letter HQ/ZWC/254 dated 19 September 1944 has been cancelled and that no work was in effect ever done.

Kindly confirm by return that this is so.

3. You will observe from the attached copy letter that no contract may be entered into by ACC/AMC and that the contract mentioned in para 2 above must be cancelled.

Encl.

Signed E.R. LECH-JONES
W/Cdr. R.A.F.
Regional Finance Officer

1. Copy of a letter 2/BA/CA dated 9 October 1944 on the above subject from Civil Affairs Section HQ. ACC., is attached.

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Encl.

Signed E. S. LECH-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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26.1 (Contract)

15th September 1944

CONDITIONS FOR A CONTRACT FOR MINES CLEARING WORKS IN
REGION IV AREA.

I.

The work is performed by:

- a) Detecting mines of all types and nationality existing in the assigned areas by the use of electro-magnetic detectors and by the probing method or even by sight, when it is not question of anti-magnetic mines, out of water.
- b) In marking cleared and not cleared minefields with prescribed signals.
- c) In marking and enclosing with wire all other war engines and instruments found by the Contractor (bombs, unexploded artillery projectiles, etc....)

II.

The clearing work will be done in the areas fixed by the Regional Engineer, or his representative, according to maps of minefields, which will be assigned each time to the Contractor. The work will be subject to the inspection of the Regional Engineer, or his representative.

III.

The works will be done according to the priority fixed by the Regional Engineer and the Contractor will have to follow this priority, whichever it may be, in Region IV.

IV.

The Contractor will assume every civil responsibility towards the accidents that might occur to his workers, and every responsibility towards accidents that might occur to other people, if these occur as a result of carelessness of the Contractor and on the site of the works; and every responsibility towards damage to properties of other people, due to negligence.

When damage is probable the Contractor will have to advise previously the people concerned and get written authorization from the local authority.

The Administration upon payment of the contracted rates is automatically freed from every other responsibility.

The Insurance Policy to be deposited in this Office.

V.

The Contractor hereby agrees to clear every month at least 200,000 (two hundred thousand) square metres of field mined or suspected to be mined and to start the work within two weeks after signing this contract.

VI.

Mines, as much as possible, will have to be salvaged and not made to blow up. Explosives will be used for mines which would be dangerous for the working staff in getting them harmless. Mines and other salvaged material, being property of war, belong to the Allied Forces and therefore must be delivered at the care and expense of the Contractor in the sites that will be fixed every time. Until mines will have been regularly delivered the Contractor will be responsible for such loss as a subtraction.

VII.

The Contractor will supply to his staff, at his care and expense, the following:

- a) lodging near the work site (as fixed by the Administration)

a) Food according to ration scale fixed by A.C.C. including scale 7 supplementary ration for Heavy Workers. For the normal scale the equivalent coupons must be surrendered.

The Contractor will be able to draw the food supplies according to the number of workmen and employees (effectively and permanently residing at work site) by arrangement with Allied Authorities. Payment will be made at delivery according to the rates fixed by the Allied Authorities.

c) Tools and every thing necessary for the detection and marking and removal of land mines.

d) Fuel and lubricants necessary for transportation which may be needed will be furnished by the Contractor, subject to the control of the Regional Engineer, will be drawn from Comitato Italiano Petroli, and paid for at current prices.

e) All appliances and devices which may assist in the progress and execution of the work.

VIII.

The Administration will pay for the work the following rewards, which include all other charges for the completion of the above works:

a) Clearing areas which have previously been designated by the Regional Engineer, or his representative, whether mines are detected or not detected, L. 2.40 (lire two and 40) per square metre. 100

b) Mine of any type detected, dismantled, defused and evaded, L. 38 (lire thirty eight) each.

c) Mine of any type destroyed by demolition in situ, only after verification by the Regional Engineer, or his representative, L. 20 (lire twenty) each.

IX.

The payments for the works will be made to the Contractor every month; by the 10th of each month the Contractor will submit the progressive conditions of the works performed in the previous month with relative invoice.

X.

This Contract so far as general conditions is based on the present laws and on the rules and general conditions of the "Ministero della Guerra".

XI.

This Contract lasts till the completion of 2,000,000 (two million) square metres of cleared minefield but may be terminated by the Regional Engineer if the work is unsatisfactory.

XII.

This Contract can be transferred to the appropriate Italian Authority and after signature by them will remain valid.

XIII.

In case of dispute the English version shall be binding.

The Contractor.

Giovanni L. L.

Col. R. E.

Lt. Col. R. E.
Regional Engineer ASC IV