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MINE CLEARANCE, CORRESPONDENCE
OCT., NOV. 1944

Enclosure to folio B.

Direction of Corps 2 Engineers

DAILY WAGES for the Personnel of the Mine Clearing Squads (including the recent increases of L. 21,30 plus the double for the family members).

Chief of Squad (single)	L. 173	93
" (married	185	
" " with one child	187.30	
" " " two children	189.50	
" " " three "	191.50	
" " " four "	195.50	
" " " five "	200	
Workmen (searchers) singles	158	
married	170	
" with one child	172	
" " two children	174	
" " three "	176.40	
" " four "	180.50	
" " five "	185	

These wages are subject to stamp duty, to the share of mutual cash (18.60 weekly for the chief of squad and 12.80 for the workmen) to invalidity and old age insurance (9.10 weekly).
There is foreseen a premium of L. 5-10-15 for every saved or destructed mine (according to the nature of the ground)

Alleg.al f.n. del
della Dir.Gen. Genio

PROSPETTO COMPETENZE COMPLESIVE GIORNALIERE NETTE per il personale
delle Squadre bonifica campi minati (tenendo conto dell'aumento ex-
rovita recentemente concesso + L.21,30 + raddoppio agg.Famiglia)

Capo Squadra - celibe	L. 173
" coniugato	" 185
" " con 1 figlio	" 187,30
" " " 2 figli	" 189,50
" " " 3 "	" 191,50
" " " 4 "	" 195,50
" " " 5 "	" 200=
Operai creatori - celibe	" 158
" " coniugato	" 170
" " " con 1 figlio	" 172
" " " " 2 figli	" 174
" " " " 3 "	" 176,40
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*Noted that under training
the wages are varying from 185 to 200*

*Big 1725 - 1850 - 1900 - 1950 - 2000
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Notes on Mine Clearance

The present points shall have to be cleared :

1. Mine Detectors and spares must be obtained
2. Clothing, boots and blankets urgently needed.
3. Insurance in case of death. The Italian Government must either carry this risk themselves or get an Insurance Company to do this. In any case it must be settled.

4. L.O. from Italian Government

1,2 and 4 must be taken up at this HQ

3 (Except POL) is under discussion and probably 2 must be determined on a Regional Level.

Proposed action

1. Get Brig Lush to write for Mine Detectors and spares
2. Urge Italian Government to get their L.O. appointed and ask them to report to Regions forthwith.
3. Write Regions on Transportation, Rations &c
4. Write Italian Government to clear up ^{Insurance} Mine Clearance question
5. Write Regions and ask if they can help with clothing, boots &c. I know Region IV can .

TRANSLATION No 393

MINISTRY OF WAR

File No VIII/60224/BC Encl. No 2

Rome, 6 November 1944

SUBJECT : Clearance of mine-fields.

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

1) - This Ministry has taken into account what your Headquarters has ordered with the circular sent to us with letter No 303417/CA regarding the clearance of mine-fields.

We wish to thank you once again for the interest that you are showing in such a vital matter, and for the valuable contribution of equipment given to facilitate the important task of this Ministry.

2) - The five contemplated training centers of Pise, Spoleto, Viterbo, Chieti and Capua can now be considered as operating, though we do not deny that there are not a few difficulties to be overcome in order to reach the desired and necessary organization. We expect to be able to form before long some working squads in the center of Pise; these can be deployed, in agreement with the proper Allied Authorities, whenever their employment will be considered most urgent.

This center will continue its training service with its own personnel and equipment. We shall look into the advisability of transferring it to the region of Massa Marittima - Campiglia - Gavorrano in order to be able to make use of the specialized workers to be found in that zone.

3) - This Ministry considers it advisable to establish close liaison between the Allied Regional Commissioners and the Area Commands of the mine-clearance service.

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Zone of Latium and Umbria - with office in Rome
Zone of Abruzzi and Marche - with office in Chieti
Zone of Tuscany - with office in Siena.

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The presence in the same city of the Regional Commissioner and of the Commands of the zone of clearance would greatly facilitate their liaison and be of great advantage to the service.
This measure would make it necessary to separate the organization of the training centers from the one of operation.
It would thus be possible to transfer the training centers to the localities where it is easier to employ workers having the capacity to be trained for the special service of clearance of the mine-fields quickly and easily.

- 4) - In executing the program planned for the clearance of mine-fields noticeable difficulties have been encountered, some of which have been surmounted through the interest and the ability of the personnel in charge of this service. Moreover, there are other difficulties which we wish to point out to the Allied Command in case it would be interested in helping to overcome them.

a) The question of transportation for the training squads is being solved, and we hope to bring it to complete solution as soon as

we receive the reply to letter 31/10/1944 of M. VIII/60173/BM. On the other hand, speedy means of transportation are lacking for the personnel of the center which should be in contact with the suburban Commands in order to direct and control the whole job of training and clearance.

At least three motor-cars or light cars, speedy and in good condition are necessary.

This Ministry has no such vehicles available, which however, according to the order issued by the MGA with letter SD/4 of 23 September 44, cannot be used for the mine clearance service.

In assigning transport for the above service, we wish to ask you to include said vehicles which will be used for the purpose.

This Ministry has given orders to initiate the construction of magnetic mine-detectors in order to insure a minimum of equipment to each working squad.

Some exemplars have already been distributed, while others are being prepared.

The materials indicated in enclosure No 1 required for the planned construction are lacking.

We wish to ask you to authorize, if possible, the assignment of said material with the urgency arising out of present necessities.

All the workers recruited are extremely needy of shoes, clothes and equipment. They are all willing to let part of their pay be retained, as long as their necessities be satisfied.

This Ministry made a request for the authorization to assign temporarily two blankets to each worker who is away from his home-town. The MGA with letter AQ/12/1 of 23 October 1944 did not permit such a distribution.

This Ministry believes that it is absolutely necessary to assign (upon payment) some hundreds of used and repaired shoes, and to lend two blankets to each worker away from home, because of the particular condition of the country, in order to prevent the workers, for whom the expenses of the training courses are being incurred, to abandon the work.

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The Undersecretary of State

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R/ 5638

9 November 1944

SUBJECT : Administration of 561 Company

TO : HQ . Allied Commission

1. The attached letter is forwarded for information and in the hope that some steps can be taken to get improvement.

2. It is thought at this HQ that the Italian Ministry is responsible for the administration. If this is correct, can we not bring pressure to bear to make them look after their own units properly .

For the Regional Commissioner :

A.D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer(Province)

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

4 November 1944

TO : HQ. Region Lazio Umbria (2 copies)

SUBJECT : Administration 561 Company

In reply quote : RA/ENG/85.4

I have had a talk to OC Company .

1. This Company is still unsatisfactorily clothed they have only one blanket, one battle dress, one pair boots, no coats, no waterproof sheet, no underclothes.

Result they cannot work in rain and much time is lost and health will suffer in this weather.

They are living in houses without doors and glass and the blanket is a thin one entirely insufficient (attached is copy of letter asking for clothes.

2. Food. C.C. Company reports food irregular in quantity. OFTEN NO beans and potatoes.

3. Very little soap and they are on dirty work among debris.

4. Medical. Short of Atebrine. Insufficient medical Stores. They have got use of a civil doctor now but he has no materials for bandaging.

Casualties have to be sent to Naples without an ambulance

The C.C. has had to arrange privately with American Police to get emergency things on " Lease and Lend " .

No mosquito nets result Malaria.

5. The whole administration inefficiency of this unit was brought to notice in early August and Lt. Col. Caruso has been endeavouring to get things right, but it has been a continual question of " PRODDING " .

Who is responsible HQ.AC. or Ministro della Guerra it appears each leaves it to the other.

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Can pressure be brought on whoever is responsible to get these gross defects remedy .

Soldiers who are NOT looked after by this HQ cannot be enthusiasts on their job, and on this dangerous job they MUST be cared for.

The medical position is a disgrace.

6. Pay is low 24 lira and up till now they are not getting same treatment as men at front.

They do not now get the bonus of 30 per mine found for allocation.

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

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

30 Nov 44

ALLO : S.M.R.E. Ufficio Servizi Ministero della Guerra

SOGGETTO : Vestiario ed indumenti lana per 361^a Compagnia Rastrellamento Mine

PROT : RA/ENG/25.4

La Compagnia in oggetto non ha ancora avuto in distribuzione, malgrado le sue reiterate richieste, gli indumenti invernali. Essa è perciò sprovvista di farsetti a maglia, mutande di lana, (di mutande non ne ha avuto nemmeno di cotone), calze di lana, e, quello che è ancora più importante, di coperti; inoltre essa è solo in possesso di una coperta per ciascun soldato, e ha anche notevole bisogno di scarpe. In queste condizioni e per l'inoltrarsi dell'inverno, quest'anno eccezionalmente precoce, rigido e piovoso si rende assolutamente necessario provvedere alla distribuzione alla Compagnia in parola degli indumenti sottoelencati nella seguente misura :

1)	Uniformi di panno	No	220
2)	Coperte da casermaggio		440
3)	Farsetti a maglia		220
4)	Pastrani		220
5)	Calze di lana (o pesanti)		220
6)	Scarpe	p.	220(secondo paio)
7)	Mutande di lana (o pesanti)		440(2 per militare)
8)	Mutande di tela corte		440(2 per militare)
9)	Asciugatoi		440
10)	Fazzoletti		660(3 per militare)
11)	Laccioli per scarpe		440(2 per militare)
12)	Pantaloni corti da ginnasta		440(2 per militare)
13)	Mostrine del Genio		220
14)	Fregi di tessuto nero del Genio		220
15)	Teli da tenda		100
16)	Sacchi tela da tenda per Ufficiali		7
17)	Paletti per teli da tenda		quelli corrispondenti
18)	Picchetti " "		al No di teli richiesti

Gli oggetti di cui ai numeri 1,2,3,4,5,6 sono di assoluta necessità. Degli altri indumenti, parte non sono stati mai distribuiti e parte lo sono stati in quantità sufficiente e sarebbe perciò necessario dotarne la Compagnia.

d'ordine T.C. CAUSCO
Uff. Super di Collegamento

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APC 394

30 Nov 44

TO : S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Servizi - Ministero della Guerra
SUBJECT : Winter apparel for 561st Compagnia Rastrellamento Mine
FILE No : R4/ERG 25.4

The above Company has not yet received, notwithstanding its repeated requests, its winter apparel. It is therefore lacking of woolen shirts, drawers, (these have not even been supplied in cotton) woolen socks and, what is more important, coats. It has only one blanket per man and it is also lacking badly of boots. In these conditions and also on account of the winter season approaching which this year is exceptionally heavy and rainy, it is absolutely necessary to provide to a distribution of the following objects in the following quantities :

1) UNIFORM (Jackets Trousers)	No 220
2) Camp blankets	440
3) Woolen doublets	220
4) Coats	220
5) Woolen socks (or heavy ones)	220
6) Boots	220(second pair)
7) Woolen drawers (or heavy ones)	440
8) Short linen drawers	440(2 for each man)
9) Towels	440
10) Handkerchiefs	660(3 for each man)
11) Shoe Laces	440 2 " "
12) Gymnastic shorts	220
13) Engineering Corps badges	220
14) Badges in black cloth of the Eng. Corps	110
15) Tent covers	220
16) Officers tent covers	7
17) Pickets for tents	quantity correspond
18) Poles for tents	ing to number of tents

Objects marked with 1,2,3,4,5,6 are of absolute and urgent necessity. Of the other objects part have never been distributed or have been distributed in insufficient quantities and it would be equally necessary to give them in dotation to the Company.

BY order I.A. Lt. Col. Caruso
Liaison Senior Officer

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- 7 DEC. 1944

Notes, 6 Dec 1944

TO : A.C. Conway - Civil Affairs Section.

Land Forces Sub-Commission - AC (1994)

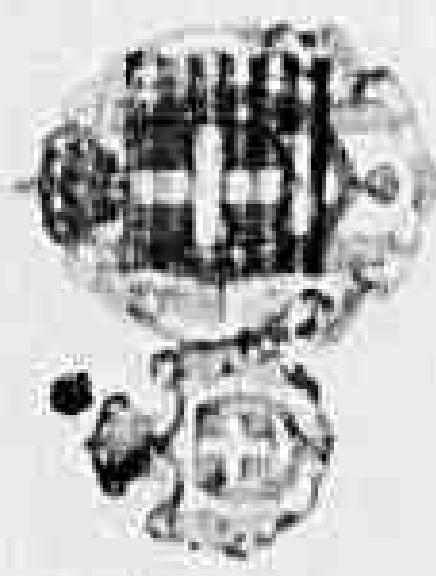
Inspectorate of the Corps of Engineers.

Reference letter No 9/84/CA of 28 Nov, a copy of which is attached for

but value of ratio in field of development need not always be low.

Considering the wish expressed by Cap Natta, this Ministry deems it

20/12/44



MINISTERO DELL' GUERRA

C.A. Section 299

Giulio

Gen. 20/12/44

Roma, 2 dicembre 1944

Allegato al file

Gen. 20/12/44

OGGETTO: Restituimento mine -

- 7 DIC 1944



COMANDO A.C. - Sezione affari civili -
e, per conoscenza:

ROMA

ALLA LAND FORCES SUR COMMISSION - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

ROMA

ALL'ISPETTORELLATO DELL'ANIMA DEL GENIO

ROMA

Riferimento alla lettera n° 9/12/44 del 28 novembre, allegata in copia per la M.M.I.A.

Il Ten. Col. De Pasquale è stato trasferito a Pisa, per sostituire il Cap. Minuta, che ha richiesto di far parte di uno dei gruppi di combattimento in corso di costituzione.

Dato il desiderio espresso dal Cap. Minuta, questo Ministero ritiene opportuno di accontentare l'ufficiale, tanto più che i compiti affidati sinora al Cap. Minuta, potranno egualmente essere assolti dal Ten. Col. De Pasquale.

IL SOGGERGENTE ALCA OPERA

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No. 735016

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stato in copie per la S.I.A.

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HEADQUARTERS
NO 10101
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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

Subject:- Mine records

Civil Affairs Section,
HQ Allied Armies in Italy
TEL: FILPOT 69

To:- Civil Affairs Section,
HQ Allied Commission

4 Dec 44
DOCAO/5/3A

6 DEC 1944

Ref. 9/8. A/CA dated 3 Dec '44

1. After discussion with all interested branches at this HQ (including even the Historical Section and the Captured Enemy Material Section) we are forced to say that no one here will hazard any kind of an estimate worth talking about as to the numbers of enemy mines laid down in the various Battle Zones that the AAI have passed over.

2. In this connection, your attention is invited to 2511/9/RE dated 21 Oct, and our indorsement of 23 Oct 44 thereto, which states where such information as pertains to mine records is available.

R. A. Persell
R. A. PERSSELL,
Lt. Col., Inf.
for DOCAO

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INFORMATION

Major Reek. p. 2 p. 3 p. 4 p. 5

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APT 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 272002

6 Dec 42.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: ECAC.

With regard to the attached report on Mine Clearance by Major Reekes, I have the following comments to make:

Equipment. (With particular reference to para 5(b)). It might be construed that Mine Detectors are not essential. My opinion is that this is not the case and that for certain types of work such as the removal and repair of bridges and when the ground is hard little progress can be made without mine detectors.

Numbers trained. (Para 12)
These men, at first consideration appear to be very small but it is my experience that a few well trained men accomplish a great deal more without accidents than do large numbers working together. As an instance of what can be done, I could quote a squad of five soldiers that we saw working in Chiati Province and who had in one morning rendered ineffective 300 mines. This squad belonged to a larger group of 18 men under a German officer, who during a period of five days maintained that they had disposed of 6,000 Italian mines and 837 German mines.

I have no reason to disbelieve them and in fact saw the lighters which is the method by which an account of the work accomplished is made.

This of course applies only where mines are thickly laid in large mine-fields. As far as civilian labourers are concerned, it has its reflection in the wages earned. I refer here to the Appendix showing wages paid to civilian labourers assumption is that in addition to their normal pay and working at the rate indicated, 5 men could earn a minimum of 1,500 lire in one morning.

R.R. CHIDW. Col.
CSO CA Section

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ALLIED ARMY GOVERNMENT
LANTO-CUBRIA REGION
AFJ 304

AFJ 304

3 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Detector.

26 DEC. 1944

TO / HQ Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section.

May instructions please be given as to how a Detector, damaged by an exploding mine, may be repaired or exchanged.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. L. Kornhamphel
A. L. Kornhamphel
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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Local Ord. Depot

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By Order
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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For the Regional Commissioner:

H. D. Henderson
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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5 December, 1944

SUBJECT: 561 Company.

TO : HQ Allied Commission.
Civil Affairs Section.

The attached has already been the subject of a telephone conversation (Major Rees - Capt. Aulton).

It is forwarded for your files.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A.D. Borkman
A.D. BORKMAN - Major
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer.

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For the Regional Commissioner:

Lt. Col. Bonham
L. D. BONHAM-3/1723
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer.

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

(Engineering Division)

APC 304

30 November 1944

TO : HQ. Region Lazio & Umbria (attention Executive Officer Province) ✓
(2 copies)

SUBJECT : 561 Company

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/25.1

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In view of the General Policy stated in letters 9/BA/CA dated 22nd October and 5/BA/CA dated 23rd October 1944 from HQ AC Civil Affairs Section as to the responsibility for Mine Removal in Italian Government Territory. It is recommended that 561 Coy should forthwith come directly under order of Ministro di Guerre. -

Request for Mine clearance could then be made to him as under:

- (a) For Works of Military Importance by Regional Engineer
- (b) For Civil Works by Italian Authority Responsible for Works.

The priority list of works at present being worked on would be handed over to ensure continuity.

Copy to:

Lt.Col. Caruso

Regional Engineer

Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

Per All Hingley

Lt.Col. R.E.

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Lt.Col.Caruso

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For All Italy Lt.Col.R.E.
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

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HEADQ ARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

5 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Economic Section

Reference our letter 9/BA/CA of 16 Nov 44.
May a reply now be received to this letter.

JLC
E.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS
EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

4 December 1944

SUBJECT: Scuole Ambulante per cerchiare e togliere le mine.
TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. The proposal to start travelling schools in Region EMILIA territory, and if possible where such territory is now administered by the 8th Army AMG, for the clearance of mines is now set as below.

2. These schools will be attached to the Italian Ministry of War and under the Ministry Control through the Italian Liaison Officer.

a. Instructors.

Major BASILI, and Lieutenant *Alvares*
Both have been instructed at the official Pisa school.

b. Liaison Officer Major NOMIS DI COSSILA.

c. Method of Instruction.

A communal course will be held of one week for Patriots as "Squadri Specialisti" for lifting the mines, and of two or three days for the searchers.

d. Payment.

Patriots specialists will be paid by the Italian Ministry of War at a higher rate of pay than the searcher. It is further proposed that in each commune will be organized:-

1 a chief Specialist
1 an Adjutant
10 to 20 Specialists for lifting and for foreman
of the searchers.

It is pointed out that to every lifter specialist 20 searchers or more are required. It is desirable therefore to pay the specialist a much higher rate of pay than the searchers, and it is suggested that a higher bonus alone would suffice for the searchers, with perhaps only a very small wage.

e. Rations.

1. The instructors would be rationed by the Region as they are Patriot Officer attached to the Region; the Liaison Officer also is attached.

2. Rations for the Patriots Specialists would be formed in the communes on the higher rations scale, and if considered proper also the searchers at the higher ration scale.

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f. Transport.

For the schools found by Region for the workers in the communes.

g. Carburant.

Found by Region for the schools, by Civil Affairs Officers in the communes.

h. Instructional Material.

To be found by the Ministry of War, who will also pay the cost of Publications-propaganda, etc. Alternative C. A. Section authorises Region to pay the costs.

i. Billets.

The Patriot Instructors are confident billets can be found by patriots for patriots, and no payment will be necessary.

j. General.

For students taking courses it is advised as follows:

1. They should be paid a low scale for the course with a bonus at the end if found efficient.

2. This bonus will not be paid unless the student will sign a contract to work after the course for at least one month.

*All this was discussed
with Maj. Hough. The
wrote return right started
then wrote to me.
JCH 22/2.*

A. R. Hough.

A. R. HOUGH,
Major
Regional Agricultural
and Mines Officer

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Ext. 358

From : Major J.S. HEARES -
CA Section HQ - ACHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/8.A/CA

3 Dec 44

Dear,

I refer to my telephone conversation with you this afternoon when I asked you if you could get me some information of the estimated number of mines in Italy. I am preparing a report (for U.K.) covering the whole of Mine Clearance in Italy and Sicily from the beginning. In particular I have been asked to produce figures showing estimated number of mines in liberated Italy, laid by the enemy, estimated number of mines removed by the 5th and 8th Armies. This at first sight appears to be a tall order but from what little information I have gathered it might not be so difficult. I have found that SARDINIA was supposed to have 500,000. The Province of FROSINONE is also supposed to have 500,000. On the basis of these figures and in consultation with say 2 and I Branches you might be able to compute a rough figure for me. Working up from the South and by taking such places as SANGRO River, CASINO, ANZIO, FREGATE and CHIETI it might be possible to arrive at some figures.

I should like the list to be shown by localities as I think this would be of use to people reading the report. I should like to have estimates of two figures (a) estimated number laid by the enemy and (b) estimated number lifted by the 5th and 8th Armies. The balance would then show what has still to be cleared by the Italian Government.

I am sorry to inflict this on you but any help you can give me will be most welcome. Any figures you give me will be treated as R and OE and they will not be held against you. I realize the difficulties and you may rest assured that any figures I pass on will be at my responsibility and not yours.

I have been asked to treat my report as urgent.

Stewart

Lt Col Friend James, DCM
HQ AAI (CA Section)

J Stewart 723607

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MEMO AMEMB, A. 135 COL JORDON

APR 31

OWT (OWT) (OWT)

Ref: 3/15/64

2 Apr 64

Subject: First Clearance - Italy

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[Signature]
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APC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 9/8A/CA ✓

2 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : HQ. No. 1 District

Your letters 1520/G of 25 and 27 Nov with relative enclosures are acknowledged with thanks.

It is noted that you will forward further locations of mine fields as they become known.

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R.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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LAZ/BPD/5769

1st December 1944

SUBJECT : Destruction of Mines.
TO : Hq Allied Commission.
C.A. Section.



1. Reference telephone conversation (Major Renker - Capt. Aulton)
2. Herewith copy of letter received from our Regional Engineer.
3. We think W/4008/1 dated 2 Nov. 1944 is an A.A.I. reference.
4. It appears that we shall be holding explosives for the Italian Government.
5. Perhaps you would let us have your views on this.

For the Regional Commissioner:

[Signature]

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

*See Bonham Carter
24/12/44
P. 1000 - Ans*

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND
LACIO-UMBRIA REGION
(Engineering Division)

27/10/44

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TO : HQ Lacio-Umbria Region ASD

22 Nov. 44

SUBJECT : Destruction of Mines.

IN REPLY : HQ/MHQ/25.1

With letter ord 4/4008/1 of the 2.11.1944 you confirmed the order, already given previously, to destroy all mines recovered during works of mine clearance: from para 3 of your letter it is understood that the reason for such destruction is that all recovered mines, without distinction of nationality, are to be considered dangerous.

This Division does not deem it to be so and this for two important reasons:

1. During mine clearance works all mines recovered are only those which can be disarmed and thus rendered innocuous: those which are dangerous to disarm, and which cannot be rendered innocuous, are destroyed on the spot without being removed at all.
2. All mines are charged with T.N.T. or with explosive based on ammonium nitrate which is a safe explosive. These explosives are not influenced whatsoever by adverse atmospheric conditions, neither are they subject to spontaneous combustion of their containers or by any kind of shock however caused.

As a consequence the mines which during works of mine clearance are recovered, after having been defused and disarmed cannot be considered dangerous.

It is therefore proposed that you supersede the order given and this for a reason which this Division considers of exceptional importance and which is set out below.

Liberated Italy finds itself (and in the same condition it is foreseen will be found the remainder of Italy to be liberated) owing to the destruction caused by action of war, which war is still being fought on its territory, nearly totally deprived of its civilian industry.

In such conditions it can be said that the only source to which it could resort for explosives so necessary for the needs of

mines, without distinction of nationality, are to be considered dangerous.

This Division does not deem it to be so and this for two important reasons:

1. During mine clearance work all mines recovered are only those which can be cleared and thus rendered innocuous; those which are dangerous to disarm, and which cannot be rendered innocuous, are destroyed on the spot without being removed at all.
2. All mines are charged with T.N.T. or with explosive based on ammonium nitrate which is a safe explosive. These explosives are not influenced whatsoever by adverse atmospheric conditions, neither are they subject to spontaneous combustion of their containers or by any kind of shock however caused.

As a consequence the mines which during work of mine clearance are recovered, after having been secured and disarmed cannot be considered dangerous.

It is therefore proposed that you supersede the order given and this for a reason which this Division considers of exceptional importance and which is set out below.

Liberated Italy finds itself (and in the same condition it is foreseen will be found the remainder of Italy to be liberated) owing to the destruction caused by action of war, which war is still being fought, on its territory, nearly totally deprived of its explosive industry.

In such conditions it can be said that the only source to which it could resort for explosives is necessary for the needs of its agriculture and industries, and particularly the mining industry, would be that deriving from explosives which could be recovered from mines and projectiles recovered during mine clearance work.

PINDLAY, Lt. Colonel
Regional Engineer
Basilicata Region, 1943

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C.A. Sect,

ADV. SEC.

ADV. SEC. 2 DISTRICT

SECRET

25/10/44

1 DEC 44

SUBJECT: Progress Report on the 1st Dec 44 -
ADV. SEC. 2 DISTRICT.

1. REGIONAL PREFERENCE

Major W.H. L. SHEN (A) reported on the second representative
of PREFERENCE Region to the 1st Dec, that complete ADV. SEC.

2. MINE CLEARANCE

Further to proposed plan of operations to be carried out by
Indian Ministry of War as outlined in Civil Affairs Section
Letter 9/04/44 of 22 Oct, reference has been received from all
Regions concerning the matter of limited personnel who are to
be sent to be provided for the 1st Dec. Under this agreement
it is assumed that this will be a minimum number for
COMBAT AREA rather than for the 1st Dec. Region.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY - Joint Administrative patrol with Provost.

(a) ADV. 2 District has received the marking of one
officer and 10 Constabulary for joint patrol with Provost in
the capital town of each Region and in MOMBASA DISTRICT.

(b) Further request for the provision of the Constabulary
agents to be sent with the two at District of ADV. 2 District
is also made.

(c) Requests have been forwarded for consideration of
Regional Public Safety Officers.

4. REGIONAL

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- (a) The Frontier will be tested say as in case of a contact line via. Frontier crossing points such as roads, and areas will be regarded as ports, and intervening sectors will be considered as open contact lines.
- (b) Control of ports will be by Allied Security Personnel. Frontier Security Stations are to be provided by AFHQ.
- (c) Control of intervening sectors will be by observation points etc. for which it might be possible to include a district parcel.
- (d) CC.RR. These, daily parcels, will form basic frontier organization. They are subject to limitation by a small number of CC.RR. If parcels are used their selection will need the utmost care. Very heavy personnel are also to be available.
- (e) Movement. At first, all will be prohibited. Thereafter only with Military Travel Authority.
- (f) Frontier with BRIDGE. This is assumed to be the pre-war BRIDGE-ITALIAN front.

7. 59 AREA AND LAUNCH OPERATION - LOWE AREA.

- (a) This operation has been reserved by the Group and preliminary committee forwarded to 59 Area, Regional Committee and H.Q. 2 District by LOWE AREA copy with 2 District.
- (b) 59 Area has been requested to forward copies to S.C. LOWE AREA and press. AFHQ P.C. MILAN.

8. GENOA

H.Q. 2 District Syndicate to 2 - Key Plan for GENOA - set forward 25 Nov with view to issue of preliminary scheme. As to the PIERONE copy attached. Comments discussion.

9. MILITARY ADMINISTRATION - H.Q. ITALY

As 5 Syndicate of H.Q. 2 District has issued a general Military Administration Plan affecting the three Regions. This plan is now under consideration by all Group.

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ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

Risposta al

OGGETTO: Capitano RIUTTA Enrico.-

Carte annesse N.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

-Direz. Gen. Personale Ufficiali-

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e, per conoscenza:

ALL'A.C. -CIVIL AFFAIRS SECT. ACQ-
APG 394

(Rif. f. 9/CA/CA del 28 e.m.)

R G M A

A seguito delle comunicazioni verbali fatte dal Col. DURING in data 27 e.m. circa l'indisponibilità del Capitano in oggetto infermandosi che con la nota sopra elencata la A.C. -Civil Affairs Section- ha rappresentato la necessità che il Cap. RIUTTA Enrico mantenga l'attuale incarico nel Servizio Bonifica Campi minati (Centro addestramento di Pisa).

Anche il Comando V Armata avrebbe fatto conoscere analogo intendimento.

Tanto si comunica a modificazione delle segnalazioni fatte col precedente foglio 3302 del 1° 11 ottobre e.s. e con preghiera, ove nulla osti, di un cenno di assicurazione.-

L'ISPETTORE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO
(Gen. Div. G. Crivaro)

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TRANSLATION

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1 Dec 44 387

INSPECTORATE OF THE CORPS of ENGINEERS

SUBJECT : Captain NIUTTA Enrico

TO : Ministry of War
A.C. Civil Affairs Sect.

Reference to the verbal communication of Col Supino on 27 Nov referring to the undisposability of the above Officer we inform you that Civil Affairs Section A.C. pointed out the necessity that Capt NIUTTA continue to be in charge of Mine Clearance service at the Instruction Centre of Pisa.

The S Army expressed the same wish.

This is communicated referring to N 3302 of 11 Oct and it would be appreciated if we could have confirmed what above .

Inspector of the Corps of
Engineers

Gen. G. Crivaro

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*Handwritten Report
by S. [unclear]*

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7 Mine Clearance.

Reports this week are more encouraging than ever before. In Florence province several communes have displayed great initiative and with the help of trained U.N.R.R.A. personnel have to a large extent cleared their local areas of mines and unexploded shells. The civilian squads at Pisa and Lucca have both started work. Pisa City has been cleared to a large extent. A school of instruction has now been started in Pistoia. The work would progress much faster if it were not hampered by the slackness of the Italian War Ministry in providing the promised equipment and by the lack of adequate transport.

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SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

Tel: 489061
Ext: 358

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

26 Nov 44

TO : Ministry for War
Via XX Settembre
R.O.A.

1. This HQ has been advised by A.N.G. 5 Army that Lt. Col De Pasquale Sente is now in charge of the Italian Mine Clearing Squads at Pisa and Lucca and that Capt. Riutta has been or is to be posted away.
2. Capt. Riutta has done excellent work at Pisa and 5 Army desire that he should remain there in charge of the Mine Clearing Squads.
3. This HQ is also anxious to retain the services of Capt. Riutta. If it is the case that Capt. Riutta has received posting instructions may these be cancelled.

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

*Copy to A.N.G. 5 Army (Your 205/17 of 26 Nov. refers)
Col Supino.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 189081 Ext. 358.

Ref: 9/8A/CA

28 Nov 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Col Espino,
Ministry for War,
Via XX Settembre,
R O M A

- 1 The clothing and boots will be collected at Naples on Friday, 1 Dec 44 and brought to Rome. They will be delivered to your store at 8, Viale Mazzini on Saturday morning, 2 Dec 44. Please inform all concerned and make arrangements for the clothing being unloaded and stored on 2 December.
- 2 The quantities to be delivered are:
 - 1) 2,000 Blouses
 - 2) 2,000 Trousers
 - 3) 500 pairs of Boots.
- 3 Should unforeseen circumstances arise, making it impossible to deliver the clothing to you on Saturday you will be advised by telephone.

R.R.
R.R. CRIPPS, Col.,
CPO CA Section.

Copy to: Transportation Sub-Commission,
Devastated Areas, CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

26th November 1944.

205/17

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission - Civil Affairs Section.
Attn: Colonel Cripps.

1. The following is extracted from a letter from Captain Short, who as you know is in charge of the Italian Mine Clearance Squads at Pisa and Lucca.

Lt. Col. DE PASQUALE, Sante.

The above officer relieved Capt. NIUTTA of his command of Zone V Mines Disposals on 4 Nov. 1944.

Captain NIUTTA has been posted away, but has not yet departed. He is extremely anxious to carry on his duties with Zone V. Captain NIUTTA is in every way a satisfactory officer, who is well trained in his duties.

It is therefore requested that Lt. Col. De Pasquale, Sante be transferred back to Rome, for re-posting and that the services of Captain NIUTTA be retained.*

2. This H.Q. concurs with Captain Short's remarks. The project is at last beginning to show definite results, largely due to the efforts of Captain Niutta, and it is felt that his replacement at this time by a typical member of the old Italian Officer class would be disastrous.

3. It is therefore requested that the necessary steps be taken to have the Colonel removed and Captain Niutta retained in his present employment.

For the Commanding General;

W. H. H. H. H.
D.R.B. MYNORS,
Major, Scots Guards,
G-2 & 3.,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

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Tel : 489081
Ext : 358

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

28 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : Col Supino
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
R O M A

There is enclosed for your information
copy letter from A.M.G. 5 Army dated 20 Nov.44.


R.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

1 Enclosure

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QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 9/84/CA

28 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : AFHQ (G-5).

Reference this HQ letter 9/84/CA of 24 Oct 44.

- 1 May this HQ be informed if Mine Detectors and spares can be made available and released for use by the Mine Clearing Squads operating under the control of the Italian Government.
- 2 Spare batteries - B 30-20 and B 38-10 - are urgently required for the American type detectors in the possession of the 561 and 562 Compagnia Rastrellamento Companies operating under AO. Can 30 of each type be made available for these Companies? Without replacements the detectors will become useless.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R.C.
G.R. UNJOEN Brig.
VP CA Section,
DCOS

Ext : 525.

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TRANSLATION

15 Nov 44

R. Prefecture of Pisa

II Division N. 223

SUBJECT : Explosion of mines .

TO : Ministry of War

Allied Commission

Ministry of Interior

Reference letter No 10.00248/XV P. of 29 September of the Ministry of Interior we inform you that until today mines have been signalled in the following zones of the Province :

PISA Chief place at south of the Arno and fraction of Marina di Pisa-Barbaricina- Putignano Pisano-Riglione-Oratoio-Tirrenia-S. Piero a Grado- S. Rossore

Comune of S. Giuliano Terme chief place and fraction of : Ghezzano-Agnano - Asoiano - Campo - Colignola- Gello- Madonna dell'Acqua- Metato- Mezzana- Molina di Quosa- Orzignano- Pontassierchio- Rigoli- Ripafratta.

Comune of Cascina and fractions =

Comune of Calcinaia

Comune of Bientina

Comune of Pontedera and fractions

Comune of Peccioli "

Comune of Pontassero

Comune of Viopisano and fractions

Comune of Volterra and fractions

Comune of Faglia

Comune of Lorenzano

Comune of Palaia and fraction

Comune of S. Miniato "

Comune of S. Maria a Monte "

Comune of Vecchiano "

Comune of Lajatico "

Comune of Montopoli "

Comune of S. Croce sull'Arno

The Prefect

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Tel : 46 081
Ext : 306

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : E, SA, CA

27 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry for War
Italian Government
Via XX Settembre
R.O. E.

Reference is made to Col Lupino's call to this HQ on 3 November.

1. It is understood that you wish to have one Centre of instruction in or near Rome rather than 3 or 5 Centres throughout Italy. If you consider that it would be easier to bring men into Rome, accommodate and feed them and then send them out to the places where they are required then this HQ has no objection. Before finally deciding on this course this HQ would be glad to discuss the matter further with you.

2. Port Civitavecchia. It is important that this port should be cleared of mines as soon as possible but we are not willing to move a squad of workmen from Issa to do this job. The companies at Gaeta and Chieti and the workmen at Issa are doing good work and it is felt that to move them away from the work which is very important, to this port, would not be satisfactory. It unsettles the men and often leads to delay. In the circumstances we propose to ask contractors to submit estimates for clearing the harbour.

3. Insurance and compensation. It is important that the question of insuring workers against injuries and of fixing compensation payable either by an Insurance Company or by your Government be determined as soon as possible. Please advise this HQ when this has been settled.

4. Liaison Officers. It is understood that instructions have been issued to Liaison Officers to report to the Regions, within which they are working. 359

5. Clothing etc. A quantity of clothing and boots will be collected and delivered to Ufficio Stralci Viale Mazzini, 8, within the next day or two and you will be advised by phone

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when the delivery is expected . The whole quantity will NOT
be issued immediately, 30% will be kept in store pending
further instructions .


R.R. CLIPPS Col
GRO CA Section

Copy to : Col Sapino
Ministry for War
Via XX Settembre
R.G.M.E

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/8.A/CA

26 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : RC. Lazio-Umbria Region.

Reference this HQ letter 3/118/CA of 31 Oct 44.

- 1 The matter has been raised again as to whether an increased supply of power can be made for the purpose of making mine detectors. Can you say whether it is possible to arrange for extra power being made available for a short period?

BY COMMAND OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN Brig.
VP CA Section
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 9/84/CA

26 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : SCAG 8 Army.

At the conference held at Siena on 17 Nov 44 the question of giving compensation to Italian civilians injured in Mine Clearance was raised. At the present moment, the Italian Government (Ministry of War) are still considering the question of insuring workers against such injuries and of fixing compensation rates payable on death, etc. Figures have been submitted but have been considered too low by the Italian Ministry of War. The matter is still under investigation and this HQ have asked the Italian Government to get this matter settled as soon as possible. When this has been done you will be advised.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. Urquhart
G.R. URQUHART Brig,
VP CA Section
DCOS.

Tel : 489084
Ext : 525.

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

24th November 1944.

205/17

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission, Civil Affairs Branch. 
Attn: Brigadier Upjohn.

1. Herewith for your information copy of a report from P.C. Florence province which it is thought may be of interest as showing what can be done by local authorities who display initiative.

2. It is pointed out that the Florence U.N.P.A. organisation has done excellent work and that the local enterprise displayed by some communes would be of little effect without some such organisation as U.N.P.A. to lend skilled assistance. Owing however to the small number of well trained U.N.P.A. Units in the country it is felt that this example is not one which can be universally imitated.

For the Commanding General:



E.B. MAYNE.
Colonel. U.D.F.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

/hdp



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
FLORENCE PROVINCE

Ref.No.- FG/107

20th November 1944.

Subject:- Civilian Mine Clearing Squads.

To :- S.C.A.O., A.M.G. & Army.

Copy to:- Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.

Hereunder is a report on mine clearing operation in this Province for your information.

1. The extensive mine fields in the Arno Valley were a constant menace to the people living in this area, and their existence immobilised a very large agricultural area. In one week, over 14 serious cases were admitted to FIGLINE hospital and there were a number of deaths in addition.

2. Attempts were made without success to get these mines cleared by military units, but they were needed for operations. Consequently the provincial officer for this part of the province (Major Shove) decided to see what could be done to train local civilians to undertake the work.

3. An instructor was found in U.N.P.A. and assisted by a student from Florence University, he has given all the necessary instruction. As no arrangements could be made for insuring the civilian mine clearing squads against accidents, it was arranged with the Prefect that all volunteers should be mobilised for duty in U.N.P.A. so as to give them approximately the same treatment as a soldier.

4. So far two courses have been completed and the third will commence in three days.

5. Each course lasts between 8 and 10 days, and has a maximum of 30 trainees. Instruction is given almost at once in mine fields and constant vigilance on the part of the instructors is essential. For this reason it is not practicable to increase the attendance at each course.

6. The course consists of,

- a) theoretical instruction on explosives and descriptions of different types of mines etc.,
- b) practical exercises in dummy mine fields,
- c) practical exercises in real mine fields.

7. Selected Communes nominate a certain number of trainees (usually five) for the course and the men receive a cartolina-precetto (order of mobilisation) from U.N.P.A. ordering them to be present on the date of opening in the place where the school is placed.

8. The Sindaco of the Commune where the course is held is made responsible for the accommodation and feeding of the trainees and the

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Sindaci of the other Communes sending trainees: responsible for the men appearing on the appointed date.

9. All expenses are divided between the Communes whose squads are instructed, proportionally to the number of men sent.

10. At the end of the course each member undergoes an examination before the instructors, the local Sindaco and Communal Engineer. The Provincial Officer makes a point of being present at the examination and visiting the squad when it first starts in a real mine field.

11. The approved trainees are inscribed to the U.N.P.A. permanently and receive at once a cartolina-precetto placing them at the disposal of the commune who sent the squad to be instructed.

12. Each communal squad has a chief appointed by the Instructor.

13. Between each course the Instructor makes an inspection to the squads already working.

14. Each squad is under the orders of the Sindaco of their Commune and the squad chief reports each evening to the head of the Communal Technical Office the area cleared during the day, the number of mines neutralised or exploded in situ, etc.

15. Both during instruction and while working men are paid by U.N.P.A. (usual rates, 150 lire per day of 8 hours, with family allowances; plus 5 lire for each mine found) on the Commune's certificate of hours worked. U.N.P.A. then draws from the Commune the total expenditure for its squad.

16. All squads receive the approved heavy workers rations.

17. It seems that a squad of 5 men can clear tolerably well the territory of a Commune in about two months and assuming that the present courses continue successfully each Commune should have a trained squad early in January.

18. By the end of March it should be possible to put at the disposal of other provinces a considerable number of fully trained squads from the Communes in which snow will not have held up for a considerable time mine clearing.

19. Details of the work done by individual squads are as follows:-

first course held at FIGLINE - from Oct. 24th to Nov. 2nd.

FIGLINE squad	- 5 men
REGGELLO squad	- 6 men
INCISA squad	- 5 men
PISTOIA squad	- 4 men (admitted on special request)

from 70 to 80 mines found and neutralised during training. All passed final examination, 14 with 'good' note, 6 with 'very good' note.

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Mine clearance conducted from 3rd - 16th November.

Figline - Mines found and collected 430
 " " " exploded about 100
 Area cleared daily: 200 to 400 square metres.
 This squad found three new types of mines; one antimagnetic,
 one Teller-mine with double detonator, one box (wood) mine.
 A British unit used this squad to clear a field where they
 wished to camp. (Mines found: 20).
Incisa - Mines found: about 70
 Area cleared: the same average as Figline.
Reggello - Mines found: 67
 Area cleared daily: about 100 sq. metres.
 One of the members of this squad was seriously wounded by
 a mine. He is now recovering in Figline hospital: it is
 hoped that amputation of one leg will not be necessary.
Pistoia squad - No information available.

Second course held at GREVE - from 10th to 18th Oct.

EMPOLI squad - 5 men
SAN CASCIANO squad - 5 men
BAGNO A RIFOLI squad - 4 men
IMPRUNETA squad - 6 men
PELAGO squad - 3 men

Mines found during exercises: 112
Area cleared " " 1800 sq. m.
All passed final examination. 10 with 'good' note and 13 with 'very good'
note.

Third course to be held at GREVE - from 22nd to 30th Nov.

TAVARNELLE squad - 5 men
BARBERINO squad - 5 men
CERTALDO squad - 5 men
PRATO squad - 5 men
Two other communes - 10 men

/s/ Ralph L. Rolph
Lieut. Col.,
Provincial Commissioner.

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C C P Y

ARMED COMMISSION

TO : Southern Region

Economics and Supply Division

ALLOTMENT NOTE No 138/Bts 128

Allotted to : Civil Affair Section HQ AC

Period covered by Allotment from

Description of Commodities

Unit

Quantity

Repaired Salvaged Boots

pair.

500

Copy to :

Southern Region Economics & Supply
Division

Mr. White Commerce Subcommittee HQ AC

File Room 84

Allotment approved by :

Date 22 November 1944

L.C. WOOD

Major

Commerce Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Commerce Sub-Commission
APO 394

138/Bts - 128

Date 20 Nov 44

1. SUPPLIES AND STORES DEMAND ON AFLR(I)B
2. DEMANDING SERVICE : Allied Commission (Civil Affairs Sec)
3. COMMODITY DEMANDED BOOTS
4. QUANTITY REQUIRED (In metric tons or other suitable unit)
 - a. current month
 - b. next month 500 Pairs
 - c. third month
 - d.
5. STOCKS ON HAND, as of NIL 1944 NIL
Equivalent to : NIL days of supply
6. DATE DELIVERY REQUIRED: Immediate collection 1944
7. SPECIAL REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPLY: COMMODITY : BOOTS
 - a. QUANTITY : 500 Pairs
8. PRIORITY OR URGENCY : Most urgent
9. PLACE DELIVERY REQUESTED
TOWN or COMMUNE : Will collect
Province Compartment
10. It is certified that these supplies and stores are required for URGENT purposes.
Date 20 Nov 44
F. CRAIG Signature
Lt Col Allied Com(A) Rank,
title, Office
11. Regional Approval R.R. CRIPPS title CSO Date 20 Nov 44

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ALLIED COMMISSION

TO : Southern Region Economics & Supply Division

Allotment Note No U/77

Allotted to : Civil Affairs Section HQ AC

Description of commodities	Unit	Quantity
Trousers	1	2.000
Blouses	1	2.000

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Commerce Sub-Commission
AFC 394

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Date 20 Nov 44

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2. DEMANDING SERVICE : Allied Commission (Civil Affairs Sec)
3. COMMODITY DEMANDED : Battle Dress Trousers and Blouse.
4. Quantity required
 - a. Current month 1944
 - b. Next month 1944 2,000 of each
 - c. Third month 1944
 - d.
5. STOCKS ON HAND, as of NIL 1944 : NIL
Equivalent to : NIL days of supply
6. Date delivery required Immediate collection 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

APC 394

REQUISITION FOR TRANSPORT

Civil Affairs Section Sub-Commission

26 Nov 44

Transportation is requested for the following personnel

Baggage Salvaged suitcases (2000 gloves and 2000 trousers) and 500 lbs. more.
Estimated weight 12 ton. Estimated Area

Nature of Official Duty

To be picked up at NAPLES (Southern Region - Supply Division)

Destination ROME, 8 Viale Mazzini Approx. time of return

Authorized by Civil Affairs Section

Approved:

CA Section

Friday 14 Dec

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Tel : 489061
Ext : 358

QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/8.A/CA

26 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry for War
Italian Government

- 1 Emilia Region whose Headquarters are at present in Florence have requested that a Liaison Officer be appointed in connection with mine clearance. They have also requested that some squads be made available to them as soon as possible.
- 2 The Regional Liaison Officer is Major A.R. HUGH and if it can be arranged please instruct your Liaison Officer to report immediately to him to discuss matters.
- 3 It may be that you would like to arrange through the Liaison Officer direct with Emilia Region for squads to be recruited and trained within that Region.
- 4 Emilia Region will cooperate in every way with your Liaison Officer and he should be prepared to discuss such problems as transport, accommodation etc.

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

Copy to: Emilia Region
(your RIX/ADM/35 of 10 Nov 44 ref)

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Tel : 475003

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AIC 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/8A/CA

26 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry for War
Italian Government
Via XI Settembre
R O M E

Reference is made to Col Sapino's call to this HQ yesterday.

1. It is understood that you wish to have one Centre of instruction in or near Rome rather than 5 or 6 Centres throughout Italy. If you consider that it would be easier to bring men into Rome, accommodate and feed them and then send them out to places where they are required, than this HQ has no objection. Transporting recruits into Rome and out to the locations where they are to work may present some little difficulty but you have no doubt considered this point and can cope with it.

2. Port Civitavecchia. It is important that this port should be cleared of mines as soon as possible but we are not willing to have a squad of workmen from Pisa to this job. Your companies at Geta and Chiati and the workmen at Pisa and Chiati are doing an excellent job and it is felt that to move them away from the work which is very important to this port would be wrong. It unsettles the men and often leads to delay. In the circumstances we propose to ask contractors to submit estimates for clearing the harbour.

3. Insurance and compensation. It is important that the question of insuring the workers against injuries and fixing compensation payable either by an Insurance Company or by your Government be determined as soon as possible. Please advise this HQ when this has been settled.

4. Liaison Officers. It is understood that instructions have been issued to Liaison Officers to report to the Regione within which they are working. We shall inform the Regione that they may expect to receive visits from Liaison Officers.

5. Clothing &c. A quantity of clothing and boots will be collected and delivered to Ufficio Stralci Viale Mazzini, 3, within the next day or two and you will be advised by phone when the delivery is expected.

CCD to : Col Sapino
Ministry for War
R O M E

RR CRIPPS, Col
CA Section

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Reg unit, Div
#666

HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

14210-URHIA REGION

APC 154

MINING DIVISION

15 Nov.

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P.D.C. 267

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4 November, 1944

SUBJECT: Batteries for Mine Detectors

TO : HQ Allied Commission.

The following stores are urgently required otherwise the Detectors used by 551 Compagnie Maitrellamento Mine will be out of action.

Batteries B 30 - 20
" B 30 - 10

For the Regional Commissioner:

W. L. Bonham

A. D. BONHAM

Lt. Colonel

Executive Officer (Provinces)

HEADQUARTERS

5 NOV 1944

A. C. C.

*Approved to
appear to
detectors*

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TO : HQ Allied Commission.

The following stores are urgently required otherwise the Detectors used by 551 Compagnie Instruktionale will be out of action.

Batteries 10 - 20
" 3 38 - 10

For the Regional Commissioner:

V.L. Bonham

A.D. BONHAM-CHESER
Lt. Colonel

Executive Officer (Provincias)

HEADQUARTERS
2 JUL 1944

A. C. C.

*These appear to
be LAND MINE DETECTORS.
for*

HEADQUARTERS
3 JUL 1944

A. C. C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/11/44

23 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: The Minister of War
71a AA Settembre
R. O. R. E.

Reference your letter No. VIII/60224/30 of 6 Nov.

- 1 The division of the territory into once and the locations of Hqs are noted. This information will be passed into the Regions. It is pointed out that the HQ of Abruzzi Marche Region is at Ascoli and not at Chieti but it is certainly more suitable and agreed that the HQ of your organisation be at Chieti.
- 2 The question of working contracts between Allied Commission and owners of vehicles was submitted to Transportation Sub-Commission. The Sub-Commission advised this section that the contracts are done at Regional level and that the terms of contract are the same throughout Italy and are known to your Ministry of Communications. Would you be good enough to contact your Ministry of Communications on this matter. If there are any doubts on the matter these can be cleared when next you visit this HQ.
- 3 So far as can be foreseen any vehicles hired for use of the Mine Clearing squads would remain at their disposal and the Allied authorities would retain no interest in them. The Ministry of Communications have the power in Rome and South of it to regulation or hire vehicles direct and it is considered that this would be the better procedure.
- 4 The question of supply of Petrol is still under consideration and you will be informed on the method of supply to be adopted when this has been finally determined.
- 5 The list of materials required for mine detectors has been submitted to Economic Section for consideration and you will be informed of what materials can be made available.
- 6 A supply of boots, trousers and shirts is being made available

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref.

R E P O R T

18 Nov. 1944

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal Squads.

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

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

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8 Workmen
1 Driver.

Transport.

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4 Axes
4 Picks
1 Bill-hook
4 Probes

Sufficient explosive for the demolition of 500 mines.

1 tent for ten men

Cooking utensils

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Cooking utensils

10 Ration containers, 10 Water bottles,

10 Mess tins - 10 Ration bags.

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2.- Personnel.

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Col. T.C. IPPOLI of the Italian Army arrived in Pisa on 16 Nov. from Rome. He had come with a request from General CHIVARO for 40 of the newly graduated trainees from PISA school to be transferred ³³⁷⁴ work in the Rome area. This was declined. Major BASILE CARMILLO, Italian Army, reported for duty on 16 Nov. and is undergoing a course of instruction at PISA.

Conclusion.

All delays in the completion of training are entirely due to dilatoriness on the part of the Ministero della Guerra.

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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Col. T.C. IPPOLI of the Italian Army arrived in Pisa on 16 Nov. from Rome. He had come with a request from General CHIVARRO for 40 of the newly graduated trainees from PISA school to be transferred for work in the Rome area. This was declined. Major BASILE CARMELO, Italian Army, reported for duty on 16 Nov. and is undergoing a course of instruction at PISA.

Conclusion.

All delays in the completion of training are entirely due to dilatoriness on the part of the Ministero della Guerra.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 812

G-5: 230.4-13

16 November 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance - Civil Squad.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

The attached copy of report on Mine Clearance by Civil Squad, Florence Command is forwarded for your information.

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

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Incl:
as above.

HEADQUARTERS
18 NOV 1944
A. C.

F. J. Dwyer
F. J. DWYER
Captain, A.C.D.

For Col. Smith's use
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Confidential

Subject: Mine Clearances (Civil Squad)

P.A.D. & C.D. Sec.
A.F.H.Q.

1. Enclosed, please find copy of report on the work of the Mine Squad (U.N.P.A.) Florence.

2. The work of this squad has undoubtedly prevented many casualties, for as the battle moved forward only one S.D.S. section was available for clearing mines, and could not have coped with such a huge job without assistance.

Five workers were trained to commence the squad which now numbers 22.

Considering the amount of mines swept, 5 casualties are very low.

3. This squad was formed, and is still working under orders S.O. P.A.D. Florence Command.

4. Substantial increases in pay and privileges have been obtained for mine squad personnel, e.g.

- (i) Old rate 45 lire per day
- (ii) New rate 150 lire per day
- (iii) Permission to purchase extra food when working in the country.
- (iv) Entitled to Heavy Workers scale of rations
- (v) Compensation and wages in case of injury whilst clearing mines.

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/s/ A.E. Pegg,
Capt.
S.O. P.A.D.
Florence Command.

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10 Nov. 44.

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/s/ A.B. Pegg,
Capt.
S.O. P.A.D.
Florence Command.

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10 Nov. 44.
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Subject. Mine Clearance (Civil Squad).

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DAA / QMG
Florence Command

1. Reference your G/28 dated 31 Oct. 44.

Herewith report on activities of the Civil Mine Squad as from 8 Sept. 44, to 31 Oct. 44.

(1) The Civil Mine Squad (U.N.P.A.), previous to Allied occupation of Florence, were only experienced in the removal of Aerial Bombs, and consequently needed training in Mine Clearance.

For this purpose the squad was placed under training with 158 Bomb Dis. R.E., and after 2 weeks commenced operating independently.

The Civil Squad have been employed on civil checking only, the Military B.D.S. checking buildings and camp areas occupied by military.

All occupied villas, and buildings up to Northing 71 (Town Plan) have been checked, and the following material has been recovered and transported to Mercatale Map Ref. 533770 Sheet 113 1:100,000. (Bomb Cemetery), for flowing by R.E.s.

<u>Mines</u>	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Grenades</u>
Schu	578	
Teller	433	1,016
"S"	210	---
Booby Traps	22	
English Mines	26	
Total	1,309	
Detonators	2,364	
	<u>Various Explosives</u>	<u>S.A.A. Amm.</u>
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Booby Traps	22		
English Mines	26		
Total	1,369		
Detonators	2,364	Various Explosives	S.A.A. Amm.
		1,026 boxes	1,638 Rds.

British Rifles

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Casualties 5 workers seriously wounded (still in hospital)

- (ii) There still remains a large amount of checking to be done on Fields, Vinyards and isolated Villas North of Careggi, La Lastra, and Piesole.
- (iii) The strength of the mine squad is 22, not including the 5 in hospital.
- (iv) The rate of progress from now on will be slow. In Fields and Vinyards, the Schu Mine has been mostly used, which necessitates the tedious method of prodding
- (v) The present weather conditions are making checking more difficult; rains have caused mines to sink and move from positions reported. The estimated date of completion in Florence Command Area is, 31 Dec. 44.
- (vi) The present effort is considered sufficient.

2. A School of Instruction in the clearance of mines commenced at Figline 24th Oct. 44.

(i) Two instructors have been provided from the Civil Mine Squad of Florence.

(ii) All communes in the Province of Florence will send 5 workers, to undergo a course lasting 10 days, after which they will return to their communes, and commence the clearing of mined areas.

(iii) Commune mine squads will be at the disposition of U.N.P.A. who will order their services where most required.

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1 Nov. 44.

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/s/ A.B. Pegg
Capt
S.O. P.A.D.
Florence Command.

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S.O. P.A.D.
Florence Command.

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1 Nov. 44.
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P.M. 5, 11/44/

TO COL. SHIPPS

CA SECTION

HQ/AC

P O M A

SUBJECT: Report.

Our Department was constituted on the 18th of July 1954, under the operational control of A.S.D. (actually A.C.) Pescara, Teramo and Chieti Provinces, to dependence of "IO" Regia to Centro S. Maria Capua Vetere" (Napoli) only for reticular purposes.

Its tasks are: mine clearance, instruction of removal of booby trapped, ammunition, explosives.

All the works are ordered by HQ/AC Chieti.

Notwithstanding that the Department was not authorized for the removal of large calibre bombs, it has provided also to this work, specially in city of Pescara and its surroundings.

Actually the engineers of our Company amount to 70. We are waiting for soldiers from "IO" Regia to Genoa.

In the first time, we have worked with seven Sections. After, the Company has extended the work and has created other four Sections. Now our Sections are in the following: Consume, Pescara, Montevallano; Capogatti, Fiumelle, Loretto Aprutino; Guardasighele, Miglianico, Vescori, Greco, Capponese.

At Guardasighele (Chieti) we have also initiated a permanent mine clearance school in order to perfect the new engineers in the difficult task.

Until now, the various types of mine extracted by all our Sections amount to 70.500.

"Tonnelle" 450 of heavy explosives and various ammunition have been collected in our dumps.

Many booby trapped, of which it was impossible to remove, have been destroyed to mine, specially at Pescara.

In the last month, 25.000 lighters of the mine before cleared have been destroyed.

The above named works have provoked eight accidents and thirty eight soundings among our engineers.

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Actually the magnitude of our military amount 100.000. We are awaiting an order from "Comando in Capo".

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At Caserta (Italy) we have also initiated operations with mine clearance school in order to perfect the our engineers in the difficult task.

Till now, the various types of mine extracted by all our Sections amount to 70.500.

Extracted 150 of heavy explosives and various ammunition have been collected in our dumps.

Many bombs exploded, of which it was impossible the removal, have been destroyed in situ, especially at Pescara.

In the last month, 15.000 lighters of the mine before cleared have been destroyed.

The above need works have provoked eight deaths and thirty eight wounding among our engineers.

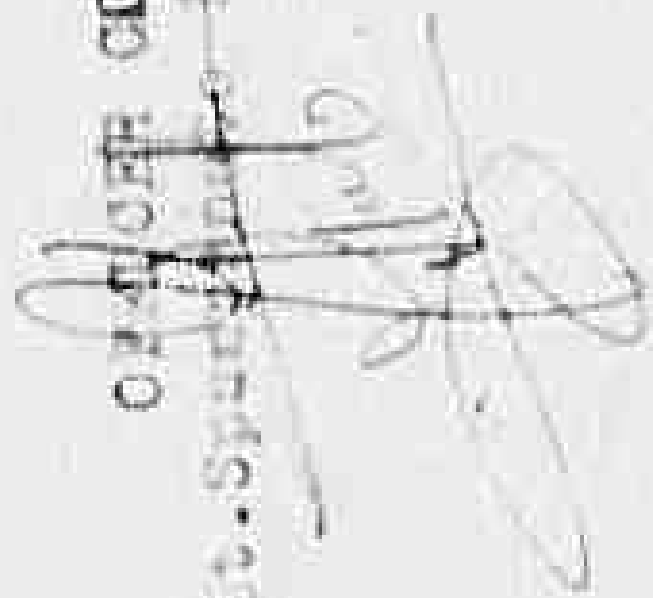
It is difficult to do present that equipment of our engineers is very bad, particularly in regards the shoes and winter clothing. It is necessary at once to obtain the allotment of 250 pair of shoes; in some Sections we have been obliged to suspend the work for the snow, because mine clearance in those localities is impossible without good shoes; that each of our engineers has received in distribution two light and small covers only and one of which they must use as mattress lining of straw; therefore, it is necessary an allotment of 250 mattresses lining and 300 large covers.

The winter clothing indispensable to Company has already been requested to "Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito" with the following letters approved by HQ/AC Chieti: 663 dated 20/9/44; 765 dated 6/10/44; 1032 dated 19/10/44; 1085 dated 21/10/44; 1087 dated 23/10/44.

Many difficulties have been surpassed, but there are many of them to surpass as the allotment of good mine detector, because our engineers are working only with simple means, as our mine detector have

been transported to Rose for repair. Besides, till now the Department has worked with a very little petrol and a few trucks. It would be necessary to obtain further means and petrol in order to facilitate its task and extend it in other areas full of mines.

OFFICER COMMANDING
(Lt. Spent in the mines)



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

15 November 1944

SUBJECT : Detection of Mines

TO : Chief Commissioner,
Allied Commission, Headquarters

1. You are familiar of course with the large number of German mines in the provinces of Lazio-Umbria, and especially in Frosinone and Littoria. Some progress has been made in lifting them with appreciable loss of life.

2. We understand that in the United States there are teams of dogs specially trained to detect mines and that these teams have demonstrated their effectiveness.

3. A.C.Hq may wish to look into the possibility of having some dogs sent over here. General Spofford we believe is familiar with the value of the mine detecting dogs.

4. When General Greenbaum was in Rome recently he spoke to me about the dogs and I am sure that he would help to obtain the full cooperation of the War Department. As you know General Greenbaum is associated with Judge Patterson, the Under Secretary of War.



Charles Poletti
CHARLES POLETTI
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

Enc. Enigma

*As you see the above is a most interesting report
I doubt if they will be much.*

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

E/5664

15 November 1944

SUBJECT : Mines - Death of 4 Italian Soldiers.

TO : HQ Allied Commission,
C.A. Section

1. The attached letter is forwarded for your information. It will be noticed that copy has gone to Land Forces Sub-Commission.

2. This HQ, while appreciating the desirability of the presence of an Allied Officer, feels strongly that it is an administrative matter and therefore an Italian affair. The Allied Officer should be, it is thought, appointed by Land Forces Sub-Commission, merely to watch Allied interests.

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)
AIO 394

13 November 1944

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

SUBJECT : Mines - Investigation of

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/25.4

1. As reported in my R4/ENG/25.4 dated 11 November 4 soldiers were killed and 3 wounded by the explosion of a mine while on duty engaged in Mine Clearance.

Attached is a copy of the report received and a translation thereof.

2. It appears from the report that a mine had been located by detector and from a verbal report that owing to exceptionally close placing of mines in this minefield (which had been previously reported in the weekly progress report) that the exact location of the mine was being made by providing when the explosion occurred. - The necessity of having 7 men in close proximity at this stage in proceedings is not clear from the report.

3. It is recommended that a formal investigation and enquiry should be made of all circumstances and facts leading up to and connected with the deaths of

1. Vincenzo Casciato
2. Michele Pato
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This would appear to be primarily the responsibility of the Ministro delle Guerra but as the company is working under Allied Direction and supplied with Allied Detectors it would appear desirable that there should be an Allied Officer in the board or in attendance.

4. The names of the soldiers were obtained by Maj. Lagerst prior to receipt of the casualty report.

Enclosures : 2

Copy to:

MMIA in view of Urgency and
Lt.Col. Caruso

Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region. ANO.

Lt.Col. R.S.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489081
Ext: 358

Ref: 9/8A/CA.

18 Nov 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: HQ. AFHQ.

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter 9/8A/CA of 24 Oct 44 and to telephone conversation (Maj. Reakes/Capt. Slaughter).

1 It is understood that release of Mine Detectors will shortly be made to this Headquarters for distribution to Mine Clearing Units. A total of 150 is ultimately desired and will be necessary within the next month or two. At present there are approximately 400 trained men and on a basis of one detector for each squad (10 persons), 40 are required immediately. If a special form of indent is necessary, may this Headquarters please be supplied with pro-formae and the military terms or nomenclature for the various components, as these are not available at this Headquarters.

2 With regard to spares, the present urgent need is for batteries for the mine detectors. Without the detectors the men lose confidence and this would cause ultimately a set back to the progress being made.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.


G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section,
DCOS AC.

Copy to: Requisition Division (for Lt. Col. R.A. Martino).

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 72506

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel : 489081
Ext : 358

Ref : 9/HA, CA

15 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : HQ. No 1 District

1. The Italian Government through the Ministry of War is responsible for the removal of mines and the clearance of all minefields in Italy which have not been cleared by the Armies.

2. To this end a mine clearance service is being established by the Italian Government. As the work affects the reconstruction of lines of communication and agriculture to a very large extent, this commission is interested in giving every assistance possible.

3. While some information as to locations of mine-fields has been received by this HQ. from Regional Commissioners it is far from complete. It is intended to pass on to the Italian Government as much information as we can concerning mine-fields and it is requested that plans of mine-fields in your possession be made available for this purpose. We are, of course only interested in mine-fields outside the Army Areas.

4. Application has been made to AFHQ and HQ.A.A.I. who have advised this Headquarters that such maps are passed on to you. Squads are now working on mine clearance in different parts of the Country and maps and plans of mine-fields are essential for progress to be continued.

FOR COMMODOR'S STORE

R. R. Hipp
G. R. UPJOHN Brig
VP CA Sec
Dep. C. o. S.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NN0 No. 735016

Tel : Ext 358

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A G 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : P, BA, CA 16 Nov 44
SUBJECT : Mine Clearance
TO : Economic Section

1. The Italian Government through the Ministry of War is responsible for the removal of mines and the clearance of all minefields in Italy which have not been cleared by the armies.
2. To this end a mine clearance service is being established by the Italian Government. As the work affects the reconstruction of lines of communication and agriculture to a very large extent, this Section is interested in giving every assistance possible.
3. The greatest difficulty at present is the provision of mine detectors. Application has been made to AFHQ for an allotment of mine detectors and while a few may be forth coming there will be nothing like the number required. In consequence the Italian Government is now manufacturing some mine detectors for its own use.
4. Shortage of materials is holding up the programme and the Italian Government have submitted to this Headquarters a list of materials required, copy of which is forwarded. Quantities required are not given but before asking for this please consider the list and say if you can obtain the materials required.
5. You might like to send a specialist officer to the factory to see for himself what actually is being done and this Section would be glad to make arrangements for this visit.

R.R. Chipp
R.R. CHIPP Col
CAG CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LATIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R 5866

15 November 1944

SUBJECT : Rome - Tivoli - Avezzano Railway

TO : Regional Engineer
Latium Umbria Region

1. It is understood that one of the main obstacles in the way of repairing and opening up this line is the fact that it has not been cleared of mines.
2. If this is true can you think of any way of getting it done? How do priorities on the services of 861 Company stand?
3. I see no possibility of the Italian Government making use of the available and willing talent (e.g. Soc. Cooperative Aquila). Can we use them by any means?

For the Regional Commissioner

A.D. BONHART-GASTER
Lt. Col.
Executive Officer (Province)

Copy : HQ Allied Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission
C.A. Section (Major Reakes)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 73506

HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

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10 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Mine clearance

TO : C.A. Section, HQ. A.C., APO 394. ✓

1. Reference your HQ. letter 9/8A/CA/, dated 22 Oct., same subject heading, and conversations (CA Section and Major Hough of this HQ).
2. It was understood from these conversations that squads are now actually available, if transport would be found in the Region.
3. May this HQ. be informed please the earliest date squads can be made available for the Provinces of Forli and Ravenna. Also the number of squads that will be available, and their present location.
4. Major Basile, 7th Bersaglieri, Patriot Officer of this HQ. for whom a permit was obtained to attend a mine school, will not now be available as Liason officer after training.
5. May a liason officer be appointed as soon as possible please. It is suggested that Major Nomis di Cossila, Patriot Officer of this HQ. might be appointed by the Ministry of War. This officer is at the moment in Rome, and can be contacted through the Patriot Branch.
6. May arrangements be made please for the Regional liason officer A.M.C. to meet the Italian liason officer at the very earliest opportunity to fix administrative detail. It is suggested that either the Italian officer be sent to this HQ. or the Regional liason officer should meet him in Rome.

*A.R. Hough*A.R. HOUGH, Major
Regional Mine Clearing
Liason Officer.
Regional Agricultural
Officer.DISTRIBUTION FOR INFORMATION:8th Army AMG
P.C. Forli Province
P.C. Ravenna Province
Executive Officer East Hq.
Message Centre

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel : 358

Ref : 9, 8A/CA

14 Nov 44

SUBJECT : Administration of
561 Company

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission
(LFC) AC.

The attached letter dated 4 Nov 44 from Regional Engineer Lazio-Umbria Region is forwarded for your attention. Please take the matter up with the Italian Military Authorities who are responsible for administering this Company.

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

Copy to Lazio-Umbria Region (your R/5638 of 9 Nov refers)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 304

R/5638

9 November 1948

SUBJECT : Administration of 561 Company.

TO : HQ - Allied Commission.

1. The attached letter is forwarded for information and in the hope that some steps can be taken to get improvement.
2. It is thought at this HQ that the Italian Ministry is responsible for the administration. If this is correct, can we not bring pressure to bear to make them look after their own units properly.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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

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REMARKS

ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

LACRO UMBRIA REGION

(Engineering Division)

ATO 394

4 November 1944

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

SUBJECT : Administration 561 Comp.

IN REPLY QUOTE : 24/230/25.4

I have had a talk to OC Company . -

1. This Company is still unsatisfactorily clothed they have only one blanket, one battle dress, one pair boots, no coats, no waterproof sheet, no underclothes.

Result they cannot work in rain and such time is lost and health will suffer in this weather.

They are living in houses without doors and glass and the blanket is a thin one entirely insufficient (attached is copy of letter asking for clothes).

2. Food. C.C. Company reports food irregular in quantity. - Often no beans and potatoes.

3. Very little soap and they are on dirty work among debris.

4. Medical. Short of Atabrine - insufficient medical stores. They have got use of civil doctor now but he has no materials for bandaging.

Casualties have to be sent to Naples without an ambulance.

The C.C. has had to arrange privately with American police to get emergency things on "loads and loads".

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IN REPLY Q1074 : 24/25/54

I have had a talk to OC Company. -

1. This Company is still unsatisfactorily clothed they have only one blanket, one battle dress, one pair boots, no coats, no waterproof sheet, no underclothes.

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No mosquito nets result Malaria. -

5. The whole administration inefficiency of this unit was brought to notice in early August and Lt. Col. Carmichael has been endeavouring to get things right, but it has been a continual question of "REBUILDING".

Who is responsible HQ.A.C. or Ministero della Guerra it appears each leaves it to the other.

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Can pressure be brought on whoever is responsible to get these gross defects removed.

Soldiers who are NOT looked after by this HQ, cannot be enthusiastic on their job, and on this dangerous job they MUST be cared for.

The medical position is a disgrace.

6. Pay is low 24 lire and up till now they are not getting same treatment as men at front.

They do not now get the bonus of 50 per mine found for distribution to unit.

Col. H. S.
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region ASG.

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Regional Engineer
Izale Uabris Region AGO.

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

30 Novembre 1944

ALLO : S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Servizi - Ministero della Guerra

SOCCORRITTO: Vestiario ed indumenti lana per 561^a Compagnia Rastrellamento Mine.

PROT. : R4/ENG/25.4

La Compagnia in oggetto non ha ancora avuto in distribuzione, malgrado le sue reiterate richieste, gli indumenti invernali. Essa è perciò sprovvista di farsetti a maglia, mutande di lana, (di ~~mutande~~ non ne ha avuto nemmeno di cotone), calze di lana, e, quello che è ancora più importante, di cappotti; inoltre, essa è solo in possesso di una coperta per ciascun soldato, e ha anche assoluto bisogno di scarpe. In queste condizioni, e per l'inoltarsi dell'inverno, quest'anno eccezionalmente precoce, rigido e piovoso si rende assolutamente necessario provvedere alla distribuzione alla Compagnia in parola degli indumenti sottoelencati nella seguente misura:-

1)	Uniformi di panno	N° 220
2)	Borsette da cassamaglio	440
3)	Farsetti a maglia	220
4)	Pastrani	220
5)	Calze di lana (o pesanti)	220
5)	Scarpe	p. 220 (secondo paio)
7)	Mutande di lana (o pesanti)	440 (2 per militare)
8)	Mutande di tela corte	440 (2 per militare)
9)	Asciugatoi	N° 440
10)	Panzoletti	660 (3 per militare)
11)	Laccioli per scarpe	p. 440 (2 per militare)
12)	Pantaloni corti da ginnasta	p. 220
13)	Rostrina del Genio	N° 220
14)	Pregi di tessuto per il Genio	100
15)	Teli da tenda	220
16)	Sacchi teli da tende per Ufficiali	7
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1) Uniformi di panno	N° 220	
2) Coperte da casermaggio	440	
3) Farsetti a maglia	220	
4) Pastreli	220	
5) Calze di lana (o pesanti)	220	
6) Scarpe	p. 220 (secondo paio)	
7) Mutande di lana (o pesanti)	440 (2 per militare)	
8) Mutande di tela corte	440 (2 per militare)	
9) Asciugatoi	N° 440	
10) Passoletti	660 (3 per militare)	
11) Laccioli per scarpe	p. 440 (2 per militare)	
12) Pantaloni corti da ginnasta	p. 220	
13) Mostrine del Genio	N° 220	
14) Fregi di tessuto aeri del Genio	100	
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18) Picchetti " " "	)	

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Gli oggetti di cui ai numeri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 sono di assoluta necessità. Degli altri indumenti, parte non sono stati mai distribuiti e parte lo sono stati in quantità insufficiente e sarebbe perciò altrettanto necessario dotarne la Compagnia.

D'ordine

[Signature]
 L'Uff. Super. di Collegamento
 Ten. Col. CARUSO

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

TO : S.M.R.E. - Ufficio Servizi - Ministero della Guerra
 30 November 1944
 SUBJECT : Winter apparel for 561st Compagnia Rastrellamento Mine.
 FILE N° : R4/ENG/25.4

The above Company has not yet received, notwithstanding its repeated requests, its winter apparel. It is therefore lacking of woolen shirts, drawers, (these have not even been supplied in cotton), woolen socks and, what is more important, coats. It has only one blanket per man and it is also lacking badly of boots. In these conditions and also on account of the winter season approaching which this year is exceptionally heavy and rainy, it is absolutely necessary to provide to a distribution of the following objects in the following quantities:-

1)	UNIFORM (Jackets Trousers)	N° 220
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3)	Woolen doublets	220
4)	Coats	220
5)	Woolen socks (or heavy ones)	220 (p)
6)	Boots	220 (second pair)
7)	Woolen drawers (or heavy ones)	440
8)	Short linen drawers	440 (2 for each man)
9)	Towels	440
10)	Handkerchiefs	560 (1 for each man)
11)	Shoe-laces	440 (2 for each man)
12)	Gymnastic shorts	220
13)	Engineering Corp badges	220
14)	Badges of black cloth of the Engineering Corps	110
15)	Tent-covers	220
16)	Officers tent covers	7
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18)	Poles for tents	

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By order

Liaison Senior Officer
I.A. Lt.Col. CARUSO

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APD 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9pBA, CA

Tel : 489081
Ext : 388

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Railways

TO : Lazio Umbria Region .

1. Reference is made to conversation with Lt. Col. Bonham Carter concerning the clearance of the railing line from Tivoli to Rome? The clearance of this would result in freeing a number of motor vehicles for use elsewhere.
2. There is attached for your perusal copy of letter AC Tu 86 from Economic Section received on 12 Nov. It is not known to what extent the line is mined but you may have information on this point. Transportation Sub-Commission are arranging for a survey of the track and will send this Section a report thereon indicating where it is mined, estimated number of mines etc.
3. Please give the matter your consideration and forward your comments in due course.

R. H. Chipp
R. H. CHIPPS Col
CSO CA Section.

Copy to Economic Section (your AC Tu 86 of 1 Nov refers)

1 Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APG 394
Economic Section

Tel: 478701

Our Ref: AC.Tn/86

1 November 1944.

TO : Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Section
HQ. AC.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Railways

1. Reference is to letter 9/GA/GA/of 23 Oct. '44.
2. The object of Transportation Sub-Commission's letter 30 September 1944, was to stress the urgency of this particular stretch of line, and extraordinary steps were asked for to enable the T.S.R. engineers to proceed with the immediate repairs to the Tivoli - Rome Line.
3. Para 3 of your letter puts Transportation Sub-Commission where it stood a month ago. When the subject was first raised, contact was immediately made with Regional Engineer, Lazio Region. He stated that he had no facilities for mine clearance, and was anxious to obtain them to assist in assuring the water supply.
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5. No indication is given as to the location of the two Italian Companies working under AC, but request is made for the use of one of these to ensure that the urgent priority need on the Rome - Tivoli - Avezzano line be met. 3551

6. The I.S.R. are most anxious to undertake the repair to the section of the line in question and are pressing for the clearance of mines.

A. G. Amadori
A.G. AMADORI
Acting Chief
Economic Section

Received 12/Nov.

See 223. N.P.

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C.A. Section

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

R/5642

10 November 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.
TO : HQ - Allied Commission.

1. We have received a request through our Regional Engineer asking if it would be possible for the 2 mine detectors, at present on loan, to be returned to 561 Co., also for a further issue of 4 u.s. mine detectors 60 Prods for testing and 1 Coal Forge.
2. The ~~need~~ ^{and} of ~~Batteries~~ ^{BATTERIES} for mine detectors is presenting another problem, and if not forthcoming in the near future the mine clearing programme will have to cease.
3. We would appreciate any help you can give us in the above matters.

For the Regional Commissioner:

B. H. Carter

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

AD 3



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Handwritten notes:
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TRANSLATION No 393

MINISTRY OF WAR

File No VII/6022/BC Encl. No 2

Rome, 6 November 1944

SUBJECT : Clearance of mine-fields.

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

- 1) - This Ministry has taken into account what your Headquarters has ordered with the circular sent to us with letter No 303417/CA regarding the clearance of mine-fields.
We wish to thank you once again for the interest that you are showing in such a vital matter, and for the **valuable contribution of equipment** given to facilitate the important task of this Ministry.
- 2) - The five contemplated training centers of Pisa, Grosseto, Viterbo, Livorno and Capua can now be considered as operational, though we do not deny that there are still a few difficulties to be overcome in order to reach the desired and necessary organization.
We expect to be able to form before long some working squads in the center of Pisa; these can be deployed, in agreement with the proper Allied Authorities, whenever their employment will be considered most urgent.
This center will continue its training service with its own personnel and equipment. We shall look into the advisability of transferring it to the region of Massa Marittima - Campitello - Gavorrano in order to be able to make use of the specialized workers to be found in that zone.
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Zone of Latium and Umbria - with office in Rome
Zone of Abruzzi and Marche - with office in Chieti
Zone of Tuscany - with office in Siena.

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The presence in the same city of the Regional Commissioner and of the Commands of the zone of clearance would greatly facilitate their liaison and be of great advantage to the service.
This measure would make it necessary to separate the organization of the training centers from the one of operation.

It would thus be possible to transfer the training centers to the localities where it is easier to employ workers having the capacity to be trained for the special service of clearance of the mine-fields quickly and easily.

- 4) - In executing the program planned for the clearance of mine-fields noticeable difficulties have been encountered, some of which have been surmounted through the interest and the ability of the personnel in charge of this service. Moreover, there are other difficulties which we wish to point out to the Allied Command in case it would be interested in helping to overcome them.

a) The question of transportation for the training squads is being solved, and we hope to bring it to complete solution as soon as

we receive the reply to letter 21/10/1944 of H. VIII/60173/334. On the other hand, speedy means of transportation are lacking for the personnel of the center which should be in contact with the supervisory commands in order to direct and control the whole job of training and clearance.

At least three motor-cars or light cars, speedy and in good condition are necessary.

This Ministry has no such vehicles available, which, however, according to the order issued by the MIA with letter 25/4 of 23 September 44, cannot be used for the mine clearance service.

In assigning transport for the above service, we wish to ask you to include said vehicles which will be used for the purpose.

This Ministry has given orders to initiate the construction of magnetic mine detectors in order to insure a minimum of equipment to each working squad.

Some exemplars have already been distributed, while others are being prepared.

The materials indicated in enclosure No 1 required for the planned construction are lacking.

We wish to ask you to authorize, if possible, the assignment of said material with the urgency arising out of present necessities.

All the workers recruited are extremely needy of shoes, clothes and equipment. They are all willing to let part of their pay be retained, as long as their necessities be satisfied.

This Ministry made a request for the authorization to assign temporarily two blankets to each worker who is away from his home-town. The MIA with letter 22/12/1 of 23 October 1944 did not permit such a distribution.

This Ministry believes that it is absolutely necessary to assign (upon payment) some hundreds of used and rejected shoes, and to lend two blankets to each worker away from home, because of the particular condition of the country, in order to prevent the workers, for whom the expense of the training courses are being incurred, to abandon the work.

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Direzione Generale del Genio
Ufficio Bonifica Campi
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Genio

Ind. 7. 10/6:228. 2504. 10/6:228. 2.

*Autore del foglio del
Genio*

O G G E T T O Servizio bonifica campi minati.-

COMANDO A.C.C.

R O M A

1 - Questo Ministero ha preso conoscenza di quanto codesto Comando ha disposto con circolare qui trasmessa in copia con foglio 303417/C.A. relativa alla bonifica dei campi minati.

Si ringrazia ancora per il cordiale interessamento che codesto Comando dimostra per una questione così vitale e per il valido contributo di mezzi offerto allo scopo di agevolare il grave compito di questo Ministero.

2 - I previsti cinque centri di addestramento di Pisa-Spoleto-Viterbo-Chieti e Capua, si possono ora considerare avviati, pur non nascondendo che bisogna superare ancora non poche difficoltà per raggiungere la desiderata e necessaria organizzazione.

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Tale centro con il proprio personale e la propria attrezzatura continuerà la sua funzione di addestramento. Sarà esaminata la convenienza di spostare la sua sede nella zona mineraria di Massa Marittima - Campeglia - Gavorrano in modo da poter sfruttare l'elemento operaio specializzato esistente in quella zona.

3 - Conviene questo Ministero sulla opportunità di stabilire uno stretto collegamento fra i Commissari regionali Alleati e i Comandi di zona bonifica campi minati.

Ma per meglio realizzare questo intendimento, anziché distaccare permanentemente un ufficiale italiano presso i Commissari regionali

il quale si troverebbe poi in difficoltà per corrispondere rapidamente con gli organi di servizio che lo hanno distaccato, questo Ministero è del parere che convenga trasferire i Comandi di zona bonifica c.m. nelle stesse città ove hanno sede i Commissari regionali.

Il territorio dell'Italia centrale anziché in cinque zone come era stato finora convenuto verrebbe ad essere suddiviso in quattro zone e precisamente:

Zona sud (Campania e Molise) con sede a Napoli;

Zona Lazio Umbria - con sede a Roma

Zona Abruzzi e Marche - con sede a Chieti

Zona Toscana - con sede a Siena

Con la presenza nella stessa città dei Commissari regionali e dei Comandi di zona bonifica il loro collegamento sarebbe estremamente facilitato e grande vantaggio ne deriverebbe al servizio.

Con questo provvedimento sarebbe necessario sganciare l'organizzazione dei centri di addestramento da quella delle zone di bonifica.

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a) - La questione dei mezzi di trasporto occorrenti per le squadre di lavoro è in via di soluzione e dopo che sarà giunta risposta

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al foglio 31/10/944 N.VIII/60173/B C M di s. di avviarla ad una integrale soluzione.

Difettano però ancora mezzi rapidi di trasporto per il personale che dal centro dovrebbe tenere contatto con i Comandi periferici in modo da poter guidare, indirizzare e controllare tutto il lavoro di addestramento di organizzazione e di esecuzione della bonifica.

Occorrerebbero almeno tre autovetture o auto leggeri, rapidissimi nei.

Questo Ministero non ha alcuna disponibilità di tali veicoli che d'altra parte non potrebbero essere adibiti al servizio di bonifica campi minati in base a quanto disposto dalla M.M.I.A. con foglio SD/4 in data 23 settembre 1944.

Nell'effettuare la cessione dei mezzi di trasporto per il servizio in discorso pregesi pertanto, ove possibile, comprendere anche i tre automezzi di cui è cenno, da servire per lo anzidetto scopo.

b) - Al fine di assicurare ad ogni squadra di lavoro il minimo di attrezzatura necessaria questo Ministero ha fatto iniziare la costruzione di cercamine magnetici.

Alcuni esemplare sono stati già distribuiti. Altri sono in via di approvvigionamento. Per poter proseguire nel lavoro di costruzione difettano i materiali elencati nell'allegato n.1.

Ove possibile si prega autorizzarne la cessione con l'urgenza imposta dalla necessità.

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Questo Ministero chiese l'autorizzazione di poter dare a titolo di prestito due coperte a ciascun operaio che lavori lontano dalla propria casa. La M.M.I.A. con foglio ~~12/1/20123~~ 10/4 non ha permesso tale distribuzione. La cessione a pagamento di qualche centinaio di scarpe usate e riparate e la distribuzione in prestito di due coperte agli operai distaccati dalle proprie case sono a giudizio di questo Ministero provvedimenti indispensabili, nelle condizioni particolari che attraversa il paese, per evitare l'esodo dal lavoro degli operai per i qua-

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li viene s tutto l'onere dell'addeamento.

Si sarebbe perciò grati a codesto Comando se volesse riprendere la questione in benevolo esame.

IL SOTTOSGREGARIO DI STATO

ALLA GUERRA

(Gen. Oxilia)

E. Oxilia

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1	Edenite 0,5 al- tro materiale isolante in ba- stoni da mm. 30	0,5	125	tubo da 25 mm/occorre da 35; per diametro sup. e 25 occorre 40
5	Cartone Bacha- lizzato da mm. 0,5	0,01	10	
6	Cartone buche- lizzato da mm. 1	0,01	10	
7	Filo di rame da 3/10 di mm/ in coppio cotone	0,250	65	3545
8	Cavetto unipola- re gonfiato da 0,5 mm.	5	1500	
9	Filo di rame da 15/100	0,250	70	
10	Filo di rame ti- po pus-bak	3	750	Per 1 colle- gamenti dei circuiti elet- trici.
11	Stagno per saldare	0,05	15	
12	Tela olona grif- cio verde	1,5	375	
13	Nastro di tela pesante da mm/ 30 x 3	1,8	450	
14	Nastro di tela leggera da mm/ 25 x 1,5	1	250	

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Denominazione materiali	Per i cerceamine		Per 250 cerceamine		NOTE
	N. per 1 m ²	kg.	N. per 1 m ²	kg.	
15 Fioche da mm/30 2					
" " 25 1					
16 Anelli per cinghie					
17 Occhielli per scarpe					
18 Filo per cucire a macchina					
19 Ribadini di alluminio da mm. 2	100				
20 Lamiera di ferro da 8/10 di mm/	0,12				
21 Filo di ferro da mm/2					
22 id. id. mm/3					
23 Alluminio in lastre da mm/3					
24 Ottone in filo da mm/3 di diametro					
25 id. id. da mm. 3					
26 Alluminio in peni					
27 Cavo tetrapolare					
28 Cavo di rame					
29 Tubo sterlingato					

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0,12

21 Filo di Ferro da
mm/2

22 14. 18. mm/3
Alluminio in lam-
mina da mm/3

23 Ottone in filo da
mm/3 di diametro

24 Ottone in filo
da mm. 4

25 10. 12. da mm. 8

26 Alluminio in pen-
na
27 Cavo telefonico
completo, l'insu-
bro del condutto-
re mm. 0,5

28 Paraffina

29 Tubo sterlingato
mm/3

30 Puzza telefonica
alla resistenza
a due pediglioni
con cordocina e
spina (1000 ohm)

31 Potenzimetri
da 50.000 ohm con
interruttore

100
250

750

125

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Denominazione materiali	Per 1.000		Per 250 ceramici		NOTE
	N. pezzi	ml.	N. m	ml. Kg.	
32 Spine bigolarie a panno da 20 mm	1			250	
33 Toccolletti porta trinci di Resenco					
400/100 da 5 piecini	4			1000	
34 Trasformatore di uscita per b.s. rapporto 1-1	1			250	Per l'uscita della ouelle telefonica
35 Resistenza da 1 meg. ohm un Watt.	2			500	
36 Resistenza da 50.000 meg. ohm I W.	2			500	
37 id. da 20.000 meg. ohm. IV	1			250	
38 id. da 200.000 meg. ohm. IV	1			250	
39 id. da 5000 meg. ohm. I W.	1			250	
40 id. da 2000 meg. ohm. I W	1			250	
41 Condensatori semi fissi da p.p. 20-100 in ceramica	1			250	
42 Condensatori fissi a mica da P. P. 200	2			500	
43 Condensatori fissi a mica da 150	1			250	

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36 Resistenza da 50.030 meg. ohm I "	2	500
37 Id. da 20.000 meg. ohm. IV	1	250
38 id. da 200.000 meg. ohm. IV	1	250
39 id. da 5000 meg. ohm. I "	1	250
40 id. da 2000 meg. ohm. I "	1	250
41 Condensatori semi fisso da p.p. 20+ 100 in ceramica	1	250
42 Condensatori fissi a mica da p. 7.200	2	500
43 Condensatori fissi a mica da p.p. 150	1	250
id. " 100	1	250
id. " 1000	1	250
id. " 1500	1	250
id. " 500	1	250

Denominazione Per I componenti Per 250 componenti NOTE
materiali

N. 1 m. 2 ml. N. 1 m. 2 ml. N. 1 m. 2 ml.

Condensatori
Fisici a mica
da p.p. 5000 2
id. " 2000 1
id. " 5000
a cartuccia
id. p.p. 1500
a cartuccia 1
44 Cacciaviti con
manico di legno
(tipo piccolo,
larghezza della
punta 5 mm.) 1

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Roma 6 novembre 1944

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punta 5 mm.)

Roma 6 novembre 1954

PARTI DI RICAMBIO PER 250 CERCAMINI IN MINICONS
PER 6 MESI LAVORANDO 8 ORE AL GIORNO CIRCA

Telaio espulsore	N.10
Tubi dell'asta esploratrice	N.10
Busta di tela ier as a esploratrice	N.5
Cuffie telefoniche	N.20
Cavo tetrapolare completo di spina	N.10
Cavo tetrapolare senza spina	ml. 30
Tubi elettronici RH.B.P	N. 30
Tubi elettronici RH. C.F.	N. 20
Batterie di pile a secco tipo 4,5 D.1.	" 8000
Batterie di pile a secco tipo 63 A.2	" 3000

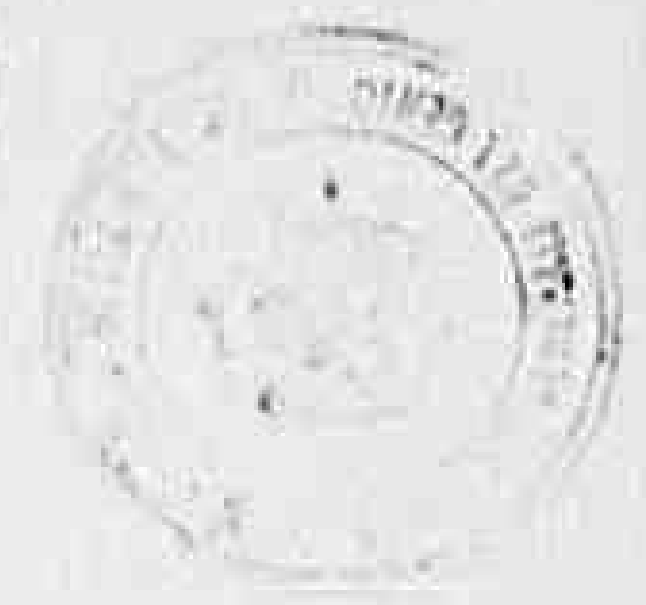
N.B - L'autonomia del cercamine è:
Batterie anodica 15 giorni circa
cattodica 5 giorni circa

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mi. 30
N. 30
N. 20
Tubi elettronici 22. D. 2
Tubi elettronici 22. C. 7.
Batterie di pile a secco tipo 4.5 C. 1. " 8000
Batterie di pile a secco tipo 63 A. 2 " 3000

N. 3 - L'autonomia del cerchio è:
Batteria anodica 15 giorni circa
catodica 5 giorni circa

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5146/1/Commerce/ Pol 30

10 November 1944

SUBJECT: POL - Italian Army Mine Sweeping Co.

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Your 9/8A/CA of 31 October 1944 refers.
2. Attached is a copy of our ACC/5146/Commerce of 31 October 1944 and Pet 30/B/19/1 of 27 October 1944, enclosure thereto.

W.E. Scotten
W.E. SCOTTEN
Major M.I.S.
Acting Director
Commerce Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref. AC/5146/Commerce/POI. 8

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : POI for Mine Clearance Company .

TO : Abruzzi - Marche Region .

1. Your AC/301/32 of 23 October 1944 refers.
2. Attached is a copy of PET 30/B/19/1 of 27 October 1944 which is self explanatory.
3. Please forward the receipts directly to PETSEC referring to their letter and send us a copy of your covering letter to Petsec.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

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

Copy to: PETSEC AFHQ R.A.A.C.

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AFHQ PETROLEUM SECTION
ROME ALLIED AREA COMMAND
ROME 478131
PET 30/B/19/1

SUBJECT : POL for Italian Army Mine Sweeping
Companies

27 OCT. 44

HQ ACC Commerce Sub-Commission APO 394
U.S. Army

Reference your ACC/5146/1/Commerce/POL 15 dated 25 Oct. 44.

1. The POL which has been paid for in cash by Lt. Spanpanato for the use of 562 and 164 Mine Sweeping Companies, can be reimbursed by CIP.
2. It will be necessary that Lt. Spanpanato have the receipts for the payment which he made to CIP, forwarded to this Section.
3. Instructions will then be issued to CIP to refund the money and invoice the Italian Government in similar manner to that adopted for supplies to the Italian Army .

/s/ J.J. FAGAN
Major R.E.

for Colonel
Petroleum Section

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 384
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/BA/CA

Tel : 498081
Ext : 338

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance
San Marino

11 Nov 44

TO : Lazio-Umbria Region

Rey this Headquarters now have a reply to letter
9/BA/CA of 31 October .

P.H. CHIPPS Col
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489081
Ext: 358

Ref: 9/BA/CA

11 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Mine Clearing Contracts.

TO: Regional Finance Officer,
Lazio-Umbria Region.

Your P/310/IV of 8 Nov 44 is acknowledged.

1. Finance Sub-Commission have approved of this Contract and are writing direct on this matter.
2. For your personal there is sent a copy of this Section's letter 9/BA/CA of 1 Nov 44.

[Signature]
R.H. CRUTCH, Col.
C&O CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

C-A Sect 304

FINANCE DIVISION

F/310/IV

8 Nov. 44

Subject: Mine Clearing Contracts

To : Vice President, Civil Affairs Section
(Deputy Chief of Staff)
HQ. Allied Commission
Ministero delle Corporazioni

Copy to: Regional Engineer
HQ. Lazio Umbria Region

" : Joint Directors Finance Sub Commission
HQ. AC.
Ministero delle Corporazioni

1. Reference is made to your letter 9/8A/CA dated 9 Oct. 44 on the above subject.

A copy of the above letter was sent to the Regional Engineer of this Region with appropriate directions.

2. The contract in question was the only Civil Mine Clearance Contract signed by the Regional Engineer who now informs me that his office copy was handed to Col. Cripps on Sunday 1st Oct. 44 to enable the latter Officer to discuss it with the Ministry interested the following day, after which it would be returned to the Regional Engineer.

The Regional Engineer has however informed me on the telephone this morning that the Contract has been returned to him with your letter 9/8A/CA dated 1 Nov. 44, signed by Col. Cripps.

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8 NOV 1944
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
M CIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

FINANCE DIVISION

It would be appreciated if a copy of the above letter may be forwarded to this Division as it is understood that the Contract now has your approval and that of the Joint Directors, Finance Sub Commission, within certain specified conditions.

3. The present position of the Contract is, according to the Regional Engineer, that it is not cancelled and that it will be completed!

I am informed that the estimated amount that will be due to the Contractor for work completed up to 10 Nov. 44 will be some Lit. 337,000.

Will you please issue formal orders to me authorizing me to pay the above amount and also any sums under the contract approved by the Regional Engineer subsequently.

4. There was a very important matter of Insurance involved which it is understood, Italian Commercial Companies were not prepared to write.

I am unaware of what has been arranged in the matter but it obviously needs urgent consideration.

E. R. Leigh-Jones

E. R. Leigh-Jones
W/Cdr. R. A. F.
Regional Finance Officer

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*may be used**9/8A/CA*HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

DDP/cfp

30 October 1944

REF : WD/SC/M/1/1

SUBJECT: Distribution

TO : Civil Affairs Section, Headquarters Allied Commission.

1. Ref. Letter dated 22 October 44, Subject: Mine Clearance, Hqs AGC, Civil Affairs Section Ref. No. 9/R.A/CA.

2. Request nine (9) additional copies of the above mentioned letter be forwarded to this Region for internal distribution to Special Divisions and Provinces.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Duane H. French
DUANE H. FRENCH
Capt, CMP
AdjutantMinute

HQ EMILIA REGION.

Herewith 9 copies of the above mentioned letter as requested.

2 Nov 44.

GA.
G.A. BETHMAN Sjt,
CD CA Sec, HQ AG.

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ENGINEER SERVICE
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782 US ARMY

C. A. Jackson

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22 October 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Allied Control Commission (Att: Civil Affairs Section) APO 394.

1. Enclosed are overlays # 13, # 14, and # 15 and unnumbered overlay giving the approximate location of all known mine fields reported by Fifth Army. This information is in some cases old and it is possible that since the time of publication that some of the minefields shown have been removed.

2. Information is given that in many localities minefields exist of which there is no record. This is especially true of the Anzio area.

3. Suggest that 5th Army be contacted for additional information.

For the Engineer Officer:

ATTACHMENT: 4
Overlays # 13, # 14, # 15 and unnumbered one.

John E. Shaw
JOHN E. SHAW
Captain, C.E.,
Operations Branch.

*has been attached to
the program today.
JES*

RECEIVED
24 OCT 1944
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