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MINE CLEARANCE, CORRESPONDENCE
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 409001 Ext: 358

9/2.1/45

3 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry of War,
Italian Government
Via XX Settembre
R O M E

- 1 From time to time queries are raised by Regions as to the boundaries of the Zones formed by you in connection with mine clearance.
- 2 For greater efficiency and for closer liaison between Regions and Zones it is considered that Zones should have the same territorial boundaries as Regions.
- 3 It may happen that there will be more than one school within a Region and perhaps none in another, but nevertheless there will always be squads or Mine Clearing Companies working within Regions.
- 4 This Headquarters will be obliged if you will consider the reorganization of Zones on a Regional basis. This could mean the setting up of a Headquarters within each Regional area, which Headquarters should be sited in the same town as the Regional Headquarters except in the case of Abruzzi-Marche Region. The Zone Headquarters in most cases would consist of your liaison officer and a clerk for coordinating purposes and the keeping of records.
- 5 The only Regions with which we are concerned at present are Lazio Umbria, Abruzzi-Marche, Toscana and Emilia.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

R. E. Jones
R. E. JONES Maj.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
for APO 394 3730

Copy to: - Col. SUPINO -

to Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre
R O M E

Copy for Col. Rupino.

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R.C. EMILIA REGION

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PAREN TO EMILIA REGION FROM HQ ALGOM FROM CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION PAREN

PAPA TWO PD WORKERS ARE COVERED BY INSURANCE SEE THIS HQ LETTER NINE

PAREN EIGHT ABLE PAREN CHARLIE ABLE OF TWO JANUARY COPY BEING

FORWARDED PD

PAPA THREE PD OTHER POINTS BEING EXAMINED.

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NICHOLAS FIORENO
CWO, USA
Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
ART 396
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 478104

Ref: 9/24/CH

3 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Capt. M. SHERT, R.A.S.C.,
c/o T.C., LUCCA.

- 1 Reference your letter of the 15 Dec 44 concerning Lt. Col. DE
BASTOIS. Since this Headquarters has been informed verbally that he is
being posted elsewhere. This should take place very soon.
- 2 At present the Zone boundaries are indeterminate as zones of oper-
ation appear to cover only those areas in which the squads are working.
This is not satisfactory and the Italian Government has been requested
to consider the possibility of making their zones conform to the existing
Regional boundaries. If this is done it is felt that Regions will know
where they stand and what squads are working within their Region.
- 3 A small number of mine detectors has been allocated to this Head-
quarters and four will be allocated to Toscana Region.
- 4 The question of insurance has been thoroughly investigated and it
has been ascertained that all workers employed directly by AC are covered
against accidents and injuries, fatal and otherwise. The same applies to
those who are employed by the Italian Government on Mine Clearance so that
in so far as the scheme is concerned all employees are covered by insurance.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

R. R. [Signature]
S. R. [Signature] Brig.,
VT CA Section.
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Copy to: AMM 5 ARMY,
R.C., TOSCANA Region.

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Patriot Mining Schools. 8 ARMY Engineers commences 2 January 45. Director of patriots trained will be Major BASILE Patriot officer this Hq who attended PISA Mining School and also attends this School. Desire after training put patriots under Ministry of War scheme for payment and insurance. Zone scheme not acceptable. Can an officer of the Ministry of War with powers to make a spot decision be sent EMILIA Regional Hq immediately.

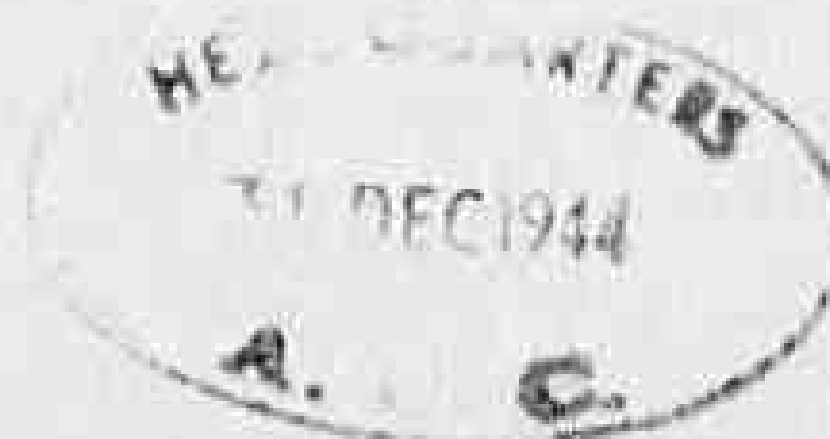
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Lobbyist Major Basile...

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. LN/2

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal, Leghorn.

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

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

1. Considerable difficulties are being encountered in Leghorn.
2. A squad of twenty men was sent to this city on 16 Dec. 44, but were returned on the 20 Dec., as it was impossible for them to obtain their rations there, apart from the heavy workers supplementary rations which they had brought with them from Pisa.
3. (a) As stated in para 1 (b) of report of 16 Dec. 44, it was the intention to start a school of instruction in Leghorn.
(b) Zone V, S.B.C.M. were instructed to contact P.B.S. in order to find suitable accommodation for the school.
(c) The only premises offered were the Sports Stadium in Livorno, which included a number of grand stands and stables, the whole premises being reputed to contain already about 3000 mines.
4. On 23 Dec. 44 the Labour Office, Livorno, was requested to co-operate in the recruitment of suitable workmen. On 28 Dec. 44 the Labour Office informed Zone V that not only had no names been enrolled, but that they know nothing about the matter, in spite of the fact that they had posted a notice outside their premises.
5. (a) Concerning para (2) above, the Supply Officer, Leghorn, states that food is extremely scarce in that city, and that although the men might obtain sufficient to eat when residing with their families in Pisa, it was extremely unlikely that they would be able to find sufficient in Leghorn.
(b) It was proposed to G-4 HQ PBS that mines disposal workmen might be attached to PBS for messing, they being entitled to a similar ration scale.
(c) G-4 stated that there was no authority for this.

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6. It is requested that some arrangement be made by higher authority for a squad of twenty men be attached to IBS for accommodation and rations.
7. (a) It was suggested that 20 men be transported daily to and from Leghorn to Pisa in order that a start could be made.
(b) The P.C. Licca states that he has no transport.

M. Shurt.
M. SHURT,
Capt., R.A.S.C.

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2 - Col. Gripps
1 - Fifth Army, AMG
1 - PG Livorno
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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref: LU/2

R E P O R T

29 December 1944

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal

TO: Col. R.E. CHIFFS, C.A. Section, HQ AC.

FROM: Capt. M. HUNT, R.A.S.

1. Progress.

(a) PISA. Work continues satisfactorily in this district, and squads are working at Barbericcia, S. Piero a Grado, Porta a Mare.

(b) LUNGA. The work of clearing the electric power lines is continuing satisfactorily, but slowly owing to the mountainous country and the fact that the ground is frozen solid. Work in agricultural districts progressed.

(c) LIVORNO. This city has been made the object of a separate letter.

(d) PISTOIA. It has been found necessary to continue the course at Pistoia until the end of the year, some of the trainees having shown themselves backward.

(e) VIAREGGIO. Accommodation and rationing have been arranged for 10 men to begin work here on 2 Jan. 45.

(f) Up to date a total of 200,000 sq. ft. of ground has been cleared and 1100 mines lifted in all districts.

2. Materials.

(a) A flame-thrower is being obtained from Rome for the purpose of clearing grass from overgrown pieces of ground.

(b) Detectors. So far all efforts to obtain either more detectors or valves for their manufacture have failed, Fifth Army stating that the required type of valves is one of the items in vitally short supply. Meanwhile "ground-prodding" continues, but is of necessity painfully slow.

3. Personnel.

- (a) Lt. Cercanni reported for duty from Rome on 23 Dec. 44.
(b) Lt. Scardovi has proved extremely unsatisfactory and is being returned to an adverse report.

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4. Insurance.

A settlement of the matter of benefits for the dependents of employees, has been promised by the end of this year.

5. Requests.

A request from 10 plwy Con. Coy R.E. for mines to be removed from the Laghetto-Inacca railway-line was received.

It was suggested that 60 base sub-area might provide military personnel.

6. Morale.

(a) Although a number of the men employed are working conscientiously with a view to benefiting their country, the majority at present are merely working for an attractive wage scale and extra rations.

(b) Of the trainees recently enrolled at Pistoia, eight men, having completed 3 or 4 days training stated that naturally, they only expected to work as

Office Staff.

(c) Although no indication has ever been given either by this HQ or Zone V that the income of these employees should be free of tax, the fact that it is taxable appears to be causing discontent.

M. J. ...

1. A. A. ...

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Col. CRIPPS, HQ AC
Fifth Army AMG
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

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Recd 29 Dec.

27th December 1944

TO : A.C. Civil Affairs Section (Attention Maj. Reaks)
SUBJECT: Withdrawal situation
IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENG/25.4

Enclosed copy of letter from the 561st Compagnia
Bastionamento Mine of Gaeta treating about the above
question.

From this letter we notice that the various with-
drawals, that regulate the internal life of the Unit, are
getting little by little regular.

As for the scarce distribution of cigarettes,
our Division will interest the Ministero della Guerra,
in order to avoid this inconvenience.

This shows improvement - Thanks

Ch. W. Smith
Lt. Col. R.E.
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG

Enclosures:

112. Withdrawals copy to 122nd Airborne Div.

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28 DEC 1944

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Translation by: E. Scarzella

561st COMPAGNIA PIONIERI
Rastrellamento Campi Minati
COMANDO - P.M. 3400

21st December 1944

Ref. N°.: 3023

SUBJECT : Withdrawal situation.

TO : Command of 227th Division - P.M. 3400
and for information to: Head quarter - Allied Military Government -
Lazio Umbria Region - Engineering Division - A.P.G. 394

Actually the withdrawal of food materials at the supply service in Naples is done in a regular and satisfactory way.

The withdrawal of disinfectants and medicines after the last assignments, as they have not been used and therefore continue being in same quantity, are sufficient for the Unit.

The withdrawal of soap takes place always rather late, the assignment is satisfactory. Up to date it has not yet been possible to effect the withdrawal for the month of December.

The withdrawal of cigarettes is the most difficult; in fact, although the Commandant himself has taken interest in the question and has had formal promises on the regularity of the supply, since 1st September up to date cigarettes on payment have never been delivered. The free cigarettes have not been delivered from 1st to 25th November and we can say the same of the ones due from 1st to 11st December.

We beg you to arrange that the withdrawal of the free cigarettes and the ones on payment should take place in a more regular way as in the area where the Company is residing it is impossible for the soldiers to get any.

Signat IL COMANDANTE LA COMP 3721
(Cap. De Marchi Natale)

HEADQUARTERS ARMED FORCES
AND
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

2 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance
TO : See Distribution

- 1 The matter of insurance of workers under the Mine Clearance Scheme has been raised on several occasions and has been the subject of investigation by Finance Sub-Commission.
- 2 Finance Sub-Commission advise that the position is:-
Insurance against work-accidents - Workers engaged in hazardous callings are insured under M.L. 1765 of 1935 in the state workers' compensation institute (Infirmary). If employed by the state this is accomplished through Infirmary or a special organization but with equivalent treatment. If employed by Armed Forces, they are covered by Infirmary under the terms of an agreement of 1943 with the Finance Ministry, and more recently by a Decree issued by the Ministry of Administrative Management of 15 December 44.

3 The Ministry of War has also been investigating the matter and states that the workers are at present insured by the "Istituto Nazionale Infirmary and Workers" according to the present law.

4 The insurance is automatic and it does not matter whether the workers are employed by the Italian Government or by A.S. In the event of injury (fatal or otherwise) claims should be lodged with "Infirmary".

5 The accounts paid, which are submitted now are at present being reviewed in light of the present cost of living.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

2 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO: HQ Lazio District Region
HQ Abruzzi Marche Region

1. A war establishment for the 561 and 562 Mine Clearance Companies has now being approved. A copy is attached for your use.
2. The present Companies are well below establishment so steps are being taken to provide reinforcements. It is intended to have these reinforcements trained in mine clearance work before posting to the Companies, they will join the Companies, it is hoped on or about 15 Jan.
3. Steps should be taken now to see that these Companies are properly clothed and equipped to scale. Requests for clothing etc must be made by the Companies through Italian Military channels but if there is any difficulty please report to this HQ and action will be taken at this end.
4. While the scale of clothing etc may be considered below British and American standards, requests in excess of it cannot be entertained at present.
5. Replacements of worn out clothing, boots etc should be handled through Italian Military channels but this HQ will be prepared to take up any point on which there is difficulty.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:


G. J. DeJohn Brig.
C.A. Section
APO 394
Copy to: Land Force Sub-Commission (MIA)
Col G. J. DeJohn, Ministry of War.
Via 11 Settembre - R.O. 11 -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIANCE COMMISSION
APC 390
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 278008

1 Jan 45.

Ref: 9/2A/CA ✓

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Companies.

TO: S.O.R.S..
Land Forces Sub-Commission (S/LA).

Reference your ST/L of 23 Dec 44 enclosing copy of S/E approved for the 561 and 562 Mine Clearing Companies.

- 1 The position with regard to transport of these companies is very bad indeed. The 561 Company has no transport at all. The 562 Company has three vehicles on the road which are not in good condition.
- 2 Please take up this matter of transport on behalf of this Section, as without transport the activities of the Companies are considerably restricted.

For the Chief Commissioner.

R.R. CRIPPS
R.R. CRIPPS, Col..
for VP CA Section.

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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/10/44

2 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Regional Engineer, Lazio Umbria Region

- 1 Your letter G de C-F/gb of 19 Dec 44 addressed to Land Forces Sub-Commission has been passed to this Section.
- 2 The S.S. of the Mine Clearing Companies has been approved and a copy of it has been forwarded to your HQ.
- 3 This matter among others had already been taken up with Land Forces Sub-Commission by this Section and a copy of this HQ letter 9/10/44 of 19 Dec 44 to Land Forces Sub-Commission was forwarded to you.
- 4 To avoid duplication and overlapping in connection with Mine Clearance generally and Mine Clearance Companies please address all letters for Land Forces Sub-Commission to this Section.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

R.C.
- C.F. UFFORN Brig.
VP 24 Section
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Copy to : HQ Lazio Umbria Region

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

29 December 1944

TO : LAND FORCES SUB-COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

SUBJECT : Establishment of 561st Mine Sweeping Company.

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/25.4

Reference 9326/Ord.di prot. PM 3800 dated 14th Dec. to you from Stato Maggiore R.E. (Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione - Sezione Ordinamento -) .

This list is a retyping of list prepared by Lt.Col. Caruso in October and submitted to you under my R4/ENG/25.4 dated 25th Oct. 1944 and so far as this office is concerned is satisfactory.

It is noticed that Stato Maggiore R.E. omits any recommendation: as the letter is addressed to you - copy to me for information. Further action rests with you NOT me. -

I should be glad of confirmation that you are taking action. -

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

Copy to:

H.Q. Region Lazio & Umbria.

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

Copy to:

H.Q. Region Lazio & Umbria.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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31 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

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TO : HQ. Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section.

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Reference your 2/3A/CA dated 21 December copy of the
letter instructing us to destroy all mines is enclosed.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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

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One copy

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Reference your G/CA/CA dated 21 December copy of the
letter instructing us to destroy all mines is enclosed.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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

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enc. 510.

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C O P Y

H.Q., ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

Subject:- Destruction of Mines.

Tel:- FILPOT 330

H.Q., Region IV.
A.C.C. APC 394 U.S. Army.

Ref:- ORDA/4008/I

Copy to:- C.E.M.E.C., H.Q., A.A.I.

2 Nov 44.

1. Ref your RA/ENG/26.4 of 25 October 44.
2. All Allied mines lifted from minefields will be destroyed, if possible in situ, and not returned to Salvage or Ordnance depots.
3. In effect, ALL lifted mines, no matter what nationality or type are considered as unsafe and must be destroyed.

Brigadier,
D.D.O.S.

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Translation no. 142

MINISTRY OF WAR
Gen. Dir. Engineering

File no. 4527/918

Rome, 26th December, 1944.

To Gen. Section
and for information
To the Ministry of War - Cabinet

Subject: Mine Clearance

With reference to the information presented and questions asked by
Maj. *Remkes* at the conference of 26th December, we wish to inform you:

- 1) - The problem of equipment for the personnel of the 561 Sp. Pioneer
(Pioneer Coy) has been partially solved. The said coy. has already
received (through the Lt. Col. *Cavigio* - R.A. IV Region Engineering Division)
the coupons for withdrawing the clothing required. There is still a
need of blankets, however, - the Gen. Direction of the Commissariat
declared that it was unable to assign any because the M.A.I.A. did not
allow their issue.

We would be grateful if your subcommission would make a request
to the M.A.I.A.

- 2) - We appreciate the observations and proposals of Maj. *Remkes* regarding
the training of the personnel of the 561 Coy.

We have ordered an officer and an N.C.O. who have been trained in
the English School at Capua, to give a training course to the said unit
during the first two weeks of January, 1945.

These instructors have been taken from the M.C. service at Campagna,
so none others were available.

In order to fill the lack of instructors, it would be useful to have
other inferior officers and N.C.O.s of the R. Army trained at the above-
mentioned school, for the purpose of increasing the number of specialists
needed to train civilian personnel for the M.C. service.

We would appreciate information from your Subcommission regarding
the admission of the personnel in question (periods in which courses are
given, number of officers and N.C.O.s at each course, etc.).

- 3) - We have a favorable opinion as regards the formation of a third pioneer
company for mine-clearance. (563).

We are also of the opinion that the three companies should be directly
controlled by the Italian Military Authorities (IMI-IMI). In order to
improve the technical-disciplinary conditions of the pioneer sp. and hence
their efficiency, by a suitable organization, we deem it desirable to place
them under a bin. command, to be formed by this Ministry.

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2) - as appreciate the observations and proposals of Mr. PLACID regarding the training of the personnel of the 3rd Coy.

We have ordered an officer and an N.C.O. who have been trained in the English School at Cayne, to give a training course to the said unit during the first two weeks of January, 1964.

These instructors have been taken from the M.C. service at Campenia, as some others were available.

In order to fill the lack of instructors, it would be useful to have other inferior officers and N.C.O.s of the M. arm trained at the above-mentioned school, for the purpose of increasing the number of specialists needed to train civilian personnel for the M.C. service.

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4) - The lack of vehicles is still a serious difficulty and greatly decreases the efficiency of the M.C. service.

The agreements made with the civil authorities (Ministry of Communications) besides proving that the hire contract is not suitable for the employment of vehicles as this service requires, have had no practical result as yet because of the tendency of the civilians concerned to avoid the obligations of the contracts.

We wish to point out that if the present shortage of vehicle continues - this being the principle cause of the small number of workers employed at present - the M.C. service would not be able to do further useful work under the present system.

We request your assistance also as regards the assignment of vehicles, pointing out that at least 30 light vehicles are urgently required.

GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING
(Gen. Dir. O. Crivaro)

B4 Tuesday afternoon

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to have a better
officer & a better
pioneer

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Ministro della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

*Quartiere
Gen. M. 4987
Ricevuto*

OGGETTO Bonifica Campi Minati.

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CA Section

Roma 28 dicembre 1944

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Al L'A. C. - SECTION CIVIL

APPEALS - A. P. C. 394

e, per conoscenza:

- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -

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*Restato al foglio del
Genio*

Con riferimento alle informazioni e richieste presentate dal MAGG. REAKES nel colloquio del giorno 20 c.m. si comunica:

- 1) - La questione dell'equipaggiamento per il personale della 561^a Cp. pionieri è stata parzialmente risolta. L'accesa compagnia ha già ricevuto (tramite T. Col. CARUSO - H.Q. IV Region Engineering Division) i buoni prelevamento per l'assegnazione vestiario occorrente. Resta ancora in sofferenza l'assegnazione materiali di caserme, in particolare coperte, delle quali la Direzione Gen. di Commissariato ha dichiarato di non poter disporre, perché la M.M.I.A. non ne ha permessa la concessione. In proposito sarebbe gradito l'interessamento di codesta Sottocommissione presso la M.M.I.A.
- 2) - Si apprezzano le osservazioni e proposte del MAGG. REAKES in merito all'addestramento del personale della 561^a cp. Sono stati dati ordini perché un ufficiale ed un sottufficiale già addestrati presso la Scuola Inglese di Campa effettuino un corso di addestramento presso detto reparto nella 1^a quindicina di gennaio p.v. Detto personale istruttore, per mancanza di altra disponibilità, è stato tratto dal servizio B.C.M. della Campa.

Per supplire alla deficienza di istruttori sarebbe mol

1) - La questione dell'equipaggiamento per il personale della 56^a Cp. pionieri è stata perlopiù risolta. L'accesa compagnia ha già ricevuto (tramite T.Col. CARUGO - R.Q.IV Region Engineering Division) i buoni prelevamenti per l'assegnazione vestiario occorrente. Resta ancora in esistenza l'assegnazione materiali di caserme, in particolare coperte, delle quali la Direzione Gen. di Commissariato ha dichiarato di non poter disporre, perché la M.M.I.A. non ne ha permessa la concessione.

In proposito sarebbe gradito l'interessamento di codesta Sotto commissione presso la M.M.I.A.

2) - Si apprezzano le osservazioni e proposte del Maggiore REAMES in merito all'addestramento del personale della 56^a Cp.

Sono stati dati ordini perché un ufficiale ed un sottufficiale già addestrati presso la Scuola Inglese di Campese effettuino un corso di addestramento presso detto reparto nella 1^a quindicina di Gennaio p.v.

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Per sopprimere alla deficienza di istruttori sarebbe molto utile che altri ufficiali inferiori e sottufficiali del R.Esercito venissero addestrati presso la citata Scuola, allo scopo di aumentare il numero degli specialisti adibiti all'inquadramento di operai civili addestrati alla B.C.M.

In proposito si gradirebbero indicazioni da parte di codesta Commissione circa le modalità d'ammissione del personale di cui trattasi (epoca dei corsi, numero di ufficiali e sottufficiali per ogni corso, ecc.).

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3) - Si esprime parere favorevole per la costituzione di una terza compagnia pionieri rastrellatori mine (563).

Si è altresì del parere che le tre compagnie dovrebbero essere alla diretta dipendenza delle Autorità Militari Italiane (IMI-ITI). Allo scopo di migliorare le condizioni tecnico-disciplinari delle spionieri e quindi il loro rendimento mediante un adeguato inquadramento, si vi terrebbe opportuno porle alle dipendenze di un comando di btg., da costituirsi a cura di questo Ministero.

4) - Il T.Col.DA PASQUALLI sarà assegnato tra breve ad altro incarico.

5) - La mancanza di automezzi continue a costituire un ostacolo molto grave per il rendimento del Servizio B.C.M.

Gli accordi presi colle Autorità civili (Ministero delle Comunicazioni), oltre a mettere in evidenza che il contratto di noleggio non è adatto all'impiego dei mezzi secondo la esigenza del servizio, non hanno avuto finora pratico risultato anche per le tendenze ad evadere gli obblighi di contratto riscontrate presso i civili interessati.

Si mette in evidenza che ove perdurasse l'attuale indisponibilità di mezzi di trasporto - che è la causa principale del limitato numero di operai impiegati attualmente - il servizio B.C.M. non potrebbe svolgere ulteriore utile lavoro colle attuali modalità.

Anche in merito alla concessione di automezzi si richiama dono l'interessamento di codesta Sottocommissione, facendo presente che è urgente l'assegnazione di almeno 30 automezzi leggeri. -

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO
(Gen.Div.C.Crivaro)

C. Crivaro

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Subject: Mine Clearance

Civil Affairs Section S.C.

In reply to your 9/84/CA of 19 Dec and also to those of the 12, 13 and 17 Dec.

1. Organization and strength of existing companies

- a) Action has been taken to provide some reinforcements for these two companies: this matter will be followed up to ensure the companies are kept as close as possible to W.E. ✓
- b) SMC has offered for approval a W.E. consisting of Company HQ and four platoons, each of six sections. Total strength 8 officers, 201 OR. This establishment has the full approval of this HQ. A copy of this W.E. is attached. ✓
- c) It is agreed to retain the five Mine Clearance Training Squads, total strength 5 officers, 25 other ranks. ✓

2. Equipment of the companies

- a) Copies of letters to AMHQ and SMCX are attached. ✓
- b) The question of the provision of flame throwers is also being taken up. ✓
- c) The provision of electric lamps is also being investigated. ✓

3. Administration of the companies

The Ministry of War is entirely responsible: they are also being asked for details regarding any special pay issued. ✓

4. Formation of new units

The possibility of forming a third unit is being investigated. ✓

It there is room for a new unit within the 'ceiling' allowed under

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If there is room for a new unit within the 'ceiling' allowed under category 5(a) (SMI-ITF). This employed by A.C.), a new unit can be formed. ✓
There is no possibility of raising the ceiling figure.

WFA [signature]

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W. S. [signature]

Med Gen
Lord Percival Sub Comm A.C. (MATA)

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Subject:- W.E. for Mr Clearance Companies

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MHA)
SD/17
23 Dec 44

Ministry of War

Reference your 9326/Ord of 14 Dec 44.

The war establishment forwarded with your letter is approved and will apply forthwith to 561 and 562 companies and to any similar companies that may be formed in the future.

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Copy to Civil Affairs Section A.C. ✓

RG G. Plaster
Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MHA)

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Subject: Equipment for Italian Mine Clearance Companies

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)
AD/15/1
13 Dec 44

AME (3 copies)

1. At the present time two Italian Mine Clearance Coys are employed by the Allied Commission on essential work in rear areas.

The W.E. strength of each of these companies is 8 officers and 204 OR/AM, and they are included in the Order of the Italian Army under Category 5(a).

2. It is requested that an issue be made of Mine Detectors for their use on the scale of 12 per company. The type of detector (Polish or American) is immaterial. An issue was made in the past but the detectors have been returned for repair and no replacements issued.

It is also requested that authority be given for the issue of replacement batteries when necessary.

R.G. Gphiston
Maj

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 75016

Subject:- Administration of Mine Clearance Companies

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MCLA)

SD/4

13 Dec 44

Ministry of War

Recently several questions regarding the administration of 561 Mine Clearance Coy have brought to the notice of this HQ:-

- i) a shortage of clothing etc: releases have been made and it is requested that you expedite the issue of these items.
- ii) would you please have the Co C. of the companies informed of the rates of pay allowable to men in their units, and if any bonus is insurable?

In general it is requested that the Italian HQ's responsible for the administration of these companies be advised to contact the Co's C. with a view to clearing up any other difficulties which may have arisen.

R. B. Opleston
Maj

Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MCLA)

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ORGANICO

TABLA DE ORGANIZACION

COMPAGNIA RASTRELLAMENTO MINE

MINE-CLEARANCE COMPANY

Comprende:

INCLUDES

- 1- Company Hq.
- 1 escuadro de compañía
- 4 MINE-CLEARANCE PLATOONS
- 4 plotones rastrellamento mine

Compendio:

INCLUDES

- 1 Company Hq.
- 1 company di compagnia
- 4 M.V.E. CLEARANCE PLATOONS
- 4 plotoni rastrellamento mine

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- (1) - 1 sottufficiale di contabilità - 1 sottufficiale ai viveri e materiali
- (2) - per riparazione e manutenzione corazzine
- (3) - per il comando di compagnia
- (4) - 1 per il comando di compagnia; 1 per ciascun plotone rastrellamento mine
- (5) - per il comando di compagnia

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Comandante (subalterno)	1	(2)2	-	-	-	-	(1)4	-
Sottufficiali	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infermiere	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Militari per servizi vari	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Totale	1	2	-	3	-	-	4	-
SQUADRA RASTRELLAMENTO MINE								
Caposquadra	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Rastrellatori	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
Totale 1 sq. restr. mine	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-
Totale 6 sq. restr. mine	-	-	6	30	-	-	-	-
TOTALE 4 PLOTONE RASTRELLAMENTO MINE	1	2	6	35	-	-	-	-
TOTALE 4 PLOTONE RASTRELLAMENTO MINE	4	8	24	132	-	-	4	-

- (1) - per il comandante di plotone
 (2) - ciascuno ha alle dipendenze 3 squadre rastrellamento mine.

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REPERE CONGRUA DI MONTAGNA

	PERSONALE			VEICOLI DI TRACCIATO					
	UFFICIALI	SOTTUFFICIALI	TRUPPA	Autoveicoli	Autocarro leggeri	Autocarro medi	Motocicli	Biciclette	
Comando di compagnia	4	3	34	1	1	5	10	1	
4 pl. instr. mine	4	8	156	-	-	-	4	-	
TOTALE COMPAGNIA	8	11	190	1	1	5	5	1	

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TOTALS COMMENTS

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED CONFLICT
NO 304
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 484081 Ext 886

Ref: P/BA/CA

27 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Captain M. SHORT, RASC
c/o F.C. SCOTT

The Italian Ministry of War are endeavouring to obtain for instructional purposes the equipment shown in appendix "A". Land Forces Sub-Commission say they have not got this equipment and suggest that it can only be obtained in forward areas. Would you please consider this matter and let this HQ. know if it would be possible for you to obtain this equipment.

OK
R.H. CHIPPES COL
C/O CA Section

Copy to : Col Supino
Ministry of War
Via 22 Settembre
Rome

SECRET
O/O P.C. LUCCA

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H.R. CHIEFS COI
CPO DA Section

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Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

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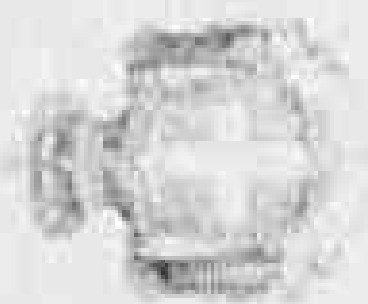
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SECTION

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

4834
Ris.

OGGETTO: Bastrellamento mine.

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

-Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A.

S E D E

Riferimento lettere 2/2A/C.A. in data 13 corr.di
codesto H.E.A.D.

- 1 - Alle questioni rappresentate col foglio a riferimento si è dato risposta coi precedenti fogli C/2621/J.D.G. in data 9.12.'44 e 4502 in data 12 corr. per quanto concerne i punti 1), 2) e 4).
- 2 - Per quanto riguarda l'assicurazione degli operai, come è noto, tutti gli operai che lavorano alle dipendenze dell'Amministrazione militare sono assicurati in conformità delle disposizioni di legge in vigore (vedi allegato).
Ad ogni modo, allo scopo di migliorare ulteriormente le condizioni di indennizzo in caso di infortunio e di facilitare in questi termini l'ingaggio di operai per il lavoro di rastrellamento mine, sono stati chiesti elementi di studio all'Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni per una speciale assicurazione collettiva supplementare. In base alle segnalazioni che pervengono in merito saranno fatte congrue proposte all'organo finan-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

-Cabinetto - Ufficio C.A.

S E D E

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codesto H.E.A.D.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO
(Gen. div. O. Crivaro)

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I)) - Gli operai sono attualmente assicurati presso l'Istituto Nazionale Infortuni sul lavoro in base alle disposizioni di legge vigenti, col sistema della gestione per conto dello Stato e cioè senza pagamento di alcun premio, ma col solo rimborso di tutte le somme che il detto Istituto paga in caso d'infortunio.

II) - Le indennità che, con tale assicurazione, gli infortunati vengono a percepire sono:

a) in caso d'invalidità temporanea:

-una indennità giornaliera pari a due terzi del salario per cui è dato il procedimento che deve essere seguito per determinare il salario - all'operaio verrebbero corrisposte circa L. 100 giornaliere.

b) in caso d'invalidità permanente assoluta:

-una rendita di invalidità nella misura annua di due terzi del salario.

-un supplemento di tale rendita (se l'infortunato ha moglie e figli a carico) che è di L. 300 - a persona fino ad un massimo di L.

-un assegno temp. di guerra - variabile secondo persone a carico - massimo L. 1200 annue.

Tertanto - dato che, comunque, il salario annuo computabile non può superare le L. 12.000 - l'infortunato può percepire una rendita annua non superiore a L. 11.000.

c) in caso d'invalidità permanente parziale:

-compete la rendita di cui sopra ridotta in rapporto al grado di invalidità (stabilito in misura variabile con un minimo dell'11% ad un massimo dell'85%.

d) in caso di morte:

Le seguenti indennità ai supstiti calcolate su una rendita annua pari ai due terzi del salario (che come sopra detto non può superare le L. 12.000 annue):

-alla moglie il 50% dei due terzi di L. 12.000 e cioè L. 4000 di rendita annua.

-ai figli L. 8000 di rendita annua (come massimo spetta cioè il 20% della rendita base per ogni figlio a carico, ma come

terminare il salario - all'operaio verrebbero corrisposte

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-un supplemento di tale rendita (se l'infortunato ha moglie e figli a carico) che è di L. 300 - a persona fino ad un massimo di 3.

-un assegno temp. di guerra - variabile secondo persone e carico - massimo L. 1250 annue.

Pertanto - dato che, comunque, il salario annuo computabile non può superare le L. 12.000 - l'infortunato può percepire una rendita annua non superiore a L. 11.000.

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-alla moglie il 50% dei due terzi di L. 12.000 e cioè L. 4000 di rendita annua.

-ai figli L. 8000 di rendita annua (come massimo spetta cioè il 20% della rendita base per ogni figlio a carico, ma complessivamente non può essere superato l'importo del salario computabile)

-spetta inoltre un assegno - da corrispondersi una volta tanto - di L. 1500 oppure L. 2000 a secondo che il superstito non ha od ha figli a carico. -



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TRANSLATION NO. 438

General Direction of the Engineers
File no. 4834/Ris.

Enclosures: One

Rome, 21 Dec 1944

Subject: Mine Clearance

To : Hq. Ac - Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

and for information,

To : Ministry of War
Cabinet - C. A. Office

Ref. to letter 9/84/C.A. dated 13 Dec 1944 of your Headquarters.

1) The questions presented with the above letter have been answered with letters 0/2621/U.D.G. dated 9 Dec 1944 and 4602 dated Dec 1944 in so far as points 1, 2 and 3 are concerned.

2) As far as insurance is concerned, as it is known, all the employees of the military administration are insured in accordance with the legal provisions at present in effect (see enclosure).

At any rate, with the view of improving the opportunities for compensation in case of accidents, and thus facilitate the employment of workmen for mine clearance, specific information has been requested from the National Insurance Institute (Istituto Nazionale delle Assicurazioni) for a special supplementary and collective insurance. Appropriate proposals will be made to the competent financial agency on the basis of the communications that we shall receive.

The General Director of the Engineers
G. Crivaro
General of Division

*State of benefits under
the Insurance & Pension for
workers engaged in work of
subordinate nature*

- I) - The workers are at present insured by the "Istituto Nazionale Infortuni sul Lavoro" according to the present law. It is considered as state insurance, i.e. no premium is paid, and whatever sums the said institute pays in case of accident are refunded.
- II) - With this insurance, the following indemnities are given to those who have suffered accidents:
 - a) for temporary invalidity:

a daily indemnity equal to two thirds of the salary. Therefore, according to the calculation of the salary, the worker would receive about L. 100 daily.
 - b) for absolute and permanent invalidity:

A yearly income for inability equal to two thirds of the salary.
A supplementary income (if the invalid has a wife and children to support) which is L.300 per person up to a maximum of eight.
A temporary war allowance, which varies according to persons supported to a maximum of L.1.200 annually.

Therefore, as the annual salary can in no way exceed 12,000 lire, the invalid shall receive an annual income not exceeding 11,000 lire.
 - c) for permanent, partial invalidity:

the above income shall be reduced according to the grade of inability (from a minimum of 11% to a maximum of 85%).
 - d) for death:

the following indemnities to the family, reckoned on an annual income equal to two thirds of the salary (which as said before cannot exceed 12,000 lire annually):
to the wife - 50% of the two thirds of 12,000 lire, i.e. 4,000 lire annual income;
to children - 8,000 lire annual income (i.e. a maximum of 20% of the basic income for every son being supported, but the total cannot exceed the amount of salary which is due) also certain allowance to be paid once in a while, of 1500 or 2000 lire according to whether the family has children to support or not.

the above income shall be reduced according to the grade of inability (from a minimum of 11% to a maximum of 65%).

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Subject: - Training Equipment for Mine Clearance Sections

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (191A)
RG 11/1
24 Dec 44

Civil Affairs Section A.C.

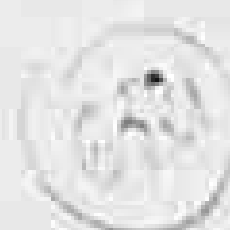
Attached is a copy of a letter received from the
Ministry of War.

It is highly improbable that the articles they require
can be found. (Phone conversation Reakes - Copleston refers).

It may be possible to obtain, however, wall diagrams
of many types of mines and lighters. These, of course, would
have captions in English, but might well serve a useful purpose
in the training. If you agree efforts will be made to secure
a set of diagrams for each section.

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RG Copleston
Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (191A)

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TRANSLATION

From - Ministry of War
To - MHA

VIII/60713
31 Dec 44

Subject:- Request for the mine

In our 4602/Ris. of 12 Dec we asked Civil Affairs Sec A.G. ROSE for materials as per attached list, for the PIRA try centre.

Similar requirements are now found to be necessary for the try centres at SPORTE, VIENNO and CHIEMI; we therefore request you to investigate the possibility of issuing another three lots at the rate of two of each type of item.

We should also be pleased to have an issue of five Hungarian Anti-person mines (Resp-Mine).

sgt G. CRIVARO

List of materials necessary for the Mine Clearance Try Centre PIRA

a) GERMAN

Electric Pressure Explorer E.S. Mi 2 40	No	2
Pressure Explorer DZ 35		2
Snatch Explorer Zu. Z. 335		2
12% Parachutists' Mines		2
Igniter R224 - R238 - R239 - 100239		2
Time Explorer Feder 504		2

b) HUNGARIAN

MINER CVI		2
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24 DEC 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES
LIAISON OFFICER

Ref. N. *20/174*

Date: 23/12/44

Subject: Mine clearance school.

To: HQ/AC Pescara-Chieti and Teramo Provinces

CHI ETI

Copy, for information,

TO: ~~Col. Cripps~~. CA Section AC ROMA
Ministero Guerra Ispetto-
rato Arma del Genio ROMA
Comando 3^a Zona Campi Minati CHI ETI

In conformity with your order CPT dated 19/12/44, I went to Rome on the 21st last and made arrangements with the "Ispektorato Arma del Genio"-Italian Ministry of war about the organization of mine clearance school for civilians at Pesaro and Ancona Provinces.

I did present in person the organization to the above named Italian military authority which will give, as soon as possible, the necessary instructions to CC "3^a Zona Campi Minati" because the new localities to clear are in his territorial jurisdiction.

The "Ispektorato Arma del Genio" will inform you about the matter.

Copy, for information,

TO: Col. Cripps, CA Section AG ROMA
Ministero Guerra Ispettorato
Arma del Genio ROMA
Comando 3^a Zona Campi Minati CHI STI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

26 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Col. SUPINO
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

1. There is forwarded for your information
copy letter received from Capt. Short, HQ. Lucca
Province dated 19 Dec.

2. Your attention is drawn to para 5 and 6.
Please give instructions to Commander of Zone IV to
contact the Provincial Commissioners of his area.
Please also furnish several copies of maps showing
Zones with names of Commanding Officers at your
earliest convenience. May 12 copies be provided of
the maps?

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R.R. CHIPPES Col
CSC CA Section

Copy to: Capt. Short, RASC, c/o P.C. Lucca Prov. AM 3693
(your LU/2 of 19 Dec 44 refers)

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489081 Ext. 358

Ref: 9/BA/CA

27th December, 1944.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre,
ROME.

1. At the last meeting between Col. Supino and Major Reaken it was indicated that transport was required in certain places. Please say where it is required and what type is wanted, and this Headquarters will endeavour to arrange.
2. May this Headquarters be furnished with a map of Italy showing the areas covered by the zones into which the country is divided for mine clearance work. In this connection it might be opportune to consider the division of the remainder of the country into zones and have the matter determined. If this can be done now it will help considerably in future planning.
3. In the light of the experience of the past four months it has been found that information in the possession of this Commission of the progress made in mine clearance is somewhat incomplete. It is the practice of this Section to forward to you periodical reports made by the representatives of the Commission in the field, and it would be appreciated if some reciprocal exchange of information could be instituted. If you agree it is suggested that the attached pro forma which refer (i) to centres of instruction and student training, and (ii) to the work accomplished by squads in the zones, might be completed by you periodically and forwarded to this Commission monthly. It is suggested that the first date of return might be the 15th January, 1945. The information gathered will be of great assistance to this Section, particularly when making claims for assistance to your work by way of equipment, clothing, etc..

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

Copy to:
Col. Supino,
Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489081 Ext 358

26 Dec 44

Ref: 9/BA/CA

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Col. Supino,
Ministry of War.
Via VI Settembre,
ROME.

- 1 Reference the meeting (Col. Supino - Maj. Reakes) it was understood that you would be prepared to loan an Instructor to the 361 Mine Clearing Company at GASTA. It is considered necessary for an Instructor to supervise the training for a short time. Please say when an Instructor may be made available.

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

This is being done

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489081 Ext 358

Ref: 9/BA/CA

26 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Ministry of War,
Italian Government,
Via XX Settembre,
ROME.

Reference your No. 4602/RIS of 12 Dec 44.

- 1 It is noted that squads will be formed at PISA and earmarked for duty in the North. In selecting men for these squads they will require to be informed that while they will be used for Mine Clearance in and around PISA to begin with they must be prepared to work elsewhere. If possible it is suggested that the men enrolled should come from areas north of Pisa-Florence line. A minimum of at least 300 men will be required. Can arrangements be made for training these men now.
- 2 While it is not intended at present to move the 562 Company away from Chieti district it is considered that the 561 Company might be treated as in reserve to meet any sudden call or emergency which might arise. Your views on this would be appreciated. This HQ has been informed that personnel may be available for forming a third company.
- 3 Your request for training equipment has been passed to Land Forces Sub-Commission who state that they do not have this equipment and cannot lay their hands on it. It would appear that this equipment might be got in forward areas. Efforts will be made by this HQ to procure the materials required by you but in addition you may wish to try and obtain the equipment through your Liaison Officers at PISA.

R. H. H.

R. S. CRIPPS, Col.,
CB CA Section.

Copy to: Col. Supino,
Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre,

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 398
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489031 Ex: 355.

Ref: 9/35/CA

26 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Lazio-Umbria Region.

- 1 The Land Forces Sub-Commission have informed this Section that according to their information the 961 Italian Mine Clearing Company arrived in Italy from Ardania equipped with two blankets each man, being the scale laid down for the Italian Army. The Company Commander states that they have only one blanket per head. If, however, the Company can show that they only had one blanket issued then the Land Forces Sub-Commission would be prepared to order the issue of a second blanket. Would you please take this matter up with the Company and report to this HQ. The records of the Company may help.
- 2 Reinforcements are being obtained for the Company and efforts are being made to have these men trained in Mine Clearance prior to posting to this Company. It is estimated that training will be completed by 15th January.

R.C.

R.R. CRIPPS, Col.,
CSC CA Section.

Copy to: Col. Supino,
The Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre,
ROME.

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Report 48.

24 DEC 1944

HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. L1/2

19 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal.

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

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

- 1.- Three requests have recently been received for Zone V Employees to carry out work in Zone IV areas, namely Arezzo, Chianciano and Siena.
- 2.- There is a possibility that this has arisen due to the fact that zones do not correspond exactly with Regions.
- 3.- There is a second possibility that Zone IV have no men available for work, but none of three requests made any mention of previous application to Zone IV.
- 4.- Those from Arezzo and Siena are being referred to Zone IV. By arrangement with Col. Cripps the request from Chianciano is being dealt with Zone V.
- 5.- May the Commander of Zone IV please be instructed to get in touch with the Provincial Commissioners in his area.
- 6.- May the Ministero della Guerra please be requested to supply a map showing the exact areas covered by different Zones. Also a list of the names and locations of their Commanding Officers.

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

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1 - R.C., Region VIII,

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M. Short

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

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24 DEC 1944
HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

20 December 1944

Ref. LU/2

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region.

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

1.- Reference letter 9/BA/CA of 9 Dec. 44 from HQ AD to you and telephone message from Capt. RODD 16 Dec. 44.

2.- Repeated attempts have been made to establish telephone connection with Capt. RODD, without success.

3.- Five men will be available as from 2 Jan. 45, and transport should report on that date to Capt. NIUTTA (Italian Army), at Via Bonnoni 9, PISA, before 1600 hours.

4.- Before arrangements can be made for pay and rations it is necessary for this HQ to know the length of time these men will be detached.

5.- These men are not in possession of blankets, and it will be necessary for you to arrange for their sleeping accommodation.

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

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1 - Col. CHIFFS, ✓
1 - Capt. NIUTTA,
1 - File.

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Message Form

From - NMIA
To - AFHQ

Date/Time 21/7/30 A

DM:17

RESTRICTED

for G3 Org (.) please state if there are objections
to use of flame-throwers by Italian mine clearance
troops under comd AC in rear areas (.) consider use
of these will speed work and save casualties (.)
all eqpt provided and maintained by Italians (.)
~~no~~ no objection on part of civil authorities

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CSO CA Section

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AIO 34
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

22 DEC 1944

AF : 7/BA32A

Tel : 489001 Ext 398

2. See 44...

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : Piemonte Region

Reference your file 7/75.31 of 6 Dec 44 and this Headquarters letter 7/BA32A of 2 Dec 44.

1. The answers to your queries are as follows :-

- a) Lancia.
- b) Not known but a visit to the school would clarify this point. Courses are running now.
- c) The men enrolled are local men and live at home, which is the principle upon which these schools are operating. If quarters are required arrangements would have to be made for them locally.
- d) The rate of pay while under training is 60 lire less in each case than shown in the attached statement. This 60 lire is "danger money".
- e) If the men are billeted at or near the school this would not be necessary. Transport is difficult to provide but Regions have been asked to do all they can to help.
- f) Students will probably have to take blankets with them in addition to ordinary requirements, but this can be determined by a visit to the school.
- g) 16 days.
- h) This notion depends on local arrangements and availability of accommodation.
- i) Attached hereto is a statement showing wages paid after training: 8 to 12 lire is paid for each mine removed, depending on the nature of the ground.
- j) These men are employed and paid by the Italian Government and payment is made through the officer who is in charge of the zone. The country for convenience has been divided into zones by the Italian Government who nominate an officer to be in charge.
- k) A question of local arrangements but students who qualify are expected to continue in service for a period - usually a month.

As the schools only cater for training local people special provision will require to be made for training students from another town. Arrangements will be made on this spot and it is suggested that you send an officer over to Lancia to discuss the problems that will arise such as billeting, feeding, etc...

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :

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

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

I	Chief of Squad	(single) (married)	L.173	per diem
	*		185	
	*	with one child	187.30	
	*	with two children	189.50	
	*	three "	191.50	
	*	four "	195.50	
	*	five "	200	
II	Workmen	(single) (married)	L.173	per diem
	*		156	
	*	with one child	170	
	*	two children	172	
	*	three "	174	
	*	four "	176.40	
	*	five "	180.50	
	*		185	

II	Workmen	(single)			
		(married)			
			with one child		158
			two children		170
			three		172
			four		174
			five		176.40
					180.50
					185

NOTE: I These wages are subject to various small weekly deductions for insurance, old age pensions, etc.

II In addition to the daily wage scale each workman is entitled to a bonus of £. 1.10 or £1.15 for every mine cleared. The bonus varies according to the nature of the ground.

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Recd.
21 DEC 1944

HEADQUARTERS
PISCOWIE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

19 December 1944

SUBJECT: Training of Mine Removal Units

TO : Civil Affairs Section, HQ Allied Commission
(Attention: Col. RM Grimes)

1. Reference is made to letter subject same as above dated 6 Dec 44 which requested information in connection with the Mine Removal School.
2. Your attention is invited to this request with the additional request that the information desired be expedited.

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. R. Wierckoff

G. R. WIERCKOFF,
Lt. Col., CE,
Regional Engineer.

Ans'd see file 360

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HQ Piemonte Reg. 11
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: A89081 Ext. 968

Ref: 9/BA/CA.

21 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: HQ, Lazio-Umbria Region.

Reference your letter RA/END/25.1 of 13 Dec 44.

- 1 At a meeting with Col. Guinio yesterday he stated that he had received a copy of this letter along with the Tenders but had not had an opportunity of going into them. It was pointed out to him that Contracts would be necessary in addition to mine clearing companies and civil mine clearing squads.
- 2 The points raised in this Headquarters letter 9/BA/CA of 19 Dec 44 were also raised at the meeting. This Headquarters was informed that the requisite indents had been forwarded to the 561 Company so that they should be able to draw their clothing this week. Col. Guinio stated that the other points in the letter were having attention.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.


R.R. CRIPPS, Col.,
CND CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 398
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 859081 Ext. 958

Ref: 9/84/CA

21 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Lt. Lazio-Dumbria Region.

Reference your 62/PO/5765 of 1 Dec 44.

- 1 This matter has been taken up with War Materials Disposal and Prisoners of War Sub-Commission who state that so far as they are aware the order to destroy all mines has not been rescinded. The order was possibly given as a safeguard against accidents.
- 2 These mines (unless they are of Italian origin) are the property of the Allies and under no circumstances can they be considered as belonging to the Italian Government.
- 3 Efforts have been made to trace the letter referred to, namely A/POB/1 of 2 Nov 44 but there is no record that a copy of this letter was ever sent to this Headquarters. It is noted that you consider this to be an AAI reference. Before taking the matter up with AAI or AFM can a copy of this letter be forwarded to this Headquarters.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

R.R. Crisp

R.R. CRISP, Col..
CE/CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 482061 Ext 358

Ref: W/SA/CA

21 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Capt. M. Short, RASC,
c/o Provincial Commissioner, JAGCA.

Your letter of the 18 Dec 44 concerning Lt. Col.
De Pasquale Sante is acknowledged. The matter has been taken
up with the Ministry of War and the contents of your letter
have been submitted to them. This Headquarters was assured
that the facts stated in your letter are known to them and that
steps will be taken as soon as possible for the removal of this
officer. *But in which units cannot be reported*

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

RC

R. J. 482061
CSC CA Section

Copy to : AGS 5th Army. (For Information)

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HEADQUARTERS
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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5/5500

14 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance by Civil Contractors.

TO : HQ, Allied Commission
Civ. Oper. Section

1. The attached correspondence from Regional Commission relates to bids for the largest part of clearing mines at Civitavecchia and on the Avezzano railway.

2. Presumably the Directorate Gen. del Genio will deal with the matter directly although a little genuine will certainly be met.

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15 DEC 1944
Col

For the Regional Commissioner:

P. H. Runkles
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

Copy: Transportation Sub-Commission.

Conf. Opus Section

1. The attached correspondence from Regional Engineer relates to bids for the important work of clearing lanes at intersection and on the Avenue and Highway.

2. Presumably the attached was. In. Denis will deal with the matter directly although little trouble will certainly be involved.

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For the Regional Commissioner

P. K. Bonham

Colonel

Executive Officer

Copy: Transportation and - Communication.

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

13 December 1944

TO : HQ. Lazio & Umbria Region (3 copies)

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance by Civil Contracts.

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/25.1

1. Reference conversation (Lt.Col. Bonham-Carter - Findlay).

Herewith a schedule of tenders received for Mine Clearance - with the main points tabulated also a Calculation on Comparison of offers on the basis of the areas actually cleared under present contract.

2. (a) The areas cleared under the present contract were Electric Transmission Lines and it was necessary to clear a pathway all the way widened where Minefields were found.

The resulting average density of mines namely 1 mine per 65 mq is correspondingly high.

Where sweeping was entirely in areas known to be mined as would be the case working from areas on 8th Army Mine Maps the density would be greater and the proportion of cost due to Mines lifted higher.

Thus the order of precedence of contractors would alter slightly. The top would still remain top and the bottom still be bottom (by a longer way). -

(b) The lowest tender on Comparison has the disadvantage of quoting two prices one for flat ground one for broken ground. It has been averaged - This is slightly indeterminate but quite reasonable. -

He declares no detectors and unless that was verified otherwise he should NOT get contract.

(c) N° 3 on Comparison, N° 1 on schedule SPAREC is the contractor now executing a contract and has collected 4000 mines in first month work and in spite of bad weather maintained full contract monthly rate of progress. - The first part of his work has been subject independent tests, 100% correct.

In comparative table the rate quoted for 10,000,000 mq minimum

- 2 -

has been taken namely 2.05 per mq. For a contract for minimum of 20,000,000 mq that rate would be 1.90 and for a contract of 50,000,000, rate would be 1.60.

On this size contract he would come Lowest Tenderer, and in view of proved capacity to operate successfully he should receive special consideration.

(d) N° 2 on Comparison and N° 6 on Schedule (SCARE) has already cleared an area in the CENTOCELLE aerodrome under private contract for Rome Water Supply. -

3. The tendering is all on the same contract documents as the present contract which includes Insurance and all expenses of operation. -

The only payment being (a) Per mq plus premium per mine collected.

4. The results by Civil Contract to date have been much more satisfactory and economical than by Army Unit (which it is fair to say was administratively starved); it also has been much simpler to handle and more flexible.

I would strongly recommend that in addition to the squads now organised by Ministro di Guerra it would be valuable to have say 3 or 4 of these contracts running simultaneously. -

This in addition to speeding up Clearance in time for spring sowing would serve as a valuable Control and comparison with the enrolled squads. -

I should be glad if this view could be transmitted to the Ministro di Guerra through usual channels.

5. As I am in communication with the newly appointed Director General del Genio (Bonifica di Campi Minati) I am sending a copy of this letter together with the tenders direct to him. -

Ch. M. M. M. M. M.

Lt. Col. R.E.

Enclosures (a) Schedule of Tenders
(b) Comparative Statement
(simple copy)

Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

Copy to: Dir. Gen. del Genio (Bonifica di Campi Minati)

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

OFFER FOR MINES CLEARANCE

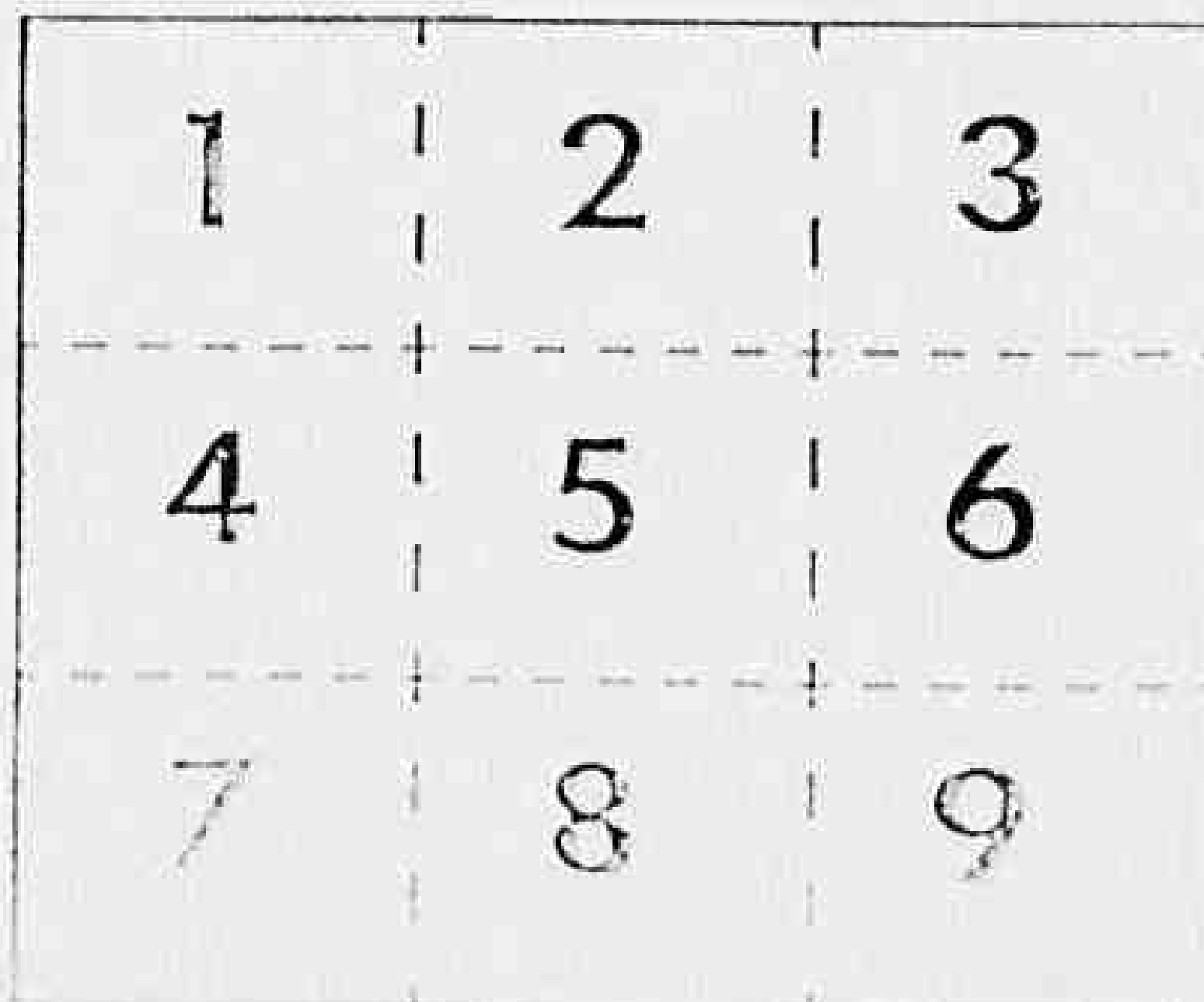
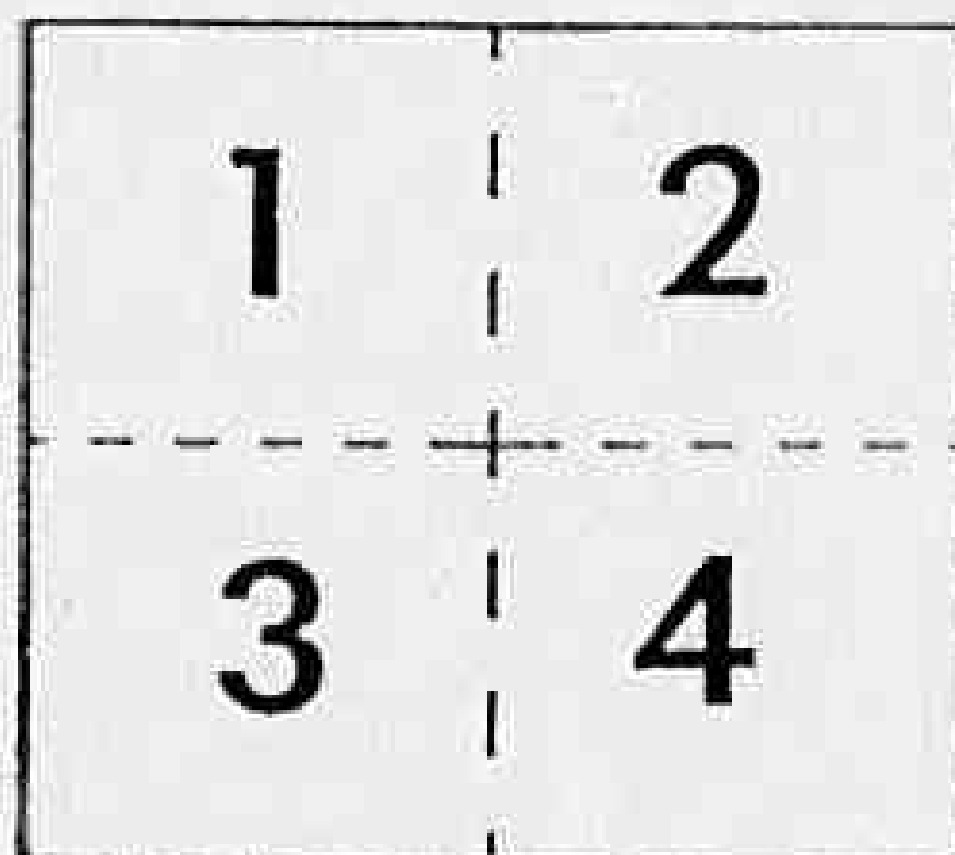
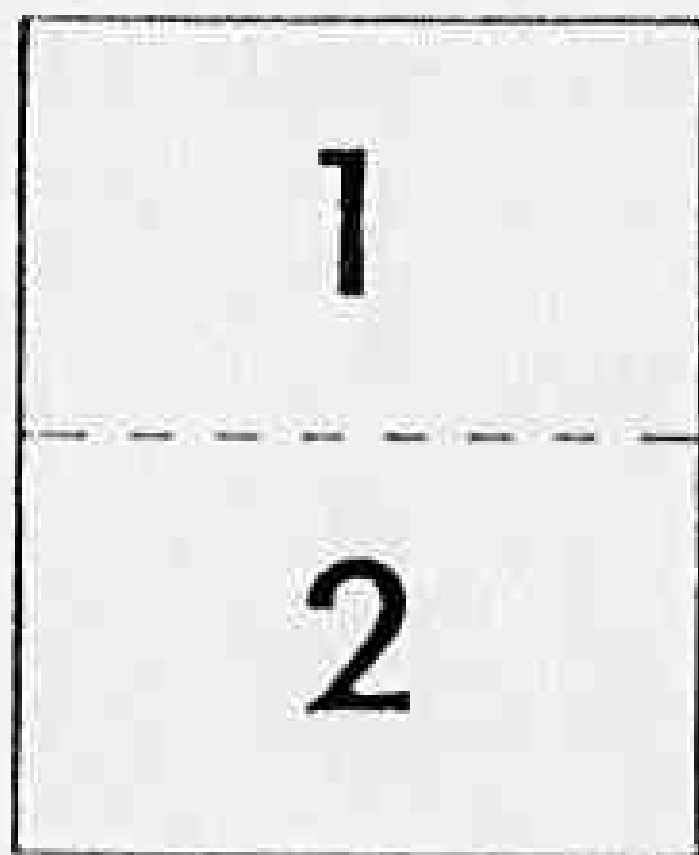
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LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

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Result of bids opened 30th Nov. 1954

2 nd d'ord.	Contractor	Insur- ance	Electronics Yes or Not	P I I O S		
				Square meter L.	Line delivered M.	Line blowed off L.
1	S. BIGNARDI SRI RIO (S.B. S.B.S.C.)	---	Yes 20	{ 1.50 1.90 3.85	33.-	20.-
2	C. A. S.	---	Yes 2	1.30	35.-	0.-
3	EDMUND L. G. SPONC	---	---	---	---	---
4	AL. GEMELLI G.	---	Yes 6	2.15	30.-	40.-
5	Improva. BORD	---	Yes 3	1.45	34.-	19.-
6	S. . . . S. S.	---	Yes 3	1.70	35.-	20.-
7	S. I. S. L. S.	---	Yes 6	1.20	35.-	5.-
8	Ing. F. BOLDI e Lott. I. NOVATI	---	---	---	---	---
9	S. I. S. T. S.	---	Yes 5	1.30	30.-	15.-
10	Imp. ricupero e riva- loriz. alcune fatiscep- ti in guerra	---	Yes 15	1.20	150.-	00.-

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Result of bids opened 30th Nov. 1944 by Regional Engineer -

Station and or lot	P E T O U			entire surface sq.	total surface sq.	Bomb explosive sq. ft.	
	square feet sq.	line blow and sq.	line blow off sq.				
See 10	(1.50 1.90 2.05	33.-	20.-	1,000,000.-	50,000,000.-	2.10 sq. ft.	The th
See 2	.50	35.-	0.-	500,000.-	1,000,000.-	-- -- (1)	
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See 5	2.55	--	40.-	100,000.-	--	-- -- (1)	
See 3	.45	34.-	19.-	500,000.-	--	-- --	The con
See 1	1.75	37.-	20.-	1,000,000.-	10,000,000.-	-- -- (1)	
See 6	1.20	32.-	15.-	1,000,000.-	10,000,000.-	1.40 per sq. of pro- jectile or bomb blown up in situ 0.15 per sq. of re- moved projectile or bomb	
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5	.10	30.-	12.-	500,000.-	8,000,000.-	-- -- (1)	
10	1.20	150.-	100.-	300,000.-	1,000,000.-	30 for small calibre projectile 40 for medium calibre projectile 50 for large calibre projectile	Blown

by Regional Engineer -

	Steel surface sq. ft.	Bombes explosive ton. lb.	Remarks
			The three prices refer to m.sq.
	10,000,000.-	1.10 lb./sq. ft.	10 millions - £. 2.05
			20 " - " 1.90
			30 " - " 1.80
	1,000,000.-	-- (1)	
	--	--	No bid
	--	-- (1)	
	--	--	The contractor has medical service for the workmen
	10,000,000.-	-- (1)	
	10,000,000.-	£. 40 per kg. of pro- jectile or bombe blown up in situ £. 15 per kg. of re- moved projectile or bombe	
	--	-- (1)	No bid
	1,000,000.-	-- (1)	
	1,000,000.-	70 for small calibre projectile 40 for medium calibre projectile 20 for large calibre projectile	Blown up in situ - see offer

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4	...SOMATI S.	--	Yes 5	2.65	15.-	40.-	300.-
5	Impresa B&B	--	Yes 3	2.45	14.-	19.-	200.-
6	...S.S.C.	--	Yes 3	1.75	35.-	20.-	1,000.-
7	...S.L.L.S.	--	Yes 6	2.20	25.-	35.-	1,000.-
8	Ing. F. ... Sott. I. ...	--	--	--	--	--	--
9	...S.L.S.C.	--	Yes 5	2.30	30.-	18.-	500.-
10	Imp. riciclaggio e rivestimento in guerra	--	Yes 15	2.20	150.-	60.-	300.-
11	...S.L.S.C.	--	--	1.80) 2.20)	30.-	30.-	1,000.-
12	Costr. Industriali e Lavori Pubblici	--	Yes 40	2.35	35.-	10.-	750.-
13	Ing. ...S.L.S.C.	--	Yes 5	2.30	25.-	20.-	300.-
14	Ing. ...S.L.S.C.	--	Yes 5	2.30	25.-	20.-	300.-
15	...S.L.S.C.	--	Yes 5	2.30	30.-	20.-	1,000.-

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Yes 5	2.55	10.00	40.00	300.000.00	—	—	— (1)	
Yes 3	2.45	14.00	19.00	200.000.00	—	—	—	
Yes 3	1.75	30.00	25.00	1.000.000.00	10.000.000.00	—	— (1)	
Yes 5	1.20	25.00	5.00	1.000.000.00	10.000.000.00	1.40 per kg. of projectile or bomb blown up in situ 0.15 per kg. of recovered projectile or bomb		
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	— (1)	20
Yes 5	1.30	30.00	15.00	500.000.00	2.000.000.00	—	— (1)	
Yes 15	1.20	150.00	00.00	300.000.00	1.500.000.00	70 for small calibre projectile 40 for medium calibre projectile 170 for large calibre projectile		
—	1.80 2.50	20.00	30.00	1.000.000.00	10.000.000.00	—	—	70 70
Yes 10	1.85	35.00	0.00	750.000.00	—	—	— (1)	70
Yes 3	1.30	20.00	10.00	100.000.00	—	—	— (1)	
Yes 5	2.30	25.00	20.00	50.000.00	1.000.000.00	—	— (1)	
Yes 5	1.30	30.00	10.00	100.000.00	—	a. 1.50 kg. besides this b. 500 for air bomb c. 150 for small air bomb		

(1) - The offers will be ordered to

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00.000.-	---	---	(1)	
00.000.-	---	---	---	The contractor has medical service for the workmen
00.000.-	10.000.000.-	---	(1)	
00.000.-	10.000.000.-	5.40 per Kg. of projectile or bomb blown up in situ 0.15 per Kg. of recovered projectile or bomb		
---	---	---	(1)	No bid
00.000.-	2.000.000.-	---	(1)	
00.000.-	2.000.000.-	70 for small calibre projectile 40 for medium calibre projectile 1700 for large calibre projectile		Blown up in situ - see offer
00.000.-	0.000.000.-	---	---	The contractor wishes that we give the explosive The two prices are for first class or mountain areas
00.000.-	---	---	(1)	The contractor wishes that we give the batteries
00.000.-	---	---	(1)	
00.000.-	1.000.000.-	---	(1)	
00.000.-	---	5.1.00 Kg. besides this: 6. 500 for air bomb 6. 150 for small air bomb		

(1) - The offers will be made by the Contractor in succession according to the kind of work.

CALCULATION OF COMPARATION OF OFFERS.

The only experience we have had so far of the density of mines is that derived from the summarizing of the first month of work carried out by Enterprise "Sergioanni Mario".

From the accounting it results:

	<u>I n v o i c e No 1</u>	
1. Land cleared .	.	sq. 114.500
2. Mines removed .	.	Rs. 1.667
	<u>I n v o i c e No 2</u>	
1. Land cleared .	.	sq. 74.166
2. Mines removed .	.	Rs. 1.214

Therefore for the first invoice the density of mines is:

$$\frac{114.500}{1667} = 1 \text{ mine for every } 70 \text{ sq.}$$

For the second invoice the product is:

$$\frac{74.166}{1214} = 1 \text{ mine for every } 51 \text{ sq.}$$

with an average of **2** about 1 mine for every 65 sq.

Taking this data as a basis, we can compare the offers, considering an area of 10 million sq. (An area of 10 million sq. had to be considered because an offer was received to work on a proportional scale starting from such an amount)

Consequently the list of offers in order of convenience is the following:

1. Impresa Reitano Giuseppe	
sq. 10.000.000 x $\frac{2}{65}$ = 1,50	2. 20.000.000
$\frac{10.000.000 \times 2}{65} =$	3. 3.000.000
	Total 2. 23.000.000

2. Lines removed

Therefore for the first invoice the density of lines is:

$$\frac{115,000}{1767} = 1 \text{ line for every } 70 \text{ sq.}$$

For the second invoice the product is:

$$\frac{24,166}{1274} = 1 \text{ line for every } 61 \text{ sq.}$$

with an average of 2 lines for every 65 sq.

Taking this data as a basis, we can compare the offers, considering an area of 10 million sq. (an area of 10 million sq. had to be considered because an offer was received to work on a proportional scale starting from such an amount)

Consequently the list of offers in order of convenience is the following:

1. Impresa Reitano Giuseppe

$$1. \quad 10,056,000 \times \frac{2,20}{2} = 1,100$$

$$4. \quad 20,000,000$$

$$\frac{10,056,000 \times 20}{65} =$$

$$3,090,000$$

$$5. \quad 23,000,000$$

Total

and for the others:

2. SOARE Enterprise
3. SIAAC (Sangiiovanni) Enterprise
4. Costruzioni Idrauliche e Lavori Pubblici
5. Eng. Roberto La Rocca
6. Eng. Vinciguerra
7. PIRELLA

$$\begin{array}{l} 6. \quad 23,350,000 \\ 7. \quad 25,572,000 \\ 8. \quad 25,740,000 \\ 9. \quad 26,210,000 \\ 10. \quad 26,248,000 \\ 11. \quad 27,290,000 \end{array}$$

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8. STATE	L. 27,620,000
9. ATER	L. 27,670,000
10. RICH	L. 25,715,000
11. OMES	L. 10,390,000
12. Allogretti	L. 30,584,000
13. Impresa Recupero e rivalorizzazione residui di guerra	L. 45,000,000

At the above prices the work is convenient for the Administration, conditionally to it being carried out on a basis of work orders leading to a maximum work without results, that is the clearance of fields not ascertained to be mined, whilst it can be expensive on the contrary.

*Localising
indemnity*

Our object could be reached by ~~investing~~ and following mined fields with the narrow trial strip in the direction deemed convenient following information to be secured on the spot and on the basis of the action of war in the area.

It can be held that not even 5% of suspected land is really mined and therefore a bounding of 10% of such land is sufficient to localise mined fields.

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fields with the narrow trail strip in the direction deemed convenient following information to be secured on the spot and on the basis of the action of war in the area.

It can be held that not even 2% of suspected land is really mined and therefore a sounding of 10% of such land is sufficient to localize mined fields.

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref.

16 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT: Lt. Col. De Pasquale Sante.

20 DEC 1944

TO: Col. CRIPPS, C.A. Section, HQ AG.

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

- 1.- Reference to Fifth Army letter No. 205/17 of 26 Nov. 1944.
- 2.- This officer is still in his command, and it is feared that his continued presence may have a deleterious effect on the work in hand.
- 3.- He acts as a brake on the efforts of the other officers, who are unable to take any decision without reference to him.
- 4.- His methods are extremely dilatory and incompetent, and work is neglected by him.
- 5.- It is urgently requested that this officer be re-posted immediately, before his influence spreads to others.

Spoke him in flow
17A 24/12
PK.

Distribution:

2 - Col. CRIPPS,
1 - Fifth Army AGO,
1 - File.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/84/CA

Tel: 489081 Ext. 356

19 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: AFHQ. G-5

Reference is made to this Headquarters letters 9/84/CA of 24 Oct 44 and 28 Nov 44.

1. It is realized that there are difficulties in the way of getting Mine Detectors and spares but this Headquarters would like to know if there is any chance of getting Mine Detectors in the near future as they are urgently required.
2. Reference is also made to this Headquarters letter of 22 Nov 44 explaining that 7 Mine Detectors were handed in to Ordnance for replacement. Replacements have not yet come to hand and this Headquarters will be obliged if you will take the matter up on our behalf.

For the Chief Commissioner.

R.R.
R.R. CRIPPS, Col.,
CMI CA Section.

Copy to: Leticia-Gabris Region.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 390
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/3A/CA

Tel: 489081 Ext. 358

19 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance -
561 Rastrellamento Company.

To: U.S. Lazio-Umbria Region.

Reference is made to your H/58/00 of 5 Dec 44.

- 1 The 561 Rastrellamento Company was placed under the orders of Lazio-Umbria Region as it was considered essential that the Region should lay down the priorities. It is felt that Regions should have their say in the work to be done and as soon as it was considered that the company had completed all the work desired by the Regional Commissioner, it was intended to move this company to another Region. There is still so much work to be done for Regional Engineers that it will be some time before these companies can be handed over to carry out civil work required by Italian authorities.
- 2 The question of planning for the north is a large one and Mine Clearance will be an important part in the initial stage. Under these circumstances it is felt that operational control of this company should not pass in the meantime to the Italian Government.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

[Signature]
R. J. CHILDS, Col.,
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 358

Ref: 9/25/CA

19 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission.

561 BASTRELLAMENTO CAMPANIA

1. Reference is made to the meeting between Maj. Roebson and Maj. Cookstone of your Sub-Commission when it was arranged that you would raise the following points with the Italian Ministry of War.
 - (a) Clothing. Some misunderstanding had arisen over the clothing of which you had approved on 11 Dec 44 the issue to the above Company. As this clothing is urgently required, you agreed to send a note of this fact to the Ministry.
 - (b) Pay. It was agreed that the question of having a War Establishment approved would be taken up with the Ministry and if possible, determined at an early date.
 - (c) Flame Throwers. This Company had asked for a Flame Thrower and it is understood that you will investigate this matter to see if one can be made available for each of the companies.
2. It was arranged that you would also make enquiries as to the rate of pay to which these men are entitled. The OC was under the impression that they were entitled to 50 lire per day plus 5 lire for every mine lifted. This, however, does not appear to be the case. Please have this matter investigated and let this Section know what the rate of pay actually is. You were also to take up the question of cigarettes which they were entitled to draw with their rations but which they were not getting.
3. It was always understood by this Section that the Ministry of War were responsible for feeding, clothing and paying this company but yesterday a signal was produced which indicated that there were some doubts about this. Would you please inform the Ministry of War that they are responsible for the full administration of the 561 and 562 BASTRELLAMENTO CAMPANIA Companies.
4. This Section has made several verbal and written requests to AFM to obtain Mine Detectors and replacements for the use of this Company but without success. It is understood that you might be able to obtain a supply of these - say 6 per company - and this Section will be glad if you will investigate this matter through your channels.

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R.R. Crisp
R.R. CRISP, Col.,
CSO CA Section.

Copy to: Lazio-Umbria Region.

(Attn: Col. Findlay.)

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Translation No. 431

Ministry of War
File No VIII/60331

Rome, 14 December 1944

SUBJECT : Mine fields

TO : AC, Civil Affairs Section
ACHQ APO 394
R O M R

Mines are reported to be existent in the following localities of the Comune of Sant' Angelo (Pescara)

- 1) Villa Coppa (salt deposits) and in nearby vineyards;
- 2) Property of Di Giacomo Achille and Vincenzo fu Giovita (salt deposits) ;
- 3) Property of Giansante Vincenzo fu Giovita, in S. Agnese ;
- 4) Locality of Acquolina, Annunziata and S. Agnello di Elide .

Will you kindly examine the possibility of requesting the 562nd mine clearing company, which is already working in the Pescara area under the Regional Command there, to undertake the clearing of the above mentioned localities.

We shall be grateful if you will inform us of whatever action you may take in the matter so that we can refer the information to the above mentioned Comune, which has sent the report on the mined localities .

For the Minister
S. O. Crivaro
General of Division

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Ministero del Guerra
Direz. Gen. del Genio
Uff. B.C.M.

D'A.C. Civil Affairs Sect
ACHQ APO 394
ROMA

Prot. No VIII/60831

Oggetto : Campi Minati

Viene segnalata la presenza di mine nelle seguenti località del Comune di Città San Angelo (Pescara)

- 1 Villa Coppa (Saline) e vigneti circostanti
- 2 Fondo di Giacomo Achille e Vincenzo (Saline)
- 3 Fondo di Gianente Vincenzo fu Giovità in S. Agnese
- 4 Località Acquolina, Annunziata e S. Agnese di Elia

Si prega voler esaminare la possibilità di interessare per i relativi lavori di bonifica la 362^a compagnia rastrellamento che già lavora nella zona di Pescara alla dipendenza del Comando Regionale.

Si gradirà conoscere quanto verrà disposto al riguardo per le relative comunicazioni al pre detto comune che ha fatto la segnalazione.

Per il Ministro
Gen. Div. C Crivaro

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8A/CA

Tel: 353

17 Dec 44

SUBJECT: Personnel for Italian Army Units.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (SSTA) AG.

Reference AFAC letter ASD/9228 of 5 Dec 44 and Chief of Staff letter 3264/5/COG of 15 Dec 44.

- 1 This Section has under its ^{control} ~~control~~ two Engineer Companies - the 561 and 562 Bastrellamento Company (non technical) who are engaged in important mine clearance work in devastated areas.
- 2 These companies are fully employed and are doing work of national importance. They are essential and cannot be disbanded nor reduced in strength. At present they are below strength and replacements are necessary. There are no tradesmen or specialists in these companies.
- 3 In addition the 20 officers and men at present employed by the Ministry of War as instructors in Civilian Mine Clearance Schools are essential to the whole scheme; without them the work will come to a standstill. It is therefore emphasized that their retention is absolutely essential.

RRB
R.R. CRIPPS, Col.,
SST CA Section.

Copy to: Chief of Staff (Your 3264/5/COG of 15 Dec 44 refers.)

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SUBJECT: - Personnel for Italian Army Units

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.
(OMIA)

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16 Dec 44

Economic Section A.C.
Civil Affairs Sec A.C.
Establishments Sec A.C.

1. With reference to A.C. letter 8264/5/COS dated 15 Dec and enclosures (1) copy of AFHQ section letter file ASD/922.8 Subject: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units dated 4 Dec, and (2) copy of AFHQ G-5 Sec letter Subject: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units dated 10 Dec.
2. You are requested to advise this HQ within twenty four hours of receipt of this letter of the numbers of personnel that could be made available by para 5(A), and (B) of AFHQ section letter, file ASD/922.8 Subject: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units, dated 4 Dec (enclosure No. 1 above).

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c.5

William
Major General Capt
OMIA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/CA/CA

Tel: 358

SUBJECT: Personnel for Italian Army Units.

17 Dec 44

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MGA), AG.

Reference AFHQ letter ASD/9228 of 1 Dec 44 and Chief of Staff letter 3264/5/OM of 15 Dec 44.

- 1 This Section has under its Control two Engineer Companies - the 561 and 562 Bastionamento Companies (non technical) who are engaged on important mine clearance work in devastated areas.
- 2 These companies are fully employed and are doing work of National importance and are the backbone of the mine clearance scheme organized by the Italian Government in Italy.
- 3 They are essential and cannot be disbanded nor reduced in strength. At present they are below strength and replacements are necessary. There are no tradesmen or specialists in these Companies.

"RRC"

H.R. CHIEF, Col.,
GOD CA Section.

Copy to: Chief of Staff (Your 3264/5/OM of 15 Dec 44 refers.)

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Declassified E.O. 12958 Section 3.3/NND No. 7504

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Tel Ext 341

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 3394
Office of the Chief of Staff

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Ref. 8264/5/008

15 December 1944

16 DEC 1944

SUBJECT: Personnel for Italian Army Units

TO: Land Forces Subcommittee
Economic Section
Civil Affairs Section
Establishment Section

1. Attention is invited to paragraphs 5 and 6 of Inclosure #1 (copy of AFHQ, G-5 Section letter, file ASD/322.6, Subject: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units, dated 4 December 44).

2. You are requested to comply with the provisions of these paragraphs within forty-eight hours of receipt of this notice.

3. As noted in inclosure #2 (copy of AFHQ, G-5 Section letter, Subject: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units, dated 10 December 44), G-5, AFHQ, is pressing for a reply on this subject.

4. Land Forces Subcommittee will collect and consolidate these reports for submission to G-5, AFHQ.

2 incls.
Incl #1-as above
Incl #2-as above

for *A.W. Stearns* 3667
Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS
3-3 SERVICE

AP 265

File No. : ASD/922.5

4 December 1944

SUBJECT : Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units

TO : All concerned

Ref. this Hq letter, File ref. 922.2 dated 28 November 1944.

1. The Italian Army is now practically all employed either by the Allies or in its own authorized administration. It would appear that the provision of reinforcements (replacements) for existing units and the forming of new units can only be carried out by:

- (a) Disbandment of non-essential units now in existence.
- (b) Formation of new Rgt. and Crg. Depots for the absorption of men enlisted from the civil population.

2. The Base Rgt. and Crg. Depots are now being planned, but the intake of recruits must be postponed until early in 1945 when stocks of clothing and equipment are expected to become available. Recruits will require at least one month of basic training, while tradesmen will require not less than two months of specialist training in addition. It is thus apparent that the application of para. 1 (a) above is the only means of meeting vitally important calls upon the Italian Army for the next three months.

3. Priority for the provision and reinforcement of units will be allotted as follows; subject to subsequent review:-

- (a) Units required in direct support of operations
- (b) Units employed in Dock Clearance and Railway Construction.
- (c) Units employed on road construction and maintenance.
- (d) Other service units.
- (e) General Reg.

4. To provide for requirements under para. 3 (a) above, there is an immediate demand for 2,000 men of good physique, fully equipped and well disciplined.

5. Will addresses please examine their present holding of Italian Army personnel and units with a view to the following:

- (a) Disbandment of non-essential units.
- (b) Disbandment of units not authorized by this Hq in file 922.5 of 17 November, and 3 December 1944.
- (c) Rgt. of essential units by reduction of other similar units to cadres only.

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 daily means of meeting vitally important calls upon the Italian Army for the next three
 months.

3. Priority for the provision and reinforcement of units will be allotted
 as follows; subject to subsequent review:-

- (a) Units required in direct support of operations
- (b) Units employed in Road Clearance and Railway Construction.
- (c) Units employed on road construction and maintenance.
- (d) Other service units.
- (e) Guard Bns.

4. To provide for requirements under para. 3 (a) above, there is an
 immediate demand for 2,000 men of good physique, fully equipped and well disciplined.

5. Will addressees please examine their present holding of Italian Army
 personnel and units with a view to the following:

- (a) Disbandment of non-essential units.
- (b) Disbandment of units not authorized by this HQ in file 922.5 of
 17 November, and 3 December 1944.
- (c) Mkt. of essential units by reduction of other similar units to
 cadres only.
- (d) Release of men suitable for requirement at para. 3(a) on replacement
 by lower category men.
- (e) Release of tradesmen and specialists from non-specialist units on
 replacement by non-tradesmen, and non-specialists.

6. In view of the urgency of the problem, preliminary replies are required
 by 5-3 (org-4) by 15 December 1944, to show numbers that could be made available by
 para. 5 (a) and (b) above, and by 20 December to show detailed reorganization and
 releases by trades that could be effected by para 5 (c), (d) and (e).

7. The above proposals are designed to cover a temporary dearth of manpower
 and will not affect the long term plan for the formation of new units when the
 reinforcement (replacement) depots are established. For the present, it would appear
 necessary for every service to limit its holding of Italian Army units to the
 irreducible minimum.

DANIEL HALL,
 Major General, O.B.C.,
 Assistant Chief of Staff, (A-3)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

JMS/USA/MS

10 December 1944

SUBJECT: Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference enclosed paper, Allied Force Headquarters, G-3 Section, subject as above, dated 8 December 1944, file ASD/922.8.

2. It is desired that you review your present holdings of Italian Army Personnel including G.S.M. units, Truck Companies, Mine Lifting Companies, etc, in the light of para. 5 and 6 and submit your reports to this Headquarters as promptly as possible.

Incl:
as above

/s/ J. Murray Mitchell
/t/ J. MURRAY MITCHELL
Colonel, U.S.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Civil Affairs Section
APO 394

Tel : 686

12 December, 1944.

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SUBJECT : Provision of Personnel for Italian Army Units.

TO : G-5, AFHQ (Att. Capt. Woodward).

1. Reference AFHQ letter file reference ASD/922.8 dated 4 December 1944.
2. There are no Carabinieri units of the Italian Army that are not authorized by your Headquarters or that can be considered as non-essential.
3. Carabinieri units cannot be disbanded nor reduced in strength. There are no tradesmen or specialists who can be released.

For the Chief Commissioner :

G.S. PERKINS, Brig.
S/VT, CA Sec.
A/DCGS, AC.

JTC/C.

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Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

15 DIC. 1944

LA A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS
A P O 394 -

R O M A

Chiarissimo
Gen. V. 4602/Ris. Allegato

Responsabile del Segno del
Gen.

OGGETTO Bonifica Campi Minati.

- 1 - In relazione alle comunicazioni verbali fatte dal COL. RR. CRIPPS di codesta Sottocommissione al COL. SUPINO di questo Ministero il giorno 9 c.m. si rappresenta che, pur rendendosi conto dell'aggravio al servizio S.C. M. nei riguardi dei suoi specifici compiti di rastrellamento mine in zone arretrate, questo Ministero disporrà per la predisposizione di nuclei avanzati, per l'organizzazione di attività di bonifica da fare intervare rapidamente nelle regioni che saranno successivamente liberate. A questo scopo sarà rinforzato il personale di inquadramento del centro di Pisa, dal quale è richiesta delle autorità A.A. competenti saranno distaccati i nuclei accennati. -
- 2 - Nell'ordine di idee di disporre di nuclei di rastrellatori mine di immediato impiego si prega prendere in esame anche la possibilità di costituire altre compagnie rastrellatori mine come la 561^a e 562^a, che attualmente svolgono un efficace lavoro nella zona di Pescara e di Gaeta. -
- 3 - Il centro di Pisa richiede il materiale di addestramento elencato all'allegato. -
Si sarà grati se codesta Sottocommissione vorrà intercedere in merito la M.V.I.A. a consentire che i prodotti

CA Dec.
12
dicembre 1944

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La relazione delle comunicazioni verbali fatte dal Col. BR. CHIPPS di codesta Sottocommissione al Col. SUPINO di questo Ministero il giorno 9 o.m. si rappresenta che, pur rendendosi conto dell'aggravio al servizio M. nei riguardi dei suoi specifici compiti di rastrellamento mine in zone arretrate, questo Ministero disporrà per la predisposizione di nuclei avanzati. Per l'organizzazione di attività di bonifica da fare intervenire rapidamente nelle regioni che saranno successivamente liberate. A questo scopo sarà rinforcato il personale di inquadramento del centro di Pisa, dal quale a richiesta delle autorità A.A. competenti saranno distaccati i nuclei accennati. -

2 - Nell'ordine di idea di disporre di nuclei di rastrellatori mine di immediato impiego si prega prendere in esame anche la possibilità di costituire altre compagnie rastrellatori mine come la 561^a e 562^a, che attualmente svolgono un efficace lavoro nella zona di Pescara e di Gaeta. -

3 - Il centro di Pisa richiede il materiale di addestramento elencato all'allegato. -

Si sarà grati se codesta Sottocommissione vorrà interregare in merito la M.M.I.A. a consentire che i predetti materiali siano prelevati presso i depositi delle forze A.A., come si è praticato per i materiali d'addestramento precedentemente forniti. -

d'ordine

IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO

(De Michelis)

6.8.54

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TRANSLATION No. 434

MINISTRY OF WAR
File No. 4602/Ris

ROME, 12 December 1944

SUBJECT: Clearance of Mine Fields.

TO : A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS
APC - 394
R O M E

- 1) With reference to the conversations between Col. Cripps and Col. Sapino on the 9th of this month we wish to inform you that this Ministry (although aware of the burden that will result on the Mine Clearance Service in connection with its specific tasks of mine removal in the rear areas) will arrange for the formation of forward units which will organize mine clearance activities in those regions that will be liberated eventually. For this purpose the staff of the center of Pisa will be reinforced and the said units will be detached from this center upon request of the competent A.A. authorities.
- 2) Following the intention of having mine-clearance units ready for immediate employment, I wish you to examine also the possibility of forming other companies of mine-clearers like the 561st and the 562nd, which are at present working in the area of Pescara and Gaeta.
- 3) The center of Pisa requests the training material listed in the enclosure. We should be grateful if you would request the M.M.I.A. to authorize the withdrawal of the above-mentioned materials from the deposits of the A.A. forces, as was done with the other training material supplied.

By order
The Head of Cabinet
/s/ E. De Michelis

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Appendix 7

LIST OF TRAINING MATERIALS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE EQUIPMENT OF THE
PISA MINE CLEARANCE TRAINING CENTER -

A) German Material : electrical pressure apparatus E.S. M1 240

• • DZ35

trip-wire • 24.Z.735

LPZ mine for parachurists

Ignitors BZ24 - BZ38 - BZ39 - AN739

Timed apparatus veder 504

B) Hungarian Material : CVP Mine

Two of each type are requested.-

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Allegato al foglio W402 del 12/12-44

ELENCO dei materiali di addestramento occorrenti per completare
le dotazioni del centro addestramento B.C.M. di Pisa.-

A) Materiale tedesco: Congegno elettrico a pressione E.S. Mi 240
" a pressione D235
" a strappo Zu.Z.235
mina LPZ per paracadutisti
accenditore B224 - B238 - B239 - AN239
congegno ad orologeria Feder 504

B) Materiale ungherese: Mina CVP

Per ogni tipo sono richiesti due esemplari.-

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HEADQUARTERS
LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Rel. *44/10/12*

17 DEC 1944

12 Dec. 1944

SUBJECT: Transport - Mines Disposal Personnel.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region VIII.

FROM: Capt. M. SHORT, R.A.S.C., Mines Disposal, 5th Army AMG.

1.- At a meeting with Col. CRIPPS in Rome on 8 Dec. 44 the matter of transport was discussed, and it was decided that P.Cs should provide necessary transport for mines disposal workers.

2.-, Indents for transport will be rendered on the evening of each day for the following days requirements, by the officers i/c mines disposal squads.

3.- Indents will indicate the number of personnel to be conveyed and the points to and from which they are to be taken, and at what time.

4.- This transport will not be engaged all day as it is only necessary to take the men to work in the morning and home at night.

5.- May P.Cs' please be instructed accordingly.



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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - P.C. - Region VIII,
- 1 - Fifth Army, AMG,
- 1 - Col. CRIPPS, AC, HQ,
- 1 - File.

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Ext : 358

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : D/BA/CA

15 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Col. Supino
Italian Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

1. Confirming telephone conversation between Col. Cripps and Col. Supino and with your representative today it is regretted that the squad of trainees accommodated at Palazzo San Martino Viterbo cannot be permitted to remain there, as the premises had already been earmarked for other units and are urgently required by them. It is understood that your representative is now at Viterbo with a view to finding alternative accommodation. He was told to contact the Allied Commission officer at Viterbo who would give all assistance in the matter.

2. If no alternative accommodation can be found in Viterbo it is suggested that these men be brought back to Rome, where the majority of them live, and a school of instruction set up there.

It is imperative that the premises be vacated forthwith.

R. Cripps
RE CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/8A/CA

15 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Abruzzi-Marche Region

1. The attached letter from the Italian Ministry of War dated 14 Dec along with translation are forwarded for your attention.

2. It is a question of priorities and one for you to determine.

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P.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

Copy to : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome
(your VIII/60531 of 14 Dec refers)

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To Colonel Gripps
Rome.

From :- 25 Tank Bde.

Sir,

I have seen Lieut D. Coppi from the Italian Det at San Martino who wish to take over the Palazzo there.

On instructions from 201 Sub-Area ROME I had already visited and earmarked this place as the only suitable location in the district for the MOS of this Bde. I should be grateful therefore if instructions to vacate the premises could be given to this Italian Det.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

14 Dec 44.
Field.

[Signature]
Capt.
for DAA & QMG,
25 Tank Brigade.

[Handwritten note:] This matter is already being dealt with by Rome A 13637201
Sub Area - It is most essential that the Palazzo be made available
for the use of the 1st Ambulance of this Bde

[Handwritten signature]
S. J. J.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 34
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Release & Requirements Section

FJA/aie

Tel. 478905

Ref. AG/5300/Commerce

13 December 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : AFPS, RAAG, CGP

1. Attached forms MAT 10 refer.
2. The Italian Ministry is undertaking the very important and urgent task of clearing mine fields.
3. In order to avoid unnecessary casualties in this dangerous work, the Allied military authorities have been approached regarding the supply of mine detectors, but, for several reasons, none can be supplied to the Italian Ministry.
4. The Ministry have agreed to manufacture their own mine detectors, but, in order to do so, will need the raw materials listed on the attached forms MAT 10, of which, as far as we are concerned, there is no availability.
5. Can you please arrange, in view of the importance and urgency of this work, particularly where the agricultural programme is concerned, for the supply of the raw materials outlined on the reverse of the attached MAT 10's to the Italian Ministry?

For the Chief Commissioner:

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

3 Incls: Forms MAT 10 dated 14 Oct. '44

Copy to: Economic Section

Civil Affairs Section

War Materials Disposal & Italian Prisoners
of War B/C

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To : Hq Allied Commission (Civil Affairs section)
From : Hq AMO/AG Abruzzi-Marche Region, C.M.F.
Subject : Mine Clearance.
Ref : RS/501/32.
Date : 9th December 1944.

1. Reference your 9/BA/CA dated 22 October 44.

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

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

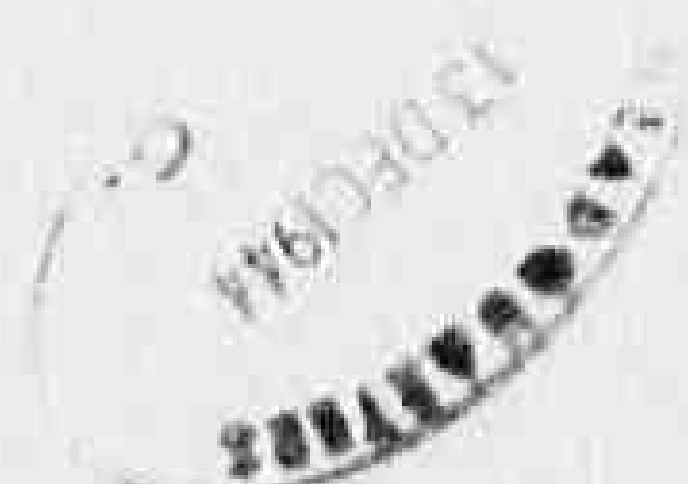
3. As will be seen from this report petrol does not appear to have been obtainable in sufficient quantities; your 9/BA/CA of 2 Dec 44 it is hoped will however now make for improvement in that respect. Meanwhile instructions have been given, with the verbal consent of Pet Sec AFHQ, that if the work is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

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

TC/mc

J. J. Schmitz
J. J. SCHMITZ
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer. 3656

See report see report file



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 398
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. 189081 Ext. 358

13 Dec 44.

Ref: 9/BA/CA

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: R.C., Emilia Region.

- 1 Reference Maj. Hough's call at this Headquarters there is forwarded copy of letter received from the Ministry of War (and translation) dated 9 Dec 44.
- 2 The formation of a Zone by the Italian Ministry of War within your Region would appear to be the solution of the matter. Such a Zone would operate under your instructions and those men enrolled for mine clearance work would then come on to the payroll of the Italian Ministry of War.
- 3 This in effect is what is desired but before replying to the Ministry of War, may we have your views on the matter.
- 4 There might however be some difficulty about having an Italian Zone within an Army Area but if the Headquarters could be situated with your Headquarters and function with them, they might be permitted within Army Area. You might, however, consider this point and let this Headquarters have your opinion.

R.R.

R.R. CHIPP, Col..
CDS CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8A/CA

Tel: 129081 Ext. 358

13 Dec 54

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MGA) AG.

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter 9/8A/CA of 14 Nov 54, enclosing copy letter from Lazio Umbria Region.

- 1 The position of 561 Mine Clearing Company was then reported to be in a bad way as regards clothing, blankets, equipment, food and medicinal supplies. The position has not improved as this Headquarters has now been informed that this Company has largely owing to bad administration picked up no mines during the month of November.
- 2 May the matter please be investigated on behalf of this HQ.

R.R. Chubb
R.R. CHUBB, Col...
AGC CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 34
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489051 Ext. 358

Ref: 9/3A/07

12 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance -
561 Mine Clearance Company.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LSCA), AC.

- 1 Lexio-Umbria Region request that six portable electric lamps of medium size, complete with spare batteries be provided for the 561 Company.
- 2 These lamps will be used in connection with work on several important aqueducts. They are necessary for examining the inside of reservoirs. Please take the matter up and endeavour to procure the lamps for the use of this Company.



R.R. GRIFFITH, Col.
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

Copy to: Lexio-Umbria Region (Your 45/827 of 10 Dec 44 refers.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 396
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489081 Ext. 358

13 Dec 44

Ref: 9/BA/CA

SUBJECT: Proposed S.R. for Mine Clearing Company.

To: R.C., Lazio Region.

Reference your R/5649 of 26 Oct 44 and R/5846 of 9 Dec 44.

- 1 The matter is one for Army Sub-Commission to deal with. These Italian Companies are administered by the Italian Ministry of War and any proposed S.R. would have to be considered and approved by the Italian Ministry of War and the Land Forces Sub-Commission. The Army Sub-Commission have, however, been asked what the present position is.

R.R.C.
R.R. CRIPPS, Col.,
CDS CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 391
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 189081 ext. 358

Ref: 9/BA/CA

13 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Proposed W.E. for Mine Clearance Companies.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA) AG.

- 1 On 31 Oct 44 a proposed W.E. for Mine Clearance Companies, received by this Section from Lazio-Umbria Region was forwarded to you.
- 2 May this Section be advised if the proposed W.E. is likely to be approved or not.

BRC

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIANCE COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 469081 Ext. 357

13 Dec. 44.

Ref: 9/PA/CA.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Ministry for War,
Via XX Settembre,
R O M E

Reference is made to your letter No. 9/2621/VAS of 9 Dec 44.

- 1 Your letter has been forwarded to Emilia Region for their views. It would appear from your letter that the formation of a Zone within Emilia Region is the correct method under your organisation. This point is being taken up with the Region concerned.
- 2 If such a Zone is permitted at present in Army Area then it is presumed that those men enrolled by Major Hough would automatically come within your scheme for pay, etc.
- 3 The question of insurance and compensation for injuries and deaths is continually being raised. Can this Headquarters be informed of the present position as it is imperative that this matter be settled soon.
- 4 As the armies advance it is necessary that planning be considered now for the north. Rather than move squads about it is considered that each Region should enroll and enlist workers who could be trained on the spot. If this is done these men would require to come under your scheme and be paid the same rates of pay and allowances and be covered by the same insurance. This will mean arrangements being set up now for formation of new Zones and the earmarking of Liaison Officers now for the regions concerned. It will also mean that teams of instructors should be earmarked to go into the new Regions.
- 5 This matter was discussed with Col. Sapino in his call at this Headquarters. May this Headquarters have your proposals for consideration as soon as convenient.

RC 3649
R.R. CHIPP, Col.,
CNO CA Section, A.C.

Copy to: Col. Sapino,
Via XX Settembre, R O M E.

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Subject:- Mine Clearance Coy

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)
MS 19/1
11 Dec 44

Ministry of War

This HQ has been informed that 561 and 562 Mine Clearance Companies are deficient of 4 officers and 175 men.

It is requested that you investigate the suitability for this work of the artillery now awaiting posting at X Regt^o Col Genie and inform this HQ of the numbers available. On receipt of this information movement will be arranged.

R. C. Plester Maj
1st Maj Gen

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)

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Copy to A.C. for Civil Affairs. Ref your 9/BA/CA of 9 Dec
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translation no. 436.

Rome, 9 December 1944

TO A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS
and for reference

TO the WAR MINISTRY - Cabinet

C.A. Office 11 DEC 1944

Subject: Mine-field clearance in the Emilia region.

MAJ. HOUGH of the "Emilia" Area Command came to this Ministry, accompanied by a senior officer of your Commission, to present proposals regarding the training of civilians for the clearance of mines in that region.

As we said to the above-mentioned senior officer, this General Direction is willing to extend the employment of civilian personnel in this organization to the region of Emilia as is already being done in Central Italy, and to make use of the means and personnel in the way explained by MAJ. HOUGH. Moreover, as to the administration, I see no solution possible other than the forming of a region command in that part of Romagna which seems most desirable in relation to the work and which can be chosen by the A.A. Command concerned.

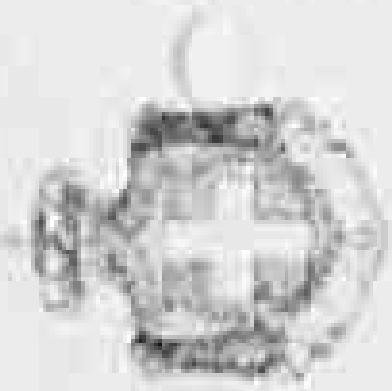
I shall therefore wait for a reply from your subcommission before appointing the personnel required and deciding on regulations for taking them into service.

GENERAL DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERS
(Gen. of Div. G. Crivaro)

*This is an important letter right
translation is correct. The
Ministry of War are agreeable
to extend employment to civilian
personnel in Romagna. JH 2/12*

See 318.

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Ministero delle Finanze

DIREZIONI GENERALI DEL CENIO

Q. 6

Rev. J. C. L. L. L. L. L.

Oggetto: Conflitto Campi Ministi per la Regione Sicilia.

17 DEC. 1944

Si è presentato a questo Ministero accompagnato da un Ufficiale Superiore di codesta Commissione il Mags. ROUGH del Comando Regione "Emilia", per presentare proposte in merito all'addestramento di operai civili per la bonifica dei campi minati di quella regione.

Come è stato verbalmente comunicato all'accennato Ufficio Superiore, questa Direzione Generale è disposta ad estendere anche alla regione Emilia l'attività organizzativa con personale civile già in corso nell'Italia Centrale e ad utilizzare mezzi e personale secondo i criteri rappresentati dal MAGS. HOUGH. Peraltro, per quanto riguarda la parte amministrativa, non vede altra soluzione possibile che quella della costituzione di un comando di zona, in quella località della Romagna che risulterà più opportuna in relazione al lavoro e che sarà indicato dal Comando A.A. competente.

Cib posto, resta in attesa delle comunicazioni di codesta
Sotto commissione per provvedere alla designazione del perso-
nale corrispondente e concretare le modalità di inasprimento.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO
(Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)

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

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Ciò posto, resta in attesa delle comunicazioni di codesta Sottocommissione per provvedere alla designazione del personale corrispondente e concretare le modalità di insediamento.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO
(Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)

Crivaro 3646

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
CARRO-PUERTA SECTION
APO 104

5 December, 1944

11 DEC 1944

W/5045

SUBJECT: Administration 561 Company.

TO : HQ, Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section.

On 5 November we forwarded a letter from the Regional Engineer on the above subject. Our reference was W/5034. On 11 November you forwarded it to Land Forces Sub-Commission - your S. 2A, Cd.

Can you advise us of any decision? No results are apparent at the Company which, largely owing to bad administration, picked up no sites in November.

This and record is not surprising. The only counterblast to the effect of the unfortunate accident which the Company suffered is proper administrative arrangements. These are non-existent.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D. S. Benton
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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Administrative Section.

In November we forwarded a letter from the Regional Engineer on the above subject. For reference see N. 5630. In November you forwarded it to LANA Forces Sub-Commission - your 5/8A/CA.

Can you advise us of any decision? No results are apparent at the Company which, largely owing to bad administration, picked up no lines in November.

This sad record is not surprising. The only counterblast to the effect of the unfortunate accident which the Company suffered is proper administrative arrangements. There are non-existent.

For the Regional Commissioner:

D. L. Bunker
A. D. BUNKER-CALDER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

*See
Comment on p. 1*

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RECEIVED
ALLIED AIRBORNE DIVISION
LANTO-VERONA EDITION
APU 394

2/5546

2 December, 1943

SUBJECT: Proposed A.E. for Mine Clearing.

11 DEC 1944

TO : HQ, Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section.

Reference our R/5546 dated 25 October, forwarded by you to
Head Former Sub-Commission on 31 October (S/5A/7A), we are being
pressed for a definite reply.

Is one likely to be forthcoming either direct from the Ita-
lian Ministry or through you?

For the Regional Commissioner:

G. E. Bonham
A. E. BONHAM-CLINTON
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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Reference our 5/5545 dated 15 December, forwarded by you to
Hond Forces Sub-Commission on 17 October (5/5545), as was being
prepared for a definite reply.

It is one likely to be forthcoming either direct from the Sta-
tion Ministry or through you.

For the Regional Commissioner:

L. B. Brown

A. D. BROWN - DIRECTOR

15. Colonel

Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 308
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

10 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance - Italian Accommodation.

TO: Capt. Short, R.A.C.,
c/o P.C., Lucca Province.

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter 9/BA/CA of 9 Dec 44, addressed to R.C. Piemonte Region, copy to you.

1. The letter was handed to the Regional Commissioner yesterday and he drew attention to the question of pay and rations. As these men will only be away for a short time, will you make arrangements for paying them during the period they are away from you. These men should carry rations with them and should also have their ration cards and money in their pockets with which to purchase food.


R.E. CRIPPT, Col.
CSD CA Section.

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be mobilized. The necessity of having such a mine removal unit was emphasized by the death of one man and serious injury to another when a mine exploded on 5 Dec in a bridge job reconstruction.

3. Detailed information is requested as follows in connection with the mine removal school.

- a) Location. *Lucas*
- b) Date of starting of courses. *Jan.*
- c) Are quarters and subsistence furnished. *Quarters only - in schoolhouse*
- d) Rate of pay while in school. *School pay, \$100 per month*
- e) Is transport furnished to and from school. *By bus*
- f) What should be brought to the school by the students. *Personal belongings*
- g) Duration of course. *16 days*
- h) Number of persons which can be accommodated from this office. *1 team or 2 teams or more at one time.*
- i) Rate of pay when engaged in mine removal work. Is there a base pay? *Yes, \$100 per month for each mine and if no more much.*
- j) Office or branch which finances mine removal and method of making application for payment. *By bus*
- k) Distances or applications of student after completion of course. *20 miles*

For the Regional Commissioner

[Signature]

[Signature]

ALEX H. JONES,
1st Lt. U.S.A.,
Executive Officer.



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Dispatched
HQ Directorate Reg. 4-13
Date 11/12/14
By [Signature]

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
14210-METLICKA SECTION
A-15 154

W/5827

-9 DEC. 1944 7 December, 1944

SUBJECT: Lamps for Mine Clearance 563 COMPANY.

TO : HQ Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section.

1. They HQ has been asked to provide 6 portable electric lamps of medium size, complete with spare batteries, for 563 Company.
2. The lamps will enable the work on various important aqueducts to be completed. They are necessary for examining the inside of "reservoirs".
3. Can you kindly monitor in this matter?

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. J. Roman-Carter
A. J. ROMAN-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer



1. This HQ has been asked to provide 6 portable electric lamps of medium size, complete with spare batteries, for 561 Company.

2. The lamps will enable the work on various important assignments to be completed. They are necessary for examining the inside of "reservoirs".

3. Can you kindly assist in this matter?

For the Regional Commissioner:

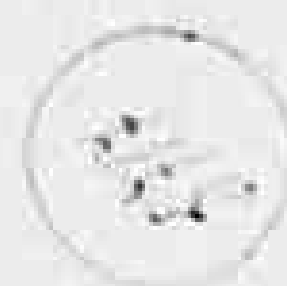
A. D. Bonham-Carter

A. D. BONHAM-CARTER
Lt. Colonel
Executive Officer

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Tel : 489081
t : 358HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 344
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/54/CA

9 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

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

1. Demands have been received from the training Centres at Pisa and Lucca for clothing and boots. They required 200 pairs of boots, blouses and trousers. Please take the matter up and forward at the earliest moment the boots and clothing from the quantities received by you. The question of non delivery of the 2000 blouses is being looked into and it is hoped to have these made available soon.

2. It is known that transport is still required. No details have however been given to this HQ. Demands for transport should now be submitted through your Liaison Officers direct to Regions concerned and must be kept to a minimum. If desired, however, this HQ can instruct Regions to endeavour to provide but please submit a list showing the numbers required, the types and the places where the transport should report. You will arrange for petrol through your own channels.

3. It is understood that Capt. Piatta is not now being posted and will meantime remain in charge at Pisa and Lucca.

RAC
R.A. CHIEF Col
CAG. CA Section

Copy to : Col. Marino
Ministry for War
Via XX Settembre
R o m e

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Tel: Rxt 358

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

File
Ref : R/BA/CA

9 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance
561 & 562 Comp. Bastrellatori and

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (NMIA)

1. The attached letter from the Inspector of the Engineer Corps Italian Army and translation thereof are forwarded to you for information .

2. These two companies are now doing excellent work in mine lifting and it is desired that they maintain their full strength. Will you please take the matter up and arrange for reinforcements being sent to these Companies.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS Col
GSO CA Section

Copy to : Col. Supino (your 177 of 4 Dec refer)
Ministry for War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

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Ispektorato dell'Ar. del Genio

Prot. No. 177

Promemoria per il Col. R.R. Cripps A.C. H.Q.
Civil Affairs Section APO 394, Roma

Oggetto : Richiesta di complementi per la 561^a e la 562^a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine.

La 561^a e 562^a Compagnia Rastrellatori costituite su di un organico di 5 ufficiali - 222 sottoufficiali e truppa, hanno attualmente una forza effettiva rispettivamente 4 ufficiali e 128 sottoufficiali e truppa e di 2 ufficiali e 141 sottoufficiali e truppa con una deficienza sugli organici quindi di 1 ufficiale e 94 uomini di truppa e di 3 ufficiali e 81 uomini di truppa.

La presente comunicazione ha lo scopo, a seguito degli affidamenti fornitimi da V.S., di provocare l'assegnazione dei complementi o correnti per portare nuovamente all'organico sopra accennato i due reparti citati e potere in questi termini aumentare il loro rendimento al lavoro di rastrellamento mine.

Il Colonello Capo Ufficio
P. Supino

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

Translation No. 421

Inspectorate of the Engineers Corps

File No. 127

SUBJECT : Request for replacements for the 561st and the 562nd Mine Removing Companies.

TO : Col R.R. Cripps A.C. HQ.
Civil Affairs Section APO 394
R O M E

The 561st and 562nd mine-removing Companies formed on a T.O. (W.E.) of 5 officers - 222 non-commissioned officers and enlisted men, and of 2 officers, 141 non commissioned officers and enlisted men respectively; they are understrength by 1 officer, 94 enlisted men, and 3 officers and 81 enlisted men.

We are communicating this with the objective of following the assurances given by you, of promoting the assignment of the replacements needed to bring once again to normal strength the above-mentioned units and of being thus able to increase their efficiency in the removal of mines.

Section Chief
Col. P. Supino

See pg 317

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Tel : 489081
Ext : 368

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/Bn/Ca

9 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Detectors

TO : Umbria Lazio Region

Reference your R/5801 of 5 Dec 44. Mine Detectors should be exchanged or replaced through the nearest Ordnance Depot. ADOS (Lt. Col. A. Reed) at Rome Allied Area Command will be able to tell you the nearest Depot to which to apply. His phone number is 66587 .

PL
R.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 2/54/CA

9 Dec 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance
Telephone Communication .

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte Region

Reference your 311 of 1 Dec 44.

1. Capt. Short, c/o P.C., Lucca Province is prepared to allot up to 10 men from his mine clearing squads at Pisa and Lucca to clear the 30 Km. stretch of line. The work should not take more than a week to complete.
2. Will you please contact Capt. Short and make arrangements with him for moving the squad. They will require transport which you probably can provide from your own resources. Accommodation and feeding will require to be laid on for these men.
3. Reg. Toscana Region should be informed of what is being done.
4. Communications Sub-Commission state that once the line is cleared it will not take long to get the circuit in order.

R. H. Capper
R.H. CAPPER Col
CSD CA Section.

Copy to : Capt. Short, RA20, c/o P.C. Lucca Province

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 324
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref : 9/84/CA

9 Dec 64

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance
Telephone Communication .

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Pisante Region

Reference your 311 of 1 Dec 64.

1. Capt. Short, C/o P.C., Lucca Province is prepared to allot up to 10 men from his mine clearing squad at Pisa and Lucca to clear the 30 Km. stretch of line. The work should not take more than a week to complete.

2. Will you please contact Capt. Short and make arrangements direct with him for moving the squad. They will require transport which you probably can provide from your own resources. Accommodation and feeding will require to be laid on for these men.

3. HQ. Toscana Region should be informed of what is being done.

4. Communications Sub-Commission state that once the line is cleared it will not take long to get the circuit in order.


R.H. GRIFFIN Col
DSC. CA Section.

Copy to : Capt. Short, RASC, c/o P.C. Lucca Province

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

Parcel called 5/12
must be cleared from
Cryps -

File 311

1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Telephone Communication

TO : Sq Allied Commission (Att: Communications Sub-Commission)

1. Recognizing the desirability of telephonic communication between this Headquarters and higher Headquarters in Rome, Siena and other locations, this Headquarters has made a survey of existing and available facilities. It has been found that a telephone circuit may be placed in operation readily.

2. A commercial (TETI) telephone pole line extends between Chianciano and Siena. This line formerly carried circuits from Chianciano, Montepulciano and other communities, direct to Siena. Rehabilitation work by TETI has been done to the extent that there now are available two circuits in operating condition from Siena to Buonconvento and from Pienza to Chianciano. The stretch not yet repaired, from Buonconvento through San Quirico to Pienza, is approximately 20 kilometers in length. (See attached map overlay.)

3. If this remaining distance be repaired, TETI will place one circuit at the exclusive service of the military units in Chianciano. At present these comprise headquarters of three AO/ANG Regions and a Canadian Convalescent Center. From time to time other British units have been quartered here.

4. In order to complete the rehabilitation, the following action by allied authorities is required:

- a. A path four meters wide under this 20-kilometer stretch of pole line will have to be swept for mines in order to provide security for TETI workmen.
- b. A small amount of solder will have to be made available to TETI for wire splicing.

In connection with the mine sweeping, it is pointed out that a portion of this 20-kilometer stretch runs through newly plowed fields indicating the absence of any mine hazard. It is felt that the sweeping will present very few difficulties and that it might be completed in the matter of a few days.

Once the area has been swept, TETI is prepared to proceed with the work quickly. It should be possible to have the line in operating condition within ten days thereafter. A personal investigation by an engineer from this Headquarters 3630 shown only moderate damage.

5. The entire question has been informally discussed with CSO, AAI (Capt. Langley). That headquarters views the proposal favorably since the line uses poles other than those now carrying military circuits, and since it does not interfere with any military installations.

6. Your assistance in obtaining mine sweeping personnel is requested in order that their work may be expedited.

Robert P. Marshall

ROBERT P. MARSHALL,
Colonel, FA,
Regional Commissioner.

cc: Hq, AAI (Civil Affairs Division)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref 9/BA/CA

3 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : HQ Lazio-Umbria Region

Ref your LAZ/BND/5765 of 1 Dec 44 and R/5986 of 31 Dec with relative enclosure, it is not proposed to take further action as the views expressed in this HQ letter 9/BA/CA of 21 Dec follow the Policy set out in HQ AAI letter of 2 Nov 44.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

G.R. Upjohn
G.R. UPJOHN Brig
VP CA Section
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DAILY WAGE RATES
paid to
Personnel of Mine Clearing Squads
employed under the Italian Govern-
ment Mine Clearing Scheme.

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

II	Workmen	(single)	158	191.50
		(married)	170	195.50
		with one child	172	200
		two children	174	
		three	176.40	
		four	180.50	
		five	185	

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

II In addition to the daily wage scale each workman is entitled to a bonus of £5, £10 or £15 for every mine cleared. The bonus varies according to the nature of the ground.

30.00

Note While men are being trained they get the same rate of pay as above but including danger money which amounts to £80 in each case.

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P.O.B.

Miss Reilly
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8 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Col. Cripps.

1. The present situation is that a school is going at Spoleto (20), Chieti (200) and Resaro (100).
2. The present difficulties are the old ones, transport and P.O.L.
3. Transport Col. Bordass is willing to tell the Regions what to provide but thinks it better that the Italian Government should requisition through their Ministry of Communications. Accounting for mine is a Regional responsibility and the L.O. should, as we have laid down, contact the regions. I have arranged for this at Spoleto with the P.C.
4. P.O.L. Commerce maintain we should draw P.O.L. from the Italian Ministry of War as for non-operational units. They maintain it should be obtained through Land Forces Sub-Coman. (MMIA). I suggest you should speak to Mr. Antolini on the subject and see if he can help, or go direct to Petrol Sec., or through A 5 AFHQ.
5. The Ministry of Communications know the terms of the contracts, etc., and it has been suggested that the Ministry of War and Communications get together over this. The Italian Government is to get bulk allotment of petrol for Southern Region soon if they do not already have it.
6. I will speak to Land Forces Sub-Coman. (MMIA) on the subject, if you so desire.

John C. Cripps
John C. Cripps

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