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MINE CLEARANCE, CORRESPONDENCE
DEC. 1944, JAN. 1945

TRANSLATION

FOOD SUPPLIED TO THE DEPENDENT SO. KERS

Daily :

A hot beverage of 14 grams of coffee and 28 grams of sugar.
440 grams of bread;
83 grams of preserved meat or fish
28 grams of cheese
113 grams of fresh fruit and 28 grams of dried fruit (almonds)
1/2 liter of wine
5 cigarettes (and 5 Milit on payment)

in 15 days:

For two days a meal of pasta asciutta (160 gr.)
For four days a meal of vegetable stew (105 gr rice)
For nine days a meal of vegetable stew (100 gr "pasta")

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TABELLA VIVERI CORPI SPOSTI AI MILITARI
DI PENDENTI

Giornalmente:-

Una bevanda calda composta da Gr. 15 di caffè e gr. 28 di zucchero
Grammi 440 di pane;
" 83 di carne sciolata o pesce sciolato
" 28 di formaggio da tavola
" 113 di frutta fresca oltre 28 gr. di frutta secca a mandorla sgusci.
Mezzo litro di vino
N° 5 sigarette (oltre 5 Milit a pagamento da prelevarsi agli spacci)

Nella quindicina:

Per due giorni: un rancio di pasta asciutta (gr. 180)
Per quattro giorni: un rancio di minestrone di riso (gr. 105)
Per nove giorni: un rancio di minestrone di pasta (100 gr.)

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TRANSLATION NO. 491

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES
LIAISON OFFICER

Pescara, 23 January 1945

Ref. No. 51

SUBJECT: Absorption of disbanded soldiers

TO : THE MINISTRY OF WAR - ROME
and for information
THE MILITARY DISTRICTS OF: ROME - TERAMO - ASCOLI PICENO - FROSINONE -
ANCONA - CHIETI

This Liaison Office, in view of the shortage of personnel reported by the Headquarters of the 562nd Mine Clearance Company of Pescara, which works under the supervision of the A.C. for the provinces of Chieti, Teramo, and Pescara, gave orders to the soldiers in the enclosed list to make proper arrangements with the competent Commands for their absorption into the Company. These orders were given also with the purpose of enrolling experienced and specialized volunteers who would therefore prove efficient, and also to prevent many youths who were recently called into the army from failing to report.

The Headquarters of the 541st Infantry Regiment which has jurisdiction over the afore mentioned Company for matters pertaining to discipline, has objected that the soldiers in question should not have had the choice in their assignment and should be released and sent to the appropriate districts for subsequent assignment to the Units designated by higher authorities.

It is however a fact that the present period of intense mine clearance the removal of said mine clearers would seriously hamper the efficiency of the Company, which, according to the new instructions of the Allied Command, will extend its mine clearance activity to many other centers of the province of Teramo.

We trust the Ministry will kindly examine the matter and sanction the assignment in question; while awaiting decisions from higher quarters, this Office has ordered that the soldiers do not report to their respective districts.

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Lt. Liaison Officer
Lt. Spampinato Felice

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*Spampinato Felice
since the said personnel
not to be sent away
as full time guards
subject to investigation
1945*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSIO
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES
LIAISON OFFICER

Ref. No. 51

Pescara Date. 123.I.1945.

Subject: Assunzione in forza militari sbandati.

To: Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Generale Leva Sottufficiali e
Truppa
ROMA

e p.c. AI DISTRETI MILITARI DI:

ROMA
TERAMO
ASCOLI
FROSINONE
ANCONA
CHIETI
PIEMONTE

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Nella certezza che codesto Ministero esaminerà benevolmente la questione e sanzioni l'assegnazione in parola; quest'Ufficio ha fatto sopprimere all'avvicinamento dei militari ai rispettivi Distretti, in attesa della superiore decisione.

It. Liaison Officer
Lt. (SPAMPARATO Felice) 5801

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TRANSLATION NO. 473

MINISTRY OF WAR
General Engineering Division

REF: 70199

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Organization

TO : Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section - APO 394

Rome, 19 January 1945

Following the request made verbally to Col. Supino of this Ministry, herewith is enclosed a copy of the report dated 15 December 1944 made to H E the Minister concerning a further improvement of the mine clearance service.

His Excellency the Minister has approved the proposal for the constitution of the Interministerial Committee referred to in No. 6 of the enclosed report.

Meanwhile, the Cabinets of the interested Ministries have been asked to send the name of the officials delegated in order to call them to a first meeting as soon as possible, and initiate the work of the Committee.

General Director of the Corp
of Engineers
C. Crivaro
General of Division

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

Ufficio Bonifica Campi Minati

Divisione

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Risposta al *fr* del

Dir. Ser. N.

OGGETTO: Organizzazione B.C.M.

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A.P.O. 194

Si trasmette copia, come da richiesta verbale fatta al Col. SUPINO di questo Ministero, della relazione presentata a S.E. il Ministro in data 13 dicembre u.s. in merito all'ulteriore perfezionamento del servizio B.C.M. -

S.E. il Ministro ha approvato la proposta della costituzione del Comitato Interministeriale di cui è cenno al capo 6° - della relazione allegata.

Pertanto sono stati invitati i Gabinetti dei Ministeri interessati a segnalare i nominativi dei funzionari delegati, per poterne al più presto indire la prima riunione e provvedere in questi termini all'inizio dei lavori del Comitato di cui trattasi.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE COPY

ROME, 15 December 1944

Ref VIII/60449

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Organization

1 With letter 254 dated 25 February 1944, this General Division proposed that the clearance of mined areas, the development of which was foreseen for the areas that would be liberated from future operations, be undertaken with the employment of specialized units of the Corps of Engineers, and proposals were made in regard to their preparation.

The proposal was made again in May when as a result of the northward advance of the military operations, large areas of our country were liberated which were found to be thickly mined.

With letter S.D./L of 26 August 1944, SMIA communicated in reply, that it was impossible to divert army units from operational tasks, and it was stated that the tasks of mine clearance were to be subsequently executed by civilian personnel. It was then agreed to form a mine clearance service; a study was made of the procedure for hiring voluntary civilian labor, train and employ it in this difficult and dangerous work.

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At the same time instructions were given for assigning initial, basic personnel, which was withdrawn from units trained by the Allies in the Allied training centers in Campania, and a Mine Clearance Central Office was established at this General Division. Meanwhile requests were being made for the assignment of vehicles which were essential to the carrying out of subsequent work.

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Although active contribution was not lacking, including that of the Allies, the difficulties soon proved to be actually more serious than expected.

The basic military personnel available, especially in the beginning, was scarce and not actually suitable for the special service. Workers had to be recruited with a hurry imposed by circumstances, and encouraged to do this dangerous work while other more comfortable activities could have brought them easier and more profitable gains, even if sometimes illegal.

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A special labor contract had to be made for these workers, which required detailed agreements with the Ministries of the Treasury and Finance. Moreover, there arose the problem of a form of insurance which fully considered the risks, incomparable with those of any other work. No form has yet been found, for attempts are still being made to arrive at a satisfactory solution. Particular attention was given to provide the workers with the best living conditions possible, in view of the type of work to be done.

For this purpose stores and messes were improvised in the various centers where the worker can obtain suitable food at moderate prices.

This entire organization had to be laboriously built up from nothing with only very restricted means. The Allied Authorities helped as far as possible under the circumstances. They were requested to assign military food rations, clothing (especially blankets, shoes, suits) and vehicles. Only lately could a small allotment of shoes and trousers be obtained, and jackets have been promised for the workers.

Few workers presented themselves in the beginning and although their number later increased at a satisfactory rate, due to the attraction of the good living conditions, which the centers endeavored to provide them with, and to the expansion of the particular form of labor, and to the diligent publicity and the assistance, their number is still too small to meet the great requirements. To overcome this shortage, all the Government or private bodies which have interest in the mine-clearance should select workers capable of becoming mine-clearers and send them to the training centers. This General Division is working diligently to popularize the movement and encourage those concerned.

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It was equally difficult to obtain fuel, and only this month have we been able to obtain a regular, although insufficient assignment.

- 5) Despite such serious difficulties and all the other local hindrances encountered, the mine clearance service has been finally set under way. If its progress can be considered satisfactory with regard to the difficulties, it is nevertheless still insufficient to solve a problem of such proportions.

The training centers, set up in various localities, have brought forth considerable numbers of willing workers, who, numbering approximately 300, are already working in various regions and have already cleared large areas of land by eliminating, destroying and rendering inactive many thousands of mines. These are really remarkable results considering the few facilities and the unfavorable terrain and weather conditions.

But at the present stage and under increasing pressure from all sides for the rapid solution of this urgent problem, it is no longer possible to continue to meet it with absolutely inadequate equipment and count only on good will and sacrifice to overcome the serious shortages which still exist. On the other hand this is definitely a national problem concerning many branches of the State administration, which should also be interested in its solution, and exert their full energy towards this end.

- b) We have therefore decided that this organization, created with difficulty, must be given greater facilities, by uniting the activities of all the Bodies which are concerned in it, so as to permit a quicker solution of the various problems which usually concern more than one administration at the same time, and which would necessitate transactions which are not always easy and anyway always longer than the emergency permits.

The actual contribution of the various administrations could be consolidated by the creation of a special committee which should include delegates of a suitable grade, of the said administrations, who should have the power to make decisions on matters coming under their respective jurisdiction. It should not be a consultative committee, which could not offer a useful, substantial collaboration, but an executive committee, a kind of Board of Directors for that great enterprise which the State would assume for the clearance of mined fields.

This Committee should meet in the general office of the Corps of Engineers because it seems advisable to leave to the military authorities the task of directing the service and of supervising its technical activities.

We are of the opinion that delegates of the following Bodies should take part in the Committee:

Ministry of Finance as regards matters pertaining both to the salary of the workers and such contributions as may be considered desirable to request of local Bodies and private persons ~~to contribute~~ in clearing the lands owned by them from mines.

Ministry of Agriculture as regards various problems concerning agriculture with special attention to mine clearance and to various works.

Ministry of Interior as regards various matters concerning public health and security as well as requesting local bodies (provinces, Communes) to contribute, for they can and must offer an efficient assistance.

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Ministry of Transportation as regards transport problems and clearance of mines from roads and communications.

Commissariat for food supplies as regards matters concerning food for the workers and as regards mine clearance particularly concerning problems of the national food supply.

7) With the efficient collaboration of all the administrations concerned, made possible by the said Committee, it is hoped to arrive at a satisfactory solution of this vast problem, which despite the serious difficulties due to the country's particular conditions will permit reaching substantial results equal to the needs of the new national economical life.

Precise Copy
Lt. Col. (A. Salerno)

GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERS CORP
Gen. Div. O. Grivare

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Ministro della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio Bonifica Campi Minati

Giuliano

Del. V. VIII/60649/Rap. D.M.

*Risposta al foglio del
Genio*

OGGETTO Organizzazione servizio Bonifica Campi Minati.

1°) - Con foglio 254 in data 25 febbraio c.e. questa Direzione Generale proponeva che la bonifica delle zone minate, delle quali si presentava il grande sviluppo nelle zone che sarebbero state liberate dalle prossime operazioni, fosse affrontata coll'impiego di reparti del Genio specializzati e si facevano proposte per la loro predisposizione.

La proposta è stata successivamente ripetuta nel mese di u.s. quando, con i progressi delle operazioni militari verso Nord, sono state liberate vaste regioni del nostro Paese, che sono risultate ampiamente minate.

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Modalità di base nell'attuazione del servizio fu la costituzione di centri d'addestramento, nelle località che presentavano maggior prevedibile disponibilità di mano d'opera adatta (ex-artificieri, minatori, operai di stabilimenti per la produzione e manipolazione degli esplosivi, ecc.) e di zone B.I.M., i primi con compiti addestrativi, le seconde con compiti di esecuzione dei lavori di bonifica.

Si provvide in pari tempo all'assegnazione di personale d'inquadramento, traendolo da nuclei addestrati a cura degli A.A. presso i centri d'addestramento Alleati in Danimarca e si costituì presso questa Direzione Generale un Ufficio Centrale B.I.M. - Contemporaneamente avevano corso le pratiche per la assegnazione di mezzi di trasporto, elementi indispensabili del servizio, e dei materiali, di preminente importanza tra questi i cerchioni.

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A questo scopo furono improvvisati nei vari centri accantonamenti e messe aziendali, dove l'operaio può trovare un conveniente vitto con modica spesa.

Tutta questa organizzazione dovette essere l'attentamente creata dal nulla e disponendo solo di limitatissimi

mezzi. L'arresto delle autorità A.A. in quella situazione e possibilità permettevano loro. Esse furono interessate per la concessione alla delle remissione viveri militari, sia di indumenti (in particolare coperte, scarpe, vestiti), sia per i mezzi di trasporto. Solo in questi ultimi tempi si è potuta ottenere una modesta aliquota di scarpe e pantaloni e sono state promesse giacche per gli operai.

L'affluenza degli operai, senza da principio, è andata poi aumentando con confortevole ritmo per l'attrattiva delle buone condizioni di vita che i centri si sforzano di assicurare, per la divulgazione della particolare forma di lavoro, per l'assidua propaganda esercitata e per l'assistenza in sito, che si mantiene sempre inferiore alle ingenti somme. Occorre, per avviare a tale deficienza, che tutti gli enti, statali o privati, aventi interesse nella bonifica, vengano incontro alla necessità di personale colta indicazione, scelta ed inquadramento verso i centri di addestramento di operai idonei a divenire rastrellatori di mine ed inquadramento. Questa Direzione Generale svolge assidua azione di divulgazione e di incoraggiamento.

49) - Gravissime furono le difficoltà per dotare le squadre rastrellatrici di mine di materiali e di attrezzature indispensabili per effettuare la ricerca delle mine con le elementari mezzi di sicurezza. Non vi era disponibilità di ceramite e si è dovuto perciò con difficoltà provvedere alla loro costruzione, lottando contro la deficienza di materiali e di energia elettrica. Ciò nonostante i primi esemplari sono già in servizio ed altri verranno e verranno successivamente costruiti con la maggiore rapidità possibile.

Veramente esiziale per il rapido impianto ed esercizio delle attività di bonifica si è dimostrata la scarsissima disponibilità dei mezzi di trasporto, senza i quali il servizio non ha possibilità di efficace funzionamento.

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Difficoltà altrettanto gravi si sono incontrate per il carburante, del quale solo in questo mese si è potuto otte-

dere una regolare, se pur non adeguata assegnazione.

3°) - Nonostante tali gravissime difficoltà e tutti gli altri ostacoli di carattere locale incontrati nel cammino, il servizio bonifico ha potuto sia per fattocemente avvanzi, in un modo che se è da ritenersi soddisfacente nei confronti del difficile cammino percorso, per tuttavia non è ancora adeguato al peso effettivo del problema da risolvere.

I Centri d'addestramento, impiantati in varie località, hanno dato un discreto gettito di volontari operai, i quali, in numero di circa 100, sono ora al lavoro in varie zone ed hanno già provveduto alla bonifica di vaste zone di terreni, eliminando, sia con la distruzione, sia con la distruzione, molte decine di migliaia di nido. Di molto veramente rimarchevole, perché raggiunto nel minor dei costi ed in circostanze d'ambiente e di tempo assai poco favorevoli.

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Il contributo effettivo delle varie Amministrazioni potrebbe essere concretizzato nella creazione di una specie di comitato al quale dovrebbero partecipare delegati di dette Amministrazioni, di conveniente rango, ed ai quali dovrebbero essere attribuiti poteri per poter decidere per la parte di cui ciascuno è competente. Non consiste consultivo quindi, il quale non potrebbe apportare con- creta utile collaborazione, ma comitato esecutivo, una

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specie di Consiglio d'Amministrazione di quella grande impresa che lo Stato viene direttamente ad assumersi per la bonifica dei campi minati.

Tale Comitato dovrebbe riunirsi presso la Direzione Generale del Genio, perchè senza opportuno lasciare all'Autorità militare il compito direttivo del servizio e la sorveglianza tecnica sul suo svolgimento.

In particolare si è del parere che a far parte del detto Comitato dovrebbero essere chiamati delegati:

- del Ministero delle Finanze per quanto ha tratto alle questioni inerenti sia al trattamento degli operai sia ai contributi che si ravviene opportuno di chiedere agli enti locali ed ai privati a titolo di concorso per la bonifica dei terreni di loro proprietà;
- del Ministero dell'Agricoltura per quanto ha tratto ai vari problemi interessanti l'agricoltura, con speciale riguardo alle bonifiche ed alle opere di carattere generale;
- del Ministero dell'Interno per quanto ha tratto alle varie questioni interessanti la sanità e l'incolumità pubblica nonché all'interesse dei comuni (provincie, comuni) dei quali si può e si deve ottenere un effettivo contributo di opere e di concorso;
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- del Ministero dei Trasporti per quanto ha tratto ai problemi dei trasporti nonché alle bonifiche che minc interessanti le comunicazioni;

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- del Commissariato dell'Alimentazione per quanto ha trattato alle questioni inerenti al vitto degli operai ed alle bonifiche mine di speciale interesse per i problemi dell'alimentazione nazionale.

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76) - Colla collaborazione fattiva di tutte le Amministrazioni interessate, realizzata per il tramite del predetto Comitato, si si ripromette il raggiungimento di una soluzione adeguata del vasto problema in esame, la quale consenta, sin pure con le limitazioni imposte dalla gravissima difficoltà derivante dalla particolare situazione del paese, di giungere a risultati concreti pari alle esigenze di ripresa della vita economica nazionale. -

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

P. C. C.
IL T. COLONNELLO ADDETTO
Gen. C. M. A. Salerno

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

20 January 1945

TO : HQ. A.C. Civil Affairs Section APO 394 (Attn. Maj Reaks)

SUBJECT : Artificers and flame-thrower squads for the 561st Mine
Sweeping Company

IN REPLY QUOTE : RA/ENG/25.4

The S.M.R.E. (Ufficio Ordinalamento e Mobilitazione - Servizio Ordinalamento) with dispatch reference No 9241 dated 14-12-44 approved the proposal tendered by this Division to attach to the Mine Sweeping Companies the subject squads. You are requested therefore to have the proper Italian Military Authorities arrange to send to the 561st Mine Sweeping Company at Gaeta 1 N.C.O., 2 corporals and 6 privates, certified artificers.

As regards the flame-thrower squad, as it appears from the letter of the S.M.R.E. that no trained soldiers are available for this purpose, we have provided to have 2 corporals and 6 privates sent to Rome from the 561st Mine Sweeping Company in order to follow a short course of training at the Centro Chimico Militare.

Please inform us what action will be taken in regard to the present request for artificers.

Carl W. Hendry

Lt.Col.R.E.

Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

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Lt.Col.F.E.

Regional Engineer

Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

Copy for information to:

-HQ.AMG. Lazio Umbria Region APO 394

-Ministero della Guerra - Dir.Gen. Art.Roma

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

19 January 1945

File : R4/ENG/25.4
SUBJECT : War establishment of 561st Mine Sweeping Company
TO : HQ.AC. Civil Affairs Section APO 394
(attn. Maj. Reaks)
and for information
TO : HQ.AWG. Lazio Umbria Region APO 394
(reference R/6021 dated 8/1/45)
TO : S.M.R.E. Uff. Ordinamento e Mobilitazione
Sez. Ordinamento (Riferimento dispacci n° 9211 e 9326
(Ord.di prot. (Segreto) del 14-12-44).

The war establishment of the Mine sweeping Companies proposed by Lt.Col. Caruso has been examined and approved by your HQ. with letter 9/8/A/C.A. dated 2-1-45 (addressed to Headquarters Lazio Umbria Region and by same sent here for our information). -

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It is therefore deemed advisable that the two above mentioned squads become an integral part of the subject War establishment and consequently the schedule of said war establishment should be accordingly modified.

As the proposed squads consist of:

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- Artificers Squad:
 - 1 N.C.O.
 - 2 Corporals
 - 6 privates
- Flame-throwers Squad (2 squads of 4 men and 1 flame thrower each squad):
 - 2 Corporals
 - 6 privates,

The war establishments of the Mine Sweeping Companies would be totally increased by 1 N.C.O. and 16 privates.

Please inform us as to your decision regarding this proposal.

Amato
 Lt.Col.B.E.
 Regional Engineer
 Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 475146.

Ref: 9/CA/CA.

20 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Lt. Col. J.O. Babcock.
Labour Office,
LIVORNO.

- 1 Reference telephone conversation (Lt. Col. Babcock - Maj. Rees), there is forwarded to you a translation of a document sent by the workers on mine clearance in Pisa to the Italian Ministry of War. Attached to the document is an extract from the newspaper "Corriere di Matina" dated 7-8 Jan 45, which purported to set out the wages paid by the Allied forces to Italian workers. There is also attached copy of the scale of wages *at present* paid to the civilian mine clearance squads. These will appear favourable even with the figures quoted by the newspaper which would appear to be in excess of the wages paid to ordinary workers in Livorno. It may be that the newspaper has misquoted.
- 2 The workers are requesting a daily wage of 500 lire exclusive of family allowances and bonuses.
- 3 Your attention is particularly drawn to requests 1 and 2. It will be appreciated if you will investigate the matter and let this Headquarters have your views as to whether the present scale of wages paid is ample and whether meals and lodging can be provided.

By Command of the Chief Commissioner:

Wendell R. King
W.R. KING, Col.
CIV CA Section.

Copy to: Labour S/O.,
Capt. M. BIRD, RASC. c/o P.O. 13021. (For information
and investigation. Please contact Lt. Col. Babcock.)
AMC, 5 Army.
Florence Region.
Italian Ministry of War,
Via di Rastrello.
Rome (For attention of Col. Segna.)

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TRANSLATION NO; 468

TO: THE COMMAND OF THE MINE CLEARANCE SERVICE

Changes in the present contract for workers of the Mine Clearance Service.

If the proposal cannot be accepted before the expiration of the present contract (6 January 1945) the workers, providing that discussions on the new requests are possible, will continue to work without signing the new contract until the end of the period established by your Command in agreement with the Commission, for referring the matter to higher Commands and reach an agreement with them.

REQUESTS MADE

1. The workers request that their total daily pay, apart from the family allowances and the bonuses, be 300 lire net. This request is made in consideration of the danger encountered, which cannot be compared with any other.

The pay requested is therefore exclusively to compensate for the danger which the workers continually have to face.

Indeed, in comparison with the wages paid to workers employed by Italian and Allied bodies and agencies, our present wage certainly does not cover the danger and usefulness of our work.

2. If the squads must be transferred from the city of Pisa to other localities to be cleared, the workers request that your command provide lodging and two meals a day, the price of which should not be more than 7 lire each.

3. Any squads required to clear regions at a distance of 2 kms. from the M.C.S. Command must be transported to the site in trucks which your Command will provide.

4. Every squad preparing to clear a mine field must without fail be supplied with a mine detector.

5. The head of the unit or whoever taking his place, of the M.C.S. will daily inspect the squads at work to specify the nature of the terrain, according to which will be granted a

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6. The squads in order to work in the mine fields must be supplied with boots, trousers, and coat (or overalls).

The workers must also be supplied with equipment which permits them to deal with the mines without using improvised equipment (pliers, wire cutters, fuses, and lamps for lighting).

7. Every isolated squad and away from the Command must work with a truck in good working order nearby in order to take any injured worker to the nearest first aid post.

8. Your Command will see to it that one worker for each squad take a course of first aid, which is given immediately after an accident.

Your Com and will also supply every squad with sanitary material which it may actually need for the first treatment.

9. Your Command will inform us of the conditions of insurance

which were being discussed when the present contract was being signed.

10. The workers request that a Commission of five men be formed by the same, and that this Commission be recognized and heard, and any requests that it makes be taken into consideration.

11. The new contract must be drawn up and a separate copy signed by each.

Should the above requests be complied with, the workers promise to sign a monthly contract and to carry out any work specified in the contract.

Guerrero Value 279 kg 21

May very fast

40%

16 = 100

Sign Guerrero

Extracted from "Corriere del Mattino"
dated 7/8 Jan 45

Table showing the increase in salaries of Italian workmen employed by
the Allied Armed Forces.

Workers paid on a daily basis

a) Adults - basic pay up to 120 lire, with a possible maximum increase of 60 lire									
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"	"	"	176	"	180	"	"	"	" 42 "
"	"	"	181	"	or more	"	"	"	" 40 "

HEADQUARTERS
LIVORNIA PROVINCE
ARMED MILITARY COMMAND

19 OCT 1945

R E P O R T
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15 January 1945

Ref: REP/1/37

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal.

TO : Col. R.L. CHIES, Civil Affairs Section, HQ., 40.

1. Progress.

a. PISA. Work continues in this district at S. Piero a Grado, Pettorio Bagri di Casciana and Viareggio. 72390 kg have been cleared and 930 mines lifted. ✓
b. LIVORNA. Work continues at Ponte al Serchio and 18630 kg have been cleared and 46 mines lifted. Weather conditions make progress very slow in this district and in many parts it is impossible to operate owing to deep snow.
c. PISANOIA. The newly trained squads are continuing to operate in the field under supervision of the instructors.

2. Transport.

The situation is regards 2.00 transport for mines disposal squads has improved, but none the less, the only satisfactory solution of this problem is for the squads to have their own transport.

3. Materials.

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

4. Casualties.

Handwritten signature and date: 15/1/45

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4. Casualties.

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

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W. Short

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - Col. CHAPPS
- 1 - Fifth Army, AMB,
- 1 - P.C., Pisa.
- 1 - P.C. Incca,
- 1 - C.A.O., Viareggio,
- 1 - File.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ext 388

Ref: S/BA/CA

16 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (LSCA)
Attn: Mr. Copleston

Reference your G/11 of 6 Jan enclosing that part of the Italian Order of Battle relating to this Commission.

1. The question of forming a third Italian Mine Clearance Company has already been discussed with you. The 302 Italian Mine Clearance Company at Chieti is doing an excellent job of work and is removing many thousands of mines but owing to wintery conditions, snow and ice etc. they do not expect to clear as many mines this month as in December. It is therefore considered that the time is suitable for the formation and training of a third Company.

2. The 302 Company is commanded by a very capable and experienced officer and are prepared to train and help to form the new Company. That branch of the Ministry of War dealing with Mine Clearance consider that the formation of the new Company should start now.

3. One of the most important reasons for desiring the formation of this Company now is that of planning for SW Italy. It is necessary for this Commission to make all the provision they can for clearance of mines in SW Italy and additional personnel are required.

4. In the circumstances please therefore grant the necessary authority to the Italian Ministry of War to allot and assign personnel for the formation of this Company.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIpps Col 3783
CSC CA Section

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XI Settembre
copy to Col Sapino

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

16 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance-Italian War Material
TO : Abruzzi Marche Region

Your RS/507/27 of 8 January with en-
closure is acknowledged.

The question of ownership of the two
Italian Military vehicles is being taken up with
War Material Disposal and Italian Prisoners of
War Sub-Commission and it is hoped that they will
be allowed to remain with the 362 Mine Clearing
Company.

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R.R. CRIPPS Col
GSO CA Section

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Info Office Memo.

Ref: 9/BA/CA

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MEMO

TO : War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance- Italian War Material

1. Reference conversation (Maj Reekes-Maj Partridge) there is forwarded to you is ter RH/507/27 of 8 Jan received from Abruzzi Marche Region alongwith relative enclosure.

2. Chief of Staff file 360/CA is also forwarded. If this file is not required please return direct to Chief of Staff Branch.

3. The vehicles referred to in the correspondence will be retained by the 502 Italian Mine Clearing Company unless other instructions are issued. An excerpt from the report by Lt. Spampinato L.O. to the Mine Clearance Company is forwarded for your perusal.

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C.A. Section

16 Jan

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA CA

16 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission(MNIA)

There is forwarded to you an English Translation of the monthly report received from the Liaison Officer at Chisti Province dated 31 December. A number of matters raised in the report concern your Sub-Commission and will be of interest to you.

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R.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS
AND FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

10 January 1945.

Colonel H.R. Cripps,
C.S.O. Civil Affairs Section,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

Dear Colonel Cripps

I think you may be interested in this cutting from today's Florence paper as it gives an idea of the Mine Clearance work that is being done in Florence province by local initiative. This work is not in any way connected with the Italians under Captain Short and was organized spontaneously by the provincial Commissioner and his other officers.

It shows what can be done if there are just a few trained personnel present as a nucleus to train others.

Yours sincerely

D.R.B. Mynors
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Major D.R.B. Mynors.

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TRANSLATION

The clearance of the Mine Fields of the Province

From 17th to 23 December in the area of the Commune of Florence 163 mines, 15 artillery shells, 1 bomb, 16 bombs, 3 hand grenades, 12 trinitrotoluene and 14 cartridges of explosive gelatine have been cleared. The work has been executed on 27,270 square meter by a florentine squad of specialised workers, while at the same time other squads working in various communes of the Province raked 276 mines, 372 artillery shells, several hundred bombs and several thousand of cartridges.

The danger of ~~un~~explored mines and projectiles is very widespread and created a new profession, that of the searcher for mines.

At Florence in close collaboration with the local UNPA organised special theories and practical courses for those who intended to devote themselves to mine clearance. Up to now four courses have been organized in three places: one at FIGLINE, two at GREVE and one at FIRENZE, which ended on 14th December. The instructor was the chief of the Florence Mine Clearance Squad. The men had to learn the very difficult task to set their own courage and intelligence against the astuteness of the Germans, who invented always new systems in placing the mines and in rendering the more difficult their clearing away. The searching of the mines is therefore a very dangerous undertaking and has already exacted an unfortunate accident from those who have devoted themselves to it. The work is performed without the aid of any special instrument as the modern electromagnetic apparatuses signal only the existence of metallic mines excluding those constructed with wood, bakelite or glass. The pitchfork revealed itself as the only real efficacious instrument. The ground has to be examined meter by meter as the rain effaced every trace on the surface. When the searcher is aware that the pitchfork encountered resistance he begins to dig carefully with his own hands around the suspected point. In case of mines these are possibly made inactive or exploded on the spot.

The workers are considered as fighting men. They are rather well paid and are entitled to supplementary rations.

In the Florence Area Mine Clearance is nearly ultimated but there is still enormous work to be done in the rest of the Province. Probably new courses will be held and all those who are interested in this very important job have but to apply to the local UNPA.

La bonifica del terreno minato nella nostra Provincia

In una sola settimana, dal 17 al 23 dicembre, sono stati recuperati nella zona comunale di Firenze, 163 mine, 15 proiettili di artiglieria, 1 bomba di aereo, 16 bombarde, 3 bombe a mano, 12 parti di tritolo e 15 cartucce di gelatina esplosiva. Il lavoro di bonifica di 27.270 metri quadrati di terreno è stato eseguito da una squadra fiorentina composta di artiglieri patentati, mentre altre squadre, nello stesso periodo di tempo, agendo nei vari comuni della Provincia, hanno rastrellato 278 mine, 372 proiettili di artiglieria, 2 bombe di aereo, centinaia di bombe da mortajo e a mano e migliaia di cartucce d'armi portatili.

Il percorso, costituito dalle mine e dai proiettili inesplosi, è rimasto diffuso ovunque e ha fatto sorgere una nuova professione: quella del cercatore di mine.

L'AMO di Firenze, in collaborazione con la sede locale dell'UNPA, ha infatti creato dei corsi speciali a carattere tecnico-pratico, per coloro che intendono dedicarsi al lavoro di bonifica del terreno. Finora sono stati tenuti quattro corsi, della durata di circa una settimana, in tre località della provincia. Precisamente uno a Figline, due a Greve e uno a Fiesole, che è terminato il 14 dicembre. I corsi hanno avuto come istruttore il capo sezione della Squadra Bonifica di Firenze, e sono stati frequentati da parecchie decine di allievi. Essi hanno così imparato la difficile arte di riconoscere il proprio coniglio e la propria intelligenza all'azione dei tedeschi, i quali si sono stanzati ed inventare nuovi sistemi per la posa delle mine, e le hanno seminate ovunque con i più sottili artifici atti a provocarne lo scoppio o a impedire la scoperta. La ricerca degli ordigni esplosivi è quindi molto pericolosa, ed ha già richiesto un doloroso contributo di sangue da parte di coloro che vi si sono dedicati. La bonifica viene infatti compiuta senza l'ausilio di strumenti speciali, perché i moderni apparecchi e



vincia. Molto probabilmente altri corsi d'istruzione saranno tenuti fra breve e tutti coloro che desiderano dedicarsi a questo lavoro, tanto stile e necessario dal punto di vista sociale, possono rivolgersi alla sede cittadina dell'UNPA, presso la Prefettura.

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Il terreno deve essere esaminato metro per metro, perché ormai le piogge hanno tolto ogni traccia esistente alla superficie. Quando il cercatore avverte che i denti del forcone, infilato sotto la terra e sollevato, incontrano una resistenza, scende il lavoro e scava dell'attorno con le mani tutto attorno al punto sospetto. Quando si tratta di una mina, questa viene resa possibilmente inutilizzabile, oppure fatta esplodere sul posto per mezzo di una carica di tritolo.

I cercatori di mine, nella loro qualità di mobilitati civili, sono considerati alla stregua dei combattenti. Sono abbastanza ben retribuiti e hanno diritto a particolari supplementi di viveri.

La bonifica nella zona di Firenze è quasi ultimata, ma è ancora il lavoro che rimane a compiere del resto della pro-

Il loro spirito di lealtà (instillato a e di marciare con essi verso la vittoria finale).

Continuano a arrivare
del Servizio ausiliario

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comune sulla guerra sottomari-
na nel mese di dicembre
è stata pubblicata sta-
te congiuntamente dal Pre-
sidente Roosevelt e dal Primo
ministro Churchill.

La dichiarazione recita: «L'at-
tività dei sommergibili tedeschi
è avuto un momento di ripre-
sa nel dicembre 1944: questo
in che un altro indic del
to che la guerra in Europa
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registrato un aumento nelle
ordine della marina mercantile
cata in seguito a questa rin-
vata attività. Nonostante ciò,
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arrivare regolarmente i loro e-
cchi sparsi sul continente in
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si in grado di resistere agli
accanti o di respingere il do-
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LUCCA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

Ref. # T/37.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Materials.

To: Col. R.R. CRIPPS., C.A. Section, HQ. AG.

From: Captain M. Short R.A.S.C.

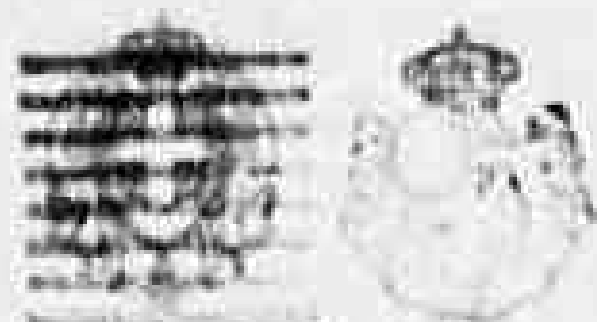
1. Reference your letter 9/BA/CA of 27 Dec 44.
2. Every endeavour has been made to obtain the materials listed in Appendix "A", but it is regretted, without success.

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

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LUCCA,
10 Jan 1945.



Roma 13 gennaio 1945

Ministero della Guerra

UFFICIO DEL MINISTRO
AFFARI GENERALI

UFFICIO U.S.M.

Reg. 8/40 212/517

Reg. 21/22/517
Data 13/1/45

Oggetto: Controllamento mine.

* P.O.M. MINISTERO GUERRA-SERVIZIO-UFF. U.S.M.

Si trasmettono:

1 situazione lavori di P.O.M. alla data del
13 gennaio 1945

1 situazione lavori di P.O.M. per opere
civili alla data del 13 gennaio 1945.

F. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. Dir. G. Oliviero)

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio Bonifica Campi Minati

SITUAZIONE DEI CORSI D'ADDESTRAMENTO AL 13 GEN

NUMERO	CENTRO DI ADDESTRAMENTO	ALLIEVI IN ADDESTRAMENTO	ALLIEVI QUALIFICATI IDONEI	
1	PISTOIA	35	-	Si attende c gia svolti s un compless
2	S. MARTINO A L CIVINO (Viterbo)	58	54	4 non idone con 50 oper
3	TERRACINA	13	13	
4	CHIETI	10	10	Si sono gia alvo di 35 detto un'al ferazo; non che si sono (giorno 9 g
5	SPOLETO	44	-	In corso di altri due c risultati i

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
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Ufficio Bonifica Campi Minati

RAZIONE DEI CORSI D'ADDESTRAMENTO AL 13 GENNAIO 1945

ALIEVI IN ADDESTRAMENTO	ALIEVI QUALIFICATI IDONEI	N O T E
32	-	Si attende conoscere l'esito del corso. Si sono già svolti altri due corsi a Pisa e a Livorno con un complessivo di 112 operai risultati idonei.-
58	54	4 non idonei. Si è già svolto un altro corso con 50 operai risultati idonei.-
13	13	
10	10	Si sono già svolti altri due corsi con un complessivo di 35 operai risultati idonei. E' stato indetto un altro corso a Chiati per 40 operai di Teramo; Non si conosce il numero degli operai che si sono presentati all'inizio del corso (giorno 9 gennaio).-
44	-	In corso di addestramento.- Si sono già svolti altri due corsi con un complessivo di 36 operai risultati idonei.-

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SITUAZIONE LAVORI DI BONIFICA AL 13 GENNAIO 1945

Numero	REGIONE	LOCALITA'	Operai impiegati	Numero delle mine disattivate e distrutte
1	TOSCANA	Città di Pisa e Frazioni di: Righione Barba- raccia - Pagnano e San Pietro a Grado.- Città di Lucca e Zona di Ponte a Serchio.	59 53	497 231
2	UMBRIA	In Provincia di Perugia e Terni nei Comuni di Castiglione del Lago - Passignano - Spole- to (Frazione S. Giacomo) Narni - Cervi - Or- vieto - Castel Viscardo e Castel Giorgio.	36	4418
3	LAZIO	Comune di Ostia Lido.-	104	9543
4	ABRUZZO	In provincia di Chieti nei Comuni di: Ortona a Mare - Tollo - Canosa Sannita - Giuliano Teatino e nelle contrade di Santa Anna - Vallelunga - Fonte Nuova - Colle San Paolo - Santa Filomena e Via Tricalle.-	35	3857
			227	8649

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SITUAZIONE LAVORI DI BONIFICA AL 13 GENNAIO 1945

C O S A L I T A'	Operai impiegati	Numero delle mi- ne disat- tivate o distrutte	N O T E
Praxioni di: Righione Barba-	69	497	Lavoro eseguito in centri abitati per un periodo di circa 30 giorni.-
e San Pietro a Grado.- Zona di Ponte a Serchio.	63	231	
Perugia e Terni nei Comuni di Lago - Russignano - Spole- tino - Narni - Celva - Or- scurio e Castel Giorgio.	36	4418	Lavoro eseguito in circa 40 giorni
ido.-	104	9543	" "
Chieti nei Comuni di: Colle - Canosa Sannita - e nella contrade di Santa - Ponte Nuova - Colle San omena e Via Tricelle.-	35	3857	" "
	207	8386	

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CIV. AFFAIRS S/P A.C.

SUBJECT: NDIA C-554 (OVERALL) - Part III (I-1-I-1) Category 5. 3 JAN 1945

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LAND FORCES SUP-COR. A.C.
(L.F.S.A.)

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TO : AFHQ (20)
War Ministry (2)

1. Ref your letter 922.5 of 14 Nov para 3.
2. Herewith recommended order of Battle for Part III I-1-I-1 units carried within Category 5 Colling of 38,000 showing proposed WS strength for Officers, OR's and vehicles known and applicable.

K. H. H.
Major General
L.F.S.A.

CURR TO:

HQ 15 Army Gr - 15
CG FIFTH Army - 2
EIGHTH Army - 5
PWS - 3
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2 Dist - 2
3 Dist - 5
P.W.B. - 2

RAAC - 5
OHQ Div. Regt - 1
Chief of Staff AC - 1
Archives & C - 1
AF SC AC - 1
City Archives SC AC - 3
Public Safety SC AC - 3

Crane S.C. AC - 3
D.P. & R.H.C. AC - 2
Establishment Sec AC - 1
C-1(A) AC - 1
C-1(B) AC - 1
2675 Regt AC - 2
Tr SC AC - 1

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OFFICIALS CHIEF OF BATTAL
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CATEGORY 5 - ITH-THI National Security Troops - CEFTHS 36, 11

N.E.	DESIGNATION	N.E.			REMARKS
		CHS	CHS	CHS	
<u>CATEGORY 1A)</u>					
<u>UNIT: 5TH A.C.</u>					
<u>HQ 1st Troop in 2675 Post AD</u>					
Agreed N.E.	1 807	5	95	7	Two Airborne Troop are are projected. it & 8 Coy not yet formed. MIA Letter 30/6/8 of 25 Oct 44 advised that of War (NE of 5 and 95).
"	2 "	5	95	7	
"	3 "	5	95	7	
"	4 "	5	95	7	
"	5 "	5	95	7	
"	6 "	5	95	7	
Agreed N.E.	501 Mine Clearance Coy	8	201	7	One further Mine Clearance Coy is proposed
"	562 "	2	201	7	
Agreed N.E.	Five Mine Troop Squads	5	25	5	MIA
"	A.C. Service Platoon	1	30	30	
<u>REFUGEE UNITS</u>					
Agreed N.E.	600 Refugee Assistance Unit				Total employed is 102,000 974, 000. This strength is at the front carried against the balance (unallocated) of the total ceiling of 1,000 which is 1,000
"	601 "				
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"	619 "				
"	103 Refugee Troop Coy				
"	120 "				

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CATEGORY 5 - 10th Army Internal Security Troops

U.S.	DESIGNATION	S.T.R. 200.5.1.1.3		REMARKS
		OFFICERS	ENLISTED	
<u>CATEGORY 5(3)</u>				
<u>ARMED GUARD</u>				
Agreed U.S.	501 Guard Bn	25	775	DETACHING 17,800
"	502 "	25	775	
"	503 "	25	775	
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"	518 Guard Bn consisting of: 504 Special Guard Coy 505 "	5	190	Proposed to include in 512 Guard Bn
"	506 Train Guard Coy	5	190	
"	507 King's Coy HQ	5	185	
"	508 3 Coys ORILLAL	5	240	
"	(Total strength 25 coys 775 OR'4)			
"	519 Guard Bn	25	775	
"	520 "	25	775	
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"	522 "	25	775	
"	523 "	25	775	
Total		350	19,000	

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See 5(1) Outline

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CATEGORY 5 III-IV INTERNAL SECURITY TROOPS

N.S.	UNIT	M & S SIGNATURES			REMARKS
		OFFICER	ORD	VERB	
INTERIOR	904 INTELLIGENCE				
	L.A.I. and S.P.				CELINE 1900
RA/306/1	Italian Inscr to CSPIO	16	148	35	
RA/312/1	BOB OS R. (Bonsignore Sgt)	68	831	50	Incl 138 Marc Coy
RA/347/1	SIC Service Bsq (Calderini Sgt) Op No 1	11	67	P	
	PWB Press & Radio Censorship Unit	8			WE to be submitted by PWB
	125 Censorship Unit	80	87		WE to be submitted by Comde Sub-Com. A.C.
	Unallotted		101		
	TOTAL	185	1310	183	
	Category 5(4) Celline		1500		

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CATEGORY 5 - INTERNAL SECURITY TROOPS

T.A.	DESCRIPTION	U.S. STAFF			REMARKS
		OFFICERS	EN'S	VEH'S	
CATEGORY 5D	INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISIONS	SICILY			Cat. 5D 10,000
W/E Strength fixed at figures shown	SICILY				
	SARAGLIA DIV				2 Bn 46 Inf Regt
	DIV HQ	22	72	134	located in CALABRIA
	1 Bn HQ	4	21	15	Trailers
	45 Inf Regt	68	1020	1	Lt Wasp
	46 Inf Regt	68	1020		
	2 Bn HQ	4	21		*Excl 9 Vets and 1
	145 Inf Regt	68	1020		trailer belonging to
	16 " "	68	1020		CO. HQ. Sec.
	30 Mixed Bn	11	310		
	30 Med Coy	7	68		
	30 Supply & Ord Coy	3	22		
	30 M.T. Coy	3	72		
	ACOSTA DIV				
	DIV HQ	22	72	134	2 Bn 5 Inf Regt located
	2 Bn HQ	4	21	15	in CALABRIA. No 4 Bn HQ
	4 Inf Regt	68	1020		Trailers remain to be forced.
	6 Inf Regt	68	1020	1	Lt Wasp
	22 Inf Regt	68	1020		*Excl 9 Vets & 1
	109 Inf Regt	68	1020		Trailer belonging to
	24 Mixed Bn	11	310		CO. HQ. Sec.
	24 Med Coy	7	68		
	24 Sup & Ord Coy	3	22		
	24 M.T. Coy	3	72		
	Total	456	9342	652	
	Cat. 5 (D) - Cat. 5D		10000		

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CATEGORY 5 INTERNAL SECURITY THREATS

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		OFFS	EDS	
CATEGORY 5 (P) INTERNAL SECURITY THREATS				
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Miscellaneous Units

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Total

Colling for Territorial HQs - (444) this HQ 125/5712 of 26 Dec) is 2,045. This is to be carried in April. Heat CATERIES AS FOLLOWS

15	125/5712 HQ
57	125/5712/7-12
16	125/5712/29 Dec
Total	2065

Detail expense under Category 1 B.

SUMMARY

Page	Category	Colling	Units with AG
Page 1	Category 5(C)	3000	Guard Ops
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Page 6	Category 5(G)	50	P. R. S.
Page 6	Category 5(H)	324,000	Miscellaneous
Total Colling Category 5		36,000	INTERNAL SECURITY THROPS

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMY IN JAPAN
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8a/3A

13 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Boots Clothing & for Mine Clearance Squads.

TO : Commander Sub-Commission.

The (indicated) items of clothing & are urgently required for use by the Civilian Mine Clearing Squads.

Boots:

600 prs.

Clothing:

600 overcoats
600 prs. Trousers
600 Sackets
600 Vests
600 Shirts
600 Undervests
600 Underpants
1200 prs. Socks

Miscellaneous:

Soap
Disinfectants
Various Stoves

OK
R.E. GILLES, Col
CSO CA Section.

BR/gc

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8A/CA

13 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Lacio-Umbria Region
(attn. Regional Engineer)

Ref your FO/en of 8 Jan and this HQ letter 9/8A/CA of 11 Jan.

- 1 Land Forces Sub-Commission have informed this Section that they are prepared to issue a second blanket to each man of the 361 Italian Mine Clearing Comp. against intent by the Company. The intent must be put through Italian Channels with a copy to Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.) and a copy for this Section. The order for issue will be made as soon as the copy is received at this HQ.
- 2 The intent should bear a certificate by the Company Commander that the blankets are required to bring the Company up to scale.

BY ORDER OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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

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TRANSLATION NO. 466

File No. 3074

7 January 1945

561 COMPANY

SUBJECT: Weekly report (from 1/1/45 to 6/1/45) on the removal of mines by the Company along the electric line.

TO : THE ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
and for information
THE ALLIED COMMISSION,
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
R O M E

<u>1st. January 1945</u>	- Holiday ✓
<u>2nd. January 1945</u>	- The soldiers of the Company get typhus injection ✓
<u>3rd. January 1945</u>	- Day of rest, due to the injection ✓
<u>4th. January 1945</u>	- Rain
<u>5th. January 1945</u>	- Rain
<u>6th. January 1945</u>	- Holiday ✓

Number of mines removed up to 30th December 1944..... 1548

• • • • • from 1st. Jan. to 6th. Jan..... 3764

*Approved
Date*

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COA SEC.

no 1114/11 pret.

001: COMPAGNIA TIRIERI

P.A. 180 7/1/45

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LARIO UMBRIA REGION

A.P.C. 394

e.o.c. TO M.G. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION)

A.P.C. 394

Oggetto: Relazione settimanale (dal 1/1/45 al 6/1/45) rimozione mine adiacenti linee elettriche, della Campania.

Giorno 1 Gennaio 1945 Giornata festiva.

Giorno 2 Gennaio I militari della compagnia effettuano l'iniezione antitifica.

Giorno 3 Gennaio Giorno di riposo, per iniezione.

Giorno 4 Gennaio Giornata piovosa.

Giorno 5 Gennaio Giornata piovosa.

Giorno 6 Gennaio Giornata festiva.



Mine rimossi al 30/12/44..... 1540

Mine rimossi dall'1/1 al 6/1.....

12 GEN 1945 to haulage road work

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF MISSOURI
APO 894
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 480001 Ext 300

Ref: 9/BA/CA

11 Jan 48

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : HQ Tennesse Region
HQ Genio Mobile Region
HQ Abruzzi-Archie Region

1. In connection with Mine Clearance the most important problem is transport. Regional Commissioners have given assistance in this matter but there is still a need for more vehicles.

2. The following transport is required at the undernoted places:

<u>PIRA</u>	1 car or box tricycle 5 light trucks
<u>PIRANO</u>	1 car or box tricycle 5 light trucks
<u>PIRMI</u>	1 car or box tricycle 5 light trucks
<u>PIRATO</u>	1 car or box tricycle 5 light trucks
<u>PIRKA</u>	2 cars 5 light trucks 2 heavy trucks

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3. It will be obliging if Regions will explore the possibility of providing this additional transport either by requisitioning or hiring and report to this HQ.

[Signature]
P. H. CHIFFA Col
CPO CA Section

To: Ministry of War, Direzione Gen.-Genio
Copy for Col Sapino

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: CH9061 Ext 388

Ref: P/SA/Ga

11 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (AMIA)

1. Investigations have been made into the question of blankets needed by the 6th Italian Mine Clearance Company.
2. It appears from facts reported to this HQ that this Company did not arrive from Germany, but has been formed in Campania by the Campania Military Command, taking the men partly from the Afingola battalions of workers and partly from the 5th Infantry Regt. of Naples. The men were forwarded to the Company with only one field blanket each, and they now still have only this one blanket.
3. In the circumstances will you please instruct the issue of a second blanket to each man of this Company. In view of the exceptional cold weather and the fact that the men are living in quarters lacking doors and practically windowless, may a third blanket be issued temporarily for say three months when they would be withdrawn.

[Signature]
R.E. CHIFFS COL
CASO CA SECTION

Copy to: Lazio Umbria Region (Your 70/48 of 3 Jan 45 refers) 3761

1. Investigations have been made into the question of blankets needed by the 101 Italian Mine Clearance Company.

2. It appears from facts reported to this HQ that this Company did not arrive from Sardinia, but has been formed in Campania by the Campania Military Command, taking the men partly from the Afragola battalions of workers and partly from the 51st Infantry Regt. of Naples. The men were forwarded to the Company with only one field blanket each, and they now will have only this one blanket.

3. In the circumstances will you please instruct the issue of a second blanket to each man of this Company. In view of the exceptional cold weather and the fact that the men are living in quarters lacking doors and practically windowless, a third blanket be issued temporarily for say three months when they would be withdrawn.

[Signature]

R.A. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

Copy to: Lazio Umbria Region (Your PC/RS of 3 Jan 48 refers) 3761

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 439081 Ext 358

Ref : 2/84/Ca

11 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : 2004 Sub-Commission
Attn. Maj Parker

1. Reference conversation Major Parker-Major Reakes there is forwarded to you copy letter from Capt Short, AMB Fifth Army dated 29 Dec 44.
2. Labour Sub-Commission have been seen on this matter and it is understood that Col Babcock who is at present in Livorno is prepared to see to the feeding of these men. *you may however wish to communicate with the Supply Officer Leghorn.*

pld
R.S. CHAPIN COL
CSO Ca Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTINGENT
KILBYNOO STREET
402 C/O
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 480001 24x 268

Ref: 9/84/CA

11 JAN 48

SUBJECT : Visa Clearance

TO : Capt. M. Short MADC
c/o P.C. Lucas

1. Reference your ltr of 19 December 1944 and 7 January 1948 inquiries have been made with Food Sub-Commission and Labour Sub-Commission.

2. Labour Sub-Commission have a representative in Livorno Col. Babcock (phone, Livorno 275 ring 2) and he has been contacted by this HQ. Col. Babcock states that he cannot find workers locally for Mine Clearance but is prepared to include any man you may bring to Livorno for the clearance purposes within his Labour scheme and to feed them.

3. Food Sub-Commission are also writing their supply Officer on the matter.

4. Please get in touch with Col. Babcock and see if you can arrange matters with him re. the feeding of these men etc. If matters cannot be satisfactorily arranged on this spot please inform this Section.

JPR
R.P. Col. R. Col
C/O CA Section

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1. Reference your Ltr of 20 December 1944 and 7 January 1945. Inquiries have been made with Food Sub-Commission and Labour Sub-Commission.

2. Labour Sub-Commission have a representative in Livorno Col Deboeck (phone, Livorno 172 ring 3) and he has been contacted by this Ltr. Col Deboeck states that he cannot find workers readily for him, Livorno but is prepared to include any men you may bring to Livorno for the clearance purpose within his labour scheme and to feed them.

3. Food Sub-Commission are also writing their supply Officer on the matter.

4. Please get in touch with Col Deboeck and see if you can arrange matters with him re the feeding of these men. If matters cannot be satisfactorily arranged on this spot please inform this Section.

Yhr

H. B. GRIFFIN Col
CAF CA Section

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Copy to: JAG Fifth Army
Labour Sub-Commission
Food Sub-Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 469081 Ext 368

Ref: H/BA/CA

11 Jan 48

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Captain M. Short, RASC
C/O P.C. Lucas

Reference your letter HQ/2 of 7 Jan 48.

1. The question of insurance was dealt with in this HQ letter H/BA/CA of 2 Jan 48 copy of which was forwarded to you. In case you may not have received it a further copy is sent herewith. If there are any particular points not covered by this letter please raise them with this HQ.
2. Reference para 2 it is not clear whether these Mine Detectors are Allied or Italian. It is realised that there is a difficulty in getting spare batteries but if you will say what type and number are required this HQ will endeavour to help. Normally Allied batteries should be handed in and exchanged at the nearest Ordnance Depots. If Italian batteries are required please state the number and type and this HQ will approach the Italian Ministry of War in this matter.

PL
S.H. CHAPPEL COI
CSC CA Section

Copy to: AG Fifth Army

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HEADQUARTERS
LADDA PROVINCE
ALLIED MILITARY COMMAND

7 Jan. 1945

R E R O R I

Ref: LH/2

SUBJECT: Mines Disposal.

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

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

1. Progress.

(a) PISA. Work continues in this district at S. Piero a Grado, Barbaricina & Pettora, 52,000 m having been cleared and 327 mines removed.

(b) LADDA. Work continues at Ponte a Serchio and on the electric power line. Progress on the latter is considerably handicapped by present weather conditions. The greater part of the line is in mountainous country and the ground is frozen solid. 15,000 m have been cleared and 197 mines removed.

(c) LIVORNO. Owing to conditions outlined in letter LH/2 of 29 Dec. 44, no work has been done in this city.

(d) PISTOIA. The squads trained in this province began work on 2 Jan. 45.

(e) VIAREGIO. The squad, which began work on 2 Jan. 45, is making satisfactory progress. There has been one casualty, fortunately not seriously injured. More than 500 mines have so far been removed from this city.

2. Transport.

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

3. Insurance.

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

4. Materiale.

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

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3. Insurance.

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

4. Materials.

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

5. Requests.

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - Col. CRIPPS
- 1 - Fifth Army AMG,
- 1 - P.O. Lucca
- 1 - P.O. Pisa
- 1 - P.O. Viareggio
- 1 - P.O. Livorno
- 1 - file.

W. Smith
M. SMITH,
Capt., R.A.S.C.

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

PC/es

8th January 1945

TO : H.Q. A.C. A.P.O. 394 - Civil Affairs Section.
and, for information to:
Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Generale Genio
(Col. Supino)

SUBJECT: Mine clearance.

IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENG/25.4

Reference your letter 9/8.A/CA dated 26th December 1944:

1. The 561st Company did not arrive from Sardinia, but has been formed in Campania by the Campania Military Command, taking the men partly from the Afragola battalions of workers and partly from the 31st Infantry Rgt. of Naples.

The men were forwarded to the Company by the above associations with only one field blanket each, and they now still have only this one blanket.

We would, therefore, be grateful to you if you will provide to supplying to the Company a second and a third blanket on account of the exceptionally cold season and because the men are lodged in places lacking of doors, and whose windows are nearly completely missing of glass.

2. We acknowledge with satisfaction para. 2 of your letter

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Am. W. H. 2
Regional Engineer Lt. Col. RE
Lazio Umbria Region AMG

REC'D
10 JAN 1945
A. C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 334
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 120001 Ext 338

Ref: 5/04/04

10 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Piemonte Region.

1. Your letter CRB/AMM of the 3th January is acknowledged.

2. The question of providing Mine Clearance Companies and civilian squads for N.S. Italy is under consideration.

3. It is considered that the area within your Region and other Regions may be thoroughly mined by the enemy before leaving. Some assistance will be given by the army but it is realised that they will clear only essential roads, ports, etc. in so far as they interfere with lines of communication. With regard to the sea and the mined approaches to it, this is a matter for the Navy Sub-Commission to handle, and it is understood they are making preparations for the clearance of the sea.

4. Two difficulties which continually confront us with regard to mine clearance are lack of transport and lack of detectors. In so far as transport is concerned Regional Commissioners should be prepared to allot a specific number for use by the mine clearing squads. The success of the scheme is dependent on transport in the main which will require to be found from civilian transport within Regions. Mine detectors are in very short supply and this Headquarters has only recently had 20 allotted to it which have been allotted to the squads operating within liberated Italy.

5. There are approximately 20 instructors in mine clearance and a number of these will be made available to the Regions in the north so that when they move in they can set up schools in-

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5. There are approximately 50 instructors in mine clearance and a number of these will be made available to the Regions in the north so that when they are in they can set up schools immediately. This is being taken up with the Ministry of War.

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6. At present it is hoped that patrols from the north will come forward for instruction in mine clearance and this matter is being investigated. It is felt that patrols from the Northern Region will be willing to undertake the duties of mine clearance if they knew they would go back into their own Region

to do this work when this is possible.

BY COMPLETION OF THE GRANT COMMISSIONER:

JA
G.R. URSCHER BRIG
V2 CA Section
Per. 2.0.8.

Copy to: Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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Translation No. 165

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

Ref: 155/10 14

31 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Report for the month of December.

TO: Col. Cripps. Civil Affairs Section.

1. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT.

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

2. DEVICE FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE MATERIALS.

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

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

Two military vehicles have been stopped and pending investigations on them, have been assigned temporarily to the 562nd Mine Clearance Company. Also parts of cars and motorcycles have been withdrawn and delivered to the workshop of the 562nd Mine Clearance Company which will provide for the necessary repairs.

We are waiting for the result of the request made by the PC of Chieti to the Regional Command for the recovery of the military trucks in circulation in the Province of Teramo. As it is known, said trucks were assigned to the civilians of said province by order of the AMI and with a Prefectural Decree.

3. TRAINING BY THE VIETNS; Mine Clearance School for Civilians 3753

The Mine Clearance School has studied very little due to the insufficient number of the civilians.

of the U.S. Official attached to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, carrying out investigation in the Communist countries, has been authorized. The President of the Chamber of Commerce of Chicago has been requested for this purpose and he will provide for the transportation of a vehicle to be used for this service.

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• **Wavelengths** are determined by the frequency of the light source.

The following candidates have qualified in the period November 29 to December 1, 1974.

are wanted, one of which was mutilated. Instructions have been given by the War Ministry - Inspectorate of Engineers - to the headquarters of the Third Zone concerning the clearance of mined areas in the territory of the Province of Anzore and Zegato.

WORKING ON SCHEDULE WITH THE KID

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The Project of Toronto has taken upon himself to furnish all the details concerning the case to be closed. For this purpose he has requested information from the Committee under his jurisdiction. He intended to supply 250 Minutes of Executive work each week for half year but this has not been obtained as yet.

f. RECALL OF TALKING POINTS.

Information has been requested from the Ministry is required to the

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mail-room records. The District at Chicago, with letter 117, 32
22 Dec 14, and with letter 1967 of 20 Dec 14, has furnished the following
information:

I	(a)	reported	1,765
	(b)	refuted	1,119
	(c)	conviction	160

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Of which we tested which were furnished by the MDA
for the purpose of the study. The results of the study
are as follows:

Those not included:

100 soldiers of AQUILA District

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These results have been reported in the literature of 1971.

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

IV. CONCLUSIONS

2. The committee gave all the information provided by the committee to the committee.

AGENCY OF THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER

More clearance works have been commenced in the province of Tzuculcan. A first detachment has been formed in Tzuculcan were a member of the 562nd Company died, as a result of the explosion of an S. mine.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ACTIVITY OF THE UNIT

If with the figures representing the monthly activity of the company we make a diagram with the abscissa indicating the time and the coordinates the number of mines removed each month by all the detachments of the unit, we would obtain a rising curve (see fig.) which in the last part rises suddenly in the form of an hyperbola. It is evident then that in the space of about six months, the first school based on theory and practice, the individual lessons given by the officers, the harmony among the squads, the enthusiasm of the mine clearers who have always been supported and appreciated by the superior commands, have all succeeded in creating a very solid group technically and morally, and in obtaining considerable results.

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

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

Number of mines de-activated or destroyed during December	30,200
" " " or " since the creation	
of the Unit	150,637

The unit was proud of the reward granted to its Commandant and replied to the solemn praise of his Ex. the General Commandant of the Puglie and Lucania, with the best proof of its gratitude - i.e. with a service which was the ^{3rd} of faith; scorn for death and the knowledge of being worthy of its Country which must rise again at all costs.

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Number of mines de-activated or destroyed during December		90,200
" " " or since the creation		
" " " of the Unit		250,687

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Inevitably during the next few months the "result" curve will decline to lower figures. The ground is already covered with snow and the clearance work will be stopped for a while. It will serve as a rest after six months of bitter and continued fighting against an invincible enemy, as a period in which to instruct and improve the workers with theoretic instructions on new apparatuses and English mines which are being found more frequently in the regions where the war came to a painful standstill last winter.

But the mine clearance work, even of considerably slowed-down, will be continued in those coastal centers where the terrain conditions are more favorable.

A few detachments, situated in mountainous localities, have already been transferred to regions where the winter will be less severe and without snow. The transfer of the theoretical and practical military school for mine-clearers is being examined and will be carried out shortly from the zone of Guardiasgalea to the Comune of Silvino Roseto degli Abruzzi where the new reinforcements for the unit will be taken.

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

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIANTI, FIRENZA AND TUSCANY PROVINCES
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Subject: REPARATIONS AND COMPENSATION
Date: 4.11.1944
Ref. N. 155/10 14
Colonello CRIPPS Sub-Commission Sect. AC. ROME

1) VERBALE SU REPARAZIONI E COMPENSAZIONI

Il 1.11.1944, l'Ufficio ha effettuato il prelievo del materiale consegnato. Al re
richieste al materiale del genere sono state fatte e si attende esito.

2) UFFICIO REPARAZIONI E COMPENSAZIONI

1. Ufficio funzioni regolamentari. Il materiale per il funzionario
di P.S. addetto, in un solo caso a disposizione onde effettuare il per
ne gli accertamenti nei Comuni delle tre Province dipendenti. L'atto in
verificato, per tale ragione, il Direttore della Camera del commercio di Chie
ti, il quale provvederà a recapitare una macchina da ufficio a tale servizio.

Parte del materiale recuperato è stato portato nel magazzino di Depo
1. cent e il rimanente deve essere ritirato.

Due suonerie di provenienza militare sono state fornite al sistema di
accertamenti ed assegnati, in temporaneo uso, alla 36. Comp. Rastrellatori di
ne. Anche resti di macchine e di automobili e sono stati ritirati e dati
in consegna all'Ufficio delle 56. Comp. Rastrellatori, che provvederà agli even
tuali accorgimenti.

Si attende l'esito del quesito fatto dal P.C. di Chianti al Comando Re
gione per il recupero degli automezzi militari in circolazione in Provincia
di P.S. Detti automezzi, com'è noto, furono ceduti a civili di detta Pro
vincia con disposizione dell'A.S.O. dell'epoca o con decreto prefettizio.

3) 220. CAMPI MINIERE 30.000. PER CIVILI E 10.000. PER MILITARI

Le scuole rastrellatrici, dovute poco preparazione dei civili ha de
to accreditato rendimento.

Nel periodo che va dal 20.11, al 16.12.1944 ha avuto le seguenti perdi
te:

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Sono state date dal Min. ero delle Guerra-Ispezione Area del enio
Istruzioni al Comando della 3. Zona per quanto concerne la gestione delle
zone mine e nei rastrellatori delle Province di Arezzo e Pesaro.

Due su ozezi di provenienza militare sono stati forniti i militari
volontari ed assegnati, in temporaneo uso, alla 562 Comp. Maschiettori di
ne. Anche reati di caccia e di colpo diete e sono stati ritirati e dati
in consegna all'Officina della 562 Comp. Maschiettori, che provvederà agli even-
tuali accostodi.

Si attende l'esito del quesito fatto dal P.C. di Chiavari al Comando Re-
gionale per il recupero degli sotterranei militari in circolazione in Provincia
di Genova. Detti sotterranei, com'è noto, furono ceduti a civili di detta Pro-
vincia con disposizione dell'A.A.D. dell'epoca e con decreto prefettizio.

3) LEONE CAMPI SINALVA 35000 PER CIVILI RAGGIATI/ATTI MIN.

Le scuole rest ellattori mine, data la poca preparazione dei civili ha de-
to accrescimento rendimento.

Nel periodo che va dal 29.11. al 16.12.1944 ha avuto le seguenti perdi-
te: 3749

Fori N° 3: Pariti N° 6 di cui uno mutilato.

Sono state date del sinis ero della Guerra-Ispettorato Arma del Genio
istruzioni al Comando della 3 Zona per quanto concerne la gestione delle
zone mine e dei territori delle Province di Ancona e Pesaro.

4) LAVORI IN PROVINCIA DI GENOVA

Sono stati presi accordi con il Capo del Prov. N. 351. Archetti e con il Pri-
mo di Genova. A' stato costituito un primo distaccamento della 562 Comp.
Maschiettori in Bilvi. Per quanto riguarda le notizie Campi mine i de effe-
tuare in det e Provincia.

Il Prefetto di Genova si è impegnato di fornire tutti i dettagli circa
le zone da bonificare. A tale scopo ha richiesto o nominato ai Comuni da lui
dipendenti. Per dei i lavori si è impegnato di fornire lit i 10 di esecuzi-
one, inaspettatamente fin qui però non è niente ottenuto.

5) RICHIEDI ALLA APAT DI GENOVA I ALIANI.

Sono state chieste no liste al Distretto di Chiavari in merito ai noti smentiti alle
armi. Il Distretto di Chiavari con foglio N° 1447 del 20/11 e con foglio N°
1567 del 30/12/1944 ha fornito le seguenti notizie:

- 1) Presentazioni:
- a) presenza inf... N° 1715
 - b) esonerati... N° 1713
 - c) con esecuzi... N° 160

2) Trasporti:

Sono stati adoperati 160 autocaristi forniti dalla per il trasporto in ordine di n. 158 militari inviati al sud:

- in detto numero vi sono compresi:
- 109 militari del Distretto di Aquila;
- 403 " " " Teramo;
- 90 " " " Sulmona;
- 84 " " sono stati inviati con carri del Distretto di Chieti.

3) Oreale:

L'attività del servizio giornaliero alle fucille dei militari richiamati alle armi, il richiamo avvenuto sotto le feste natalizie, le condizioni delle cose in cui la Provincia di Chieti è venuta a trovarsi a causa delle operazioni belliche e su questo territorio, i lavori di sementa e raccolta di olii in corso, sono state cose, fino ad oggi, di scarsa affluenza di richiamati alle armi. Si ritiene che, all'incirca, le feste in corso, l'affluenza avrà un notevole incremento. Durante la permanenza in questo Distretto dei militari in parola, sono stati distribuiti tutti i viveri (oli, vino, sigarette, frutta, giornali ed altro. Un comitato costituito dai militari da signore e signori ha offerto molti fiori ai parenti. I richiamati sono stati sistemati nei locali della Caserma "Pierantonio" con paglie e tette.

4) Equipaggiamento:

Tutti i militari hanno avuto in distribuzione tutto quanto prescritto dai Regolamenti militari italiani

6) 562^a Compagnia Rest elligioni mine- ATTI/ITA'.

Sono stati iniziati i lavori di restauro in Provincia di Teramo. In Silvi, dove un geniere della 562^a Comp. è morto, è stato istituito un primo distaccamento. Il geniere ha trovato la morte in seguito allo scoppio di una mina "S".

Nello stesso mese di dicembre i lavori della Comp. sono stati iniziati nel Comune di Monopelle e nelle località di S. Martino, S. Vincenzo, Rossosca, e Casanodella (Chieti).

Nel prossimo mese di gennaio saranno organizzati altri distaccamenti in Ortona, Collo (Chieti) ed in molte località della Provincia di Teramo.

Attualmente i distaccamenti della Compagnia sono i seguenti:

Pescara, Cepagatti, Monopelle, Concesillano, Loreto, Vacci, Lanciano, Guardiafede, Pianella, Molinico, Campobasso, Silvi, S. Martino, S. Vincenzo, Poesa	3742
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Ottone. Collo (Chie+4) ed in molte località della Provincia di - e no.-

seguenti sono i seguenti:

Pescara, Cepagatti, Monopelleo, Montebelluno, Loreto, Vercelli, Ianciano, Guardiagrele, Pianella, Vicinorico, Campobasso, Silvi, S. Martino, S. Vincenzo, Pescasseroli, Casacenda Valle.

Nel mese di dicembre la compagnia ha rassetellato 90.200 mine di vari tipi nei soggetti disseminati, ha recuperato 100.200 di esplosivi e munizioni di varie nazionalità, accantonandole nei depositi; inoltre ha recuperato 80.000 mine di vario calibro.

L' doveroso far presente che il reparto ha pochi mezzi suoi, e che per
necessario che ottenga l' autorizzazione di qualche suo amico allo scopo
di essere agevolato nei suoi compiti.

Dr. J. W. C. Oude Spampant

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RELAZIONE SEMESTRALE SULL'ATTIVITA' DEL REPARTO

Se si sostituisce alle nude cifre che sintetizzano l'attività mensile della compagnia, un diagramma avente per ascisse il tempo e per ordinate le mine rastrellate nei singoli mesi in tutti i Distaccamenti del Reparto, si otterrebbe una curva ascendente (vedi fig. 1) che nell'ultimo tratto s'inalza vertiginosamente quasi con legge iperbolica: appare quindi evidente che nello spazio di circa sei mesi, la scuola iniziale teorico-operativa, i singoli inseguimenti degli Ufficiali, l'affiatamento delle squadre, l'entusiasmo dei rastrellatori sempre sostenuti ed apprezzati dai Comandi Superiori, sono riusciti a creare una compagine saldissima tecnicamente e moralmente al da raggiungere risultati notevolissimi.

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

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

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Mine disattivate o distrutte nel mese di dicembre: 90.200;
Mine disattivate o distrutte dalla creazione del Reparto a tutt'oggi: 150.687.



Fig. 1. - MINE RASTRELLATE NEL TEMPO

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

Inevitabilmente nei prossimi mesi la curva "rendimento" declinerà su cifre più modeste: i campi sono già tutti ammantati di neve e l'opera del rastrellatore subirà una sosta. Servirà per ripigliare fiato, dopo sei mesi di lotta accanita, assillante, contro un nemico invisibile, per affinare le qualità di tutti con insegnamenti teorici su nuovi congegni e su mine inglesi che cominciano ad essere notate con maggior frequenza nelle zone dove la guerra subì una dolorosa sosta nel passato inverno.

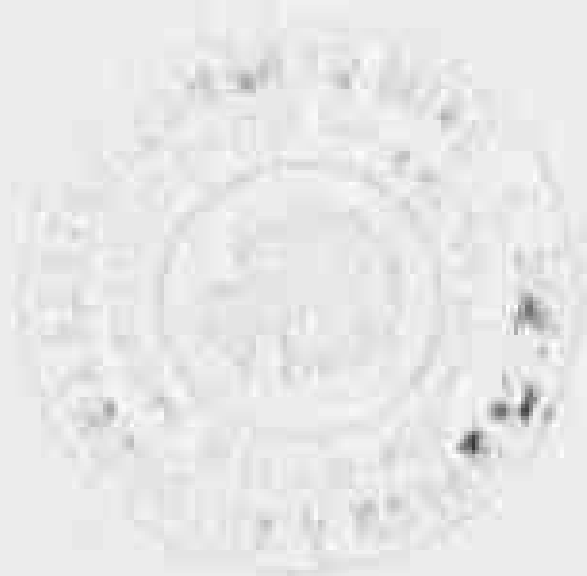
Ma il lavoro di rastrellamento, anche se a ritmo forzatamente ridotto, verrà continuato in quei centri costieri dove le condizioni del terreno saranno meno sfavorevoli.

Sono già stati disposti alcuni trasferimenti di distaccamenti situa-

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ti in località contane in zone dove l'inverno sarà meno rigido e senza neve. E' inoltre allo studio e di prossima attuazione il trasferimento della scuola militare tico-pratica per rastrelli ori della zona di Guardiareale al Comune di Silvì o Poseto degli Abruzzi, dove affluiranno i nuovi complementi assegnati al Reparto.-

Le perdite subite in questi mesi di attività sono gravi e stanno a dimostrare che il compito assegnato è ben arduo, ma la volontà di continuare fino a quando l'ultima mina sarà strappata da queste nostre terre martiriate, anima tutto il Reparto ed anzi ad ogni tragico rintocco del destino, il rastrellatore che resta, risponde con rabbiosa volontà di continuare ancora per essere degno del compagno caduto sul campo dell'onore.-



IL REPARTO
(Gen. ...)

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TRANSLATION No 457

Rome, 8 Jan 1945

Ministry of War

TO: AC CA Section
APO 394

File No WHI/70066

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

Following the communication contained in letter 4927 dated 28 Dec 44 (para 5) and in reply to your letter A.C.N. 9/8A/CA dated 27 Dec 44 (para 1), I wish to inform you that the following transport must be obtained at the earliest possible time; this transport is needed for the Mine Clearance Service and for the following localities:

PISA - 1 car or box tricycle
8 light trucks

VITERBO 1 car or box tricycle
2 light trucks

CHIETI 1 car or box tricycle
5 light trucks

SPOLETO 1 car or box tricycle
5 light trucks

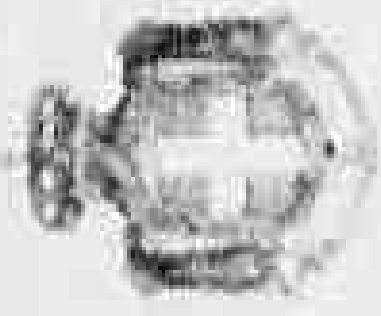
ROME 2 cars
8 light trucks
2 heavy trucks

These vehicles will have to be transferred to the localities where it is necessary to deploy the working squads.

It is to be pointed out that the lack of transport and the difficulties of the postal service hamper considerably also the liaison with the Allied Commands and the Zone Commands, and prevent the timely solution of many problems. The solution of the transport problem is therefore of supreme importance and urgency for the operation of the Mine Clearance Service.

for the Minister
(Gen.Div. O. Crivaro)

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Al A.C. SECTION CIVIL
AFFAIRS

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Risposta al foglio del
Gen.

Oggetto: Rastrellamento mine..

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO -

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A seguito di quanto comunicato con foglio N. 4927 in data 28 dicembre 1944 (paragrafo 5), e in risposta al foglio di codesta A.C.N. 9/8A/CA in data 27 dicembre 1944 (paragrafo I), comunico che i mezzi di trasporto che è necessario ottenere al più presto per il servizio bonifica campi minati sono i seguenti, nelle seguenti località:

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8 autocarri leggeri

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2 autocarri leggeri

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5 autocarri leggeri

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Si fa presente che la mancanza di mezzi di trasporto e le difficoltà del servizio postale ostacola notevolmente anche il contatto con i comandi alleati e con i comandi di zona, inconveniente che non consente di risolvere tempestivamente molte questioni. La soluzione del problema dei trasporti è quindi della massima importanza ed urgenza per lo svolgimento del servizio bonifica campi minati.

P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)

Crivaro

PIEMONTE REGION.
REAR H.Q.

ORB/ANM.

Tel. Ex. 848

5th January, 1945.

REFERENCE : F10/3/Gen/43.

SUBJECT : PERSONNEL FOR MINE CLEARANCE.

TO : C.S.O. C.A. SECTION, A.O.

1. The geographical and tactical situation in North West Italy, especially in Piemonte and Liguria Regions, of which the undersigned is Regional Engineer, will make this area an isolated region during the first days after occupation by Army. This assumption is based on the following:-

(a) That the Germans will be forced to fall back on the Po line thus evacuating the area under discussion suddenly.

(b) That the battle line will swing East leaving the area empty of Army with the exception of a few occupation troops.

(c) That the area will be thoroughly mined by the enemy before leaving. They have had ample time to do this and it is known that the Ligurian coast was mined by the Italians years ago.

(d) That roads leading North into Bologna will be crowded by troop movements and supplies, and little space and transport will be available for AMG AC use.

(e) That the mountains to the West and North will provide a barrier to adjoining countries due to winter conditions.

(f) That the sea and its mined approaches will be a barrier to the South.

2. In view of the above, it is believed imperative to re-open, as soon as possible, the roads in this area. This is especially true of the roads leading from Piemonte with few or no Army engineers,

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- 2. In view of the above, it is believed imperative to re-open, as soon as possible, the roads in this area. This is especially true of the roads leading from Piemonte to Liguria. With few or no Army engineers, the opening of these roads will be a responsibility of the AMG engineers.
- 3. Experience has shown that the Germans not only destroy bridges but mine the surrounding areas to delay reconstruction. Therefore it is essential for Piemonte-Liguria Engineer to have trained mine removal Units for work on bridges and highways.
- 4. In order that trained mine removal Units can be organized at the earliest possible moment, it is requested that a team of mine removal instructors be assigned to Piemonte-Liguria Region and attached to the Piemonte Hq. The administrative matters of this group can be handled by the P.M. & U. Division. Immediately upon entry into the area, this team will set up a school for the instruction of locally obtained personnel in mine removal. If this team is assigned at this time, it will facilitate the organization. If it is not available now, it is suggested that it be assigned to Piemonte and that Piemonte Region issue temporary orders assigning it to the duties desired of it presently but subject to a 48 hour recall.

SHEET TWO.

TO : C.S.O. C.A. SECTION (Contd.)

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER,

C. R. Birchett

C. R. BIRCHETT,
Lt. Col. C.E.
REGIONAL ENGINEER,
PIEMONTE- LIGURIA REGIONS.

Copy to : REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, PIEMONTE.
REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, LIGURIA.
P. W. & U. SUB-COMMISSION.

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- 8 JUN 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOT BRANCH.

Tel. Ext. 374

Ref: 139/Pat.

5 Jun 45.

Subject: Mine Clearance.

To: Civil Affairs Section.

Reference 2/34/22 of 5 Jan. 45.

1. (a) Patriots can be recruited in Fifth Army area from the Centres at PLORENCE AND PESCOIA and in Eighth Army areas from the Centres at FORLI and RAVENNA.

(b) It is not possible to give an estimated number as no enquiry in this direction has been made.

(c) It is felt that arrangements could be made to back-load the volunteers to the 1st and 2nd Divisions. It is necessary to make arrangements with Regional and Provincial Headquarters for their onward transport to the mine clearing areas.

(d) Authority has now been received from AFHQ (Signal PX75600 of 28 Dec. 44) for patriots to be fed on the Italian Army scale.

2. Your para. 6. is noted. In view of the high wage scale and the fact that as patriots they will be fed, it is reasonable to expect them to pay for their billets. Our reason for raising this point was because we would like to ensure that they would be found accommodation in the areas to which they were posted for work.

3. If you agree, it is proposed to write to the 1st and 2nd Divisions, Eighth Armies, giving them the full picture and sending them at the same time a copy of the wage scale.

[Signature]
F. C. G. S.
Colonel
Director,
Patriot Branch.

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[Signature]
F. C. G.
Lt. Colonel
Director,
Patriot Branch.

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*Do what schools Post & Local.
Ask Superior if the com. they say 100.*

*Spoke May 2 page - he is to make
some engineering work. Will
advise to take up with Col. Superior
as to no. which schools can take it.*

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To: H. H. (Civil Affairs Section)
From: H. H. (Abruzzi Marche Region)
Subject: Mine Clearance
Ref: R5/501/32
Date: 7 January 1945.

Reference your 9/84/Ca dated 3 Jan 45, and in confirmation of today's telephone conversation.

All arrangements made for accommodation at Aquila for night of Jan 9th, and P.C. Chieti instructed to arrange for nights of 10th and 11th January.

For the Regional Commissioner:

A. A. P. P. P.
A.A. P. P. P.
SO JO USA.
Adjutant.

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Copy to Provincial Commissioner, Chieti.

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TRANSLATION NO. 400

MINISTRY OF WAR
MAIN OFFICE OF ENGINEERING
MINE Clearance Section

3012, 1st January 1942

File No. VIIA/70023

SUBJECT: Organization of the Mine Clearance Service.

TO : MILITARY COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
A. F. C. 294

It is necessary to organize the mine clearance service according to administrative and technical exigencies.

First, as regards the organization of the service north of the Sargro-Perigiano line, the following directions are issued to sanction and improve the organizational measures already adopted:

a) One or more Mine Clearance Zones shall be formed in the territory of each territorial command.

The territory under the jurisdiction of each zone shall normally correspond to that under the jurisdiction of the Allied Regional Command.

The headquarters of each Mine Clearance Zone shall generally be, for reasons of better liaison, in the same locality as the above-mentioned Regional Command. The Mine Clearance Zone shall supervise the work of mine clearance groups composed of a number of squads, according to the particular work to be done.

b) From the administrative point of view the Mine Clearance Zones will be dependent on the Direzione Lavori Orto (Office of Engineering Works), through appropriate Mine Clearance Administrative Sections to be formed in the said offices.

For operational purposes they will be dependent on the competent Engineering Commands in each territory.

c) For those territories in which no territorial military organization has been constituted yet, as in those regions north of the liberated territory, the Mine Clearance Zone (as that of area) will be under the Direzione Lavori Orto. The care of those for administrative matters but will continue to be dependent on the

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b) The territory, under the jurisdiction of each zone shall normally correspond to that under the jurisdiction of the Allied Technical Command.

c) The headquarters of each Mine Clearance Zone shall generally be, for reasons of better liaison, in the same locality as the above-mentioned Regional Command.

d) The Mine Clearance Zone shall supervise the work of mine clearance groups composed of a number of squads, according to the particular work to be done.

e) As the administrative joint of view the Mine Clearance Zones will be dependent on the Direzione Lavori Civile (Offices of Engineering Works), through appropriate Mine Clearance Administrative Sections to be formed in the said offices.

f) For operational purposes the, will be dependent on the competent Engineering Commands in each territory.

g) Over those territories in which no territorial military organization has been constituted yet, as in those parts north of the liberated territory, 37 th Mine Clearance Zones (as that of Pisa, will be under the Direzione Lavori Civile Administration of Rome for administrative matters but will continue to be dependent on the Central Office of Mine Clearance of this Ministry for operational purposes.

h) The Mine Clearance Administrative Section in the Direzione Lavori Civile Administration of Rome shall be formed on 1st January 1944.

i) The Engineering Commands of Southern Italy and Sicily will act in accordance with the above instructions according to the needs of the mine clearance service of their own territories and on the basis of the instructions given with circular 60592 dated 20 December 1944. They will notify this Ministry of the measures they will adopt.

THE CHIEF OF THE ENGINEERING SECTION

D. CIVILANO

CHIEF OF DIVISION

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Mem. 13. Gennaio 1945

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
UFFICIO E.C.M.

Re. N. VIII/30028/12.E.C.M.

Restituzione del Regio del

OGGETTO Organizzazione servizio bonifica campi minati.

-	AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE DI ROMA	P.M. 1800
-	" " " DI NAPOLI	P.M. 3400
-	" " " DI BARI	B.A.P.I.
-	" " " DI PALERMO	P.M. 72
-	" " ZONA BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI - P.zza Carducci, 3	STOLETO
-	" " " " S. MARTINO AL CIMINO	
-	" " " " (Viterbo)	
-	" " " " Via Bonanno, 9	P.I.S.A.
-	" " " " presso R. Prefettura	C.H.I.E.T.I.
e, per conoscenza:		
-	AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto -	S.E.D.E.
-	ALLO STATO MAGGIORE GENERALE	S.E.D.E.
-	AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE di ROMA	P.M. 1800
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-	" " " " BARI	B.A.P.I.
-	" " " " PALERMO	P.M. 72

E' necessario definire in modo rispondente alle esigenze tecniche ed amministrative l'ordinamento del servizio Bonifica pi Minati (E.C.M.) - 37.33

Pertanto per l'ordinamento del servizio nelle regioni a Nord della linea Sangro-Garigliano si fanno le seguenti prescrizioni, a sanzione e perfezionamento dei provvedimenti di ordinamento già attuati:

- AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE DI ROMA	P.M. 1800
- " " " DI NAPOLI	P.M. 1400
- " " " DI BARI	B.A.R.I.
- " " " DI PALERMO	P.M. 72
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- " " " " " " " S. MARTINO AL CINQUE	(Viterbo)
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- a) - Per lo svolgimento del servizio, nel territorio di ciascun Comando territoriale, sono costituite una o più Zone Bonifica Campi Minati.
Il territorio di competenza di una zona si identifica di norma con quello corrispondente alla giurisdizione del Comando di Regione A.A.
La sede del Comando di zona B.C.M. è posta di norma e per opportunità di collegamento nella stessa località nella quale ha sede il suddetto Comando A.A. di Regione.

La zona B.C.M. se alle dipendenze per i lavori Nuclei B.C.M. costituiti da un numero di squadre variabile secondo le esigenze dei lavori stessi.

b) -Dal punto di vista amministrativo, le zone B.C.M. si appoggiano alle Direzioni Lavori Genio, tramite apposite Sezioni Amministrative B.C.M. da costituire presso le Direzioni stesse.

Per l'impiego dipendono dai Comandi del Genio territorialmente competenti.

c) - Per i territori nei quali con esse ancora costituita l'organizzazione territoriale militare, come nelle regioni più settentrionali del territorio liberato, le zone B.C.M. (ad es. quella di Pisa) si appoglieranno amministrativamente alla Direzione Lavori Genio Militare di Roma ma continueranno a far capo, per l'impiego, all'Ufficio Centrale B.C.M. di questo Ministero.

d) -La sezione amministrativa B.C.M. presso la Direzione Lavori Genio Militare di Roma si costituisce in data 1° c.m. -

e) -I Comandi Genio dell'Italia meridionale e Sicilia, provvederanno in analogia e quanto prescritto col presente foglio secondo le esigenze del servizio B.C.M. del proprio territorio e sulla base delle disposizioni date con circolare 60692 in data 20.12.1944, dando tempestiva notizia dei provvedimenti presi a questo Ministero.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO
P/to (Cap.Div.O.Crivers)

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ALL' A.C. - SECTION CIVIL AFFAIRS (see 12 sig. Del. CHIFFES)

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c) -La sezione amministrativa R.C.M. presso la Direzione Lavori del 110 Militare di Roma si costituisce in data 19 g.m. -

e) --I Comandi Genio dell'Italia meridionale e Sicilia, provvederanno in analogia a quanto prescritto col presente Foglio secondo le esigenze del servizio B.C.M. del proprio territorio e sulla base delle disposizioni date con circolare 50592 in data 20.12.1944, dando tempestiva notizia dei provvedimenti presi a questo Ministero.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL FANIO
P/zo (Gen.Div.O.Grivaro)

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ALL A.C. - SECTION CIVIL AFFAIRS (FOR 11 REG. DIV. OFFICES)

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

Wm. H. Miller

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 324
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

6 Jan 45

Ref: 9/84/CA

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO: Patriots Branch

Reference conversation (Major Reakes - Major Drape) concerning the employment of Patriots on Mine Clearance work.

1. Insurance. All personnel whether enrolled by the Italian Govt or by AG for employment on work of a hazardous nature are covered automatically against accidents, fatal or otherwise. For your guidance there is forwarded translation of an Italian document setting out the insurance benefits.
2. Wages. The scale of wages paid by the Italian Government to workers engaged in the Italian Mine Clearance Scheme is also attached. As the Italian Government will probably bring the Patriots under the scheme in due course, it is considered that the same rate of pay should be given to them as the other workers.
3. As the employment of Patriots in this work would help considerably in extending the scheme, please investigate the matter and submit your views and recommendations.
4. The following points require clarification and you might keep them in mind when making your investigations:
 - a) From what centres the Patriots can be recruited.
 - b) A rough estimate of the numbers who are interested.
 - c) Whether they could be moved from the centres to mine clearing Areas.
 - d) How rations could be drawn on their behalf if they were moved away from the centres.
5. AMB 5 and 8 Armies, as well as Emilia Region, are interested in using Patriots for this purpose.
6. If Patriots were moved from the centres, it would be a Regional Responsibility to find accommodation for them. If billets were procured the Patriots would probably be expected to pay for them or at least contribute out of their wages.

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R.R. CRIPPS Cdr,
for VP CA Sec.

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Scale of benefits under the Insurance Scheme for
workers engaged in work of a hazardous nature

- 1 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.
- 2 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. 400 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. 1,260 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.

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

		173	per hour
I	Chief of Squad (single)	185	
	(married)		
	with one child	187.30	
	" " two "	189.50	
	" " three "	191.70	
	" " four "	195.50	
	" " five "	200	
II	Workmen (single)	158	
	(married)	170	
	with one child	172	
	" " two "	174	
	" " three "	176.50	
	" " four "	180.50	
	" " five "	185	

Notes: 1. These wages are subject to various small weekly deductions for insurance, old age pensions, etc.

2. In addition to the daily wage scale each workman is entitled to a bonus of 2, 4, 6, or 8, for every year worked. The bonus varies according to the nature of the ground.

II. Women	(Single)	
1.	(married)	158
2.	one child	170
3.	two	174
4.	three	176.40
5.	four	180.80
6.	five	185

NOTE: 1. These wages are subject to various small weekly deductions for insurance, old age pensions, etc.

2. In addition to the daily wage scale each woman is entitled to a bonus of 1, 1.10, or 1.15 for every child cleared. The bonus varies according to the nature of the goods.

NOTE: These men are being trained they get the same rate of pay as above but excluding danger money which amounts to 1.50 in each case.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AJO 34
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 1/24/CA

3 Jan 45

SUBJECT: : Mine Clearance.
TO : : Hq Abruzzi Marche Region.

1. Major W. Stewart BAKER of this Section proposes going to Chieti and Pescara to take a look at the Mine Clearance Company and civilian squads working in Chieti Province. He will be accompanied by an interpreter and driver.
2. The 1st Film Unit are anxious to make a short film of mine clearing for showing in Italian picture houses. The film is being timed to run for a few minutes only and will be shown in a "News Reel". The unit particularly wishes to take shots of civilian students undergoing training and of workers clearing mines. The unit consists of a War Correspondent and Cameraman; they have their own transport.
3. Major BAKER will leave Rome on Tuesday 9th January and will call at your HQ. The film unit will travel with him. He will carry with him an assortment of mine detectors for use in your Region.
4. Will you be so good as to facilitate this visit of this party, by the provision of accommodation, at Aquila for 1 night and 2 nights Chieti 10th and 11th January. Please signal your agreement.

IN COMPLY WITH THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER :



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

Copy to :- AG Chieti Province,
AG Pescara Province.

22/00.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

4 Jan 45

9/5.A/CA

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO: 1. AND 5 Army

1. Ref your signal E/1028 of 30 Dec 44 concerning Patriot Mining School commencing 2 Jan 45 it is noted that Major BASHA, Patriot Officer will be Director of Patriots. The points raised in your letter have been taken up with the Ministry of War.
2. All workers engaged in work of a 'hazardous nature' such as mine clearing are insured whether engaged by AC or the Italian Government. This is set out in this HQ letter 9/5.A/CA of 2 Jan 45 copy of which was forwarded to you.
3. The Ministry of War are unwilling to be responsible for the payment of these workers unless a zone is formed. As a zone is not desired at present then it is suggested that these workers be enrolled and paid by AND or by Emilia Region until such time as the zone can be set up.
4. The Ministry of War have set up an organization divided into zones under which the squads are trained and put to work and do not wish to be responsible for men outside the zone.
5. For your guidance there is sent a copy of the daily wage rates paid by the Italian Ministry of War to trained workers. While the men are being trained they are paid 60 lire (being danger money) less in each case.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:



R. R. WRIGHT Col.
For VP JA Sec.

Copy to: Emilia Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

W.A.N./CA

4 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry of War

Your letter 4927/RIS of 26th Dec is acknowledged.

- 1 This HQ is informed that one officer and all the other rank replacements to the 561 and 562 Mine Clearing Companies will be trained in Mine Clearance work before joining the Companies.
- 2 In so far as lack of instructors are concerned there is little hope of getting any further officers or WO's for this purpose in excess of the present ceiling. One method by which additional instructors could be obtained would be to select say 5 men from each Company who had passed the course with good reports and after giving them some practice with the Companies detach them and send them round as instructors to the civilian squads.
- 3 The question of transport is a difficult one but this HQ will take this one up along with the other points raised in your letter.

R.R. Chipps
R.R. CHIPPS Col.
CSC CA Section

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TRANSLATION NO. 448

INSPECTORATE OF ENGINEERING DIVISION

File No. 4540/107

SUBJECT: Training of the 561st Company of Pioneers.

TO : THE COMMAND OF THE MILITARY ENGINEERING OF CAMPANIA

A.F.L.E.E.

E.Q. REGION-ENGINEERING DIVISION

A.P. 0.194
and for information:

A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS

A.P. 0.294

TO : THE COMMAND OF 227th. DIVISION - CAVA DEI TIRRENTI
THE CLERK, ITALIAN COMMAND - NAMES

Lt. Molteni and a non-commissioned officer, both specialized at the English school of Cayre and, presently, at the disposal of the Hq. of the Campania Corps of Engineers in S. Maria Cayre Veterans for the clearance of mine-fields in Campania, will ~~be~~ give a training course beginning early January in order to improve the training of the personnel belonging to the 561st Company of pioneers in Greta. If this Inspectorate can, it will send another officer and a non-commissioned officer.

The Engineering Division is asked to instruct the Headquarters of the 561 Co. to pick up, with their own vehicle, Lt. Molteni and the non-commissioned officer, as well as the equipment for training, at the Hq. of the 10th Regt. of Engineers.

At the end of the course, Lt. Molteni will send to this Inspectorate a brief report on the execution of said training course.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION
(Gen. Div. O. Grivaro)

Lt. Molteni and a non-commissioned officer, both specialized at the English school of Capua and, recently, at the disposal of the Hq. of the Campania Corps of Engineers in Calabria Capua Valtre for the clearance of mine-fields in Campania, will ~~also~~ give a training course beginning early January in order to improve the training of the personnel belonging to the Pilot Company of pioneers in Asete.

If this Inspectorate can, it will send another officer and a non-commissioned officer.

The Engineering Division is asked to instruct the Headquarters of the 501 Co. to pick up, with their own vehicle, Lt. Molteni and the non-commissioned officer, as well as the equipment for training, at the Hq. of the 10th Regt. of Engineers.

At the end of the course, Lt. Molteni will send to this Inspectorate a brief report on the execution of said training course.

THE INSPECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION
(Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)
/s/

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AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE
DELLA CAMPANIA N A P O L I

AL H.Q. REGION-ENGINEERING
DIVISION A. P. O. 394

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS
A. P. O. 394

OGGETTO Addestramento 561^o Cp. Pionieri.-

AL COMANDO 227^a DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212^o

CAVA DEI TIRRENI
N A P O L I

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Per perfezionare l'addestramento bonifica campi minati del personale della 561^a Compagnia pionieri in Gaeta, il Ten. MOLteni ed il sottufficiale genio specializzati presso la scuola Inglese di Capua, attualmente a disposizione del Comando Genio Campania, a S. Maria C. Vetere per la Bonifica Campi Minati nella Campania, dovranno svolgere un corso d'istruzione a partire dai primi di gennaio p.v.

Se vi sarà disponibilità questo Ispettorato provvederà all'invio di un altro ufficiale e di un altro sottufficiale.

L'Engineering Division è pregata di dare incarico al Comando della 561^a Cp. di andare a rilevare presso il Comando 10^o Rgt. Genio, il citato Ten. MOLteni ed il sottufficiale, nonché materiali di addestramento, con un proprio automezzo.

A corso effettuato, il Ten. MOLteni farà pervenire a questo Ispettorato una breve nota sullo svolgimento del corso d'addestramento di cui trattasi.-



Spett.le del Com. del Genio

Per il 227^a Div.

Spett.le del

Com. Italiano

Spett.le del Com. del Genio

AL COMANDO 227^a DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212^a

CAVA DEI TIRRENI
F A P O L I

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



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Spett.le Comando dell'Arma del Genio

Aut. N. 2940/Gen

Proposta di

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AL COMANDO GENIO MILITARE
DELLA CAMPANIA N A P O L I
AL H.Q. REGION-ENGINEERING
DIVISION A. P. O. 394
e, per conoscenza:
ALL'A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS
A. P. O. 394

Oggetto Addestramento 561^o Op. Pionieri.-

AL COMANDO 227^a DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212^o

CAVA DEI TIRRENI
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AL COMANDO 227^a DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO ITALIANO 212^o

CAVA DEL TIRRENI
NAPOLI

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(Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)

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