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H.Q. OF THE 227TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
S.M. 1ST SECTION

24 FEB 1945  
P.M. 3400 11/2/45

Ref. No. 01/1118/Op.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance in airports

..... addressees omitted.....

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With reference to the discussions with Capt. De Marchi during his recent visit to this H.Q.

The Armament Direction of the Air Ministry declared that it would appreciate the issue of the Italian mine-detecting apparatus which your H.Q. mentioned could be released without difficulty. We therefore request you to send it directly by truck to Rome on the first occasion available.

The said Direction also requested a detailed drawing of the Allied type of mine-detector, if it can be given, for the purpose of having it copied by some firm if possible. Will you kindly comply with this request, following an explicit, written authorization from the Allied H.Q. concerned.

By order of  
THE CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF  
/s/ Ugo Scotti Lavina

and for information

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE  
Lt. Potenza Italo

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TRANSLATION NO. 537

561ST PIONEER MINE CLEARANCE COMPANY

21 FEBRUARY 1945

REF. 463

21 FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Issue of mine-detectors

P.M. 3400 21/2/945

TO : ENGINEERING DIVISION RADIO UMBRIA REGION  
A.P.O. 394  
and for information  
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION (C.A. SECTION) A.P.O. 394 ✓  
AIR MINISTRY  
ARMAMENT DIVISION - ROME  
H.Q. 227TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
S.M. SECTION I - P.M. 3400  
H.Q. 516TH ARTILLERY REGIMENT  
P.M. 3400

In reply to No. 61/1118/ Op. with subject "Mine clearance in airports". From the H.Q. 227TH Infantry Division, a copy of which is inclosed, we wish to ask your Command to give the necessary instructions to this unit.

THE COMPANY COMMANDANT  
1st/ Capt De Marchi Natale

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8A/CA

28 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ Lazio Umbria Region  
(Attn. Regional Engineer).

Reference your R4/ENG/26.4 of 22 Feb there is enclosed for your perusal copy of the HQ AAI instructions ORD 4/4008/1 of 2 Nov 44 and copy of this Commissions letter to you 9/8A/CA of 3rd Jan.

*MR*  
R.R. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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Enclosures

TRANSLATION NO. 543

WAR MINISTRY

ROME, 17 Feb. 1945

General Engineering Direction

Ref. 8/70496

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section  
APO 394

Reply to letter No. 9/8A/CA of 12 Feb 1945

We acknowledge receipt of your letter on the need for batteries for the mine-detectors in use at Lucca.

A number of these batteries will be sent on the first truck leaving for Pisa. We must of course limit the issue in accordance with available supplies.

Acting for the Minister  
(Gen. of Division)  
O. Crivaro

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Roma 17 FEB 1946

Ministero della Guerra

Per  
Tel. 18/10496 Allegato

Registrazione  
Per

Oggetto

La presente ha per oggetto la richiesta di autorizzazione per la stampa e la distribuzione di un opuscolo di propaganda politica, intitolato "La Democrazia Cristiana e la Libertà", che sarà distribuito gratuitamente a tutti i cittadini italiani.

(Firma, M. G. M. M. M.)

*Spurio*

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TRANSLATION No 545

WAR MINISTRY  
General Engineering Division  
Mine Clearance Office

ROME, 17 Feb 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Wages

TO : HQ ALLIED COMMISSION  
CA Section  
APO 394

Ref : VIII/70597

With reference to your letter of 2nd February on the same subject, I wish to inform you that the 5th Region Mine Clearance HQ at Pisa has already received the necessary instructions as regards the additional pay agreed on between the AMG of Toscana and the workers.

This pay will be given in addition to the wages approved by the Ministry of the Treasury in accord with the AC Finance Sub-Commission without changing the various rates paid in the past.

The difference between these rates and the total wage of 240 Lire fixed by the AMG of Toscana will be considered as a special allowance for high cost of living instead of a "danger indemnity", as not to change the measure of compensation (daily risk indemnity, mission indemnity, etc) which has already been fixed in the above-mentioned approved wages; another reason is to prevent the workers of the other localities from demanding the same advantage derived from changing the indemnity, which must be the same for all as the work and danger are.

FOR THE MINISTER

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FOR THE MINISTER  
O. CRIVARO

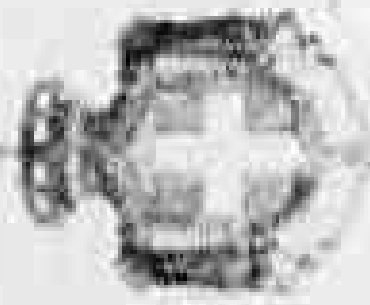
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*Ministero della Guerra*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO  
- Ufficio B.C.M. -

*Roma* 17 FEB. 1945

L' HEADQUARTERS  
Allied Commission  
Civil Affairs Section

A.P.O. 394

*Disposta al Togliatti del 17/2*  
OGGETTO : Bonifica Campi Minati - Salari.-

Con riferimento alla vostra nota in data 2 Febbraio -di pari  
oggetto - si informa che il Comando 5° Zona Bonifica Campi Minati di  
Pisa ha già avuto le necessarie istruzioni in merito al pagamento ad-  
dizionale concordato con gli operai dall'A.M.G. toscana.-

Detto pagamento sarà pertanto liquidato in aggiunta alle compen-  
senze approvate dal Ministero del Tesoro d'intesa con la Sottocommis-  
sione Finanziaria A.C. senza variare le diverse aliquote che costitui-  
scono il trattamento economico corrisposto nel passato.-

La differenza che risulterà fra queste ed il salario complessi-  
vo di L.240,= concordato dall'A.M.G. Toscana <sup>stato concordato come</sup> assegno particolare di  
caro vita, anziché come "premio per il pericolo", appunto per non modifi-  
ficare la misura di un compenso (indennità giornaliera di rischio, tras-  
sferita ecc.) già prevista nelle competenze approvate come sopra detto ed  
evitare nel contempo che il vantaggio che deriverebbe dalle variazioni  
di tale indennità possa essere invocato anche dagli operai delle altre  
località, dato che la stessa deve essere uguale per tutti come uguale  
per tutti è il pericolo del lavoro.-

...comunicare Campi Minati di

Pisa ha già avuto le necessarie istruzioni in merito al pagamento addizionale concordato con gli operai dall'A.M.G. Toscana.-

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La differenza che risulterà fra queste ed il salario complessivo di L.240,- concordato dall'A.M.G. Toscana <sup>senza conguaglio come</sup> assegnò particolare di caro vita, anziché come "premio per il pericolo", appunto per non modificare la misura di un compenso (indennità giornaliera di rischio, trasferta ecc.) già prevista nelle competenze approvate come sopra detto ed evitare nel contempo che il vantaggio che deriverebbe dalle variazioni di tale indennità possa essere invocato anche dagli operai delle altre località, dato che la stessa deve essere uguale per tutti come uguale per tutti è il pericolo del lavoro.-

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

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*Crivaro*

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Ministry of War  
44, Rue de la  
Bourse,  
Paris.

4. This is to confirm the conversation held on 14

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company, now at GAZAK will be moved as soon as possible to LIVOBO for instruction and work under the command of 38 CRE. The details of this move are in hand by Major Reakes of this Commission and instructions have been issued.

3. Second point. With regard to the Schools now in charge of Capt. BLUNCE, it is considered that it will be necessary to move these forward into North Italy when that territory is liberated. The personnel which will be required is as follows:

- Capt. BLUNCE
- 2 Lt. GROSSO
- 2 Lt. CROUCHLEY
- " HARRIS
- " CROUCHLEY
- " KILIAN

3 H.Q.Os.

3 Lt. Soldiers.

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There will also be required the necessary training equipment and mine detectors.

4. Will you therefore be so good as to arrange for the necessary equipment being made available. This will be done, presumably, from that in Zone 5. Will you also provide the necessary reinforcements to go forward to Zone 5 so that when the personnel and equipment of that zone move forward there remain sufficient personnel and equipment to carry on the work now being done in the Zone.

5. Capt. B. SMITH, British Liaison Officer with Zone 5, informs me that he considers that three officers will be sufficient to carry on in TOCCARA when the present school personnel are withdrawn.

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6. Point three. This Section has been informed that there are at present 40 Mine Detectors (Italian pattern) and 4 Mine Detectors (Allied pattern) in use in Zone 5. It will be necessary to withdraw the 4 Allied pattern Mine Detectors when the move is made to North Italy. It will be expected, therefore, that in order not to deplete Zone 5 further of Mine Detectors that a quantity (as large as possible), should be earmarked now for allocation in the new Zones to be set up.

7. For the purposes of record and as a result of the tour made by the undersigned, it is considered that fair progress is being made with Mine Clearance generally in Zone 5. That it was the opinion of the Allied Liaison Officer with Zone 5 that it is unlikely that civilians will be prepared to move into the north and that the recruiting for a further 300 mine clearance workers in the area was not proving very successful, although the matter was still in process, it was unlikely that the numbers would be obtained.

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R.R. COL PS COL  
CSO CA Section

Copy to: Ministry of War  
for Col. HU 120

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H.H. CHAPIN Col  
CSO GA Section

Copy to: Ministry of War  
for Col SUPINO

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APC 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS  
for  
301 Mine Clearance Company

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I INTENTION

The 301 Mine Clearance Company will move to Livorno and come under temporary command 35 GHS (works) Livorno for operations.

II METHODa) Advance Party

The advance party will move by road on 28th Feb 45. Strength of advance party will be 2 Officers and 20 Other ranks, as follows:-

- |      |                      |                          |                             |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (i)  | <u>Officers</u> -    | One technical Officer)   | One of whom should be       |
|      |                      | One administrative       | English speaking.           |
|      |                      | Officer                  |                             |
| (ii) | <u>Other Ranks</u> - | Two squads of selected ) |                             |
|      |                      | and trained in mine )    |                             |
|      |                      | clearance work.....10 )  | At least one of them should |
|      |                      | Two carpenters..... 2 )  | be English speaking.        |
|      |                      | Five general duty men )  |                             |
|      |                      | Two cooks..... 2 )       |                             |

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b) Main Party

The main party will move by rail on 4th March under arrangements to be made by HQ No 2-District. Strength 7 Officers and 100 Other Ranks.

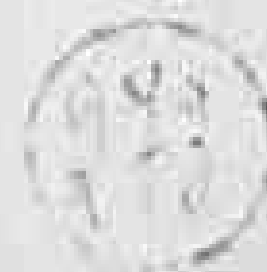
III EQUIPMENT

## a) The advance party will take the following equipment:-

- (i) Two Mine detectors, wire cutters and necessary explosive so that they can clear mines from the Ravacourse Buildings, LIVORNO.
- (ii) Carpenters tools, saws, hammers etc for constructing latrines etc.
- (iii) Cooking utensils.
- (iv) Stenets, bedding

## b) The Main party will take all remaining stores, equipment including Mine detectors and cooking utensils and complete personal equipment.

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IV ACCOMMODATION -

The buildings on the Facceccuras, LIVORNO.

V RATIONSa) Advanced Party

The advanced party will take five days rations.

b) Main Party

Will take remainder of rations and stores.

c) Supplies

Warning Order will be issued to an Italian unit Livorno to issue rations on indent by the 51 Mine Clearance Company.

VI TRANSPORT

Advanced Party will take two vehicles and move by road to Livorno. The remaining vehicles will move by road to Livorno after Main Party has left Gasta.

25 February 1945

*H. R. Kapp*  
 H. R. Kapp Maj.  
 SO 2 Section

DISTRIBUTION :-

HQ No 2 District (3)  
 Ministry of War  
 Via XX Settembre - for  
 Col BURLIO (2)  
 2533 Works, HQ 56 Sub Area  
 51 Mine Clearance Company  
 Land Forces Com-Gen (3314)  
 Lazio District Region  
 Tuscany Region  
 Agre (4)

REF/1/149

Lucca 20 YRS 45

## Report-Mines Disposal

### V ARMY AND

#### 1. Progress.

- (a) Lucca. Work continues at Balbano, Ponte al Serchio, Liatti e Matato. 58,229 M have been cleared and 567 mines lifted.
- (b) Pisa. Work continues at S. Piero e Greco, Castel del Bosco, Viareggio, La Rotta e Migliorini. 5,7890 M have been cleared and 843 mines destroyed.
- (c) Fivola. Work continues in the outskirts of the town and 384,560 M have been cleared and 2522 mines destroyed.
- (d) Livorno. A company of Italian Engineers is being sent to this town to carry out the main burden of the work. In the meantime, two squads of men from Pisa are transported daily to and from this district.

#### 2. Transport.

Work is still hindered owing to lack of transport for workmen. Until the tyre and tube situation improves, it appears that little can be done to remedy this.

#### 3. Personnel.

It is not proposed to train more, and for work forward of the present army area. It is felt that local men will be unwilling

and 845 mines destroyed.

(c) Pistols. Work continues in the outskirts of the town and 384,560 M have been cleared and 2572 mines destroyed.

(d) Livorno. A company of Italian Engineers is being sent to this town to carry out the main burden of the work. In the meantime, two squads of men from Pisa are transported daily to and from this district.

## 2. Transport.

Work is still hindered owing to lack of transport for workmen. Until the train and tube situation improves, it appears that little can be done to remedy this.

## 3. Personnel.

It is not proposed to train here, men for work forward of the present army area. It is felt that local men will be unwilling to go and displaced personnel from the northern regions will immediately take their way to their own homes instead of working. Men will therefore be trained locally and when the line moves forward it is proposed to carry out the training of the extra 300 men mentioned in last report, which will thus leave available approximately 500 men for Tuscany region.

*M. Short* 13900

M. SHORT

Capt. R.A.S.C.

### Distribution.

- 1. Fifth Army and
- 1. Col. Cripps HQ, HQ
- 1. P.C. Lucca
- 1. P.C. Pisa
- 1. P.C. Fiesole
- 1. C.A.C. Viareggio
- 1. File

TRANSLATION No. 551

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Engineering General Division  
Mine-Clearance Office

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ROME, 24 Feb 1945

SUBJECT : Movement warning order

TO : H.Q. of THE 561st COMPANY FOR MINE-CLEARANCE.  
GAETA

and for information :

ALLIED COMMISSION A.P.O. 394  
Civil Affairs Section  
Territorial Command - Naples -  
Territorial Engineering Command - Naples  
227th Division Command P.M. 186

The Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission has authorized us to issue the following warning order:

- 1) The 561<sup>st</sup> Company for Mine-clearance will be ready to leave Gaeta by train, according to orders which will be given by the Ministry in conjunction with the Allied Commission. The date of departure has not yet been fixed, but your Company must be ready to move within 15 days from to-day.
- 2) The reason for this movement is to use the company in other areas of the Italian territory.
- 3) Since the 561<sup>st</sup> Company will be equipped with new mine-detectors, those held at present will be delivered to the 563<sup>rd</sup> Company already formed in S. Maria G. Vetere.

This transfer will be carried out by the 561<sup>st</sup> Company after the latter has received the movement order and not before 48 hours from the departure.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION  
Gen. of Division  
G. Crivaro

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CA SEC. 1462  
24 FEB 1945 646

SEGRETO

COMANDO 561<sup>a</sup> COMPAGNIA  
RASTRELLAMENTO MINE  
G A E T A

*Ministero della Guerra*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO  
-Ufficio B.C.M.-

*Chiusura 304/5 da*  
*Allegato*  
*Richiesta al Regio del*  
*Genio*  
24 FEB 1945  
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OGGETTO Preavviso di movimento.-

e, per conoscenza:



ALL'A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE di  
AL COMANDO GENIO TERRITORIALE  
AL COMANDO 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE

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La C.A. Section - A.C. ha autorizzato la diramazio-  
ne del seguente preavviso d'ordine:

- 1°) - La 561<sup>a</sup> cp. rastrellamento Mine dovrà tenersi pronta a spostarsi da Gaeta per ferrovia, secondo ordini che saranno impartiti dal Ministero della Guerra di accordo con la Commissione Alleata. La data dello spostamento non è fissata, ma codesta compagnia dovrà essere pronta a muovere entro 15 giorni da oggi.
- 2°) - Scopo dello spostamento sarà quello di impiegare la compagnia nel suo normale compito in altra zona del territorio Italiano.
- 3°) - Dato che la 561 cp. sarà equipaggiata con nuovi cammine, quelli attualmente in dotazione saranno consegnati alla 563<sup>a</sup> cp. già costituita a S.Maria C.Vetere. Il passaggio di carico dovrà essere effettuato dopo che la compagnia avrà avuto l'ordine di movimento e

ALL'A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
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AL COMANDO GENIO TERRITORIALE  
AL COMANDO 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE

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Il passaggio di carico dovrà essere effettuato dopo che la compagnia avrà avuto l'ordine di movimento e non prima di 48 ore della partenza, a cura della 561<sup>a</sup> cp.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO 3530  
(Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)

*Crivaro*

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SEGRETO

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24 febbraio 1945

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*Ministero della Guerra*

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

- Ufficio B.C.M. -

*Urgente*

COMANDO 561<sup>a</sup> COMPAGNIA  
RASTRELLAMENTO MINE

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*Quarante*  
*Rel. V. 304/Segreteria*

*Risposta al Teleg. del*  
*Genio*

OGGETTO Preavviso di movimento.

e, per conoscenza:

- ALL'A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
- AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE di
- AL COMANDO GENIO TERRITORIALE
- AL COMANDO 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE

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Il passaggio di carico dovrà essere effettuato dopo che la compagnia avrà avuto l'ordine di movimento

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- AL COMANDO TERRITORIALE di
- AL COMANDO GENIO TERRITORIALE
- AL COMANDO 227<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE

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- Il passaggio di carico dovrà essere effettuato dopo che la compagnia avrà avuto l'ordine di movimento e non prima di 48 ore della partenza, a cura della 561<sup>a</sup> cp. -

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO  
P/to Gen.Div.O.Crivaro

P. C. C.  
IL T. COLONNELLO ADDETTO  
(A. Salerno)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 324  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. Ext. 608

Ref: 95/15/11/CA.

23 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

Reference your 561/EC of 22 Feb 45, giving the points that are to be raised at the meeting in Florence on the 24 Feb 45, on Log Plan 177.

- 1 With regard to the first item - "Clearance of land mines. How far is this a military responsibility?" - it is considered that it may be useful for you to have notes made with regard to the position as seen by this Section at the present time.
- 2 Under the Directives so far issued by AFHQ, 15 Army Group Military Authorities are responsible for the opening of various ports, e.g. TRIESTE, PISMA, GENOA, and certain main trunk highways and railways. It is therefore to be presumed that any mine clearance which will be required to carry out these responsibilities will also be the responsibility of the Armies.
- 3 This contention is borne out by the Minutes of the North West Italy Planning Committee, dated 12 Feb 45, para 10 (a) which states:  

"Land Mine Clearance - Port of Genoa.  
 "Accepted by 17 Arce as an Army responsibility in conjunction with I.A. No call would be made on AC"
- 4 Resources - AC have at their disposal at the present moment, two mine clearance companies, one of which is functioning well and has heavy responsibilities. The other requires overhauling and re-vitalising. There can also be made available a small number of instructors with a view to training Italian civilians. These can be allotted to northern Regions.
- 5 No. 1 District, however, have contacted this Section and enquired what assistance can be given in the question of land mine clearance in the port of GENOA. It is, therefore, proposed to attach the 561 Mine Clearing Company to No. 1 District immediately, move it to LIVORNO, where the 35th C.R.A. is prepared to take it in hand and assist in its equipment and give it practical work to do in clearing the large number of mines there situated. It is then proposed to transfer it to the port of GENOA for a limited period to assist in the work of clearing mines and booby traps which it is anticipated will be found there. (Not including Smaller)

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- 6 There is still the remaining Company (562) which can be transferred to the north and it is anticipated to use it when further information as to the location of mine fields has been obtained, but to let it continue the valuable work it is now carrying out pending this information.
- 7 It can therefore be seen that the resources of AC for large scale mine clearance work are limited and in the early stages, for the opening of the truck roads and ports, military assistance is essential.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brig.,  
VC CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Lazio UMBRIA REGION  
(Engineering Division)  
APO 384

22 February 1945

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TO : HQ.A.G. (C.A. Section) ✓

SUBJECT : Request of Transport for 561 Mine Sweeping Company

IN REPLY QUOTE : 34/ENG/25.4

Reference R-284 di prot. (P.M. 3400 ) dated 6 Feb. 1945  
from C.C. 561 Company to Engineering Division copy to C.A. Section  
Translation attached.

Will you please take necessary action to bring the  
transport up to scale (promulgated in your letter 9/8 A/CA dated  
2 Jan. 45.

Enclosures:

3 Letter English & Italian  
(in duplicate)

Copy to:

C.C. 561 Company

Stato Maggiore Ufficio Ordineamento e

mobilitazione Sezione Ordineamento

*Cardinali*  
Lt. Col. R.E.  
Regional Engineer  
Lazio Umbria Region AMB.

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Translation attached.

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2 Jan 45).

*Carl W. Hartley*

Br. Col. E. E.

Regional Engineer  
Imazio Umbria Region ASD.

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(in duplicate)

Copy to:

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mobilitazione Sezione Ordinamento

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TO : Intelligence Division - Radio-Office Station 450 502  
(Attention to:  
C.A. SECTION 2, 121st Regiment 430 174

URGENT Request of Motor Transportation.

The Command with letter 0, dated 10/1/45 and requested the Command of the 217 Division to supply the undersigned motor vehicles in order to complete the assignment already existing in accordance with assignment fixed by the C.A. with letter 0, dated 10/1/45.

- Motor car 214
- Medium sized truck 214
- Light sized truck 214
- Motorcycles 214

The Command of the 217 Division with letter 0, dated 10/1/45, of the 217 Division has informed that the above material must be furnished by the allied authority under whose order the material is required.

Please therefore arrange that it is provided, with urgency with the above material and with 12 complete types for trucks type Fiat 526.

Signature: 21. 10/1/45  
(Map. 10 March 1945)

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Medium sized truck  
Black lined amber  
Solar-cycled

The records of the 225 Division with letter H, dated 22  
the 21 January 1966 referred that the above material must be  
furnished to the filled Authority under whose name the car is  
working.

Please therefore arrange that as be provided, with  
urgency with the above material and with as complete speed for  
trucks type that 225.

Signed: H. [illegible]  
(Capt. de [illegible] [illegible]).

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N° 284 di prot.

P.M. 3400 6/2/45

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LALIG UMBRIA REGION

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TO C.A. SECTION H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

Oggetto: Richiesta automezzi e motomezzi.

Questo, Comando con f.n° 3322 in data 19/1/45 aveva richiesto al Comando della 227 Divisione il seguente materiale autotreno bilistico; per completare la dotazione già esistente in conformità all'organico fissato dallo S.M.; con foglio n° 9657 del 5/1/45:

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| Autovetture    | n° 1 |
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| " leggeri      | " 1  |
| Motocicli      | " 6  |

Il Comando della 227 Divisione con f.n° 02/343 del 23/1 ha comunicato che per i predetti materiali deve provvedere l'ente alleato alle cui dipendenze d'impiego è posto questo reparto.

Si prega pertanto Codegto Comando affinché voglia compiacersi fare assegnare, con cortese urgenza, il materiale sopra richiesto nonché n° 12 gomme complete per autocarri Fiat 626.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA  
(Cap De Marchi Natale)

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Il Comando della 227 Divisione con f. n° 02/343 del 23/4 ha comunicato che per i predetti materiali deve provvedere l'ente alleato alle cui dipendenze d'impiego è posto questo reparto.

Si prega pertanto Codesto Comando affinché voglia compiacersi fare assegnare, con cortese urgenza, il materiale sopra richiesto nonché n° 12 gomme complete per autocarri Fiat 526.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA  
(Cap De Maroli Natale)

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Translation by A. Devlin

12/14/45

RE: [illegible]  
[illegible]

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WITN N. 115 - Enclosures

Reply of the [illegible] - 12/14/45

Subject: Request of Victor [illegible]

Following letter N. 274 dated 5/2/45 attached in copy of  
memorandum to [illegible] recently assigned to this unit, N.  
277/278, of the 2.M.V.S. dated 5/1/45:-

Signed: [illegible]  
(Cop. to [illegible])

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TO ENGINEERING DIVISION  
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION  
A.P.O. 394

Prot.N.316 Allegati 1

Risposta al foglio del 6/2/45 284

Oggetto Richiesta automezzi e motomezzi

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TO C.A. SECTION H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

Facendo seguito foglio n° 284 del 6/2/45 si trasmette copia dell'attergato all'organico recentemente assegnato a questo reparto, n° 9657/ord. dello S.M. R.E. in data 5/1/45.

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STATO MAJORCE REGIO ESERCITO  
Ufficio Ordinamento e mobilitazione  
Sezione Ordinamento

PROV. N. 9657/0 MI.

Oggetto Organico Compagnia Inseguimento Uline

.....Indirizzo destinatario.....

Le compagna inseguimento n. 361 e 362 assumeranno la  
data 10 corr. l'organico risultante dagli elenchi allegati.

Le eventuali defezioni di personale saranno segnalate a  
questo U.M. tramite autorità alleate.

Mezzi di trasporto forniti a cura A.A.

IL GENERALE AMMIRATO  
DE ALESSANDRO ENRI

P.E.O.  
l'Ufficiale Addetto  
(Ten. Italiana Italia)

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AL GENERALE ADDETTO  
AL GENERALE ADDETTO

Ministero di Trasporti Roma 11/11/54

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UFFICIO ADDETTO  
(Gen. Potenza Italia)

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Translation by A. Crolla

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P.M. 3200/5/1 1945

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione  
Sezione Ordinamento

File No 9657/o rd.

Subject: Establishment Mine Sweeping Units.

The 561st and 562nd Mine Sweeping Companies with effect from the 20 inst will be placed on a proper establishment footing in accordance with attached schedules.

The eventual deficiencies in personnel will be brought to the attention of the S.M. through the Allied Authorities.

Transportation means provided through A.A.

D.C.C.

L'Ufficiale Addetto  
Sgd. (Ten. Potenza Italo)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
Signed: Alessandrino Santi

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IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
Signed: Alessandro Santi

P.C.C.  
L'Ufficiale Addetto  
Sgd. (Ten. Potenze Italo)

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Handwritten signature in a circle.

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

22 February 1945

23 FEB 1945

TO : Agricultural Division Lazio & Umbria Region

SUBJECT : Mine clearance

IN REPLY QUOTE : RA/XBO/25.4

1. Enclosed is copy of report by Lt.Col. CARUSO Italian Army who is liason officer between this Division and Ministero della Guerra for removal of Mines and an Artillery officer trained in Explosives.

The process of separation and subsequent utilization as explosive appears to be, with some knowledge of explosive, satisfactory it is for Agricultural Experts to say whether the legend solution of Ammonium Nitrate is satisfactory as a fertilizer.

Each antitank mine contains 4 kg of Explosive and as these are thousands of mines yet to be lifted the matter is of considerable importance and I recommend with this definite report to work on you should take it up. -

2. DANGEROUS Mines are exploded in situ - any handled as above have already had detonators removed.

*Caruso*  
Lt.Col.H.S.  
Regional Engineer  
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

Enclosures (English & Italian)

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*Carroll H. H. S.*  
Lt. Col. R. N.  
Regional Engineer  
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

Enclosures (English & Italian)

Copy to:

→ Col. Cripps

Mr. Bakorich

HQ. Lazio Umbria (Industry Division)

Ministero della Guerra Gabinetto

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*Luigi*

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HEADQUARTERS  
SECOND MILITARY DISTRICT  
LARIO INFANTRY REGIMENT  
(Engineering Division)  
LPO 104

22 February 1945

ALLIA : Divisione Agricoltura Regione Lazio e Umbria ASD.  
OGGETTO : Bonifica-Vine  
NELLA DIVISIONE REGIONALE: 34/24 C/25.4

1. Si allega copia al rapporto del Ten. Col. CARUSO dell'Esercito Italiano il quale fupe da ufficiale di collegamento tre queste Divisione ed il Ministero delle Guerre per lavori di Bonifica Vine ed è un ufficiale di Artilleria addestrato agli esplonivi.

Il processo di seppellimento e successiva utilizzazione come esplosivo mi sembra, ed ho una certa conoscenza di esplonivi, soddisfacente se riesce agli esperti sericili di dire se la ~~soluzione~~ soluzione di stiro d'ammonto è soddisfacente come fertilizzante.

Ciascuna mina antiaereo contiene 4 chili d'esplosivo e siccome vi sono migliaia di mine ancora da rimuovere la faccenda è di considerevole importanza e con questo rapporto ben definito come guida rucendo che prendiate le cose in considerazione.

2. Mine PERIODICHE sono esplose in situ - ogni mina maneg, iata come sopra è stata di già di-cipolizzata.

MASS E. FUSCA  
Lt. Col. R. E.  
Regional Engineer  
Lazio Umbria Region ASD.

Allegati: (Inglese e Italiano)

(Translation A. Croille)

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TO: Lt. Col. PINELLA

NOTES ON THE MINE RECOVERY PROBLEM

## 1. Consideration of a general character:

As is known at the present moment the Italian industries for the production of T.N.T. and ammonium nitrate are totally inactive.

These substances are extremely useful although for different purposes: Trinitrotoluene in fact is the main explosive used in mining and excavation enterprises in general, whilst the ammonium nitrate contained in the mixture is well known to be a first rate fertilizer; this apart from the fact that the Amatolo mixture is in itself a first rate mine explosive.

Both the T.N.T. and the ammonium nitrate are to be found in a mixture contained in most of the mines, whilst certain types of mines are exclusively charged with pure T.N.T. (particularly British, American and Italian mines).

As a consequence therefore only the above mentioned substances can presently be recovered by discharging the mines, are recovered following mine clearance, as stated in above last paragraph.

2. Recovery of explosive.

T.N.T. by merely opening the mine containers, bearing in mind that the iron containers owing to their thickness can easily be opened by a simple procedure, whilst for the wooden mines the operation is still more simple and quite elementary.

For this procedure of opening the probabilities of danger are reduced to nil.

- Separation of the T.N.T. from the ammonium nitrate from the mixture contained in certain types of mines (principally German mines):

It is known that the Amatolo mixture consists of a mechanical mixture of ammonium nitrate - T.N.T., and that the separation is obtained by a simple treatment of hot lixiviation (ie Hot Water).

Hot water in fact dissolves very easily the ammonium nitrate leaving the T.N.T. unaltered.

The ammonium nitrate is thus separated from the T.N.T. and is recovered by evaporation of its solution (if the ammonium nitrate is being used as a fertilizer near the spot where this procedure is taking place

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The ammonium nitrate is thus separated from the T.N.T. and is recovered by evaporation of its solution (if the ammonium nitrate is being used as a fertilizer near the spot where this procedure is taking place its crystallization can be avoided as the resultant waters properly concentrated can be used for this purpose).-

## 3. Lixiviation installations.

These installations are of extreme simplicity and can therefore be easily prepared also in the present difficult moment. In fact they consist only of a steam generating apparatus (boiler) and one or more wooden lixiviation tubs and several containers for concentration.

In the case that the Amatolo mixture recovered from the discharging

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of mines is to be used as explosive mixture in the mining and excavation industries it is sufficient to proceed to its desecration with drying-apparatus, followed by packing into cartridges.

T/to: Ten. Col. F. C. RUSO

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Per il Sig.Col. Findlay -

### PRINCIPALI PROBLEMI RICOUPERO MINE

#### 1) Considerazioni di carattere generale:

Come è noto, nel momento attuale in Italia è totalmente ferma l'industria per la produzione del T.N.T. come del nitrato d'ammonio.

Sostanze, le prodotte, premischiavate seppure per scopi diversi: il tritolo, infatti, è l'esplosivo principe nelle industrie delle miniere e di escavazione in genere, mentre il nitrato d'ammonio contenuto nell'amatolo è, notoriamente, un ottimo fertilizzante; a parte il fatto poi che l'amatolo è già di per sé un ottimo esplosivo da mina.

Tanto il T.N.T. come il nitrato d'ammonio si trovano, sotto forma di miscela, in gran parte delle mine, mentre alcuni tipi di botti ordigni sono esclusivamente caricati di T.N.T. puro (particolarmente le mine Inglesi, Americane ed Italiane).

E pertanto le sostanze di cui trattasi possono attualmente, e soltanto, per quanto detto al 1° capoverso, essere ottenute attraverso lo scaricamento delle mine che, a seguito della bonifica dei terreni minati, vengono recuperate.

#### 2) Ricupero dell'esplosivo -

Tritolo: per semplice apertura dell'involucro delle mine, tenendo presente che le mine in ferro - dato il modesto spessore delle loro pareti - possono agevolmente essere aperte con opportuni, semplici procedimenti, mentre per le mine in legno l'operazione è ancora più semplice e addirittura elementare.

Per tale operazione di apertura il pericolo può essere ridotto a zero.

- Separazione del T.N.T. dal nitrato d'ammonio dall'amatolo contenuto in alcuni tipi di mine (in prevalenza mine tedesche): E' noto che l'amatolo è costituito da nitrato d'ammonio + T.N.T. in miscela meccanica, e che la separazione dei costituenti si ottiene mediante semplice trattamento di lisciviazione a caldo.

L'acqua calda, infatti, scioglie molto facilmente il nitrato d'ammonio lasciando inalterato il T.N.T.

Il nitrato d'ammonio viene così separato dal T.N.T. e viene recuperato per evaporazione della sua soluzione (ove il nitrato di ammonio dovesse essere impiegato come fertilizzante

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in prossimità del luogo di lavoro, se ne può evitare la cristallizzazione, in quanto le Acque Madri potrebbero essere come tali - (opportunosamente titolate) utilizzate allo scopo).-

3) Impianti di lisciviazione:

Gli impianti di lisciviazione sono di grande semplicità, e possono, pertanto, essere agevolmente approntati anche nelle attuali difficili contingenze. Infatti, un impianto non consiste che in un apparecchio generatore di vapore (caldaja), in una o più vasche di lisciviazione in legno ed in alcuni recipienti di concentrazione.

Nel caso in cui l'Amatolo proveniente dallo scaricamento delle mine voglia essere impiegato come miscela esplosiva per l'industria mineraria e di escavazione è sufficiente procedere alla sua essiccazione con semplici essicatori, e successiva confezione in cartucce.

Ten. Col. F. Garuso

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

23 Feb 45.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Tyres.

TO : Commerce Sub Commission.

The undernoted tyres and inner tubes are required to keep trucks on the road used in connection with the mine clearance activities of the 162 Italian Mine Clearance Company at ORIZZI and PESCARA. May an allocation be made for this purpose?

| <u>Numbers Required of</u>   | <u>Size</u>                  | <u>Vehicle type</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>tyres and inner tubes</u> |                              |                     |
| 4                            | 500 x 16                     | Fiat 1100           |
| 4                            | 32 x 6 (double)<br>or 32 x 8 | Italian M.F.A. 38   |
| 2                            | 400 x 16                     | Fiat 500            |
| 4                            | 600 x 16                     | 15 Ansaldo.         |

*pk*  
R.R. CHAPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/Ba/Ga

22 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry of War  
Via XX Settembre  
Rome

There are forwarded to you for your use maps and  
traces marked to show the presence of mines.

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*J.R.*  
R.A. BRITTS Col  
CBO GA Section

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OPERATION ORDER in connection with the clearing units and companies.

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**SUMMARY:** The ÖZELER Institute.

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i. ORDER. To provide for increase in mine clearing companies and their subsequent move so that at least one company, several training squads and if possible a trained civilian may be available for U.S. Army when required.

2. TRAINING. It is anticipated that when R.M. is fully evaluated by the enemy it will be found that roads, railways and public works are heavily mined and that there will be an immediate call to provide units and at least one Mine Clearing Company for the clearance of mines. They will be required until such time as the centers in the North are not going and men are coming forward being trained.

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- (a) Mine training center at BDOCA, Wila and Tumbila  
(b) 561 Mine Clearance Company  
(c) 582 Mine Clearance Company  
(d) 565 Mine Clearance Company  
(e) Unknown number of civilians willing to volunteer  
for duty in the North.

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| (a) | Place the mine to mine at 1000 ft and cover<br>under report 10000 ft and 10000 ft |
| (b) | Place the mine to mine at 1000 ft and cover<br>under report 10000 ft and 10000 ft |

2. General - It is suggested that when the  
only in the way it will be found that roads,  
relieve and public roads are heavily used and that there  
will be an immediate call to provide water at each  
mine clearing company for the clearance of mines. They will  
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(a) Fire training ordered at 11:00 AM, 12-15-68  
(b) 661 Mine Clearance Company  
(c) 662 Mine Clearance Company  
(d) 663 Mine Clearance Company  
(e) Unknown number of civilians willing to volunteer for duty in the forest.

(a) To place the nine training centers at USCCA under command of lighter Regional Command  
 (b) .....do.....do.....at USCA under command of Piemonte Region  
 (c) .....do.....do.....at PISTIA under command of Lombardia Region  
 (d) To move the 101 Mine Clearance Company from GALLARATE North as soon as it is known where they will be required.  
 (e) To recruit and utilize the 2nd Air Clearance Company at OCUA where they will be trained, equipped and organized prior to moving to CHIETI for completion of training under 567th Air Clearance Company.

(u) The Union Company of Car will issue a warning letter to

(1) The line training officers at TUGA (Gene Ligaria) USA (Gene Bioneri) and PISTOLA (Gene Lombardina)

(11) The 101 and 103 line training companies.

- (b) The 561 Company will be moved from GATTA by rail under arrangements to be made by Allied Commission. The date of the move has not yet been fixed but the Company will be ready to move in about 14 days time.
- (c) As the 561 Company will be equipped with new Mine Detectors the Ministry of War will arrange for the Mine Detectors now in their possession being withdrawn and handed over to the new Company being formed at CAPUA. The withdrawal of equipment will not take place until 48 hrs. prior to the move of the 561 Company.

*John*

R.A. GRIPPS Col.  
OSO CA Section  
for CP CA Sec.

Copy to: The Ministry of War for  
Col. Supino.

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Copy to: The Ministry of War for  
Col. Supino.

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

SUBJECT: Demands-562 Mine Clearance Company.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.)  
R O M E  
AQ/12/1  
19 February 1945.  
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TO : Civil Affairs Section, AC.

1. Reference your 9/8A/CA of 16 Feb. 45.
2. This HQ has no record of demands by the above unit, and it is not understood on what basis the unit has demanded.
3. The official scale of blankets is two per man except in special circumstances when it may be increased. It appears that the unit is at present in possession of this full scale, and the late stage of the winter would not appear to justify an increase.
4. As no particulars or dates are given of previous indents referred to, it is not possible to check with the War Ministry on delay in dealing with the demand, or with the justification of the demand.

RTMW/ag

*There is no record of this unit being helped  
The unit is not listed in Reg. 1. 1. 1.  
and it is not clear if it is a new unit.*

*Blanch May*

RTM WAREHAM, Major  
for Col. DA & QMG  
Land Forces Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9, 8A, CA

20 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Economic Section (For Transportation Sub Commission)

The attached copy reports on Mine Clearance work done on the railway from ORTONA - PESCARA are forwarded for your information.

*plc*  
R.R. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section.

Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: W/SA/CA

20 Feb 45.

SUBJECT : Property of the Ministry of War.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (LFLA).

Reference your RF 4/1 of 1 Feb. the enclosures are returned to you. There is forwarded copy of reply received from HQ Abruzzi Marche Region dated 17 Feb.

*R.K.*  
R.P. CHIFFS Col  
CEO CA Section

Enclosures

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

WMD/51/417

17 February 1945

To: Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria Region.

Subject: Italian Stores.

- 1/. We enclose a letter received from the Director of Public Works, Italian Government dated 16 February 1946.
- 2/. From this letter it would appear that the Genio Civile have been forbidden to withdraw stores belonging to them and lying in Terzi.
- 3/. A.F.H.Q. Circular No. 13 of 1 May 1944 refers. Please investigate the matter and report to this Headquarters.

*Bellocchio - Cpt.*

J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel  
Director  
WMD & IPW Sub-Com.

Encl. as in para 1.

cc: Land Forces Sub-Com. (MIA)  
Civil Affairs Section.

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War Materials Disposal and  
Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission  
HQ AC APO 394  
Dispatched  
Log No

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TO: THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
FROM: THE ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

RE: [illegible]

TO: THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
FROM: THE ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION

- 1. [illegible]
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14 FEBRUARY 1945  
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RECEIVED  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSITION  
AND PRISONER OF WAR  
SUB-COMMISSION  
HQ AC APO 394

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From - Direzione Lavori Genio del Comando Territoriale di Roma

015/3361/434

16 Feb 45

Subject: Withdrawal of Salvaged materials of ITI Army stocked in  
Magazzini del Genio Civile at TERNI

Some time ago this Direzione started drawing from the Ufficio del Genio Civile at TERNI engr materials belonging to Amministrazione Militare Italiana salvaged from the Barracks of the 3° Centro Automobilistico TERNI and stored provisionally in the warehouses of the Genio Civile. Due to lack of tpt this work was not completed.

Now Capt WYTHEN on behalf of the local Allied HQ has verbally forbidden the Genio Civile to allow the rest of the stuff to be withdrawn (iron bars, wire, picks, shovels, trowels and various other tools)

Since according to circular dated 10 Aug 44 360/11/CA from HQ ACC, RC 3 MG Sec signed Brig Lush Executive Commissioner the materials is to be considered as belonging to Amministrazione Italiana and at the disposal of the ITI Army, will you please arrange for it to be released to this Direzione.

We thank you

R. BAROLA

Col Director

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War Materials Disposal and  
Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission  
HQ AC APO 304 19 FEB 1946  
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TO: THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
FROM: THE ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR SUB-COMMISSION  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

RE: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible]

2. [Illegible]

3. [Illegible]

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TRANSLATION NO. 526

MINISTRY OF WAR

ROME, 15 February 1945

Ref. 8/0532

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

16 Feb 1945

TO : HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs Section

and for information

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR - Cabinet  
Office of Civil Affairs

Reply to letter No. 9/CA/CA of 27 December 1944

We wish to inform you that the data relative to the training courses and to the work of mine clearance pertaining to the period ending on 13 of this month will be sent in a few days since they have not been received from the zones concerned, due to the well known difficulties of communications.

GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERS  
General of Division  
G. Crivaro

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*Ministero della Guerra*  
 DIREZIONE GENERALE GENIO  
 Ufficio B.C.M.

*Quercini*  
*27.11.32* *Allegato*

Oggetto: Rastrellamento mine.-

*Risposta al Teleg. del 27/12/44*  
*Gen.* *N. 9/8 A/*  
*/CA*

*Al* COMANDO A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS  
 SECTION  
 AFO 394

*Roma, 15 febbraio 1945* *664*

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO -

Ufficio A.C.

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Si informa che i dati relativi alle situazioni  
 corsi di addestramento e lavori di bonifica alla da-  
 ta del 13 corrente, verranno trasmessi tra qualche  
 giorno, in quanto ancora non pervenuti dalle zone  
 interessate, per le note difficoltà di collegamenti.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO 3571  
 ( Gen. di Div. O. Crivaro)

e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - GABINETTO -

Ufficio A.C.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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interessate, per le note difficoltà di collegamenti.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO 3871  
( Gen. di Div. O. Crivaro)

*Crivaro*

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TO : HQ. AC., Civil Affairs Section  
 FROM : HQ. AC. Arouazi-Marche Region  
 SUBJECT : Property of the Ministry of War  
 REF : 15/507/27/2  
 DATE : 17 February 1945

1. Reference your letter 9/34/CA dated 10 February 1945 an investigation has been made as requested:-

a. Major Lund has furnished an explanation of his activities in the matter - copy attached.

b. The Colonel of the District gave approval of the sale at the request of Provincial Officer, Sulmona.

c. The Genio Civile established the price of the materials which appear to be of a salvage nature rather than new.

2. It is suggested that the Minister of War request from the Col. of Sulmona and the Genio Civile proper explanation for the sale and established price of the materials.

For Regional Commissioner:

*Eugene R. McPherson*  
 Eugene R. McPherson  
 Lt. Colonel, Ord.  
 Executive Officer

HEADQUARTERS  
 19 FEB 1945

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*See file 173*

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ALLIED COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF L'AQUILA

TO : Army, Commissioned, L'Aquila Province.  
 FROM : P.O. Salerna.  
 SUBJECT : Inquiries.  
 REF : REAG/1861A.  
 DATE : 11 Feb. 45.

relation re property of the Ministry of War.

The report made by me for the sale of some construction material to be used by Sig. William Di Carlo for repairs needed in his candy factory was made on the assumption that the Col. of the district of Salerna had full authority to arrange for such sale.

The prices for this material as fixed by the Ufficio Civile of Salerna were set at figures lower than current market prices because this material had to be salvaged from three small barrack buildings by the purchaser. The buildings had to be raised and bricks, tile and timbers had to be salvaged and cleaned. Current prices quoted in the attached letter from the Ministry of War undoubtedly are for materials purchased as ready for use. It is quite possible also that prices have gone up since the date of this transaction last November.

/s/ John Ianni, Major  
 P.O. Salerna.

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18 FEB 1945

*to 173000*

Subject :- Progress of Mine Clearance on Railway.

*25/12/34*

To :- Major MOLE, att. 4 Ind. Aly. Constr. Grp. ASCRA.

From :- P.C. AC Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces. 15 Feb. 45.

The attached copies of translations of reports on progress of mine clearance on railway ORORA - ASCRA are forwarded for information.

*Shanahan*  
Major.

AC/32.  
Chieti.

Provincial Commissioner,  
AC Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces.

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Copy to :- AC/30 Abruzzi-Marche Region.  
AC (C. Sec.) ✓

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COPY

Subject, Mine clearing.

TO : The Allied Commission

FROM: 562 Company Mine Clearance of Pescara

Herewith attached copy of letter of the Command the dependent detachment, in charge of mine clearing on the railway branch Ortona-Francavilla - Pescara. In this letter it states that this branch has been entirely cleared of mines.

We inform you that on the 10th inst. the mine clearing work will start on the railway branch Pescara-Pineto-Silvi-Roseto-Teramo.

Signed Il Comandante  
Lt. Felice Spanpanato

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TO: The Firm E. MONTILLA

who has undertaken the works on the railway line of 18-Pescara

SUBJECT: Mine clearing

FROM: 562 Company Mine Clearance of Pescara

To day, 4th inst. the railway line Ortona-Pescara has been cleared of mines. No 3627 mine have been cleared (anti-tank and -man) near the bridges, mines have been cleared which were in areas which lead from the national road to the sea.

where the "Tollo station" was for a certainty mines are buried under the ruins of the fallen buildings, therefore, I cant but recommend the greatest prudence in the removal of the above mentioned debris.

Signed Comandante il Distaccamento  
3.Lt. Bonanni Romano

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To: Major Reekes.

The following articles of clothing have been allotted to Civilian Mine Clearance Squad. Release Orders will be forwarded from Commerce Sub-Commission.

B.D. Blouses. 993  
Blankets. 36.

C.A. Section letter to Commerce S.C.  
5/9 8/04 dated 10 Feb. 45. refers.

Trousers. 600  
Shirts. 476  
Overcoats. 600  
Undershirts Wool. 395  
Undershirts Cotton. 81  
Drawers Wool. 143  
Drawers Cotton. 53  
Blankets 7

C.A. Section letter to Commerce S.C.  
5/9 8/04 dated 10 Feb 45. refers.

16 Feb. 45.

*L. Peacock* Lt. RA  
L. Peacock Lieut. R.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8A/CA

16 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ Abruzzi Marche Region.

Your letter RS/501/32 of 14 Feb. is acknowledged.  
The matter is being taken up with Land Forces Sub Commission  
but it would appear that the Company is demanding in excess  
of scale.

*Mc*  
R.R. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

16 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance .

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission, (LMIA).

1. The 582 Mine Clearance Company at PESCARA report that despite applications made through Italian channels the Company is still short of winter clothing and that the following demands have not been met.

220 barrack coverlets (Coperte da casermaggio)  
440 field coverlets (Coperte da Campo)  
35 straw mattresses.

They report that each soldier has only two coverlets.

2. May the matter please be investigated.

*plc*  
R.R. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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

TO : HQ. AC. (For Civil Affairs Section) —  
 FROM : HQ AC. Abruzzi-Marche Region  
 SUBJECT : Clothing & Equipment - Italian Mine Clearance Personnel  
 REF : AS/ 501/32  
 DATE : 14 February 1945 1245

Reference your 9/BA/CA dated 2 Jan 45.

1. In view of the difficulty being encountered by OC562 Mine Clearance Coy in obtaining clothing and equipment for his personnel engaged on Mine Clearance, the following extract from his monthly report is forwarded for your information and any pressure you can bring to bear as outlined in para 3 of your above quoted letter.

"1. Clothing and Equipment

Notwithstanding our frequent requests, we have not received the winter clothing. We need at least 220 barrack coverlets (Coperte da cameraggio) and 140 field coverlets (coperte da campo) to complete the issue to each soldier actually working with us and of those who will arrive later on. We also need 35 straw mattresses. At present moment each soldier has only 2 coverlets. They also sleep without a bed."

2. The requests were made in accordance with Italian Army Regulations and were countersigned by the Provincial Commissioner, for winter clothing but as will be seen by the above extract, none has been forthcoming.

For Regional Commissioner:



*Eugene R. McPherson*  
 Eugene R. McPherson  
 Lt. Colonel, Crd.  
 Executive Officer

TC/rh

Copy to : Provincial Commissioner, Chieti

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30 ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

A.P.O. 594

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TO C.A. SECTION H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 294

Oggetto: richiesta necessaria.

Il nuovo organico della 501<sup>a</sup> Compagnia comprende quattro plotoni di rastrellatori mine ed ogni plotone si compone di sei squadre, in totale la Compagnia viene ad avere 24 squadre di rastrellatori, ne viene di conseguenza che la Compagnia stessa ha bisogno di una assegnazione di almeno 24 cerchieri.

Attualmente la compagnia ha in consegna 11 cerchieri dei quali due inefficienti per mancanza di pile 5 inefficienti per motivi vari e uno dei quali al deposito Comando devono essere versati. Si possono impiegare la compagnia dispone di solo 4 ~~cerchieri~~.

Viocomo sono in corso dei cordi al addestramento e sembra che altri ne seguiranno, ed apporre l'arrivo di ne 12 al deposito di mine in modo che i sei di cui attualmente la compagnia dispone (4 efficienti e 2 inefficienti per mancanza di pile) possano servire e per i cordi e per la sostituzione di ~~minore~~ anche durante l'uso di condurre inef- ficienti. La richiesta ha carattere di somma urgenza perché attualmente 10 squadre di ricercatori di mine sono sprovviste di apparecchio e fan qualche giorno ugnere il corso perche altre squadre si troverebbero nelle stesse condizioni.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA

(Capo Sottosegretario Militare)

*Allegato*

la compagnia stessa ha bisogno di una assegnazio-  
ne di almeno 24 persone.

Attualmente la compagnia ha in consegna 11 cerchioni dei quali due inefficienti per mancanza di pile 5 inefficienti per motivi vari e uno dei quali di ceduto Comando devono essere vernati. Di non to impiega la compagnia dispone di solo 4 ~~cerchioni~~.

Siccome sono in corso dei cordi di addestramento e sembra che altri ne seguiranno, si propone l'invio di n° 24 cerchioni di cui almeno uno che i cordi attualmente la compagnia hanno (4 efficienti e 2 inefficienti per mancanza di pile) possono servire e per i cordi e per la sostituzione di ~~cerchioni~~ che durante l'uso si renderanno inefficienti. La richiesta ha carattere di urgenza perché attualmente 10 squadre di ricercatori di mine sono approvvistate di apparecchi e fra qualche giorno ultimato il corso perenne altre squadre si troverebbero nelle stesse condizioni.

AL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA

(Capo Direzione Intelle)

*Plac e M...*

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Translation No. 516

P.M. 3800 5/1 1945

GENERAL STAFF OF THE ROYAL ARMY  
Organization Section

SUBJECT: T.O. for Mine-Clearance Company

Ref. 9657/ord.

.....addresses omitted.....

The 561st and 562nd Mine-clearance Companies will have on the 20th of this month, the T.O. set in the enclosed prospectus.

Any deficiency of personnel will be communicated to the General Staff through the Allied Authorities.

Means of transport will be furnished by the Allied Authorities.

*Spoken to by  
Major Wright*

The General in Charge  
/s/ Alessandro Santi

*Spoken to by  
Major Wright*

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*MINUTA*



P.M. 3800 5/1 101 5. A.

STATO NAZIONALE REGIO ESECRITO  
Ufficio Ordinamento e mobilitazione  
Sezione Ordinamento

Risposta al foglio del

Dist. N. 3537/9 Allegati Div. Sez. N.

Oggetto: Organico Compagnia Rastrellamento Mine

.....indirizzi omessi.....

La compagnia rastrellamento mine 31<sup>a</sup> e 32<sup>a</sup> numerata in data 20 Sett. l'organico risultante dagli annessi allegati.

Le eventuali variazioni di personale saranno segnalate a questo S.M. tramite autorità alleate.

Mezzi di trasporto forniti a cura A.A.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
9<sup>o</sup> Alessandro Santi

D.C.O.  
L'UFFICIALE ADDETTO  
(Ten. Potenza Italo)  
*Italo Potenza*

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 78504

TRANSLATION NO. 521

SUBJECT: Request for Cars and trucks

TO : Engineering Division Lazio Umbria Region  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
and for  
information ROME

9 February 1945

Ref. 184

with reference to No. 5322 of 19 January 1945, this Headquarters requested the Hq. of the 227 Division for the following motor-vehicles, in order to complete the present assignment in accordance with the T.O. set by the Gen. Staff, in letter No. 9657 of 5 January 1945:

- 1 automobile
- 1 medium truck
- 1 light truck
- 6 motorcycles

The Headquarters of the 227 Division replied to letter No. 62/343 of 31 January 1945, that the above vehicles must be supplied by the Allied Body which controls this unit.

We therefore request your Headquarters to assign to this unit, as soon as possible, the above-requested vehicles and also 12 complete tires for Fiat 626 trucks.

THE COMPANY COMMANDANT  
Capt. De Marchi Natale

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n° 184 ad prot.

UFFICIO COMUNICAZIONE  
INTELLIGENZA E CONTATTI  
COMANDO

R.S. 2403 6/2/45

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LACIO UMBRIA REGION

A.P.O. 294

S.P.C.

TO C.A. SECTION B. CALABRO COMMISSION

A.P.O. 294

Oggetto: Richiesta autocarri e automezzi.  
- 9 FEB 1945

Questo Comando con n° 3522 in data 19/1/45 aveva richiesto al Comando della 227 Divisione la seguente materiale automezzi; per completare la dotazione più necessaria alla Divisione all'occupazione di tutto il n° 3522 in data 19/1/45.

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Autocarro      | n° 1 |
| Autocarro med. | n° 1 |
| Autocarro      | n° 1 |
| Autocarro      | n° 6 |

La Divisione della 227 Divisione con n° 3522 del 25/1 ha comunicato che per i predetti autocarri deve provvedere l'ente allente alle cui dipendenze d'impegno è posto questo reparto.

Si prega pertanto Comando Comando affinché voglia compiere tutti i necessari, con cortese risposta, la materiale appena richiesto nonché n° 12 grane completo per autocarri, Plus 6/6.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA  
(Cap. De Marchi Autale)  
Stampa: 11 FEB 1945  
Firma: *Autale*

Autore:   
Intestato:   
Data:   
Materiale:

La domanda della 27 Divisione con i. n° 02/123 del 25/1 ha convalidato che per i predetti materiali deve provvedere l'ente allente alle cui dipendenze d'impiego è posto questo reparto.

Si prega pertanto Comando Comando affinché voglia compia certi fare assegnare, con cortese urgenza, il materiale sopra richiesto nonché n° 12 giorni completo per autotecnica, Dist 5.6.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA  
(CA. De Marchi Antonio)  
*Salute a tutti*

10 24 1944  
PROVINCIA DI ROMA  
10 24 1944

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

*Transmission no. 525*

561ST PIONEER COMPANY  
FOR MINE CLEARANCE

9 FEBRUARY 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Vehicles and Motor Vehicles

TO : ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION  
and for information  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Reply to letter No 284 of 6 Feb. 1945

Ref. 316

Following letter No. 284 of 6 February 1945, herewith is a copy of the enclosure of the T.C. recently set for this unit, No. 9857 dated 5 January 1945 from the General Staff of the R. Army.

*No. 284 of 6 Feb. 1945*  
*284 16 1945*

THE COMPANY COMMANDANT

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MINISTERO  
DELLA GUERRA  
CORRISPONDENZA

N. 2919 (20894) del Catal.  
(R. 1941 - Anno XX)

P.M. 3400 9/2 1945 A.

AFRO ENGINEERING DIVISION  
LARIO UMBRIA REGION  
A.P.O. 394

Risposta al foglio del 6/2/45

Prot. N. 316 Allegati 1 Div. Sec. N. 284

OGGETTO Richiesta autorizzazioni e autorizzazioni

S.D.O.  
TO S.A. SECTION H.7. ALLIED COMMISSION A.P.O. 394

Faccendo seguito foglio n° 284 del 6/2/45. mi trasmette  
copie dell'attestato, all'organico recentemente assegnato  
a questo reparto, n° 3597/cad. dello S.M.R. in data  
1/1/45.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA  
(Cap. D. Marchi Natale)

*Sette a Mare.*



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Major Reakes  
Civil Affairs  
SectionHEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIONS  
AND  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
1011 4/10/45

14 FEB 1945

12 February 1945.

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SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Plan.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Southern Region, (for R.F.C.).

1. In reply to your 24/1 of 24 instant, this question has been the subject of informal discussions with the two engineers of the Ministry of War, who has agreed that the expenditure should be regarded as 'special military' and a charge on the State Budget. In those circumstances no financing of the scheme should be made by Finance officers.

2. A written agreement is awaited from the Ministry of War, and further correspondence will be sent to you as the matter.

(Signed) J. F. C. 10/2/45

Joint Director,  
Finance sub-commission.

J.F.C.

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10/2/45

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

TO : HQ. AC. (For Civil Affairs Section).  
FROM : HQ. AMG/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region  
SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Transport  
REF : R5/501/32  
DATE : 12 February 1945

1. Further to this office letter of even number dated 28 Jan 45 and your 9/BA/CA dated 11 Jan 45, the following additional information is now to hand:-

OC 562 Mine Clearance Coy has recovered an Italian Military Car suitable for his use in good running order with the exception that it is without wheels and tyres.

2. In view of the lack of transport for Mine Clearance it would be appreciated if you could explore the possibilities of obtaining 4 600 X 16 wheels complete with tyres for this Company from the Italian Military Authorities in ROME in order that the vehicle a type 15 "ANSALDO" may be put into use to alleviate the shortage as soon as possible.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

*Eugene R. McHie*  
EUGENE R. MCHIE  
Lt. Colonel, Ord.  
Executive Officer.

TC/ec

Copy to:- Provincial Commissioner, CHIETI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSIO.  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

12 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : HQ Abruzzi Marche Region.

Reference your RS/501/32 of 28 Jan. 45.

This matter is being investigated through War Material  
Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission.

*plc*  
R.R. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 2/BA/CA

12 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ Abruzzi Marche Region.

Reference your No. 991 of 2 Feb. 45.

1. The Mine Detectors were handed to the CC. 562 Mine Clearance Company as he had transport available to take them through to Chieti.

2. It was intended that two of the detectors should be made available to civilian squads. Enquiries were made re detectors on a recent visit to the civilian school at Chieti. They stated that if the six Italian Mine Detectors were repaired they would be content. Three had been repaired and arrangements were made for the remaining three to be repaired and handed to the school.

*ph*  
R.R. GRIPPS Col  
CSC CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8A/CA

12 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT : Line Clearance.

TO : The Italian Ministry of War  
Via IX Settembre  
Rome

Requests have been received from LUCCA so. that batteries are urgently required for Italian Type M ne Detectors which have been sent to the schools in the North. It will be obliging if you will make some spare batteries available so that the mine detectors may be kept in use.

*R.R.*  
R.R. GRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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SECRET.

Subject: Mine Clearance.

172 C.E. Works,  
HQ No. 2 Dist.,  
C. M. P.  
Tel: Extn 52.  
Ref: CE/912.

Major J.S. REAKES,  
Allied Commission.

Date: 10 Feb 42.

1. Reference conversation (Reakes - Courtie) regarding the availability of Italian Army personnel for mine clearance at LEGHORN.
2. If you call on 35 CRE Works he will put you completely in the picture as to what extent he can train personnel and the extent of areas to be cleared.
3. The address of 35 CRE Works is :-

Villa Trossi,  
Via Pastrango,  
Ardenza,  
LEGHORN.

Map Ref: Q 025433.

Tel: 60 Sub Area Exchange - Extn 39.

Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

/KS

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COPY

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION LOMBARDIA  
APO 394

Reference: P4/13

8th February 1945

Subject : Mine Clearance Plan

To : The Joint Directors,  
Finance Sub-Commission,  
APO 394  
(For attention of the Chief of the Budget Section)

1. At a meeting of the North West Co-ordinating Committee a Mine Clearance Plan was tabled. The scheme is described in the attached circular issued by the C.S.C., C.A. Section dated 6th February 1945.

2. The cost of the scheme, in my opinion, falls under the Italian War Office and, if this is so, is outside the authority of AMG Finance Officers to issue credits for expenditure.

3. I am reluctant to agree to the cost of any portion of these services being met from AMG funds by direct expenditure, as was proposed, and it is suggested that the arrangements be made for all wages and incidentals to be provided by the local Italian Military Unit as a charge against the Ministry of War. If there is any difficulty in providing pay of the Italian civilians employed under the scheme, funds could be provided through the provincial and communal governments by inclusion of such services in their budgets.

4. Will you please advise me in this matter.

For the Acting Regional Commissioner:

A.G. TURB,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Regional Finance Officer

Copy to: The Chief Accountant,  
Finance Sub-Commission,

Copy to - Major I. S. Reakes,

C.S.C. Civil Affairs Section  
AC H.G.

as arranged

AC H.G.

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SUBJECT:- Transport for Mine Clearance

CPT/141/2

TO:- HQ AC 3 ANNUZZI-MANCHE Region

5 Feb 45

FROM:- P.C. CHINTI, PESCARA & TERAMO

1. Further to this HQ letter CPT/141 dated 23 Jan 45 and ref your H5/501/32 dated 28 Jan 45, added HQ AC, copy to this HQ.
2. This HQ has been informed by CC 562 Mine Clearance Coy that he has been able to recover a car which is suitable for his use, but which, although otherwise in running order, is without wheels.
3. Is it possible to provide 4 600 x 16 wheels complete with tyres for this vehicle?

CHINTI  
RP

*Major*  
Major,  
Provincial Commissioner,  
AC CHINTI, PESCARA & TERAMO PROVINCES.

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Copy to: HQ AC (CA Sec)

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES  
LIAISON OFFICER

Ref. N. 57/8m P.M. 185 Date: 11 2.2.1945

Subject: Assegnazione ruote.

To: Sig. Magg. MAUNDER - Commissario Prov/le A.C.  
C H I E T I  
.....

Per poter mettere in uso un automezzo recuperato, per il quale sono state sostenute già spese rilevanti per renderlo efficiente, occorrono N° 4 ruote complete.

Alle stesso autoveicolo potrebbero adattarsi le ruote di misura 600 X 16 dell'automezzo alleato G.I.P.

Vi preghiamo, pertanto, di volervi interessare per l'assegnazione di 4 ruote complete del suddetto automezzo alleato.

Vi facciamo presente che quando si avrà la possibilità di adoperare l'automezzo recuperato, l'Ufficiale di Collegamento e quello di Polizia, addetto all'Ufficio Recupero Materiali da Guerra, saranno solte agevolati nei loro delicati ed importanti compiti.

LE SPAMPANAL

*[Handwritten signature]*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/GA

10 Feb. 45.

SUBJECT : Property of the Ministry of War  
TO : HQ Abruzzi Marche Region.

The attached correspondence and translation is forwarded to you for investigation and report to this HQ.

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

Enclosures

Copy to: Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA)  
(your BR4/1 of 1 Feb. 45 refers)

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

Subject:- Release of Engineer Materials

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)

RE 4/1

1 Feb 45

Civil Affairs Sec A.C.  
(attention Maj Reakes)

With reference to to-day's conversation (Reakes-Copleston) attached is the correspondence received from the Ministry of War. There is nothing known at this HQ of the transaction concerned, and we should be grateful for any further information to enable us to frame a reply.

*Robertson*  
*Ry*

gsh

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

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MINISTRY OF WAR

File No 201958/11  
220-15-2

31 Jan 1945

SUBJECT: Sale of material belonging to the Engineers.

TO : Land Forces S/C AC (MIA)  
ROME

The Headquarters of the Military Garrison of Sulmona, on the basis of the enclosed order of the Allied Authority of Aquila, has sold the following construction materials to the American citizen, William Di Carlo; these materials were needed for repairs to be made in his candy factory located in Sulmona.

- 6,000 bricks
- 3,500 tiles
- 5,600 cubic meters of boards
- 2 cubic meters of timber for scaffolding.

The prices offered by the buyer on the basis of data furnished by the Civil engineers of Aquila are the following:

- 600 lire for every 1000 bricks
- 7 lire for each tile
- 2,000 lire for each cubic meter of timber (boards and beams)

These are very low prices and much lower than current market prices.

I should like to ask the Mission to inform us whether it gave its advance authorization for the sale of the material in question, as prescribed.

If so then I should like to state that it is necessary that, for evident reasons of an administrative character, the sale prices of the above mentioned materials be brought up to their real level, and that is:

- 4,000 lire for every 1000 bricks
- 15 lire for each tile
- 4,000 lire for each cubic meter of timber.

- 6,000 bricks
- 3,300 tiles
- 5,600 cubic meters of boards
- 2 cubic meters of timber for scaffolding.

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- 4,000 lire for every 1000 bricks
- 15 lire for each tile
- 4,000 lire for each cubic meter of timber.

The Minister

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COPY

Allied Commission  
Province of Aquila  
1 Enclosure

20 Nov 1944

TO : Col. of the District of Sulmona  
FROM: P.O. SULMONA

Please provide, with my approval, for the sale of the construction material to be used by Signor William DI CARLO for repairs needed in his candy factory.

It is understood that Signor DI CARLO will pay for said material the price established by the Civil Engineers (Geolo Civile).

/s/ John Louis Major  
P.O. SULMONA  
apc. P/C SULMONA DISTRICT

for information  
THE HEAD OF OFFICE II  
(Col Guido de Fonso)

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

4<sup>th</sup> Tel. Ext. 412

MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-13/601/1

7 February 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Mine Clearance Coy.

- 8 FEB 1945

TO : G.S.C. Civil Affairs Section. ✓

Further to this H.Q. letter numbered as above dated 1 Feb 45 to Land Forces Sub Commission, copy to you.

1. Instructions have now been issued by L.F.S.C. (IS/IA) to the Italian War Ministry to proceed with the formation of a third Mine Clearance Coy to be known as 563 Italian Mine Clearance Coy.

2. The establishment for this Coy will be 8 Officers and 201 ORs, and the estimated date on which it will be ready to proceed to its operational area will be notified to you later.

3. Land Forces Sub Commission wish to postpone the formation of a fourth Coy until the formation of 563 Coy is complete. *fine*

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENT'S SECTION

/s/.  
Copy to : Office of the Chief of Staff.  
(Attention Capt. Montant). *copy 9/2*

*L. R. Carr.*  
- Sir J.E.T. RITCHIE Bt.  
Lt. Colonel, 3841  
G-1 (B).

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CASE

Subject:- Italian Mine Clearance Companies.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/4

6 Feb 45

7 FEB 1945

Civil Affairs Section,  
H.Q., A.C.

Reference your 9/8A/CA of 2 Feb 45.

Attached is a copy of the instructions  
for the formation of the new Company, sent to the  
Ministry of War.

*Robt. Plenton*  
*Major*

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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*Recd*  
*9 Feb 45*

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

Land Forces Sub Com A.C.  
(M.I.A.)

SD/4 Feb 45

Subject:- Italian Mine Clearance Contingent.

# MINISTRY OF WAR

Copy to: Allied Commission (2)

1. It has been decided to form a third Mine Clearance Company. This new Company will be known as 363 Mine Clearance Company and will be organized on the same establishment (8 officers and 201 O.Re) as the previously formed Companies. It will be carried in Category 5A - Italian Army.
2. You are requested to issue forthwith the necessary instructions for this Company to form at 10 Regt del Genio, S.M.C.V.
3. Personnel required should be taken from those now at 10 Regt who are not specially assigned for training as Combat Group reinforcements, nor already trained in bridging.
4. You are also requested to arrange suitable training in the recognition and handling of the commoner types of mines for the personnel of this Company.
5. Demands for transport should be submitted to this H.Q. when the unit is ready to receive its vehicles.
6. This H.Q. is to be informed of the estimated date on which this unit will be ready to proceed to its operational area.

R. G. G. G. G.

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R.G. G. G. G.

Maj

Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Internal Distribution.

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A. N. G. LABOR OFFICE  
LIVORNO

26 Jan. 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance -

TO : C S C CA SECTION APO 394 HQ.A.O.

1. Reference 9/8A/CA. 20 Jan. 45 above subject.
2. About 80 % of workers in Livorno area receive "common labor" wage rates i.e. 85 lire base pay plus 60 lire "Carovita" for a total of 145 lire. No family allowances are given.
3. Lodging and meals cannot be furnished for large numbers in the Livorno area. This information has been given to Capt. M. Short, RASC, c/o P.C. Lucca.
4. Wages requested are out of line with prevailing wage rates.

AFHQ. Labor and Wages Control Committee has permitted 20% increase in a few instances to cover "danger" elements. Present differential between Army Basic Wage Rate for common labor and that paid to Mine Clearance squads now exceeds this 20%.

Request should be denied. *see file 107, Livorno (original)*  
*by Bureau dated 31 July 45*

James O. Babcock

RECEIVED  
37 JUL 1945

1. Reference 9/PA/CA. 20 Jan. 45 above subject.

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Request should be denied.

*by request dated 31 July 45. Request denied.*



*James O. Babcock*  
JAMES O. BABCOCK  
Lt. Col. S.R.

Labor Sub-Commission A.C.Hq.

c.c.: R.C. - Toscana Region

R.C. - Livorno Province

Capt. M. Short RASO c/o R.C. Lucca

*See file 705.*  
*300 Short RASO*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 391  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 475104

Ref: 9/24/43.

20 Jan 44.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Lt. Col. J.J. Rehbeck,  
Labour Office,  
TOSCO.

- 1 Reference telephone conversation (Lt. Col. Rehbeck - Maj. Reardon), 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 Matino" dated 7-8 Jan 44, 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. Wages paid 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 300 lire exclusive of family allowances and housing.
- 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.

*Walter Reardon*  
W.M. REARDON, Col.,  
CAS CA Section.

Copy to: Labour S/C.  
Capt. M. S-DRY, SASC, c/o P.C., USCCA. (For information  
and investigation. Please contact Lt. Col. Rehbeck.)  
AMG, 1 Army.  
Tuscan Region.  
Italian Ministry of War,  
Via di Settembre.  
Rome (For attention of Col. Saggio.)

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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 the 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. 3830

- 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 created a reward for every mine found in relation to the number of sq.m. cleared.

1) The workers request that their total daily pay, apart from the family allowances and the bonuses, be 200 lire net. This request is made in consideration of the danger encountered, which cannot be compared with any other.

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

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 Command 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.

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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.

Extracted from Corriere di Matino  
dated 7/8 Jan. 45.

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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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| "                                                                                 | " | "    | 181 | "  | or more | "    | " | " | 40 |

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

|                           |                | L. 173 | per diem |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------|----------|
| I Chief of Squad (Single) |                |        |          |
| "                         | (married)      | 185    |          |
| "                         | with one child | 187.50 |          |
| "                         | " two children | 189.00 |          |
| "                         | " three        | 191.00 |          |
| "                         | " four         | 193.00 |          |
| "                         | " five         | 200.00 |          |
| II Workmen                |                |        |          |
| "                         | (Single)       | 158    |          |
| "                         | (married)      | 170    |          |
| "                         | with one child | 172    |          |
| "                         | " two children | 174    |          |
| "                         | " three        | 176.40 |          |
| "                         | " four         | 180.50 |          |
| "                         | " five         | 185    |          |

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

II In addition to the daily wage scale each workman is entitled to a bonus L. 0., L. 10, or L. 15 for every mine cleared. The bonus varies according to

|   |                |        |
|---|----------------|--------|
| " | (Single)       | 158    |
| " | (Married)      | 170    |
| " | with one child | 172    |
| " | " two children | 174    |
| " | " three "      | 176.40 |
| " | " four "       | 180.80 |
| " | " five "       | 186    |

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

II In addition to the daily wage scale each workman is entitled to a bonus L.8., L.10, or L.12 for every mine cleared. The bonus varies according to the nature of the ground.

NOTE: While men are being trained they get the same rate of pay as above but excluding danger money which amounts to L.50 in each case.

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HEADQUARTERS  
LUCCA PROVINCE  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Ref. RMP/1/120

1 February 1945

SUBJECT Report, Mines Disposal.

TO: Fifth Army, AMG,

1. Progress.

- (a) PISA )
- (b) LUGOJA )
- (c) PISTOIA )

In these areas progress has been slow, subject to the settlement of condition of service. (See Para. 2).

(d) LIVORNO. The labour shortage is such that recruits for training in Leghorn are unavailable, so far only 11 names having been enrolled. As a temporary measure Col. BABCOCK can feed and accommodate a squad of ten men.

2. Conditions of Service.

Before renewing their contracts to work, the workmen demanded an increase in wages, bringing their daily rate up to L. 300.-, plus bonuses. The Ministry of War agreed to this, but on the matter being put up to Lt. Col. Babcock, he recommended against it, in as much as the rates were far above any paid to other workmen, and would therefore cause discontent in the labour market. The maximum allowance for work of a dangerous nature is a 20% increase on the normal wages. As these men are all earning about £ 200.- per day, this allowance brings their wage up to £. 240.- daily. This is a generous scale and with the bonus of Lit. 10.- per mine, a man can earn a good living. The men have agreed to accept the increase of 20%, and the Ministry of War have been instructed to give the necessary authority to HQ, Zone V.

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4. Increase of Trained Personnel.

A request has been received by HQ, Zone V, to train 300 men to be held in readiness to go forward when the line moves further north.

*M. Short*

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

DISTRIBUTION:

- 1 - Fifth Army, AMG,
- 1 - Col., CRIEPS, HQ, AC. ✓
- 1 - P.C., Lucca
- 1 - P.C., PISA,
- 1 - P.C., Pistoia,
- 1 - C.A.O., Viareggio
- 1 - File.

*Letter 1/10/42*

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

SUBJECT:- Monthly Report

- 3 FEB 1945

CPT/9/1

2 Feb 45

TO:- HQ ASD/AC ANCONA-MARCHE Region

FROM:- P.C. CHIETI, PESCARA & TIRANO

1. My monthly report on the Provinces of CHIETI and PESCARA is forwarded herewith, together with that of the Deputy P.C. TIRANO
2. A copy of the monthly report of OC 562 Mine Clearance Coy is also forwarded for information.

CHIETI  
RP



O. R. M. M. Major,  
Provincial Commissioner,  
AC CHIETI, PESCARA & TIRANO PROVINCES.

Copy to:- HQ AC (CA Sec) - copy of Mine Clearance report and information of Col CHIETI

hola file wtd.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 725016

Copy

562 Compagnia Autonoma Rastrellatori Mine  
C o m a n d o

Dated 31/1/1945  
n.2221/2 RM

TO: HQ/AC Chieti, Pescara, and Teramo Provinces

Chieti

SUBJECT: Work relation of January

In this month our Company has provided to mine clearance in the following localities: Pescara - Loro Abate - Manoppello - Campobasso - Pineto - Atri - Miglianico - Lanciano - Passoscuscia - Orsogna - Roseto - Montasivano - Silvi - Guardagrele - Cassa-Contitelli.

In this last month, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January, one of our engineers is dead for the explosion of a German mine.

In the next month we will organize other Detachments in Teramo Provinces when will arrive the new engineers already allotted by Italian Ministry of War to this Company.

The school mine clearance of this Department has been transferred from Guardagrele to Silvi, to which we will send all the engineers who must exercise themselves in the difficult task.

In the present month our engineers have extracted nr.65.937 mines of various types working in the above named Detachments; nr.19.718 of them have been destroyed in situ, because too dangerous. They have almost completed the work of mine clearance of the railway Ortona-Pescara.

(Signed) Officer Commanding  
It.Lt.Spampinato Felice

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COPY.

562 Compagnia Autonoma Escavatori Mine.  
Comando.

23.11.1945

Prot. 228.

P.M. 185. 11. 2.2.1945.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: H. AC Pescara - Chieti - Teramo provinces.

SECRET.

We are pleased to inform you that the works of mine clearance of the railway ORTONA - PESCARA will be completed on the 10th of this month.

On the next Monday two squads of our engineers will initiate the clearance of the railway PESCARA - GIULIANOVA - TERAMO. At ROCCO (TERAMO) our detachment will provide to clear the fields already indicated by "Rapporti lavori Ferrovie dello Stato Pescara".

The Italian Firm Montelia has offered a price of 10,000 lire to our engineers who have given the possibility to the same firm to provide to bridge building of the railway ORTONA - PESCARA.

OFFICER COMMANDING.

Lt. SPANPANTO Felice.

Totale mine sottratte sul tratto ferroviario Ortona-Pescara Numero 2890.

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TRANSLATION NO. 510

INSPECTORATE OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Ref. 238/ad

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Military personnel trained in Mine Clearance

TO : HQ 10TH ENG. REGT. S. MARIA C.V.  
and for information  
THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE R. ARMY  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
C.A. SECTION  
R O M E

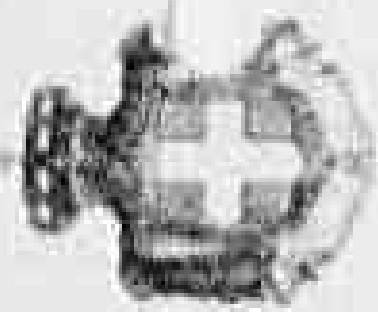
Following requirements reported by the Allied Commission - C.A. Section - we wish to ask you to order that the personnel (Officers and O/R) formerly belonging to the mine-clearance squads in Calabria and Puglia, and which have recently come into your Depot to be constituted into replacements, be held in the Depot to await further orders.

Kindly furnish us with the names of the officers and the number of non-commissioned officers and soldiers that are available.

THE INSPECTOR OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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C. A. SECT  
1 FEB 1945



Espresso della M. Anna del Genio

Vol. N. 238 ord.

Registral

Civilian

Oggetto Militari specializzati rastrellamento mine .-

AL COMANDO 10° REGGIMENTO GENIO S. MARIA C.V.

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'ISTATO MAGGIOR R. Esercito

Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

S. E. D. M.  
A. P. C. 194

ALL'A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS

In relazione ad esigenze rappresentate dall'A.C. - Si-  
vil Affaire pregasi disporre che personale (ufficiali, sot-  
tufficiali e truppa) già appartenente alle squadre rastrellan-  
te mine della Calabria e della Puglia, recentemente afflui-  
te a cedere Deposte per costituire complementi, sia tenuto  
disponibile in sede in attesa di ordini.  
Segnalare nominativi ufficiali e numero sottufficiali e  
militari di truppa disponibili.

L'ISPEZIONE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO  
(Gen. Div. C. Crivaro)

AL COMANDO 100 REGGIMENTO GENIO S. MARIA C.V.

\*, per conoscenza:

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

S. E. D. E.  
A.P.C. 324

ALL'A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS

In relazione ad esigenze rappresentate dall'A.C. - Eiv-  
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L'ISPEZIONE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

(Gen. Div. G. Crivaro)

*Spur 3827*

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- 5783 1945

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TRANSLATION NO. 509

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Ref 3013

ROME, 3 February 1945

SUBJECT: Food Supplies for Soldiers sent to Littoria to control the Mine Clearance Works.

|    |                                                            |          |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| TO | : DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO DEL COMANDO MIL. TERRITORIALE | - ROME   |
|    | and for information                                        |          |
|    | LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)                 | ROME     |
|    | ALLIED COMMISSION - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION                  | ROME     |
|    | HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT                    |          |
|    | LAZIO UMBRIA REGION (ENGINEERING DIVISION) APO 394         | ROME     |
|    | COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE                              | ROME     |
|    | DIREZIONE COMMISSARIATO COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE      | NAPLES   |
|    | MILITARY DISTRICT                                          | LITTORIA |
|    | 8TH REGIONAL FOOD DISTRIBUTING WAREHOUSE                   | ROME     |

The Military District of Littoria is authorized to withdraw from the 8th Regional Food Distributing Warehouse of Rome the precise number of rations for the soldiers of the 561st Mine Clearance Company of Gaeta who periodically go to Littoria for mined field clearance works and to control the works carried out by private enterprises.

The withdrawal must be indicated in the list of the units assigned to the No. 36 V Category referred to in letter D.

As regards the M.M.I.A. we add that said withdrawal has been ordered following the request of the Allied Military Command of the Lazio Umbria Region (Engineering Division -A.P.C. 394).

FOR THE MINISTER  
/s/ Pelligrà

*See File 700*

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*Ministero della Guerra*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DEI SERVIZI DI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

*Garzone Suss.ze No. 1°  
Aut. N. 3013 12/13 Allegato*

OCCORRENZA : viveri per militari comandati a Littoria per collando  
lavori bonifica mine.-

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)  
ALL'H.Q. A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
AL HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LAZIO - UMBRIA REGION (ENGINEERING DIVISION) APC 394  
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE  
ALLA DIREZ. DI COM. TO DEL C/DO MIL. TERRITORIALE  
AL DISTRETTO MILITARE DI  
ALL'8° MAGAZZINO DISTRIBUZIONE VIVERI REGIONALE

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NAPOLI  
LITTORIA  
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Il Distretto Militare di Littoria è autorizzato a prelevare presso l'8° Magazzino Distribuzione Viveri Regionale di Roma il giusto numero di razioni occorrenti per i militari della 561ª Compagnia rastrellamento mine di Gasta che periodicamente si recano a Littoria per lavori di bonifica campi minati e per il collando dei lavori eseguiti da ditte private.--

Il prelevamento dovrà essere indicato nell'elenco dei reparti autorizzati alla categoria V n.36 lettera D.--

Per la M.M.I.A. si aggiunge che il prelevamento suddetto è stato disposto in esito a richiesta del Comando Militare Alleato della Regione Lazio-Umbria (ENGINEERING DIVISION A.P.O.394.--

si, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCE COMMISSION A.C. (M.A.I.A.)  
ALL'E.Q. A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION  
AL HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LARIO - UMBRIA REGION (ENGINEERING DIVISION) 354  
AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE  
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMANDO DEL C/DO MIL. TERRITORIALE  
AL DISTRETTO MILITARE DI  
ALL'8° MAGAZZINO DI EMISSIONE VIVARI REGIONALI

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NAPOLI  
LITTORIA  
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Il distretto militare di Littoria è autorizzato a prelevare presso l'8° magazzino Distribuzione Vivari Regionale di Roma il cinquantamerc di razioni coprenti per i militari della 361<sup>a</sup> Compagnia rastrellamento mine di Gaeta che periodicamente si recano a Littoria per lavori di bonifica campi minati e per il collaudo dei lavori eseguiti da ditte private.

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Per la M.A.I.A. si soggiunge che il prelevamento suddetto è stato disposto in esito a richiesta del Comando Militare Allente della Regione Lazio-Umbria (Engineering Division A.P.O. 324.-

PER L'UFFICIO REGIONALE  
Il Direttore Capo Ufficio

*L. Lariano*

P. IL MINISTRO

P. P. P. P.

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

5 FEB 1945

Subject:- Equipment of Mine Clearance Companies.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

SD/4

5 Feb 45

MINISTRY OF WAR.

Reference SMRE letter 9241 Ord of 14 Dec 44.

1. There is no objection to the issue of flamethrowers, to Mine Clearance Companies, subject to the following conditions:-

(a) that all equipment is provided from Italian sources, and is maintained by the Italian Army.

(b) that no special fuels or materials are required from Allied sources.

(c) that adequate instructions are issued to prevent unnecessary damage to property or materials by their use.

2. You are authorised to arrange issue of this equipment to 561 and 562 Mine Clearance Companies and to provide the necessary personnel for the operation of the equipment.

*R. B. P. M. H. M.*

h Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: Civil Affairs Sec A.C.  
(ref your 9/8A/CA of 27 Jan 45)

*Ref. 9/8A/CA 27 Jan 45*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 894  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: S/ SA/ CA

30 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance - Tyres

TO: : Commerce Sub Commission

The undernoted tyres and inner tubes are required to keep trucks on the road used in connection with the mine clearance activities of the 562 Italian Mine Clearance Company at CHIETI and PESCARA. *Many an allocation be made for this purpose!*

Numbers Required of  
tyres and inner tubes

Size

Vehicle type

|   |                              |                  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|
| 4 | 500 x 15                     | Fiat 1100        |
| 4 | 32 x 6 (double)<br>or 36 x 8 | Italian S.P.A.38 |
| 2 | 400 x 15                     | Fiat 500         |
| 4 | 600 x 16                     | 15 ANSALDO.      |

R.B. CHIFFS COL  
CSC CA Section

TO : Commerce and Commission

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R.R. CLIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 76506

6th Section

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TO : HQ. AC. (For Civil Affairs Section)

FROM : HQ. AC/AC. Adriani-Marcus Region

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

REF : 85/921/12

DATE : 2 February 1963.

23 FEB 1963

Reference your 9/2A/CA dated 11 January 1963.

1. This HQ is informed by P.O. Christl that the four mine detectors allocated to this Region for distribution by this HQ, have in fact been handed over to 562 Mine Clearance Company along with two other detectors.

2. Will you please clarify the position as the detectors were not received at this HQ, and therefore were not distributed in accordance with the instructions contained in para 2 of the above quoted letter.

3. The 3rd Mine Clearance Zone (Civilian Organisation) set up by the Ministry of War are reported to be without mine detectors: would you please state if detectors are available for issue to this organisation or alternatively if one or more could not be made available from those now in the possession of 562 Mine Clearance Coy.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

*Ensign R. Lee Phua*  
Lt. Colonel, Ord  
A/Executive Officer.

TO/IN.



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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785016

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TRANSLATION NO. 505

INSPECTORATE OF THE ENGINEERING CORPS

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Nuclei of officers for future mine-clearance tasks.

TO : The Ministry of War  
and for information  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
Civil Affairs  
R O M E

In view of the eventual constitution of four Mine Clearance Offices for Piedmont, Lombardy, Liguria and Emilia regions the Allied Commission has instructed this Inspectorate to organize four units composed of five officers of the Engineers to be sent at the proper time to localities which will be later designated.

Each nucleus will be composed of a senior officer or a captain and four subordinates specialized as pioneers or, if there are none, four sappers or engineers.

Your General Division is requested to take proper action.

The Inspector of the Engineering Division  
General of Division  
C. Crivaro

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CA SEC.

1 FEB 1945

ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

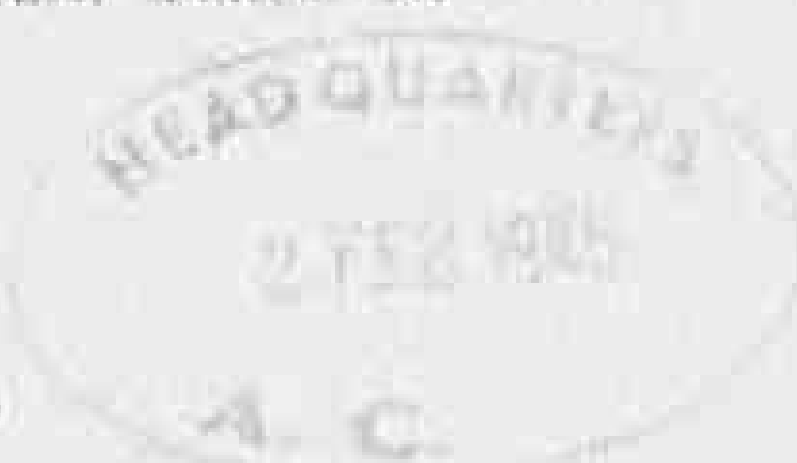
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Risposta a:

2 FEB 1945

OGGETTO: Nuclei ufficiali per costituendi uffici bonifica campi minati.

Carle annesse N.



AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Direzione Generale Personale Ufficiali

S E D E

e per conoscenza:

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

In vista della eventuale costituzione di quattro Uffici Bonifica Campi Minati rispettivamente per il Piemonte, Lombardia, Liguria ed Emilia, l'A.C. ha officiato questo Ispettorato a predisporre quattro nuclei Ufficiali del Genio di cinque Ufficiali ciascuno da avviare, al momento opportuno, nelle località che è fatta riserva di segnalare.

Ciascun nucleo ufficiali dovrà essere costituito da un ufficiale superiore o capitano e 4 subalterni della specialità geostatori o, in mancanza di questi, minatori od artieri.

Tanto si comunica perchè codesta Direzione Generale si compiaccia dar corso ai provvedimenti di competenza.

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

*Crivaro*  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/84/CA

2 Feb 46.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Wages.

TO : Capt. M. SHORT, RASC  
o/c P.C. LUCCA

Reference your signal 638 of 30 Jan and confirm -  
ing telephone conversation (Maj. Beakes-Capt. Buckwell).  
please issue instructions direct to Zone 5 to make the pay-  
ment as agreed with the workers. The additional payment must  
be treated as danger money and not as an increase in the basic  
pay. The basic pay must remain as it was.

R.R. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

Copy to: Lt. Col. J.O. Babcock  
Labour Office, LIVORNO  
Labour Sub Commission  
AMG 5 Army  
Italian Ministry of War  
Via XX Settembre  
copy to Col. Supino

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*May 1946*

*Placed in 4-74 1 added  
then to file Short & others  
Col Babcock's letter concerning  
mine clearance file 6 Feb*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMYED COMMISSION  
APO 334  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: G/Bh/Gh.

2 Feb. 48.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Companies.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MIA)

1. Reference telephone conversation (Maj. Reakes - Maj. Copleston).

2. Authority has today been received from Chief of Staff to form a third Mine Clearance Company. The personnel will be made available from the unallotted ceiling of 3,000 available to A.C... It will be obliging therefore if you will instruct the Ministry of War to make preparations for the formation of this new company now.

3. The question of forming the three companies into a battalion will require to be considered and a new TO/FP drawn up.

*[Signature]*  
R.R. CHIEFS Col  
CBO CA Section

Copy to: Chief of Staff  
For Col Dupino.

La facoltà di fissare il trattamento economico degli operai dello Stato compete al Ministero del Tesoro. Pertanto questo Ministero non può intervenire direttamente.

Allo scopo di facilitare l'attuazione delle disposizioni A.S.G. FOSCARA si propone che A.S.G. dia direttamente ordini, ove ritenute opportune, alla V Zona S.C.M. di corrispondere nuovo trattamento economico operai.

In pari tempo si propone che l'aumento sia dato a titolo di indennità speciale per le squadre che lavorano in territorio sotto controllo A.S.G. e sia il più alto con titolo corrispettivo senza variare per il momento il trattamento di base allora in atto, approvato dal Ministero del Tesoro d'intesa con Sottocommissione Finanziaria A.C.--



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Chief of Staff

Ref. 10094/COS

31 January 1945

MEMORANDUM:

TO : DCOS, Civil Affairs Section

Reference your file 9/CA/CA, Subject: Mine Clearance,  
dated 27 Jan 45. please be prepared to bring this subject up at  
the COS's meeting on 2 February.

Cy to Est Sec

*[Signature]*  
Chief Staff Officer  
To the Chief of Staff

*May*  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 938  
Date Time of Origin: JAN 30/0929A

Message Centre No: D/B9  
Date Time Recd: JAN 31/1055  
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: APT LU'04  
TO: C/D SHIPS HQ APT

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clearance.*

Ref your letter 3/8A/04 20 January 15 761 W/DCE does not agree  
110 300 per day but agrees normal 200 danger money. This case goes  
up to 110 340 which workers have accepted. Please instruct Minister  
of War to authorize Wg Home 5 immediately, to make this increased  
payment

Capt SHIPS HQ APT

# ACTION

HEADQUARTERS  
11 JAN 31  
A. C.

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Action: SA Sec  
Info: A, President  
Chief Commissioner  
File (3)  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/8A/CA

29 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Blankets for Mine Clearance Squads

TO : Commerce Sub Commission

Reference this HQ letter 9/8A/CA of 13  
Jan 45.

Blankets are also urgently required for  
the Civilian Mine Clearing Squads many of whom  
are refugees. The number required is 400.

R.R. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

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TO : Hq. Allied Commission (For Civil Affairs Section)

FROM : Hq. A C/AC. Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

REF : RS/501/32.

DATE : 20 January 1945.

1. Reference your 9/8A/CA dated 11 Jan 45 exhaustive enquiries have been made to endeavour to obtain the 9 vehicles mentioned in your letter by requisition or hire, without any satisfactory result.
2. In the Province of TERAMO there are a number, of vehicles abandoned by the Germans and improperly sold to civilians and which are in fact the property of the Italian Army. It is therefore requested that the Italian War Ministry give the necessary approval for these vehicles to with drawn from the civilians concerned and make them available for the immediate use of 562 Italian Mine Clearance Company.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER :

*J. D. Scholtz*  
 J. D. SCHOLTZ  
 Lt. Colonel  
 Executive Officer.

RG/in.

Copy-to:- Provincial Commissioner CHIPI.

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ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
JFC 512

Ref. 230.4-13

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, JFC 512  
Attention:

Chief Quartermaster  
Economic Section  
Supply and Resources Division  
Regulation Unit  
Food Sub-Commission  
Transportation Sub-Commission  
Public Health Sub-Commission  
Industry Sub-Commission  
Commerce Sub-Commission

Civil Affairs Section

1. The attached communication identified below is referred to you for:

Information and return  
Information and retention  
Reply to this section  
Reply direct to the origi-  
nator with copy to this  
section

For necessary action and  
advice to this sec. ~~xxx~~  
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2. References and remarks:

G-5 letter 230.4-13 of 26 Dec 44  
AC letter 9/BA/CA of 18 Nov 44

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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J. J. BUTTERWORTH  
Colonel, G.S.C.

Chief, Supplies & Supply Division

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Attachment:

2 Issue Vouchers 29/12/44  
Issued by 3 SD 537 BOD (Br.)  
#6612969 - 20 Mine Detectors  
#6613320 - 20 Batteries - 40 dry cells.

Quoted Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Wm. H. Hall  
Oct 1883

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H.Q.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

RELEASE NOTE No.

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Degree of urgency

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FOR MAJOR GENERAL  
D. O. S.

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ARMY FORM 61-16 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

File 230.4-13

Register No.

Call

Ref No.

Priority

Transmission Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

(A)

ORD 13

091405A

For Action

TO

00 3rd - Depot 557 BOD

(W) For Information (INFO)

COO 557 BOD

G5 AFHQ

Message Instructions

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Originator's No.

205/3258/ORD 13 O Ref central number 6613320 of 29/12/62  
 O Voucher not understood by G5 O Request forward  
 copy down to G5 of Signal 6822

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
IF ANY OTHERS ARETO AVOID BEING INTERCEPTED OR TO  
PREVENT ENEMY HARM, THIS MES-  
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION  
(Engineering Division)  
APO 394

24 January 1945

TO : HQ. A.C. Civil Affairs Section ✓  
(attention Maj. Reake)

SUBJECT : Soldiers ordered to Littoria for testing of works of Mine clearance.

IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENC/25.4

This Division periodically requires to order several soldiers (3-4) of the 561st Mine Sweeping Company from Gaeta to Littoria in order to proceed - under orders of Lt.Col. Caruso here attached from Italian Ministry of War to organize works of Mine clearance - to test works of mine clearance effected on our behalf by a private enterprise.

The Command of the Military District in Littoria - Sole Military Command there existent - objects however to issuing food rations to these men on the grounds that the issue of rations it receives from the Ministry of War are limited, and makes no allowance for ration issue to soldiers passing through or stopping there for 4,5 or more days.

This state of affairs causes hinderance and places in difficulties the testing works to be effected. You are requested therefore to intervene towards the Italian War Department - Direzione Generale Commissariato - with the view of authorizing the Military District of Littoria to collect supplementary food rations in order to meet the above mentioned requirements.

*Carl H. H. H. H.*

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Copy to:  
Ministero della Guerra - Direzione  
Generale Commissariato- Divisione  
Sussistenza.  
DISTRETTO MILITARE DI LITTORIA

*Carl Winkler*  
Lt.Col.R.E.  
Regional Engineer  
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: W/BA/CA

27 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Establishment Section

1. Reference is made to Order of Battle of the Italian Army issued by Land Forces Sub Commission under the G/11 of 6 Jan 45.

2. The ceiling allotted to the Allied Commission is 3,000 Officers and 30,000 ORs. Of this total 1,419 still remain unallotted.

3. At present there are two Mine Clearing Companies each with a strength of 8 Officers and 201 RM ORs. Considerable progress has been made in clearing mines in Italy but there is still a shortage of personnel for the work. The Italian Ministry of War have requested that at least a further two Mine Clearing Companies be formed and this Section is in favour of this being done at the earliest possible moment.

4. In planning for the future and particularly for E.W. Italy it is desired to plan for at least one additional company being made available for the North.

5. It is therefore requested that permission be given for 16 Officers and 402 RM ORs being allocated to Mine Clearing Companies. This would leave 1,419 all ranks available for other work of Allied Commission.

6. The matter has been taken up with Land Forces Sub Commission who ask that it be considered in light of the overall demands by Allied Commission for Italian Military Personnel. They are agreeable to the formation of the extra companies, once approval is given.

*RR*  
R.R. GRIFFS Col  
CSC CA Section

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Copy to: Chief of Staff Branch

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: W/BA/CA

27 Jan 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission (LSCA)

1. Reference telephone conversation (Major Raskes-Major Copleston) and SUPS letter 9241 of 14 Dec 44 a flame thrower is urgently required by the 561 Mine Clearing Company at GASTA. It is understood that one can be made available and it will be appreciated if you will issue instructions to the Ministry of War to allot one to this Company now.

2. It is also necessary to attach to this Company a squad of Artificers trained in the handling of all types of ammunition. Trained Artificers are necessary to handle the various types of ammunition found at GASTA. May permission be granted to the Ministry of War to have the Artificers attached at an early date.

H.B. CHAPMAN Col  
CSC CA Section

Copy to: Lazio Umbria Region (your letter R4, ENG, 284 of 19 Jan 44 refer)

Send copy to Col. Lupino 3000

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

27 Jan 48

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Abruzzi Marche Region

With reference to this HQ letter 9/BA/CA of 16 Jan there is forwarded to you copy letter received from War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War Sub Commission (Ref WMD/CA/4) dated 24 Jan 48. It would appear that the Company Commander of the 862 Mine Clearing Company should take the matter up through Italian Military channels.



R. E. CRIPPS Col  
CSO CA Section

1 Enclosure

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394, U.S. Army  
WAR MATERIALS DISPOSAL AND  
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR SUB COMMISSION

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WMD/64/4

24 January 1945

To: Civil Affairs Section  
Allied Commission Headquarters

Subject: Italian War material

- 1/. Reference your memo 9/3A/CA dated 16th January, we have now had a reply from the Ministry of War.
- 2/. The Spa 38R truck must be handed back to its original owner Sgt. Bonavita Rizziero pending a fresh contract to be made between him and the Minister of Authorization.
- 3/. The Minister of Authorization is taking up the matter of recovery of I.A. trucks with Lt. Spanpanato. These trucks definitely come under the jurisdiction of the Minister of War.

*Adelstein* Capt  
J.A. CAMPBELL  
Lieut.-Colonel  
Director  
WMD & IPGW Sub-Comm.

*Ball with file*

*See file 107*

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

CA SEC

File Ref: RVIII/8/98

Date: 20 Jan 45.

SUBJECT: Transport for Mine Clearance Squads  
TO: HQ, AC.

1. Reference 9/SA/CA dated 11 Jan 45.
2. The requisition and hire of motor vehicles is not now permitted vide letters G4/41/A your HQ dated 17 Jan 45 and 9 Jan 45, respectively.
3. In view of this no action can be taken to provide the vehicles required for PISA Province.
4. All PC's have however been instructed to give all possible assistance in providing transport to and from site at which these squads are employed.



GR/ac.

*Robert G. Kirkwood*  
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,  
Colonel, FA, US Army,  
Regional Commissioner.

*WTA pk 21 Jan*

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