

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

ACC

10000/105/627
(VOL. VII)

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

MINE CLEARANCE, CORRESPONDENCE
DEC. 1944 - MAR. 1945

1627
()

Col. Crump.

For information please see folios 726, 727, 728 and 730. • 729.

Please sign letter to G-3 in reply to folio 728 setting out our future requirements. One further company is the limit to which we can go just now.

Re. invention. This should be submitted to the Ministry of War and I feel should have our backing if it is not to be shelved. I have drafted a letter for your approval.

I have also drafted a letter to 2 Div., re. the 561 Coy. giving a time limit to their retention of the Coy after the North falls.

Until the 563 Coy have had an opportunity of studying and working along the lines developed by Spemanata I do not feel we should move the 562 Coy.

PMR have been requesting information for BBC broadcasts showing the efforts being made by the Italian people to help themselves and the war effort. This will include MIRA clearance.

10th Mar

W. H. R. ...
Ch. ...

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

They have been requesting information for BBC broadcasts showing the efforts being made by the Italian people to help themselves and the war effort. This will include Miscellaneous.

*Shirley Kay
C. C. ...*

43

10th Mar

2497

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/24/44

5 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

1. Dwing to the fact that the ~~561~~, 562 and 563 Mine Clearance Companies will cease to be under command of certain Regions it is desirable that there should be close liaison between this Commission and the three Companies. Captain SPAMPANATO of the 562 Mine Clearance Company has been acting as liaison officer between his Company and Abruzzi Marche Region for some time and has also been in close touch with this Commission. This Commission would like to recommend Capt. Spampinato to be the liaison officer between this Commission and the three Companies. It is understood that he will continue to command the 562 Company.

2. For purposes of discipline, clothing, rations and administration generally the companies are under the direct control of your Ministry. Operation instructions as to employment and area of employment will be issued by this Commission either through the liaison officer or direct from time to time.

B.R. CHIFFS Col
CSO of Section

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig. Gen. SUPINO

C. B. A. 7.1

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AIRFIELD STATION

Tel. (APO) 394, 395

Ref: 9/8 1/Ch.

29 Feb 15.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Lazio-Tiberis Region
(Attn. Regional Engineer.)

Reference your RM/2203/23.1. Dated 22 Feb 15.

1. The approved procedure for replacing batteries is that old batteries should be headed in for exchange to the nearest Ordnance Unit and this is a matter for Regions to arrange in the same way as they arrange for the drawing of rations, P.O.L., repairs to TP Vehicles, etc. It is known that batteries are in such short supply that Ordnance Units will not issue to Units such as Italian Mine Clearance Companies on I. of C. Every effort has been made by this Headquarters to get the release of batteries, etc. from AFHQ without success.

2. As regards repairs to any damaged detectors, arrangements should be made with the closest RMC workshop whose location must be known to Regional Headquarters. If they are unable to repair them, they will advise the Region who should then take the detectors to Ordnance for replacement. Again the question of supply and demand for replacements arises and it is difficult to insist on a high priority being given to I. of C. units.

the drawing of repairs, P.O.S., repairs to TD Teletics, etc. It is known that batteries are in such short supply that Ordnance Units will not issue to Units such as Italian Mine Clearance Companies or I. of C. Every effort has been made by this Headquarters to get the release of batteries, etc from AFHQ without success.

2. As regards repairs to any damaged detectors, arrangements should be made with the closest PWD workshop whose location must be known to Regional Headquarters. If they are unable to repair them, they will advise the Region who should then take the detectors to Ordnance for replacement. Again the question of supply and demand for replacements arises and it is difficult to insist on a high priority being given to I. of C. units.

By Command of the Chief Commissioner.

R.A. THIPP, Col.,
CPO CA Section.

RS/sg

3993

Translation No 599

562nd Mine Clearance Company
HQ

File No 309/AS.M.

16 March 1945

SUBJECT : 2nd training Course for Mine Clearers

TO : AC CA Section.

Yesterday, at 11 o' clock, the opening of the 2nd course of instruction took place at the mine clearance training school at Silvi.

The following authorities were present :-

- Commandant of 541 Inf.Reg.
- Allied Officer of the 5th Region
- CERS Corp Commandant of Pescara, representing the Commandant of the Legion of Chieti
- The Sindaco of Silvi, representing the Prefect of Teramo.
- Pescara Garrison Commandant

Besides the above, there were also the Commandant and the Director of the School, the Commandant of the 562 Mine clearers Coy and the other officers of the same unit.

The students chosen for the course (E.Carabinieri and engineers) were lined up in the garden behind the school building. On the arrival of the above authorities they presented arms to the Commandant of the said Regiment.

The School Commandant delivered a short speech on the purposes of the institution, and the Commandant of the 541 Reg wished them good luck and expressed his hopes for the School's progress.

The Director, who is also a technical instructor, began the first lesson of the course, immediately after, in the presence of the authorities.

Various pictures were taken of groups of students.

Division Commandant

Besides the above, there were also the Commandant and the Director of the School, the Commandant of the 562 Mine Clearing Corp and the other officers of the same unit.

The students chosen for the course (E. Carabinieri and engineers) were lined up in the garden behind the school building. On the arrival of the above authorities they presented arms to the Commandant of the said Regiment.

The School Commandant delivered a short speech on the purposes of the institution, and the Commandant of the 541 Reg wished them good luck and expressed his hopes for the School's progress.

The Director, who is also a technical instructor, began the first lesson of the course, immediately after, in the presence of the authorities.

Various pictures were taken of groups of students.

/s/ Capt. Spampinato Pelice
In Command

2194

562° Compagnia Autonoma « Rastrellatori Mine »

COMANDO

204/4.R.M.

COMANDO: 2° Corso addestramento Rastrellatori Mine.

Posta Militare I 85

16 Marzo 1945 KKK

COMANDO SUBCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA

19 MAR 1945

R O M A

ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO - MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

R O M A

AL COMANDO COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI

AL COMANDO LEGIONE CC.RR. DI

AL COMANDO DEL 541° REGGIMENTO PANTHERA

C H I E T I

C H I E T I

P. M. I 85

Ieri, alle ore 11, ha avuto luogo presso la Scuola d'Addestramento al rastrellamento mine con Sede in SILVI l'inaugurazione del 2° Corso d'Istruzione.

La cerimonia si è svolta in un clima militare alla presenza delle seguenti autorità:-

- Comandante 541° Reggimento Panthera;
- Ufficiale Alleato della 5° Regione;
- Comandante Compagnia CC.RR. di Pescara, in rappresentanza del ~~Reggimento di Boreo~~ Comandante della Legione di Orletti;
- Sig. Sindaco di Silvi, in rappresentanza del Prefetto di Teramo;
- Comandante il Presidio di Pescara;

Brano presenti, inoltre, il Comandante ed il Direttore della Scuola, il Comandante la 562° Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine e gli altri Ufficiali del Reparto stesso.

Ieri, alle ore 11, ha avuto luogo presso la Scuola d'Addestramento al rastrellamento mine con Sede in SILVI l'inaugurazione del 2° Corso d'Istruzione.

La cerimonia si è svolta in un clima militare alla presenza delle seguenti autorità:-

- Comandante 541° Reggimento Fanteria;
- Ufficiale Aiutate delle 5° Regione;
- Comandante Compagnia CC.RR. di Pescara, in rappresentanza del Presidio di Borso;
- SIE. Sindaco di Silvi, in rappresentanza del Prefetto di Teramo;
- Comandante il Presidio di Pescara;

Brano presenti, inoltre, il Comandante ed il Direttore della Scuola, il Comandante la 562° Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine e gli altri Ufficiali del Reparto stesso.

Gli allievi prescelti per la partecipazione al Corso MCC.RR. e senieri) erano schierati nel giardino retrostante l'edificio della Scuola. All'arrivo delle suddette 34931- tà presentavano le armi al Comandante del Reggimento predetto.

Dopo un breve discorso del Comandante la Scuola, col quale sono state succintamente illustrate le finalità della istituzione, ed il Comandante il 541° Regg.to ha rivolto parole di augurio agli allievi formulando i suoi voti per la migliore affermazione della Scuola.

Il Direttore, che è anche istruttore tecnico, ha incise, subito dopo, le iniziali del Corso alla presenza delle autorità.

Gli allievi, in vista dell'arrivo di materiali fotografati, -



Tel. Ext. 353

MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-1B/601/1
SUBJECT : W.R. ITI-ITI Military Personnel
TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMA)
FROM : G-1(B) H.Q. A.C.

20 March 1945.

20 MAR 1945

Reference your SD/94 of 28 Feb 45.

Approval is given for 100 personnel to be used as instructors in mine clearance. This 100 will count against the personnel still unallotted of the ceiling of 3000 at present allowed to A.C.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

/po.

Copy to : C.A. Section

J. B. T. Ritchie
Sir J.B.T. RITCHIE M.C.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

Land Forces Sub Commission
Gen. Secy

3993

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 705016

7A7

TO : SAC, S.E. (Civil Affairs Section)

FROM : HQ, SAC, Atlantic-Canada Region.

SUBJECT : Alvin Karpis.

REF : AC/901/C

DATE : 20th March 1945.

20 MAR 1945

20 MAR 1945

A. C.

Reference your letter of 18/3/45 dated 27th March 1945. It is confirmed that the necessary arrangements have been made for the transport and driver.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

A. A. P. Curran
 Regional Commissioner,
 S. & C. A.
 Montreal.

70716.

3991

276

INTER OFFICE MEMO

AJP/al

Tel: 476

16 March 1945

Ref: 43-3/20/FOOD

17 MAR 1945

SUBJECT: Rations for Mine Clearance Personnel

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : Civil Affairs Section

1. Attached letters are for your information.
2. Food Sub-Commission is sympathetically inclined towards the request for application on a national basis, providing the service is channelled through an official agency such as the Ministry of War.
3. Discussions on Mine Clearance are being held, when the above matter will be considered.

H. J. Legg
H. J. LEGG
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

*Letter to be forwarded to the Ministry of War
through the St. Michael's Society*

3989

855

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY COMMISSION

JP/au

P.O. 194

Food Sub-Commission

Tel : 476

15 March 1945

Ref : 43-3/19/FOOD

SUBJECT : Applications for Mine Clearance Personnel

TO : A.M.G. Near Eighth Army

Your letter of 19 March O/483 is reference.

1. The question of allowing Mine Clearance personnel stationed on the Public Security Force Base is receiving sympathetic consideration at this H.Q. with a view to the application nationally.

2. A decision will be promulgated within the next few days.

By command of your Adjutant General :

M. J. G. G.
M. J. G. G.

Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: C.I. Section

3483

...cur users in receiving sympe-
...consideration at the H.Q. with a view to its applica-
...tion nationally.

2. A decision will be promulgated within the next few
days.

By command of Major General STONE :

W. J. ...

W. J. ...
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy to: C.I. Section

3480

1954

784

Wine Clearance Personnel - Supplementary Assignments.

A.C. Hour Eighty Army

0/4/83

9 Mar 1945

H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION.

Copy to: H.Q. A.C. Emilia Region.

Ref. A.C. letter 43-1/Food dated 17 Oct.44.

1. Authority is requested to alter the scale now allowable for Wine Clearance personnel to that given public Security Agents (A.C. letter 43-1/Food dated 18 Oct.44.)
2. The inducement to personnel to continue Wine Clearance is necessary in this area not only because of the importance of clearance, but because the casualty rate has been high. There have been four casualties so far.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
A.C. Emilia Army.

1. Authority is requested to alter the scale now allowable for Line Clearance personnel to that given Public Security Agents (A.C. Letter 4)-1/7000 dated 18 Oct. 44.)

2. The inducement to personnel to continue Line Clearance is necessary in this area not only because of the importance of clearance, but because the casualty rate has been high. There have been four casualties so far.

Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
A.M.P. Eighth Army.

154

✓ 184-1045

184-1045
17 MAR 1945

The following details are provided for information:
(1) ... (2) ... (3) ... (4) ... (5) ...
(6) ... (7) ... (8) ... (9) ... (10) ...
(11) ... (12) ... (13) ... (14) ... (15) ...
(16) ... (17) ... (18) ... (19) ... (20) ...
(21) ... (22) ... (23) ... (24) ... (25) ...
(26) ... (27) ... (28) ... (29) ... (30) ...
(31) ... (32) ... (33) ... (34) ... (35) ...
(36) ... (37) ... (38) ... (39) ... (40) ...
(41) ... (42) ... (43) ... (44) ... (45) ...
(46) ... (47) ... (48) ... (49) ... (50) ...
(51) ... (52) ... (53) ... (54) ... (55) ...
(56) ... (57) ... (58) ... (59) ... (60) ...
(61) ... (62) ... (63) ... (64) ... (65) ...
(66) ... (67) ... (68) ... (69) ... (70) ...
(71) ... (72) ... (73) ... (74) ... (75) ...
(76) ... (77) ... (78) ... (79) ... (80) ...
(81) ... (82) ... (83) ... (84) ... (85) ...
(86) ... (87) ... (88) ... (89) ... (90) ...
(91) ... (92) ... (93) ... (94) ... (95) ...
(96) ... (97) ... (98) ... (99) ... (100) ...

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section 4.7. ✓

Handwritten initials

W.A.H. Brown

Warrant Officer

31 (9/10)

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

RECEIVED: Move of 563 Italian Mine Clearance Coy.

921. *[Handwritten mark]*

The following details are passed to you for information:-

17 March 1945

18. 1945

FROM : *[Handwritten]* 151053A

TO : MOVEMENT : *[Handwritten]*

INFO : *[Handwritten]* : *[Handwritten]* : WELIA

CONFIDENTIAL *[Handwritten]* 44-177

563 ITALIAN MINE CLEARING COY STRENGTH 200 ALL RANGES 10 TONS WEIGHTS WILL MOVE BY RAIL FROM CAPUA TO PERIARA ON 18 MAR UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MOVIED (.)

Copy to : *[Handwritten]*
Civil Affairs Section A.S. ✓

W.A. Evans
Capt. R.A.
W.A. Evans.
Movements Liaison Officer.

Good. [Handwritten] 19/3

398 *[Circular stamp]*

3 5 8 3

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

Tel. Ext. 412

MEMORANDUM

18 MAR 1945

17 March 1945

REFERENCE : G-11/604/1
SUBJECT : Returns - Italian Military Personnel.
TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MSEA).

Reference this H.Q. letter numbered as above dated 10 March 1945.

To the Return of IRI-IRI personnel, please add the following under 562 Mine Clearance Coy:

Mine Training Team (Officers and N.C.Os-Instructors) Total 30.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION.

W. A. C. C.

to Sir J. S. T. RITCHIE Rt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B).

/nv.
Copy to : Civil Affairs Section
(For the attn of Major REAGERS).

Good. *W.A.C.C.* 19/3.

3433

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

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 374
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

File 791

Ref: W/BA/OA

1 March 48.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

So that the 561 and 562 Mine Clearance Companies may be brought up to their establishment in vehicles, please forward the following information, in respect of each company

- Number of vehicles held.
- Type of vehicles held.
- Type of engine (petrol or diesel).
- Target numbers of each vehicle.
- State of efficiency.

R.H. Cripps
R.H. CRIPPS Col
CSC CA Section

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Copy to Brig. Gen. SUPINO
Land Forces Sub Commission (LNSIA).

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
450 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 3/8/45

1 March 45.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission.

Particulars are being obtained of the transport at present held by the 561 and 562 Mine Clearance Companies and this will be forwarded to you as soon as received. In the meantime it is pointed out that both Companies are short of transport and if an allocation of two vehicles could now be made to each Company it would help their transport problems. The 561 Company now have only two vehicles on the road and an allocation of two more would not exceed their establishment. It is hoped that you can arrange this allocation.

R.R. Curtis
R.R. CURTIS Col
CSO CA Section

Copy to: Lazio Umbria Region (your RA330/25.4 of 22 Feb refers).

3983

0589

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AIC 594
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

735016

Ref: 3/BA/CA

1 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XI Settembre
Rome

There is forwarded to you letter from HQ 227 Infantry Division (Ref 01/1118/Op.) and letter from the Officer Commanding 564 Mine Clearance Company (Ref.463). As this appears to be a matter for you to deal with please take the matter up with the 227 Division.

[Signature]
W.R. GRIFFIN Col
CSO in Section

Enclosures

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XI Settembre
Brig.Gen. SUDINO

3983

148

HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

17 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance
R.E. ITH-ITH military personnel.

TO : G-1 (B).

Reference your G-1 B/501, 1 of 14 March and meeting
(Maj. BRAKES - Capt. BARRY).

1. In view of the fact that the ceiling of 3000 allotted to AG has not been fully taken up and the pressing need for instructors in the north will you please allocate now 100 personnel for duty as Mine Clearance instructors. This will still leave unallocated approximately 1100 vacancies on the establishment.

2. The question of finding the men will be solved by this Section in conjunction with the Italian Ministry of War but authority must be given to Land Forces Sub Commission (LSCIA) before actions can be drawn.

3. There is attached for your use if desirable a form of letter which could be sent to Land Forces Sub Commission (LSCIA).

J.R.
R.R. CHIPPS Col
CDO CA Section

Enclosure

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

SUBJECT: W.E. ITI ITI Military personnel.
TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (LMIA).

Reference your SD/94 of 28 Feb.

Approval is given for 100 personnel to be used as Instructors in Mine Clearance. This 100 will count against the personnel still unallotted of the ceiling of 3000 at present allowed to AC.

Copy to: C.A. Section

3980

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 7506

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: O/BA/CA

17 March 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ Abruzzi Marche Region.

1. Lt. Archibald MacNab proposes to visit the 562 Mine Clearance Company at PESCARA for a period of 8 to 10 days. Lt. MacNab is an experienced officer in mine laying and mine lifting and intends to investigate the methods of instruction and mine lifting employed by this Company. He proposes leaving this HQ on Wednesday 21st March and will call at your HQ either on his way through or on his return journey.

2. Will you please facilitate the visit by provision of accommodation at CHIATI.

3. Lt. MacNab will be accompanied by an Interpreter (Civilian) and a driver.

R.R. Chipp's Col
R.R. CHIPP'S Col
CNO CA Section

Copy to: P.C. CHIATI

Tel. Ext. 412

15 MAR 1945

CONFIDENTIAL

HEAD OFFICES ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
G-1 (B)

REFERENCE : G-1B/601/1

14 March 1945.

SUBJECT : W.E. III-III Military Personnel
TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MCLA)

Reference your SD/94 dated 28 Feb 45.

1. Attached hereto is a List of Units at present held by this Formation within the ceiling of 3000. The following observations are made.
2. 2nd and 3rd Truck Bns are in the process of being formed, but as these will comprise US-III personnel they will not come within the ceiling of 3000. The three Bns will be organised into the Motor Transport Group, Allied Commission.
3. The Mine Training Team of 30 Officers and GIs are dispersed to various training centres up and down the country. Two of the Mine Clearance Coy's will eventually be moved into N.W. Italy, but until information as to where mines have been sown is obtained, their future location cannot be given.
4. The formation of a fourth Mine Clearance Coy with a similar W.E. to the other three is considered necessary - this H.Q. letter numbered as above dated 1 Feb 45 refers. In your SD/4 dated 5 Feb 45 you stated that you wished to postpone the formation of a fourth Coy until the third Coy was completed. My consideration now, please, be given to the formation of 564 Mine Clearance Coy.
5. In addition, 100 military instructors are urgently required, for the training of civilian squads, particularly for the North. As it is desired to have these instructors trained as soon as possible and allocated to training centres, may early approval be granted so that recruiting may be started.

6. The proposed organisation of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission Camps for N.W. Italy is as follows:-

- (a) 20 Italian Refugee Transit Centres each consisting of:-
- | | |
|-----------------|------------|
| 12 Officers | |
| 4 Med. Officers | |
| 1 Chaplain | |
| 90 O.R.s | |
| | Total 2140 |
- (b) 20 Frontier Repatriation Posts each consisting of

3475

4. The formation of a fourth Mine Clearance Coy with a similar H.Q. to the other three is considered necessary - this H.Q. letter numbered as above dated 1 Feb 45 refers. In your SD/4 dated 5 Feb 45 you stated that you wished to postpone the formation of a fourth Coy until the third Coy was completed. May consideration now, please, be given to the formation of 564 Mine Clearance Coy.

5. In addition, 100 military instructors are urgently required, for the training of civilian squads, particularly for the North. As it is desired to have these instructors trained as soon as possible and allocated to training centres, may early approval be granted so that recruiting may be started.

6. The proposed organization of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub Commission Camps for N.W. Italy is as follows:-

- (a) 20 Italian Refugee Transit Centres each consisting of:-
 - 12 Officers
 - 4 Med. Officers
 - 1 Chaplain
 - 90 O.Rs

Total 2140

3975

- (b) 20 Frontier Repatriation Posts each consisting of
 - 4 Officers
 - 1 Medical Officer
 - 1 Chaplain
 - 55 O.Rs.

Total 820

- (c) 5 Group H.Q. each consisting of:-
 - 3 Officers
 - 12 O.Rs

Total 75

Total organization: 3035.

These figures do not include CC.FR. personnel.

7. As this figure of 3035 is in excess of the present ceiling of 3000, it will be necessary to increase the ceiling, by at least 2000 in order to contain the Truck Bn. and Mine Coys.

8. May consideration, therefore, be given, please, to the ceiling for III-TR personnel held by Allied Commission being increased from 3000 to 5000.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL STONE

Admiral Stone

Copies to : CSO Civil Affairs Section
Director, D.P. & R. S.O.
Motor Transport Group Allied Com.

Sir J.M.F. FITCHIE Bt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1 (B)

1945

III-IV

COMPANY 5(A) - UNITS WITH A.O.

Designation of Units.	No.	Location, or intended location.	V.L. Number.	IR Strength.		Remarks.
				Offrs.	CRKs.	
Title.						
Italian Increment to HQ Truck Co.	1st Bn. 2675 Rgt	Florence.	510/SMBK/1	3	14	17
Truck Company.	1	Livorno.	502/SMBK/1	5	110	115
"	2	Florence.	"	5	110	115
"	3	Navacchio.	"	5	110	115
"	4	Florence.	"	5	110	115
"	5	Livorno.	"	5	110	115
"	6	Lucoa.	"	5	110	115
"	7	Civitavecchia.	"	5	110	115
"	8	Florence.	"	5	110	115
Mine Clearance Coy.	561	Livorno.	503/SMBK/1	8	201	209
"	562	Pescara.	"	8	201	209
"	563	Pescara.	"	8	201	209
Mine Training Team.	1	Various.	504/SMBK/1	25	5	30
AG Services Platoon.	1	Sardinia.	505/SMBK/1	1	32	33
HQ Italian Refugee Camp Staff.		Arezzo.	506/SMBK/1	5	15	20
Italian Refugee Camp Staff.	A1	Cervia.	507/SMBK/1	5	45	50
"	A2	Rocca dello Caminate.	"	5	45	50
"	A3	Vicchio.	"	5	45	50
"	A4	Cesena.	"	5	45	50
"	B1	Vicenza.	"	5	45	50

3877

Refugee ID	Location	503/505/1	504/505/1	506/507/1	508/509/1	510/511/1	512/513/1	514/515/1	516/517/1
561	LA VORAG.	8							209
562	Pescara.	8							209
563	Pescara.	8							209
1	Various.		25						30
1	Sardinia.			1					33
HQ Italian Refugee Camp Staff.									
A1	Cervia.			5					20
A2	Rocca delle Caminate.			5					50
A3	Vicchio.			5					50
A4	Caserta.			5					50
B1	Viterbo.			5					50
B2	Mimini.			5					50
B3	Riccione.			5					50
B4	Pesaro.			5					50
B5	Palombina Ancona.			5					50
B6	Chiaravalle.			5					50
B7	Permo.			5					50
B8	Castiglione Fiorentino.			5					50
C1	Castiglione Fiorentino.			5					50
C2	Castiglione Fiorentino.			5					50
C3	Assisi.			5					50
D1	Rossignano Solway.			5					50
D2	Rossignano Solway.			5					50
D3	Laoca.			5					50
D4	Roma, Cine Citta.			5					50
E1	Poggia.			5					50
E2	Bari.			5					50

3977

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

72

Subject:- Admin - Mine Clearance Coys

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)
SD/4/5
16 Mar 45

35 CRE (Works)
copy Civil Affairs Sec A.C.
(attention Maj Reakes)

17 MAR 1945

Herewith details, as requested in your
IC91/I dated 8 Mar, of the bonuses payable through
Italian channels to personnel of mine clearance coys.

RBC [Signature]
Maj

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

gsh

*35 CRE
has got a copy
17/3
pk.*

3970

2622

Circular No. 139

Administration and Book-keeping

Remuneration of personnel belonging to units for the removal of mines from mine-fields (Directorate General for Administrative Services) May 17, 1944

Further to the provisions of Circular 636 P.C. 1942 concerning personnel of units for the removal of unexploded bombs, hereinafter is laid down details of the remuneration of personnel belonging to units for the removal of mines from mine-fields.

1) In addition to the remuneration as per RDL No. 583 of May 19, 1941 (Circ. 528 G.M. 1941) and as per part II of the I.T. E.P.M. of the following is due to said personnel:

a) a bonus of 3 lire for every mine recovered or destroyed in mine-fields laid by Italian or Anglo-American units, for which it was possible to attach to the removal order a sketch showing the lay-out of the mine-fields.

b) a bonus of 50 lire for every mine recovered and 20 lire for every mine destroyed, in mine-fields laid by German units and in mine-fields laid by Italian or Anglo-American units for which the abovementioned sketches are missing.

2) The abovementioned bonus will be divided equally among the personnel of said units (including officers) who actually take part in removal operations, taking into account the days of actual attendance at work of each man.

3) The following will be eligible for remuneration:

a) for mines recovered; Platoon or squad commanders who direct operations on the ground; mine searchers and assistant searchers; those who render safe mines, as well as those charged

1) In addition to the remuneration as per RDL No. 583 of May 19, 1941 (Circ. 528 G.M. 1941) and as per part II of the I.T.Z.P.M. * the following is due to said personnel:

a) a bonus of 3 lire for every mine recovered or destroyed in mine-fields laid by Italian or Anglo-American units, for which it was possible to attach to the removal order a sketch showing the lay-out of the mine-fields.

b) a bonus of 50 lire for every mine recovered and 20 lire for every mine destroyed, in mine-fields laid by German units and in mine-fields laid by Italian or Anglo-American units for which the abovementioned sketches are missing.

2) The abovementioned bonus will be divided equally among the personnel of said units (including officers) who actually take part in removal operations, taking into account the days of actual attendance at work of each man.

3) The following will be eligible for remuneration:

a) for mines recovered: Platoon or squad commanders who direct operations on the ground; mine searchers and assistant searchers; those who render safe mines, as well as those charged with the lifting, transportation, loading and unloading of mines on and off vehicles, and those checking that mines have been made safe before they are taken to the camp depots created for that purpose.

b) for mines destroyed: platoon and squad commanders; mine searchers and assistant searchers, those who render mines safe and those who lay and explode the demolition charge.

(sgd) CRIANCO

2475

* Instructions for the Remuneration of Military Personnel

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 73516

Handwritten mark

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: P/CA/CA

17 March 49.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : DC 561 Italian Mine Clearance Company, LIVORNO
DC 562 Italian Mine Clearance Company, PESCARA
DC 563 Italian Mine Clearance Company, PESCARA

For purposes of administration, discipline, clothing and rationing the Mine Clearance Companies come under and are attached to the undernoted Italian Divisions.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Division</u>
561 Mine Clearance Company	531 Italian Division
562 Mine Clearance Company	537 Italian Division.
563 Mine Clearance Company	

Handwritten initials

R. R. CRIPPS Col.
380 CA Section

Copy to: 380X LIVORNO
P.C. CHIETI
R. Abruzzi Marche Region

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 715016

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 2/BA/GA

17 March 45.

SUBJECT: War Materials.

TO : War Materials Disposal and
Prisoners of War Sub Commission.

There is forwarded for your attention letter
from HQ Region ABRUZZI MARCHE (R 5/507/27) dated 15th
March and relative documents.

JPC
R. R. CRIPPS Col 3973
CSO CA Section

Enclosures

Copy to: HQ. Abruzzi Marche Region (your R 5/507/27 of 15 March 1945)

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

7A78
Tel. Ext. 359

Ref:

18 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Companies.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission,
(MFA).

- 1 In the Order of Battle of the Italian Army it would appear that the thirty Instructors (Officers and N.C.Os) have been omitted from page 49. As this would appear to affect the regions drawn by these instructors, may this be amended please, and orders given that regions will continue to be drawn by the instructors.

R.N. Chipp
R.N. CHIPPS, Col.,
CSD CA Section.

BB/eg

3972

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS. W
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: G/BA/GA

16 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Capt. F. SPAMPANATO
CC 562 Italian Mine Clearance Company
PRSCARA

No return has been received of the number of
mines lifted in February. Please forward the figures as
soon as possible.

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

3971

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 715046

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

16 March 45.

SUBJECT: Salvage- War Materials.

TO : Capt. F. SPAMPARATO
OC 562 Italian Mine Clearance Company
PESCARA

Your letter 1031014 of 28 Feb 45 has been forwarded to War Materials Disposal and Prisoners of War Sub Commission for attention. This is a matter with which this Section is not concerned.

W
R.R. CHIPPES Col
CSO CA Section 3970

Copy to: Provincial Commissioner
CHIETI

ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Salvage-War Material.

FILE No. 9/BA/CA

TO: War Materials Disposal and
PON Sub Commission

16 March 1945

There is forwarded to you letter received from CG
562 Mine Clearance Company concerning the above subject
for your attention.

JLC
C.A. Section

3909

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9, SA, CA

16 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome

This Section had a visit from Capt. SHORT and Capt. RINTA who are in charge of the Mine Clearance squads at PISA, LUCCA etc. One of their difficulties is the supply of batteries for the Italian Mine Detectors. So it is possible to send them say a dozen batteries which would last them some time and keep enough detectors in use.


R.A. GRIBBS Col
CAC CA Section

Copy to: Capt. SHORT, RASC
c/o P.C. ZOCCA
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome
Brig. Gen. SUPINO

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

773

Ref: D/BA/CA

16 March 46.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Brig. General SUPINO
Ministry of War
Via XI Settembre
Rome

There is forwarded to you for your information copy letter HIX/119/2/4/1 dated 8 March. Can you please say when the officers will be made available for EMILIA Region (Zone)?

Enclosure

R.K.
R.A. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

2967

603 of 6000
7/12

HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

RESTRICTED

5 Mar 45

Reference: Div/19/12/11

Subject: MINE CLEARANCE.

1. In conjunction with AMG HIGHWAY Army a scheme for clearance of mines in NICHE Army was prepared and is now operating.
2. Under this scheme civilians are instructed in mine clearance at a school which has been established at NORLI. The instruction is given by M. Two Patriot Representatives (Magg BASILE and Ten SALVADORI) volunteered to assist at the school and to supervise the civilian mine clearing squads. They were both trained in mine clearance first at the Italian Mine School at FISA and subsequently by the RE at PCELLI. Magg di COSSILLA another Patriot Representative was appointed Adm Offr for the mine clearance scheme. He has had NO training in mine clearance.
3. Magg BASILE supervised the civilians under instruction at the school and also the operation of the trained squads. Ten SALVADORI assisted the RE in giving instruction at the school.
4. Magg BASILE was injured while working with a squad in the field. Ten SALVADORI cannot be spared from instructional duties and a replacement is urgently required for Magg BASILE.
5. 48 civilians have so far been trained in mine lifting and the school can turn out 20 trained men per week. In view of the increasing number of squads it is considered that the following establishment is required.

Italian Officers

OC.....	1
Adm Offr.....	1
Assistant Instructors.....	2
Inspectors of Squads in the field.....	4

3

It will be seen from the foregoing that six additional officers are

and also the operation of the trained squads. Ten SALVADORI assisted the
ME in giving instruction at the school.

- 4. Major BASILE was injured while working with a squad in the field. Ten SALVADORI cannot be spared from instructional duties and a replacement is urgently required for Major BASILE.
- 5. 42 civilians have so far been trained in mine lifting and the school can turn out 20 trained men per week. In view of the increasing number of squads it is considered that the following establishment is required.

Italian Officers

OC.....	1
Adm Offr.....	1
Assistant Instructors.	2
Inspectors of Squads	
in the field.....	4

8

It will be seen from the foregoing that six additional officers are
are needed.

2462

- 6. Major KHELL visited HQ AC I-3 Mar to obtain these officers.
- 7. Patriots Branch endeavoured to obtain volunteers from Patriot Representatives but up to 3 Mar none volunteered.

8. Civil Affairs Section stated that no officers could be obtained from the Ministry of War and that the Ministry had insufficient personnel for the operation of the Ministry's own mine clearance scheme. It was stated, however, that 100 Offrs and NCO's of the Italian Air Force had volunteered to undertake mine clearance duties. The possibility of employing them in this way is being taken up with the Italian Air Ministry and the Air Forces Sub-Commission.

- 9. AMG EIGHTH Army has so far been averse to permitting the Ministry of War to set up a mine clearance zone in Army area. Group Capt BEMSON however informed Major KHELL while in SORE that he is prepared to re-consider this. It is understood however that the personnel required for this would NOT be immediately available.

10. So far no provision has been made for an Italian Mine Clearance Zone to be established in Emilia Region when the Army moves forward as it is understood the Region had already made its own arrangements. Emilia Region will however require the assistance of the Italian Zone scheme when the territory is handed over to Regional Control and, subject to confirmation by Group Capt BENSON, it is requested that the Zone scheme be brought into effect as soon as possible in that part of Emilia which is now in EIGHTH Army area.

11. In the meantime a replacement for Mags BASILE is very urgently required and as many as possible of the other officers mentioned in para 5 above. The officers will be trained at the school at FOGLI and no previous experience is necessary.

- Distribution
- Brig LEJOHN
 - Col BOWNAN
 - Group Capt BENSON
 - HQ AMO EIGHTH Army Rear
 - Mine Clearance Officer
 - File

P.R.P. Knell Major
P.R.P. KNELL Major.

Major Knell

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

P. H. Knell
P. H. P. KNELL Major.

Major Knell

3965

Distribution

- Brig LEJOHN
- Col BOWMAN
- Group Capt BENSON
- HQ AMG EIGHTH Arty Rear
- Mine Clearance Officer
- File

561ST MINE CLEARANCE COMPANY

13 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: Work done by the company in the Geste Elena Formia zones

TO : ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
and for information
ALLIED COMMISSION
C.A. SECTION
WAR MINISTRY - GENERAL ENGINEERS DIVISION
Office For Mine Clearance Service

Ref. 619

- 1) Acqueduct 20,000m. x 10 - 50,000 sqm. - Zone inspected - No mines were found.
• 5,500m. x 10 - 55,000 sqm. mined zone - Cleared
- 2) Electric line at 9,000 m.
37,000 x 83 - sqm 296,000
5,000 m. x 16 sqm. 48,000
Zone inspected - No mines were found
Mined zone - Cleared
- 3) Electric line at 60,000
10,500 m. x 12 - 129,600 sqm
4,000 m. x 16 - 64,000 sqm.
Zone inspected - No mines were found
Mined zone - Cleared

The pipe line Capo d'acqua - Scardi of the acqueduct has not yet been entirely cleared - The same is said for the Mararreno - Capo d'acqua pipe line.

Handwritten notes:
Terry
13 March 1945

- 5,500m. X 10 - 25,000 sqm. mined zone - Cleared
- 2) Electric line at 9,000 m.
37,000 x 83 - sqm 296,000
3,000 m. x 16 sqm. 48,000
- 3) Electric line at 60,000
10,500 m. x 12 - 129,600 sqm
4,000 m. x 16 - 64,000 sqm.

Zone inspected - No mines were found
Mined zone - Cleared

✓
Zone inspected - No mines were found
Mined zone - Cleared

The pipe line Capo d'Acque - Soruri of the acqueduct has not yet been entirely cleared - The gase is said for the Manurraho - Capo d'Acque pipe line.

General Summary of Mines removed

Acqueduct.....	No. 1317
Electric line.....	1807
Various works.....	1475
	<u>4599</u>

Handwritten notes:
 I should have prepared
 de not tally with what
 he has already 3376
 Vandy f d d d d
 plk

THE COMPANY COMMANDER
 Capt De Marchi Natale

2384

n° 614 di prot.

P.M. 3400 5/5/45

13 MAR 1945

TO ENNEBRUNO ALI HOE LALIO VARRIA RAGGIO

A.P.O. 294

e.p.c.

TO V.C. ALLA R. COMMISSIONE (C.A. SECTION)

A.P.O. 294

AL MINISTRO DELLA SALUTE - DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Esercito I.C.M.

RO.A.

Oggetto: Lavori eseguiti dalla Compagnia Nello nome di Genio di zona Formia.

- 1°) Acquedotto n. 30+60 x 100 m. 2° 700.000 Zona impropriamente e trovata priva di mine. Zona mirata e bonificata
- 2°) Linea elettrica al 9.000 m. 37.000 x 80 = m. 2.960.000 Zona impropriamente e trovata priva di mine m. 7.000 x 10 = m. 70.000 Zona mirata e bonificata
- 3°) Linea elettrica al 60.000 m. 10.000 x 2 = m. 20.000 Zona impropriamente e riscontrata priva di mine m. 4.000 x 15 = m. 60.000 Zona mirata e bonificata

Dell'acquedotto il tratto Capo d'Acqua - Scuri non è stato ancora del tutto bonificato così pure alcuni del tratto MARINARO - Capo d'Acqua.

RIPIANO GENOVA IN RIFORMA

Acquedotto..... n° 1217
 Linea elettrica 1807
 1875

1°) Accensione n. 10.000 a 100 n. 200.000 Zona imponente e provata priva di mine
 n. 5.500 a 100 n. 25.000 Zona minata e bonificata

2°) Linea elettrica al 9.000 Zona imponente e provata priva di mine
 n. 7.000 a 80 n. 250.000
 n. 3.000 a 15 n. 40.000

3°) Linea elettrica al 50.000 Zona imponente e riscontrata priva di mine
 n. 10.800 a 12 n. 125.600
 n. 4.000 a 16 n. 64.000

Dell'acquedotto il tratto Capo d'Acqua - Scoria non è stato ancora del tutto bonificato così pure alcuni del tratto Masuram - Capo d'Acqua.

RIPIANCO OPERAZIONI MINIERE

Acquedotto.....	n°	2.217
Linea elettrica	.	2.807
Lavori vari	.	<u>2.472</u>
		4.599

Totale



LA COLLABORANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA
 (Cap De Marchi Notale)

Salute e Lavoro

2403



(Translation: A. Grolla)

EC/05
706
735016

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

13 March 1945

TO
/

: HQ. AG. Civil Affairs Section APO 394 **16 MAR 1945**
(Attn. Col. Gripps) ref. 9/BA/GA dated 1/2/45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENG/25.4

The 501st Mine Sweeping Company at the date of its transfer to Leghorn had the following transport assigned to it:

- 4 trucks Fiat 626, engine naphta driven of which 2 in fair condition and 2 out of use owing to their engines and bodywork requiring overhaul.
- 2 motorcycles, 500 cc inefficient owing to unusable tires and to their engines requiring overhaul.

Forlinday

Lt. Col. R.E.

Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

*2 of them have been taken
to Leghorn with tank
1 left 2 at Grotto with
the names of the trucks
2 of which are unusable*

W. W. 1070

3962

735016

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

12 Marzo 1945

A : HQ. AC. Civil Affairs Section APO 394
(Atten. Col. Cripps) ref. 9/3A/CA dell' 1/3/45

OGGETTO : Bonifica Mine

NELLA RISPOSTA CITARE: R4/ENG/25.4

Le 561^a Compagnia Rantrolimento Mine, aveva in carico, alle data della sua partenza per Livorno i seguenti autoveicoli:

- 4 autocarri medi Fiat Fiat 626 e Nette di cui due in discrete condizioni e 2 inefficienti sia a causa dei pneumatici completamente fuori uso che a causa di guasti al motore ed alla carrozzeria
- 2 motocicletto 500 cmc inefficienti sia per pneumatici fuori uso che per guasti ai motori.

Crivelli
Lt. Col. R. S.
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 7504

La 561^a Compagnia Ristrutturamento Mine, aveva in carico, alle data della sua partenza per Livorno i seguenti autoveicoli:

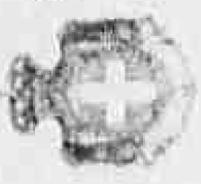
- 4 autocarri medi Fiat 526 a Motta di cui due in discrete condizioni e 2 inefficienti sia a causa dei pneumatici completamente fuori uso che a causa di guasti al motore ed alla carrozzeria
- 2 motociclette 50G che inefficienti sia per pneumatici fuori uso che per guasti ai motori.

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

3961

Crivelli

2575



15 MAR 1945

Ministero della Guerra URGENTE

Roma 14 MAR 1945 716

MINISTERO GUERRA
Dir. Gen. le di Commissariato Mil.
S E D E e, per conosc.

DIREZIONE GENERALE GUERRA
Uff. Centrale S.C.M.
Divisione

AL HQ.--A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
A.P.O. 394

Aut. V. 8/10 997 Allegato 4 per la Dir. S. Comm. 14

Risposta al Teleg. del 14/3

OGGETTO Effetti di vestiario per operai civili addetti alle
quadre rastrellamento mine.

La Commissione Alleanza --Divisione Affari Civili (APO 354)
con lettera M.E.C. 329/134/2/13 del 3 marzo 1945 che si allega in
copia , ha segnalato a questa Direzione Generale che è disponibi-
le un certo quantitativo di vestiario, proveniente da ricupero che
potrebbe essere messo a disposizione degli operai civili facenti
parte delle squadre rastrellamento mine.

Ritenendosi opportuno l'acquisto di tali effetti, questa
Direzione Generale prova di provvedere perche' da parte di codesta
siano date istruzioni alla Direzione di Commissariato Militare di
Napoli di provvedere in conseguenza, avvertendo che la consegna de-
gli effetti di vestiario da parte dell'alleati è subordinata al
versamento delle somme di L. 65.170, somma che sarà naturalmente ri-
cuperata in seguito alla rivendita degli effetti stessi agli ope-
rai civili interessati.

All'uopo si allega il buono N.3/58 in triplice originale,
da inviare alle Direzione di Commissione e di Napoli con prochie-

0 6 2 0

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 7206

LA Commissione Alleata - Sezione Affari Civili (ATO 394)
con lettera n. 2.2.3/154/W/13 del 3 marzo 1945 che si allega in
copia, ha segnalato a questa Direzione Generale che è disponibili
un certo quantitativo di vestiario, proveniente da ricupero che
potrebbe essere messo a disposizione degli operai civili facenti
parte delle squadre rastrellamento mine.

Ritenendosi opportuno l'acquisto di tali effetti, questa
Direzione Generale prova di provvedere perche' da parte di codesta
siiano date istruzioni alla Direzione di Commissariato Militare di
Napoli di provvedere in conseguenza, avvertendo che la consegna de-
gli effetti di vestiario da parte degli Alleati è subordinata al
versamento della somma di L. 65.170, somma che sarà naturalmente ri-
cuperata in seguito alla rivendita degli effetti stessi agli ope-
rai civili interessati.

All'uopo si allega il buono n. U/58 in triplice originale,
da inviare alla Direzione di competenza e di Napoli con prochie-
sta di provvedersi.

- a) al pagamento a vista dell'importo del buono alla sede della Banca d'Italia di Napoli, per essere accreditato sul conto corren-
to dell'ATA n. 1 -
- b) perche' una copia del buono di consegna sia trattata dalla Ban-
ca d'Italia predetta per la successiva trasmissione all'ATA.
- c) perche', dopo effettuato il pagamento alla Banca, la ricevuta del

[Handwritten signature]
1945

deposito unitamente ad altra copia del buono di consegna, sino consegnate alla Sottodirezione per il Commercio, Comando A.C. Regione Sud-Palazzo della Provincia-Piano II^a-stanza N.46 in Napoli, affinché il buono di consegna sia compilato ai fini dell'autorizzazione per la consegna degli effetti di cui trattasi.

Una volta effettuato il prelevamento, gli effetti di vestiario dovranno essere trasferiti a Roma, presso la locale macchinofotostudio o presso quell'altro ente che codesta Direzione Generale vorrà indicare. I prelevamenti dei Comuni Zona III^a avranno luogo in seguito ad autorizzazione di questa Direzione Generale ed in base a norme particolari che si prega far conoscere al più presto.

Si resta in attesa di conoscere quando saranno ultimate le operazioni di cui sopra, per le quali si prega provvedere con cortese urgenza tenuto conto che la validità dell'occupazione di cui trattasi si spira al 20 marzo c.a.

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



TRANSMISSION NO. 589

U R G E N T

MINISTRY OF WAR
ENGINEERING DIVISION
MINE CLEARANCE OFFICE

Ref: S/70926.

10 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: Clothing and blankets for Civilian Workers
Attached to the Mine Clearance Squads.

TO: Ministry of War, Military Commission Division,
and for information - Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section, Rome.

The Civil Affairs Section of AC with letter S/84/CA of 5 Mar 45, a copy of which is enclosed, communicated to this General Division that a certain amount of salvaged clothing and blankets is available and can be put at the disposal of civilian workmen in the mine clearance squads.

Since this General Division believes it advisable to purchase these items, it wishes to ask your General Division to give instructions to the office of the Military Commissariat of Naples to take the proper steps, informing it that the delivery by the Allies of such items is dependent upon the payment of 820,000 lire; the sum shall naturally be recovered from the resale of these items to the civilian workmen interested in buying them.

We are accordingly including the original and duplicate of two vouchers (Numbers U/55 and U/56) covering the amounts of 611,400 lire and 208,600 lire respectively, to be sent to the Direzione di Commissariato di Napoli with the request to provide for the following:

- (a) The direct payment of the amount of each voucher to the main office of the Banca d'Italia of Naples, to be credited to the correct account of AEA No. 1.
- (b) To have a copy of the vouchers kept by the aforementioned Bank for the subsequent transmissal to AEA.
- (c) To hand the receipt for the deposit, together with another copy of each voucher, to the Commerce Sub-Commission of AC Headquarters, Southern Region, Province Building, 2nd Floor, Room 46, in Naples, so that the vouchers may be filled and used as an authorization for

Since the General Division believes it advisable to purchase these items, it wishes to ask your General Division to give instructions to the office of the Military Commissioner of Naples to take the proper steps, informing it that the delivery by the Allies of such items is dependent upon the payment of 229,000 lire; this sum shall naturally be recovered from the resale of these items to the civilian workmen interested in buying them.

We are accordingly inclosing the original and duplicate of two vouchers (Numbers 7/35 and 2/35) covering the amounts of 61,410 lire and 282,620 lire respectively, to be sent to the Direzione di Comandamento di Napoli with the request to provide for the following:

- (a) The direct payment of the amount of each voucher to the main office of the fence d'Italia of Naples, to be credited to the correct account of AFA No. 1.
- (b) To have a copy of the vouchers kept by the aforementioned bank for the subsequent transmittal to AFA.
- (c) To hand the receipt for the deposit, together with another copy of each voucher, to the Commerce Sub-Commission of AC headquarters, Southern Region, Province Building, 2nd Floor, Room 46, in Naples, so that the vouchers may be filled and used as an authorization for the release of the items in question.

3439

After the items are withdrawn they must be sent to the local clothing warehouse in Rome or to another agency which your General Division may indicate. The headquarters of the Mine Clearance Commission will draw the items after this General Division has issued the relative authorization in accordance with the proper regulations which we ask you to kindly communicate as soon as possible.

We should like to know when the above operations will be completed; kindly act with the utmost speed, as the allocation in question will not be valid after the 20th of this month.

(Sd.) O. CRIVARI,
General of Division,
General Director of the Engineering Section.

Translatore Pool,
Civil Affairs Section,
etc.

All books sent returned to MM on 17/11/45

976

A mezzo fotociclista

Room 10 3 45

10 MAR 1945

URGENTE



Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
UFF. B. C. 17.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIR. GENERALE DI COMISSARIATO
MILITARE
S. E. D. E. O. P. O. I.
AL HQ-AC CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
A. P. O. 394

*Disposizioni
del 70924*

*Disposizioni
del 70924*

OGGETTO Effetti di vestiario e coperte per operai civili addetti alle squadre rastrellamento mine.-

ALLEGATI N. 2 Per la Dir. Gen. di Commissariato
ALLEGATI N. 4 per l'HQ-AC Civil Affairs (in restituzione)

La Commissione Alleata - Sezione Affari Civili (A.P.O. 394), con lettera n. 9/8A/CA del 5 Marzo 1945 che si allega in copia ha segnalato a questa Direzione Generale che è disponibile un certo quantitativo di vestiario, di coperte, ecc., proveniente da ricupero che potrebbe essere messo a disposizione degli operai civili facenti parte delle squadre rastrellamento mine.

Utenendosi opportuno l'acquisto di tali effetti, questa Direzione Generale prega di provvedere perchè da parte di Codesta siano date istruzioni alla Direzione di Commissariato Militare di Napoli di provvedere in conseguenza, avvertendo che la consegna degli effetti di vestiario da parte degli Alleati è subordinata al versamento della somma di L. 929.000, somma che sarà naturalmente recuperata in seguito alla rivendita degli effetti stessi agli operai civili interessati.

3155

in 7/53

La Commissione Alleata - Sezione Affari Civili (A.F.O. 394), con lettera n. S/5A/CA del 5 Marzo 1945 che si allega in copia ha segnalato a questa Direzione Generale che è disponibile un certo quantitativo di vestiario, di coperte, ecc., proveniente da ricupero che potrebbe essere messo a disposizione degli operai civili facenti parte delle squadre rastrellamento mine.

ritenendosi opportuno l'acquisto di tali effetti, questa Direzione Generale prega di provvedere perchè da parte di Codesta siano date istruzioni alla Direzione di Commissariato Militare di Napoli di provvedere in conseguenza, avvertendo che la consegna degli effetti di vestiario da parte degli Alleati è subordinata al versamento della somma di L. 920.000, somma che sarà naturalmente recuperata in seguito alla rivendita degli effetti stessi agli operai civili interessati.

All'uopo si allegano due buoni in originale (n. V/52) e 395B
V/35) in duplice esemplare e copia, rispettivamente per l'importo di L. 644.440 e 284.640, da inviare alla Direzione di Commissariato di Napoli con preghiera di provvedere:

- A) al pagamento a vista dell'importo di ciascuno buono alla sede della Banca d'Italia di Napoli, per essere accreditato sul conto corrente dell'AZA n. 1
- B) perchè una copia dei buoni di consegna sia trattenuta dalla Banca d'Italia predetta per la successiva trasmissione alla Afa.
- C) perchè, dopo effettuato il pagamento alla Banca, le ricevute del

2376

./.

deposito unitamente ad altra copia di ciascun buono di consegna, siano consegnate alla sottodirezione per il Commercio, Comando A.C. Regione Sud. Palazzo della Provincia, piano II, stanza N.46 in Rapo. Affinchè i buoni di consegna siano completati ai fini dell'autorizzazione per la consegna degli effetti di cui trattasi.

Una volta effettuato il prelevamento, gli effetti di vestiario dovranno essere trasferiti a Roma, presso il locale Magazzino-vestiario o presso quell'altro ente che codesta Direzione Generale vorrà indicare. I prelevamenti dei Comandi Zona B.C.M. avranno luogo in seguito ad autorizzazioni di questa Direzione Generale ed in base a norme particolari che si prega far conoscere al più presto.

Si resta in attesa di conoscere quando saranno ultimate le operazioni di cui sopra, per le quali si prega provvedere con la massima urgenza tenuto conto che la validità dell'assegnazione di cui trattasi spirava al 20 c.m.

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



0627

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

TRANSLATION NO. 577

762

HEADQUARTERS
562 MINE CLEARANCE COMPANY

Ref: 290/2 R.M.

7 Mar 45

SUBJECT: Second Course in Mine Clearance.

TO: Col. Grieco, CA Section, 46.

The Inspectorate of the Engineers,
Ministry of War.

The Provincial Commissioner for
Chieti, Teramo, Pescara.

The first course in Mine Clearance, given in the school of this Company at SIDI MARINA, has ended on 20 Feb 45 with good results.

On 5 Mar 45 the students were given an examination; those who were declared qualified will be sent to the various detachments of the company for mine clearance work as soon as they have completed the practical phase of the course. Those declared not qualified, will be retained in the school and will repeat the course.

The second course will begin on 10 Mar 45. It will be attended by newly assigned men of the company and 30 men from the APRILE Carabinieri Legion besides the aforementioned students who did not pass the examination.

Attendance by these 30 men has been ordered by the Headquarters of the Second Podgora CC.79, Division in compliance with a program of instruction which this Headquarters had sent to it.

(Sd) Capt. COSSIGNATO Balice.

Translator Pool,
CA Section.
VS

plc

3957

2365

562° Compagnia Autonoma « Rastrellatori Mine »

COMANDO

Mem. n. 290/28.11.

OGGIUNO 2° Corso addestramento
rastrellatori mine.

7 Marzo 1945

Colonnello SHPPS-Sub Commission
ROMA

Ispettorato Arme del Genio
Ministero Guerra ROMA

Sommisario Provinciale per le
Prov. Chieti-Teramo-Pescara

CHIETI

Il 28 febbraio u.s. ha avuto termine con esito favorevole il 1° Corso Addestramento Rastrellatori Mine, svolto a Silvi Marina presso la Scuola d'istruzione di questa Compagnia.

Gli allievi, il 5 marzo u.s. sono stati sottoposti ad esame: quelli giudicati idonei, appena completeranno le ultime istruzioni pratiche, saranno avviati ai Distaccamenti dipendenti per l'impiego nel rastrellamento mine; quelli giudicati non idonei, invece, saranno trattiene presso la Scuola per **ripetere** il tirocinio.

Il 2° corso avrà inizio il 10 marzo p.v. - Ad esso parteciperanno, oltre ai predetti allievi non risultati idonei in sede di esami, i nuovi elementi del Reparto e n° 30 militari della Legione Carabinieri d'Abruzzi.

La partecipazione di questi ultimi è stata disposta dal Comando 2° Divisione CC.RR. "Podgora" in adesione ad un programma d'istruzione ad esso presentato precedentemente da questo Coman-

Il 28 febbraio u.s. ha avuto termine con esito favorevole il I° Corso Addestramento Rastrellatori Mine, svolto a Silvi Marina presso la Scuola d'istruzione di questa Compagnia.

Gli allievi, il 5 marzo u.s. sono stati sottoposti ad esame: quelli giudicati idonei, appena completeranno le ultime istruzioni pratiche, saranno avviati ai Distaccamenti dipendenti per l'impiego nel rastrellamento mine; quelli giudicati non idonei, invece, saranno trattenuti presso la Scuola per **ripetere** il tirocinio.

Il 2° corso avrà inizio il 10 marzo p.v. - Ad esso parteciperanno, oltre ai predetti allievi non risultati idonei in sede di esami, i nuovi elementi del Reparto e n° 30 Militari della Legione Carabinieri d'Abruzzi.

La partecipazione di questi ultimi è stata disposta dal Comando 2° Divisione CC.RR. "Poggio" in adesione ad un programma d'istruzione ad esso presentato precedentemente da questo Comando.

do.-

IL COMANDANTE
(Cap. Spontarato Felice)

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COUNCILS
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

10 March 45.

Ref: 9/84/GA

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.
TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROME

1. Conversations have recently been held with Lelio Umbria Region (Agricultural Officer) who informed this Commission that Signor DONATI Renato, via A. Depretis 45A has designed a form of plough which can be used to clear mines. The design is practicable and is an improvement on one previously constructed by him. He has used the first type prepared by him successfully on his own ground and has cleared thousands of mines.

2. Full particulars and plans of the inventions are enclosed.

3. This Commission considers that the invention is worthy of consideration and might well be excised. It appears to be able to deal with all types of mines and booby traps and would be invaluable to landowners and farmers. It is simple in construction and operation.

4. You will wish to submit the plans to your Ministry of Public Works for their perusal. It is desired, however, that DONATI be given an opportunity of explaining his invention and what has been accomplished with the first type. Thereafter he is prepared to give a demonstration showing the efficiency of the machine but requires material to complete the construction of the machine.

5. Signor DONATI is available any time you may wish to

1. Conversations have recently been held with Lesio Umbria Region (Agricultural Officer) who informed this Commission that Signor DONATI Renato, via A. Depretis 45A has designed a form of plough which can be used to clear mines. The design is practical and is an improvement on one previously constructed by him. He has used the first type prepared by him successfully on his own ground and has cleared thousands of mines.

2. Full particulars and plan of the inventions are enclosed.

3. This Commission considers that the invention is worthy of consideration and might well be examined. It appears to be able to deal with all types of mines and booby traps and would be invaluable to landowners and farmers. It is simple in construction and operation.

4. You will wish to submit the plans to your Ministry of Public Works for their perusal. It is desired, however, that DONATI be given an opportunity of explaining his invention and that has been accomplished with the first type. Thereafter he is prepared to give a demonstration showing the efficiency of the machine but requires material to complete the construction of the machine.

5. Signor DONATI is available any time you may wish to see him and can be contacted at his address at via A. Depretis 45A.

RPC
S. P. CRIPPS COL
CSC CA Section

Copy to: Lesio Umbria Region
(Attn.: Agricultural Officer)
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig. Gen. SUPPIO

3900

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 73516

562° Compagnia Autonoma « Rastrellatori Mine »
COMANDO

27 FEB 1945

Prot. N. _____
Ricevuto _____
in data _____
OGGETTO
Relazione.

P.N. 185, 11° 22.2.1945.
Al Sig. Generale G. CRIVARO
Ispettorato Arma del Genio
MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
R O M A

AL SIG. COL. CHIPPS
Allied SubCommission

R O M A

AL COMISSARIO PROVINCIALE HQ/40 GHIBTI

AL TEN. COL. TUMI ARNALDO
Comando Genio 209° Divisione

P.S. 185

LIAISON OFFICER

GHIBTI

Si trasmette l'al egata relazione generale sulla
l attività del Reparto nella quale sono riportati i
rii dati tecnici finora non compresi in precedenti re-
lazioni.

IL COMANDANTE LA COMPAGNIA
(Cap. SPASIANO Felice)

3954



562° Compagnia Autonoma « Rastrellatori Mine »

COMANDO

Pos. N.

P.2. 185

22.2.1945

1043

OGGETTO

di

CARATTERISTICA DEL TERRENO DOVE I CAMPI MINATI ERANO IMPIANTATI

I lavori di rastrellamento mine sono stati eseguiti su terreni di varie natura che possono raggrupparsi in sei categorie principali:

1°) ZONA COSTIERA

- (a) Spiaggia Marina
- (b) Terreni sciolti sabbiosi con o senza vegetazione
- (c) Terreni compatti ed argillosi

2°) ZONA COLLINOSA

- (a) Terreni sciolti pietrosi con o senza vegetazione
- (b) Terreni compatti ed argillosi
- (a) Terreni sciolti pietrosi
- (b) Terreni duri argillosi

3°) ZONA MONTANA

4°) Zone di pianura o di collina dove si sono svolti i fatti di guerra nel passato inverno.

5°) Strade e fabbricati in città o in campagn..

6°) Strade ferrate e ponti minati durante la ritirata tedesca.

IN PICCOLTA' INCONTATE DURANTE IL LAVORO DI BONIFICA:

1°) ZONA COSTIERA

- (b) Terreni sciolti sabbiosi con o senza vegetazione
- (c) Terreni compatti ed argillosi
- (a) Terreni sciolti pietrosi con o senza vegetazione
- (b) Terreni compatti ed argillosi
- (a) Terreni sciolti pietrosi
- (b) Terreni duri argillosi

2°) ZONA COLLINOSA

3°) ZONA MONTANA

- 4°) Zone di pianura o di collina dove si sono svolti i fatti di guerra nel passato inverno.
- 5°) Strade e fabbricati in città o in campagna.
- 6°) Strade ferrate e ponti minati durante la ritirata tedesca.

IN PICCOLA INCONTINENTE DURANTE IL LAVORO DI BONIFICA:

1°) ZONA COSTIERA

a) Sulle spiagge marine il lavoro di bonifica presenta difficoltà tecniche nei casi in cui per effetto delle alte maree od altri fenomeni marini, i primi filari di mine siano state a contatto delle acque del mare. Nei casi di mine magnetiche italiane o tedesche con involucro in legno, il contatto delle acque del mare provoca il deterioramento dei contenitori in bachelite (mine ital. C.S. 42) per cui la disattivazione presenta difficoltà e volta gravi ed il carico limite di sicurezza (150 Kg.) si riduce sensibilmente per deterioramento delle parti in legno. L'individuazione di mine magnetiche, effettuandosi con spuntini in ferro, baionette etc. comporta l'inevitabile pericolo che nel caso la punta del ferro tocchi uno dei contenitori in bachelite, questo può spezzarsi e provocare l'esplosione della mina.

Inoltre l'involucro in legno se a contatto delle acque marine, si sciolgono facilmente (come si è visto fra l'altro, per l'aumentato volume, le mine magnetiche tedesche) il congegno è scosso, rendendo oltre modo difficile l'operazione di disattivazione.

Nelle mine in ferro la disattivazione diventa pericolosa per effetto di correnti nelle filettature delle spolette per cui bisogna procedere alla loro distruzione mediante cariche esterne sussidiarie con esplosione a piccola ordinaria a lenta combustione.

3) Nei terreni sciolti sabbiosi senza vegetazione, il lavoro di rastrellamento non presenta difficoltà eccessive.

La difficoltà aumenta sensibilmente invece in presenza di campi minati con vegetazione densa e fitta. Il lavoro diventa particolarmente pericoloso per la presenza di mine sottomarine tedesche a strappo o pressione in legno, in calcassiruzo, in ferro o di mine inglesi a strappo o pressione di struttura non molto dissimile da quella tedesca.

La vegetazione occulta quasi totalmente l'esistenza del sottile sistema fili collegati al congegno a strappo o al caratteristico triplice contatto in ferro delle mine tedesche "B."

(C) In terreni compatti argillosi se trattasi di mine metalliche la difficoltà tecnica sono superabili, mentre in presenza di campi di mine in legno la difficoltà risultano sensibilmente.

Poichè l'apparato elettrico magnetico non causa che decisamente le mine in legno (per mezzo dei nodi ferrugli metallici laterali) l'individuazione di esse, avviene con mezzi di circoscrittura quali spuntoni, baionette e altri strumenti acuminati e traccendosi di terreno compatto, il sondaggio del terreno stesso deve essere eseguito con una certa forza, onde poter vincere la consistenza dello strato argilloso.

In tali casi è evidente che la forte sollecitazione esercitata sulla mina può provocare possibili disgregazioni nel caso che la punta del ferro urti uno dei contenitori. Detto pericolo si aggrava nel caso già ricordato di mine italiane C.3. 42 con contenitori scoperti per mancanza del coperchio mobile.

In zone collinose le difficoltà di lavoro non sono dissimili da quelle che si riscontrano in terreni in pianura, salvo nei casi non troppo frequenti di terreni pietrosi in cui la individuazione delle mine magnetiche è ostacolata dalla presenza di sassi.

Nelle zone dove la guerra ha avuto una dolorosa battuta d'arresto i campi minati sono disseminati di proiettili, schegge di bombe, tronconi di cingoli di carri armati ed altri ordigni metallici che rendono al-

... e così in quest'ultimo l'esistenza del sottile
di fili collegati al congelato a strappo o al caratteristico triplice cor-
nato in ferro delle mine tedesche "C."

(C) In terreni coperti argillosi se trattati di mine metalliche la
difficoltà tecnica sono superabili, mentre in presenza di campi di mine
in legno le difficoltà aumentano sensibilmente.

Poichè l'apparecchio elettromagnetico non eccita che debolmente le
mine in legno (per mezzo dei soli feragli metallici laterali) l'individu-
zione di esse, avviene con mezzi di circoscrittura quali spuntoni, baionette
e altri strumenti acuminati e trattenendosi di terreno compatto, il sondag-
gio del terreno stesso deve essere eseguito con una certa forza, onde po-
ter vincere la consistenza dello strato argilloso.

In tali casi è evidente che la forte sollecitazione esercitata sulla
mina può provocare possibili disgrazie nel caso che la punta del ferro
urti uno dei contenitori. Dovette pericolo si aggrava nei casi già rimen-
trati di mine italiane C.3. 42 con contenitori scoperti per mancanza del
copercchio mobile.

In zone collinose le difficoltà di lavoro non sono dissimili da
quelle che si riscontrano in terreni in pendenza, salvo nei casi non troppo
frequentati di terreni pietrosi in cui la individuazione delle mine magne-
tiche è ostacolata dalla presenza di sassi.

Nelle zone dove la guerra ha avuto una dolorosa battuta d'arresto
i campi minati sono disseminati di proiettili, schegge di bombe, tronco-
ni di cingoli di carri armati ed altri ordigni metallici che rendono oltre
modo difficile la individuazione delle mine metalliche con gli apparecchi
cerce mine.

Il rastrellamento di mine o ordigni infernali nelle strade o in fab-
bricati abbandonati dai tedeschi presenta difficoltà particolari da ordi-
ne svizio: in questi casi si tratta di studiare il mezzo migliore onde pro-
cedere alla disattivazione delle mine o degli ordigni evitando al massimo
il danno alle cose.

La individuazione delle mine ed altri ordigni nelle strade di città
o di campagne, non presenta alcuna difficoltà di ordine tecnico,

0637

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

562° Compagnia Autonoma « Rastrellatori Mine »

COMANDO

Per il _____ 1943

DIRETTORE

Ai

in data _____

specie nei casi in cui gli ordigni in parola non sono collegati con segni suaditari a stampa difficilmente individuabili.

In quest'ultimo caso invece l'operazione diventa estremamente difficile e bisogna di volta in volta studiare tutti i possibili accorgimenti onde evitare danni ai fabbricati esistenti nella zona.

Infine la bonifica dei tronchi ferroviari, attualmente di capitale importanza per la ricostruzione della nostra Patria, presenta difficoltà non trascurabili. L'apparecchio elettromagnetico non può essere adoperato per la ricerca di mine in vicinanza dei binari in quanto esso accuserebbe di continuo la presenza di rilevanti masse metalliche e le mine stesse potrebbero essere scarsezzate dal castrellatore con pericolo mortale.

Gli spuntoni in ferro anch'essi sono adatti per la individuazione degli ordigni posti in vicinanza dei binari in quanto la massicciata ostacolerebbe la operazione di sondaggio.

PROVVEDIMENTI PRESI PER SUPERARE LE DIFFICOLTA'

Nei casi di mine in legno o in ferro deteriorate per effetto delle acque marine o per la lunga permanenza sotto terra le distinzioni comporterebbe eccessivi rischi per cui di norma si procede alla distruzione della mina sul posto mediante cariche esterne di tritolo.

Nei casi di mine in legno la cui individuazione viene eseguita con spuntoni in ferro, il sondaggio viene eseguito con la massima cautela ed esercitando la minima sollecitazione possibile sullo spuntone stesso.

Inoltre l'impiego di circostanza viene fatto penetrare nel terreno obliquamente e mai normalmente al terreno stesso e ciò per diminuire le probabilità che in punta del ferro spezzati dall'alto si possa uno dei contenitori in bacchetta.

Nei casi di cuspi misciati con vegetazione bassa e fitta l'operazione di rastrellamento è preceduta da quella di distruzione delle erbe (se sono erbe) con bombe incendiario e con mezzi normali di esplosione.

Nei casi invece in cui le erbe sono ancora verdi e particolari esigenze impongono il rastrellamento immediato della zona, questo deve essere eseguito con la massima circospezione e l'evacuata viene rallentata per ragionate prudenza poichè di pari passo all'individuazione delle mine bisognerà procedere con normali caccia al teglio delle erbe artifizianti.

Nei casi simili disseminati di proiettili e di cartucce di carri armati ed altri ordigni metallici è evidente che l'individuazione delle mine non potrà avvenire a mezzo di apparecchi elettromagnetici per cui bisognerà avere al mezzo primitivo un attardamento dello spuntone in ferro

Nei casi di mina in legno o in ferro indecristallizzato per effetto delle acque curive o per la lunga permanenza sotto terra la distruzione come comporterebbe essere ivi rischi per cui di norma si procede alla distruzione delle mine sul posto mediante cariche esterne di tritolo.

Nei casi di mine in legno la cui individuazione viene eseguita con appunti in ferro, il sondaggio viene eseguito con la stessa cautela ed esercitando la ricerca sollecitata e possibile sullo spuntone stesso.

Inoltre l'attrezzo di circostanza viene fatto penetrare nel terreno obliquamente o anzi normalmente al terreno stesso e ciò per diminuire le probabilità che la punta del ferro spezzi dall'alto il basso uno dei contenitori in bambola ecc.

Nei casi di campi minati con vegetazione bassa e fitta l'operazione di rastrellamento è preceduta da quella di distruzione delle erbe (se sono) con bombe incendiarie o con mezzi normali di adescensione.

Nei casi invece in cui le erbe sono ancora verdi e particolari esigenze impongono il rastrellamento immediato della zona, questo deve essere eseguito con la massima circospezione e l'avanzata viene rallentata per ragionata prudenza poiché di pari passo all'individuazione delle mine bisognerà procedere con normali caccia al topico delle aree minate di armati ed altri oggetti disseminati di proiettili e di carichi di carri mina non potrà avvenire a mezzo di apparecchi elettromagnetici per cui bisogna ricorrere al mezzo primitivo ma efficacissimo dallo spuntone in ferro evitando in tal modo che il rastrellatore lavori sotto una debilitante tensione nervosa dovuta al continuo sibilare dell'apparecchio per la presenza di cariche metalliche.

È evidente che nei casi detti provvedimenti avranno ³⁴⁵ valore sufficiente se non si unisce ad esso la provata abilità di ogni rastrellatore l'esperienza acquisita sul campo minato, le cose sono prudenze per non esporsi ad un inutile sacrificio.

Purtroppo le perdite subite dal reparto sono gravi, ma se vengono bene se la relazione all'enorme mole di lavoro svolto: 24.537 giornate lavorative 216.624 mine rastrellate e distrutte, appare evidente che il sacrificio di quelle vite un me per esse al ritorno al lavoro nel campo e nelle contrade, decine di migliaia di italiani ed il risveglio agricolo ed estensissimo zone di terreno un tempo incolte e sterpose.

La mina è un'arma terribile che non perdona ed a volte riesce impossibile studiare le vere cause di una mortale sciagura specie per coloro i quali conoscono soltanto sulle carte la vera struttura di un campo minato.

562° Compagnia Autonoma « Rastrellatori Mine »

COMANDO

Prot. N. _____

OGGETTO _____

Al. aff. _____

in data _____

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 73016

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/SND No. 725716

= 4 *

Il rastrellatore oltre che confidare fermamente nella sua calma, nelle sue cognizioni tecniche, nel cosciente sprezzo del pericolo, deve anche affidarsi alla sua buona stella, al suo destino come legge superiore ed immutabile.

IL COMANDANTE LA CO PAGLIA
(Cap. SPANABATO Felice)

10 MAR 1945

TERRAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF MINED FIELDS

Mine Clearance work has been carried out on different types of terrain which can be divided into the following six categories:

- 1) Sea-coast areas
 - a) beaches
 - b) sandy terrain with or without vegetation
 - c) solid, clay-covered terrain
- 2) Hilly areas
 - a) loose, rocky terrain
 - b) solid, clay-covered terrain
- 3) Mountainous Areas
 - a) Loose, rocky terrain
 - b) hard, clay-covered terrain
- 4) Fields or hills where military operations took place last winter
- 5) Roads and houses in cities or in the country
- 6) Railways and bridges that were mined by the Germans on their retreat.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED DURING MINE CLEARANCE WORK :

- 1) Sea-coast areas.
 - a) Mine clearance on beaches presents technical difficulties when, as a result of high tides and other phenomena, the first rows of mines come in contact with sea water. In German and Italian non-magnetic mines encased in wood (Italian type, C.S. 42) the sea water causes the bakelite contents to deteriorate, thus making the neutralization of the mine very difficult at times; moreover as a result of the deterioration of the wooden parts of the mine, the safe weight limit (150 Kilos) is reduced considerably. Locating non-magnetic mines, done with iron prods, bayonets etc incurs the eventual danger of the iron point touching the bakelite contents and breaking it, thus causing the mine to explode. Moreover, if the wooden case comes in contact with sea water it increases in volume (German non-magnetic mines) and makes the removal of the detonator rather difficult

- 6) Railways and bridges that were mined by the Germans on their retreat.

DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED DURING MINE CLEARANCE WORK :

1) Sea-coast areas.

a) Mine clearance on beaches presents technical difficulties when, as a result of high tides and other phenomena, the first rows of mines come in contact with sea water. In German and Italian non-magnetic mines encased in wood (Italian type, C.S. 42) the sea water causes the bakelite contents to deteriorate, thus making the neutralization of the mine very difficult at times; moreover as a result of the deterioration of the wooden parts of the mine, the safe weight limit (150 Kilos) is reduced considerably. Locating non-magnetic mines, done with iron prods, bayonets etc incurs the eventual danger of the iron point touching the bakelite contents and breaking it, thus causing the mine to explode.

Moreover, if the wooden case comes in contact with sea water it increases in volume (German non-magnetic mines) and makes the removal of the detonator rather difficult. The neutralization of iron mines is dangerous due to the corrosion of the threads of the fuses; it becomes necessary then to destroy the mines by using long and slow-burning fuses.

b) In loose sandy areas without vegetation mine clearance is not extremely difficult.

On the other hand the difficulties increase in mined fields covered with low and thick vegetation. The work becomes particularly dangerous when it involves German anti-personnel mines made of wood, cement, or iron, and of English mines, which are not very different in structure from the German mines.

The vegetation hides almost completely the thin wire tied to the detonators or to the triple - pronged fuses in the "S" mines.

c) In solid, clay-covered terrain iron mines present no great difficulties as is the case with wooden mines.

Since the mine detector responds only feebly to wooden mines, it is necessary to use iron prods, bayonets or similar devices to locate them; before the solid terrain is broken a considerable pressure must be exerted. In such cases the point of the prod may hit the detonator, causing the mine to explode. This danger becomes greater still in the case of the Italian C.S.42 mine which has no movable cover.

In hilly terrain the difficulties are not different from those presented by plains, except in those rare cases of rocky terrain where the locating of the mine is rendered more difficult by the rocks.

Mine clearance work in streets or in houses evacuated by the Germans present obvious difficulties; it is necessary to find the best means of neutralizing the mine and other contrivances and at the same time cause the least damage to the houses.

Locating mines and other contrivances in city streets or in roads in the country present no technical difficulties particularly if the contrivances in question are not tied to auxiliary exploding devices that are difficult to locate. In such cases the work becomes extremely difficult and it is necessary to study all possible means of avoiding damage to the houses in the area.

Finally the clearing of railway lines, at present of utmost importance in the reconstruction of the country, presents difficulties that cannot be overlooked. The mine detector cannot be used along tracks. Neither can the iron prods be used to locate mines laid near railway tracks because the gravel lying there makes prodding impossible.

MEASURES TAKEN TO SURMOUNT THE DIFFICULTIES

The neutralization of wooden or iron mines which have deteriorated as a result of contact with sea water, or for having been buried too long incurs great risks; in such cases the mines are usually destroyed on the spot by means of external fuses.

As regards wooden mines, the location of which is done with iron prods, the operation is carried out with the utmost care, exerting the least pressure on the prod. Moreover the prod is made to penetrate the earth obliquely to prevent as much as possible the prod from hitting the fuse of the mine.

In mined fields covered with low and thick vegetation clearance work is preceded by the destruction of the grass (if dry) with incendiary grenades or other means.

If the grass is still green and if the area must be cleared immediately, it is necessary to proceed with the utmost care; the work is slowed down because the grass must be cut with ordinary shears before the clearance work can begin.

In mined fields where the wreckage of tanks and other metal contrivances are strewn about the work cannot be done with mine detectors but with ordinary prods; we thus spare the mine-clearer the strain of the constant hum of the mine detector.

It is evident that some of these measures would be of any value if it could not be accompanied by the proven ability of the mine-clearer, together with his experience obtained on the mine field, and his carefulness.

The casualties suffered by the Company are unfortunately high, but when compared to the enormous work done (24,537 working days, 216,624 mines lifted or

result of contact with sea water, or for having been buried too long incurs great risks; in such cases the mines are usually destroyed on the spot by means of external fuses.

As regards wooden mines, the location of which is done with iron prods, the operation is carried out with the utmost care, exerting the least pressure on the prod. Moreover the prod is made to penetrate the earth obliquely to prevent as much as possible the prod from hitting the fuse of the mine.

In mined fields covered with low and thick vegetation clearance work is preceded by the destruction of the grass (if dry) with incendiary grenades or other means.

If the grass is still green and if the area must be cleared immediately, it is necessary to proceed with the utmost care; the work is slowed down because the grass must be cut with ordinary shears before the clearance work can begin.

In mined fields where the wreckage of tanks and other metal contrivances are strewn about the work cannot be done with mine detectors but with ordinary prods; we thus spare the mine-clearer the strain of the constant hum of the mine detector.

It is evident that none of these measures would be of any value if it could not be accompanied by the proven ability of the mine-clearer, together with his experience obtained on the mined field, and his carefulness.

The casualties suffered by the Company are unfortunately high, but when compared to the enormous work done (24,537 working days, 216,624 mines lifted or destroyed) it appears evident that the sacrifice of those lives has permitted tens of thousands of Italian farmers to return to their land, and the resumption of farming in vast areas which were at one time idle.

The mine is a fatal trap which at times makes it impossible to examine the real causes of accidents, especially for those who know the mined field only from a map.

The mine-clearer, besides trusting in his constant calm, in his technical knowledge, and in his contempt for danger, must also be confident of his good luck and fate.

TRANSLATORS FOOT
CA Section
VF

3912
Felice Spampinato
Captain
Company Commander

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 73016

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/6A/CA

10 March 46.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ. 2 District.

Reference this HQ letter 9/6A/CA of 25th Feb 46.

1. While the 561 Mine Clearance Company is being placed under temporary Command of 35 CRE it is to be understood that the Company will only be retained for a period up to two months after the North falls.

2. In the meantime the Company will work under the directions of 35 CRE at LIVORNO.


E.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section.

Translation

Renate Donati
Via A. Lepretti 45A.

Rome, 2 March 1945.

The undersigned begs to inform the Ministry that he has invented, and is now constructing, a combined machine apt to reclaim mined lands by carrying off the mines and making them explode, while at the same time offering the greatest possible protection from danger to those carrying out such operation, and preparing the ground for a more rapid agricultural re-utilization.

It is agreed that such machine, as soon as it is improved and made fit for use, will be put at the disposal of your Ministry, who will dispose of it for practical purposes as it thinks best, entrusting the mine clearing job to firms and enterprises of its own choice.-

The undersigned intends to take care, directly and exclusively, of the serial manufacturing of the said combined machine and the relative spare parts and to supply the whole to the above mentioned enterprises and firms, according to your Ministry's instructions and at a price to be agreed upon once the construction is effected. The undersigned guarantees that he will be in a position to meet any demands whatsoever.-

While the undersigned is speedily proceeding with the construction of said machine so as to demonstrate the practical use of the invention at the place of its employment within the shortest possible time, he needs the assistance of the Ministry, namely:

1. For whatever may be necessary for the speedy manufacturing of prototype machinery which will be constructed at the Workshops I.A.N. of Bracciano and at other workshops;
2. for the practical demonstration on the land to be reclaimed, the Ministry should provide for two Fowler tractors in a perfect state of efficiency to be made available at such place, as well as for the necessary quantities of metal cables for the traction of sowing machines;
3. that your Ministry establish in what way the undersigned shall be remunerated and compensated for the expenses incurred and to be incurred for the study, planning, manufacturing, the tests and final trials of the said combined machine.

It is pointed out that a demand has been filed for the registration of patents belonging to the combined machine in question.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APP 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9, 6A, CA

3 March 45.

SUBJECT: W.E. Ita-Ita military personnel.

TO : G-1 B.

Reference your G-1B/601/1 of 3 March.

1. The locations of the Companies are as follows.

561 Mine Clearance Company	LIVORNO
562 Mine Clearance Company	PERCORA
563 Mine Clearance Company	CAPUA but is being moved to PERCORA

2. The mine training teams of 30 officers and ORs are dispersed to various training centres up and down the country.

3. The intention is to move at least two of the Companies into N.W. Italy as soon as this is practicable but future locations cannot be given now as it will depend on where mines have been sown and information is not available at present.

4. The formation of one further mine clearance company is necessary and this will conform to the present W.E. of such companies namely 8 officers and 201 ORs.

5. In addition to this company there is urgently required 100 military instructors for the training of civilian squads, particularly for the North. As it is desired to have these Instructors trained as soon as possible and allocated to training centres may early approval be granted so that recruiting may be started.

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

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig. Gen. BUPINO.

C.A. Lee

1/25/1945

S E C R E T

SUBJECT: Command and Administration -
Italian Army

F-7

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. B/G/12
/5 Jan 45

TO : AFHQ (3)
15 ARMY GROUP (Incl copy for 1 Dist) (6)
2 Div (1)
3 Div (6)
PMS (2)
AC (Incl Pastore) (10)
W.R. (Incl ...) (1)
(Senior ...)
FIFTH ARMY, 4th INF FIFTH ARMY
EIGHTH ARMY, PMS, 1 DIST, 54 ARZN
SICILY, SARDINIA

- (9)

Ref para 5 of WMA letter 75/G/12 of 26 Dec.

1. 15 Army Group has authorized advance parties by the following extracts from 1605/50/74/G-3 SD1 of 5 Jan:-

(a) FIFTH ARMY

There is no objection to the sending forward of a small advance party to work with the G-5 Section of the headquarters. It is, however, desired that the party shall be located away from FIFTH Army Headquarters in some nearby town.

(b) EIGHTH ARMY

It is agreed that a small advance party of Italian Territorial Headquarters should come forward into the Army area. It is requested that the party be attached to Headquarters

920 Italian Division which is always conveniently situated

Ref para 5 of LMAA, letter 75/0/12 of 25 Dec.

1. 15 Army Group has authorized advance Parties by the following extracts from 1685/50/75/0-1 SDA of 4 Jan. -

(a) 517th Army

There is no objection to the sending forward of a small advance party to work with the 4th Section of the headquarters. It is, however, desired that the party shall be located away from 15th Army Headquarters in some nearby town.

(b) 222nd Army

It is agreed that a small advance party of Italian Territorial Headquarters should come forward into the Army area. It is requested that the party be attached to Headquarters 222 Italian Division which is always conveniently sited close to Rear Army Headquarters."

2. These adv parties will be ready in approx two weeks and will report independently to the authorities mentioned as directed in para 1 above. Strength of each unit appears to all ranks 4 vehs.

L. P. A. ...

3944

Major General
M. M. I. . .

Internal: 5D/50

1977

747

SECRET

SUBJECT: Territorial HQs Northern Italy

LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.M.I.O.)
File No. TS/G/12
26 Dec 44

15 ~~SECRET~~ (incl copy of) Dec 44 - 6
2 DIST - 2
3 DIST - 5
HQ - 2
AC (incl copy) - 10
M.I. (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 1) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 2) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 3) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 4) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 5) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 6) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 7) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 8) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 9) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 10) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 11) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 12) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 13) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 14) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 15) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 16) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 17) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 18) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 19) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 20) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 21) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 22) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 23) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 24) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 25) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 26) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 27) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 28) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 29) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 30) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 31) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 32) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 33) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 34) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 35) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 36) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 37) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 38) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 39) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 40) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 41) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 42) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 43) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 44) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 45) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 46) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 47) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 48) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 49) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 50) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 51) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 52) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 53) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 54) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 55) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 56) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 57) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 58) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 59) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 60) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 61) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 62) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 63) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 64) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 65) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 66) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 67) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 68) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 69) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 70) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 71) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 72) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 73) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 74) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 75) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 76) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 77) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 78) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 79) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 80) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 81) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 82) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 83) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 84) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 85) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 86) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 87) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 88) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 89) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 90) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 91) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 92) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 93) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 94) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 95) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 96) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 97) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 98) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 99) (incl copy) - 1
(Sect 100) (incl copy) - 1

(a) W.S.P. 1. a. 45 on Italian Territorial HQ layout vide
para 2 to 5 below will become operative, up to and incl
Army Rear HQs. Authority AFM lot. 60 ASD/422.1 of 23 Oct
44, amended by ASD/822/11 of 17 Nov 44 and 15 Army Group
letter 15/5/50 (72/G(SD)) of 16 Dec 44.

(b) W.S.P. same date the following Italian Military HQs
will change titles:-

MI HQ CAMPANIA	becomes Territorial HQ NAPLES
MI HQ APULIA and LUCANIA	" " BARI
MI HQ LAZIO, UMBRIA, ABRUZZI	" " ROME
MI HQ SICILY	" " PALERMO

(c) W.S.P. same date the following HQs become redundant,
but will not be re-assigned and continue present functions until
called for by the Italian Army.

1. (a) W.R.F. is to be an Italian Territorial HQ layout vide para 2 to 5 below will become operative, up to and incl Army Rear area. Authority AFM Inter ASD/922.1 of 23 Oct 44, amended by ASD/822/11 of 17 Nov 44 and 15 Army Group letter 16/5/44/72/3(SD1) of 18 Dec 44.

(b) W.R.F. name date the following Italian Military HQs will change titles:-

- MI HQ CAMPANIA becomes Territorial HQ NAPLES
- MI HQ APULIA and LUCANIA " " BARI
- MI HQ LAZIO, UMBRIA, ABRUZZI " " ROME
- MI HQ SICILY " " PALERMO

(c) W.R.F. name date the following HQs become redundant, but will act as HQs and continue present functions until called for by the Italian.

- MI HQ VENETIA
- MI HQ EMILIA

3843

OBJECT

1. The object of this organization is as follows:-
 - (a) To extend the authority of the Ministry of War up to Army P.M.S. by force and over all ITALY in the course.
 - (b) To enable control of any personnel and real estate to be reassumed as soon as possible as the Allied advance proceeds northwards.
 - (c) To implement the call-up or demobilization of classes as required.

CONSTITUTION

3. (a) Eleven Territorial Regions with HQ, IE of 1100 all ranks in total, including a General Officer Commanding for each HQ.



... of HQ and locations, see Appendix A.

(c) Twenty-nine military Districts HQ's, HQ of 495 all ranks in total. For details see Appendix B and for locations see Appendix D.

(c) Navy Regimental Depots, HQ of 450 all ranks in total. For details see Appendix C.

(d) As long as the total overall ceiling is not exceeded, variations in strength of HQ's may be made. Civilians, as far as necessary, will be employed.

BOUNDARIES

4. Locations and boundaries of Territorial Regions and Districts are shown on the map at Appendix D. Further details can be obtained from the Territorial HQ concerned.

ADV PARTIES

5. Instructions for adv parties for Territorial HQ, Dasts and Depots fwd of Army Post Ord will follow. These parties will be constituted so as to establish the layout at the earliest moment as our advance progresses.

FUNCTIONS

6. The functions of Territorial HQ, Districts and Depots are shown at Appendix E.

ARMY DIV HQ

7. The Army Div HQ, which is under command of the Allied Formation to which it is assigned, has functions vide Appendix F. This in no way alters the existing system of Allied control as promulgated in AFHQ letter AG 091.711/169 GOTO of 16 November 1944.

COMBAT GROUPS

8. A Combat Group, which is commanded by a General Officer, operates under Allied arrangements for all G/CS and Q/CS matters. Internal G/CS matters will be dealt with through a Territorial HQ designated by the HQ of the formation to which the Territorial HQ in whose territory the

Depots and other facilities will follow. These parties will be constituted as follows to coordinate the layout at the earliest moment as our advance progresses.

FUNCTIONS

5. The functions of Territorial HQ, Districts and Depots are shown at Appendix E.

AIM DIV HQ

7. The AIM DIV HQ, which is under command of the Allied Formation to which it is assigned, has functions vide Appendix F. This in no way alters the existing system of Allied control as promulgated in AFHQ letter AS Oul.711/169 SGT-C of 16 November 1944.

COMBAT GROUPS

8. A Combat Group, which is commanded by a General Officer, operates under the arrangements for all G/CS and Q/G4 matters. Internal G/CS matters will be dealt with through a Territorial HQ designated by the War Ministry (usually the Territorial HQ in whose territory the Combat Group is operating).

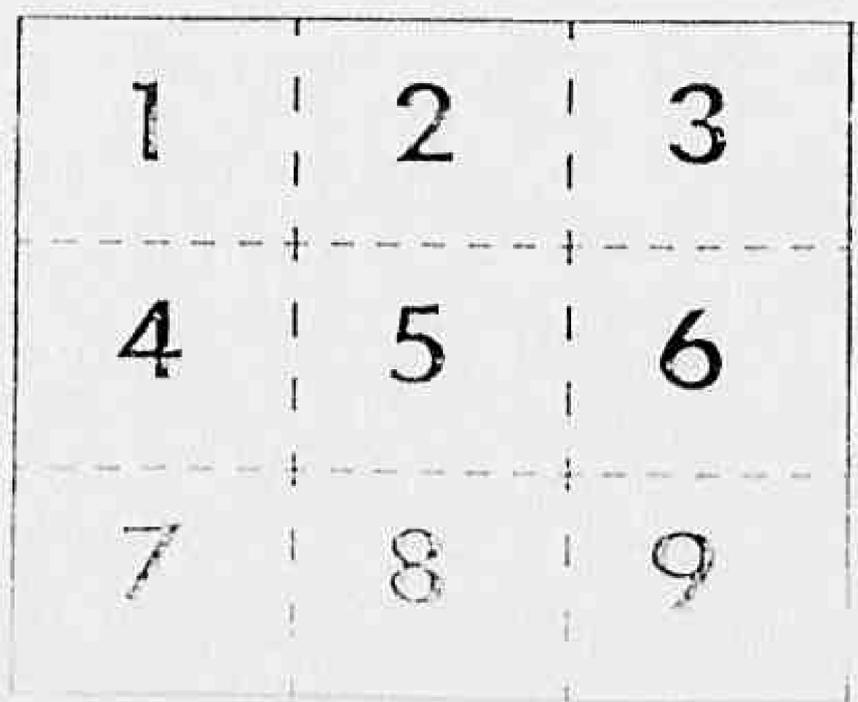
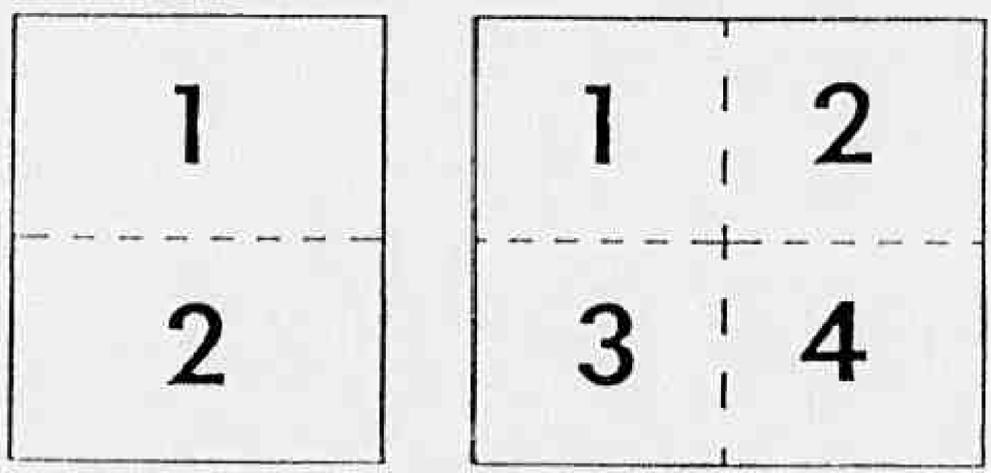
A. Brown

Major General
[Signature]

3442

MAPS AND CHARTS TOO LARGE TO FILM ON ONE EXPOSURE ARE FILMED CLOCKWISE BEGINNING IN THE UPPER LEFT CORNER, LEFT TO RIGHT, AND TOP TO BOTTOM.

SEE DIAGRAMS BELOW.



APPENDIX 'A' to MIA letter
TS/3/18 28 Dec 44

THE I FORM

Type "C"

CAMP - PROVINCE - DISTRICT - BARRACKS

3	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Lts	MECs	Clks	Platoon Sgt	Platoon Sgt	Cpls	Lt Cpls or Plts	Cpls or Lts	MECs	Clks	Platoon Sgt
			1	1						1
1			1				1			1
			1							1
				1						
					1	1				
						1				
						1	1			
	17634658					1	1	16	276	54
						1	1			
						1	1			
						1				
						5				
			8			3	1			5
		4	4						3	3
		3	1			1		3	7	15
13	69	100			18	11	12	37	60	

REMARKS

(a) Is responsible for org and inspection of districts and depots. Deals through normal channels with disciplinary and mobilization matters affecting the unit. Is also head of the local gpn where the Territorial HQ is located.

(b) Is also head of the ops, trg, ID and mobilization branches.

(c) MC of the office deal with matters affecting P's/H isolation hoppers etc.

(d) Brig or Col (e) Col

(f) Three senior and offrs: Secretary, Systems, legal.

	"A"	"B"	"C"
(g) incl:			
Typists & Clerks	12	10	15
Draughtsmen	2	2	1
Orderlies	3	1	1
Cyclists	2	2	2
Latrine *	20	18	15

* (Latrine are assigned: 1 per sqn of P or col
1 per 2 Senior offrs
1 per 3 Junior offrs)

(h) Staff Sgt
Clerks etc
Orderlies
Cyclist
(Cooks
Waiters
Tailor

1	1	2
3	3	2
2	1	-
1	1	1
2	2	2
2	2	2
1	1	1

2 - 3 of these are civilians

Billings

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

*I' & Welfare		1	1							1							
6. Territorial Branch		5 ^c	5 ^c							5	3						
7. Pay & Audit	1	3	4			6			1	3	4					6	
8. Mil Tribunal						5	5									5	6
9. HQ Comd & Staff		1	4	3 ^h	12 ^h	20				1	4	3 ^h	12 ^h	20			
TOTAL	2	8	16	24	15	61	120		2	2	16	18	13	19	120		16

The following "SERVICES" personnel is also attached (incl in services ceiling of central adn):-

10. Arty Branch	1 ^d	1	2		2	6	12		1 ^o	1	2		2	6	12		1 ^o	1	2
Engn Branch	1 ^d	1	3		2	6	12		1 ^o	1	3		2	6	12		1 ^o	1	3
11. Med		1	3 ^f		4	10	16			1	3		4	10	16			1	3
Comin			1 ^o	1 ^h	5 ^h	9 ^h	10	20	35			1 ^h	5						
MT		1 ^h			1	2	3		1 ^k		2	1	2	3			1 ^h		
V and R		1 ^h		1			2		1 ^k		1			2			1 ^h		
12. MT Det					1	20	21						1	20	21				
13. Mil Tribunal		1	2	13			15			1	2	13			15			1	2
14. Carabinieri				1	4	14	19					1	4	14	19				
TOTAL ATTACHED	2	7	15	26	24	76	152		2	7	15	26	24	76	152		2	7	15
TOTAL INCL ATTD	4	9	31	50	39	139	272		4	9	31	44	37	132	268		4	9	31

				1			
				5			
	8		1	3	1		5
	4	4				3	3
3	1	19		1	4	3	7
13	29	120		16	11	12	37
							80

ling

2 - 3 of these are civilians

2	6	12	1	2		2	6	12
2	6	12	1	3		2	6	13
4	10	13	1	3		4	10	16
0	20	45	1 ¹	5 ¹	9 ¹	10	20	45
1	2	6	1 ²		2	1	2	6
		2	1 ²		1			2
1	20	21				1	20	21
		16	1	2	13			16
14	19				1	4	14	19
78	132		2	7	15	26	78	132
127	232		4	9	31	37	115	232

- Cyclists 2 2 2
- Batman * 20 18 16
- *(batmen are assigned: 1 per gen oftr or col
1 per 2 Senior oftr
1 per 3 Junior oftr)
- (h) Staff Sgt 1 1 1
- Clarks etc 3 3 2
- Orderlies 2 1 -
- Cyclist 1 1 1
- (Cooks 2 2 2
- Waiters 2 2 2
- Tailor 1 1 1
- Cobbler 1 1 1
- Barber 1 1 1
- Batman 2 2 1
- Post Office 1 1 1

- (i) Consisting of Director: Col
- Secretary: Commissariat
- Sgt
- Deputy Director 1/c supp: Lt Col
- 1/c clothing: } 3
- 1/c accn stores } Maj- & Ppt } ora
- 1/c claims } }
- Hiring } }
- att'd above posts: 6 Jr off
- 1/c adm: Senior Oftr
- Accounts & Pay: 2 Jr Oftr
- (a) May be Capt or Lt.

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

Handwritten mark

Handwritten mark

Handwritten mark

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

3941



Alitalia 10/10/10
Letter S/O/N of 28
Doc 44

744

MILITARY DISTRICTS OF THE MILAN ARMY

PERSONNEL

Possible
Civilian Additions

Military Personnel
TOTAL

Clerical Staff
General Duties

MIL DIST CLASS I Col 1, Lt. Col or Maj 3, Maj or Capt 4, Capt 4	50	70
MIL DIST CLASS II Col 1, Lt Col or Maj 2, Maj or Capt 3, Capt mil	20	40
MIL DIST CLASS III Col or Lt Col 1, Lt Col or Maj 2, Maj or Capt 2, Capt mil	16	34
MIL DIST CLASS IV Col or Lt Col, Lt Col or Maj 1, Maj or Capt or Capt mil	14	28

By Districts (by Classes)

Class I	Class III	Class IV
ROMA MILAN TURIN	ALESSANDRIA AOSTA AVERLE BIELLA CASALE CASALE MONFERRATE CASERTA CUNEO GENOVA INTRA NOVARA VERCELLI	AQUILA AVERSA BOLOGNA BRESCIA CANTÙ CASERTA CUNEO GENOVA INTRA NOVARA VERCELLI

APPENDIX "C" to DMIA
 Letter RS/C/12 of 28
 Dec 44

PROGRAMS, THE AND RECORD CENTERS OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

RECORDS CENTER
 Military Personnel
 POSSIBLY
 Civilian Additions
 Clerical Staff
 General Duties

INFANTRY BATTALIONS	Col or Lt Col 1, Lt Col or Maj 1, Maj or Capt 2, Capt 1	5	14	48
CAVALRY BATTALIONS	Col or Lt Col 1, Lt Col or Maj 1, Maj or Capt 2, Capt 1	5	26	57
ARTILLERY BATTALIONS	Col or Lt Col 1, Lt Col or Maj 1, Maj or Capt 2, Capt 1	5	26	56
ENGINEERS BATTALIONS	Col or Lt Col 1, Lt Col or Maj 1, Maj or Capt 2, Capt 1	5	26	64

RECORDS CENTER OF THE ITALIAN ARMY

HEAD BATTALIONS	REG	U.S.	ARTE	ENGR	TOTAL
TURIN	3	1	4	2	10
GENOVA	2		2		4
MILAN	3		2	1	6
BOLZANO	4		2		6
UDINE	2		1	1	4
BOLOGNA	4	1	3	1	9
FLORENCE	2		2		4
ROME	11	1	6	2	20
BARI	5		3	2	10
CAFIERO	5		3	2	14
PALERMO	2		1		3

	TURIN	FLORENCE	2	1	4	2	10
GENOVA		2		2			4
MILAN		2		2	1		5
BOLZANO		4		2			6
UDINE		2		1	1		4
BOLOGNA		4	1	3	1		9
FLORENCE		2		2			4
ROME		11	1	6	2		20
	(LALIC-UMEDIA						
	(ARRUZAI-S.ERMINIA						
BARI		2		3	2		10
NAPLES		6		3	2		14
PALERMO		9		1			3
		27	5	19	11		60

3440

3440

742
ATTORNEY GENERAL
Letter IS/G/18 of 26
Dec 54

FUNCTIONS OF TERRITORIAL HQs, DIVISIONS AND DEPOTS

1. Territorial HQs

- (a) represent authority of War Ministry and General Staff throughout area of responsibility.
- (b) a Branch/Depot matters and discipline behind the scope of lower Terr HQs (incl types under allied operational command).
- (c) responsibility for safe custody and accounting of all Italian mil stores.
- (d) Depots of services attached to the staff are responsible for care of services in the area.
- (e) Depots and Depots of Districts, Depots, hospes and other mil units.
- (f) organization and org of call-up and demobilization.
- (g) administration and discipline of I.S. Tro.

2. Divisions constitute the mil documentation and admin centres through which the Division enters or leaves the Army. Essential functions are:-

- (a) maintenance of conscription and calling-up of classes
- (b) demobilization and recall of reserves
- (c) assistance to families of men killed, wounded or taken prisoner
- (d) payments of allowances to dependents of officers and ORs
- (e) records of junior reserve officers
- (f) settlements of claims and complaints for HQs and ORs.

3. Depots (Record Centers) are Ita bases and record centers of Italian units. Their functions include:-

- (a) soldiers' record while he is with the Army

(f) supervision and org of call-up and demobilization.

(g) administration and discipline of I.S. Tys.

2. Army constitute the mil documentation and adm centres through which the soldier enters or leaves the Army. Essential functions are:-

- (a) machinery of conscription and calling-up of classes
- (b) demobilization and recall of reserves
- (c) assistance to families of men killed, wounded or taken prisoner
- (d) payments of allowances to dependents of officers and ORs
- (e) records of junior reserve officers
- (f) settlements of claims and complaints for WOS and ORs.

3. Detots (Record Centers) are the bases and record centers of Italian units. Their functions incl:-

- (a) Soldier's record while he is with the Army
- (b) clothing and arms the soldier when he is first called up or when he returns on demobilization.
- (c) forming personnel into units when required, incl units for adm
- (d) issue of all arms and eqpt issued to units
- (e) holding stocks of clothing, unit and personal eqpt etc
- (f) logistical adm and records

NOTE: Functions (a) (b) & (c) are being performed by the allies under various circumstances. The clothing referred to in para 1 (c) is known as IFF clothing.

175016

741
APPENDIX "F" TO MIA,
letter IS/G/12 of
26 Dec 44

FUNCTIONS OF ITALIAN ADM DIV HQs

- (a) Org of sups of all kinds (rations, cloths, POL, and sups, accn stores) for all Italian tps under comd of the parent allied fmn, with the assistance of MIA LO and in accordance with directives issued from time to time by MIA. In all such matters the adm Div HQ will deal direct with the Italian War Ministry, keeping the MIA LO informed, or direct with parent allied fmn, through MIA LO.
- (b) Distributions of sups of all kinds to all Italian tps under comd of the parent allied fmn under the direction of MIA LO, and in accordance with directives issued from time to time by MIA.
- (c) Discipline and welfare and all purely Italian army adm matters for all tps placed under its comd. On all such matters, the adm HQ will deal with the appropriate Italian Territorial HQ and NOT direct with the War Ministry.
- (d) Maintenance of all ITI-ITV tps under its comd by arrangement with the appropriate Italian Territorial HQ when directed by MIA.
- (e) Function as the recognized Italian Mil authority with whom the parent allied fmn will deal on all local matters concerning the Italian tps under its comd.
- (f) G O C Italian adm HQ is the rep of the War Ministry in the area under his comd and is there to be consulted on and give every assistance in all matters of major issue.

NOTE: For purely Italian admin matters, the channel of comd is: Unit - adm Div HQ - Territorial HQ - War Ministry. The Territorial HQ is particularly concerned in this case with all A/GI matters: adm and discipline of personnel and control of funds and stores. It will NOT interfere with the org of sups to tps under allied comd nor move or transfer such personnel without prior agreement of the parent allied fmn and/or MIA. Should tps of an adm Div HQ be spread over more than one region, the channel of comd will be: adm Div HQ to Territorial HQ in which the HQ of the adm Div is situated.

and NOT direct with the War Ministry.

- (d) Maintenance of all ITH-III tps under its cmd by arrangement with the appropriate Italian Territorial Hq when directed by Milia.
- (e) Function as the recognized Italian Mil authority with whom the parent allied fm will deal on all local matters concerning the Italian tps under its cmd.
- (f) G C C Italian adm Hq is the rep of the War Ministry in the area under his cmd and is there to be consulted on and give every assistance in all matters of major issue.

NOTE: For purely Italian admin matters, the channel of cmd is: Unit - adm Div Hq - Territorial Hq - War Ministry. The Territorial Hq is particularly concerned in this case with all A/GI matters: adm and discipline of personnel and control of funds and stores. It will NOT interfere with the org of tps to tps under allied cmd nor move or transfer such personnel without prior agreement of the parent allied fm and/or MILIA. Should tps of an adm Div Hq be spread over more than one region, the channel of cmd will be: adm Div Hq to Territorial Hq in which the Hq of the adm Div is situated.

TRANSLATION NO. 573

Ref. 92

CHIETI, 6 March 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance School

TO : COL. CRIPPS
C.A. SECTION - ROME
ALLIED COMMISSION and for information,
Gen. Paolo Supino
Inspectorate of the Engineers Corps - MINISTRY OF WAR

Following the report on the Mine Clearance School we wish to communicate the following:

- (1) The first training course has been completed with good results in the theoretical as well as practical phases.
- (2) The second course for newly assigned men has already begun.
- (3) After the arrival in Silvi of the 563rd Company the third course will be attended by over 160 men, including officers and enlisted men. Thus the Mine Clearance School will have a better baptism with the training of an entire Unit before it will be employed for clearing the sacred soil of Italy.
- (4) It is suggested that a Central School for training future mine clearers, which would absorb also the schools for civilians, be formed.

Thus a uniform technical directive would be obtained with the creation of new specialists and by entrusting the course to persons whose qualifications have been proven on mined fields; this is in agreement with what the Inspectorate of the Corps of Engineers has pointed out to the Civil Affairs Section.

This central school would form its own detachments to train military and civilian personnel, according to the needs; the training courses could be given in the same areas in which the personnel would be employed.

/s/ Lt. Spanpanato
Liaison Officer
Allied Commission
Chieti - Pescara - Teramo

HEADQUARTERS
MILITARY COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES
LIAISON OFFICER

Ref. N. 0000 Date, 11 6 Marzo 1945.

Subject: Scuola Rastrellatori Mine.

To: Sig. Col. CRIPPS - SubCommissione A.C. R O M A

e, per conoscenza,

Sig. Generale S U P I N O Ing. Paolo
Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio - MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

R O M A

Segue relazione "Scuola rastrellatori mine" si precisa quanto segue:

- (1°) - Il primo corso di addestramento si è testè concluso con esito favorevole e gli esami di idoneità hanno fatto riscontrare ottimi risultati sia nel campo teorico che in quello pratico.
- (2°) - È stato già iniziato il secondo Corso con la partecipazione dei nuovi elementi assegnati al Reparto.
- (3°) - Successivamente con l'arrivo alla Sede di Silvi della 563^a Compagnia pionieri rastrellatori Mine, il terzo corso d'addestramento conterà oltre 160 uomini fra Ufficiali e militari di Truppa.
In tal modo la Scuola dei Pionieri rastrellatori di Mine avrà il suo battesimo migliore con l'addestramento di un intero Reparto organico prima che questo venga impiegato per la bonifica del sacro suolo italiano.
- (4°) - In previsione del suo naturale sviluppo, nell'interesse nazionale, si chiederebbe la costituzione di una SCUOLA CENTRALE per l'addestramento dei futuri rastrellatori mine, che assorbirebbe anche le

Sig. Generale S U P I N O Ing. Paolo
Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio - MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

R
O
M
A

Seguito relazione "Scuola rastrellatori mine" si precisa quanto segue:

- (1°) - Il primo corso di addestramento si è testè concluso con esito favorevole e gli esami di idoneità hanno fatto riscontrare ottimi risultati sia nel campo teorico che in quello pratico.
- (2°) - E' stato già iniziato il secondo Corso con la partecipazione dei nuovi elementi assegnati al Reparto.
- (3°) - Successivamente con l'arrivo alla Sede di Silvi della 563^a Compagnia pionieri rastrellatori Mine, il terzo corso d'addestramento conterà oltre 160 uomini fra Ufficiali e militari di Truppa.
In tal modo la Scuola dei Pionieri rastrellatori di Mine avrà il suo battesimo migliore con l'addestramento di un intero Reparto organico prima che questo venga impiegato per la bonifica del sacro suolo italiano.
- (4°) - In previsione del suo naturale sviluppo, nell'interesse nazionale, si chiederebbe la costituzione di una SCUOLA CENTRALE per l'addestramento dei futuri rastrellatori mine, che assorbirebbe anche le scuole di addestramento per civili.

In tal modo si avrebbe un unico indirizzo tecnico nella creazione di nuovi specialisti affilando l'insegnamento ad elementi già collaudati sul vero campo minato, e ciò a conferenza di quanto già prospettato dall'Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio alla Commissione Arma del Genio.

Infine a seconda delle necessità ed in relazione alle esigenze territoriali, la detta Scuola centrale, potrebbe creare delle Sedi staccate per l'addestramento di elementi militari e civili da impiegare nella zona stessa dove si svolgerebbero i corsi di specializzazione.

LI SPAMPANNO

L'AFFIDAMENTO È SOLO PER CORRISPONDE

SECRET

GENERAL STAFF OF THE ROYAL ARMY
OFFICE OF ORGANIZATION AND MOBILIZATION

File No 11416

FM 3800, 6 Mar 45

SUBJECT : T.O. of Mine Clearance Company.

TO : Territorial HQ HABLES
HQ 227 Division
HQ 230 Division

for info: AC APO 394 (CA Sec)
Ministry of War
Ministry of War
Inspectorate Engineers Corps
Command of 10th Regiment Engineers
General Staff of the Royal Army

MIA with letter SD/4 of 5 Feb 45 has authorised the distribution of 2 flamethrowers to every mine clearance company; this authorisation is extended also to the 563rd company which at present is being formed.

It has also been thought advisable to assign to the companies in question a nucleus of mechanics to neutralise shells and unexploded bombs. The main artillery motorisation Division is asked to assign said specialised personnel to 562 and 563 Companies, as it has already done for the 561st.

On the whole, the T.O. of the HQ of a Mine Clearance Company is increased as follows:

- 1 squad of mechanics:
- 1 non commissioned Officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men

- 1 squad of flamethrowers
- 1 non commissioned officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men (with 2 flame-throwing sets)

Since, by order of the Allies, the total strength of the Company must remain unchanged, 16 of the 24 Mine Clearance squads will ~~have~~ be composed of 4 soldiers instead of five.

It has also been thought advisable to assign to the companies in question a nucleus of mechanics to neutralise shells and unexploded bombs. The main artillery motorisation Division is asked to assign said specialised personnel to 562 and 563 Companies, as it has already done for the 561st.

On the whole, the T.O. of the HQ of a Mine Clearance Company is increased as follows:

- 1 squad of mechanics:
- 1 non commissioned Officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men:
- 1 squad of flamethrowers
- 1 non commissioned officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men (with 2 flame-throwing sets)

Since, by order of the Allies, the total strength of the Company must remain unchanged, 18 of the 24 Mine Clearance squads will ~~have~~ be composed of 4 soldiers instead of five.

THE GENERAL IN CHARGE
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

3925

SECRET

GENERAL STAFF OF THE ROYAL ARMY
OFFICE OF ORGANIZATION AND MOBILIZATION

File No 11416

EM 3800, 6 Mar 45

SUBJECT : T.O. of Mine Clearance Company.

TO : Territorial HQ KAMINS
HQ 227 Division
HQ 230 Division

For info: AC AFO 324, (CA Sec)
Ministry of War
Ministry of War
Inspectorate Engineers Corps
Command of 10th Regiment Engineers
General Staff of the Royal Army

MOGA with letter ID/4 of 5 Feb 45 has authorized the distribution of 2 flamethrowers to every mine clearance company; this authorization is extended also to the 563rd company which at present is being formed.

It has also been thought advisable to assign to the companies in question a nucleus of mechanics to neutralise shells and unexploded bombs. The main artillery motorisation Division is asked to assign said specialised personnel to 562 and 563 Companies, as it has already done for the 561st.

On the whole, the T.O. of the HQ of a Mine Clearance Company is increased as follows:

- 1 squad of mechanics:
- 1 non commissioned officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men

- 1 squad of flamethrowers
- 1 non commissioned officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men (with 2 flame-throwing sets)

Since, by order of the Allies, the total strength of the Company must remain unchanged, 16 of the 24 Mine Clearance squads will have to be composed of 4 soldiers instead of five.

...been thought advisable to assign to the companies in question a nucleus of mechanics to neutralise shells and unexploded bombs. The main artillery motorisation Division is asked to assign said specialized personnel to 562 and 563 Companies, as it has already done for the 561st.

On the whole, the T.O. of the HQ of a Mine Clearance Company is increased as follows:

- 1 squad of mechanics;
- 1 non commissioned officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men

- 1 squad of flamethrowers
- 1 non commissioned officer (in command)
- 2 corporals in command of each nucleus
- 6 enlisted men (with 2 flame-throwing sets)

Since, by order of the Allies, the total strength of the Company must remain unchanged, 18 of the 24 Mine Clearance squads will have to be composed of 4 soldiers instead of five.

THE GENERAL IN CHARGE
(Giorgio Liguori) 29.3.44

- 8 MAR 1945

STATO NAZIONALE REGIO SARONTO
UFFICIO ORGANISMO E MOBILITAZIONE
Sezione Organamento

1° *11/11* Gen. di prot.

P. N. 3500, 8 marzo 1945

OGGETTO: Organico compagnia restrellamento mine.

AL COMANDO PROVINCIALE DI MARCHI
AL COMANDO DELLA 37^a DIVISIONE
AL COMANDO DELLA 50^a DIVISIONE

P. N. 3500
P. N. 3500
BARI

e. per conoscenza:

AL R. A. J. REC 584 (Civili affaire section)
AL RIFUGIO PUGLIA - Gaietto
AL C. S. - Liv. Gen. Liv. Sottuff. e Truppa
AL C. S. - Div. 32. Gen. Art. e Motorizzazione
ALL'UFFICIO NAZIONALE L. GENIO
AL COMANDO DEL 104^o GR. DI ART. GENIO
ALLO ... UFFICIO ...
ALLO ... UFFICIO ...

MARA
P. N. 3500
P. N. 3500
P. N. 3500
P. N. 3500
M. V. A. I. C. V.
S. B. E. I.
S. C. D. I.

La ... con ... del 5 febbraio 1945 ha autorizzato la distribuzione di ... lancieffame a ciascuna compagnia restrellamento mine, autorizzazione che si intende estesa alla 563^a sp. attualmente in costituzione.

Si' stata anche riconosciuta l'opportunità di assegnare alle compagnie in oggetto un nucleo artificieri per la disattivazione di proiettili e bombe inesplosi. - La direzione generale di artiglieria e motorizzazione è pregata voler provvedere, come già fatto per la 561^a compagnia, all'assegnazione di cotti specializzati alle compagnie 552^a e 563^a.

Complessivamente l'organico del comando di compagnia restrellamento mine viene aumentato di:

- 1 squadra artificieri;
- 1 sottufficiale comandante,
- 2 graduati comandanti di nucleo,
- 8 soldati;
- 1 squadra lancieffame:
- 1 sottufficiale comandante,
- 2 graduati comandanti di nucleo,

3433

P. M. 2000
F. M. 2000
S. M. 2000
S. M. 2000

IL COMANDO DEL 104° REGIMENTO CAVALERIA
S. M. 2000
S. M. 2000
S. M. 2000

La S. M. 2000, con Zedda M/4 del 5 febbraio 1945 ha autorizzato la distribuzione di 2 lanciapirome a ciascuna compagnia trentellente mine, autorizzazione che si intende estesa alla 563^a cp. allineando la costituzione.

E' stata anche riconosciuta l'opportunità di assegnare alle compagnie in oggetto un nucleo artiglieri per la disattivazione di proiettili e bombe inesplose. La direzione generale di artiglieria a motoria azione è pregata voler provvedere, come già fatto per la 561^a compagnia, all'assegnazione di dotati specializzati alle compagnie 562^a e 563^a.

Complessivamente l'organico del comando di compagnia sarà:

- 1 squadrone mine viene addebitato di :
 - 1 squadra artiglieri ;
 - 1 sottufficiale comandante,
 - 2 graduati comandanti di nucleo,
 - 6 soldati
- 1 squadra lanciapirome :
 - 1 sottufficiale comandante,
 - 2 graduati comandanti di nucleo,
 - 6 soldati (con 2 o parecchi lanciapirome).

3933

Dovendo, per disposizione degli A. A., rimanere invariata la forza totale della compagnia, 18 delle 24 squadre trentellente mine avranno 4 soldati invece di 6.

P. C. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(Guido Chiarinigo)
Guido Chiarinigo

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi)

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF: 9/BA/CA

8 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Mater.

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

With reference to this HQ letter 9/BA/CA of 2 February there is forwarded to you copy letter received from the Italian Ministry of War dated 17 Feb 45.

Enclosure

R.C.
R. R. CRIPPE Col
CSO CA Section

2932

Copy to: HQ AMG Fifth Army.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

8 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

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

1. Reference your report REF/1/152 of 28 Feb a demand was submitted to Commerce Sub Commission for tubes and tires.
2. The Sub Commission pointed out that there were no tyres or tubes of the sizes required available, that Regional Transportation Officers are responsible for collating civilian demands and that requests should be forwarded to the Regional Transport Officer concerned.
3. Will you please take the matter up with TOYOAKA Region and see if they can help.

J.R.
 R.R. CRIPPS Col
 CSO CA Section

Copy to: AMG Fifth Army.

J A X I

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

TRANSLATION NO: 563

734
/

Recd 1 Mar 45.

Ministry of War,
Main Engineering Division.

Ref 0167 3/400

Subject: Food Rations for the Mine Clearance Service.

This Division, while organizing the Engineering Service, had proposed the allotment of 120 rations for the service in the subject.

A general allotment schedule prepared by the MHA represented the central organ of the Mine Clearance Service with a total allotment of 30 rations.

In the detailed plan (MD/96 dated 22 Feb 45) no mention is made of an allotment of rations for the MC Service. It was briefly stated that an eventual allotment of rations may be charged to the 5th category rather than to the 1st.

The lack of precise instructions on food rations for the military personnel (officers and enlisted men) of the MC service and in the training centres placed the service in a situation approaching the critical point.

Will you therefore inform us as to the procedure to be adopted for the allocation of the rations in question.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR,
Corps of Engineers,
D. CHIVARO
General of the Division.

Translators Pool,
CA Section,
VB

*See letter to D-16
for copy of
Memorandum*

3930



Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

A P O 154

-3 MAR 1945

*Divisione
Genio
N. 2. 273/1000*

*Proposta di Foglio del
Genio*

OGGETTO RAZIONI VIVERI - per Servizio Bonifica Campi Minati.-

Questa Dires. Gener., in sede di ordinamento del Servizio del Genio, aveva proposto per il servizio in oggetto l'assegnazione di n. 120 razioni.

In un primo schema sintetico di assegnazione emanato dalla M.M.I.A. compariva il solo organo centrale del Servizio Bonifica Campi Minati con un numero complessivo di n. 30 razioni assegnate.

Nel progetto particolareggiato n. SD/94 del 22.2.'45 non vi è più menzione di assegnazione razioni per il servizio B.C.M. In via breve è stato comunicato che un'eventuale assegnazione di razioni può aver luogo a carico della 5^a anziché della 1^a categoria.

La mancanza di precise disposizioni in merito al vetovagliamento del personale militare (ufficiali, sottufficiali e truppe) di inquadramento delle zone B.C.M. e dei centri di addestramento mette in pericolo di crisi il servizio corrispondente.

Pregasi pertanto voler comunicare con quali modalità deve essere effettuata l'assegnazione delle razioni di cui trattasi.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO

In un primo schema sintetico di assegnazione emanato dalla M.M.I.A. compariva il solo organo centrale del Servizio Bonifica Campi Minati con un numero complessivo di n. 30 razioni assegnate.

Nel progetto particolareggiato n. SD/94 del 22.2.'45 non vi è più menzione di assegnazione razioni per il servizio B.C.M. In via breve è stato comunicato che un'eventuale assegnazione di razioni può aver luogo a carico della 5^a anziché della 1^a categoria.

La mancanza di precise disposizioni in merito al vetovigliamento del personale militare (ufficiali, sottufficiali e truppa) di inquadramento delle zone B.C.M. e dei centri di addestramento mette in pericolo di crisi il servizio corrispondente.

Pregasi pertanto voler comunicare con quali modalità deve essere effettuata l'assegnazione delle razioni di cui trattasi.-

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



3424

1009

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

INSPECTORATE OF ENGINEERS CORPS

Ref No 501/Org

6 March 45

SUBJECT : Vehicles for Mine Clearance Service.

TO : HQ 561st Mine Clearers Company LIVORNO
HQ 562nd " " " PESCARA

for info: AC - CA Section
(ref. 9/BA/CA of 1 Mar)

To complete the organisation of the vehicles of the above units
will you kindly send a prompt communication of the following:

Number and type of the vehicles assigned
Type of the motor (petrol or naphta)
Plate number
Efficiency

We will appreciate a quick answer.

THE INSPECTOR OF ENGINEERS CORPS
(Gen. Div. P. Amoroso)

3925

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

507/Ord.



6-3-57 729

ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

gt.

Risposta al

- 7 MAR 1957

OGGETTO: Automezzi per servizio B.C.M. -

Carte annesso N.

- AL COMANDO 551[^] Cp. RASTRELLATORI SINE LIVORNO
- " " 552[^] " " " " PESCARA

e, per conoscenza:

- ALLA A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION A.P.O. 394
(rif.f.9/8A/C.A. del 1 o.m.)

Trovare per ogni lettera un solo riferimento e indicare nella risposta il numero di protocollo e l'ufficio di provenienza.

Per poter portare a completamento l'organico automezzi di codeste compagnie pregasi segnalare con cortese sollecitudine:

- N.ro e tipo dei veicoli assegnati;
- Tipo del motore (benzina o nafta);
- Numero di targa;
- Stato di efficienza.

Si gradirà risposta sollecita.

L'ISPETTORE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO
(Gen. Div. F. Amoroso)

[Handwritten Signature] 3927

2220

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

Tel. Ext. 412

MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-1B/601/I

3 March 1945

SUBJECT : W.E. - ITI-ITI military personnel.

3 March 1945

TO : Director, Civil Affairs Section.

1. It is desired by Land Forces Sub Commission (SEITA) to arrive at a standard organization for the ITI-ITI military personnel who are operating under A.C.
2. Italian units under your supervision at present would appear to be :

Title	No.	Location	W.E. No.	W.E. Strength		Total
				Offr.	ORs.	
Mine Clearance Coy	561	LIVORNO	503/SERP/1	8	201	209
" " "	562	FERRARA	"	8	201	209
" " "	563	PIACENZA	"	8	201	209 Being formed.
Mine Training Team	1		504/SERP/1	25	5	30

3. Please confirm whether the above is correct, and insert the location of the units, or if designed to operate in parts of Italy still occupied, intended location.
4. Please also state what your future requirements will be. Applications for the formation of new units should be forwarded to this office for co-ordination and onward transmission to MHA.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION.

J. E. T. Ritchie
 Sir J. E. T. RITCHIE Bt.
 Lt. Colonel,
 G-1 (B).

/av.

727

REF/1/162

28 Feb 45

Report-Mines Disposal.

- 6 MARCH 45

V ARMY AHD.

1. PROGRESS.

(a) Lucca. Work continues at Belbano, Ponte a Serchio, Limiti e
Minto.

87,047 M. have been cleared and 1,942 mines destroyed.

(b) Pisa. Work continues at S. Piero a Grado, Viareggio, Castel del
Boeco, Riglione e Livorno.

70,170 M. have been cleared and 1,939 mines destroyed.

(c) Pistoia. Work continues at Pescia, Chiesina Uzzone e Settignano.

302,020 M. have been cleared and 699 mines destroyed.

2. CASUALTIES.

There has been one further total casualty caused by an M3 mine
in the Pistoia district.

3. TRANSPORT.

Considerable time in man-hours has been lost owing to transport
difficulties.

The transport situation will appear to depend upon the weather
types and tides.

70,170 M. have been cleared and 1,377 mines destroyed.

(c) Pistoia. Work continues at Pescia, Chiavina Uzenese e Sefurnes. 302,020 M. have been cleared and 699 mines destroyed.

2. CASUALTIES.

There has been one further total casualty caused by an 87 mine in the Pistoia district.

3. TRANSPORT.

Considerable time in man-hours has been lost owing to transport difficulties.

The transport situation still appears to depend upon the matter of tyres and tubes.

- Copies to:
- 1. V ARMY AID.
 - 1. Col. Cripps ✓
 - 1. P.C. Pistoia
 - 1. P.C. Fies
 - 1. P.C. Lugos
 - 1. C.A.O. Viareggio
 - 1. File

M. Short 3925
 M. SHORT
 Capt. R.A.S.C.

9/14/45

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA ✓

5 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

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

So that instructions may be given to the Ministry of War to arrange for the completion of essential work on the pipe line at GAETA, please give this HQ details of the work still to be done.

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

392340

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

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

to A 74

Originator's Reference: **BD1/2265**
Date/Time of Origin: **1527 02/1130A**

Message Centre No: **D/3902**
Date/Time Recd: **1527 02/1235**
Precedence: **IMPORTANT**

FROM: **DIBERG**
TO: **ALLIED COMMISSION INFO: AFHQ**

CONFIDENTIAL

Henry R. Butler

CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref your 9/8A/CA of 25 February. AFHQ arranging move 561 Italian
line clearing Coy from MINTURNO by rail 7 March. MINTURNO nearest
stn. Request you arrange tpt of unit from GASTA to MINTURNO pursuant
AFHQ G4 MOY 6 C/RO of 7 February.

223.

178206.

*Delegazione
will advise*

Transporte...

*459087
Ex. 526.*

DIST

Action: CA SEC
Info: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
FILE 2
PRIORITY

via Rome...



*Reg. IV
478557*

ACTION

478421

SI

CONFIDENTIAL

3923



*to which says no
note approval*

7264
Transmission 565

Inspectorate of the Corps of the Engineers

ref 327

S E C R E T

March 3 1945

SUBJECT : Flame-throwers for the 562nd mine clearance company.

TO : Hq. 562 Mine Clearance Company - Pescara
and for information :

AC. - CIVIL AFFAIRS
GENERAL STAFF - F. ARMY
Office of Organization and Mobilization
MINISTRY OF WAR
Cabinet
MINISTRY OF WAR
Artillery Division
HQ. CHEMICAL CENTER

Following the authorization granted by the Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission and owing to the fact that it is equally necessary to provide the 562 Company with flame-throwers as it was for the 561, your Headquarters is authorized to send a non-commissioned officer, two corporals and six enlisted men suitably qualified to pursue a specialized course in the Hq. of the Chemical Center, in flame-throwing.

Arrangements have already been made with the Hq of Chemical Center.

The following is the organization, the T. O. and the equipment of the flame-throwing squad of your company; this has not been finally approved by the General Staff of the Army (Office of Organization and Mobilization).

- A) Organization : 1 squad made up of two nucleus
- B) T. O. : 1 non-commissioned officer (in command of the squad)
2 corporals each in command of a nucleus
6 enlisted men

Artillery Division
HQ. CHEMICAL CENTER

Following the authorization granted by the Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission and owing to the fact that it is equally necessary to provide the 562 Company with flame-throwers as it was for the 561, your Headquarters is authorized to send a non-commissioned officer, two corporals and six enlisted men suitably qualified to pursue a specialized course in the Hq. of the Chemical Center, in flame-throwing.

Arrangements have already been made with the Hq of Chemical Center.

The following is the organization, the T. O. and the equipment of the flame-throwing squad of your company; this has not been finally approved by the General Staff of the Army (Office of Organization and Mobilization).

- A) Organization : 1 squad made up of two nucleus
- B) T. O. : 1 non-commissioned officer (in command of the squad)
2 corporals each in command of a nucleus
6 enlisted men
- C) Equipment : 2 flame-throwing sets

Instructions as regards the supply of the flame-throwing sets will be given later.

The Inspector of the
Corps of Engineers

Z. ARDIOSO
General of Division

3922

Translator: [unclear]
C. A. Section
VE

N. 324

di prov.



M. 9. 11

CA SECTION

194

722

ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

Risposta al

OGGETTO: Lanciafiame per la 562^a Cp. rastrellatori mine.-

Carte annessa N.

- e, per conoscenza:
- AL COMANDO 562^a CP. RASTRELLATORI MINE PESCARA
- ALL'A.C. -CIVIL AFFAIRS A P O 394
- ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO S E D E
- Uff.Ord. e Mobilitazione- S E D E
- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA S E D E
- Gabinetto- S E D E
- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA S E D E
- Direz.Gen.Artiglieria- R O M A
- AL COMANDO CENTRO CHIMICO

.....

In seguito ad autorizzazione della A.C. -Civil Affairs ed in considerazione del fatto che la necessità che hanno consigliato di dotare di lanciafiame la 561^a Cp. rastrellatori mine valgono anche per la 562^a Cp. si comunica che questo Comando è autorizzato ad inviare 1 Sottufficiale, due Gr. di truppa e sei militari idonei a specializzarsi presso il Comando Centro Chimico, per seguire un corso di addestramento all'impiego dei lanciafiame.

Accordi diretti col Comando Centro Chimico.

Per norma comunicasi, con riserva della superiore

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

- Uff.Ord. e mobilitazione-
- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Gabinetto-
- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
- Direz.Gen.Artiglieria-
- AL COMANDO CENTRO CHIMICO

S E D E
S E D E
S E D E
R O M A

.....

In seguito ad autorizzazione della A.C. -Civili Affairs ed in considerazione del fatto che la necessità che hanno consigliato di dotare di lanciafiamme la 561^a Cp. rastrellatori mine valgono anche per la 562^a Cp. si comunica che questo Comando è autorizzato ad inviare 1 Sottufficiale, due gr.di truppa e sei militari idonei e specializzarsi presso il Comando Centro Chimico, per seguire un corso di addestramento all'impiego dei lanciafiamme.

Accordi diretti col Comando Centro Chimico.
 Per norma comunicasi, con riserva della superiore sanzione da parte dello S.M.R.B. -Uff.Ordinamento e Mob.-- che l'ordinamento, organico e dotazione provvisoria della squadra lanciafiamme di codesta Compagnia sono stabiliti come segue:

- A) - Ordinamento : 1 squadra su due nuclei
- B) - Organico : 1 Sottufficiale Capo squadra
2 gr.di truppa capi nucleo
6 militari di truppa
- C) - Dotazione : 2 Apparecchiature lanciafiamme

Riserva di disposizioni per quanto concerne la fornitura dell'apparecchiatura lanciafiamme.-

L'ISPIETTORE DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO
 (Gen. Div. P. Amoroso)

30/21

20/13

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 73016

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

142

Ref: 9/BA/CA

5 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Rome.

A certain amount of clothing blankets &c. are available (on repayment) for the use of civilians of the mine clearing squads. Before issue can be made a sum of 920,000 lire requires to be deposited in payment. This amount will of course be recovered on resale of the clothing to the workers. The allotment notes are forwarded for your perusal. Please consider the matter and let this Commission know at your earliest convenience if you are to take up this allotment. Please also return all documents.

[Signature]
R.S. CRIPPS Col
CDO CA Section

Enclosures

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig. Gen. SUPINO

721

501515

MESSAGE FORM

030 501 A

- 4 MAR 1945

FROM : MALA

TO : AFHQ FOR G-2 BR G-2 ORG MOV

INFO : HQ 15 ARMY GROUPE
OF FIFTH ARMY
FIFTH ARMY FOR BR INCR
EIGHTH ARMY
NEAR NIGHIN ARMY
DISTONE

IN INCR USE
ITALIAN RPT DETPT CRIVIEO
ITALIAN RPT DETPT AFRASOLA
SIGNALS BARLETTA FOR O'DONNELL
FIFTH ARMY FOR MALA LG
FIFTH ARMY BR INCR FOR MALA LG
DISTONE FOR MALA LG

PERISOUTH FOR MALA LG

OR AREA FOR MALA LG

MOVING
MOVING
MOVING
MOV HOME

SD 2388

CONFIDENTIAL

REF SD 5370 OF 01 (*) FIRST (*) CAMEL SERIALS 40 AND 44 (*)

SECOND (*) WARD SERIALS 42, 43 AND 49 TO READ AS FOLLOWS (*)

A B C D E

42 (*) 81 RELY INCR RPTS CRIVIEO CIVILMOV. 4 DIST
7 RELY INCR COY

43 (*) 79 RELY INCR RPTS CRIVIEO RAPOLI FIFTH ARMY
23 RELY INCR COY

49 (*) 20C GD BR RPTS TIGANI FLORENCE FIFTH ARMY
PART HD LEFT 411 AND 012 GD BR

BY SD 2570 OF CA (*) FIRST (*) CASSEL SERIALS 30 31 44 (*)
SECOND (*) ADDED SERIALS 42, 43 AND 49 TO FIELD AS FOLLOWS (*)

	A	B	C	D	E
42 (*)	61 RLY ENGR RFTS	GRVETIO	CIVILANOVA		1 SIST 7 RLY ENGR COY
43 (*)	79 RLY ENGR RFTS	CRVETIO	BAROLI		FIFTH ARMY 23 RLY ENGR COY
49 (*)	300 50 BR RFTS PART RE LEFT	TRANI	FLORENCE		FIFTH ARMY 911 AND 912 CD BNS

PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE

AUTHENTICATED SKK

Copies to:-

- Ministry of War
- Tn SC AC
- Civil Affairs Sec AC
- A
- Q
- Q(AB)
- Spec Sec
- RE
- ST (4)
- 1
- Med
- Ord
- PM&S
- Int
- MO7
- GILL (P)
- Records Clerk
- SD/61
- SD/43



719

17(1.) 600
SIXTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

17(2.) 600
SIXTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

18(1.) 1000
EIGHTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

18(2.) 1000
EIGHTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

19(1.) 1000
NINTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

19(2.) 1000
NINTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

20(1.) 1000
TENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

20(2.) 1000
TENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

21(1.) 1000
ELEVENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

21(2.) 1000
ELEVENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

22(1.) 1000
TWELFTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

22(2.) 1000
TWELFTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

23(1.) 1000
THIRTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

23(2.) 1000
THIRTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

24(1.) 1000
FOURTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

24(2.) 1000
FOURTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

25(1.) 1000
FIFTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

25(2.) 1000
FIFTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

26(1.) 1000
SIXTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

26(2.) 1000
SIXTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

27(1.) 1000
SEVENTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

27(2.) 1000
SEVENTEENTH THOUSAND NAMED
ASTROLOGICAL

PLEASE ADVISE IN ADVANCE YOUR SCHEDULED EXCHANGE AND
SAY WHAT SPECIAL YOU WANT IT HAS RECEIVED BY 16 MAR 1953

100
 101
 102
 103
 104
 105
 106
 107
 108
 109
 110
 111
 112
 113
 114
 115
 116
 117
 118
 119
 120

PLEASE ALSO ADVISE THROUGH ROAD LIFE SERVICE FLORENCE (.)

SIXTH THOUSAND FEDERAL ROAD DISTRICT FEB (.)

TRC 391

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

718

- 2 -

34(.)	40	GD BN HQS PART ROAD LEFT	USMACV	SIEM	5 AMB IN INDR 50 500 510 520 ITL-ITI
35(.)	300	LAUKE	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR
36(.)	50	PARASUT HQS	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR
37(.)	100	MILITARY	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR
38(.)	104	MLY ENGR HQS	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR 15 MLY ENGR COY
39(.)	108	MLY ENGR HQS	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR 15 MLY ENGR COY
40(.)	90	MLY ENGR HQS	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR 15 MLY ENGR COY
41(.)	98	MLY ENGR HQS	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR 15 MLY ENGR COY
42(.)	91	MLY ENGR COY	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR 7 MLY ENGR COY
43(.)	79	MLY ENGR HQS	GRVIER	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR 15 MLY ENGR COY
44(.)	100	VARIABLE	GRVIER	ARWIC	1 UNIT
45(.)	400	LAUKE	TRAIT	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR
46(.)	50	ARWIC MLG HQ	TRAIT	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR
47(.)	100	ARWIC MLG HQ	TRAIT	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR
48(.)	100	MILITARY	TRAIT	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR
49(.)	300	GD BN HQS PART ROAD LEFT	TRAIT	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR (50 AMB) 50 500 510 520 ITL-ITI
50(.)	350	TRAIT	TRAIT	ARWIC	5 AMB IN INDR 50 500 510 520 ITL-ITI

DESTINATION

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 70506

SI(.)	88	ALL REPA. INFO	CATEGORY	IRREGULAR	DATE
42(.)	84	ALL REPA. COY	GENERAL	FRONT	5 JULY 1948 6 JULY 1948
43(.)	79	REY REPA. COYS	GENERAL	GENERAL	5 JULY 1948 12 JULY 1948
44(.)	102	VACCINES	GENERAL	GENERAL	1 JUNE 1948
45(.)	400	LABORER	FRONT	GENERAL	9 JULY 1948
46(.)	50	AMERICAN WAR AFFAIRS	FRONT	GENERAL	9 JULY 1948
47(.)	100	FORGOTTEN HEROES	FRONT	GENERAL	9 JULY 1948
48(.)	100	MILITARIANS	FRONT	GENERAL	9 JULY 1948
49(.)	300	ON REPA. INFO PART REPA. INFO	FRONT	GENERAL	5 JULY 1948 (99 REPA.) 5 JULY 1948 (99 REPA.)
50(.)	300	REPA. INFO	FRONT	GENERAL	5 JULY 1948 (99 REPA.) 5 JULY 1948 (99 REPA.)



51(.) 563 REPA. (REPA. COY (ITT-ITT))

200 ALL REPA. 16 JULY 1948

FROM S. LAUREL, CALIF. VETERAN N. REPA.

Copies to:

PRECEDENTS DATE 1948

Ministry of War
 IN SC 40
 Civil Affairs Sec 40

A
 Q
 Q (ad)
 Spec Sec
 RE
 ST (2)
 I

Med
 Ora
 REPA
 Lab
 Mor

INVESTIGATED

[Signature]

G II (F)
 Records Clerk

SD/41
 SD/43

0704

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

717

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
Tire Section

GFD/ls

Tel: 489081 Ext. 518

Ref: AC/5099/Commerce

27 February 1945

28 FEB 1945

SUBJECT: Application for tires and tubes.

TO: Civil Affairs Section, Hq A.C.

9 SA CA - have televised

1. Your letter ref ~~ES-454,2/D/155~~ dated 17 February 1945, refers.

2. It is regretted that there is no availability of the sizes requested at present, but a release was recently made to Abruzzi Marche Region and it is recommended that you contact the Regional Transportation Officer with a view to possible assistance.

3. Regional Transportation Officers are responsible for all collected civilian demands, therefore it is requested that future requests will be forwarded to the Regional Transportation Officer concerned.

W. P. Evans
W. P. EVANS
Colonel
Director

file

3910

1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 374
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 7306

Ref: 2/24/44
1 March 46.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Lixio Dbris Region
(Attn. Regional Engineer).

1. Reference is made to the instructions ordering the move of the 661 Company from GAZIA to PACHICK. No action is necessary by your Headquarters as the Company was warned direct by an Officer from this Section. The move of the main party is being arranged by No. 2 District.
2. In so far as rationing are concerned, it was understood that the Company was in a position to provide these and no doubts were mentioned when the matter was raised.
3. Mine Throwers. The question of retention of a squad of men to operate the mine thrower has been considered and it has been decided that no rear party will be left of this Company. In the circumstances, therefore, please arrange for the mine thrower to be returned to the Italian Ministry of War so that they may forward it to LITERO.
4. Permission is granted to you to detain one S.C.O. of this Company who will continue to work with you.
5. Mine Detectors. With regard to mine detectors which have been handed in to U.S.A. for repair, please give this Headquarters an authority to uplift the mine detectors on your behalf. If there are any mine detectors remaining in your stores, please have them delivered to this Headquarters for re-allocation.
6. Contractors. It is understood that you have at least one contract which you wish taken over by the Italian Government. Before making the matter up with the Ministry of War please give full particulars of the contracts, their duration, the cost etc.

...the move of the main party
is being arranged by No. 2 District.

2. In so far as rationing was concerned, it was understood that the Company was in a position to provide these and no doubts were mentioned when the matter was raised.

3. Flame Throwers. The question of retention of a squad of men to operate the flame thrower has been considered and it has been decided that no rear party will be left of this Company. In the circumstances, therefore, please arrange for the flame thrower to be returned to the Italian Ministry of War so that they may forward it to LIVORNO.

4. Permission is granted to you to retain one N.C.O. of this Company who will continue to work with you.

5. Mine Detectors. With regard to mine detectors which have been handed in to S.M.S. for repair, please give this Headquarters an authority to uplift the mine detectors on your behalf. If there are any mine detectors remaining in your stores, please have them delivered to this Headquarters for re-allocation.

6. Contractors. It is understood that you have at least one contract which you wish taken over by the Italian Government. Before making the matter up with the Ministry of War please give full particulars of the contracts, their duration, the cost to and state whether power has been reserved to close the contract at any time should it be desirable to do so. Information is also required as to the state of the contract i.e. how much is still to be carried out or to run.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

R.R. Chipps

R.R. CHIPPS Col
CRO CA Section

3911-

G.4a 237,6b

W 5815

715

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

28 February 1945

TO : Command 551st Mine Sweeping Company - GABTA
and for information:
HQ. A.C. Civil Affairs Section (Attention Col. Cripps)
HQ. AMO. Lazio Umbria Region (attention Col. Bonham-Carter)
Ministero Guerra Ispettorato Genio (Col. Supino)

SUBJECT : Transfer of the Company

IN REPLY QUOTE : RA/ENG/25.4

1. Attached is copy of letter reference 9/S.A/CA dated 25 Feb 1945 of HQ.A.C. which orders the transfer of the company to LITORNO all orders and arrangements for this move will be given direct by HQ.A.C. and NOT through this office.
2. All plans and records of work will be brought up to date and handed over to Lt.Col. Curuso, particular care is necessary that this is accurate as later other arrangements for continuing the work when left off must be made. *Good. Hold the copy this.*
3. The Sergeant now at Littoria will remain there until further orders.

C. P. M. Hardy
Lt. Col. E. E.
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region

0708

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/WND No. 7506

Attached is copy of letter reference 9/8.A/CA dated 25 Feb 1945

of EG.A.C.

Which orders the transfer of the company to LIVERMO all orders and arrangements for this move will be given direct by HQ.A.C. and NOT through this office.

2. All plans and records of work will be brought up to date and handed over to Lt.Col. Caruso, particular care is necessary that this is accurate as later other arrangements for continuing the work when left off must be made. - *Good. Hold the copy this.*

3. The Sergeant now at Littoria will remain there until further orders. -

C. M. Hardy

Regional Engineer Lt.Col.E.E.
Lasio Umbria Region
3910

Enclosure

W.A. J. 1/3

(122)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LADAC UMBELA REGION
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

7/14

27 Febbraio 1945

AL : Comando 561 Compagnia Antirincalzamento Mine - GARDIA -
e p.c.
A : 4 R.A. AC. Civil Affairs Section (at ensione Col. Cripps)
R.A. Lt. Col. Leslie Hebble Rogers (at ensione Col. Donham-Carter
Ministero Guerra Ispettorato Genio (Col. Salsino)

OCCETTO : Trasferimento Compagnia

PRIT. : R4/KSO/25.4

1. Si allega copia di lettera protocollo 9/DA/CA in data 24 Febbraio 1945 dell'Hq. AC, con la quale viene ordinato il trasferimento della Compagnia a LIVORNO.
Tutti gli ordini e disposizioni per questo trasferimento saranno dati direttamente dall'Hq. AC. e NON attraverso questa Divisione.
2. Tutti i piani e elenchi di lavoro eseguiti saranno subito aggiornati e consegnati al Ten. Col. Carson, e cura particolare è necessaria che questi siano accurati, perché in seguito altri provvedimenti per continuare il lavoro deve essere interrotto dovranno essere presi.
3. Il sergente ora distaccato a Litteria vi rimarrà fino a nuovi ordini.

Carroll
Regional Engineer Lt. Col. R.E.

0710

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 72016

PRCT. : 84/280/25.A

1. Si allega copia di lettera protocollo 9/8A/Ca in data 25 Febbraio 1977 dell'Ns. Ac. con la quale viene ordinato il trasferimento della Compagnia a Livorno.

Tutti gli ordini e disposizioni per questo trasferimento saranno dati direttamente dall'Ns. Ac. e N.3 attraverso questa Divisione.

2. Tutti i piani e disegni di lavoro eseguiti durante subito aggiornati e consegnati al Tm. Col. Caruso, e cura particolare è necessario che questi siano sicuri, perche in seguito altri provvedimenti per continuare il lavoro dove è stato interrotto dovranno essere presi.

3. Il sergente ora distaccato a Littorio vi rimarra fino a nuovi ordini.

Luigi Caruso
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region Inf.
Lt. Col. R.E.

Allegati:

3912

1927

C. O. P. I.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

LFC 194

CIVIL AFFAIRS SEC 2H

9/8.A/GA

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

for

561 Mine Clearance Company

C. A. E. I. A.

I INTENTION

The 561 Mine Clearance Company will move to Livorno and come under temporary command 35 CME (works) Livorno for operations.

II METHOD

a) 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:

- (1) Officers -
 - One technical Officer) One of whom should be
 - One administrative) English speaking.
 - Officer)

(11) Other Ranks

- Two squads of selected)
- men trained in mine)
- clearance work....10) At least one of them
- Two carpenters.... 2) should be English speaking.
- Five general duty men)
- Two cooks..... 2)

20

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 180 Other Ranks.

III EQUIPMENT

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

- (1) Two Mine Detectors, wire cutters and necessary explosive so that

- (1) Officers -
 - One technical officer } One of whom should be
 - One administrative } English speaking.
 - Officer }
- (ii) Other Ranks-
 - Two squads of selected } men trained in mine } clearance work.....10 } At least one of them
 - Two carpenters..... 2 } should be English speaking.
 - Five general duty men5 }
 - Two cooks..... 2 }

20

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 150 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 may clear mines from the Racecourse Buildings, LIVORNO.
 - (ii) Carpenters tools, saws, hammers etc for constructing latrines etc.
 - (iii) Cooking utensils.
 - (iv) Blankets, bedding
- b) The Main party will take all remaining stores, equipment including Mine Detectors and cooking utensils and complete personal equipment.

IV ACCOMMODATION -

The buildings on the Racecourse, LIVORNO

3411

V RATIONS

- a) Advance party
The advance party will take five days rations.
- b) Main party
will take remainder of rations and stores.

1957

c) Supplies

Warning Order will be issued to an Italian unit Livorno to issue rations on indent by the 561 Mine Clearance Company.

VI TRANSPORT

Advance 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 Ceeta.

2.2. CHIFFO Col.
CSC CA Section

25 February 1945

Distribution:

HQ No 2 District (2)
Ministry of War
Via IL Settembre - for
Col SUPINO (2)
35 CHE Works, HQ 50 Sub Area
561 Mine Clearance Company
Land Forces Sub-Comdn (ADMIA)
Lazio Umbria Region
Toscana Region
Spare (4)

0714

[Faint, illegible text]