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MINE CLEARANCE, CORRESPONDENCE
MAR., APR. 1945

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

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13th April 1945

→ TO : HQ.AC. (M) *anti affairs*

SUBJECT : Clearance of Mines LAZIO and UMBRIA.
Some general considerations on future work.

REFERENCE : R4/ENG/26.1

1. Methods adopted.

a) In PERUGIA Province this was started early under Provincial arrangements by direct Labor (Local Fire Services). At first casualties were heavy after training by 8th Army experts the results were satisfactory and casualties markedly reduced;

b) In RIETI Province under Provincial arrangements a Reserve Officer of Italian Army gathered a small squad of 12 men who were paid fixed salaries.- Results were reported successful and casualties low.- From partial information on costs the cost per mine lifted appears high.

This squad subsequently moved to Frosinone Province and are reported to have cleared a large number of mines.- They were paid by Genio Civile on fixed salary plus bonus per mine.- Exact data as to costs insurance and number of mines has NOT been supplied.-

Heavy casualties resulted in stopping work.

This squad was loaned transport and a mine detector;

c) The Genio Civile have with success employed contractors to clear small areas for Housing at TERRACINA and CASSINO;

d) By contract by S.B.A.R.E.C. for 2.000.000 mq.

The work done under this contract comes under two categories:-

(1) Clearance of specified Public Works - Area Swept 1.08 6.755 mq; Mines removed 5926 average overall density of Mine per 184 mq;

(2) Exploration and removal of minefields tranversed and located when sweeping Electric Lines; Area swept- 368.905 mq; mines removed 25.140. 4103

This gives an average density of 9,2 mq per mine in actually located mine fields an abnormally high density as the Standard German Fields are from 18 to 25 mq. per mine for Anti-tank mine and anti-personnel somewhat denser.

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In some cases in the ANZIO beachhead Zone of heavy fighting Allied Minefields crossed German Minefields.

This work was done with a squad of 20 to 25 men over a period of 6 months or 2600 men days with one casualty being an average of 10 mines per man per day with average on minefields of 30 mines per day and 500 sq per man per day. Mainly with detectors provided by contractor, where necessary producing. The cost worked out at £ 3,20 per sq or £ 150,- per mine including all overhead transport, insurance, apparatus, accommodation. Tests of a percentage of all work were done by Senior Italian Officer and were satisfactory;

e) 561 Italian Mine Company worked in Southern LITTORIA. The Area swept was 892.600 sq and number of mines found was 4599. There were 18 casualties.- This was all on Specified Public Works and works out at average overall density of 1 mine per 180 sq.- The ground swept was more impeded by Debris than in the case of (d) above and a larger proportion of antipersonnel Mines. Yet the disproportionate result has been 2/3rds of the area in proportion to the number of men employed some 5 times more indicates a lower efficiency attributable to lack of any organised procedure for provision and maintenance in efficiency of apparatus, irregular supply of food and fuel, no change of clothing and insufficient blankets and bedding resulting in no work when raining, briefly insufficient administration;

f) Lastly there is clear evidence that a considerable number of mines have been cleared by individual work by peasants (contadini) on their own land. Each COMUNE should have a number of trained men to deal with isolated mines.

Conclusion.

Cost by contract was very much less than cost by Italian Army Mine Unit, the administration troubles light, but supervision heavy. With the very high insurance rates and civil transport costs in theory directly employed Civilian or Army Units should be cheaper but that could only be in practice if the Administrative arrangements technical and domestic are good, they have NOT been so and with no direct incentive to be so are unlikely to become so. 4102

In all methods especially with a Bonus per mine testing and independent checks are essential to ensure practical results approaching proper reports.-

Recommendation.

Clearance of all Minefields except for Military operations to be responsibility of Ministero della Guerra. - Forward of

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Army Control Line by Army Units, behind it by contract and direct labor experience will show which is best probably both will act as check on each.

2. Types of Work.

a) Public Works such as a safe area around a bridge to be reconstructed, an Electric Line, an Aqueduct can be defined exactly and are easily tested and checked;

b) There remains agricultural areas.- It is obvious that costs of sweeping large areas even in Zones likely to be mined would be prohibitive.

3. How can mined areas be found and recorded ?

a) The method used last harvest season in LITTORIA of cutting until a mine is exploded resulted in 100 casualties being reported in one day in that province and must be discarded as inhuman and of prohibitive cost if a casualty compensation is taken at 50.000,- Lire:

b) The 8th Army Mine Maps of Gustav Line and SANGRO Line were available early.- They show minefields some delimited some not which effected troops also single mines located which may or may not indicate a Minefield.

It is understood that the Minister of War has after long delays obtained copies of the corresponding 5th Army Mine Maps for South Littoria and ANZIO.-

Recommendation.

ACHQ should arrange as a matter of standing routine to obtain 4 copies of all Mine Maps and pass 2 copies to Minister of War one for use in field. This copy to be marked up to date for Clearances and the 3rd copy used as a shuttle copy.

Scale 1/50000 is too small, 1/10000 or larger is better, best a Cadastral Map of 1/2500 -;

c) INFORMATION from Enemy Sources this should be definitely taken up with Intelligence branch by ACHQ;

d) Ascertainment of mined areas from local knowledge through SINDACOS and from locations obtained in sweeping Electric Lines, Aqueducts, Roads.

Conclusion.

The information from all these sources must be interlocked generally on small scale maps and in detail on large scale maps.- The areas actually swept must be surveyed and accurately plotted.-

Areas ploughed or harvested and so ascertained to be free should also be plotted until gradually the whole suspected area can be marked "Believed Clear".

4. Clearance of Areas in which Mines have been located.

A Minefield is NOT a continuous belt at a series of echeloned areas often with gaps deliberately left which have been covered by fire.- Considerable exploration work is entailed beyond a mined area before a suspected Zone can be regarded as "Beleived Clear".

Suggested procedure:-

a) Follow up the actual Minefield clearing block by block with a series of exploratory strips 2 meters wide at say 50 meters interval and 50 meters long.- *Striping with plough*

b) Having completed that with PLAIL tractor beat a wide Zone around it preferably defined by features identifiable on maps eg roads, ditches etc so that the Beleived Clear Zone can be plotted on Map.-

The survey work of plotting the actual lay out of the Minefield is considerable and dangerous as can be seen from sample sketches of 4 out of 19 Minefields located on the HT Electric Line LITTORIA-VELLETRI and ALBANO-ANZIO recently sent to ACHQ, Ministero della Guerra and local Genio Civile.-

alternative:- Drive over flocks of sheep in hopes of ascertaining antipersonnel mines followed by herds of cows.-

Possibly fit anti-splinter shield to plough;

c) Areas liable to winter flooding should be given priority in summer as many such had to be omitted last winter involving waste of time and transport.-

5. FINALLY.

a) Even a Zone swept by detector or prodding cannot be guaranteed 100% clear, hence "Beleived Clear";

b) Isolated mines or even minefields will continue to be found by method (a) perhaps for some years;

c) Following removal of large numbers of mines in OSTIA area by the first Civilian Squad working under Ministero della Guerra a military formation had difficulty in ascertaining what could be regarded as a safe training area.-

This emphasizes the need for accurate records of work done which involves in turn a supply of large scale maps preferably 1/2500; 410

d) For all Methods:-

(i) Detonators to be collected, independently checked and destroyed;

(ii) Independent test of 5% to 20% of work as is done in Measured Construction Works;

(iii) This involves a trained supervisory staff, suitably

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paid and equipped, which might well be found from serving or retired officers with suitable experience.

6. Much work and thought has been given to this by Major LARSON, CofE, USA formerly Mine Sweeping Unit, Lt.Col. CARUSO Italian Army and Lt.Col. ARMENANTE (Italian Engineers retired).

Gallinlay

Lt.Col.R.E.

Regional Engineer

Lazio Umbria Region A.M.G.

Copy to:

Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Generale Genio-
Lt.Col.CARUSO.

Major Larson 19111111

Lt.Col. Gallinlay

Eng. Armenante

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
(Engineering Division)
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11th April 1945

TO : Corpo Reale Genio Civile - Ufficio di LITTORIA

SUBJECT : Mine clearance

IN REPLY QUOTE : R4/ENG/26.1

1. Reference letters same subject and file number dated 31.3.1945 and 3.4.1945.

2. Clearance of Mines in located Minefields along HT Lines Littoria-Cisterna-Velletri and Albano-Anzio:-

	area	n° of mines
up to 25.3.45	368.105 mq	25.130
from 25/3 to 29/3	45.092 mq	470

Total 413.197 mq 25.600

Area notified in R4/ENG/26.1 dated 31.3.45 (Schedule A)

1.086.735,40 mq 5.926

Grand Total 1.499.932,40 mq 31.526

3. The clearance of located Minefields on HT Line Littoria-Cisterna-Velletri Campo 1 to 9 have been completed. Campo 10 and 11 were irregular and no regular campo found.

4. On the Line Albano-Anzio, the situation is as follows:-
a) Field n° 1 at about 1 Km from Campo di Carne towards Anzio - completed;
b) Fields n° 2,3,4,5 and 6 from Campo di Carne to Carro-ceto - almost completed;
c) Field in Anzio Wood at about 3 Km from Anzio towards

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- c) Field in Anzio Wood at about 3 Km from Anzio towards Carroceto, and the two fields at about 1,500 Km and 3 Km from Carroceto Railway Station towards Campoleone - still to be completed.

It is recommended that you now order the 13 mines to be completed.

Cardellini Lt.Col.R.E.

Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region A.M.G.

Enclosures: (for Genio Civile)

- 3 Plans of HT lines M/26,M/27,M/30
- 1 sheet (order n°14)
- 1 sheet UNIT COSTS (C)

3. Day 10 of 10.1.45 Campo di Carne Velletri 1.2.45 Anzio 20.3.45

Copy to : HQ.AC.Civil Affairs Section with Sheet C

- Unit Costs received to date;
- Plan M/26 File 26.1 page 17
- Plan M/27 File 26.1 page 17
- Plan M/30 File 26.1 page 28
- Order No 14 " 26.1 page 90

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TABLE OF UNITARY COSTS

- 1°) Cost per mine on land ascertained mined and cleared
(Public Utility: Electric Power and Bridges):

$$\frac{1.086.735,4 \times 2,40}{5926(\text{mines removed})} + 38 = 478,12$$

- 2°) Cost per square meter on land as per preceding para 1° :

$$\frac{5926 \times 38}{1.086.735,4} + 2,40 = 2,607$$

- 3°) Cost per mine on mined fields located on the H.T. lines
LITORIA-CISTERNA-VELLETRI and ALBANO-ANZIO (order 3° 14):

$$\frac{413.197 \times 2,40}{25600} + 38 = 72,44$$

- 4°) Cost per square meter on mined fields as per preceding para 3:

$$\frac{25600 \times 38}{413.197} + 2,40 = 4,75$$

- 5°) Cost per mine on the total of the ground explored and cleared:

$$\frac{1.499.932,40 \times 2,40}{31526} + 38 = 152,18$$

- 6°) Cost per square meter as per preceding para 5:

$$\frac{31526 \times 38}{1.499.932,40} + 2,40 = 3,19$$

by order

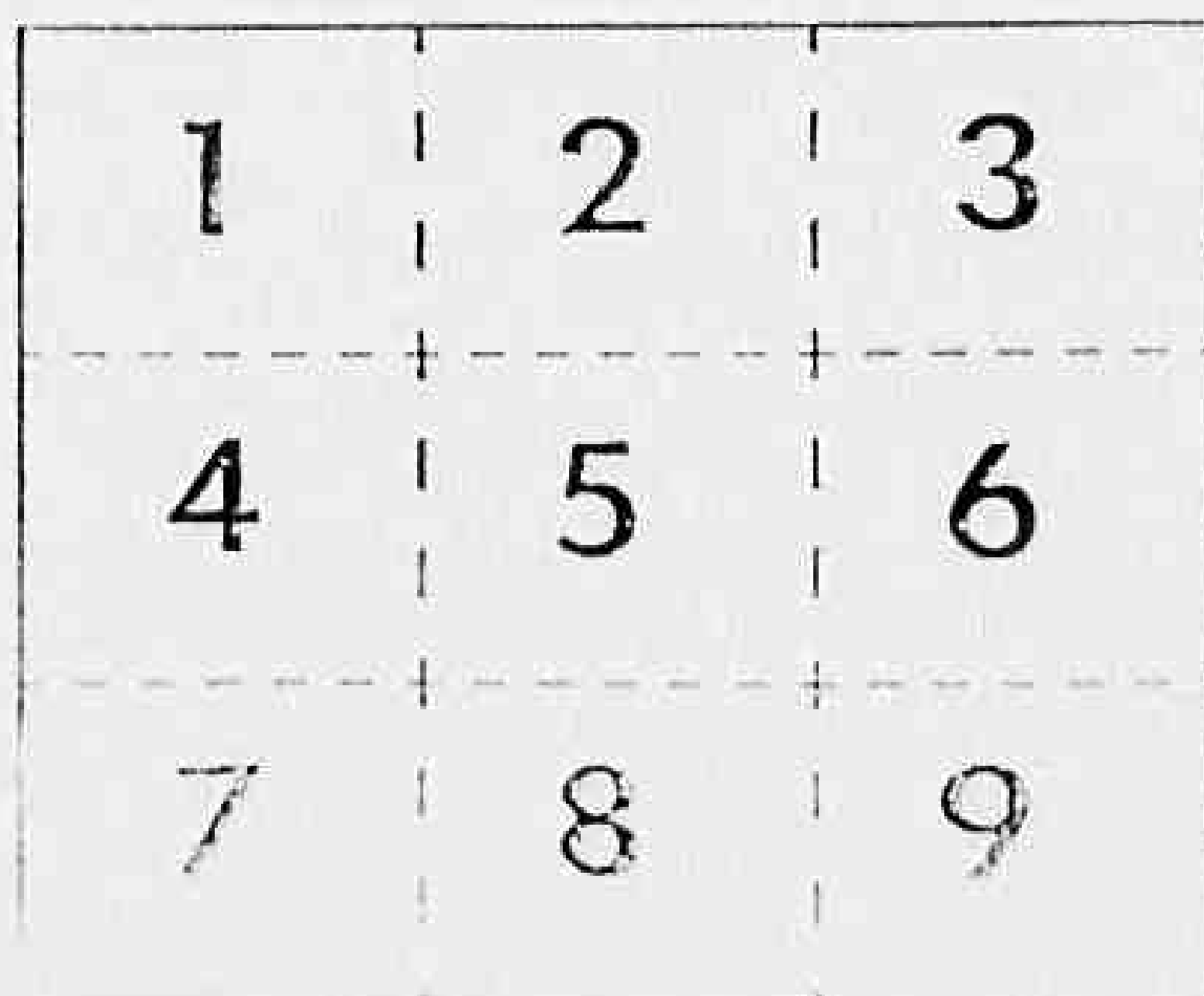
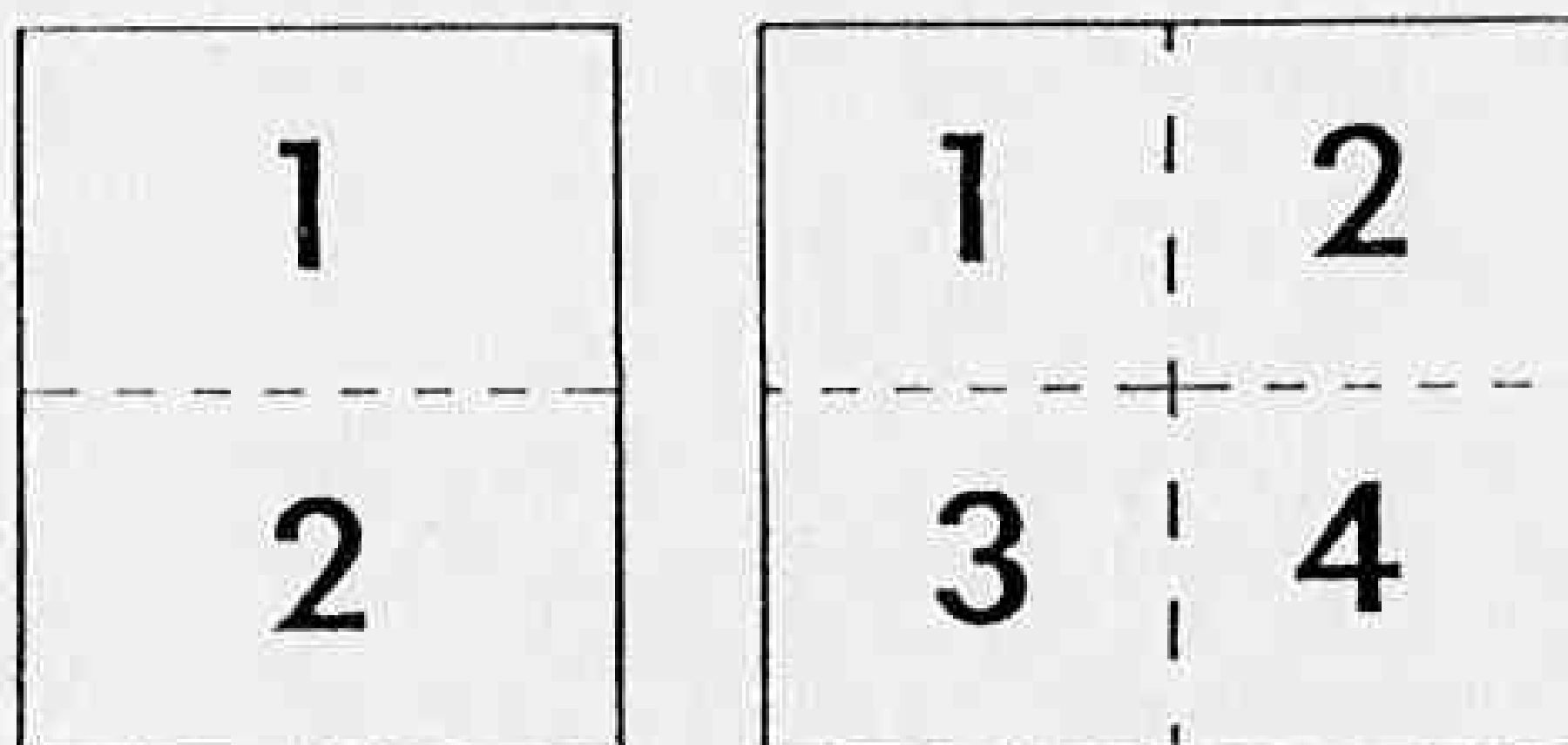
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Italian Liaison Officer
Senior Rank
Lt. Col. F. CARUSO

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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.



CAMPO III DI CAMPO CARNE

Strada Anzio Albano Roma

ANZIO

SUPERFICIE

1)	102 x 16	=	sq.	1.632	!
2)	50 x 25	=	"	1.250	!
3)	50 x 25	=	"	1.250	!
4)	50 x 55	=	"	2.750	!
5)	27 x 50	=	"	1.350	!
6)	25 x 50	=	"	1.250	!
7)	25 x 50	=	"	1.250	!
8)	75 x 17	=	"	1.275	!
9)	100 x 55	=	"	5.500	!
10)	104 x 17	=	"	1.768	!
11)	30 x 22	=	"	660	!
12)	84 x 17	=	"	1.428	!
13)	(181 x 30) + (15x13x2)	=	"	5.820	!
14)	250 x 20	=	"	5.000	!
15)	50 x 15	=	"	1.250	!
15a	90 x 20	=	"	1.800	!
16)	400 x 40	=	"	16.000	!
16a	140 x 25	=	"	3.500	!
17)	114 x 16	=	"	1.824	!
18)	85 x 17	=	"	1.462	!

sq. 58.019 -
360 (area esplorata in precedenza)
sq. 27.659

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" olzmine
" tellepaine
totale mine:

4464

Campanato Inglate

1003

Campano

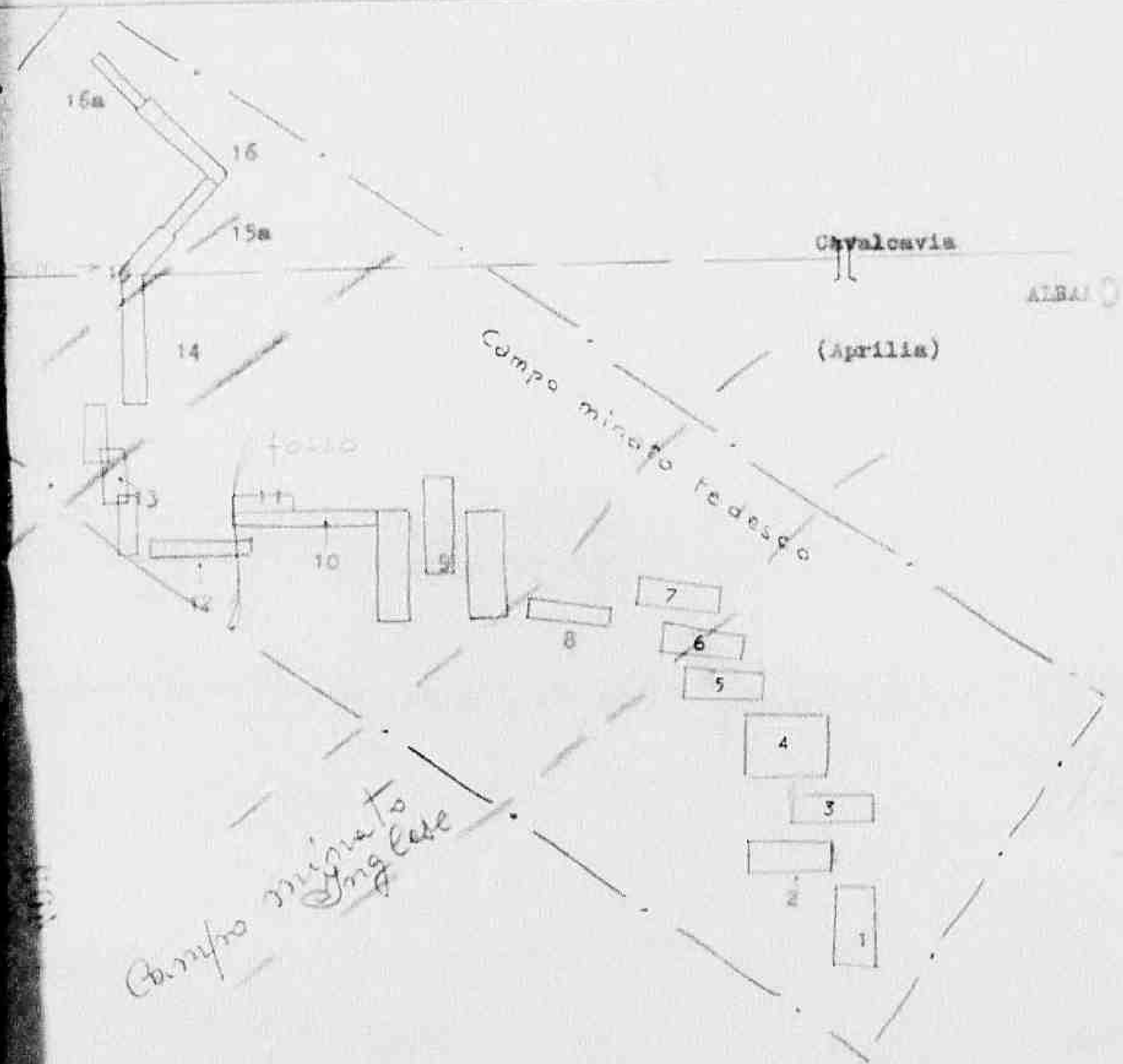


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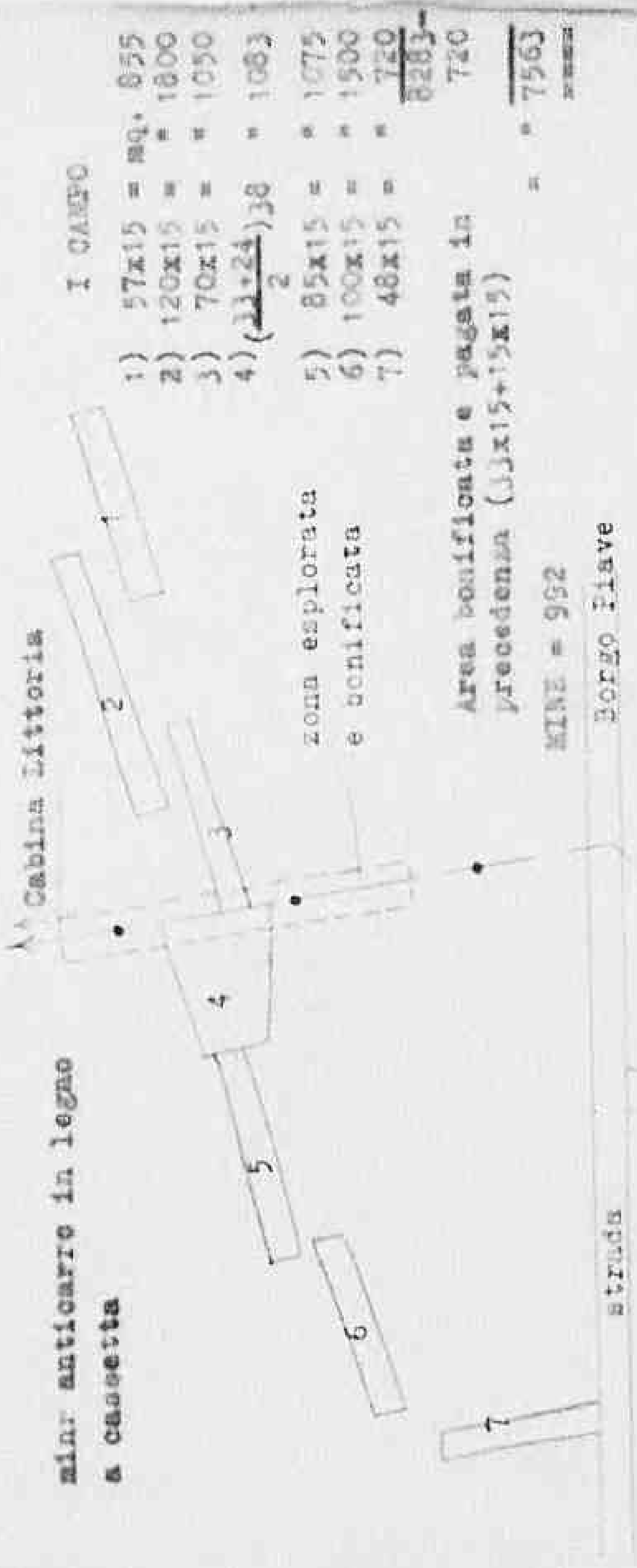
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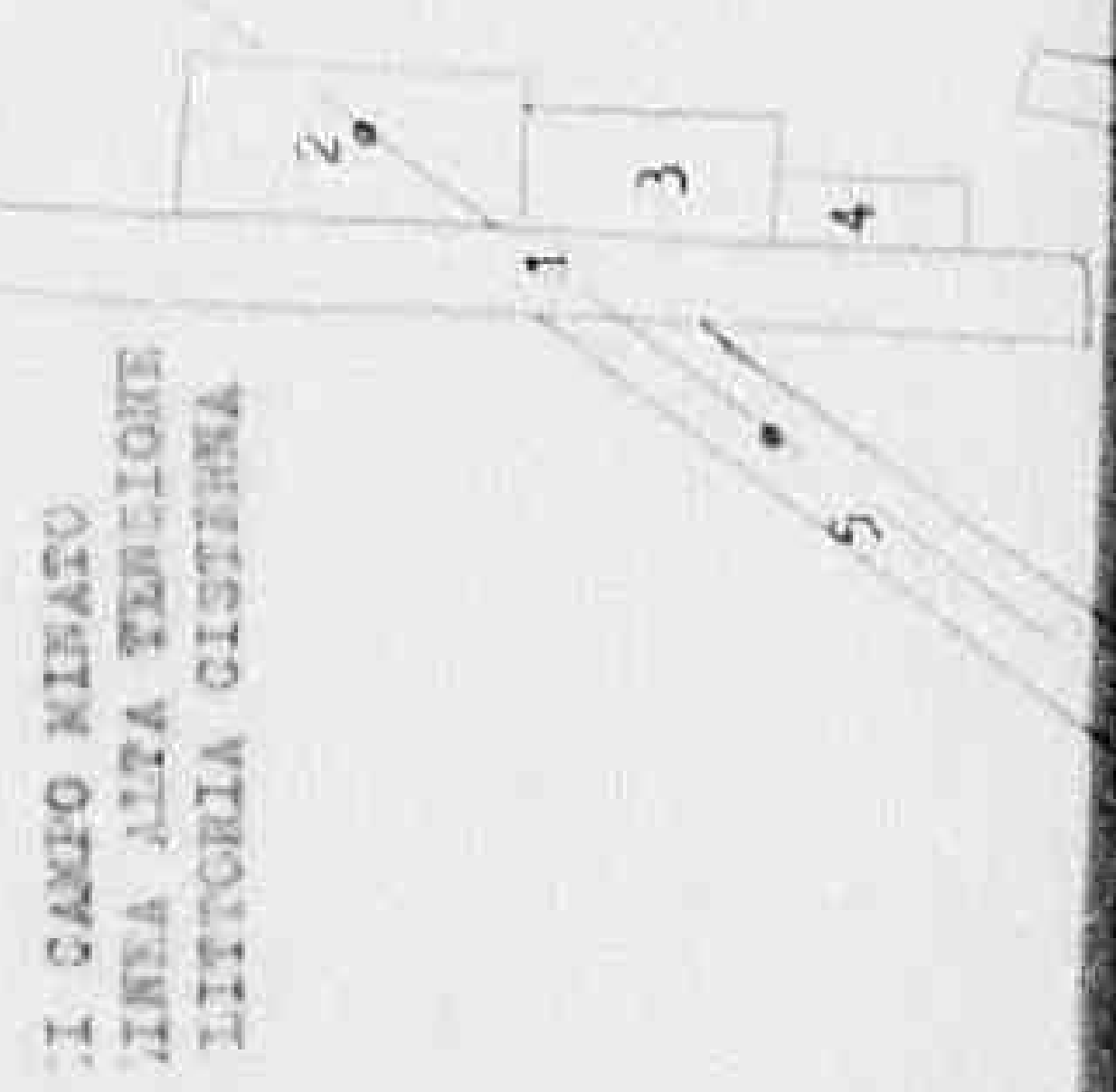


I CAMPO MINATO. LINEA ALTA TENSIONE LITTORIA CISTENNA



I CAMPO	
1)	57x15 = mq. 855
2)	120x15 = " 1800
3)	70x15 = " 1050
4)	$(\frac{11+24}{2})38 = 1063$
5)	85x15 = " 1275
6)	100x15 = " 1500
7)	48x15 = " 720
	<u>8283</u>
	720
	<u>7563</u>

II CAMPO	
1)	120 x 15 = mq. 1800
2)	23 x 15 = " 345
3)	10 x 11 = " 110
4)	12 x 8 = " 96
5)	120 x 15 = " 1800
6)	120 x 11 = " 1320
7)	69 x 11 = " 759
	<u>6230</u>
	2521
	<u>3709</u>
Area esplorata - bonificata in precedenza e pagata mq. 1619	



II CAMPO MINATO
LINEA ALTA TENSIONE
LITTORIA CISTENNA

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Area bonificata e pagata in
precedenza (13x15+15x15)
MINE = 992
Borgo Piave

II CAMPO MINATO
LINEA ALTA TENSIONE
LITTORIA CISTERNA

strada

II CAMPO

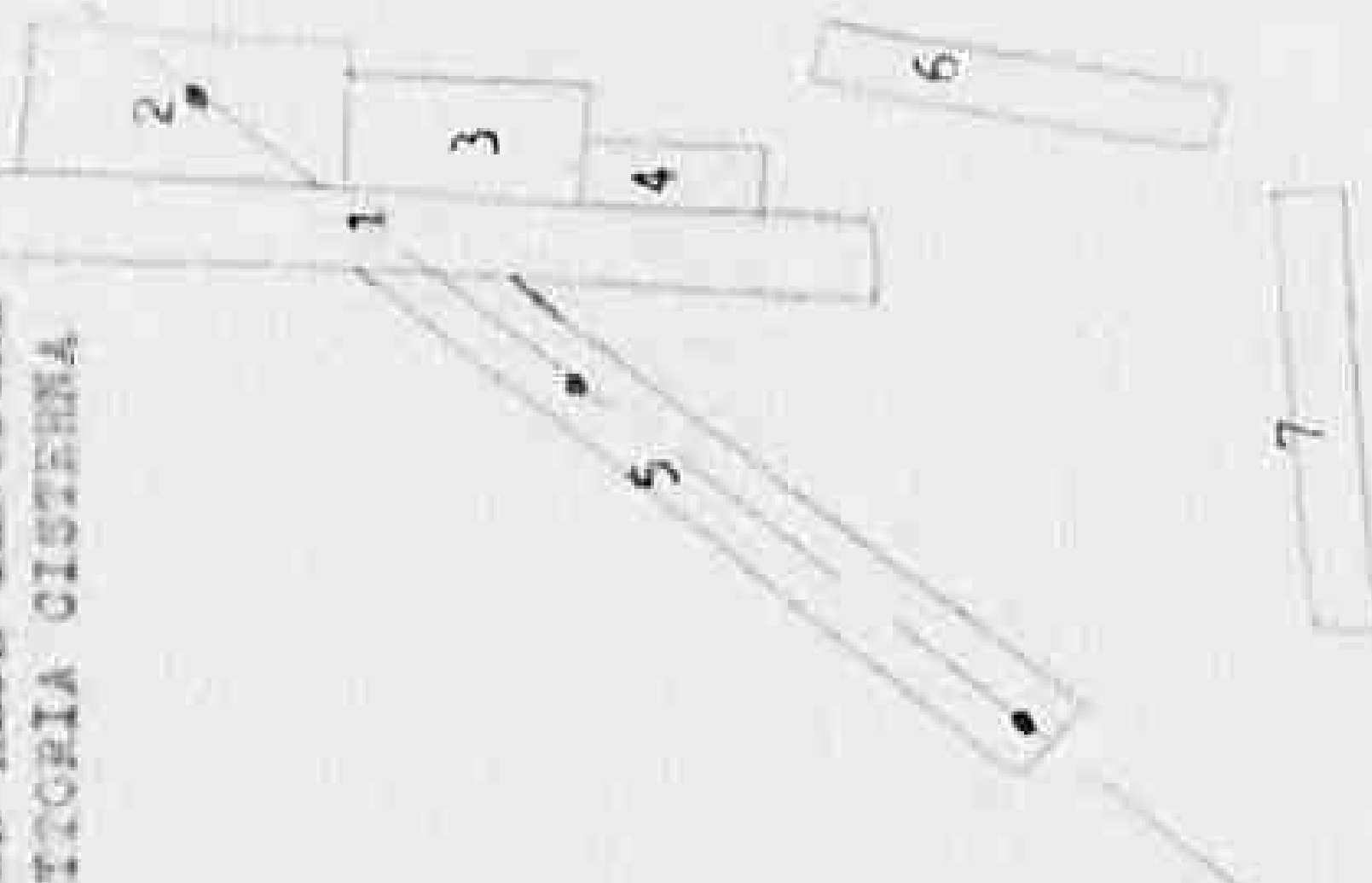
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6)	120 x 11	= "	1320
7)	69 x 11	= "	759
			<u>6230</u>

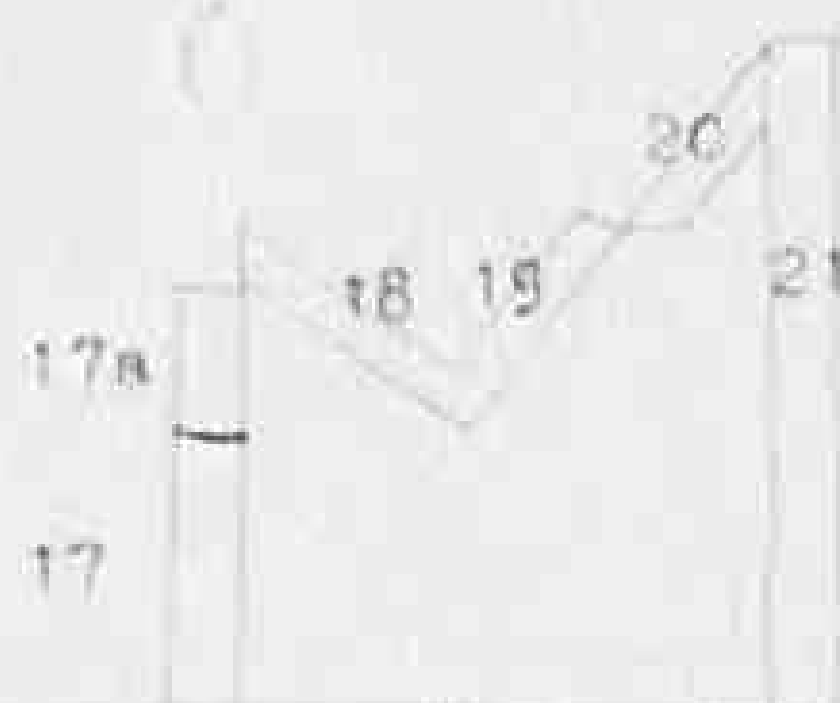
Area esplorata - bonificata
in precedenza e pagata mq. 2591

1)	15 x 34	= mq.	510
2)	5 x 15	= "	75
3)	10 x 11	= "	110
4)	12 x 8	= "	96
5)	120 x 15	= "	1800
			<u>2591</u>

MINE ANTICARBO TELERMINI = 624

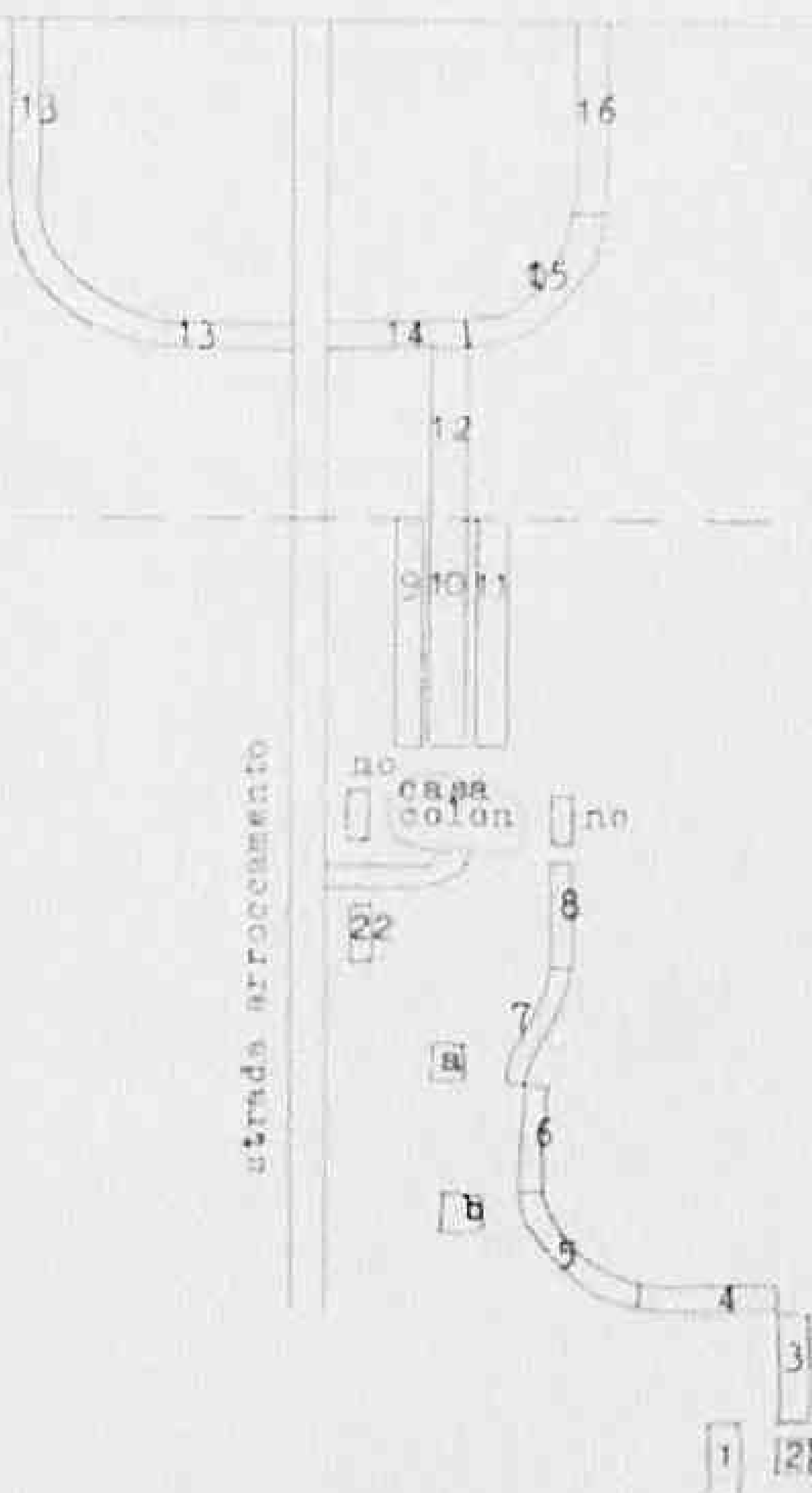
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II CAMPO MINATO LINEA ALTA TENSIONE ANZIO ALBANO

Strada Anzio Albano Roma



1)	267 x 33	= mq.	8.811
2)	36 x 33	= "	1.188
3)	206 x 33	= "	6.798
4)	75 x 28	= "	2.100
5)	355 x 35	= "	12.425
6)	150 x 35	= "	5.250
7)	150 x 25	= "	3.750
8)	150 x 25	= "	3.750
9)	480 x 15	= "	7.200
10)	480 x 15	= "	7.200
11)	480 x 15	= "	7.200
12)	121 x 46	= "	5.566
13)	600 x 35	= "	21.000
14)	110 x 40	= "	4.400
15)	295 x 40	= "	11.800
16)	340 x 42	= "	14.280
17)	225 x 35	= "	7.875
17a)	170 x 30	= "	5.100
18)	90 x 30	= "	2.700
19)	60 x 30	= "	1.800
20)	$(\frac{100+50}{2}) \times 25$	= "	2.250
21)	450 x 38	= "	17.100
22)	35 x 15	= "	525
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Area esplorata preced. 720

Mine MK 5 X 4296

Superfici esplorate:

- a) campo minato tedesco antiuomo
- b) campo minato inglese antiuomo

N.B. Nel II Campo sono state trovate anche bombe a farfalla tedesche e mine antiuomo inglesi. ~~non sono state~~

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LARIO UMBRIA REGION
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CA SECTION

9 APR 1945

6th April 1945

TO : Ministero della Guerra
Ispettorato Genio -
Ufficio Bonifica Campi Minati - Rome.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance by Contract S.B.A.E.E.C.

IN REPLY QUOTE : RA/ENG/26.1

1. The contract with SBAREC has been handed over to Capo del Genio Civile LITTORIA who has assumed responsibility for the remaining area covered by the contract (approximately 400,000 sq.).

A Schedule of all works completed has been sent to Capo del Genio Civile di LITTORIA together with diagrams of details for work still to do.

A copy of this has also been sent to Civil Affairs Section at AG.HQ with all details in my file 26.1

2. The total area cleared under the contract is as follows:-

The Contractor SBAREC has cleared 127 km of Electric Lines and about 40 Bridges.- The mines collected reported last month at 6000 has risen to 31,000.- This large increase, as foreseen in my January report, is work done during January, February and March clearing Minefields located during clearing of Electric Lines and not yet completed.

The total area tested is 1,186,000 sq and completed but not yet tested or checked 369,000 sq.

The contract has been transferred to Genio Civile and a handing over report sent to them of works tested.

The final bill and final report will be prepared on completion of testing.

The average cost per sq is Lira 3.20;

The average cost per mine lifted is Lira 150.-.

Independent tests have been done by Lt.Col. CARUSO, Italian Army assisted by men of 361 Coy and have showed the work to be very satisfactory.

The tests of the final work completed to date of hand over are now being carried out by Lt.Col. CARUSO and this will be billed and paid.

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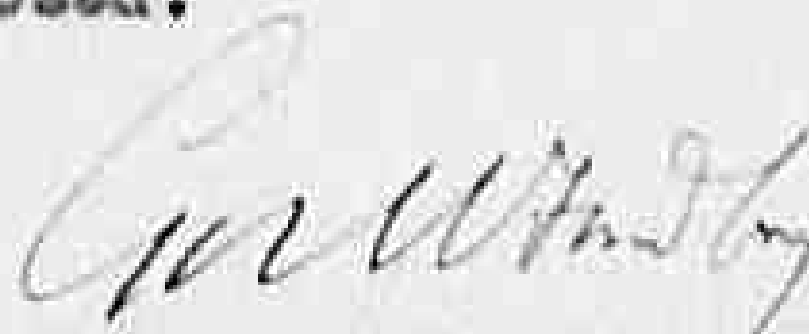
3. Capo del Genio Civile di LITTORIA and Il Provveditore del Genio Civile Lazio & Umbria are asking you to place at his disposal for Supervision and Safety the Sottufficiale of the 561 Coy now assisting Lt.Col. CARUSO in supervision.

I would strongly recommend that this request be conceded as it is work that requires knowledge and experience and this Sottufficiale knows all the scattered places where clearance work is being done.

The work completed and tested by the Contractor has been most satisfactory.

4. Please accept my thanks for detailing Lt.Col. CARUSO as Liaison officer for mines; he has had the sole supervision of this dangerous work since November and has done excellent work and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

5. This Office is NOW closed.



Lt.Col.R.E.
Regional Engineer
Lazio Umbria Region A.M.G.

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HQ.AC.(Civil Affairs) ←
Il Provveditore (2 copies)
Lt.Col.CARUSO

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CA SECTION

- 7 APR 1945

Subject: Casualty, 561 (Italian) Mine Clearing Coy.

35 C.R.E. (Works),

C. H. P.

Tel: 39 Mine B.

Ref: 1091/A.

5th April, 1945.

C.A. Branch,
H.Q., A.C.

The following casualty is reported for your information.

PUTZALI GIOVANNI (no number) of 561 (Italian) Mine Clearing Coy was killed at 1045 hrs, 3 Apr 45 by mine in LEXXIS area whilst on mine clearing operations.

Next of Kin: - Father, PUTZALI GIUSEPPE 4091

Address: - Sassari Via Capodoro No. 1, SASSARI.

Lt.-Col., S.A.E.C.,
35 C.R.E. (Works).

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-6 APR 1945

Subject: - Organisation of ACPM-175 Units.

Casey Jones Sub-Commission, Inc.
(N. M. I. A.)

File No. SD/54

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Mar 28 1957

GOAL (B) AC.

Reference GI (Tr) 4012 of U. Mar 45 and conversation
Major FARMER - HOLT.

1. It is confirmed that the breakdown of the 3000 Italian military personnel allotted to HQ AC vide Cat. 5(A) shall be as at Appendix "A".
2. Any increase required over the above should be referred to AFHQ.

L.M. Ingledew.
for Major General.
M.M.I.A.
H.C.

DISTANCE

U-2 Org. AFHQ
 Mailed to Eighth Army
 " " Fifth Army
 " " 1 Distinct
 " " 3 Distinct

Corp.
Lease Price: 40.90

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any and all personnel of the 300 Italian military personnel allotted to HQ AC vide Cat. 5(a) shall be as at Appendix "A".

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DISTRIBUTION:

G-3 Org. AFHQ
MIA 10 Eighth Army
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" " 1 District
" " 3 District
" " 54 Area
" " Pensouth
" " Cardinia
" " Fifth Army

INTERNAL:

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A Q(3)
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Med
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Lab
Welfare

L.M. Ingledand
for Major General. Lt-Col.
M.M.I.A.

*Good - let's see how
this works out. 4090
W. 74.*

Appendix "A" to NSCIA letter
SD/94 dated 19 March 65

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CATEGORY 5(A) - UNITS WITH A.C

Serial	Designation of Unit		Location or intended location (d)	WE Number (e)	WE Strength		Remarks
	(a)	(b)			(f)	(g)	
1.	Italian Increment to Truck Bn		FLORENCE	510/SMTZ/1	3	14	17
2.	Truck Company		LIVORNO	502/SMTZ/1	5	110	115
3.	"		FLORENCE	"	5	110	115
4.	"		NAVACCHIO	"	5	110	115
5.	"		FLORENCE	"	5	110	115
6.	"		LIVORNO	"	5	110	115
7.	"		LUCCA	"	5	110	115
8.	"		GIVITAVECCHIA	"	5	110	115
9.	"		FLORENCE	"	5	110	115
10.	Mine Clearance Coy		LIVORNO	503/SMTZ/1	5	201	209
11.	"		PESCARA	"	8	201	209
12.	"		PESCARA	"	8	201	209
13.	"		"	"	8	201	209
14.	Mine Training Pool		Various	504/SMTZ/1	15	115	130
15.	AC Service Platoon		SARDINIA	505/SMTZ/1	1	32	33
16.	Italian Refugee Camp Staff		APENZA	506/SMTZ/1	5	15	20
17.	Italian Refugee Camp Staff		GENOVA	507/SMTZ/1	5	45	50
18.	"		ROCCA MARE	"	5	45	50
19.	"		CALIMATE	"	5	45	50
20.	"		VIGONTO	"	5	45	50
21.	"		VERONA	"	5	45	50
22.	"		VIGONTO	"	5	45	50
23.	"		RIODORO	"	5	45	50

Not yet formed
Not yet completed
Not yet formed

see note 1

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6.	"	5	110	115	Not yet formed
7.	"	5	110	115	Not yet Completed
8.	"	5	110	115	Not yet formed
9.	"	5	110	115	
10.	Mine Clearance Coy	561	201	209	
11.	"	562	201	209	
12.	"	563	201	209	
13.	"	564	201	209	
14.	Mine Training Pool	1	115	150	
15.	AC Service Platoon	1	32	33	see note 1
16.	Italian Refugee Camp Staffs	5	15	20	
17.	Italian Refugee Staff	11	45	50	
18.	"	12	45	50	
19.	"	13	45	50	
20.	"	14	45	50	
21.	"	15	45	50	
22.	"	16	45	50	
23.	"	17	45	50	
24.	"	18	45	50	
25.	"	19	45	50	
26.	"	20	45	50	
27.	"	21	45	50	
28.	"	22	45	50	
29.	"	23	45	50	
30.	"	24	45	50	
31.	"	25	45	50	
32.	"	26	45	50	
33.	"	27	45	50	
34.	"	28	45	50	
35.	"	29	45	50	
36.	"	30	45	50	
37.	Unallotted	4	40	44	
38.	TOTAL	200	2800	3000	

NOTE 1: Unit to be disbanded on move of AC from SARDINIA. Numbers then to be allotted to serial 37.

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SUBJECT : Organisation of AG IVI-ITI Units

LAND FORCES SUB-ADM. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
File No. SD/34/5
31 March 45

TO : G-1 (Br) A.C.

ANNEXMENT NO 2
CATEGORY 5(A) - UNITS WITH AG

Ref SD/34 of 19 March 1945.

1. The Mine Training Pool of 130 all ranks (serial 14 of Annex "A") has now been constituted into separate units and detachments.
2. Serial 14 should therefore be cancelled and serials 14(a) to 14 (n) as shown in Annex 'A' to this letter inserted.
3. The proportion of officers to men in the new serials has been increased, so that the following alteration will also be necessary:-

Serial 38	Total Col (J) for 200 read 272
	Col (g) for 2800 read 2728

Sgd. 1977

MAJOR GENERAL
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION :

G-3 CEG AFHQ
MOLA LO EIGHTH ARMY
MOLA LO EIGHTH ARMY (for file)

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2. Serial 14 should therefore be cancelled and serials 14(a) to 14 (n) as shown in Annex 'A' to this letter inserted.

3. The proportion of officers to men in the new serials has been increased, so that the following alteration will also be necessary:-

Serial 38
Total Col (j) for 200 read 272
Col (E) for 2800 read 2728

Sgt. 9979
MAJOR GENERAL
M. M. I. A.

DISTRIBUTION :
G-3 CMB AFHQ
MILA LO EIGHTH ARMY
MILA LO FIFTH ARMY (HR INDR)
MILA LO 1 DISTRICT
MILA LO 3 DISTRICT
MILA LO 54 AREA
MILA LO PERSOUTH
MILA LO SARDINIA
MILA LO FIFTH ARMY
MINISTRY OF WAR

Internal: MA to GOC
A Q(3)
RS Med
Ord S & F
RMS
LAB Welfare

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Appendix 'A' to ISIA
Letter 21/94/5 dated
March 45.

Category 5(A) - UNITED STATES

Designation of Unit		No. Intended	Location or Intended Location	U.S. No.	No. Strength		Remarks	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
14a	Central Office		ROME	504/3000/1	10	5	15	
	Mine Clearance							
14b	Permanent Training		"	508/3000/1	12	6	18	
	Centre Mine Clearance							
14c	Det Mine Clearance (Type A)	8	LAZIO UMBRIA	509/3000/1	14	7	21	
14d	" (Type B)	7	PUGANCY	511/3000/1	12	6	18	
14e	" (Type C)	15	ABRUZZI MARCHES	512/3000/1	7	3	10	
14f	" (Type D)	10	CAMPANIA	513/3000/1	4	2	6	
14g	" (Type D)	9	MOLISE	" " "	4	2	6	
14h	" (Type D)	4	PUGANCY	" " "	4	2	6	
14i	" (Type D)	3	LEGNARDY	" " "	4	2	6	
14j	" (Type D)	2	LIQUORIA	" " "	4	2	6	
14k	" (Type D)	6	ZALLIA	" " "	4	2	6	
14l	" (Type D)							
14m	" (Type D)							

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APG 594
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/62/CA

5 April 43.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : C.C. 661 Mine Clearance Company PISCARA
C.C. 162 Mine Clearance Company PISCARA
C.C. 883 Mine Clearance Company LIVORNO.

1. The occurrence of casualties is considered too frequent in Mine Clearance Companies and it is felt that the correct Mine Clearance Drill is not being rigidly adhered to because with the exercise of normal caution and strict "Mine Field" discipline, accidents should rarely occur.

2. The attention of all personnel of Mine Clearance Companies is drawn to the following points.

- (a) Every mine clearance Section will have one man whose sole job it will be to disarm mines and he alone will neutralize any mines found.
- (b) Since the introduction of the T.M. 1.2. 43 Igniter it has been laid down that the lists of Teller Mines will not now be unworked. Teller Mines must be destroyed in situ or in dumps.
- (c) Where minefields have been heavily shelled the presence of shell fragments sets up a constant reaction to the Mine Detector, which is dangerous to the operator and leads to sickness and over-exhaustion. A recent fatality was undoubtedly caused by too much use being made of a detector in areas which were strewn with shell fragments.

3. The station is in possession of 1000 lbs of material for the construction of a station for the purpose of the station.

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It is pointed out that the Mine Detector though valuable in Mine Clearance is not the simple answer and it is felt that the present method is not being applied as before as it should and phone it out from "Hehe" mines and also in the case of "Vols" - mines where the towers supporting the pressure block have deteriorated.

John and Rebecca May
A.D. HOMEAL CAMP IN N. COL.
CO. 24 Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

Ref: 9/BA/CA

6 April 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : O.C. 161 Mine Clearance Company PERCHIA
O.C. 162 Mine Clearance Company PERCHIA
O.C. 163 Mine Clearance Company LITON

1. Si ritiene che troppo spesso avvengono disgrazie presso le Compagnie di rastrellamento mine e che le istruzioni relative alla bonifica non sono strettamente osservate: poiché usando ogni cautela e seguendo una stretta disciplina di "Campo Minato" non dovrebbero verificarsi che raramente delle disgrazie.

2. L'attenzione di tutto il personale delle Compagnie "Rastrellamento Mine" è richiamato alle seguenti osservazioni:

(a) Ogni squadra di rastrellatori dovrà assegnare ad un uomo l'unico compito di dissattivare le mine e questo dovrà essere unicamente adibito alla dissattivazione delle mine locate.

(b) Dopo l'introduzione del cancello fulminante T.M.F. 43 è stabilito che il coperchio delle mine Teller non deve essere svitato. Le mine Teller dovranno essere distrutte e sul posto o sul luogo di scarto.

(c) Nei campi minati che sono stati messi sotto scavallo forte cannoni durante la presenza di pezzi di granate orec nel cerce mine una costante reazione che confonda l'operatore e lo rende inabile.

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1. Si ritiene che l'equipaggio avesse osservato delle ingrazie presso le compagnie di rastrellamento mine e che le istruzioni relative alla bonifica non sono strettamente osservate; poiché usando ogni cautela e seguendo una stretta disciplina di "cambio luogo" non dovrebbero verificarsi che raramente delle ingrazie.

2. L'attenzione di tutto il personale delle Compagnie "Rastrellamento Mine" è richiamato alle seguenti osservazioni:

(a) Ogni squadra di rastrellatori dovrà assegnare ad un uomo l'unico compito di disattivare le mine e questo dovrà essere unicamente adibito alla disattivazione delle mine inerte.

(b) Dopo l'introduzione del canello fulminante T.M.I. 2.43 è stabilito che il copricapo delle mine Teller non deve essere svitato. Le mine Teller dovranno essere distrutte e sul posto o sul luogo di stoccaggio.

(c) Nei campi minati che sono stati usati per la forte cannonata durante la presenza di pezzi di granate crea nei ceramici una costante reazione che confonde l'operatore e lo rende inerte, diminuendo così il suo rendimento. Una recente ingegneria è stata indubbiamente causata dall'uso cessivo uso dei carichi mine in una zona che era composta di pezzi di granate.

3. Si da rilevare che il cerchio mine pur essendo di molto valore nella bonifica Campi Minati, non costituisce l'unico mezzo di difesa e si ritiene che un attacco al ferro di una balonetta non vengono usati, tanto frequentemente come si renderebbe necessario, ed il conseguente risultato è quello di ingrazie causate dalle mine "Schnur" e delle mine "Molz" delle quali i rapporti del blocco di pressione sono deteriorati.

A.D. ROBERT CARTER Lt. Col.
OSO Ca Section

Copia: Ministero della Guerra Gen Suino

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31 Dec 1945

24 April 1945

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April 11, 1964

Enclosures. A, B, C

Details full name are in the 26 & dependent on
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See letter meeting 6/5

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

31 Marzo 1945

AL : Corpo Reale del Genio Civile
Ufficio di Littoria

OGGETTO : Bonifica Mine

NELLA RISPOSTA CITARE: R4/ENG/26.1

Si prende atto della lettera n° 3753 di prot. in data 22/3/45 con la quale codesto Ufficio comunica di assumere, - per il completamento dei lavori concordati - il contratto di bonifica mine stipulato in data 15/9/44 tra questo Comando e la Ditta S.E.A.R.E.C.

Nello stesso tempo si invia un prospetto dal quale si rileva: segnato A e lista B.

- specie, entità e costo dei lavori ordinati e compiuti -
- lavori ordinati, ultimati e pagati -
- lavori ordinati e in via di ultimazione -
- lavori ordinati e ancora non iniziati -
- lavori ordinati, in parte compiuti e pagati, ed in parte non compiuti per cause di forza maggiore (zone da bonificare sommerse) -

Dati, questi, che permettono di risalire alla entità dei lavori da commettere ancora alla Ditta sopracitata per raggiungere i 2.000.000 di mq. concordati.

Si allegano inoltre, per opportuna conoscenza, un'altra situazione lavori bonifica eseguiti dalla Ditta con particolare riguardo ai costi unitari per mina recuperata ed ai costi unitari per m2. (segnato C) Lettera seguirà sull'ordine di servizio 14 e ordini 6, 8, 10, 16, 17 non ancora iniziati o non ancora completati.

ando e la Ditta S.B.A.R.E.C.

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Regional Engineer Lt.Col.R.E.
Lazio Umbria Region AMS.

Allegati:

UNITED STATES
ARMED SERVICES COMMISSION
Pacific-Pacific Region
(Engineering Division)
WFO 194

24 April 1945

Summary Statement

- Letter order #91, 2, 4, 5, 7 were completed and paid for (Invoice # 1-2-4-5-3)
- Letter order #95: The Mike Clements of the "Central Base Force" was not paid for and was not paid for. The Mike Clements was not paid for and was not paid for. The Mike Clements was not paid for and was not paid for. (Invoice # 2)
- Letter order #96: all work was paid and paid for (Invoice # 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PROSPECT OF UNITARY COST

- 1) Unitary cost per mine recovered on all the explored ground - and paid for: *per Table Works (Electric Line Bridges)*

$$\frac{1.086.735,4 \times 2,4}{5226} + 38 = 478,12$$

- 2) Unitary cost per sq.m. on all the explored ground - and paid for: *as per (1)*

$$\frac{5226 \times 18}{1.086.735} + 2,4 = 2,507$$

- 3) Unitary cost per mine recovered on ascertained mine fields (ascertained on Littoria-Velletri and Albano-Anzio HT lines - service order N°14)

$$\frac{368.905 \times 2,4}{25140} + 38 = 73,21$$

- 4) Unitary cost per sq.m. on ascertained mine fields (fields as per para 3)

$$\frac{25140 \times 18}{368905} + 2,4 = 4,98$$

- 5) Unitary cost per mine recovered on the overall explored ground (including mine fields as per paras 3 and 4; not paid for, work being not yet completed)

$$\frac{1.425.640 \times 2,4}{31066} + 38 = 150,45$$

- 6) Unitary cost per sq.m. on the overall explored ground (as per para 5)

$$\frac{31066 \times 18}{1.425.640} + 2,4 = 1,21$$

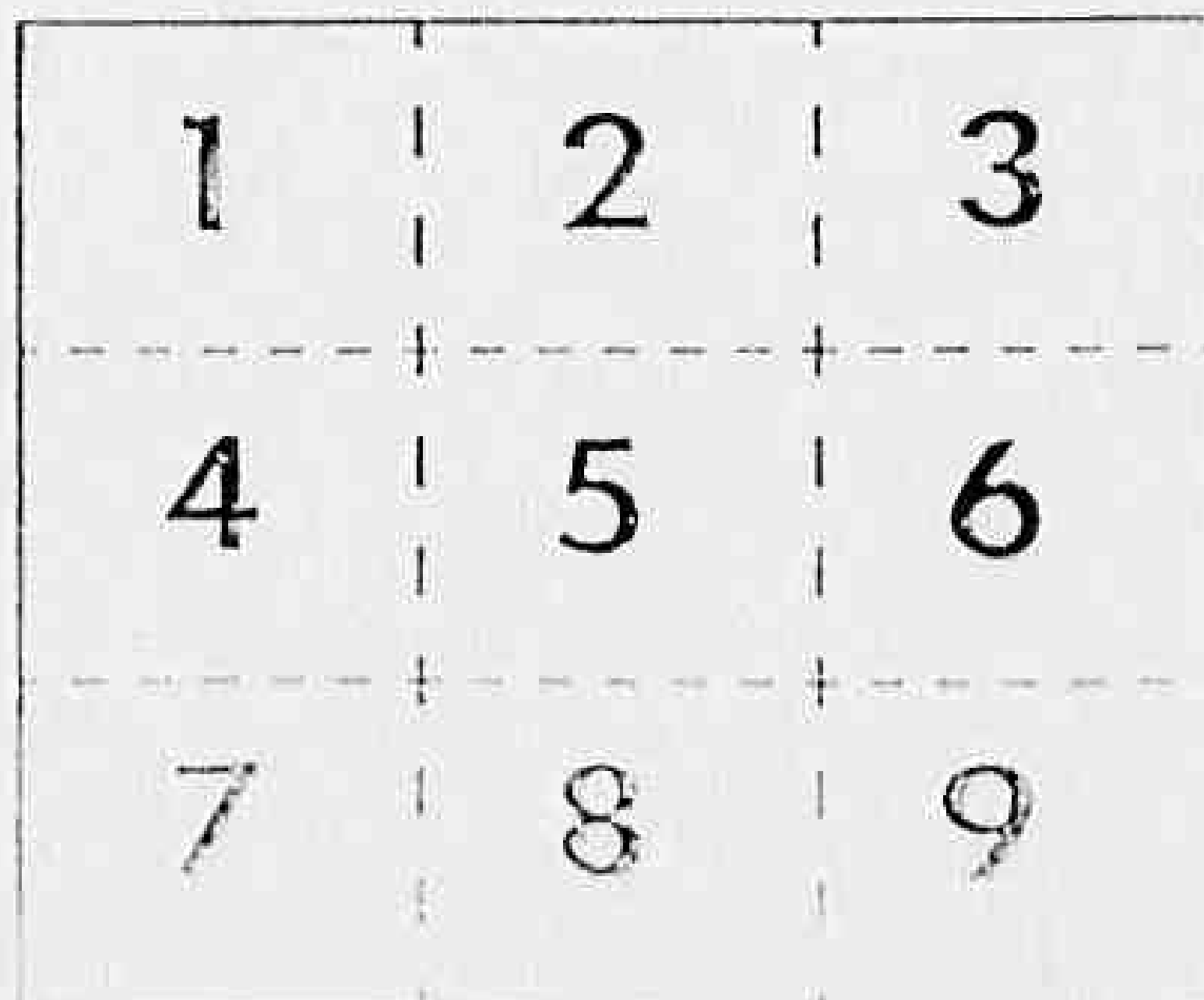
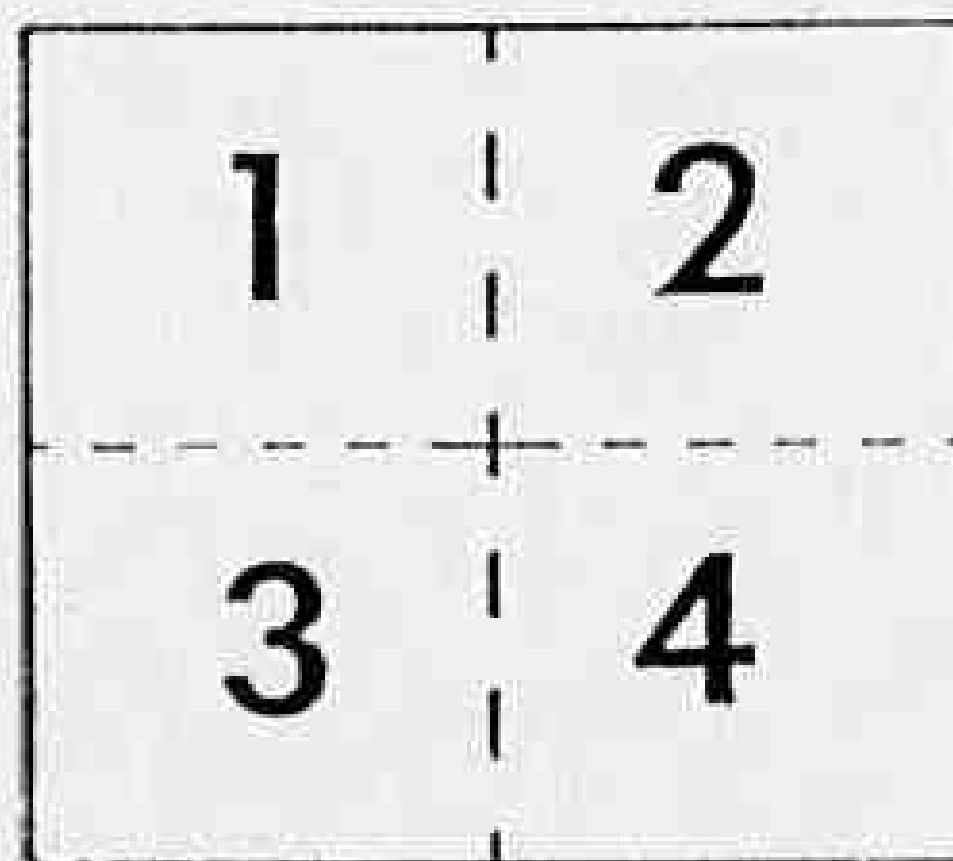
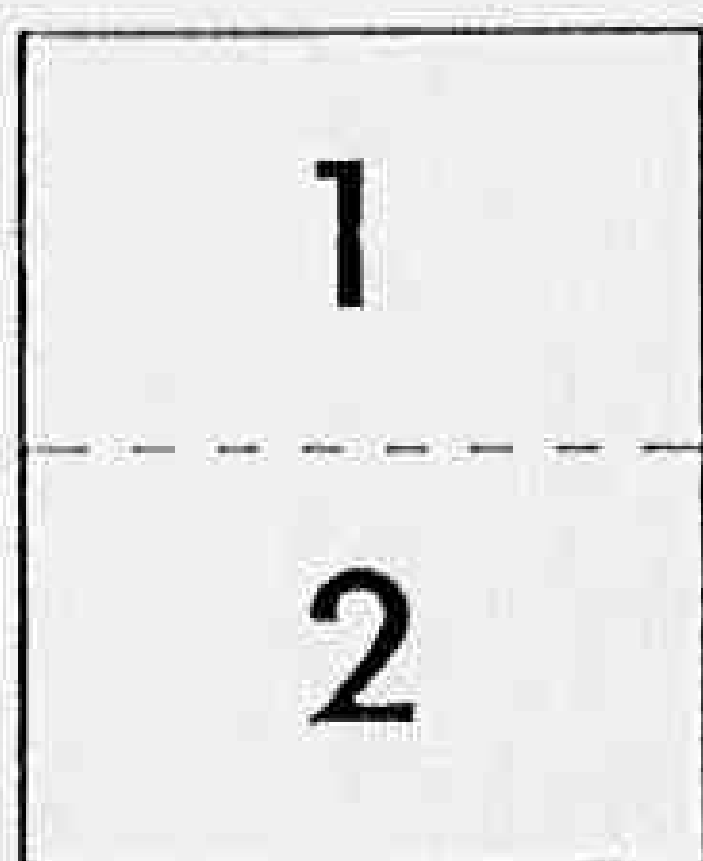
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The Super. Liaison Officer
Lt. Col. F. SARUSO

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.



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Reg. Eng. Sec. Dem.	Priority N°	Map and location 1 : 100.000	File N° 25.3	D E S C R I P T I O N	ESTIMATE COST £.1000
&X	1	150.158 map	40	H.T. Line Littoria - Velletri	780
W(P)	2	158-011147	39	Bridge N°20 on "Canale Acque Alte E.Sabatino	20
" "	3	" 006182	39	" " 9 on " " " Gniff-Gnaff	22
" "	4	" 088196	39	" " 1 on "Canale Acque Medie"	16
" "	5	" 097213	39	" " 2 on Canale Banditella	14
EAM	6	150-158 map	40	H.T. Line Albano - Nettunia	1030
Bon.	7	158-131008	34A1	"Foce-Verde Channel"	—
W(P)	8	159-118154	39	Bridge N° 19 on "Rio Martino"	15
EAM	9	158 - map	40	H.T. Line Drainage Deviation C. Fortiere	50
"	10	170 - map	40	" " " " Lavorazione	72
"	11	158 - map	40	" " " 3 short Deviations at Littoria outskirts	110

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L I T T O R I A

MINEFIELDS CLEARANCE

P R I O R I T Y L

	ESTIMATE COST £.1000	ESTIMATE AREA mq	C O M P L E T I O N			D A T E S				No
			COST £ 1000	AREA mq	MINES No	Letter order	Comm. of works	Compl. of works	Def. Test	
	780	260.000	562.996.4	188.966	2.881	1-2-4-7	17/X/44	4/XI/44	5/12/44	1
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ELDS CLEARANCE

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S	Invoice			Request for payment		N O T E
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	5/12/44	1	53	27/11/44	30/11/44	53 for invoice Nº1
		2	48	27/11/44	15/12/44	78 for invoice Nº2
	12/3/45	8	92A	24/1/45	14/3/45	116) Sheets Nº92A and 63A are included in
						) file at NP116
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	24/1/45	9	118	16/3/45	24/1/45	135
	15/1/45	7	92	27/12/44	22/1/45	92) Not completely cleared of mines because X
						) partly under water
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"	10	170 - map	40	" " " " Lavorazione	72	24
"	11	158 - map	40	" " " 3 short Deviations at Littoria outskirts	110	36
"	12	158 - "	40	" " Cisterna Epitaffio	280	94
"	13	158 - "	40	" " Doganella - Cabina Rosati	90	30
"	14	158 - "	40	" " Ferriere-B. Montello-B. Bainsizza	135	45
PW&E	15	143 -596048	--	Bridge N°28 on Cimina Road	---	8 mi
Mine Sec.	16	170 -185004	--	Aprilia Water Supply	36	12
Con: Sec.	17	158 - map	3AA	Mussolini Channel	438	46
PW&E	18	158 - map	39	Bridges Littoria Province	256	85
"	19	158 - 170 map	39	32 small Bridges	264	88
B.E.	20	158-170 map	--	Mine fields in Littoria Province	---	---
E&M	21	158-170 map	--	H.T. Line Littoria - Fogliano	288	96
"	22	" " "	--	H.T. Line Sabaudia Idrov. Caterattino	168	56
"	23	" " "	--	H.T. Line Stazione Fondi - Sperlonga	264	88
Ban	24	158.1 (pic 26.1) " "	39	Area n. 300 x 60 + 30 x 30 vicinity Bridge strada Alta For Borgo Sabotino	43.200	18
Bor	25	170 (pic 26.1) " "	39	Enlarging Bonifica clearance Idrov. lavorazione	14.774.40	6
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Stretch Le Ferriere - Borgo Montello
Stretch Borgo Montello B. Bainsizza

Not yet effected (and not paid) X

for budget see below
budget 4 and 6 not yet effected because under
mine cleared not yet completed up to 25/3/46
368905 square meters cleared
5140 mines removed (later SOAHZP 25/6/46)
(at 31/3/45)

Area to be cleared requested for mq 14366.4;
Area cleared in December mq 8209.52
(see invoice N°7); there remains to be
cleared mq 6156.82.

not yet effected X
~~And not paid~~

*The Superior Liaison Officer R.
Prof. [unclear]*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/24/45.

5 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

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

Reference is made to this Headquarters letter of even number dated 28 March 1945.

1. Permission is granted for the 150 Instructors, to be known as the Mine Training Pool, to draw rations from any Army ration depots by using Form 10/10. These instructors should be attached to an authorized unit of the Italian Army and should draw rations to the strength of the unit to which they are attached.
2. For your use, there is sent copy of letter from Land Forces Sub-Commission in this Section - 2/2/15-19 of 2 Apr 45.
3. It is hoped that this clears the point about which there has been some difficulty and doubt.

Edward K. May
W. R. CHIPP, Col.,
for VP CA Section.

Copy to: General Dupino,
Ministry of War,
Italian Government,
Via XX Settembre,
R O M E

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APR 30
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

REF: UNCL

1 April 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre, 25000.

1. Questions arise from time to time as to the vehicles, tyres, clothing, etc., of the 561, 562 and 563 Mine Clearance Companies.
2. In so far as the 561 Company is concerned, it was known that their vehicles were in a bad state and in February, one vehicle was checked and was found to have good tyres. Now it appears that none of the vehicles have good tyres. The question of clothing of this Company was never satisfactory and there were deficiencies which never seem to have been met.
3. The 562 Company is short of reliable transport but is up to scale in clothing and equipment.
4. The 563 Company, unfortunately, was sent to TROCARA deficient of equipment, clothing and cooking utensils. It was thought that this company would have been sent from CANVA fully clothed, shod and equipped.
5. The 561 Company is attached to the 237 Italian Division and the 562/3 are attached to the 230 Italian Division. It is requested that investigations be made by the respective divisions as to the state of clothing, etc., of these companies with instructions to have the deficiencies made up at an early date. At the same time as this check up is made, you may consider it necessary to have their records of equipment, stores, etc., also checked.

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

Copy to: 25000 (Works) COM.

General Quinn,
Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre,
25000.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AND 304
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/55/CA.

5 April 1947.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: JC, 304 CA (forke),
CIV.

Your letter 100/1 of 30 Mar 47 is acknowledged.

- 1 It was understood that when this company left GUSTO they had only 2 road-worthy vehicles which they took with them. It would appear that they had a third vehicle which had been sent to NAPLES with men on leave. No permission had been given by this headquarters for these men to proceed on leave but these companies are under the administration of the Italian Ministry of War and all questions of leave, discipline, etc., should be handled through the Division to which these companies are attached. Land Forces Sub-Commission have already issued instructions as to leave of personnel.
- 2 The tyre position of the 2 remaining vehicles is not understood, as Maj. BRADY, on his last visit to GUSTO, examined one of the vehicles and their tyres, which, although put in place, were almost new and had sound treads. It is not understood what has happened to the tyres or how serviceable tyres could be obtained from the then company commander - Capt. BATTI.
- 3 The matter is, however, being taken up with the Ministry of War and the Division to which they are attached is being asked to look into the matter.

By Command of the Chief Commissioner:

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R.E. CRIPPS, Col.,
for VP 2 Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/2A/CA.

1 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: AMB. 3 Army.

Reference your 3 IX/AM/CA of 27 Mar 45.

- 1 It is not possible to give a definite date for the moving of these companies as they must take their correct place in the priority of movement.
- 2 Please signal that billets can definitely be earmarked for these companies after 12 Apr 45, in which case this Headquarters will make immediate application for transport. As the new company is undergoing training in mine clearance, it is suggested that the train move should not take place before the 21 April, when training should be complete. It may not, however, be possible to arrange the move before 21 Apr 45.
- 3 In your signal, please state the destination to which you wish these companies to move.

By Command of the Chief Commissioner:

J.R.
J. R. Wilson, Col.,
for 39 CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APR. 30
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 178608

Ref: 0/32/21.

1 Apr 1967

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

To: Officer Commanding,
562 Mine Clearance Company,
POWELL.

Your letter 1/5/67 of 29 Mar 67 is acknowledged.

1. No orders have been issued by this Headquarters for you to act as Liaison Officer to this Headquarters but it is intended that you will keep in touch with this Headquarters with regard to the running of your company. Your company will shortly be moved from POWELL and you will report to this Headquarters for instructions on 20 April 1967. This will give you sufficient time to train the 562 Company before they move.
2. It is noted that you are asking for 660 blankets for the new Company. This Commission is informed that this amount applied with 2 blankets per man, which is the scale of blankets to which it is entitled. You are not entitled to any more blankets and you will not make demands in excess of your scale. You will take up with the 270 ~~270~~ all questions of difficulties of the 562 Company, forwarding copies to this Headquarters for information. If there are any difficulties in obtaining the permitted scale please let this Commission know and the matter will be taken up at this end.

By Command of the Chief Commissioner:

J.R.

J.R. (S) 1967, Col.,
for V.C. Section.

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-3 APR 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E
3/2/14-19
2 April 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section,
Allied Commission

Ref. is made to your letter 9/8A/CA, above
subject, dated 28 March 1945.

1. Instructors on Mine Clearance, provided they are Italian Army personnel, are entitled to draw rations from any Army ration depot by using MMIA Form ST/8.
2. The Italian Army personnel who are instructing civilians in Mine Clearance are an authorized unit of the Italian Army. The name of the unit is the Mine Training Pool with a total strength of 130.
3. These instructors may be attached to an authorized unit of the Italian Army and obtain their rations in this manner, or draw rations on the name of their unit, namely, Mine Training Pool.

Tommy T. Rose
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.
for Major General
M. M. I. A.

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Copy to: ST/8 Section, MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 6/132/CA

21 March 45.

SUBJECT: Emergency Feeding Units.

TO : AFHQ, 6-5.

1. With reference to your memo of 21 March 45 there is a definite need for such units in North Italy. Their use would be invaluable for refugees, displaced persons and patriots camps. There has always been shortage of this type of equipment and if it was available would go a long way in helping to solve the difficulties which arise from shortage of kitchen utensils.

2. If thirty five units could be made available to this Commission they would be assigned for use as follows:

Displaced Persons Camps and Refugee Centres	20 units
Patriots Centres	10 "
Post raid precautions	5 "
Total	<u>35 units</u>

3. In justification of our request it is pointed out that there will be many thousands of displaced persons in the North for whom provisions will have to be made and the fact that Emergency Feeding Units are available and can be allocated to the different camps will considerably lighten the task of those managing these camps. This also applies to Patriots Camps.

4. While rations have been provisionally earmarked for Displaced Persons and Patriots Centres.

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2. If thirty five units could be made available to this Commission they would be assigned for use as follows:

Displaced Persons Camps and Refugee Centers	20 units
Patriots Centers	10 "
Post raid presentations	<u>5 "</u>
Total	<u>35 units</u>

3. In justification of our request it is pointed out that there will be many thousands of displaced persons in the North for whom provisions will have to be made and the fact that Emergency Feeding Units are available and can be allocated to the different camps will considerably lighten the task of those managing these camps. This also applies to Patriots Camps.

4. While sites have been provisionally earmarked for Refugees and Patriots Camps the availability of feeding units will enable camps to be opened on short notice at other places than those originally chosen.

5. Camps are being taken to organize post raid precautions and it is considered that Emergency Feeding Units can be most usefully used in connection with post raid precautions.

6. It is understood that these units have not yet been allotted to this theatre but it is desired that application should be made for an allotment.

FOR THE CHIEF OF DEFENSE

W.K.

G.H. UPJOHN Brig
V2 GA Section

Copy to: Economic Section
(Supply & Resources Division)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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21 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Emergency Feeding Units.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.
(Attn: Economic Section).

1. Information has been received that the CCAC have approved the allocation to SHANF from U.S. sources of a number of Emergency Feeding Units, specifications of which are attached.

2. You may wish to consider whether a need for these Emergency Feeding Units might arise in North Italy. Whether the CCAC would favourably consider an application from here is, of course, not at present known.

3. If you desire that a request for Emergency Feeding Units should be forwarded to CCAC, please submit your recommendation together with full justification for consideration.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

1 Incl:
as above.

J. HERMAN SMITH, Major
Economics & Supply Division.

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EMERGENCY FEEDING UNIT

Quantity per Camp	Item	Stock Number
1	2	3
1	Axe, camp	41-A-1200
2	Bowl, mixing, 30 inch	64-B-1372
8	Brush, scrubbing	38-B-3630
3	Cans, corrugated, nesting, 16 gallon, with cover	42-C-1730
4	Cleaver, butcher, 8 inch	64-C-725
3	Colander, seamless (retinned) 6 1/2 inch x 16 1/2 inch	64-C-890
250	Cup, coffee, unhandled	63-C-1420
2	Fork, cooked flesh, 15 inch	64-F-273
250	Fork, table	63-F-1500
9	Heater, water, M-1937 (includes a 24 gallon can, corrugated)	65-J-1912
2	Knife, butcher, 10 inch blade	64-K-546
3	Knife, cook, 12 inch blade	64-K-597
12	Knife, paring	64-K-660
250	Knife, table	63-K-2000
36	Ladle, 15 inch	64-L-150
6	Lantern, army kerosene	31-L-415
12	Measure, lippled, ungraduated, 1 pint	64-M-271
12	Pan, bake and roast, 2 7/8 x 17 3/8 x 10 1/2	64-P-305

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2	Fork, cocked flesh, 15 inch	63-C-1420
250	Fork, table	64-X-295
2	Heater, water, M-1957 (includes a 24 gallon can, corrugated)	63-F-1500
2	Knife, butcher, 10 inch blade	63-J-1918
3	Knife, cook, 12 inch blade	64-X-545
12	Knife, paring	64-X-527
250	Knife, table	64-X-660
36	Ladle, 15 inch	63-E-2000
6	Lantern, army kerosene	64-L-150
12	Measure, lipped, ungraduated, 1 pint	31-L-415
12	Pan, bake and roast, 2 7/8 x 17 3/8 x 19 1/2	64-K-271
6	Pan, bake and roast, 2 7/8 x 9 1/2 x 19 1/2	64-P-305
60	Pitcher, water, metal, 5 quart	64-P-298
250	Plate, soup	63-F-1000
8	Pots, stock, 10 gallon with cover	63-P-3255
16	Pots, stock, 15 gallon with cover	64-P-2150
3	Range, Army Field No. 1	64-P-2132
2	Saw, butchers	63-E-1095
120 lbs	Soap, ordinary issue	64-S-164
2	Spade, ditching, square point, 2 handle, Type 2	51-S-1844
6	Spoon, basting, 21 inch	70-S-2380
		64-S-1010

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Quantity per Camp	Item	Stock Number
1	2	3
36	Spoon, serving slotted	64-S-1030
250	Spoon, table, medium	63-S-5086
2	Steel, butchers, 10 inch	64-S-1280
6	Wick, lantern, kerosene, 5/8 inch	31-S-74
1	Hammer, carpenter, claw (1 lb)	-
1	Pliers (overall) 8 inch length	-
1	Screwdriver	-
1	Wrench, screw, monkey	-
Total weight: per unit		4280.82 lbs.
Total cubage per unit		259.45 cu. ft.
Total cost per unit		\$ 871.26

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Total weight per unit	4290.62 lbs.
Total cubage per unit	293.48 cu. ft.
Total cost per unit	\$ 871.26

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY CO MISSION
APO 394
CI IL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/82/CA

31 March 48.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : APO EIGHTH ARMY

1. Permission is requested for Lt. A. KACHAB attached to this Section to visit APO Eighth Army and HQ Emilio Region in connection with Mine Clearance on 3rd April 48.

2. Please signal your approval.

J.H.
B.F. CHIPPERS Col
CSO CA Section

Copy for HQ Emilio Region
(Attn. Maj. KRELL).

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CONFIDENTIALSUBJECT: Plan of Mine Clearance
Companies (ITI-JTI)LAND FORCES SUB-COM. A.C.
(M.E.I.A.)
File No. SD/4/3
31 March 45TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

- 1 APR 1945

1. Please issue the necessary instructions for the formation of the fourth Mine Clearance Company, to be designated No. 564, and carried in Cat. 5(A).
2. Formation of this unit will commence at once and its training should be arranged to start as soon as possible.
3. Please state:-
 - (a) Location for formation.
 - (b) Italian supervising authority.
 - (c) Estimated date when the unit will be complete and ready.

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SKL
Major General
M. E. I. A.

Copy to: Col (Br) A.C. (Your 601/1 of 27 March refers)
Civil Affairs Section, A.C. (Your 9/24/CA of 28 March refers) ←

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J.H. 4 April

TRANSLATION NO. 636

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIEF, PROSECUTE AND TRIAL PROCEEDINGS
Liaison Officer

31 March 1945

Ref. 156/RM.

SUBJECT: Vehicles situation

TO : WAR MINISTRY - Inspectorate Engineering Corps - Rome -
ALLIED SUBCOMMISSION - Rome -
23rd Infantry Division - Bari -
241st Infantry Regiment - P.O. 185

Reference to letter No. 9/SA/ GA of 1st March 1945 from ACC. having the subject:
"Vehicles situation".

The 542 mine-clearance Company has already informed Higher Headquarters several times of the difficult situation it is facing due to the serious shortage of military vehicles needed to carry out its tasks.

Unfortunately the requests have never been taken into consideration and recently the situation has grown irreparably worse, greatly decreasing the Unit's efficiency.

It is understandable that a Unit assigned to mine-clearance, in which its men daily face death (the very grave losses suffered up to date in proof) to restore vast areas overrun by war, should operate by requisitioning temporarily, with the help of the Allied Headquarters and the Prefectures, a few old civilian vehicles which are quite inadequate for the transport of bombs, mines, explosives, etc. According to the last report the Unit has the following vehicles at its disposal:

Fiat 509 automobile
Light Fiat truck 501
Medium " " 37A 50
Heavy " " 626
Guzzi Alice motorcycle
N.H. U.

All petrol motors

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vehicles needed to carry out its tasks.

Unfortunately, the requests have never been taken into consideration and recently the situation has grown irreparably worse, greatly decreasing the Unit's efficiency.

It is impermissible that a Unit assigned to mine-clearance, in which its men daily face death (the very grave losses suffered up to date is proof), to restore vast areas overrun by war, should operate by requisitioning temporarily, with the help of the Allied Headquarters and the Prefectures, a few odd civilian vehicles which are quite inadequate for the transport of bombs, mines, explosives, etc. According to the last report the Unit has the following vehicles at its disposal:

Fiat 509 automobile
Light Fiat truck 301
Medium " " GSA 38
Heavy " " 626
Ortel Alice motorcycle
M.S. U.

All petrol motors

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These however are quite out of use, and steps are being taken to restore them to their rightful owners.

Plus the following vehicles:

Fiat 509 automobile
" 301 light truck
M.S.U. motorcycle

Moreover, the heavy Fiat 626 truck that was salvaged is to be restored in a few days to its rightful owner by order of the A.C. of Chiati.

Therefore, the Unit will be left with only a motorcycle and an GSA 38 truck not in good running order.

Under these conditions it is clear that the Company will not be able to maintain its 18 detachments throughout the provinces of Chiati, Teramo, Pescara and Pescara, and will be forced to reduce or totally suspend its operations.

The above-named Bodies are therefore earnestly requested to examine the possibility of assigning military vehicles to the Unit in order to put it in a position to continue its difficult task honorably. We suggest, as already stated in our letter No. 112/PM, to the 17th Engineers Company of Pescara and for information to the Hq. of 541

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Infantry Regiment, that the said 17th Engineers Company which has a large number of small size 39 trucks and has to hold in a certain number of them, could hand them over to the 562 Autonomous Mine Clearance Company.

The HQ. 230 Infantry Division is therefore asked to kindly issue a proper authorization to that effect.

Lastly, as the Commander of the 562 Mine Clearance Company shall be required to take over the disciplinary, technical and administrative control of the 562 Mine Clearance Company, we wish to point out the urgent necessity of supplying the said Unit with vehicles, which at the present moment is without vehicles of any kind.

Lt. Liaison Officer
Capt. Gianpiero Felice

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES
LIAISON OFFICER

Ref. N. 136/68
Date: 28/3/1945
Subject: Situazione automezzi.
31 MAR 1945

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Ispettorato Area del Genio
R O M A
SUBCOMMISSIONE ALLENTA
ALLA 230^a DIVISIONE PANTERIA
AL 541^o REGGIMENTO PANTERIA
R O M A
P. M. 185

In riferimento al foglio del 1^o marzo 1945 ref. 9/8A/CA, della SubCommissione Allente di Roma, avente per oggetto "Situazione autoveicoli" si precisa quanto segue:

La 562^a Compagnia Autonoma Rastrellatori Mine ha già varie volte segnalato ai Comandi superiori la precaria situazione in cui trovansi per grave deficienza di automezzi militari necessari per l'espletamento dei suoi compiti.

Purtroppo le richieste non sono mai state prese in considerazione ed in questo ultimo periodo la situazione si è aggravata irrimediabilmente con grave ripercussione sul rendimento del Reparto.

E' inammissibile che un Reparto adibito al lavoro di rastrellamento Mine dove i suoi uomini sfidano giornalmente la morte (e le gravissime perdite fino ad oggi subite ne fanno fede) per il risanamento agricolo ed industriale di vastissime plaghe tormentate e distrutte dalla guerra, debba svolgere la sua attività requisendo temporaneamente, con l'ausilio del Comando Allente e delle Prefetture qualche sconnesso automezzo civile assolutamente inadatto per trasporti di bombe, mine, esplosivi etc. Dall'ultima situazione risulta che il Reparto ha in dotazione i seguenti automezzi:

AUTOVESTIURA FIAT 509
AUTOCARRO LEGGERO FIAT 501
AUTOCARRO MAXIATRE MERO SPA 35
" PESANTE 626
MOTO CICLO GUZZI ALCE
M.S.H.

tutti a benzina

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In riferimento al foglio del 1° Marzo 1945 ref. 9/8A/GA, della SubCommissione Alleata di Roma, avente per oggetto "Situazione autoveicoli" si precisa quanto segue:

La 562^a Compagnia Autonoma Rastrellatori Mine ha già varie volte segnalato ai Comandi superiori la precaria situazione in cui trovasi per grave deficienza di automezzi militari necessari per l'espletamento dei suoi compiti.

Purtroppo le richieste non sono mai state prese in considerazione ed in questo ultimo periodo la situazione si è aggravata irrimediabilmente con grave ripercussione sul rendimento del Reparto.

E' inammissibile che un Reparto adibito al lavoro di rastrellamento Mine dove i suoi uomini sfidano giornalmente la morte (e le gravissime perdite fino ad oggi subite ne fanno fede) per il risanamento agricolo ed industriale di vastissime plaghe tormentate e distrutte dalla guerra, debba evolvere la sua attività requisendo temporaneamente, con l'ausilio del Comando Alleato e delle Prefetture qualche sconnesso automezzo oivile assolutamente inadatto per trasporti di bombe, mine, esplosivi etc. Dall'ultima situazione risulta che il Reparto ha in dotazione i seguenti automezzi:

AUTOVEETTURA FIAT 509
AUTOCARRO LEGGERO FIAT 501
AUTOCARRO MAXIATZ HEMO SPA 38
" PESANTE 626
MOTOCICLO GUZZI ALOR
" N.E.U.

tutti a benzina

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Ma questi però sono assolutamente fuori uso, ed è in corso la pratica per la loro restituzione ai legittimi proprietari; i seguenti automezzi

AUTOVEETTURA FIAT 509
AUTOCARRO LEGGERO FIAT 501
MOTOCICLO E.S.U.

Inoltre l'autocarro pesante Fiat 626 e suo tempo recuperato, per disposizione della Commissione Alleata di Chieti, dovrà essere restituito al legittimo proprietario fra pochi giorni.

In tal caso al Reparto non rimarrebbe che una motocicletta ed un autocarro insufficiente SPA 38."

E' evidente che in queste condizioni la Compagnia non potrà mantenere i suoi 18 Distaccamenti esistenti nelle Provincie di Chieti, Teramo e Pescara e

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dolorosamente costretto a ridurre od a sospendere totalmente la sua attività. =

Si pregano, pertanto, vivamente gli enti in indirizzo di voler esaminare la possibilità di assegnare al Reparto degli automezzi militari onde mettere il Reparto stesso in condizioni di continuare a disimpegnare con onore il delittuoso compito affidato. = Si suggerisce, a tal uopo, a conferma di quanto già comunicato da questo Ufficio con F. 112/RM, indirizzata alla 17^a Compagnia Genieri di Pesocara e, per conoscenza al Comando del 541^o Reggimento Fanteria, che la detta 17^a Compagnia Genieri avendo una notevole esuberanza di automezzi retti SPA 39 e dovendo versare un certo numero di detti automezzi, potrebbe eseguire il versamento degli automezzi esuberanti alla 562^a Compagnia Autonoma Rastrellatori Mine. =

Si prega, quindi, il Comando della 230^a Divisione di Fanteria di rilasciare regolare autorizzazione in merito. =

Infine, dovendo il Comandante della 562^a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine estendere il suo controllo sia disciplinare che tecnico ed amministrativo anche alla 563^a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine, si rappresenta l'urgentissima necessità a dotare il Reparto predetto di automezzi specificando che attualmente è assolutamente sprovvisto di mezzi di qualsiasi genere. =

Ital. Liaison Officer
(Capt. SPANABANATO Felice)

-2 April 1945

Subject: 561 Italian Pioneer Coy.

35 C.R.E. (Works),
C. M. F.

Tel; 39 Ring 2.

Ref: 1091/1.

30th March, 1945.

Civil Affairs Branch,
H.Q., A.C.
for attention of Major Reakes.

The above named unit arrived in this area with 2 No. Fiat Load Carriers.

It is understood that they have been issued at some time with the following:-

- 1 Car
- 5 Load Carriers
- 5 Motor Cycles

The O.C. when asked on arrival where his transport was, stated he had only 2 Load Carriers which were U/S due to poor tyres.

Yesterday on being further questioned, he stated that he had given 2 Load Carriers and 2 Motor Cycles to Comando Presidio Militare Italiano at GAETA, because they were U/S and without tyres.

Also it was found out that he had sent 2 officers and 23 O.Rs to NAPLES on the 29 Mar 45 on leave, without our permission, though he states permission was given by a Lt.Col of 421 Regt. These men have gone to Naples in a vehicle which he previously stated was U/S because of bad tyres. Now he states he obtained serviceable tyres from Capitano De Marchi Natali, 10 Regt. at Santa Marina, before leaving GAETA.

Whilst this unit has been here we have supplied transport daily for domestic use because their vehicles were supposed to be U/S, but when going on leave they found serviceable tyres to use.

In view of this unsatisfactory state of affairs, I feel that an investigation should be made and a check carried out of all unit equipment issued to them.

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J. A. Chapman
Lt.-Col., S.A.E.C.,
35 C.R.E. (Works).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 3-4
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: R/GA/CA

30 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Septembre
ROME

1. The attached documents are forwarded for your information and attention.
2. The men have used initiative and have been very successful in clearing mines from agricultural land.
3. The question of remuneration or reward is one for you to determine. It appears however, that these men desire employment in mine clearance work and it is considered that they should be given the opportunity of continuing to do this work.

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R.H. CHIFFS Col
CRO CA Section

Enclosures

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TRANSMISSION NO. 13

VERY URGENT

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Ministry of War.

Ref: VIII/71319/DCM

Date: 30 Mar 46.

SUBJECT: Personnel for the HQ Zone Headquarters of Malles Region.

TO: Inspectorate of the Engineers
Ministry of War - Personnel Office.

and for information:

AC, Civil Affairs Section, APO 394.

Further to letter 1002/71 dated 1 Feb 1946 and letter 3/71051 dated 17th of this month of the Inspectorate of the Engineers, concerning the constitution of a nucleus of Officers for the HQ Zone Headquarters for Malles Region, kindly arrange for Maj. Zam and four Junior Officers to be in this nucleus and to report to the 8th Engineering Depot for duties connected with Mine Clearance.

The said personnel must be assigned to the HQ of the 228th Division (ID.) to carry on mine clearance in the area of the British 8th Army.

If the personnel has had no previous training, it can attend the 8th Army School for Mine Clearers.

Please furnish us with the names of the Junior Officers.

This matter is urgent.

The General in Charge.
General of Division.
O. CRIVARO.

*All outstanding
officers. JH*

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

Off. Gen. B.C.M.

Divisione Sez.

Prot. N. 1111/264 Alcant.

Risposta di 1° del

Dir. Sez. No.

OGGETTO: Personale per co-
struzione Comando Zona B.
C.M.-Regione Emilia-

Roma,

30 MAR 1945

URGENTISSIMO

Al DIRETTORE DELL'AREA GENIO

S.E.D.E.

Al MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Diret. Gen. Person. Uff. 11

S.E.D.E.

e, per conoscenza:

M.M.A.C.-CIVIL AFFAIRS

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Facendo seguito al foglio 1004/2
in data 1 febbraio p.a. dell'Ispektorato del Genio e
3/7:051 in data 17 p.a. col quale si prescriveva la
necessità di costituire, con altri, anche il nucleo Uf-
ficiati per il Comando Zona B.C.M.-Regione Emilia pre-
sidi provvedere per la costituzione di detto nucleo
e verrà ad esso sia destinato il Maggiore Lam e 5
degli Ufficiali inferiori in corso di presentazione
al deposito 3° Genio per esigenze benificie campi alia-
ti.

Tutto personale dovrà essere asso-
gnato al loggione 30° div. It. per le benificie campi
minuti nell'area dell'3° Armata Inglese.

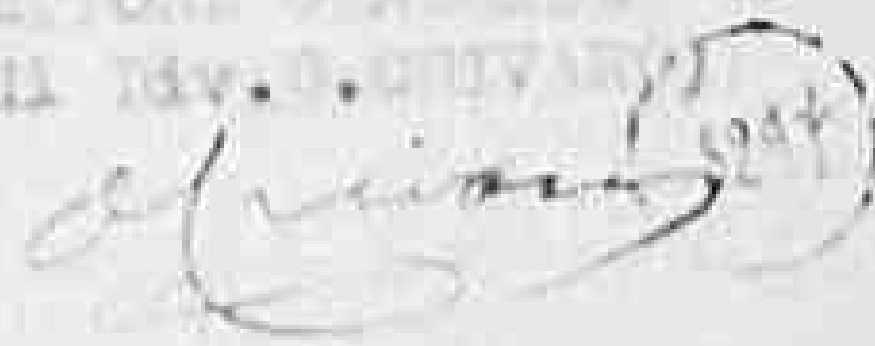
Ove non sia precedentemente addo-
strato, potrà seguire un corso di addestramento per
le Scuole Ingegnere e Mine Inglesi dell'3° Armata.

Si resta in attesa dei nominativi
degli ufficiali inferiori.

La quest. ora ha carattere d'urgenza.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Gen. di Div. 3. GENIO)

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29 MAR 1945

TO : HQ AC (For Civil Affairs Section)
FROM : HQ AGC Delta-Marche Region
SUBJECT : Mine/Barracks - aquila Province
REF : 15/501/32
DATE : 28 March 1945

1. The attached correspondence from MAGLIANO del MARSI in AQUILA Province together with translations are forwarded for your information and any assistance that can be given in this matter.

2. As will be seen by the Provincial report, the claim would appear to be quite true and there is no doubt that they have done a good job of work at great risk to themselves.

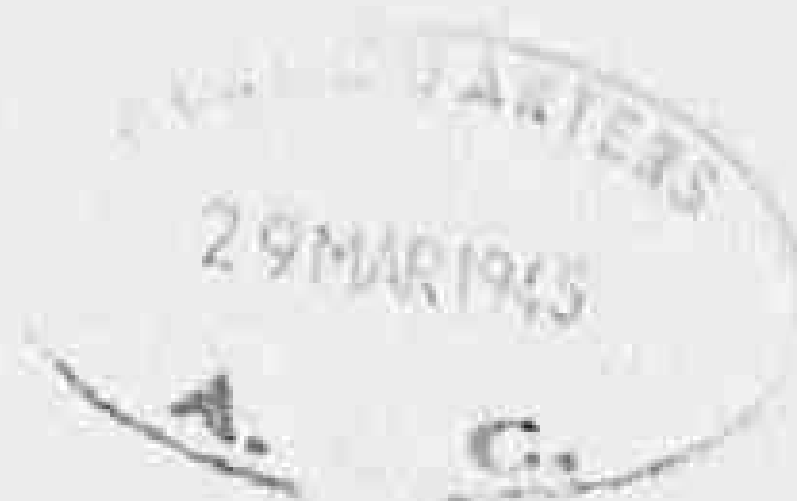
3. Will you please pass on the information regarding the 2000 lifted mines to the appropriate authorities in order that these can be collected at an early date.

For Regional Commissioner:

J. D. Scholtz

J. D. Scholtz
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Regional Commissioner

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29 MAR 1945

TO : HC AC (For Civil Affairs Section)

FROM : HC AMB/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region

SUBJECT : Italian Mine Clearance Companies

REF : RS/501/32

DATE : 27 March 1945

1. With effect from 1st April, the 562 and 563 Italian Mine Clearance Companies will no longer be located in territory within the jurisdiction of Marche-Abria Region.

2. As arranged in telephone conversation of today's date, this letter is forwarded in favour of clarification on the points at issue.

- (A) Reasonability of Operational Control.
- (B) To whom items held on charge should be vouchered. *
Is it to Civil Affairs Section?
- (C) Will they now deal direct with your office in regard to requirement, reports and other correspondence.
- * The stores referred to are five detectors.

For Regional Commander:



TC/ra

Copy to: R. C. Webb

J. D. Scholtz
J. D. Scholtz
Lt. Colonel
Regional Commander

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File 3/32

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*For copy to: Scholtz - Abruzzi-Marche Region
Copy under: Headquarters, Abruzzi-Marche Region
of Mine Stores
Supplies Section*

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TRANSLATION NO. 629

INSPECTORATE OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

29 March 1945

SUBJECT: Vehicles for mine-clearance services.

TO : THE ALLIED COMMISSION
C.I.A. Section

Following letter No. 658/Ord. of 26 inst. we wish to send you the figures regarding the vehicles assigned to 5th mine-clearance company.

Fiat 626 truck, plate No. 15097 R.E. - fuel: petrol, in running order
" " " " " 150294 R.E. - " " " " "
" " " " " 150295 R.E. " " " , not in running condition as no
tires or inner tubes are available.

Benelli 500 motorcycle, plate No. 38258 R.E.
" " " " " 46314 R.E. fuel: petrol - out of use

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The two trucks without tires and inner tubes and the two motor-cycles out of use have been handed in by the above-named unit to the Artillery Bn. at Gesta.

THE INSPECTOR OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

pk
4 April
1945

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29 MAR 1945

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ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

Risposta al

OGGETTO: Automezzi per servizio H.C.M.

Carte annesse N.

ALL'A.C. CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

A P O 394

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A seguito del foglio n. 636/Ord. del 26 corrente si trasmettono dati riguardanti gli automezzi in dotazione alla 561^a Comp. H.C.M.:

Autocarro Fiat	626	Targa	15097 R.E.	-effic.a benz.
"	"	"	150294 R.E.	- " " "
"	"	"	150295 R.E.	{ a benzina- non
"	"	"	150370 R.E.	{ efficienti per
				{ mancanza di
				{ gomme e copertoni.
Motocicl. Benelli	500	"	38256 R.E.	{ a benzina- fuo-
"	"	"	46314 R.E.	{ ri uso.

I due autocarri non efficienti per mancanza di gomme e copertoni, le due motociclette fuori uso sono stati versati dal reparto sopra detto al Comando Artiglieria di Gaeta.-

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

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TRANSLATION NO. 63

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIEF, POWERS & CLAIMS DIVISIONS
ALLIED OFFICE

Ref: LHM/P.H.

Dist: 29 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: Dissolution of A.C.C. for Province of
Marche, Umbria and Pescara.

TO: CA Section, Allied Commission, Rome,
The 5th Region, Marche and Abruzzi, A.C.C. Aquila.

The Provincial Commissioner for the
Province of Marche, Treviso and Pescara,
and for information to:
The Ministry for War, Transport Division, Rome.
The Ministry for War, Industrial Division, Rome.
Headquarters, 111 Infantry Regiment, A.P.O. 185,
Headquarters, 162 Mine Clearance Company, A.P.O. 185,
Headquarters, 163 Mine Clearance Company, A.P.O. 185.

In the Allied Commission for the Province of Marche, Treviso and Pescara
case to function on 1 April 45, the 162 and 163 Mine Clearance Companies will
pass under the jurisdiction, for purposes of employment, of the A.C.C. for
Region, Marche and Abruzzi, Aquila.

For the same reason the War Materials Recovery Office will continue to
operate under the A.C.C. 209 Sub-Area (Salvage Officer) in accordance with
letter no. 10, 29/4 of 29 Mar 45, received by the letter from the A.C.C. of
Aquila. In order to carry on correspondence connected with the recovery of
Allied and enemy material. This work will be done in perfect harmony with
the Recovery Section (subdivided at Pescara) by the 5th Private Regiment of
I.M.I. Mr. Maritimeo Pasculli, Public Safety, Commissioner and Veterans Section
Aquila and Liberator's Bureau, who were indicated for the said Office, will
therefore remain in service until a decision from higher authorities is received.

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As the Allied Commission for the protection of property, persons and property
comes to function on 1 Apr 45, the 502 and 503 Mine Clearance Companies will
come under the jurisdiction, for purposes of assignment, of the A.C. 1st
Region, Marche and Abruzzi, AQUILA.

For the same reason the War Materials Recovery Office will continue to
operate under the A.C. 209 Sub-Area (Belvedere Officer) in accordance with
letter no. 491, 29/4 of 26 Mar 45, received by the letter from the A.C. of
Aquila, in order to carry on correspondence connected with the recovery of
Allied and enemy material. This work will be done in perfect harmony with
the Recovery Section located at MUGLIA by the 9th Engineers Regiment of
A.C. 1st Region Marche and Abruzzi, Public Safety, Carabinieri and Messrs Recinella
Audience and Liberatora Borvino, who were nominated for the said office, will
therefore remain in service until a decision from higher authorities is received.

The 502 Mine Clearing Company will keep on as its strength as regards
their ratings, while its strength will be reduced after 31 Mar 45 by all
the personnel with the A.C. of Aquila.

The undersigned, in accordance with orders from the A.C. of A. Section,
will cease, on 31 Mar 45, to discharge the duties as liaison Officer for the
three provinces and will subsequently take up the duties of liaison Officer
Mine Clearance for the Army Sub-Commission, and take over the direction from
A.C. 1st Region, Marche and Abruzzi.

(21) Capt. MASSIMO TELLER
Lt. LISSIMO TELLER

Commissioners Pool,
C. A. Section,
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES
LIAISON OFFICER

Ref. N. 144 / R.M.

Chieti Date: 23/3/1945

Subject: Soppressione Ufficio A.C. per le prov. di Chieti Teramo e Pescara.

To: SUBCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA C.A. SECTION

ALLA 5^a REGIONE MARCHE E ABRUZZI A.C.

AL COMMISSARIO PROVINCIALE

per le prov. di Chieti, Teramo e Pescara
e, per conoscenza,

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale Mobilitazione

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio

AL COMANDO DEL 541^o REGGIMENTO FANTERIA

AL COMANDO DELLA 562^a COMPAGNIA

Rastrellatori Mine

AL COMANDO DELLA 563^a COMPAGNIA

Rastrellatori Mine

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Col 1^o Aprile p.V. cessando di funzionare la Commissione Alleata per le provincie di Chieti, Teramo e Pescara, la 562^a e la 563^a Comp. Rastrellatori Mine passano alle dipendenze, ai fini dell'impiego, della 5^a Regione A.C. Marche e Abruzzi AQUILA.

Per lo stesso motivo l'Ufficio Recupero Materiali di Guerra continuerà a funzionare alle dipendenze del Comando della 209^a ~~Sub-~~area (Salvage Offr.) ai sensi della nota Cpt. 29/4 in data 28/3/1945, a questa indirizzata dalla Commissione Alleata di Chieti, per l'espletamento di pratiche relative al recupero di materiale da guerra nemico ed alleato. Tale lavoro sarà portato a compimento in perfetta armonia con la Sezione Recupero istituita a Pescara dal 9^o Reggimento Antieri di Bari. Il Commissario di P.S. dott. Patalone Pasquale ed i Sigg. Rocinella ~~Antieri e Liberatore Guerrino, presentati al predetto Ufficio, resteranno~~

Ispektorato dell'Arma del Genio
AL COMANDO DEL 541° REGIMENTO PANTERIA
AL COMANDO DELLA 562ª COMPAGNIA
Rastrellatori Mine
AL COMANDO DELLA 563ª COMPAGNIA
Rastrellatori Mine

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La 562ª Compagnia Rastrell. Mine provvederà a tenerli in forza, ai fini del loro vettovagliamento, mentre perderà di forza sotto la data del 31/3/1945, tutte il personale in servizio presso l'A.C. di Chieti.

Lo scrivente, secondo gli ordini ricevuti dalla SubCommissione Alleata di Roma - CA Section - col VI Marzo cessa dalle funzioni di Ufficiale di Collegamento delle tre provincie per assumere quelle di Ufficiale di Collegamento - Rastrellamento Mine della SubCommissione stessa, prendendo le direttive dalla 5ª Regione A.C. Marche e Abruzzi.

It. LIAISON OFFICER
(Capt. SPAMPANATO Felice)

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Subject:- Transport, 561 Compagnia
Pionieri

CAO, BMIA, HQ, A.C.

30 MAR 1945
35 C.R.E. (Works),
C. M. F.
Tel: 39 ring 2
Ref: 1091/1
26 March 45.

Further to conversation Maj. Reakes -
Maj. Chapman on 19 Mar 45, Maj. Chapman was informed
that 561 Compagnia Pionieri had been issued with the
following vehicles and motor-cycles:-

- 1 Staff Car.
- 5 Load carriers.
- 5 Motor-cycles.

In reply to my letter requesting information
of their vehicles, the attached was received from
OC, 561 Compagnia Pionieri.

Lt.-Col., S.A.E.C.,
35 C.R.E. (Works)

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561 Compagnia Pionieri

No. 815 di Prot.

P.M. 167 11 26 Marzo 1945.

Oggetto: Transport.

Risposta foglio 1091/1 del 25 marzo 1945.

Al Comando 35 C.R.E. (Works).

Gli automezzi e motomezzi segnati nel foglio in riferimento non sono mai stati assegnati a questo reparto.

Esso attualmente ha in dotazione solo 2 autocarri Fiat 626 già segnalati col foglio No 74, in data 21/3/1945.

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(signed) ???? Il Capitano.

Subject: Mines Return.

35 C.R.E. (Works),
C. M. F.

Tel: 39 ring 2.

Ref: 1003/30.

20 March 45.

CAO, MOTA, HQ, AC.

Copy to: CA Branch HQ AC.

As requested, herewith the first of our fortnightly return of mines lifted by 561 Compagnia Pionieri:-

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Tellermine 42.

Tellermine 43.

"3" Mine 53

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HEADQUARTERS

1 APR 1945

T. Bodley

Capt. R.E., Adj

Lt.-Col., S.A.E.C.
35 C.R.E. (Works).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 8/BA/CA

30 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : AFHQ, G-5.

1. Some time ago this Commission asked if 150 Mine Detectors could be made available for the Italian Mine Clearance Companies and the Civilian Squads working under A.C. control, for the Italian Ministry of War. At that time there were two Mine Clearing Companies and several civilian squads. The scheme has expanded and there are now three companies with another in process of being formed. 24 Mine Detectors were allotted to this HQ and have been distributed to the Companies and the Regions for the whole of Italy. The number is inadequate for the job on hand.

2. In planning for the North it has been found necessary to set aside one Company of Italian Engineers for the clearance of certain areas, parts which will be required for use by L of C units.

3. It is known that at least 12 Companies can be fully employed on this work and a request is being forwarded to you by G-1 B of this HQ for permission to increase the ceiling of Italian Military Personnel allocated to A.C. to a sufficient extent to permit the increase of the Mine Clearing Companies to twelve.

4. Mine Detectors must be made available if any real progress is to be made in the huge task of clearing mines, without the help of L of C units. Sufficient spares, batteries and replacements must also be made available to keep detectors functioning.

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 real progress is to be made in the huge task of clearing
 mines, without the help of L of C units. Sufficient
 spares, batteries and replacements must also be made
 available to keep detectors functioning.

5. It is therefore requested that 200 Mine Detectors
 be released for use by units working under A.C. along-
 with a supply of batteries to keep the mine detectors in
 operation. An initial release of 1000 batteries is re-
 quested, with authority to draw replacements and spare
 parts as and when required. With the release of Mine De-
 tectors and batteries the present scheme can be doubled.

6. The shortage of transport is a problem closely
 linked with expansion of the Mine Clearance scheme. 150
 light trucks are urgently needed if the scheme is to ex-
 pend. Please consider this request and say whether an
 allotment can be made of transport.

7. It is further requested that this matter be given priority of consideration as the appreciation in planning for the north is that the problem of mine clearance will be very great and unless tackled energetically will be a hindrance in opening up both military and civilian supply routes.

For the Chief Commissioner

ARC
G.R. UPJOHN Brig
VP CA Section

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HQ EIGHTH ARMY
PEAR

30 MAR 1945

27 March 1945

Reference:- R IX/HQ/W/1

Subject:- Mine Clearance

To:- HQ., Allied Commission
(For Civil Affairs Section).

Reference conversations (Major REAKES - Major FREIL).

1. It will NOT be possible to accommodate two Italian Mine Clearance Coys in Army Area before 14 April 45. After that date it is expected that accommodation for 500 Officers and OR will be available at CATTOLICA (R 9838).

2. In order that billets may be definitely earmarked please inform this HQ as soon as possible of the date on which these Mine Clearance Companies will arrive.

J. R. P. Knell Major
for Air Commodore
Officer Commanding
AND EIGHTH ARMY

Copy to:- Mine Clearance Officer.

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DATE/TIME OF ORIGIN: Mar 291100A

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PRIORITY: Routine

FROM: AMG Emilia Region

TO: HQ Alcom for Rear HQ Emilia Region

R E S T R I C T E D

Despatch five mine (nine?) clearance officers by courier leaving your HQ (HQ?) 4 April. Instruct remaining officer to be ready to move 0900 hrs 4 April. Will be picked up by transport from this HQ. Signal his address before 2 April. It will identify documents sufficient.

DIST

Action-- Emilia Region Rear
Info -- File

*Capt for
Majors*

*Set name & address
Told Emilia Region this
was not pos. p/c 3/4*

TRUE COPY:

*acmwell
Majr SR*

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*40387-418
Emilia Region HQ*

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562^a Compagnia Autonoma «Rastrellatori Mine»

COMANDO

23 MAR 1945

File N. 226/15

P.M. 185

20 Marzo 1945

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TO HQ Allied Command
APO 394

Civil Affairs Section

S O M A

SUBJECT:

Mine clearance.

With reference to your letter 9/8A/CA dated 15 March 45, I inform you that in the last month of February our engineers have extracted Nr. 42.C15 mines of various type, of which 19.027 have been destroyed in situ because too dangerous -

I send you a copy of work relation of February.

OFFICER COMMANDING
(Copy. SPAMPANATO Police)

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TRANSLATION NO. 622

HEADQUARTERS

562nd Mine Clearance Company

Ref. 28:1

27 Feb 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly report on Italy's contribution to the Allied cause and on the activities of the soldiers.

TO : Hq. 541 Infantry Regiment
10th Regiment, Engineers
Liaison Officer

1) - The Unit is at present engaged in the clearance of mines and exploding contrivances.
(See enclosure).

2) - Deployment and activities carried out by the Unit:

a) The Company is at present divided in the following detachments:

RESCARA - LORETO - MANORILLO - CAROBBASSO - PINETO - ROSETO - ATRI - LANCIANO -
MIGLIANISO - ORSOGNA - FRANCAVILLA - SILVI - SILVI - ORTONA - CERASATTI -

b) Work done:

Due to the bad season, mine clearance work has slackened in mountainous regions during this month, while it has been intensified along the coast, particularly along the rail-way line Ortona-Giulianova. The first section of the line, from Ortona to Pescara has already been cleared; numerous contrivances which are scattered along the entire rail-way line are being removed rapidly.

This work is of particular importance because it enables the contracting firms to repair or reconstruct the line without any obstacle or danger. Thanks to our mine clearers the trains will soon be running.

The company is steadily increasing its activities owing to the training school of Silvi which prepares new elements for mine clearance.

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258639 mines cleared, 136.610 of which neutralized and 220 destroyed on the spot because of their deteriorated fuzes. 690 air-bombs cleared, 260 of which destroyed; about 750 tons of recovered explosives.

c) Training:

On the 20th of this month the first mine clearance course in the school of Silvi will end. On the 5th of March the students will be given an examination by a Commission presided by the commanding officer of the 541 Infantry Regiment. Those who qualify will be given a diploma.

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It is therefore possible to assign a task to each squad who will act as orderly. On the 1st of March the 2nd course will begin and will be attended by the ⁴⁰²⁵ assigned to the Unit. Another small training center has been established in Campoterso, where a squad of the Company, already detached to that zone for the mine clearance, has been directed by the Bari Territorial Engineering Co. to give a brief training course for civilians.

3) - Activities of greater importance and difficulties overcome.

Mine clearance work done this month mostly along the above-mentioned rail-way line, has presented serious difficulties caused by the particular position of the mines, most of which are situated under the track traverses. Many metallic pieces in the ground to be cleared nullify the use of the mine-detector. On the other hand, the iron rods are not are not very suitable, as the stones hinder the probing operation. However, our men are overcoming these difficulties.

5) LOSSES

Just this morning at 10:15 hrs the Unit suffered another loss, CURTALA Angelo, class 1941, belonging to 1st squad working in the Ontogna Commune (Chieti), while neutralizing a German wood anti-tank mine, fell victim to its sudden explosion. The incident, which occurred nearby the Commune's new Cemetery, was caused by the detonation of the safety gadget (due to the dampness of the ground). Another man, Luigi Modelli, who was 2 meters from his comrade, was wounded from fragments.

6) No mention of praise was given to the Unit this month.

7) Efficiency and Billeting

The Unit's efficiency is high in comparison to the other units. The Company, as reported on previous occasions, has not received any assignment of winter clothing yet and lacks blankets and straw beds. (440 field blankets and 220 barrack blankets are needed to complete the equipment of the soldiers at present in service and of those who will be arriving; 35 straw beds are needed). The billets are very good for all the detachments, and thanks to the continuous interest of this HQ and the skill of the civil authorities, the soldiers always find good billets.

8) Discipline

The morale of the soldiers is good. The continuous assistance of the senior officers and the possibility for the soldiers to enjoy a rather comfortable standard of living, thanks to the considerable bonuses they receive, do not make military life at all unpleasant.

In Silvi the training periods are alternated with recreation and singing lessons. Punishments, cases of ASDI or of delayed return from leave are not numerous.

9) Health

The health of the soldiers is good due to the conditions of the billets and the possibility for each soldier to keep his body clean.

This month all the soldiers made use of the bath facilities.

10) Proposals: None

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THE COMMANDER OF THE COMPANY
/s/ Spampinato Felice

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HEADQUARTERS
562nd Mine Clearers Company

Enclosure No. 1 to letter of 27 Feb 1945

Name of Unit	Monthly average of actual strenght	Detachments	Allied organization employing the Unit.	
562nd Mine Clearers Company P.M. 185	180	Teacera, Loreto, Manoppello, Campobasso, Pineto Atri, Lanciano, Miglianico, Orsogna, Francavilla, Silvi, Ortona, Copergatti.	Allied Commission in Chieti	During contri also r compli cular sector being

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HEADQUARTERS
2nd Mine Clearers Company

Requests	Allied organization employing the Unit.	Work done
Loreto, Sanop- polasso, Pineto ciano, Miglia- ogna, Francavil- l, Ortona, Cepa-	Allied Commission in Chieti	During this month the Unit has cleared mines and contrivances in the localities in column 3. It has also removed bombs in the Commune of Pianella in compliance with requests made to it. Worthy of parti- cular notice is the work executed on the Pescara-Ortona sector of the rail-way line and that which is at present being done on the Pescara-Giulianova sector.

For the Commandant
/s/ Lt. Basilio Amadio

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RELAZIONE MENSILE SUL CONTRIBUTO DELL'ITALIA
ALLA CAUSA DEGLI ALLEATI E SULL'ATTIVITA' DELLA
TRUPPA. =

AL COMANDO DEL 541º REGIMIENTO PALESTINA

P.M. 185

AL 100 REGGIMENTO GRANATIERI

S. MARIN CAPUA VENTRIS

ALL'UNIVERSITÀ DI COLLEGAVENTO

R. M. 185

- I°) - SERVIZIO AL QUALE E' ALLEGATO IL REPARTO:
ordigni esplosivi - (v. specchio all.) rastrellamento mine e

- 2°) - ELEMENTI ILLUSTRATIVI SULL'ATTIVITA' SVOLTA DAL REPARTO;
a) Dislocazione.

La Compagnia attualmente è frazionata nei seguenti Distaccamenti:

PESCARA = LORNETO = MANOPPELLO = CAMPOBASCO = PI NETO = ROBERTO =
ATRI = LANCIANO = MIGLIAMICO = ORSCOGNA = FRANCAVILLA = SILVI =
SILVI = ORTONA = CEPAGATTI =

- b) Attività lavorativa
Per l'inclementa della stagione, nel corr. mese, i lavori di rastrellamento mine sono stati ridotti nella zona contana e intensificati in quella costiera, specialmente lungo la strada ferrata ORTONA - GIULIANOVA. - Il primo tratto ORTONA - PESCARA è già stato bonificato; con alacrità si sta procedendo alla rimozione dei numerosi ordigni cosparsi lungo tutta la linea ferroviaria.

Quest'opera risanatrice, piena di ostacoli di carattere tecnico, è di particolare importanza perchè dà la possibilità alle

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SILVI = ORTONA = ORPAGATOLI =

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La Compagnia va sempre più decrescendo la sua attività lavorativa in quanto, grazie agli ottimi risultati raggiunti dalla SCUOLA ADDESTRAMENTO DI SILVI, nuove forze vengono ad essere prontate ed impiegate nel difficile compito del rastrellamento.

E' così che a tutt'oggi il Reparto registra i seguenti dati:

NO 255033 MINE RASTRELLATE, DI CUI 130.610 DISATTIVATE E

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NA 220291 STRUTTE SUL POSTO PERCHÉ CON SPOLIERE DETERIORATE. -
N° 690 BOMBE D'AREO RASTRELLATE, DI CUI N° 200 DI STRUTTE;
CIRCA 750 TONNELLATE DI REPOSIVI RECUPERATI. -

c) ATTIVITÀ ADDESTRATIVA. -

Il 1° Corso addestramento Rastrellatori Mine svolte presso la Scuola di Silvì, avrà termine il 28 corr. - Gli allievi saranno, il 5 marzo P.V., sottoposti ad esame teorico-pratico da una Commissione e nel dopo presieduta dal Comandante il 541° Reggimento Fanteria, - a quelli che risulteranno idonei, sarà rilasciato un diploma.

Il risultato conseguito dal corso è più che soddisfacente: -

I giovani, che erano dapprima del tutto restii a prendere contatto con le mine, sono ora dei bravi rastrellatori e durante lo svolgimento del corso, hanno dato, nel campo pratico, buoni saggi della loro capacità lavorativa.

Le istruzioni svolte dall'Ufficiale Seritario, intese a dare agli allievi delle buone cognizioni sul servizio di pronto soccorso, trasporto feriti, ed a creare, quindi, dei capaci infermieri, hanno conseguito un eguale buon risultato.

Si è ora in grado, così, di assegnare ad ogni squadra un seniore che assolverà bene i compiti dell'infermiere. -

Col primo marzo avrà inizio il 2° Corso addestramento Rastrellatori Mine che si propone di istruire i nuovi elementi assegnati al Reparto. -

Un altro piccolo centro d'istruzione è sorto in questi giorni in Campobasso, dove una squadra della Compagnia, che già da vari mesi era colà distaccata per il rastrellamento mine nella zona, è stata incaricata dal Comando Genio Territoriale di Bari di svolgere un breve Corso d'addestramento per civili.

3°) - PRESTAZIONI LE MASCHER E DI L'OLIVA SUPERATE.

Per quanto riguarda le prestazioni si è già riferito ampiamente nel capo 2 di questa relazione.

Per quanto concerne le difficoltà di ordine tecnico, si fa presente che il lavoro di bonifica affannato nel concetto senza per la...

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3°) - PRESTAZIONI LE MAGGIORI DIFFICOLTÀ E IL LAVORO SUPERAVVIGLIATO.

Per quanto riguarda le prestazioni si è già riferito ampiamente nel capo 2 di questa relazione.

Per quanto concerne la difficoltà di ordine tecnico, vi fa presagire che il lavoro di bonifica effettuato nel corrente mese per la maggior parte lungo il tratto di strada ferrata sopra indicato, ha presentato seri inconvenienti sia per la particolare posizione delle mine, situate il più delle volte sotto la traversa dei binari, sia per la individuazione a mezzo di apparecchi cerniere o a mezzo di spuntori in ferro; nel primo caso, la presenza nel terreno da bonificare dei cavi e di tanti pezzi metallici mantiene in continuo stato d'allarme, il barcaiolo lasciando gli sfuggire il suo carattere artistico subilo, che infonde una tensione nervosa al rastrellatore nel secondo caso, gli spuntori mal si prestano alla individuazione, in quanto la massicciata ostacola l'operazione di sondaggio. Solo la particolare perizia del nostro rastrellatore ha potuto assolvere un compito così pericoloso e difficile.

Una grave difficoltà è rappresentata dalla deficienza di munizioni di cui dispone la Compagnia per il trasporto degli esplosivi residui dai posti di lavoro ai depositi munizioni.

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Tale deficienza incide enormemente sul rendimento del Reparto e comporta l'impossibilità di aderire a tante richieste di rastrellamento mine in località lontane dai distaccamenti dipendenti.

4°) - NOTIZIE VARIE INERENTI ALLE PREDETTE PRESTAZIONI

I militari dipendenti, per il particolare lavoro cui sono adibiti, non hanno turni di lavoro; essi non vengono mai impiegati di notte, né in condizioni meteorologiche avverse, né in ore eccedenti quelle normali di lavoro.

Il Reparto, ai fini dell'impiego, dipende dalla Commissione Alleata di Chieti. Nessun incidente si è mai verificato fra il personale della Compagnia ed i militari alleati.

5°) - PERIZIA

Proprio questa mattina, alle ore 10,15, un altro lutto è venuto a colpire il Reparto: il Regiere CUTTA A. Angelo cl. 1921 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ della squadra che opera nel Comune di Orsogna (Chieti) mentre procedeva allo spolettamento di una mina in legno tedesca, anticarro, rimaneva vittima dell'improvviso brillamento di questa.

L'infortunio, che si è verificato nei pressi del nuovo Cimitero di quel Comune, deve attribuirsi al fatto che il travertino di caduta della farfalla di sicurezza era deteriorato, per effetto dell'umidità del terreno, ed è scattato appena è stato sollevato il coperchio.

Nello stesso incidente è rimasto ferito in varie parti del corpo da schegge il gendere V. D. S. L. I. Luigi che si trovava distante 2 metri dal compagno che ha sacrificato la sua vita giovane nell'adempimento di un sacro dovere.

6°) - ELIOGI

Nessun elogio è stato tributato al Reparto nel corr. mese.

7°) - NOTIZIE SUL GRADO DI EFFICIENZA E SITUAZIONE ALLOGGIAMENTI.

Il grado di efficienza è, nel complesso, buono, se si tengono presenti le condizioni di altri Reparti.

La Compagnia, come è stato più volte segnalato, non ha avuto ancora in assegnazione gli indumenti invernali ed ha una rilevante

50) - PROVA

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7°) - NOTIZIE SUL GRADO DI EFFICIENZA E SITUAZIONE ALLOCATI.
Il grado di efficienza è, nel complesso, buono, se si tengono presenti le condizioni di altri Reparti.

La Compagnia, come è stato più volte segnalato, non ha avuto ancora in assegnazione gli indumenti invernali ed ha una rilevante deficienza di coperte e di paglierici - (Occorrono 440 coperte da campo o n° 220 da casertraglio, necessario per completare la dotazione individuale dei militari attualmente in servizio e di quelli che dovranno qui affluire: necessitano n° 35 paglierici per coprire il fabbisogno) -

Gli alloggiamenti, per tutti i distaccamenti sono buoni, in quanto, grazie al costante interessamento di questo Comando ed allo spirito di comprensione delle Autorità civili, i militari ottengono sempre buona sistemazione.

8°) - NOTIZIE SULL'AMBIENTE UMANITARIO.
Il morale della truppa è al giusto livello: - la costante assistenza da parte dei superiori e la possibilità da parte dei militari di concedersi un tenore di vita abbastanza agiato, grazie al

ai buoni guadagni che realizzano con premi
ferenza al protrarsi della vita militare.

A SILVI le ore di istruzione teorico-pratiche sono intercalate da ore di sana ricreazione con lezioni di canto corale.

Le pandemie, gli allontanamenti illeciti, i ritardi o mancati rientri dalle licenze non sono frequenti.

90) - NOTIZIE SULL'ANDAMENTO SANITARIO. =

Lo stato sanitario della truppa non lascia a desiderare: ciò è dovuto ai buoni alloggiamenti di cui essa fruisce ed alla possibilità che tutti hanno di curare la pulizia della propria persona.

Nel corrente mese, tutti i militari dipendenti hanno fruito del servizio autobagno. =

100) - PROPOSTE :- A.P.

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IL COORDINATORE LA COMPAGNIA
(Cap. SPAMPANATO Felice)

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IL COMANDANTE LA COMPAGNIA
(Cap. SPANAPATO Felice)



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962^a COMPAGNIA AUTONOMA RASTRELLATORI IN R
COMANDO

ADDESSO N° 1 al foglio in data 27/2/1945

Posto Milit

UNITA'	Personi effettive nella mensile	DI RENDIMENTO	Unità alleate da cui dipende per l'impiego	Attività svolte
562 ^a Cp. Rastrellatori Intervi M- no P.M. 185	190	Fossara Loreto Manoppello Campobasso Pineto Roseto Atri Lanciano Miglianico Orsogna Francavilla Alvi Ortona Capugnatte	Comandante Alente di <u>CHIAI</u>	Il Rapporto Il rastrellamento vi nelle zona del aderito a te d'aereo no di bonifica rio PRESSARA tutto Peder

p. IL COMANDANTE
Fito Ten.

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Posto Militare 185, 1. 27/2/1945

C C A S I O S S	Unità alleate da cui dipende per l'impiego	Attività svolta
Loretto Manoppello San Pietro Romano Molina di Capua Francavilla sul Tevere	Comandante Allegati di <u>CHI S I</u>	Il Reparto nel suddetto paese ha operato il rastrellamento mine e ordigni esplosivi nelle località indicate nella 3 ^a do- lorata dal presente spoglio. Ha inoltre aderito a richiama di rimozione di bar- re d'aerodromi nel Comune di Fianello. Do- mo di maggior rilievo il lavoro di bonifica effettuato sul tronco ferroviario FREGATE OTTONA e quello in corso sul tratto FREGATE di Milano.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 396
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

SECRET

Tel. Ext. 608

Ref: PS/18/11/CA.

23 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

Reference your 564/EC of 23 Feb 45, giving the points that are to be raised at the meeting in Florence on the 26 Feb 45, on Log Plan 177.

- 1 With regard to the first item - "Clearance of land mines. How far is this a military responsibility" - it is considered that it may be useful for you to have notes made with regard to the position as seen by this Section at the present time.
- 2 Under the Directives so far issued by AFHQ, 15 Army Group Military Authorities are responsible for the opening of various ports, e.g. TRIESTE, FIVRE, GENOA, and certain main truck highways and railways. It is therefore to be presumed that any mine clearance which will be required to carry out these responsibilities will also be the responsibility of the Armies.
- 3 This contention is borne out by the Minutes of the North West Italy Planning Committee, dated 18 Feb 45, para 10 (a) which states:
"Land Mine Clearance - Port of Genoa.
"Accepted by 57 Area as an Army responsibility in conjunction with B.A. No call would be made on AC"
- 4 Resources - AC have at their disposal at the present moment, two mine clearance companies, one of which is functioning well and has heavy responsibilities. The other requires overhauling and re-vitalising. There can also be made available a small nucleus of instructors with a view to training Italian civilians. These can be allotted to northern Regions.
- 5 No. I District, however, have contacted this Section and enquired what assistance can be given in the question of land mine clearance in the port of GENOA. It is, therefore, proposed to attach the 561 Mine Clearing Company to No. II District immediately, move it to LIVORNO, where the 35th C.M.S. is prepared to take it in hand and assist in its equipment and give it practical work to do in clearing the large number of mines there situated. It is then proposed to transfer it to the port of GENOA for a limited period to assist in the work of clearing mines and booby traps which it is anticipated will be found there. (from previous 12 February 3 weeks for AC)

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

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

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Ref: 56/10.

23 February 1945.

Points to raise at meeting in Florence on 15 February on 100,000 177.

1. Clearance of land mines. How far is this a military responsibility?
2. Disarmament of German POW held by patriots. Whose responsibility?
3. Figure in Milan of 500,000 Italian Fascist soldiers returning to their homes and not being captured. Query the number, and obtain instructions as to whether we are to round them up and make them POW. If so, are they to send them to the concentration area between the Po and Lake 7?
4. Food resources. To what extent will the Army use local resources for the feeding of Mussolini's Army, in particular in the concentration area? Are they going to move Italian civilians out of the concentration area? If not, query the relationship between civilians and POW.
5. Malaria. Anti-malarial measures in the concentration area must be very constant.
6. Draft Conscription. Are the 20 US and 5 British Truck Companies, which may be available for the movement of civil supplies, going to be used only for the consignment of 500 t.p.d. at Verona and 500 t.p.d. at Milan, or will they be available for T.S. Italy as well?
7. Patriots. Query the figure of 100,000. DOW suggests it might be 150,000.
8. The transport of weapons and clothing for patriots to the collecting centres is a G-4 responsibility in Phase 1. In Phase 2, 1 and 2 Districts must take on this commitment.
9. Displaced Persons and Refugees. At a later stage, after the numbers of troops are reduced, military transport will have to be made available for the movement of refugees South. In the early stages refugees will move on the returning 1 of 6 vehicles, as in previous operations.
10. Civil Supply Transport. Coal and POW are excluded, but do they include medical supplies, clothing, etc.?

11. Disposal of captured enemy arms & War Material?

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28 MAR 1945

TO :- HQ. AC. (for Civil Affairs Section).
FROM :- HQ. AME/AC Abruzzi-Marche Region.
SUBJECT :- Mine Clearance Companies.
REF :- RC/561/32.
DATE :- 27 March 1945.

1. Reference your 9/SA/CA dated 17 Mar. 45. 563 Italian Mine Clearance Company are located in CHIETI Province W.C.I. 20 March 45.
2. Attached please find a report from the C.C. of 562 Italian Mine Clearance Coy regarding the aforementioned Coy for your information.
3. As will be seen by the report the new Company is being attached to No. 562, it is presumed you will call for reports eventually on the progress made during the period of attachment.

FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

J. D. Scholtz
J. D. SCHOLTZ,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Regional Commissioner.

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Subject:- 563 MI Clearance Company

To :- Provincial Commissioner Chieti, Pescara & Teramo Provinces

From :- Commander of Mine Clearance.

We inform you that the following soldiers have arrived in Silvi today from Santa Maria Capua Vetere, they belong to the 563 Mine Clearance Company. The lodgings have been prepared by the Commune.

Seven Officers (1 Lt. and 6 2nd Lt.)
Twenty three Non Commissioned Officers
151 soldiers.

With the same means that they reached Ortona, they reached Silvi.

The soldiers all have rifles Mod. '91, but without magazines, they are badly equipped, their uniforms are not the same and are all in very bad condition. None of them have a straw bed. Each soldier has two blankets. None of them have complete Allied equipment.

According to that decided by the Headquarters Royal Army - War Ministry, the Company should consist of,

8 Officers
11 Non Commissioned Officers
190 Soldiers.

In all 209 men.

One must consider the number of uniforms required according to the above mentioned personnel. The Company only possesses the individual armament. It has no cooking utensils or technical material, with the exception of six mine detectors.

These new soldiers have not the same capacity which the others have for the work allotted them. Therefore I have arranged that the same Company (Officers included) should frequent the school and then be attached for the time being to the 562 Company where they can gain all their experience.

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20th March 45

Commander of the Company
Captain Felice Spanpanato

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Rep. 736 - Salmerie per A.A.
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DEATH OF TWO BOYS CAUSED BY INCENDIARY BOMBS LEFT BEHIND AT PANICAROLA
BY ENGLISH TROOPS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: Territorial Organization of Artillery Service Units. SECRET

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

File No: SD/7/2

del Mar 65.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. In reply to your letter 11617/Cri/11 of 19 March I have to state that it is much regretted that no increase in the Artillery ceiling can be authorized over and above 693 vide SD/94 of 22 Feb as altered by Addt No. 5 dated 5 March 65.

2. A re-adjustment of personnel should be made by you in order that

(a) military personnel may be used to the maximum to supervise civilian guards.

(b) military personnel used to the maximum on the most important despatch. To this end ammunition should have already been graded.

3. To reply in more detail to the points raised by you I have to state:

(a) the 203 personnel mentioned in your para 2 (a) should be covered by the Labour Coy, 350 all ranks, on NE 302/SMFE/1 NUNIES, shown under Category 1(c) Section (VIII) MISCELLANEOUS. (SD 94 of 22 Feb as altered by Addt No 3).

(b) sufficient personnel to cover the mine clearing personnel of 280 mentioned in your para 2 (b) and the instructors mentioned in your para 2 (c) is available from the Mine Clearance Units and Mine Training Pool. Serials 10-14 in Appendix "A" to SD/94 dated 19 March, and in this connection I have to advise you to liaise with Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

(c) the 4 additional specialists required by you for the ROME Precision Workshop will either have to be borrowed temporarily from one of the other Artillery units or an addition made to the AE of the unit with a corresponding increase in the

to the maximum to supervise

(b) Military personnel used to the maximum on the most important depot. To this end ammunition should have already been graded.

3. To reply in more detail to the points raised by you I have to state:

- (a) the 200 personnel mentioned in your para 2 (a) should be covered by the Labour Coy. 350 all ranks, on WE 302/SMHE/1 RARIES, shown under Category 1(c) Section (viii) MISCELLANEOUS. (SD 94 of 22 Feb as altered by Addt No 3).
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- (c) the 4 additional specialists required by you for the RME Precision Workshop will either have to be borrowed temporarily from one of the other Artillery units or an addition made to the WE of the unit with a corresponding decrease of 4 elsewhere within the artillery ceiling.

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A.M. English
 Major General.
 R.A.F.A.

CIVIL AFFAIRS S.C. AC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: W, RA, CA

28 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministero della Guerra
Direzione Generale del Genio
Ufficio Centrale B.C.M.

Your letter with returns No. 8/71078 of 15 March
is acknowledged with thanks.

It will be obliging if in future the full period
of the returns could be shown i.e. from 1 to 15 March, from
16 to 31 March.



R.R. GRIFFS Col
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

28 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (LRIA).

1. The following vehicles are being used by the 561 Mine Clearing Company.

<u>WD No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
150297	626	Fiat	Petrol
150294	626	Fiat	Petrol

2. This Company is now working under temporary command 35 CRE and it is necessary that it should be brought up to establishment in vehicles immediately. May this be done.

R.K.
R.H. CRIBBS Col
CSO CA Section

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R. E. GRIPPS Col
380 CA Section

Copy to: Ministry of War
Brig. Gen. SUPINO
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 384
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 4/20/48 28 March 48.

SUBJECT: Mine clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (NFIA).

1. Of the unallotted detail of Army personnel available to A.C. a further 100 have been allotted as instructors making a total of 130 instructors in all.
2. The instructors are required for the North but are meantime held at the following places where they are either training or working.

Rome		61
Held for		
by	17	
Permanent training		
Center	18	
Piemonte Region	6	
Lombardia Region	6	
Liguria Region	6	
Emilia Region	6	
Venezia Region	12	
	61	
Toscana Region		18
Abruzzi - Marche Region		10
Lazio Umbria Region		21
		130

3. Rations are required for the 130, of which 30 have been drawn in the past but some doubts were raised as to whether they would be drawn after the 6 March.
4. Any instructions be given for the issue of the rations at the places indicated. Please inform this Section when instructions have been given and state how the rations are to be drawn so that the Italian Government may be advised.

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R. E. GRIPPS Col
380 CA Section

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Brig. Gen. SUPINO

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THE QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.O. 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

28 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (12 BA).

On a reconsideration of the further needs of this Commission it has been estimated that at least 12 Companies are required and should be formed with three battalions of four companies each. A R.F./T.O. for Battalion HQ has been drawn up and is submitted to you for your approval and any comments you may have.

Jh
H.A. CRIPPS Col
GSC CA Section

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 314
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: R/BA/CA

28 March 46.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Food Sub Commission.

Your letter 43:3/20/FOOD of 16 March 46 has been under consideration and it has been agreed that Mine Clearance personnel should be on the same ration scale throughout the Country. Will you please therefore issue instructions that all Mine Clearance personnel (civilians) should be on the Public Security Scale Basis.

JK
R.R. CRIPPS Col
CIV. CA Section

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27 MAR 1945

Subject:- Transp Co, 561 Italian Mines Clearing Coy.

35 C.R.E. (Works),
C.M.F.

Tel: 39 Ring 2.

C.S.O., C.A. Section, H.Q., A.C.C.

Ref: 1091/1.

Copy to: MMIA, L.O., 5 ARMY.
231 Div ITALIAN ARMY
561 ITALIAN Pioneer Coy.

23rd March 1945.

Reference a/n Company, the only transport held by this Coy consists of two trucks details as follows:-

<u>WD No.</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Fuel</u>
150297	626	Fiat	Petrol
150294	626	Fiat	Petrol

These vehicles are at present off the road awaiting tyres and tubes, otherwise they are in good order.

Can anything please be done to bring the transport of this Coy up to W.E.

[Signature]
Lt.-Col., S.A.E.C.,
35 C.R.E. (Works).

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22 MAR 1945

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
ECONOMICS & SUPPLY DIVISION
APO 394

ES: 320/237 B/13 20 March 1945

SUBJECT : Payment for repaired Clothing.

TO : Civilian Mine Clearance Squads.
Civil Affairs Section.

1. Attached, please, find copy of the memorandum of 9 March '45 prepared by Finance Sub-Commission regarding payment for repaired Army clothing.

2. In compliance with these instructions release of repaired clothing will now be effected on a deferred payment basis. This means that release will be made against the receipt of a responsible officer.

3. Please arrange for the collection of the items allocated to you as by our Issue Voucher No U/35 of 28 Feb '45 sent you under cover of our letter ES: 320/115 B/13 dated 28 Feb '45.

For the Regional Commissioner:

*To Mr. G. W. 8/Mar
with 9/82/10 3/5/45*

W.G. BERT
W.G. BERT,
Major R.A.,
Commerce Sub-Division.

HW/AC

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION

13657/E/A

9 March 1945

SUBJECT : Release and Distribution of Army Garments
repaired by Allied Commission.

TO : All Concerned.

1. Under existing arrangements salvaged army garments are being repaired and dyed in the Naples area under the supervision of the Allied Commission.
2. The purpose of this memorandum is to establish uniform procedure for the receipt, distribution, and accounting for garments allocated to Allied Army units.
3. Allied Army units receiving allocations from the AC Priorities Board will arrange with the AC Commerce Officer of Southern Region at Naples as to the time, place, and manner the garments will be turned over to them.
4. The receiving Army unit will give the Commerce Officer of Southern Region a receiving report which shall show the name of the Army unit, the specific type of garment, the number, the price, and the value.
5. The receiving report will be prepared and signed in quadruplicate by the Officer or his designee taking the goods. AC Commerce Officer will distribute the copies as follows:
 - a) Retain original,
 - b) Deliver first copy to the officer or his designee taking the goods,
 - c) Forward second copy to the Regional Supply

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- a) Retain original,
- b) Deliver first copy to the officer or his designee taking the goods,
- c) Forward second copy to the Regional Supply Accountant of Southern Region (or as otherwise directed by the Chief Accountant), and
- d) Forward third copy to the Commerce Sub-Commission, AC.

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6. AC Commerce Officer will not require payment in advance for the garments, but will maintain accounts receivable for all amounts due to be paid by each Allied Army unit showing the respective Allied Officer signing for such garments.

7. The account for each Army unit and officer shall be charged with the value in lire of the garments as shown on the receiving report, and shall be credited with payments made to the AC Commerce Officer, Southern Region.

2. Prices to be charged in the field for the garments will be in accordance with the scale of prices which will be notified to the AC Commerce Officer by the Commerce Sub-Commission, and which will be the same prices as shown on the receiving reports.
3. Payment will be made to the AC Commerce Officer Southern Region and will not be paid into accounts in the name of the Allied Financial Agency with local banks. Where convenient payment will be made in cash (which will generally apply to Naples and vicinity). Where not convenient funds should be remitted through ordinary army financial channels but if this is impracticable or inconvenient they may be remitted by an ordinary vaglia bancario, or cambiale; or by assegno circolare drawn in favour of AC Commerce Officer Southern Region; all these may be obtained at any bank.
10. All garments should be distributed within 30 days after release by AC Commerce Officer. It is not required that the Allied Officer distributing the garments shall make payment to the AC Commerce Officer as each collection is effected in the field. If small he may accumulate such collections and make semi-monthly remittances on the 15th and on the last day of the month.
11. Attention is invited to the requirement that Allied Officers in the field are not authorized to release garments on credit to consignees. Collections must be made by them at the time the garments are sold. Each Allied Officer receiving garments for resale will be held responsible to make payments to the AC Commerce Officer.
12. Certain officers of the Allied Commission, however, upon proper authorization by AC may make free issues of garments. This applies only to clothing issued to refugees, displaced persons, internees and similar beneficiaries (which the Allied Commission records as distributed free on account of Italian Government.) In such cases the receiving report given the AC Commerce Officer will be marked "FREE ISSUE", and show the purpose, and name of the AC organization making the distribution.
13. The AC Commerce Officer shall render a monthly report to the Regional Supply Accountant of Southern Region, (or as otherwise directed by the Chief Accountant) showing (as under existing

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I Stock Movements

- (a) Number of garments by classes received from
 - (1) US Army, and (2) British Army.
- (b) Poundage of rags classified as to wool and cotton received from (1) US Army, and (2) British Army.
- (c) Number of garments repaired by classes, as above.
- (d) Number of garments unreparable by classes, and corresponding weight in rags.
- (e) Number of garments sold by classes.
- (f) Poundage of rags sold by classes.

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- (g) Number of garments issued free by classes.
 (h) Issues if any of garments and/or rags by classes.
 (i) Inventory on hand of garments and rags by classes.

II Sales Schedule

- (a) Number and value of garments by classes sold.
 (b) Pounds and value of rags by classes sold.
 (c) Total Sales.

III Accounts Receivable Schedule

- (a) Total sales prior months.
 (b) Total sales current month.
 (c) Total sales to date.
 (d) Collections prior months.
 (e) Collections current month.
 (f) Accounts Receivable (to be classified according to Army Unit).

14. The AC Commerce Officer shall deposit all sums received into the Banca d'Italia for credit to the account of Allied Financial Agency.

W. J. H. H. H.

Chief Accountant,
 for Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

Distribution : All Regional Commissioners,
 S.C.A.C. AMG 5 and 8 Army,
 Regional Supply Accountants,

- (d) Collections prior month.
(e) Collections current month.
(f) Accounts Receivable (to be classified according to Army Unit).

14. The AC Commerce Officer shall deposit all sums received into the Banca d'Italia for credit to the account of Allied Financial Agency.

W. H. H. H. H.

Chief Accountant,
for Joint Director,
Finance Sub-Commission

Distribution : All Regional Commissioners,
S.C.A.O. AMG 5 and 8 Army,
Regional Supply Accountants,
Regional Supply Officers,
Commerce Sub-Commission (50 copies).

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CH SECTION

Subject:- transport, 561 Italian Mine Clearance Coy.

1001A LO
British Increment,
Rear Hq, Fifth Army,
C. M. F.

Tel: Lightening Rear

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510/5/2.

21st March 45.

35 C.R.E. (Works).

Ref your 1091/1 dated 18 March.

I regret that 231 Div has no possibility of supplying tubes and tyres at the moment.

I am assured by 1001A BART and DANCE (both of whom were with me this morning) that there will shortly be a store of these maintained in this area for the use of 231 Div, and as soon as they become available, the needs of 561 Mine Clearance Coy will be attended to.

??????Capt.

1001A LO,

British Increment,
Fifth Army.

ABH/gh.

Subject: Transport.

35 C.R.E. (Works),
C. M. F.

Tel: 39 Ring 2.

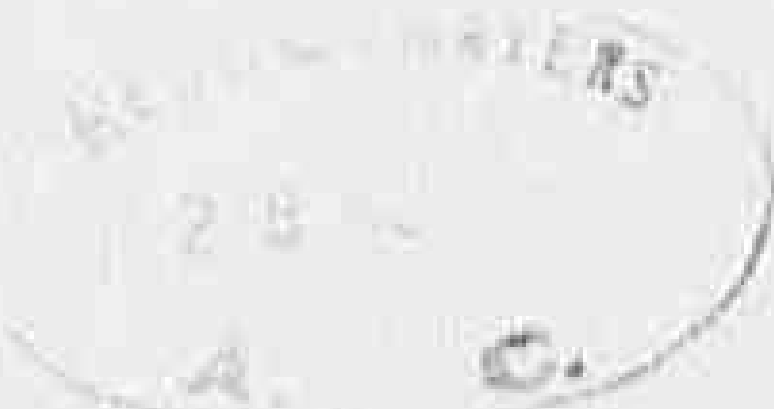
Ref: 1091/1.

24th March 1945.

G.A.O., G.A. Section H.Q., A.C.C.

Reference above copy of letter from 1001A, LO, 5 Army.

There is an acute shortage of transport in this area. As 561 Coy have their two vehicles off the road waiting for tyres, can you please suggest any way of obtaining these tyres without delay.



I am not satisfied
about this.
fks
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Lt.-Col., A.C.C.,
35 C.R.E. (Works).



Tel. Ext. 412

MEMORANDUM

REFERENCE : G-1B/601/1

27 March 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Coy.

TO : Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MILIA)

Reference your letters D/S 48/9 Mar 45 and 5 Feb 45.

1. May instructions now please be given to the Italian Ministry of War for the formation of 564 Mine Clearance Coy.
2. A communication has been received from Civil Affairs Section to the effect that the question of future requirements for mine clearance in Italy has been the subject of further investigation and meetings with the Italian Ministry of War. In view of the many thousands of mines to be cleared, it is considered that 4 Companies will be insufficient to meet the task, and it has been decided that 12 Companies, formed into 3 Bns. of 4 Coys each, are necessary. The establishment for these Coys will be 8 Officers and 201 ORs each as in W.L. No. 503/2004/1. No establishment has yet been drawn up for a Bn. HQ., but this will be submitted later for approval.

3. As the above proposals are dependent on the ceiling of 3000 being increased, the matter will be taken up with you again when this has been done. In the meantime anything that can be done to hasten the formation of 564 Mine Clearance Coy would be very much appreciated.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ESTABLISHMENTS SECTION

As far as may be

Sir J.E.T. HITCHIN Bt.
Lt. Colonel,
G-1(E)

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Copy to: Civil Affairs Section.

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

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COPY to: Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMANDERS
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/88/CA

28 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Lead Forces Sub Commission (LFLA).

1. The following vehicles are being used by the 362 Mine Clearing Company.

Spa	38 W. 4848 W.R.	efficient	on gasoline
Fiat	626 W. 3949	"	"
Fiat	509 W. 1655	"	"
Moto	W.S.U. W. 13	not efficient	"
Moto	side W. 362	efficient	"
Fiat	501 W. 3375	"	"

2. Most of these vehicles have been rebuilt from scrap. Some of them have been hired and cannot be treated as part of the unit's equipment.

3. The 363 Mine Clearing Company have now arrived at PESCARA and have no transport at all. It is essential that transport be provided up to establishment as otherwise these companies will not function efficiently. It is hoped that you can make available at an early date enough transport for the 363 Company to bring it up to establishment.

JK
W.R. CRIPPS Col
CSO CA Section

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INSPECTORATE OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

File No 686/ord

26 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Vehicles for Mine Clearance Service

TO : AC Civil Affairs Section
(Ref your 9/BA/CA of 1st March)

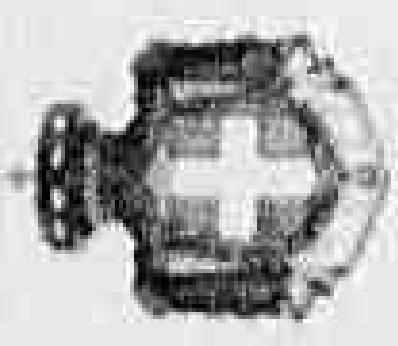
With reference to the above mentioned letter we inform you that the following requisitioned and hired vehicles are at the disposal of the 562nd Mine Clearance Unit:

- Spa 38 N. 4848 - R.E.	efficient	-	on gasoline
- Fiat 626 N. 3949	"	"	"
- Fiat 509 No 1655	"	"	"
- Moto H.S.U. No 18	not efficient	"	"
- Moto alce No 562	efficient	"	"
- Fiat 501 No 3675	"	"	"

We shall send you the data concerning the 561st Mine Clearance Unit.

THE INSPECTOR OF THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS

/s/ Gen. Div. F. Amoroso



62.

Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio

Res. N. 688 ord.

Disposto al

Conto annesso N.

Oggetto Automezzi per serv. E.C.M.

- ALLA C.A. - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
(Rif. F. 9/640.A. del 1° corr.)

A.P.O. 394

Con riferimento al foglio sopra riportato, si comunica che la 562^a Compagnia E.C.M. ha a disposizione i seguenti automezzi di requisizione - a noleggio -

- | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| - Spa 38 n. 4848 - R.S. | efficiente | - a benzina |
| - Fiat 626 n. 3949 | " | " |
| - Fiat 509 n. 1655 | " | " |
| - Moto M.S.U. n. 16 | inefficiente | " |
| - Moto elce n. 562 | efficiente | " |
| - Fiat 501 n. 3675 | " | " |

Si fa riserve di comunicare i dati riguardanti la 561^a Compagnia E.C.M. -

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

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- ALDA C.A. - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
 (Rif. f. 9/6AC.A. del 1° corr.)

Con riferimento al foglio sopra riportato, si comunica che la 562^a Compagnia B.C.M. ha a disposizione i seguenti automezzi di requisizione - a noleggio -

- Spe 38 n. 4848 - R.E.	efficiente	- a benzina
- Fiat 525 n. 3949	"	"
- Fiat 509 n. 1655	"	"
- Moto N.S.C. n. 18	inefficiente	"
- Moto alce n. 562	efficiente	"
- Fiat 501 n. 3675	"	"

Si fa riserva di comunicare i dati riguardanti la 561^a Compagnia B.C.M. -

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

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TRANSLATION NO. 618

WAR MINISTRY

Ref. O/218/ Ris

ROME, 24 March 1945

SUBJECT: T.O. OF THE MINE-CLEARANCE BATTALION HQ.
TO : THE ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
A.P.G. 394

In compliance with Maj. Reaks' request and that made with letter 9/B.A./C.A. of 22 inst. we are forwarding the enclosed T.O. of the M.C. Battalion HQ.

/s/ General Supino

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 MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio Generale Addetto

Roma, 26/3 1945-A
All' A.C. - Civil Affairs
Section

Divisione 0/218/213
Prot. N. 0/218/213
Risposta all' del
Dir. Sez. N

A.P.O. 394

OGGETTO: organico Comando BTG. rast. mine

In esito a richiesta verbale del Magg.
Reahe a quante richieste con foglio 9/B.A./
C.A. del 22 c.m. si trasmette in allegato un or-
ganico di Cde BTG. rastrellatori mine . -

Il Generale Addetto
(P. Supino)

Gen. Supino

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MINE-CLEARANCE BATTALION HQ.

Commander (Lt. Col. or Maj.)

Officer with administrative functions

1 HQ. 5-100

WALLS PROJECT 1

Full Total

U.S. The Mine-Clearance Battalion

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COMANDO Btg. RASTRELLAMENTO MINE:

1 COMANDO

Comandante (T.Col. o Maggiore)
 Aiut. Maggiore
 Ufficiali con funzione.

Totale

1 SQUADRA UFFICIO

Scrittori (1 Maggiore, 1 Uff. da
 interpreti
 scrittori
 Disegnatori, dettatori
 Aiut. Scriv. da
 Attendenti (Piazzanti)

Totale

1 SQUADRA AUTOMEZZI

Notturnisti
 Autisti

Totale

Totale comp.

Uff. Superiori	Uff. Inferiori	Scrittori	Disegnatori	Automezzi	Automezzi per.	Notturni
1	1					
1	2					
		1	2			
			1	2		
			1	1		
				3		
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		1		3		
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N.B. Il Comando di Btg. Rastrellamento Mine si appoggia normalmente ad una delle dipendenti Compagnie per quanto si riferisce a viveri, cucina e servizio generale.

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UFFICIO DEL COMANDO IN CHIEFA
DIREZIONE GENERALE GENIO

II GENERALE ADDETTO

Roma, 25th March 1945

Dear Major REAKES,

Inside the allocation of rations
for Officers and ORs who work with civilians
in mine clearing and the W.E. for Battalion
HQ, for the Mine Clearing Companies.

As soon as possible - I hope to-morrow -
I shall give the names of an Engineer Major
and other Officers for the Mine Clearance
Zone in Emilia Region.

Yours faithf.

Giuseppe Lupis

To Major S. REAKES
Civil Affairs Section - A.C.

A. P. O. 394

TRANSLATION NO. 620

Ref. 10/217/Ris.

ROME, 24 March 1945

WAR MINISTRY

SUBJECT: I.O. military personnel for Mine-Clearance Service

TO : THE ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
WAR MINISTRY - CABINET -
Liaison Office
General Staff R.A.

In compliance with the request made by your Land Forces Sub-Commission, we communicate the provisional T.O. of the military personnel of the Mine Clearance Organization (to be supplied with rations on the basis of the 5th category).

	10 Officers	5 Non-Comm. Officers and soldiers
1) Main Office of Mine Clearance	12	6
2) Permanent Training Center	14	7
3) Lazio Umbria M.C. Zone	12	6
4) Toscana	7	3
5) Abruzzi Marche	4	2
6) Campania	4	2
7) Molise	4	2
8) M.C. Nucleus of Piemonte	4	2
9) " " Lombardia	4	2
10) " " Liguria	4	2
11) " " Emilia	4	2
12) " " Veneto	4	2
13) " " Trident.	4	2
	67	43

TOTAL 110

Organization (to be supplied with rations on the basis of the 3th category).				
	10 Officers	5 Non-Comm. Officers and soldiers		
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9) " " Lombardia	4	2		
10) " " Liguria	4	2		
11) " " Emilia	4	2		
12) " " Venezia	4	2		
13) " " Trident.	4	2		
	<u>87</u>	<u>43</u>		

TOTAL 130

The rations provided for the nuclei which are being prepared can be assigned temporarily to the permanent Mine Clearance Training Center (Rome).

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THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE ENGINEERING DIVISION
/s/ General of Division G. Crivaro



24/3/1945

LA L.P.S.C. - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
A.P.O. 394

Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE GENIO
Uff. Generale addetto

e, per conoscenza:

24/3/1945

Oggetto Organici personale militare B.C.M.

ALL'A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECT. = A.P.O. 394 =
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = GARINETTO
Uff. Collegamento = S E D E =
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE E.E.
Uff. Ordin. e Mobilitazione = S E D E =

In esito a richiesta fatta da codesta M.M.I.A. si segnalano di seguito i dati relativi all'organico provvisorio del personale militare d'inquadramento nell'organizzazione B.C.M. (da vettovagliare sulla 5^a cat.):

1) Uff. Centr. B.C.M.	10 Uff.	5 Sott. e truppe	
2) Centr. Perman. d'addestr. Roma	12 "	6 "	
3) Zona R.C.M. Lazio Umbria	14 "	7 "	
4) " Toscana	12 "	6 "	
5) " Abruzzi Marche	7 "	3 "	
6) " Campania	4 "	2 "	
7) " Molise	4 "	2 "	
8) Nucleo B.C.M. Piemonte	4 "	2 "	
9) " Lombardia	4 "	2 "	
10) " Liguria	4 "	2 "	
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12) " Venezia	4 "	2 "	
13) " Trid.	4 "	2 "	
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12) " Venezia	4 "	2 "
13) " Trid.	4 "	2 "
	87	43
TOTALE		130

Le razioni previste per i nuclei, in corso di predisposizione, potranno essere temporaneamente assegnate al Centro Permanente d'addestramento B.C.M. (Roma)

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

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. 489081 Ext. 358

Ref: 9/8 A/CA.

27 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Headquarters.
Motor Transport Group.
AC.

Reference you AD/TS/126/1 of 23 Mar 45.

- 1 This matter will be taken up with the Italian Ministry of War but before doing so, fuller details are required. Will you please specify particular areas you wish cleared, giving exact locations and if possible an estimate of how long it would take a squad of, say, 7 men, to complete the work.
- 2 There is a squad of civilians working in that area and it might be possible to have a squad set aside for your use for a short period.
- 3 Headquarters of the civilians who are working there are at Aprilia and as soon as fuller information is given, the matter will be taken up with the Italian Ministry of War.

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

RB/sg

*Col. Carnes
890/22 Ext. 139
Going to send instructions
I phoned them 9/4
*pk**

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE ARABIA
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 37 GA CA

27 March 49.

SUBJECT: AC Passes.

TO : Lt. BONGARZONE, HQ., AC.

1. An AC pass is requested for the undernoted Italian Officer
Captain Felice SPAMPANATO CC 562 Italian Mine Clearance Company
Military Identity Card Number 1807 R.E.

2. This Officer actually is Liaison Officer between this HQ and the Mine Clearance Companies and is constantly visiting this HQ to report to Officers of AC. He has been in touch with C.A. Section for the past 5 or 6 months.

[Handwritten signature]
H.R. CHIPPES Col
CSO CA Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. 489081 Ext. 358

Ref: 9/BA/CA.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

27 Mar 45.

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

There is forwarded to you a letter received from Lazio-Umbria Region, dated 19 March 1945 which sets out the work which is being done by the 561 Mine Clearing Company at CIVITA. As the company has moved from Geste, you will no doubt wish to continue the work by civilian squads.

A map is also forwarded, showing how much of the work has been completed and how much is still to be done.

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

Copy to: Gen. Dupino,
Ministry of War,
Via XX Settembre,
R O M A

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C O P Y

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

19 March 1945.

TO: HQ A.G. Civil Affairs Section.
(Attention Col. Cripps).

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

IN REPLY QUOTE: RL/END/25.A

Reference to letter 9/BA/CA dated 5/2/45 of A.G. Headquarters, attached please find:

1. a) 1 planimetry of works of mine clearance carried out by the 561st Mine Sweeping Company along the electric line Garigliano - Costa (9KV) and Garigliano-Stazione Maranola (60 KV);
b) A detailed statement giving the entity of the s/m mine clearance works.
2. From the planimetry it results that the mine clearance works along the electric lines have been completed, whilst along the aqueducts 2 stretches remain to be cleared; one along the aqueduct to Scuri, also the pump reservoirs No. 1, 2, 3, 4 and the Scuri reservoir.
3. No general clearance of Agricultural areas has been done.

The 1475 Mines removed under heading "other Works" were from small areas specially requested by local authorities for public buildings, and requested by local Genio Civile in connection with Debris clearance.

The information about these is in the hands of Sindaci and local Genio Civile.

There were also a few small areas cleared at request of Military Police to enable Bodies of soldiers or Military vehicles to be removed.

These areas are too small to show on map.

4. The Genio Civile and the Electrical Company concerned have been informed of the clearances affecting their works.

(Sd) 7 Findlay, 13009 R.E.,
Regional Engineer,
Lazio Umbria Region AMG.

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION

CONFIDENTIAL
CIVIL CENSORSHIP GROUP

-T- 27 MAR 1945
STATION 5122A
RECORD 82A 6125-45

From:	To:			
Pretore VISANI Asciuno, Siena, Italy.	PROCURATORE REGIO Siena, Italy.			
Give place of Postmark where there is no address				
Date of communication in sent- mark if letter is undated	Type and	Reg. No.	Language	Previously received by
16 MARCH 1945	Telegram	-	Italian	-
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COMMENT

INDICATION. PRESENCE OF MINES IN PETROLIO AREA (SIENA)

The Carabinieri Station of TREDUANDA informs that at
MADONNINO DEL MONTE, "frazione" PETROLIO, a mine exploded, kill-
ling MANGIACACCHI Giuseppe from PIZZUA. The accident occurred
at 09:30 hours today.

INDICATION PRESENCE OF MINES IN PETROIO AREA. (S120A)

The Carabinieri Station of TRAGUADA informs that at MADONNINO DEI MONTI, "frazione" PETROIO, a mine exploded, killing MANGIAGUACCHI Giuseppe from PIACENZA. The accident occurred at 09:30 hours today.

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EXAMINER Italian Censor REVIEWER T.S.H.

EXAMINATION DATE 16 MARCH 1945

SPECIAL NOTICE - The attached information was taken from private communications and its extremely confidential character must be preserved. The information must be confined only to those officials whose knowledge of it is necessary to prosecution of the war. In no case should it be widely distributed, or copies made, or the information used in legal proceedings or in any other public way without express consent of the Civil Censorship Officer Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 396
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel. TX. 368

Ref: 9/CA/CA.

27 Mar 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: Land Forces Sub-Commission.

Reference is made to letter from the Inspectorate of the Italian Engineering Corps dated 29 Mar 45, sent to you.

- 1 The Ministry of War are concerned that some of the rations to which they are entitled for instructors on Mine Clearance may be stopped from 26 Mar 45. It is understood that this is not the case. It will be appreciated if you will confirm it.
- 2 The Ministry of War are in doubt as to the procedure which should be adopted in drawing rations for instructors scattered up and down the country. May this section be advised as to the correct method, please.
- 3 A statement has been prepared showing where instructors are working at the present moment and this will be forwarded to you as soon as received.

ph
R.S. GIBSON, Col..
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION.

RS/sg

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref: 9/BA/CA

20 March 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Capt. R. SHORT, RASC
c/o P.O. LUCCA

Your report of the 20th March is acknowledged.

1. Your remarks on insurance are noted. It is however, pointed out that insurance paid on death or injury is not usually governed by the type of work a man does and those men having been brought in the general insurance scheme cannot expect that a higher benefit will be paid on a man injured in this sort of work than in any other work of a hazardous nature.

2. With regard to the last paragraph of your report it has been laid down that collection and disposal of war material is not a responsibility of Mine Clearance Companies as they are not trained in this work and will not be employed on it.



R.B. CRIPPS Col
CSC CA Section

Copy to: A G Fifth Army.

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

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TRANSLATION NO. 603

INSPECTORATE OF THE ENGINEERS CORPS

Ref. 612

20 MARCH 1945

SUBJECT: Rations for the military personnel in the Mine Clearance Service.

TO : THE I.F.S.C. - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
and for information
ALLIED COMMISSION - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
THE WAR MINISTRY - Cabinet
THE WAR MINISTRY - General Engineers Division

This Inspectorate brought to the attention of your Sub-Commission the problem of allotting rations to the military personnel attached to the civilian workers employed in the clearance of mined fields, and it received the reply that the said personnel was to be supplied from the 5th category.

The number of rations granted and the procedure for drawing them remains to be clarified.

A total of 130 rations is needed; this need may be further increased later owing to the requirements of Northern Italy.

The Civil Affairs Section of the Allied Commission was informed of this and has kindly taken steps to solve the problem.

Since the 26th of March is the last day on which the personnel will receive the rations - which could cause the suspension of the work at present under way - your Sub-Commission is asked to inform us as to the number of rations that have been allotted and the procedure for drawing them.

THE INSPECTOR OF THE ENGINEERS
General of Division F. Appreso

Handwritten notes:
A copy to be sent to the
General of Division F. Appreso
by the 1st day of April



22 MAR 1948

CPH

20 MAR 1948

Spett.le Ufficio del M. della Guerra

Dir. 3.2. 642 / del.

Pres. del

Com. militare

Oggetto: Vettovagliamento personale militare S.O.M.

ALLA L.F.S.C. - A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

A.P.O. 394

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA A.C. - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Gabinetto

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AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Dir. Gen. Genio

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAPO PROVINCES

21 March 1945

Ref. 128/R.M.

SUBJECT: 563rd Mine-Clearers Company

TO : COL. CRIPPS - Sub-Commission A.C. ROME
THE INSPECTORATE OF THE ENGINEERING CORPS
WAR MINISTRY ROME
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
Allied Commission for Chieti, Teramo and Pescara Provinces CHIETI
and for information
541st INFANTRY REGIMENT

The following soldiers, belonging to the 563rd Company of Mine Clearers, arrived here to-day from S.Maria Capua Vetere:

7 Officers (1 1st Lt. and 6 2nd Lts)
23 Non commissioned officers
151 Enlisted men

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The soldiers are all supplied with (91 type) rifles without clips. They are very badly equipped; their uniforms are not all the same and are worn out. They have no straw mattresses. Each soldier has two blanket rolls. None of them has a complete issue of allied uniforms.

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No.	8	Officers
	11	Non Commissioned Officers

The following soldiers, belonging to the 56th Company of Mine Clearers, arrived here to-day from S. Maria Cepus Vetere:

7	Officers (2 1st Lt. and 5 2nd Lts.)
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191	Enlisted men

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The need for uniforms must be considered on the basis of the said personnel. The Unit is furnished only with individual weapons.

It lacks adequate kitchen and technical equipment, except for 6 mine-clearers. Finally, the Unit is thoroughly inefficient from the technical point of view (including the officers) and not qualified for mine clearance work, hence in agreement with the competent Allied authorities, the soldiers are being sent to the Mine Clearance School in Silvi Marina.

Capt. Felice Giamparato

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 L I A I S O N O F F I C E R

23 MAR 1945

Chieti Date: 21 Marzo 1945

Subject: 563^a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine.=

To: Colonnello CHI PPS - SubCommission A.C. R O M A

ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL' ARMA DEL GENIO
 M I N I S T E R O D E L L A G U E R R A R O M A

AL COMMISSARIO PROVINCIALE -
 Commissione Alleata per le provincie di
 Chieti, Teramo e Pescara C H I E T I

e, per conoscenza al 541^o REGGIMENTO PANTERIA P.M. 185

Si comunica che in data odierna sono qui arrivati, provenienti da S. Maria Capua Vetere, i seguenti militari componenti la 563^a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine:

- N° 7 Ufficiali (1 Tenente e 6 S. Tenenti)
- 23 Sottufficiali
- 151 Militari di truppa -

Gli stessi sono stati avviati con i medesimi automezzi, con i quali da Ortona hanno raggiunto questa Sede a Silvi Marina, dove a cura di questo Comando erano già stati approntati gli alloggiamenti.

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In base all'organico stabilito dalla S.M.R.E. - Ministero della

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In base all'organico stabilito dalle S.M.R.E. - Ministero della Guerra, il Reparto dovrebbe essere così costituito:

UFFICIALI N° 8

SOTT. LI N° 11

TRUPPA N° 190

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Per tanto, il fabbisogno delle divise bisogna considerarlo rispetto al suddetto personale. Il Reparto ha solo l'armamento individuale.

E' sprovvisto di adeguato materiale da cucina e tecnico, ad eccezione di N° 6 cercamine di cui è in possesso. Infine, il Reparto è completamente inefficiente dal lato tecnico (compresi gli Ufficiali) per mancanza di competenza nel lavoro di rastrellamento mine, per cui d'accordo con le competenti autorità sono stati avviati alla Scuola

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Addestramento Restrellatori Mine di SILVI MARINA.-

Capt. SPAMPANATO Felice

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

V/S.A/CA

24 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Companies

TO : C-1 (C)

1 Reference your C-1 B/604/1 of 14 March and this Section's letter
2/B.A/CA of 8 March.

2 The question of future requirements for mine clearance in Italy
has been the subject of further investigation and meetings with the
Italian Ministry of War. The information available to this HQ indicates
that there will be many thousands of mines to be cleared and that three
companies are insufficient to meet the task. It has therefore been
decided that twelve companies are necessary and will be formed into three
battalions of four companies each. In estimating future requirements
provision therefore must be made for the formation of a further nine
companies, each company consisting of 200 all ranks. No establishment
has however yet been drawn up for a Battalion HQ but one will be prepared
and submitted to Land Forces Sub-Commission for approval.

R.H. Cope
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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Copy to : General BERTHO
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
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APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/5.A/CA

22 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre - ROME -

1 There is forwarded to you for your information copy letter giving approval for 100 personnel to be used as instructors in Mine Clearance. So that the Land Forces Sub-Commission may know from where rations should be drawn it is necessary to forward to them a list of the places where the 100 instructors will be stationed.

2 As all the instructors will not be allocated immediately it is considered that a pool should be formed now either in Rome or at the school at Pescara. Those instructors remaining in the pool should be attached to a school for training and practice.

3 A suggested allocation is:-

Emilia Region (zone)	10
Lucca (for Liguria Region)	10
Pisa (for Piemonte Region)	10
Pistoia (for Lombardia Reg)	10
Florence	10
Pool of instructors to be held either at Rome or Pescara	50
	100

4 Personnel are urgently required for Emilia Region and should be sent forward at the earliest. The numbers sent forward will form the new zone. Emilia Region are prepared to train the instructors if they are not already trained.

5 Please say if you agree to the allocation and state where you wish the pool to be held.

6 Instructions should now be issued to Toscana zone HQ that the officers etc mentioned in this Commission's letter 9/5.A/CA of 27 Feb are earmarked to move forward when required.

J. S. Peates
J. S. PEATES Major,
for VP CA Section

Copy to General SUPINO
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre - ROME -

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9/8.A/CA

22 Mar 45

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Company

TO : Italian Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre - ROME -

Reference conversation (General SUPINO - Major HEAKES)
please forward at your convenience a proposed War Establishment
or Table of Organization for the formation of Battalion Headquar-
ters for the Mine Clearing Companies.

In this connection you might consider whether a War
Establishment or Table of Organization should not now be prepared
setting out the equipment which should be held by a Mine Clearance
Battalion consisting of a HQ Company and 4 Companies.

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J.S. HEAKES Major,
for VP CA Section

Copy to : General SUPINO
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

22 Mar 45

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URGENT : Mine Clearance Coy.

TO : G-1 (3)

Reference your G-1 17601/1 of 14 March.

- 1 It is desired to form a fourth Mine Clearance Company at the earliest and permission is requested for the company to be formed within the unallotted ceiling available to this Commission.
- 2 The need for the increase in the number of mine clearance companies is great as it has been found that administrative problems of Italian Military are much less than those of civilians.

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R.R. CRINE Col,
OSO CA Section

Copy to: General TRING
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROME

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