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MINE CLEARANCE & UNEXPLODED BOMBS
JAN. - AUG. 1944

436/CA

MINE CLEARANCE

+

UNEXPLODED BOMBS.

VOL 1

4288
4291

58622 - ink
23898 - mine

UNEXPLODED BOMBS.

VOL 1

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4391

03622 *Smith*
03898 *Winn*

1st Col. Thompson

Chandler

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CONTAINS PAPERS	
FROM	1944
TO	AUG 1944
JER	

Am. 8.

Comptroller.

*Cliff Spring 2 hours
to 5th century*

*MAT. H Mitchell,
HQ no 17 13th Coy. R.E.
Cm. 7.*

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There is no answer
in

Reg. 2.

Reg. 1.

Reg. 3. — See 88.

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C O P Y

Schedule of events regarding allotment of 13 Artieri di Arresto
Coy and 561 Pastrellamento Mine Coy to ACC

1. 3 May. Request from HQ & MG Section ACC to HQ AAI for two Mine Clearance Coys.
Ref 6/131/CA.
2. 9 Jun. HQ AAI signal to 5 Army rptd AMG 5 Army allotting 13 & 164 Artieri di Arresto Coys to 5 Army for mine clearance and asking for destinations.
SD 738
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SD 1144
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R. K. Phillips

Maj S.O.P.E.
Army Sub Commission

6 Aug 44
gsh

C O P Y

MESSAGE FORM

AMG PESCARA PROVINCE

29-0900

AMG Region 5 AQUILA

Hq. Italian L of C CHIETI

PP1 . Italian Mine Clearance coys arrived PESCARA 2627 July. Commencement of clearance seriously hampered by lack of equipment clothing and tpt . CE 1 Dist already approached regarding provision of technical equipment from RE resources . Many soldiers without clothing or boots but consider this responsibility of local Italian Army Comd and request representation be made through HQ AOC for immediate issue through Italian QM . Following tpt. required as Coys own tpt left in SARDINIA . Four 3 ton trucks four 15 cwt trucks one PU and two Mcs . Most essential tpt be provided as work on essential utilities like port clearance unable proceed . URGENT.

Major

IMPORTANT

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5th August 1944.

SUBJECT: Mine Fields

TO : Colonel Shipp

1. Col. French of Region V called this afternoon with regard to the mine clearing company at Pescara. He brought with him a signal from Italian Headquarters at Chieti. The signal stated that the company was seriously handicapped for lack of equipment, clothing and transport. M.M.I.A. were contacted and stated that when they handed over Units to 5th and 8th Armies they were usually unequipped, the equipment and transport being provided by the Army concerned.

2. These companies were put under control of AGO but are now being placed under control for admin. purposes under control of local Italian Headquarters. We should be informed under whose control they were. Transport was not available although the company at GARFA had nine vehicles with them. - this was apparently an error. Suggestions have been made that these vehicles be divided equally between the companies but this would then lead to "screams" from another quarter. So far as I can make out, AGO will require to find transport for the company at PESCARA.

3. Equipment - These companies have not been equipped as mine clearing companies although they have been trained and working as such. M.M.I.A. suggest that we draw up a W. E. and G. 1098 and apply to AAI for approval and for the issuing of the necessary equipment. Col. Shipp pointed out that he thought that M.M.I.A. would assist in doing this.

4. As the matter stands it is most unsatisfactory all that M.M.I.A. have given us are trained personnel and practically no equipment. We shall now have to see what equipment is required and apply to AAI for this. Meanwhile, however, 24 mine detectors are being collected for these companies. Boots and clothing will be obtained through Italian Military channels if they are available. By the time these companies are fully equipped, shod and clothed they will be removed. They will however leave their equipment for the use of the duplicate companies which are remaining under AGO control.

5. It is considered that the matter should be taken up on a high level with General BROWN to see if he can assist.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

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REF : 436/101/GA

9 August

SUBJECT : Bomb Disposal.

TO : Major H. Mitchell,
HQ 17 B.D. Coy. RS,
C.M.F.

1. With reference to your conversation with Major Roakes there is forwarded to you for information copy of a letter sent to AAI giving list of places where unexploded bombs are still lying.

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MORRIS E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

9/8A/AS

8 Aug. 44

SUBJECT : Clearance of Minefields.

9 AUG Recd

TO : Col Fiske, RC & MG Section.
Col McCarthy, Patriots Branch.
Col Todd, ^{Industry} Commerce Sub-Commission,
Army Sub-Commission.

- 1 A conference on the above subject at which your presence is requested will be held in VP Admin Section's room at 1430 hours Wednesday 9 Aug 44.
- 2 The following matters will be discussed ;
 - a the provision by the Italian Army of Instructors;
 - b the provision of instruments and other equipment, including the possibility of manufacture;
 - c the establishment of schools of instruction or itinerant training teams.

Ext: 525
SHW/wb

Attending
G.R. UPJOHN, Col
A/Head, Adm Sec

GR 9/8.
II
Attended meeting
Admin. Sec. will issue minutes
no action by RC & MG. *EL 9/8*

*Col. Fiske will attend if he
can. I shall attend.*
EL 9/8

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436 Subject:- 13 & 164 Artieri di Arresto Coy.

99.
Army Sub Commission (MATA)

HQ ACC

ROME

SD/4

8 Aug 44

S.M.R.E.

Copy to:- R.C and M.G. Section, ACC.

8 AUG Reed

1. 13 & 164 Artieri di Arresto Coys are at present employed on mine clearance at GARTA and PESCARA respectively under command of ACC.

It is proposed to withdraw 13 Artieri di Arresto Coy on 30 Aug and 164 Artieri di Arresto Coy on some later date not yet fixed.

2. Prior to the withdrawal of these units, will you please arrange for the transfer of their technical equipment and vehicles as follows:-

(a) 13 Artieri di Arresto Coy.

(i) To 561 Bastrellamento Mine Coy.

Four trucks and two motor cycles.

All technical equipment required for mine clearance.

(ii) To Italian Motor Pool, Naples.

Five trucks.

(iii) I Reggimento del Genio.

Remainder of technical equipment.

(b) 164 Artieri di Arresto Coy.

(i) To 562 Bastrellamento Mine Coy.

All technical equipment required for mine clearance.

(ii) To Engineer HQ 209 Div for allotment to

Engineer units under its command.

Remainder of technical equipment.

3. Further instructions regarding the provision of vehicles for 562 Bastrellamento Mine Coy will be issued later.

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R. D. Phillips
Maj Gen.
Army Sub Commission.

TWC

Col. Shipp.

The Ex. Comm. wants
a letter sent to VMIA
stating our requirements
& formulating the principle
that these people do
come under VMIA as
part of ACC.

PR.

7.8.44.

Major Reake

A. draft.

le MS.

~~SECRET~~

6 August 1944. *98*

Dr
SUBJECT: - Mine Clearing Companies.

TO: *Ex. Comm:*

Ref. Army Int. Commission.

- Signal attached*
1. After much delay the second Italian mine clearing company has arrived in PESCARA, Region V on July 27. This company is most urgently required. Yesterday Col French brought a signal dated 29 July stating that the company was seriously handicapped for lack of equipment, clothing and transport. They are only on loan to us till the end of August.
 2. M.M.I.A. were contacted and stated that whenever they handed Units to 5th and 8th Armies they were usually ^{not} equipped, and that the Army concerned provided the deficiencies.
 3. These companies were put under control of ACC, so that we could use them whenever we wanted them. They can ^{now} be attached to No. 1 District but it will take time to equip them so that they can function 100%. I think that M.M.I.A. should assist in doing this. *we have no branch in Acc. & do this.*
 4. So far the only assistance M.M.I.A. has given is the provision of 24 mine detectors, which is admittedly useful. The urgent need is *& decide*
 - a.) Who administers the Company and is therefore responsible for providing equipment.
 - b.) Transport & make them mobile.The coy had & has its own tp in Sicily.

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MESSAGE FORM

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AMG PESCARA PROVINCE

29-0900

AMG Region 5 AQUILA

HQ. Italian L of C CHIETI

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proceed . URGENT.

Major

IMPORTANT

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D. A. B.R.

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ACTION/ MMIA LO WITH 60 SUB AREA INFO RPTD AMG REGION 5 MAIN ACC

MMIA

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HEADQUARTERS
6 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

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IMPORTANT 6 AUG Recd
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164 ARTIERT DI ARRESTO COY AND 562 RASTRELLAMENTO MINE COY
LOCATED PESCARA UNDER COMAND REGION ARE NOT UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE
CONTROL OF AN ITALIAN HQ. ARRANGE AND INFORM ALL ADDRESSEES.

ACC DIST

INFO-ACTION - PUB SAFETY
INFO - A/CO
ADMIN SEC
C A BR ✓
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PK 8/8

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3MRE RPTD AAI HQ ACC AMI REG 4 FOR ENGINEER PBS MHIA LO

MHIA

SD 322

3 UNDATED

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PRIORITY

5-AUG Recd

REQUEST YOU PLACE 13 ARTIGRI DI ARRESTO COY AND 561 RASTRELLAMENTO
MINE COY LOCATION GAETA UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE COMD ITALIAN MILITARY HQ
CAMPANIA FORTHWITH

HEADQUARTERS
5 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

PM 5/8

ACC LIST
INFO-ACC-
INF-

P SAFETY
A/CO
ADMIN SEC
CA BR
FILE 2
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COPY: A/Q

Major Reiter

[Handwritten signature]

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Phone: 470695

HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 436/94/CA.

4th August 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Detectors.

TO : G-1 American

1. Enclosed is a letter from A.A.I. releasing 24 Mine Detectors (American pattern) on loan to 13 and 164 Artiori d'Arresto Coys. These Coys are at present with Regions IV and V. Mine clearing Release Serial 663 is also enclosed.

2. This equipment is to be left in the charge of A.C.C. after the above named Coys are withdrawn.

3. Please arrange to collect and take on your charge as soon as possible reallocating them to Regions IV and V (12 to each Region). They are urgently required in these Regions.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to:

M.M.I.A.
Region IV
Region V

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A.C. 7. LIAISON,
MAIN HQ. A.A.I.

2 AUGUST 44.

436
Dear Reaker,

93
2 AUG Recd

1. Reference your 436/86/CA of 1 Aug 44.
2. I have conferred with SO 2 (Ops) R.E., who state the form is that as these unexploded bombs are south of the rear Army boundary that application for removal must be to the District HQ.
3. Information Division have the District boundaries, though presumably these are all in No. 1 District.
4. Major Mitchell was the correct name. He is O.C. a Bomb Disposal Unit.

Yours Sincerely
Frank James

See Shipp to see.

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plg 3/8

*See if you can trace Mitchell and have
another list at District.*

See 7/8

*I have asked [unclear]
about this but he said
that Mitchell can help
us if the correct channels
are not used. He will let
us know where Mitchell
can be got.*

plg 7/8

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone:
470695

Ref/436/92/OA.

3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Release of Mine Detectors.

TO : M.M.I.A.

1. Reference your AQ/54 of 29 July 1944 there is returned to you letter from AAI (ref. 3497/7/Q(AE) dated 1 Aug. 44) Will you please arrange for the 24 mine detectors to be collected and distributed to the Coys as required.

2. With reference to para. 5 it is pointed out that the Coys have only been at the disposal of ACC for a few days and it is hoped that they will be allowed to remain at least a month.

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Not

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Incl
as above

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Phone:
470695

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Ref/436/91/CA.

3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Mines.

TO : R.C. Region III.

Your letter A/32/1 of 29 July and plan is acknowledged. The Coys have been meantime allotted to Regions IV and V where they are urgently needed at present. Nothing definite can be fixed at the moment but as soon as we are in a position to allocate a company to you, this will be done.

Jm

NORMAN E. FIEKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Agriculture Sub-Com. (for info)

4381

Subject : Release of Mine Detectors.

HQ AAI
3407/7/Q (AE)

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RG & NG Section - Main A.C.C.

1 Aug 44.

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Reference MMIA letter AQ/54 dated 29 Jul 44 copy to you.

1. Authority has been secured for the release of 24 Mine Detectors (American pattern) on loan to 13 and 164 Artieri d'Arresto Coys.
2. These detectors will be on your charge during period of loan.
3. Collection will be arranged by you from 557 BOD, NAPLES.
4. Copy of Release NO. Q (AG) 663 is attached.
5. Please inform this HQ of the exact period for which these detectors are required are required, as it is understood that these coys are to be withdrawn shortly from their present work for AME.

Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

MP.

Copy - MMIA
Ord

Original
passed to G1A

438

COPY

89

Subject : Controlled Stores - Release.

HQ AAI

Ref. 3407/7/0(AE)

Date 1 August 44

Contents.

Release Serial NO. 663.....

The following items are released to AGO/RO and MG Section for 13 & 164.
ARTILLERY D'ARTILLERIE Coys.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Mine Detectors	24	To be returned
(American pattern)		
.....		
.....		
.....		

Special Instructions.

Copy :- 3440/1

Original passed to G-1 A3

Brigadier
DEB

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436 Civil Affairs 88
7851HEADQUARTERS,
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394, U.S. Army.

A/37/1

29 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Mines.

2 AUG Recd

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section,
A.C.C.

1. Reference 31360/AGR dated 24 July, written by the Director of the Agricultural Sub-Commission and stating that two Companies of Italian Engineers had been assigned to H.Q. A.C.C. for mine clearance.

2. May I beg to request that one Company be assigned to Region 3 as soon as possible for mine clearance in the Region between the Volturno and Carigliano Rivers. The centre of the mine infested area is Sessa Aurunca and it is suggested that the Company assigned to this Region should be stationed at this Town.

3. The Ispettorato Agrario is forming a Mines Office at Sessa Aurunca and I am putting in the 'Risorgimento' and through the Agricultural Committees instructions that all farmers with mines on their land should report to the Office in Sessa Aurunca, thus the Engineer Company will be able to obtain all information through this Central Office.

*T.O.S. White*T.O.S. WHITE,
Major, KRRC.,
Regional Agricultural Officer.

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TOSW/gar.

Copy to: Ispettorato Agrario di Napoli.
Farmers Union, Naples.
Agricultural Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

See 91

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 436/6/DA

1st August 1944

SUBJECT: Removal of Bombs
TO : Major Friend James

1. Reference your AGCI/224 of 23 July a Major of the Royal Engineers (Major Mitchell - I think) called at this HQ and said that if we could tell him where the bombs were he would have them removed. It is a specialist job and the Mine Clearing Coy are not trained for this purpose nor do they have the equipment.

2. I shall be obliged if you will endeavour to trace this officer and get his reassurance that a Bomb Disposal Unit will be made available when possible.

fr
NORMAN K. FINKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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436 Civil Affairs Br
434/83

Subject:- Release of Mine Detectors

Army Sub Commission (MCLA)
HQ ACC

ROME

AQ/54

22 Jul 44

30 JUL Recd

Q (AE) AAT

copy RO & MF Section Main ACC

1. May mine detectors, long and short arm, be released to the undermentioned units:-

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>No. of Detectors</u>
13 Artieri d'Arresto Coy	GABTA	12
16 Artieri d'Arresto Coy	PESCARA	12

2. These units are working for AIC in the clearance of minefields in Rear Areas and are in urgent need of mine detectors.

They have no mine detectors at present.

*Col Shippo for info
the corps are short of
equipment.
f.l.k. 1/8*

Exp. Pinkley, Major
for Maj Gen
Army Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref /436/88/CA

1 August 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearing Companies.

TO : R.O. Region IV

We have been informed that the MPA of 13 ARTILLERY
D'ARRESTO at GAITA is p.m. 1st August. Their strength
is 561 all ranks.

see 88A *for*
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Econ. Section (for info)

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LIAISON
DIV

436/88/Ch.
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Rec
1 Aug
0930

REGION "2" INFO AGG MAIN AGG LIAISON OFFICE

PBS LIAISON OFFICE

NONE

JULY 31/1944

Bouham Carter,
Rome Region

843247 Ex 14
C. J. Jones

44/31

RESTRICTED

PRIORITY

CITE: NONE

HEADQUARTERS
1 AUG 1944
A. C. C.

REF MY 7592 OF 30 JULY, ETA 13 ARTIGERI D'INFANTO AND 561 BOYS AT OABTA IS PM
ONE AUGUST.

C. Edwards

AGG DIST

ACTION REG "2"

INFO A/CC
ARMY 88
LIAISON DIV
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Major Beebe

Ref 84

82

1 spoke to Fisher who will take up the point of channels of Comm: with Col Mann on his visit today. He will also get S. King's opinion on the value of Italian goods.

He find out what Admin are doing on 84 and 80.

2. What is action on 73?

Sec. 86

84 317

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION

Ref 436/81/CA

28th July 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance in Liberated Territory
TO : Admin. Section

1. With reference to our letter 436/80/CA of this date there is sent to you correspondence between A.M.G. 5th Army and the Italian Government concerning mine clearing companies.

2. The Italian Government in their letter appear to be of the opinion that A.C.C. have an unfavorable opinion about the setting up of mine clearing companies. The source of their information is unknown to this Branch and we should be obliged if you would take this matter up at the same time as you approach the Italian Government on the question of forming a company. Until this correspondence came in this Branch was unaware that the Italian Government had been approached in the matter.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

This letter was not sent - but the papers were handed to Admin Section for attention the same time as folio 85

J. Kearney May

29/7

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81A

28th July 1944

Colonel Fluke

I submit for your signature a letter on mine clearings prepared by Col. Shipp and of which you have already approved. On Col. Shipp's suggestion, I added a sentence to paragraph 1 giving the location of the mined areas so far as known to this Branch. Since this letter was prepared correspondence between the Italian Government and the 5th Army has come in from the Army Sub-Commission and I propose to send the correspondence with the second letter to Economics to take up the question of this correspondence at the same time.

The Italian Government in their letter suggest that this Commission had looked unfavorably upon the setting up of a company for them. Frankly, I do not understand this as we have no knowledge that anyone had approached the Italian Government on the subject. The unfavorable advice may have come from Army Sub-Commission. I feel however, rather than ~~to~~ investigate the matter at this end it would be better that ^{Admin} ~~Economics~~ should take it up now direct with the Italian Government. It would certainly mean progress. *do you approve?*

John A. Leary Maj. 370

Mine Clearing Companies.

81B

12th July. Signal from AAI informing us that two Mine Clearing placed at our disposal. Requested to inform AAI and PBS destination desired. For PBS To notify strength of unit and arrange move with ACC.

13th July. Regions IV and V advised that one company allotted to each and asking where they wished Coys to report.

12th July. AAI asked MMIA to form two units to be attached to the above companies for training.

15th July. Region V asked that coy. should report at PESCARA.

..do..... Region IV asked for coy to report to LITTORIA which they changed on 17th July to GAETA.

15th July. Infd. AAI copy to Reg. IV and V and MMIA where coys. to report.

17th July. Infd AAI of change of location to GAETA.
Coy

18th July. AAI infd. MMIA that 164 will move under Orders Mov AAI from AFRAGOLA to PESCARA reporting on arrival to Provincial Commissioner.

22nd July. AAI asked movement MMIA to arrange tpt by rail of 164 Coy to PESCARA departing 25th July.

25th July. Region IV ask to be advised ETA of 13 Coy.
The unit to PESCARA have probably gone. I have no word of their arrival.

Col Brown has been liaising with MMIA and AAI and they state it is a PBS movement for 13 Coy. Captain Fox of MMIA spoke to his liaison Officer at PBS and infd him that it was all laid on and Col Brown infd Reg IV to this effect. Reg IV asked further about it and Col Brown contacted MMIA again, who talked again to NAPLES and reported that NAPLES had received no signal instrns to move the 13 Coy. He contacted AAI again who said it was incld. in the original instrns.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Liaison Division
APO 394

81c
27 July 1944

SUBJECT: 13 Coy (Italian Mine Removal)

MEMO TO: Col Edwards - Region IV

1. I contacted by phone at Naples Major Smith (A) MIA and asked him to ascertain from PBS what the answer was to the signal AAI ED 615 of 7 July 1944 which stated that PBS would make arrangements with ACC as to movement of the a/m Coy to Gasta.

2. Major Smith reported that due to a matter of replacements that the Coy was not ready for movement, but that he would signal Region IV with copies to AAI, MIA, ACC Hq and ACC-IO the SEA of this company at Gasta as soon as a commitment could be obtained from PBS.

3. Major Smith accepted the responsibility of keeping the above organizations informed of action taken in re movement of this Coy. Major Smith's telephone number is Naples 53622.

EB/ao

ENOCH BROWN,
Lt Col

Copy to: AAI Hq. (Major Kreiberg)
MIA (Lt Col Hampton)
Hq ACC (Major Reakes) ✓

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref 436/80/CA

28th July 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance in Liberated Territory

TO : Admin. Section

1. Reports continue to come in from Regional Commissioners of Regions IV, V and VIII of the difficulties of getting into motion again the normal wheels of existence. This is in very large measure due to the presence of extensive minefields in these Regions. It is a problem which will probably be met increasingly the further north we go. The worst areas for mines in Region IV are at Anzio beach-head, Gaeta and Viterbo. In Region V there is an extensive minefield in Pescara town and a mine belt in Chieti Province. There are also other mined areas within Region VIII - at Marruchstone and Valle Notana. The latter two places are also extensively booby-trapped.
2. The means which exist at present to deal with this problem are very scanty and only scratch the surface. With great difficulty we have helped Regional Commissioners by obtaining two trained Engineer Coys for mine lifting from the Italian Army. These Coys in turn are training two other Coys to carry out the same duties. These Coys have been allotted as follows, - one to Region IV and the other to Region V. There are none available for Region VIII at present. Each Region could no doubt use three or four Coys with the greatest of ease.
3. You will remember it was proposed at last week's meeting at HQ. AAC that some sort of central school should be set up to train Italians in mine lifting duties. There are certain difficulties about this, the chief ones being two - firstly, the Allied Armies will not accept any responsibility for the clearing of mines except in forward operational areas, and secondly, the Italian Army has a very limited ceiling and it almost certainly is not willing to detach units from its ceiling for this purpose.
4. It would seem therefore that in order to get round these two difficulties one would have to produce volunteers (Patriots could volunteer the same as anybody else but are not necessarily more suitable). These volunteers would be trained in the school, or schools, which would have to be set up with the help of both of the Allied Armies and of the Italian Army who would have to be asked to provide instructors and equipment.
5. It is considered that as part of the civil rehabilitation of Italy this is primarily a function of the Italian Government and that they should be approached on this matter and asked to give it their immediate attention.

QA

If you are in agreement will you please take action accordingly.

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NORMAN F. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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Ref:

July 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance in Liberated Territory.

TO : Admin. Section.

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same duties. ^{These squads are at present employed in Region IV and one}

^{There are now available in Region VIII at present.}

3. Region V. ^{Region VIII has nobody available to send at present.} Each

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approached on this matter and asked to give it their immediate attention. ⁴⁴⁰⁰

^{are in agreement with 400 men like action accordingly.}

WILLIAM E. FISKE,

Colonel,

Deputy Executive Comm.

Col Shipp.

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1. The worst areas for mines reported so far are :-

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SE FROSINONE Prov
SE + S. LITTORIA Prov
S of ROME Prov
GROSSETO Prov
PESCARA Prov
CHIETI Prov.

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VITERBO Prov.

2. In all these areas there is no possibility of a return to normal until mines have been cleared.
3. Crops cannot be gathered. Cows restored or public services repaired. Casualties occur daily, many fatal

25 July 44

E.H.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Ca Br.

TO: INFO MILIA: ACC ROME
FROM: MOVIT
REFERENCE No: NONE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL251950 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: 27 JUL Recd
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: H53/26
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL
PRECEDENCE: NONE

REF OUR MOV 627 DATED 23. DEPARTED CASORIA 251310 TO ORTONA VIA CASERTA AND BENEVENTO. 562 REPLACEMENT COY 5 OFFRS 222 ORS. 164 ITALIAN NINE CLEARANCE COY 5 OFFRS 200 ORS ALL IN 17 BOX CARS. ALL

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27 JUL 1944
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Agriculture Sub-Commission
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Tel 262

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24 July 1944

26 JUL Recd

SUBJECT: Mines.

TO : Regional Commissioner, ATT: Agricultural Officer.

1. Reference A/37/K1

2. Two companies of Italian Engineers have been assigned to ACC for mine clearance. They are presently at work in the Gasta area and will be assigned to other regions on a priority basis. *hot-20.*

3. It is suggested that the Regional Commissioner Region III make formal request to the RC and MD Section ACC outlining the territories where mine clearance work is most urgently needed.

W. A. HARTMAN
Lt. Colonel
Director

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RC and MD Section ✓

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HEADQUARTERS
25 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

TO: RC AND MGS ACC REPEATED MMIA
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: _____
FROM: HQ REGION FOUR ACC CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED
REFERENCE No: _____ PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 25 JULY 1944 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: _____
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GAETA PAREN HQ REGION FOUR ACC TO RC AND MGS ACC REPEATED MMIA PAREN
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E. J. Edwards
E. J. EDWARDS, Colonel
Regional Engineer

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

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24 July 1944

25-111 Recd

File : R-VIII/8/13

Subject: Removal of Mines and Booby Traps

TO : Executive Commissioner, HQ, ACC, APO 394

1. Reference your 436/56/CA dated 17 July 44.
2. Since our original letters asking for assistance in mine clearing, the Armies have been prevailed upon to carry out the necessary urgent clearance which has now been done to avoid further delay.
3. Our need for further help has therefore disappeared for the present.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J. Howard Satter
J. HOWARD SATTER
Major, R.A.
Adjutant
W. H. Satter

Good, but they will certainly want them later on

HEADQUARTERS
43 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 594

Ref A-36/74/CA

25 July 1944

SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal.

TO : R.C. Region IV.

Reference this HQ. letter A-36/69/CA of 22 July 44 we have been informed that no bomb disposal unit is available at present. We shall however keep the need in mind and let you know when we can help.

NORMAN E. FIDEL
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Subject:- Removal of Bombs. ⁴³⁶ 2 ⁴ Recd 23 July 44. ⁷³

To:- HQ. A.C.C.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison. Ref. ACCL/284.

1. Reference your 436/69/CA of 22 July 44.
2. Your request has been considered by SD but it is regretted that there is not a Bomb Disposal Unit available even for a short time.
3. It is suggested for your consideration by SD that you should allocate the Italian Mine Clearance Company at present at Gaeta for temporary duty at Viterbo.

Paul J. Pauls

Major,
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

24 July 1944

Ref /436/72/CA

SUBJECT: Mines and Minefield.

TO : Main Hq. AMG 8th Army.

Your OA/19 of the 14 July is acknowledged. It is hoped to have Italian Personnel trained and available for use in about a month's time with equipment but nothing definite can be fixed at the moment. The matter is being fully investigated and you will be informed as soon as we are in a position to help you.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394, U. S. ARMY

R/3224

22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal and Minefields.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394, U. S. ARMY.

Reference your message, 13 July 1944, No. ADV 438, there are within Region 3 no areas in which bomb disposal is urgently required and no areas in which clearance of mines is essential.

For the Regional Commissioner:

Neil C. Baker
NEIL C. BAKER,
1st Lt., QMC.,
Adjutant.

PR/jh



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Subject: Mines & Minefield

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Main H.Q., A.M.G.
Eighth Army.

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14 Jul 44.

R.C. & M.G. Section,
H.Q., A.C.C.
A.P.O. 394.



1. Your reference 436/41/CA of 8 July, 44, together with enclosures has been received by this H.Qs.
2. Can anything more be presently done with reference to the clearing of mines. This H.Qs had previously requested that mine clearing equipment be made available for Italian personnel.
3. Italian personnel could be trained in proper method and procedure of mine clearance, if mine clearing equipment could be provided.
4. It is appreciated that the equipment desired is not easily available. Is any of this equipment likely to be made available for civilian use in the near future?

G. J. Malatesta
Staff Capt.
for Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
H.Q., A.M.G. Eighth Army Main.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/436/69/CA

22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Removal of Bombs.

TO : BR. AAI (through Major Friend Jones)

*Should have gone
to E. B. /*

1. Attached hereto is a list of places where unexploded bombs are still lying, and it is desired to have them removed. It will be obliging if you will consider the matter and say if a Bomb Disposal unit can be loaned for a short time to remove the bombs. The majority of the bombs are in the City of Viterbo.

[Signature]

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For A/Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

R.C. Region IV (Your BR/ENG/25 of 20 July refers.)

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[Signature]

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 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

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FROM: AAI CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED
 REFERENCE No: MOV 1868 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 20 1745B OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

ARRANGE FOLLOWING RAIL MOVES FROM CASORIA TO ORTONA FOR PESCARA
 DEPARTING 25 JUL VIA BENEVENTO. 164 ITALIAN MINE CLEARANCE COY 260
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REFERENCE No: MOV 1858 PRECEDENCE: ROUTING
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 20 1745B OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

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22 JUL 1944
A.C.G.

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Allied Control Commission.

Viterbo Province.

10th July, 1944.

To:- Regional Public Safety Officer,
Region 4.

From:- Public Safety Officer,
Province of Viterbo.

SUBJECT- Bombs unexploded.

1. Attached is a list of Bombs that have been reported to the Police agencies in the City of Viterbo, and which appear to be unexploded.
2. Since the first day of the occupation of the area, endeavour has been made through local Units and Fifth Army H.Q., AMG., to have the bombs removed with little result.
3. The presence of these explosives in the area, is not only a serious danger, but retards the return of the City to normalcy.
4. May a copy of this report, and attached list be forwarded to the competent authority, that action may be taken for the removal of the bombs.

Y. J. J. Capt.

Public Safety Officer.

Province of Viterbo.

Forwarded:-

-----Lt. Col.

Provincial Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref A436/62/CA

19 July 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : R.C. Region V

1. It is noted from your letter of 15 July that you propose sending the mine clearance unit to PESCARA City is cleared.

2. Please ensure only one unit is in great danger when you have finished.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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To: HQ ACC.
From: HQ Region 5 AMG.
Subject: Mine Clearance.
Ref: R5/516/3/
Date: 18 July 44.

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Reference your Signals 438 and 452 and further to this HQ Signal 330 dated 14 July 44. \ 53

1. Provincial Commissioner, Chieti, has since reported that there are thousands of mines throughout the Province and that civilians are being killed almost daily.
2. I propose therefore, when the mines are cleared from Pescara City, to send the unit to Chieti to handle the problem there.
3. I will inform you when the work is completed.



FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER:

C.H.A. French

C.H.A. FRENCH.
Lieut. Colonel.
Executive Officer.

CHAF/rey

Copy to: Provincial Commissioner, Chieti.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACTION/ MILIA ROME INFO/ ACC ROME CAMPOBASSO FOR REG 5 MOVETT MOVETT PBS
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER PESCARA CITY SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 51/18

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CLASSIFICATION:

FROM: MAIN AAI

ROUTINE

PRECEDENCE:

SD 1439

REFERENCE No: JUL 171730B OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN:

164 ITALIAN MINE CLEARANCE COY APPROX 260 ALL RANKS WILL MOVE
UNDER ORDERS MOV AAI FROM AFRAGOLA TO PESCARA REPORTING ON ARRIVAL TO
PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER PESCARA CITY. UNIT UNDER COMD ACC FOR MINE
CLEARANCE DUTIES.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 21718
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 PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
 REFERENCE No: SD 1439
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL 171730Z OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

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RVIII/30/5/2

14th July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Health menace - dead horses.

TO : SCAG 5th Army AMG.

1. The senior medical officer this Hq reports that dead horses located at MARRUCHSTONES (200 & 250) and VALLE ROTANA (150) are a menace to health.
2. The carcasses of these animals have been booby-trapped by the Germans; and, so far, 3 Italians have been killed in attempts to dispose of the carcasses. They refuse to make further attempts.
3. The state of putrefaction is now reported to be such that removal of booby-traps is impracticable even if the trained personnel were available and burning with oil would be impracticable also.
4. Can the army make flame-throwers available to burn the carcasses, or drop quick lime from low flying planes?
5. I seem to be suggesting rather radical steps, but the situation is an unusual one and will require exceptional means.

ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel, RA, US Army
Regional Commissioner.

Copy to: Exec. Commissioner, AGC.✓
R.P.H.O.

Ce. transfer to mine clearance file

HEADQUARTERS
15 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

Local Staff in note
This question of clearing mines
and booby traps is becoming important.
2 days are passing with the boys on
loan to us but only in mine clearing.
and have the matter under consideration
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Await receipt of all telegram
in reply to your signal asking for info. 16/7

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AAI RPTD PERBASE CAMPORASSO

ADD ADVANCE
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17 JULY 1944

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Civil Affairs Br.

REFERENCE THIS HQ SIGNAL FIVE FIVE THREE OF ONE FIVE JULY PD PAID TO AAI RPTD
PERBASE FOR ADVANCE AND OTHER CMA CAMPORASSO FOR REGION FIVE FROM ADD ADVANCE
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REPORT NOT LITTORIA PD PLEASE ADVISE THIS HQ FTA OF COYS

1/A 4346

Region IV
MIA

L.T. MONTAGNE JR.
1st Lieut. ASD
ADVANCE

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HEADQUARTERS
16 JUL 1944
A. C. C.

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TO ADV HQ ACC
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Deputy Executive
Commissioner

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref /436/56/CA

17 July 1944

SUBJECT: Removal of Mines & Booby Traps.

TO : R.C. Region VIII

Your letter RVIII/8/508/3 of the 6th & 11th July is acknowledged.

1. Two mine lifting companies have now been allotted to ACC for a short period. It is hoped to have two companies attached to them for training which will be at the permanent disposal of ACC.

2. At present the two companies are being employed in other Regions. Can you say for how long you would require one company. It might be possible to let you have one company for a week.

[Signature]
NORMAN P. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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AAI RPTD PERRAGE CAMPOBASSO

AOB ADVANCE

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15 July 1944

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ROUTINE

Civil Affairs Branch

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REFERENCE SIGNAL SUGAR DOG OBLIQUE NIGHT ONE FIVE OF SEVEN JULY PD PAGE 1 TO AAI
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ITALIAN MINE CLEARING COY WILL REPORT TO PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER PESCARA CITY PD
ONE THREE ITALIAN MINE CLEARING COY WILL REPORT TO PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER LITTORIA

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Region IV
MIA

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L.T. MURPHY, Jr.
1st Lieut AOB
ADJUTANT

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REF. NO: _____
TIME DATE: _____
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PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
ORIGINATING SECTION: _____
APPROVED: _____
TO: ACC ADVANCED CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH *UH*

WITH REFERENCE YOUR FOUR FIVE TWO JULY THIRTEEN PD
PROCEED LITTORIA REPORT PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER FOR DUTY PD
PAREN HQ REGION FOUR ACC FOR ACC ADVANCED CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH PD
ADVISE EXPECTED DATED OF ARRIVAL PD UNABLE ARRANGE TRANSPORT PD
PLEASE ENSURE ADEQUATE TRANSIT RATINGS PD ESSENTIAL YOU PROVIDE
OPERATING TRANSPORT FOR UNIT

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HEADQUARTERS
15 JUL 1944
A.C.C.

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CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED DATE: 15 JULY 1944
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TIME DATE: _____
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APPROVED: _____
TO: ACC ADVANCED CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH *if*

WITH REFERENCE YOUR FOUR FIVE TWO JULY THIRTEEN PD
PROCEED LITTORIA REPORT PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER FOR DUTY PD
PAREK HQ REGION FOUR ACC FOR ACC ADVANCED CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH PD
ADVISE EXPECTED DATED OF ARRIVAL PD UNABLE ARRANGE TRANSPORT PD
PLEASE ENSURE ADEQUATE TRANSIT RATIONS PD ESSENTIAL YOU PROVIDE
OPERATING TRANSPORT FOR UNIT

see 55
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[Signature]
E.J. EDWARDS, Colonel
Regional Engineer
Originator's signature _____

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RELIED CONTROL COM. SSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: ACC MAIN ROME INFO AMG PROV HQ PESCARA
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 30/15
 FROM: HQ REGION FIVE
CLASSIFICATION: NONE
PRECEDENCE: NONE
 REFERENCE No: 330
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JULY 14/1500 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: NONE

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REF YOUR 438 AND 425 RESTRICTED. COMPANY REQUIRED FOR DUTY AT PESCARA CITY. TO
 REPORT PROVINCIAL COMER. MAP SHEET 16 C 1829. DEPOSIBLE TO ESTIMATE NUMBER OF
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 15 JUL 1944
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TO ACC ADVANCE FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

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ROUTINE

BOMB DISPOSAL REQUIRED TWO BOMBS HOSPITAL FERENTINO G THREE EIGHT FOUR
FOUR [PD PAREN HQ REGION FOUR ACC TO ACC ADVANCE FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH
PAREN PD] MONEFIELDS PD ANZIO BEACHEAD AREA PREVENTING REPAIR DRAINAGE
BRIDGES PD LITTORIA TOWN PREVENTING REPAIR WATER ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE
SYSTEMS PD CASINO GUSTAV LINE AREA PREVENTING REPAIR POWER AND WATER
SYSTEMS PD DETAILS ON SITE PD WORK AT STANDSTILL DUE TO MINES ALL ABOVE
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15 JUL 1944
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JULY 15 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

436
CAB
U-504251

RVIII/8/5

11th July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Removal of Mines and Booby Traps.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Hq. A.C.C.

1. Telegram no. 7301 dated 9th July, 1944 received stated that it is not possible to obtain an Italian Army Engineer Unit for the removal of mines and booby traps and stating that application must be made to District Headquarters.

2. Reports indicate that there are at least eight communes well in rear of advanced elements of the army in which there are still mines and booby traps. This Hq has been unable to locate or learn of any District Hq this far forward to which application can be made for the removal of these dangerous installations.

3. This Region is still in the Army area. Neither the 5th nor the 8th Armies are interested in mine and booby trap localities for which they have not much use. All their personnel employed for the removal of mines and booby traps are used to further the advance of the Armies.

4. Under existing conditions unless some Italian Military Unit, trained and equipped for the removal of mines and booby traps, can be found, these hazards to human life will not be removed or neutralized until such time as District Hq is established which has necessary personnel and equipment.

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

*Await reply from Reg 8
by telegram. line reply
21/4/44*



see 50/11

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STRENGTH AS ARTILLERY D ARTISTO COYS WHO WILL JOIN ARTILLERY D ARTISTO
COYS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL BE TRAINED IN MINE CLEARANCE.
AFTER 1 MONTH ARTILLERY D ARTISTO COYS WILL BE WITHDRAWN. SUGGEST
YOU DRAFT PERSONNEL FOR FORMATION REPLACEMENT COYS FROM 600 PERSONNEL
NOW AT AFRAGOLA STAGING CAMP INTERVIEW FOR HARVESTING. FOR AGO. STATE
WHERE REPLACEMENT COYS SHOULD REPORT

COPY TO:

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Priority

13 July 1944

Civil Affairs Branch

REFERENCE THIS HQ SIGNAL FOUR THREE EIGHT OF SEVENTEEN JULY TWO MINE CLEARING
COMPANIES ASSIGNED ACC PD PAREN TO CAMPOBASSO FOR ACC REGION FIVE FROM ACC ADV PAREN
PD ONE COMPANY ALLOTTED TO YOU PD PRESENT LOCATION NAPLES PD STATE BY RETURN WHERE
COMPANIES SHOULD REPORT *providing giving place where unit urgently*
required

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Region IV (By ELS)
Army Sub-Commission
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.

L. T. MONTANT
1st Lt. AGD
Adjutant

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IBS DISTWO ACC MAIN CAMPOBASSO FALE CATANZARO

ACC ADVANCE

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ROUTINE

13 July 1944

Civil Affairs Branch

PARA ONE BOMB DISPOSAL PD PAREN TO IBS FOR REGION ONE CMA DISTWO FOR REGION TWO
CMA ACC MAIN FOR REGION THREE CMA CAMPOBASSO FOR REGION FIVE CMA FALE FOR CARR CMA
CATANZARO FOR REGION SEVEN FROM ACC ADVANCE PAREN URGENT REGIONS WILL REPORT AREAS
IN WHICH BOMB DISPOSAL URGENTLY REQUIRED PD AAI MAY BE ABLE ASSIST BUT ONLY IN
AREAS OF HIGH PRIORITY PD STATE MAP REFERENCE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOMBS PD NIL
RETURNS REQUIRED PD PARA TWO MINEFIELDS PD REPORT ALSO AREAS IN WHICH CLEARANCE
OF MINES ESSENTIAL PD ASSISTANCE CANNOT BE PROMISED IMMEDIATELY BUT RECORD IS
DESIRED PD STATE AREA MAP REFERENCE SIZE AND ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MINES PD NIL
RETURNS REQUIRED

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Region IV }
Region VIII } BY HLS
Base Region }

L.T. MONTANT, Jr.
1st Lieut. ASD
ADJUTANT.

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ACC MAIN HPT PBS

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MAIN HQ AAI

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SD 815

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13 AND 164 ITALIAN MINE CLEARING COS ETA NAPLES 8 JULY WILL BE ASSIGNED ACC UPON ARRIVAL. REQUEST ACC INFORM THIS HQ AND PBS DESTINATION DESIRED. FOR PBS, PLEASE NOTIFY THIS HQ STRENGTH OF UNITS AND ARRANGE MEET WITH ACC.

INTERNAL LISTEN 15 tons. (2) 164 has 4 trucks.

DCAO 2 18 tons. (2) 13 has 2 Reg IV Col Edwards tonight get 4pt.

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As liaison officer to contact,
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Will notify CAD + PBS of destination.
Strengthening camp. Some meeting.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
REGION VIII

RVIII/8/3.

SUBJECT : Mine and Booby Trap Disposal.

TO : Executive Commissioner, Headquarters, Allied Control Commission. ✓

- 1/. Reference this Headquarters signal message No 4 of today's date, copy of which is attached for ready reference.
- 2/. Anti-malarial work in the GROSSETO district cannot proceed until this area has been surveyed for mines, and rendered safe.
- 3/. This is beyond the capabilities of the local civilian authorities and it is suggested that the work may be undertaken by a detachment from the Italian Army.
- 4/. In view of the highly malarious nature of this district, it is very important that malaria-control work be commenced as soon as possible.
- 5/. Several communes off the main Army route are mined and thoroughly booby trapped. The Armies are not interested in these localities.

Robert G. Kirkwood
ROBT. G. KIRKWOOD,
Colonel FA,
Regional Commissioner.

Copies to:-Executive Officer.
R.P.H.O.

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ARMY FORM 6210 (Small)			MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
Call	Srl No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions		
ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY					Office Date Stamp
FROM	Originator	Date-Time of Origin			
41	HQ REGION EIGHT AMG	060900			
TO	For Action	Message Instructions			GR --
10	HQ AGO MAIN FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.				
	For Information (INFORM)				
Originator's No. (4) ARMIES ARE CLEARING MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS ONLY FROM MAIN HIGHWAYS AND PLACES USED BY ARMY PD MANY OTHER ROUTES AND LOCALITIES ARE MINED OR FITTED WITH BOOBY TRAPS PD REQUEST ITALIAN ARMY ENGINEER UNIT ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED AND TRAINED BE ASSIGNED THIS REGION FOR MINE AND BOOBY TRAP DISPOSAL					
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ACC ADV HQ FOR AMI REGION EIGHT

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ROUTINE

9 July 1944

Civil Affairs Branch

SUBJECT MINE CLEARING PD PAREN TO ACC ADV HQ FOR AMI REGION EIGHT FROM ACC MAIN PAREN
PD REGRETTED BUT NOT REPEAT NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ITALIAN ARMY ENGINEER UNIT FOR THIS
PURPOSE PD APPLICATIONS FOR CLEARING MINED AREAS MUST BE MADE TO DISTRICT HQ PD OUR
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ROGER B. DERRY
Capt. AGO
Deputy Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394.

GER/ac

ACC/078/PWU

6 July 1944.

Subject : Mines Clearance

To : R.C. & M.G. Section.

The attached letters are submitted for signature (if approved)
of the Executive Commissioner, and despatch.

G. E. Rhodes

G.E. RHODES,
Lieut Colonel, R.E.,
Deputy Director.

Copy to : Economic Section.

Enclos. 12 letters and copies.

*Letter undrafted
Sent.*

JRK 9/7 *4331*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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8 July 1944.

Ref: A36/42/CA.

SUBJECT: Mines and Minefields.

TO : R.C.'s Regions III, IV, V, VIII, IX and Rese Region.

1. Reports have been received that both harvesting and public works operations were being hindered by mines.

40 2. As the result of representations to the Director of Works, HQ AAC, the attached letter (2511/9/EE dated 25 Jun 44) has been received, and is forwarded for your information.

3. The sweeping of mined areas in L. of C. is the responsibility of the District concerned. Regional Commissioners should, therefore, when they wish an area cleared of mines approach the District Commander for his help.

38439 4. There are also attached extracts from AFHQ Operational Memorandum No. 45 dated 24 Jan. 1944 dealing with markings of minefields and sketch showing how the markings are used.

5. Separate instructions are being issued direct to Regional Engineers but as the matter also concerns various other Regional activities (as distinct from roads, buildings, bridges etc.) it is desirable that the position should be generally known and the method of marking understood by officers.

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M. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: Rese Section (3)
Admin Section
AFHQ Fifth & Eighth Armies.

Encl.
as above

SUBJECT:- Mine Clearance.

Headquarters
A. A. I.

2511/9/RE

Director Public Works & Utilities
Sub Commission AGC.

25 Jun 44

Ref your AGC/078/PWU of 14 Jun addressed DW, AAI.

1. Instructions are being issued to Armies, Corps and Districts, that when requests are made by them through AMG for reconstruction of bridges or other structures, the following procedure will apply:-

- (a) The HQ ordering the work will be responsible for arranging that the immediate area surrounding the site and necessary for working, storage of materials etc. is cleared of mines before work is started.
- (b) At the same time all adjacent mined areas not cleared will be wired off, and marked as such, in accordance with AFHQ Operational Memorandum No. 45 dated 24 Jan 44.

2. Since Italian civilians are probably unacquainted with this standard method of marking minefields, it is requested that you will arrange to have a translation made of the attached relevant paragraphs of the a/m memorandum, for distribution to contractors concerned, to enable their workmen to understand the significance of the signs erected near working sites concerned.

Capt. R.E.,
for Major General,
Chief Engineer.

Encl.

EXTRACT FROM AFM
OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM
NUMBER 45

24 Jan 46

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STANDING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR MARKING AND REPAIRING MINIFIELDS

MARKING

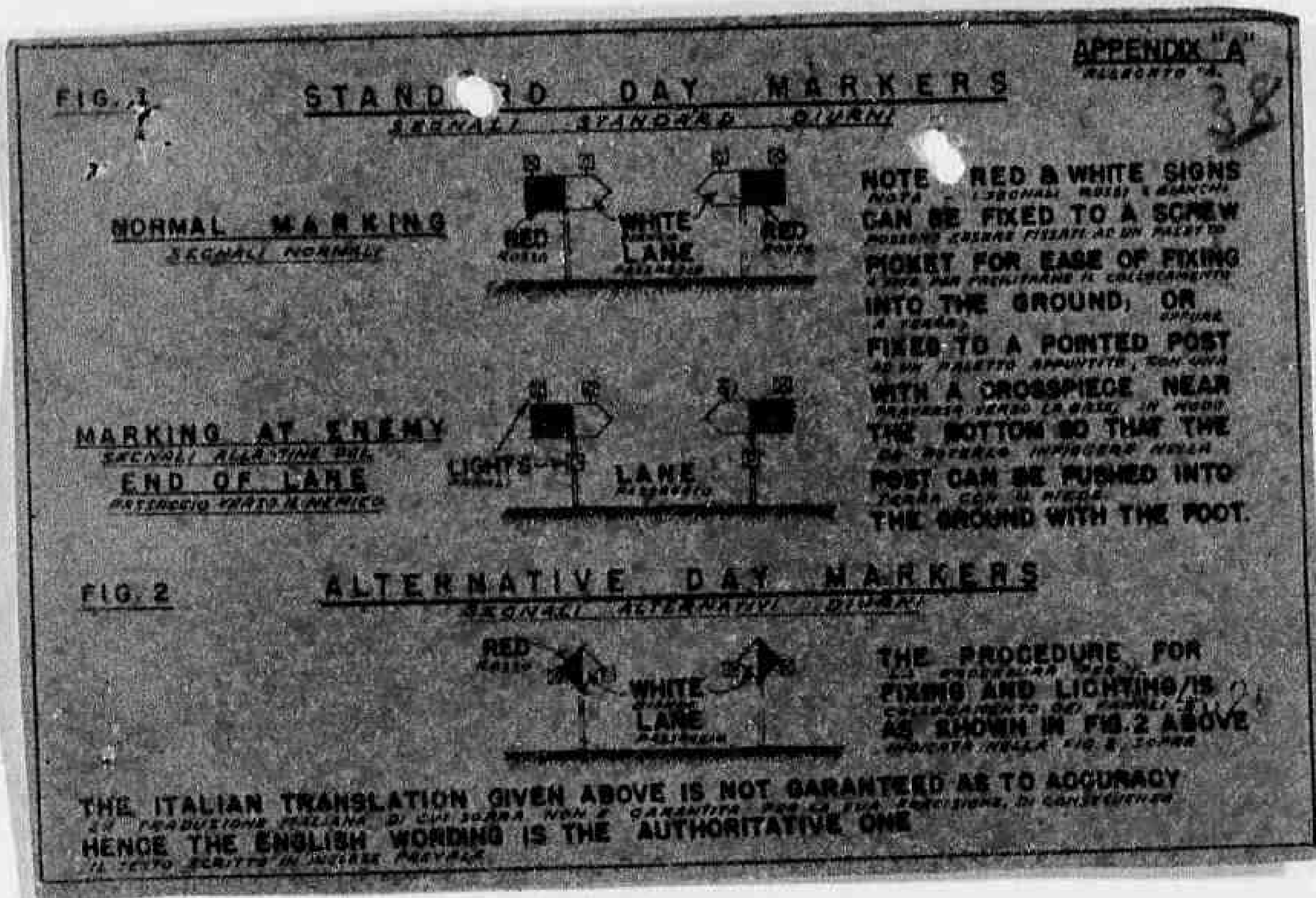
BOUNDARY FENCE - When operational conditions permit each minifield will be enclosed by a wire fence consisting of a two wire cattle fence on the DEER side and a trip wire on the COY side. The triangles painted red or unpainted, of about 3" sides, will be hung on the two wire fences at about 50 yard intervals. The fence will NOT conform to the shape of the field. Trip wire marking minifields will be replaced by two wire cattle fences as soon as tactical considerations permit.

MARKING OF LANES

If the lanes in our own and enemy minifields have to be marked to enable men and vehicles to advance through, the following method will be used :-

BY DAY - Lanes will be marked by red and white boards (either rectangular or diamond in shape) so that the white sides flank the lane as shown in Appendix "A" Figs. 1 & 2.

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436 ~~SECRET~~ C.A.B. 308131
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: HQ ACC MAIN FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

FROM: HQ REGION 8 AMG SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N66/6

REFERENCE No: UNNUMBERED CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUL060900H OFFICE OF ORIGIN: PRIORITY

ARMIES ARMIES ARE CLEARING MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS ONLY FROM MAIN HIGHWAYS AND PLACES USED BY ARMY. MANY OTHER ROUTES AND LOCALITIES ARE MINED OR FITTED WITH BOOBY TRAPS. REQUEST ITALIAN ARMY ENGINEER UNIT ADEQUATELY EQUIPPED AND TRAINED BE ASSIGNED THIS REGION FOR MINE AND BOOBY DISPOSAL



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Army LO (2)

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TO: HQ ACC MAIN FOR EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

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7 JUL 1944
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ROME AREA COMMAND FOR AMG REGION FOUR

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(Civil Affairs Branch)

30 June 1944

REFERENCE SIGNAL NUMBER SIX TWO ONE FROM ROME AREA COMMAND RE ITALIAN MINE CLEARING
UNITS REQUIRED FOR YOUR REGION PD PARAH TO ROME AREA COMMAND FOR AMG REGION FOUR FROM
ACC MAIN PARAH PD PLEASE SEE THIS HEADQUARTERS LETTER FOUR THREE SIX OBLIQUE THREE
ONE OBLIQUE CA OF TWENTY THREE JUNE PD PDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED ^{BY FIFTH ARMY} TO MOVE COMPANIES TO
ANZIO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PD PLEASE CONTACT AMG FIFTH ARMY BUT THIS DOES NOT AFFECT
POLICY

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE 2502

TO: PBS INFO AAI
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:
FROM: 5 ARMY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET
REFERENCE No: 6768 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN271748B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

1. INFORMALLY ADVISED 13 AND 164 ARTRERI DI ARRESTO COYS (ITALIAN MINE CLEARANCE COYS) ARE AT PRESENT IN NAPLES AREA. REQUEST ABOVE COYS BE MOVED TO ANZIO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EFFECTIVE UPON ARRIVAL DESTINATION COYS ARE ATTACHED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO PBS. ADVISE ETA.
2. REFERENCES FOR AAI RADIO SD 736 UNDATED NOT TO ALL AND MEMORANDUM, AIG TO 5TH ARMY ENGR HQ DATED 26 JUNE TO ALL CONCERNED

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TO: RC AND MG SECTION ACC RPTD MIA (ACC PLEASE PASS MIA)

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: N4/29

FROM: RAC CLASSIFICATION: SECRET

REFERENCE No: 621 PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUN281558 OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE/NONE

REF NUMBER 1270 PRESENCE OF MINES HINDERING HARVEST AND RESTORATION
PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER LARGE AREAS. DETAIL FOLLOWS. CAN YOU EXPEDITE
ARRIVAL ITALIAN MINE CLEARING UNITS IN 4TH REGION

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HEADQUARTERS

29 JUN 1944

A. C. C.

There is no trace of 1270.

Suggest write to Reg IV
of Act in accordance with am para 4

of 31/1/44

Replied by liquid
drawing attention

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TO: RC AND MG SECTION ACC RPTD MIA (ACC PLEASE PASS MIA)
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29 JUN 1944

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 of Act in accordance with am para 4
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 Reply by signal
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref /436/33/CA

26 June 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : R.C.'s Regions IV, V, VIII and IX
AMG 5 & 8 Armies.
Admin. Section.

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Attached hereto for information is a copy of instructions issued
by Headquarters Allied Armies in Italy on 23 June 44.

Norman E. Fieke
NORMAN E. FIEKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

JMR/JR

P.T.O.

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SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

14/6/G(Ops)

To: Fifth Army
Eighth Army
5 Corps
2 Polish Corps
1 District
2 District
3 District
PBS
ROME Area.

1. Instances have occurred of casualties being sustained by Italian civilians through the presence of mines on and near sites where they have been working on rebuilding demolished bridges.
2. In most cases these projects are being carried out at the request of Armies, Corps and Districts, through their respective AMG representatives.
3. Formations and Districts, therefore, when ordering the reconstruction of a bridge by civilian labour, will ensure that an area sufficient for storage of materials etc, surrounding the site concerned is cleared of mines before the work is started, and any adjacent mined areas are wired off and marked in accordance with AFHQ Operational Memorandum No 45 dated 25 Jan 44.

Lt. Gen.
Chief of General 4320.

23 Jun 44
HSEM/JH

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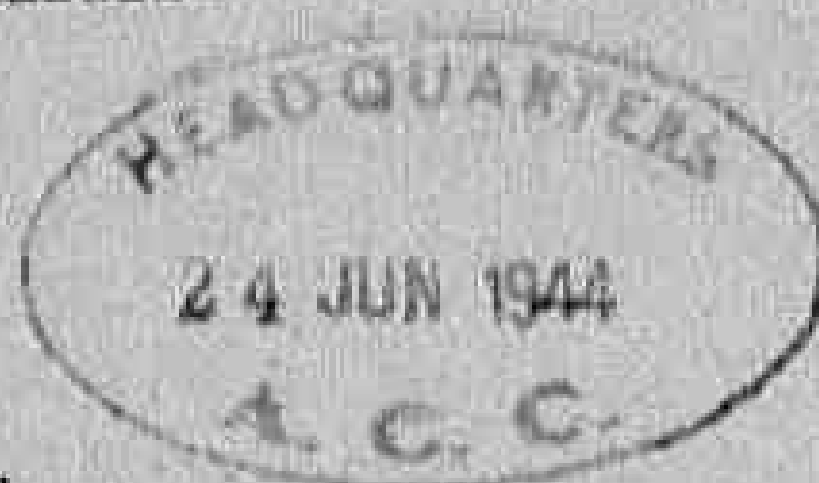
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SUBJECT: - Mine Clearance

Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy.

14/6/G(Ops)

To : Fifth Army
 Eighth Army
 5 Corps
 2 Polish Corps
 1 District
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 FDS
 ROME Area



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23 Jun 44
 HSKM/JH

[Signature]
 Lt.-Gen.,
 Chief of General Staff.

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 DW
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 25/6

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 all 33 4010

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 Yes, also Admin Sec
 Reg 712
 Rom Reg
 5th Armies

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 26/6

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref /436/31/CA

23 June 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Admin. Section (for Col. Gripps)

1. With reference to your ACC/3005/PH of 20 June 44, there is attached for your perusal copy of a letter received by this HQ. from AAI (copy to No. 2 District) dated 16 May 44 No. 1605/50/9/G(SM).

2. This letter stated that the sweeping of mined areas in L of C is the responsibility of the District concerned.

3. R.C.'s will be asked to approach the District Commanders concerned for their help in the areas you mention.

4. When I spoke to you on the phone I said that we had two sections from the Italian Army loaned to us for use in Region V, but these have just been withdrawn on instructions of AAI. There is a heavy demand for these units in operational areas and also a great shortage of equipment, but we shall continue to press Hq. AAI for some assistance in this difficult business, if we find that Districts are unable to meet our needs.

NORMAN F. FENKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

4318

Copy to:

L.O. AAI

R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII - for action where considered necessary on para 2.

MMIA

JER/JR

SUBJECT : Italian Units for Mine Clearance.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/9/G (SD1)

16 May 44.

Allied Control Commission

Ref your 6/131/CA dated 3 May 44.

1. It is regretted that the two Stoppage Engr Coys from SARDINIA, referred to in your letter, have been earmarked for dilution of British Artisen Works Coys and will NOT be available for minefield clearance.
2. Sweeping of mined areas in the L of C is the responsibility of the District concerned and should be carried out by civil or military units at the disposal of the District Comd. It is considered uneconomical to allot units solely for minefield clearance in view of the fluctuating demand for their services.

Lieutenant - General,
Chief of General Staff.-

Copy to:- 2 District
RE.

REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

ACC/3005/PH

20 June 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : ROMG Section.



1. The attached copy of letter dated 15 June addressed by Malaria Control Branch, to Public Health is forwarded. It is understood that there are Mine Clearance companies of the Italian Army, which might be made available for this work.

2. As Malaria Control is of great importance to the army it is requested that the work in clearing the areas set out in the attached letter be given a high priority.

R. R. Cripps 4017
R. R. CRIPPS,
Colonel,
for VP Admin Sec.

Incl: Copy of ltr to PH Director, Rear HQ. ACC.
Copy to PH



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Responsibility

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEALTH SUB-COMMISSION
MALARIA CONTROL BRANCH
APO 394

15 June 1944

SUBJECT: - Presence of Land Mines in Areas Included in
Civilian Malaria Control Programs.

TO : - Director, Public Health Sub-Commission, Rear
Headquarters, Allied Control Commission.

1. It has come to the attention of the Malaria Control Branch that in certain malarious areas the presence of land mines has hampered or made it impossible for the provincial anti-malaria organizations to conduct the necessary control work.

2. Land mines have hindered control work in the following areas:

- a. Portion of the Catania Plains - Region I.
- b. Portion of the Salerno Plains - Region II.
- c. Coast area north of Mondragone - Region III.

3. In the newly occupied Region IV areas the following points are mined, according to Headquarters, ACC Daily Bulletin No. 140, 14 June 1944:

- a. Gaeta and vicinity;
- b. Vicinity of Anzio;
- c. Vicinity of Velletri and Valmontone.

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The first two areas are in malarious zones, and are undoubtedly included in the local malaria control programs.

4. It is a matter of public health interest to have these mines removed, and thereby allow control work to proceed.

PAUL F. RUSSELL
Colonel, M.C.
Chief, Malaria Control Branch

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & H.Q. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/A36/17/CA

20 June 1944

SUBJECT: Mine Clearing Companies etc.
TO : R.C. Region V.

1. Reference is made to your GA/41 of 11 June 44 para 4.
2. It is understood that there has now been placed at your disposal two mine lifting companies (Italian) and that they are to be used for clearing mines in the area AQUILA, AVERZANO and POPOLI.
3. The question of providing male transport units is under investigation.

J.H.
HERMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Establishments Branch.

JER/IR

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No. 1

I phoned Captain Oden to enquire if he would approach AAI and ascertain if they would be willing to allocate say one company of Italian Engineers for mine clearing work with the 8th Army and a mule tpt unit to facilitate the tptn of supplies to the mountainous area in Aquila. He stated there would be some difficulty but would let me know. There had been a conference at AAI over the question of the employment of the Italian Army.

17thn June 44.

J.S.Reakes.
Maj.

BU/19 June
Note

Col Shipp

I spoke to PA on this subject & he said he had mentioned it to Gen. Leigh. Brig. Bush had, with Gen. Browning & these mine lifting Corps. were to be used in area, Aquila, Avezzano & Popoli (Riv.) It looks as if this matter was being taken care of. Col. Faren is dealing with the question of mule tptn. Coy.

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To Economic Section. 14

All applications for
Italian Army units should
be made by HQ. ACE
to G(53) HQ. MAI with
a copy to MMIA.

No action can be
taken on this by this Sec
Office. 13

W. C. Humphreys
Carrot
Army Sub Commission
L.O.

NAPLES
14 June 44

Leckly. phone
Bari. = on direct line
Col. Humphreys

SUBJECT: Supply Program Western L of C.

SECRET

AM Rear Eighth Army.

04/41

11 Jun 44

Executive Commissioner's Branch
HQ Allied Control Commission
Economic Section
Food Sub-Commission
Internal Tn Sub-Commission

Copy to: HQ AMG Region IV (Adv)
HQ AMG Region IV (Naples)
HQ AMG Region V Campobasso
PC Prosinone Province, Finggi.
PC Aquila Province
AMG Isernia
Q Rear Eighth Army
Mov Rear Eighth Army
AMG Main Eighth Army
1001 CT Coy HQ
1001 CT Coy Isernia Det.
Maj. McNaughton-Wright, AMG Region V c/o RTO Vireano.
AMG Venafro (Attn Capt Gatchell).
CC AMG 5 Corps.
HQ 36 Area

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Reference by R/892 of 30 May 44 and OA/213 of 9 Jun 44 (at to all addressees).

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 3. One Pl 1001 CT Coy will stockpile 450 tons approx AMG supplies in CASTEL DI SANGRO from ISERNIA. PC AQUILA will then organise male distribution as far as possible.
 4. HQ ACC are urgently requested endeavour to obtain for PC AQUILA the services of Italian mine disposal and mule tpt units to facilitate the supply to this mountainous area; in many cases even mule tracks have been mined and will have to be neutralised before they can be used by animal tpt. Units should report to CMO CASTEL DI SANGRO. *See arrangements to be ensured by HQ ACC*
 5. Not later than 1200 hrs 15 Jun 44, Pl and W/shop Sec 1001 CT Coy stationed ISERNIA will move vicinity SORA, remaining under op comd PC AQUILA for purpose of food distribution WESTERN AQUILA. Supplies for this area will be drawn until further notice from stockpiles SORA, ARCE, VENAFRO. AMG Region V should deliver all supplies arriving VENAFRO during period 11 - 18 Jun to VENAFRO instead of ISERNIA, as previously arranged. AMG Region IV should arrange clearance of 80TFD from AQUINO to ARCE 19 - 25 Jun 44.
 6. All supplies remaining at SORA, ARCE, VENAFRO and subsequent intake

PC Aquila Province

AMC Isernia

Q Rear Eighth Army

Mov Rear Eighth Army

AMC Main Eighth Army

1001 CT Coy HQ

1001 CT Coy Isernia Det.

Maj. McNaughton-Fright, AMG Region V c/o RTO Vairano.

AMC Venafro (Attn Capt Gatchell).

CC AMG 5 Corps.

HQ 86 Area

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6. All supplies remaining at SORA, ARCE, VENAFRO and subsequent intake at AQUINO will be divided in the following proportions FROSINONE Province 70%, AQUILA Province 30%. Details will be worked out between Prov ^{Sup} P9 FROSINONE and AQUILA, who should meet at AMG ARCE 1200 hrs WEDNESDAY 14 Jun 44. In the event of FROSINONE Province being short of tpt AQUILA will render any assistance within its power.

7. AMG Region V are requested arrange for 30 t.p.d. AMG supplies due VAIRANO in period 19 - 25 Jun 44, to be delivered CASTEL DI SANGRO, unless otherwise requested by PC AQUILA Province.

8. Arrangements for vouchers and consignment advices as per para 7.8 and 9 of R/892 of 9 Jun 44 remain unaltered.

9. O A/c ISERNIA Pl 1001 CT Coy will report AMG HQ CASTROSCIOle 075225 by 1200 hrs 15 Jun 44, to obtain timings and location and *Adm details.*

On Spec - WGA
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
AMC Eighth Army.

436 13 JUN 1944
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CAB 24
V-766
SUBJECT:- Clearance of Mines.

Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission

Headquarters,
A. A. I.

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// Jun, '44.

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Ref your 436/6/CA of 2 Jun 44.

Your query has been answered through General Staff channels.
Please see SD 738 dated 9 Jun.

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1000 10/10/44

W. H. H. H.
C. W. R. E.
Major General,
Chief Engineer.

P/A 4312

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[initials]

Subject:- Mine Clearance.

To:- R.C. & M.G. Section,
for Col. Bowman.

From:- A.C.C. Liaison,
HQ. A.A.I.

Ref. AOCL/218.

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1. Confirming telephone conversation of today Lt.Col. Bowman and Capt Oden speaking.
 2. Attached hereto copy of S.D. signal calling forward Italian Mine Clearance Companies.
 3. This will temporarily cover A.M.G. 5th Army's requirements. Suggested action for training replacements is covered in the signal.

[Signature]
Major, *Capt.*
A.C.C. Liaison Officer.

Lt Col Bowman

Suggest we ask Army 5 Army for
progress report on this after arrival
of Corps has been repalled.

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HQ. 1st Lt.

Originator

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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W. J. GLASGOW, JR.
COLUMBIA, G. S. C.
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G (SD) (US)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.O. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/436/AG/CA

6 June 1944

SUBJECT: Mines.

TO : Hq. AAI

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1. Reference is made to our 436/6/CA dated 2 June 1944, subject "Mines".
2. Attached herewith copy of letter R 2661 Q from DA & QMG, Rear Eighth Army relating to the Cassino-Wing off of mined areas.
3. This action taken by Eighth Army further emphasizes the need for removal of body traps and mines from houses and fields to be occupied by Italian civilians as the Allies move forward.

for n w d
NORMAN H. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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SUBJECT: Cassino - W.L. 3 Off. 4 JUN Recd 436

AMG Rear Eighth Army

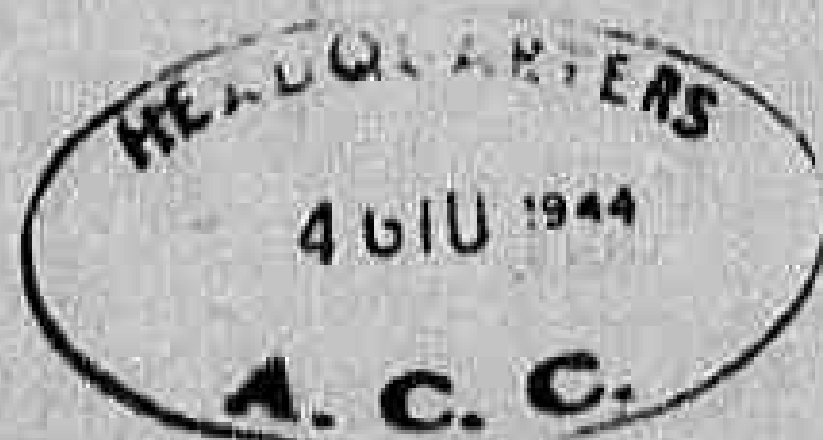
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3 Jun 44.

Executive Commissioner's Branch,
HQ Allied Control Commission.

AMG HQ Region IV.
PG Grosinone Province.

1. Herewith copy of letter (only) R 2661 Q from DA & AMG, Rear Eighth Army relating to above subject.



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Lt. Col, RA
S.O.I.

for Group Captain
Officer Commanding,
AMG Eighth Army.

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Subject:- CASSINO - Wiring off

10 Corps
13 Corps
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Copy to:-

ALL
Fifth Army
Fifth Army (Brit Inor)
5 Corps
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All Branches Rear Army

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The RE effort involved in opening and clearing these areas will inevitably result in expenditure of life, and cannot be justified under present circumstances when all RE resources are required to support ops.

2. It has therefore been decided to wire off the contaminated areas and leave them untouched.

The areas to be wired off are shown on att trace. Wiring will commence forthwith, and from receipt of this letter, all ranks are forbidden to enter the areas concerned for any purpose whatsoever.

3. The instrs contained in this letter will be brought to the notice of all ranks forthwith.

Rear Eighth Army
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R 2661 Q

31 MAY 44.

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(Signed) E. L. Bastyan
Brigadier
DA & QMG, Eighth Army

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/436/1/OA.

3 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Removal of Unexploded Bombs.

TO : R.O. Region II.

1. Further reference your A/55/27 of 19 May 1944.
2. Are you now able to reply to my 436/5/OA of 27 May 1944 please?

HB/RAC.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.G. & M.G. Section
APO 394

2 June 1944.

Ref/436/6/CA.

SUBJECT: Mines.

TO : H.Q., A.A.I.

1. It would be much appreciated if steps could be taken to remove booby traps and mines from the houses and fields to be occupied by the Italian civilians as the Armies move forward.
2. This problem has been represented to Fifth Army and it is quite understood that urgent operational commitments preclude their being able to supply Allied Force Engineers for this work.
3. Although this problem has not been put forward by AMG Eighth Army, it is considered it may arise as the Army advances.

See 10
R. W. D.
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
For Chief Commissioner.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref A36/5/0A.

27 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Removal of Unexploded Heavy Bombs.

TO : R.C. Region II.

1. Reference your A/55/27 of 19 May 44 and confirming cable from
MMA No. 372 of 26 May 44 (copy to you).

2. It is suggested you contact, through MMA, L.O., Dist 2, the
A.A. Hq. Italian IX Corps, Bari, which has a total strength squad of
3 Officers 32 men. The Italian General Staff are being instructed
by MMA to ensure that the unit gives all possible assistance.

3. Will you please let me know in due course how matters progress.


HERMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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For Action.

TO ACC MAIN

(W) For Information (INFO)

HQ REGION II

MMIA L.O. DISTRICT TWO 2

Message Instructions.

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3 Feb 44

Originator's No.

SD 791

SECRET. Reference point 5398 of 22

May and Region II A/55/27 of 19 May 0 AA

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strengths squad of 3 officers 32 men 0 biggest

Region II contact this squad through MMIA

L.O. District Two 0 ITALIAN General Staff are

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Acc. Dist

(ACTION) - C.A. B. (B. B. B.)

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HEADQUARTERS
27 MAY 1944
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Message Instructions.

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AGO MAIN (Civil Affairs Branch)

22 May 1944

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REFERENCE AXIS ONE FOUR FIVE FIVE ONE FOUR TWO SEVEN DATED ONE NINE MAY FROM REGION
TWO COPY TO YOU TO PARISH TO 181A FROM AGO MAIN PARISH PLEASE ADVISE WHAT ACTION
POSSIBLE REGARD REMOVAL. BUREAU BOXES FOR GUIDANCE OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONER REGION
TWO

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L. F. MONTAGUE, Jr.
1st Lt. and
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
REGION II

19 May 44

Ref: A/55/27

SUBJECT: Removal of Unexploded German Missiles
Matera Province.

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section, HQ., ACC. Main.

1. Please see attached letter on this subject.

2. This matter is most important and urgent, particularly, since the 15th U.S.A.A.F., have recently been most cooperative with ACC in relocating the bombing ranges so as to make it possible to gather several thousand tons of grain in the locality mentioned in attached letter.

3. These bombs should rightfully be handled by Italian Army Bomb Disposal units.

4. Therefore, it is urgently requested that immediate action be taken along the lines indicated in the attached correspondence. Such action will not only greatly assist in harvesting the wheat crops in the area but will have the additional important effect of assuring the 15th U.S.A.A.F., and the land owners involved that we are able to effectively solve mutual problems.

John T. Bellars
JOHN T. BELLARS
Colonel, Infantry
Regional Commissioner

Copy to:
Army Sub-Comm, HQ., ACC. Main.

JTB/vjl

See 3

Capt Baker

ask Army to what they are doing about this

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/6/142/GA

19 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Unit for Mine Clearance.

TO : R.C. Region V.

1. Reference your GAL/TS of 13 April 1944 and our 6/131/GA of 3 May 44 to Hq. A.A.I. (copy to you).
2. I am now advised by Hq. A.A.I. in their 1605/50/9/8(SOI) of 16 May that the two Stoppage Engineer Companies from Sardinia have been earmarked for other purposes and will not be available for mine field clearance. It is considered uneconomical to allot units solely for mine-field clearance in view of the fluctuating demand for their services.
3. It is further stated that sweeping of mined areas in the L of C is the responsibility of the District concerned and should be carried out by civil or military units at the disposal of the District Commander.
4. H.Q. A.A.I. forwarded copy of above to No. 2 District. In the circumstances you should make arrangements with that District for the provision of personnel, as required for mine-clearance.

J. S. Reakes
Major J. S. Reakes

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Copy to:

Army Sub-Commission (your 8D/4 of 24 April refers)

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Allied Control Commission
Office of the Provincial Commissioner

Matera, May, 17, 1944.

To: R.C. - ACC - Region II HQ.
From: P.C. - Matera.

Subject: Unexploded Bombs.

- 1 There are a number of unexploded German bombs on the "Terzo Cavone" ranch of Cavaliere Montesano.
- 2 The ranch is located on the Ionian Coast Road, about one mile south of the Cavone River on the left hand side of the road as one travels south. The Cavone River lies between the coastal broad gauge railroad stations of S. Basilio - Pisticci and Montalbano Ionico.
- 3 Mr. Montesano or his ranch director will indicate the exact location of these bombs to the authorities who will come to remove them.
- 4 It is suggested that the Italian Army be notified and steps be taken in order that the bombs may be immediately removed by them since they are a hinderance and peril to our important grain harvesting in that area.

J. J. Jans. 11
J. S. Lansill, Major.
P.C.

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6 RE MAY Recd H 124
U 7869
SUBJECT : Ital Units for Mine Clearance

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
1605/50/9/G(SD1)

16 May 44

B1
Allied Control Commission

Ref your 6/131/CA dated 3 May 44.

1. It is regretted that the two Stoppage Engr Coys from SARDINIA, referred to in your letter, have been earmarked for dilution of British Artisan Works Coys and will NOT be available for minefield clearance.
2. Sweeping of mined areas in the L of C is the responsibility of the District concerned and should be carried out by civil or military units at the disposal of the District Comd. It is considered uneconomical to allot units solely for minefield clearance in view of the fluctuating demand for their services.

K. M. Clune M. G. J.

Lieutenant-General,
Chief of General Staff.

Copy to :- 2 District
RE

*For Capt. Baker
J. G. 1944*



See 142
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Re 131
Spoke Maj. Brown 8
(Ho) who has phoned
Capt Odell & will
await reply.

B/u 16⁵ ✓

185 Spoke Maj. Brown
who rang Capt Odell.
There is a reply
coming from him
shd reach us
18 or 19⁵

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/6/131/GA

3 May 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Unit for Mine Clearance.

TO : Hq. AAI.

1. Reference is made to letter from Army Sub-Commission (Ref. SD/4) dated 24 April 1944 addressed to this Headquarters copy to you.
2. The Regional Engineer, Region V has asked that a provisional separate company of Engineers be provided for the purpose of sweeping mined areas that are not of sufficient importance in military operations to merit the attention of the Army.
3. The problem has been discussed by the Regional Commissioner and Chief Engineer Dist. 2 (Brig. HCU Dixon, MC RE) and the latter agreed on the necessity and indicated that he would help in the training and use of such a unit which is essential in the area, covering as it will Campobasso, Chieti and provinces north.
4. It has been learnt that the undermentioned units at present in Sardinia have been offered to your Headquarters for work under Allied Control.
 - a) 13 Cp Artieri D'arresto (Stoppage Engineer Co) Str 196
 - b) 164 do do do do Str 261
5. Would you please consider the matter and inform this Headquarters if it will be possible to permit one of these companies to be allocated to Region V and operate as a Mine Clearing Company under instructions to be formulated.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner
For Chief Commissioner

Copy to:

Region V (Your GAL/TB of 13 Apr refers)
Army Sub-Comm. (Your SD/4 of 24 Apr refers)

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Col. Shipp.

Folio 117. Regim 5. have asked for the formation of a separate Coy. of R.E. be organised for the purpose of clearing mined areas wh. the Army have left as being no longer an obstruction to them. Reg. 5 are prepared to use such a Coy. where required.

Folio 119. Army Sub Com? were written further matter & replied that there were two companies, either of which might be suitable at present in ARDINIA but they have been offered to HQ AAD for work under Allied Control.

Folio 128

I feel that Reg 5 simply washed numbers of men transferred to them for training by Reg. 2. I have tried by phone to get in to Army S.C. & Reg 5 but unsuccessfully.

In the circumstances I feel that I should write to AAD & ask if one of these Coys might be placed at the disposal of Reg. 5. Before doing so I think we might write to Reg 5 with the present situation & ask them if they could make full use of a Coy of Engineers if one was allotted to them.

pk.

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SECURITY POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES ARE NOT CONSIDERED EFFECTIVE ITALIAN TROOPS WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF. REF YOUR LETTER OF 3RD APRIL AND 25TH APRIL SUBJECT: "EMPLOYMENT OF ITALIAN ARMY"

SECURITY POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES WILL BE SUPPLIED ONLY THROUGH ACC/MS CHANNELS AND WILL NOT BE FURNISHED ANY SUPPLIES WHICH ARE SANCTIONED FOR ITALIAN ARMY. REQUEST YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS SIGNAL.

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Subject: - Italian Mine Clearing Units

Army Sub Commission ACC
Main HQ (MILA)
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HQ Allied Control Commission RC & MG Section
copy HQ AAI

1. Ref your 6/119/CA dated 18 Apr (not to HQ AAI) enclosing a request from the Regional Engineer Region 5 for an Italian Minelifting Coy to be placed under his control.

There is no objection from this Sub Commission to an Italian Engineer unit being used for this purpose.

2. The undermentioned units at present in SARDINIA have been offered to HQ AAI for work under Allied control:-

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164 "	"	261

It is considered that either of these two companies will be suitable for the work envisaged by the Regional Engineer Region 5.

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for

Maj Gen

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Maj Gen
Army Sub Comm AOC

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
E.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/6/119/GA

18 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Unit for Mine Clearance.

TO : Army Sub-Commission Main Hq.

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter from Regional Commissioner Region V to Regional Engineer Region V requesting that steps be taken to organize a provisional company for the purpose of sweeping mined areas.

2. It will be noted that the matter has already been discussed with No. 2 District who are prepared to furnish training for such a unit.

3. The Regional Commissioner remarks at 1st indorsement indicate that the Regional Engineering Section is prepared to distribute Italian troops in local areas where required.

4. As the matter involves the use of Italian troops it is passed to you for consideration and it would be appreciated if you will submit your views to this Branch.

5. It would appear that if such a company was formed it would be of tremendous value now and would be available in the future for cleaning areas over which the armies have advanced.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:

Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Comm.
Rear Hq. Army Sub-Commission, Salerno.
Public Safety Sub-Commission, for information.

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SUBJECT: Italian Unit for Mine Clearance.

TO: Regional Commissioner, Region 5.

FROM: Regional Engineer, Region 5.

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5. It does not seem right to ask Allied troops-even though they might be available which is extremely doubtful-to take over the dangerous labor of clearing Italian land- not essential to military operations- of land mines and booby traps in order to make it again available to civilian use.

C.A. LATIMER
Major
Regional Engineer.

1st gnd
121 Med.
13 April 1944

To the Region Control and M.G. Section,
Recommending approval.

The Region Engineering section is prepared to distribute Italian troops in local areas where required.

I.L. WHITLEY
Col. G.S.C.
P.C. V.

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3 Copies

[Signature]
Major
Regional Engineer.

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13 April 1944

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*See 119, H. Whitley
Col. & Sec.
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