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291 F.S.S.  
C.M.F.

291/X/1.  
May 1st '45.  
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To O 1/c 374 P.W. Camp, POWIA.

HACKENBROICH Hans.

The above mentioned P.W. is sent to you with the highest recommendations for preferential treatment.

After his desertion from the German army, HACKENBROICH gave excellent account of himself with the Partisans; and later, after the liberation of the area where he was fighting, he gave valuable service in helping to remove mines. He was wounded while doing this work.

Should it be at all possible, I have no hesitation in recommending his return to the area in question, (PUSIGNANO, prov. of RAVENNA) where he has first-hand knowledge of mine locations and experience in mine removal.

I should be grateful if this letter could follow HACKENBROICH in the event of his transfer to another camp.

(Signed) ? ? ? ?

For O 1/c 291 Field Security Section.

Note:- Segregation from other PW's recommended in view of his Anti-German views.

3/5/45. (Sgd) ? ? ? ?

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SUBJECT : Personnel - Mine Clearance.

Lead Forces Sub-Comm, A.C.  
(M.M.I.A.)

RE/11/1

24 May 45

TO : Civil Affairs Section, A.C.

Attn: Maj REAKER.

Attached is correspondence concerning a P.W. who may be of interest to you.

Please return the correspondence with any comments you may have.

*Rt Col [Signature]*  
Maj  
5241  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A.

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SUBJECT : Mines for Training.

LAND FORCES SUB-COM AG (MMIA)

RE 11/1  
20 Apr 45

TO : Commandant, RAC Training Depot, C.M.F.

Reference your TD/T191/4984 of 18 Apr .

You are authorized to remove from Citta Ducale such mines as you may need for training purposes. The Italian military authorities have also been informed.

*R. O. Splester*  
*reg*  
Major General,  
M. M. I. A. 5235

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SUBJECT: Mines for Training.

ED/T191/4854

M.M.I.A.

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18 Apr 45.

We have located a mines dump of German and Italian mines in the Estate of Count Rosselli on the Rieti - Citta Ducale Road.

Our Mines School is situated at Citta Ducale. Some of the mines in this dump are invaluable for our mines instruction, and it is suggested we be allowed to take those we require and, if necessary, will inform you of what we have taken.

We cannot visualise these mines being put to any better purpose, as they have lain there for a considerable period.

Field.  
WAPG/RM.

*W. A. Cross*  
Colonel.  
Commandant.  
RAC Training Depot CSM.

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Subject: - Publications

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)  
RE II/I  
16 Mar 45

Maj BLAYLAND R.E.  
'H' BTI RTC ICF

This HQ copy of AFHQ Migr Sec Poster  
No 5 'RINGELMANN' is forwarded for your retention.

*Photostat  
Ked*

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

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ENGINEER SECTION  
A.P.H.Q.  
C.M.F.  
Telephone - Freedom 335.

SUBJECT :- A.P.H.Q., Engineer Section Poster No. 5.

HW/1202.

TO :- Comd., E.T.E., C.M.F.  
Com., Engineer School Det., Replacement Command, MTCUSA,  
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C., (M.M.I.A.),  
B.E.U., M.T.C., R.T.C., I.C.F., C.M.F.

23 Mar 65

Herewith one Advance Copy of A.P.H.Q., Engineer Section Poster No. 5 -  
'BIRSKAINS', for your information and comments.

For the Chief Engineer,

*J. H. BORD*

J. H. BORD,  
Major, R.E.

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Encls. - As stated.

*Extra copy to HQ, Pleasant  
RC*

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Subjective Translations - Mine Warfare

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)  
RB II/I  
24-Mar 45

Maj Blaxland R.E.,  
'H' BTI RTC ICF

Herewith two copies of Italian translation  
of details of enemy mines and methods taken from  
AFHQ EIS.

*R.B. Blaxland*  
*RB*

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

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UNCLASSIFIED  
HEADQUARTERS  
15TH ARMY GROUP  
Engineer Section  
CMF

at 78

File No 2943/2/38

18 March 1945

SUBJECT: Use of Italian Veterans

TO: "A"

Ref DGT 56 Area signal DGT/703 of 16 Mar.

1. The six interpreters now at ERE will be sufficient for the try requirements of the cog.
2. It is pointed out however that when the cog is operationally omitted, one interpreter will be required per raft for a total of 15 as in the proposed UN.

*J R Healdick* *RP*  
*44*

Major General  
Chief Engineer

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Copy to: AFHQ (Attn ERE)  
MCA  
ER

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Subject:- Publications

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)  
RE II/I  
16 Mar 45

172 CE Works  
HQ 2 District

Herewith 6 copies of the Italian edition of  
'Mines, Minefields and Booby Traps'.

*R. G. Plank*  
*Maj*

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

copy - Engr Section (BR) AFHQ : your EngI202 of 12 Mar refers.

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REC

MMIA  
12/17  
SIGNALS

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INFO V. MERY NR 431 0482  
FROM DHT 36 ARMA 151728 Z  
TO HQ S T L  
INFO HQ MMIA ; HQ IS ARMY GROUP  
CCZ BT  
BT/703 .

EXTRACTED . SUBJECT THE ITALIAN WATERMELON . FOLLOWING INTERPRETERS  
WILL REPORT FOR ON 17 MAR . CAPT SCOPALLO FROM BENVENUTO . LIEUTS  
DE MASS AND FRAGAGNOLO FROM IS RENIO CATUA . INFORM MMIA APPROX  
TIME THREE INTERPRETERS REQUIRED . FOR IS ARMY GROUP SET AG 353-30  
OF 4 MAR . THIS MAKES TOTAL 6 INTERPRETERS FROM// PROVIDED/WHICH  
PROVIDED AND CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT BY EMORS

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BT  
SENT NR 431 VA NR 4  
NR NR 431 1740Z 100 (AM) TRS

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ENGINEER SECTION (HR)  
A.F.H.Q.  
C.M.F.  
Telephone No: FREEDOM 335

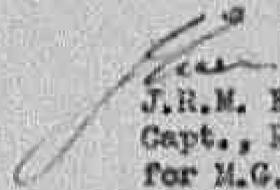
SUBJECT : Publications.

ENG/1202

TO : M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

12 Mar 45

Will you please forward direct to 172 C.E. Works, H.Q. 2 District, six copies of Italian Edition of the publication "Mines, Minefields & Booby Traps".

  
J.R.M. EWEN,  
Capt., R.E.,  
for M.G.R.E.

Copy to: 172 C.E. Works ref. CE/732 of 10 Mar 45.

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PROF V MEDY 303

QVR 2

FROM DMT 56 AREA 131200A

TO HQ ENGR TRG EST

MMIA - FREEDON FOR MGRE - FREEDON FOR G-3

CENTRAC

QQX GR -- B T

DMT/650 . RESTRICTED . SMRE WILL DETAIL ONE INTERPRETER AT PRESENT  
EMPLOYED CMTIC TO REPORT PROBABLY 17 MAR TO ASSIST TRG OF PARTISAN  
WATERMEN FROM 15 ARMY GROUP . TWO MORE FROM 10 ~~GENOX~~ GENIO REGT CAPUA  
ARE AVAILABLE NAMED 2/LT FRAGIACOMO AND 2/LT DI MASE . CONTACT  
10 GENOX GENIO

B T 1350

SENT NR 303 1522 JEH B1

RECD NR 303 "SLW" 13 1522.A. (-AR-) (.K.)

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SIGNALS

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ENGINEER SECTION (ER)  
A.P.H.Q.  
C.M.F.  
Tele. No. Freedom 335

SUBJECT: Training of Italian Engineers.

EG/815

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission AC (SCLA),  
(att SCRE II).

10 Mar 45

Confirming telephone conversation COLESTON - BORD on 9  
Mar 45.

1. Reference your RE 6/2 of 4 Mar 45, para 2(c). Will you please elaborate on your requirements concerning duration of courses, subject to be taught, and numbers of students (offrs & NCOs). As the SMC is already very fully committed your requirements should be kept to an absolute minimum. It is suggested that you should send sufficient to form a complete class at infrequent intervals rather than a few men more frequently. Interpreters will have to be found by you.

2. An RE Method of Instruction Team is visiting this theatre shortly. It is proposed to send them to the Italian Engineer Training School BRACCIANO for about 48 hours. This visit will probably take place about the end of March. You will be given a weeks notice of the exact date.

*J.H. Bord*  
J.H. BORD,  
Major, R.E.,  
for M.G.R.E.

Copy to: Comd EUS GMP.

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*5230*

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HEADQUARTERS  
15TH ARMY GROUP  
APO 777

AG 353-SD

ELO/ep  
4 March 1945

SUBJECT: Provision of Italian Watermen.

TO: Supreme Allied Commander, Allied Forces, APO 512.

1. Reference is made to letter, this Headquarters, dated 26 February 1945, subject: Training of Italian watermen.

2. Italian partisans to be used as watermen, have now been moved to CAPUA. They will be equipped and ready for training by 5 March.

3. Training cannot start until the ten interpreters requested in this HQ 3074/34/A(0) dated 7 February 1945 arrive at the Engineer Training Establishment. It is essential to future operations that these watermen are given maximum possible training which even starting on 5 March can hardly be sufficient. Further, as these men are volunteers, every day they are kept unemployed greatly detracts from their keenness to serve.

4. Considering the urgency of this request please state the date by which ten interpreters will report to Commandant Engineer Training Establishment.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

H. L. OSTLER,  
Colonel, A. G. D.,  
Adjutant General.

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cc: WMA  
Chief Engr Eighth Army  
Comdt Engr Eng Establishment  
CE, 15th Army Group

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Subject - Training of Italian Veterans.

**URGENT**

204/03/2/1/508  
6 Mar 45

C.P.,  
15 Army Group

The training of Italian Veterans at the IBI will commence on 9 Mar 45. The programme will be more or less the same as that for the Special Staffing and Intercompany Courses already submitted to you and which commenced on 1 Mar 45.

At the end of the third week, i.e., the end of the 4th week of the Special Course, the Italians will be mixed with the British, Indian and Polish personnel for further training.

A total of 64 Partisans have arrived at 10 Regimento, 2, MILIA, one of whom speaks reasonable English. 10 Regimento are supplying an Italian officer as an interpreter and Lt. FUSACOLA from 2 GRU Tpa has arrived at the IBI for this purpose also. At the moment there are only three interpreters available. As it is intended to sub-divide the class into 6 squads, at least another 3 interpreters are required. May this be expedited, please.

Other matters which apparently require attention, presumably by MILIA, are the provision of battle dress, pay, cigarettes and "family allotment". The items which they are most concerned about is the battle dress - "stakki" is most definitely wanted. There are

at present in civilian clothes

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C.M.F.  
RBY/ML

*[Signature]*

Colonel

Commandant Engineer Training Establishment

A total of 64 portineros have arrived at 10 Regimento, S. Milla, one of whom speaks reasonable Spanish. 10 Regimento are supplying an Italian officer as an interpreter and Lt. PULICIA from 2 GRU. Tya has arrived at the SER for this purpose also. At the moment therefore only three interpreters are available. As it is intended to sub-divide the class into 6 squads, at least another 3 interpreters are required. May this be expedited, please.

Other matters which apparently require attention, presumably by MIA, are the provision of battle dress, pay, cigarettes and "family allotment". The item which they are most concerned about is the battle dress - "kaki" is most definitely wanted. There are

*at present in civilian clothes*

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*Edgar*

Colonel.

Commandant Engineer Training Establishment.

G.S.P.  
P.P./R.S.

Copy to:- AFHQ (Attch MIA)  
MIA  
Commandant SER

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 19103

Srl. No.

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Transmission Instructions

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FROM

(A) MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Distwo DISTHREE

Originator

Date-Time of Origin

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Office Date Stamp

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TO

56 AREA FOR DM T<sup>6a</sup> 201 SUB AREA

MMIA

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(M) for Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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 maintenance -

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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except WIRELESS

If liable to be intercepted or to fall into enemy hands this message must be sent IN CIPHER.

Signed

Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority

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 FROM DISTHREE 261650A  
 TO DISTWO  
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 I T A LIAN ENGR COY STR APPROX 19 OR NOW AT MTN SCHOOL URGENTLY  
 REQUIRED AS PARENT COY NOW REFITTING . REQUEST YOU ARRANGE RELIEF  
 AND DESPATCH DET SOONEST TO B A R I FOR 12 C R E  
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 SENT NR 0415/6 1820 VF B

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HEADQUARTERS  
15TH ARMY GROUP  
APO 777

RG 6801

AG-353

WLO/rsb  
26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Training Of Italian Watermen.

TO: Supreme Allied Commander, Allied Forces,  
A.P.O. 5512.

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1. Reference letter, this Headquarters, file 2543/R/RE dated 12 February 1945.

2. Eighth Army has enrolled eighty Italian partisans who are reported expert watermen on rivers. They will be moved to the CAPUA area in the near future and enlisted in the Italian Army. They will be available for training from 5 March 1945.

3. It is requested that Commander Engineer Training Establishment be made responsible for training these personnel on arrival in CAPUA area.

4. They will be trained to the following standards.

To be capable of:

a. Operating all types of British Equipped Rafts on wide fast flowing rivers.

b. Operating and carrying out routine maintenance<sup>5225</sup> of the power equipment for these rafts.

Further a proportion will be capable of commanding rafts operated by Italians.

It is intended that personnel will reach this standard after one month's training, but the period will depend on their present skill as watermen. Commander Engineer Training Establishment will report after the first week on the ability of these men and the period of training needed.

5. Separate instructions are being issued for the move,

WLO/rsb

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enlistment and organization of the personnel.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

N. L. OSTLER,  
Colonel, U. S. A.,  
Adjutant General.

cc: CG Fifth Army (for Ingr)  
CG Eighth Army  
SAC  
Comd VII  
file - 2587/12/76

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Subject: Italian Personnel Attached

Mountain School

CE 2 District  
104 GRS Wm

Lead Person Sub-Commander Allied Commission  
MIA

Chief Engineer  
3 District CE  
RASHALL 90  
CE 3244

27 Feb 45

Further to this HQ signal 937 of 22 Feb and your signal  
361 of 23 Feb, both to 2 District, and 2 District signal 361/45  
dated 22 Feb.

1. Will you please arrange for the detachment of 19 men of  
16 Italian Eng Coy, formerly 905 heavyward artined Coy, to re-  
port to 12 GRS Wm at MIA as soon as possible.
2. This detachment was left at the Mountain School on the under-  
standing that it might be withdrawn at short notice at any time.  
See A/2021 dated 27 Oct 44 and this HQ CE 361/45 dated 7 Nov refer.
3. 104 GRS Wm in MIA is responsible for any services in your  
area and any requests for assistance in replacement of this  
detachment should be made to him.
4. The agreement of CE 2 District has been obtained to the re-  
moval of this detachment.
5. Your reference to HQ MIA authority to hold this detachment  
is not understood as 16 Italian Eng Coy is under the command of  
this District.

GRS/03.

*[Signature]*  
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Major, R. 5223  
for [unclear]  
Chief Engineer

*[Handwritten mark]*

SUBJECT: Italian Increment - Mtn School

DIRECTORATE OF MILITARY TRAINING  
AFHQ OFF

Tel : 11375

DWT/141/MT.2

27 Feb '45

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Hq 2 District

Copy to :- Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (MIA) —  
Hq 3 District  
Mountain School

RE ROL

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Ref your RX/40 dated 22 Feb '45.

1. Authority was granted by Land Forces Sub Com AC (MIA) as recently as 17 Feb for the Mtn School to hold 4 offrs and 70 GPs (Italian Military personnel) until 30 Apr '45 (SD/1/1/ dated 17 Feb '45 refers).
2. In this matter is included det 16 (Italian Engineer Coy) which is now required by No. 3 District.
3. Until the middle of April the Mtn school has considerable try commitments in addition to administering and giving instr to over 40 leave personnel.
4. It is essential therefore that the Italian Engineer personnel be retained at Mtn School until the end of April.

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*Woodhouse*

Brigs  
D.M.P.

2/45

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Subject:- TOPP Mine

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)  
RE II/I  
24 Feb 45

Ministry of War  
CORE BLU HTO ICE

Herewith a translation of a description  
of the TOPP Mine.

Forwarded for information.

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*R. B. [unclear]  
ref*

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

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**SECRET**



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Subject : Troop of Italian Veterans

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

Tele: FILPOT 66

25/3/2/EE

OO FIFTH Army (for Brit Inop Divs)  
OO EIGHTH ARMY

12 Feb 45

Copy to : AFHQ (attn MORR)  
Comd EYS (2)  
2527/13/EE

5-3 (SD 1 (b) Brit)  
SILA

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1. A pool of eighty expert Italian veterans is to be formed for employment on wide rivers such as the PO.
2. The following qualifications are required of these men :
  - (a) Experience of handling rafts, boats, barges or ferries on wide rivers.
  - (b) Reliability and steadiness under fire.
  - (c) Knowledge of Northern Italian rivers if possible.

A knowledge of English is desirable but not essential. The Italian Army has been requested to produce these men but may not be able to find them all.

3. Arrivals will therefore submit by 20 Feb a nominal roll by units of all such men under command in order that these may be called on when required. It is probable that there will be promotion for first class men.

W. J. Cavallari  
Major General  
Chief Engineer 5220

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Artistic Relief Bridge Data Charts.

Land Forces Sub Com I.C.  
(S.I.A.)  
12/13/45  
6 Feb 45

S.I.A.	NO	S.I.A.	(2 copies)
"	21	"	"
"	22	"	"
"	23	"	"
"	24	"	"
Capt Blackland	25	RE	"
S.I.A., I.C.F.			

Enclosed please find Relief Bridge Data Charts.

This has been produced by the Italian War Ministry from the British version and is being distributed by them.

*R. B. Spence*  
Major General,  
S. I. A.

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ENGINEER SECTION  
A.F.H.Q.  
C.M.F.  
Telephone - Freedom 335

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SUBJECT :- Publications.

RE

ENG/1200

TO :- H.Q., M.M.I.A., C.M.F.  
(Attn. S.O.R.E)

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24 Jan. 45.

Further to our ENG/1200 of 7th. January 1945.

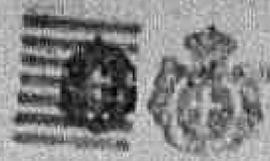
We regret that the E.T.E. are unable to supply copies of Training Posters desired by you.

*J. R. M. Ewen*  
J. R. M. EWEN,  
Captain, R.E.,  
for M.G., R.E.

*PA*

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1 GEN 1945

ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

Risposta al

OGGETTO: Mine naziche.--

Carte annesse N.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M.M.I.A.) R O M A

RE  
12 Jan

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Con riferimento foglio N°RE/11/1 del 10 Dicembre scorso, si comunica che le 12 mine di legno non sono state ancora ritirate per mancanza di mezzi di trasporto.

Peraltro si comunica che il prelevamento non è più necessario in considerazione che i Centri S.C.M. sono già provvisti del tipo di mina di cui trattasi.

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

*Crivaro*

Ref RE 11/1 of 10 Dec. The 12 wooden mines have not yet been collected due to lack of tpt.  
However these are no longer necessary as the trgs have managed to find this type of mine.

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L'Ufficio di Roma è tenuto a comunicare a tutti gli uffici di competenza e a tutti gli uffici di interesse.

MEMORANDUM  
FOR THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE  
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

1/1 58

SUBJECT: Training of Intelligence  
for Station 1 of 3 India.  
  
TO : SA 1 Attached  
SA 2 Attached  
SA 3 Attached  
JFK, ADM.

PK  
SD  
4/1

100/115  
  
6 Jan 58

Intelligence for Station 1 of 3 India will directly be  
conducted from New York office. As they will have received the  
best of the best of basic military training in India they will be ready for them  
to be taught the elements of espionage and the techniques (such as  
recognition and detection, but not spying). This will have to be done  
under strict supervision and two alternative methods are suggested.

First: that this office see to it that the staff should  
be prepared for their further training. This has the disadvantage  
that unless a staff member is being trained would be neglected.

Second: that the CIA get the best of either Station Cops  
should be made responsible for training say 10/15 men. In conclusion  
of the course they can then be posted any as intelligence.  
There would be a temporary lowering of cost if there is any request in  
this respect and it is felt that this would be eventually more than off-  
set by the general cost in training.

Will you please let us have your views on the subject, the  
attaching page lines as far as they are concerned should look.

*John Anthony*  
SA 1, Station,  
India, etc.,  
for CIA, etc.  
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Copy for SA 1, SA 2, SA 3

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Subject: - Demand for OSM

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)  
RR 11/1  
9 Jan 45

AFHQ CM (OSM)

References your letter of 2 Jan.

Please cancel the list of mines etc required as forwarded with RR 11/1 of 11 Sep 44. Present requirements are being reviewed and a requisition will be forwarded later.

*R. G. Plaster*  
*may*  
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Land Forces Sub-Comd A.C. (MIA)  
Maj Gen  
**5215**

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subject- Henry Hines

Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (SRIA)  
RM 11/1  
9 Jan 65

Ministry of War

The lighters, listed on the attached sheets, have been released to you for training purposes.

Please arrange to collect.

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Land Forces Sub Com A.C. (SRIA)  
Maj Gen

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SHIPMENT SECTION  
A.P.H.Q.  
C.H.F.  
Telephone No: BRKSDCA 335

11/55

SUBJECT : Publications for translation.

*RR* 1200

TO : S.O.P.E., M.M.I.A.

Reference your conversation with Major Hollway, copies of the undernoted are attached :-

Minesfield Record Form	CMF 56
Demolition Form	CMF 57
Road Form	CMF 58
Bridging Form	CMF 59.

No. 10 Publications Depot have been requested to forward certain items direct to you (see copy letter attached). It will be noted that we have substituted M.E. Vol. IV, Part I for M.E.P.B. Chapter 6 and P.E.P. 7 as both these items are superseded by it. Instructions for Commander of Firing Party are included in M.E. Vol. IV on pages 221 and 222. S.T.E. have been asked to send you copies of any training posters which S.M.E. can supply.

Encl: Copy letter.

*J.R.M. Swen*  
J.R.M. SWEN,  
Captain, R.E.,  
for M.G. R.E.

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ENGINEERING SECTION  
A.F.H.Q.  
C.M.F.  
Tel. No.: HANCOM 335

SUBJECT : Publications.

WH/1200

TO : O.C., 10 Publications Dept., H.A.S.C.  
S.O.R.E., M.M.I.A., C.M.F.

7 January 1945

Please forward direct to second addressee the following publications, as soon as possible. These items are urgently required.

- 1 COPY - III Vol. IV, Part 1 - Descriptions & Mining (1942) with Amendments to date.
- 1 COPY - HANDBOOK OF THE AIR CORPS (TRUCK TYPE) 1940 with Amendments to date.
- 12 Copies of each of { ENGINEERING SECTION AMB, WITH TRAINING PORTERS  
No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3.

*J.R.M.*  
J.R.M. HUGH,  
Captain, R.C.,  
S/O H.A.S.C.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
QM (GEM)

Subject: Demand for G.E.M.

2 January, 1945.

To : Army Sub Commission (MMA),  
HQ, Allied Commission,  
ROME.

41 RE

Reference your letter RE 11/1 dated 11 September, 1944.

1. The following items of captured enemy material have been released to you:-

- |                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| E. M. 43 (Teller. No. 4) | 12 ea. |
| Molynies 42 (or VB)      | 12 ea. |
| Igniters, T. M. 2 35     | 4 ea.  |
| T. M. 2 42               | 24 ea. |
| DZ 35 (Pressure)         | 12 ea. |
| Z2 42                    | 36 ea. |
| BZ 24                    | 12 ea. |
| Mag grenades             | 24 ea. |
| Stick grenades           | 24 ea. |

2. In view of the time lapse since submission of requisition, it is thought that the whole of the balance of items may not now be required. It is requested, therefore, that the position be reviewed and a fresh requisition for present requirements submitted to this office.

*Earl C. Glasscock*  
EARL C. GLASSCOCK, Major, Inf.,  
(GEM).

*File*  
*52*

Subject:- Training Equipment for Mine Clearance Sections

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MCLA)  
ME 11/1  
14 Dec 55

Civil Affairs Section A.C.

Attached is a copy of a letter received from the Ministry of War.

It is highly improbable that the articles they require can be found. (Phone conversation Reakes - Oplerston refers).

It may be possible to obtain, however, wall diagrams of many types of mines and igniters. These, of course, would have captions in English, but might well serve a useful purpose in the training. If you agree efforts will be made to secure a set of diagrams for each section.

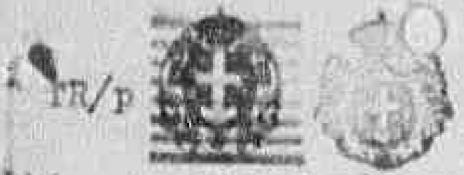
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*R. B. Oplerston*  
*5. May*

— Maj Comd  
Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MCLA)

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TR/P

Roma 21-12-1941

Ministero della Guerra  
Direzione Generale Genio  
Uff. B.C.V.

LAND FORCE - SUB  
COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.Z.A)

Prov. 1700/60713 Allegati

ROMA

Reg. 1/10/41

Oggetto: Richiesta materiale di addestramento.-

Con foglio n. 4602/Ris. del 12 corrente, è stato richiesto alla A.C. - Civil Affairs - A.P.O. 394 in Roma il materiale di cui all'unito elenco, per dotarne il centro di addestramento di Pisa.

Analoga necessità si riscontra ora per i centri di addestramento di Spoleto, Viterbo e Chieti e pertanto, si prega voler esaminare la possibilità di assegnare altre tre serie di materiale di cui trattasi, nella misura di due esemplari per ogni tipo.

Sarebbe inoltre opportuna la concessione anche del seguente materiale Ungherese:  
- mina antiuomo (Rampa - mina)  
nel numero complessivo di cinque esemplari.-

PER IL MINISTRO  
(Gen. Div. C. Crivaro) 5209

Two copies to translation please

Allegato al foglio.

ALLEGATO AL FOLIO N° VIII/60713

Elenco dei materiali di addestramento occorrenti per completare le dotazioni del centro addestramento B.C.M. di Pisa.-



- A) - materiale tedesco; congegno elettrico a pressione E.S. M1 240
  - " a pressione DZ 35
  - " a starppo Zu.E. 235
  - mina LPZ per paracadutisti
  - accenditore BZ 24 - BZ38 - BZ39 - ANZ39
  - congegno ad orologeria Feder 504
- B) - Materiale Ungherese; Mina CVP

Per ogni tipo sono richiesti due esemplari.-



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Subject: Enemy Prison

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)  
RE 11/1  
10 Dec 66

Ministry of War

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Ref by RE 11/1 of 23 Nov, para 2.

Will you please inform this HQ if the 12 Holmies have been collected and, if so, on what date.

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Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA) *MaJ Gen*

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Subject:- Enemy Mines

Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)  
RE 11/1  
23 Nov 44

Ministry of War

Further to my RE 11/1 of 13 Oct and ref your 303006 dated 25 Oct.

1. Allocation Form QX(CBSO)/1096 of 1 Oct 44, covering release of 12 Helmines, is again forwarded together with a copy of LAI letter CBS/21/9 dated 21 Nov informing that these are now available in the 100's area, 21 AAD, ARESO.
2. Will you please arrange immediate collection and inform this HQ when this has been made.

*Robley*  
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Land Forces Sub Comd A.C. (MIA)

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4/8 - 5/12 10/1

Ref.: File # 110.

Captured Enemy Material Section,  
HQ, Allied Armies in Italy, COMF.

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Subject: Release of Enemy Mines.

To : Army Sub Commission (MVIC),  
Allied Commission.

RE

GEN/FL/9.

21 Nov., 44.

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Reference release of 12 Holzmines on AFSC allocation form  
OM(SMDC)/1096 dated 1 Oct., 44. These are now available in the TOG's  
area. 21 AAD, AREXZO.

Will you please inform this office when collection has been  
made.

*H. J. Mervilly, Jr.*  
Major,  
G.E.M. Section.

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Copy to: - DEOS, HQ, AAI. (For Ord 4) -

~~Reference was made to OM(SMDC)/1096  
dated 10 November 1944 subject to  
instructions.~~

OOO, 21 AAD.

11/47

CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Army

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

CG FIFTH Army (with Iner for Engr)  
CE EIGHTH Army  
CE 1 District  
CE 2 District

Tel: - FILFOT 18

2503/RE

13 Nov 44

Copy to: AFHQ (attn CE)  
MMA  
C (3D)  
2503/2/RE

RE. *[Handwritten signature]*

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1. In an endeavour to reduce the present large number of absentees in Italian Army units it is intended to take steps to raise the standard of discipline in Italian units by increasing the disciplinary powers of the CG, the penalties for desertion and the speed of trial.
2. The attached copy of MMA letter and attachments refer. It should be noted that the various decrees have not yet become law.
3. It is expected that the proposals should start taking effect in a month's time. Addressees are requested to carry out an investigation at the end of that period and to forward a report to this HQ stating whether or not any improvement is noticeable in the efficiency of the Italian engr units under their command.

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*[Handwritten signature]*

Major General  
Chief Engineer



EU/DS

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Galinetto

Com. V. 24900/10.A. Magg.

Roma, 13 ottobre 1944

Allegato al F. del

Gen. S. N.

OCCETTO. mine e detonatori di origine nemica.

Mines and detonators of enemy origin

Al LA M. M. I. A.

ROMA

le

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Risposta alla lettera RE/11/1 in data 13 ottobre.

Restituisco il buono di prelevamento QM (CEMEC)/1096  
relativo a n. 12 Holzmine.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO ALLA GUERRA 5203  
(generale G. B. Oxilia)

G. Oxilia

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Subject:- Mines

Military Mission Italian Army  
ROME  
RE 22/1  
13 Oct 44

Officer i/c Mine Clearance GASTA  
copy Ministry of War

I will be grateful if you will supply Ten CALABRO Italian Engineers, with specimens of mines as required by him.

*Rh.P.*

Maj Gen  
Military Mission Italian Army

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File 44

Subject:- ~~Empty~~ Mines and Igniters

Military Mission Italian Army  
ROME  
RE 11/1  
13 Oct 44

Ministry of War

Ref your 218/add dated 26 Aug and further to my RE 11/1 dated 12 Oct.

1. I am now informed that the Holmines at DORNA, release note No. OM(GMRO)/1096, have deteriorated due to weather conditions and are now useless. Will you therefore return the relevent release note to this office for cancellation.
2. An effort is being made to find other mines to fill this allocation and we shall communicate with you later.

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*RAF*

Maj Gen  
Military Mission Italian Army

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Tel.: Filnet 110.

Captured Enemy Material Section,  
HQ, Allied Armies in Italy, COM.

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Subject: Enemy Mines.

GEM/FL/9.

To : QM(GEMSEC),  
AFHQ.

11 Oct., 44.

Reference allocation forms QM(GEMSEC)/1096 and /1102 dated 1 Oct., 44. The mines at Dorna were inspected this morning and owing to the weather conditions, have deteriorated so that they are not worth picking up. This Section will endeavour to locate some more mines and allottees will be informed when and where they are available to fill these allocations.

*Handwritten signature:* W. J. Newell, Jr.

Major  
G.E.M. Section.

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COPY to: DNT, AFHQ.  
ACTA

REF. QM(GEMSEC)/1102  
/1096.



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- Esposizione pratica, sul terreno, sulle rimozioni delle mine svedesi -
- Istruzione sul cerchione italiano -
- Esposizione pratica, sul terreno, con il cerchione -
- 9° giorno - Ripetizione lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio -
- Istruzioni sulle mine tedesche e sugli apparecchi I. Z. 35 -
- Istruzione sulle mine tedesche "G" e accessori S.M.V. 31-3.3.M. 8.40 -
- Esposizione pratica, sul terreno, ed rimozione delle mine svedesi -

10° giorno - 2 1 2 0 0 0 -

- 9° giorno - Ripetizione lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio -
- Istruzione sulle mine tedesche Kolumine e Glomax e accessori I. Z. 43 -
- Istruzione sulla mine tedesca I. Z. 2.0 mine mine in celatura -
- Esposizione pratica, sul terreno, di rimozione delle mine svedesi -
- Esposizione pratica sul terreno dell'uso del cerchio mine -

11° giorno

- Ripetizione lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio -
- Istruzione sui vari tipi di accenditori tedeschi e loro impiego pratico -
- Istruzione sui sistemi tedeschi di semplice trascinamento -
- Esposizione pratica sulla rimozione di svedesi -
- Istruzione pratica sul terreno tedesco -

12° giorno - Ripetizione lezioni giorno precedente e interrogatorio -

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- Istruzione sulla mine tedesca K. -
- Istruzione sulla mine magherese "salto" e sulla mine C.V.P. -
- Esposizione pratica, sul terreno, di rimozione delle mine svedesi -
- Istruzione sul trascinamento delle mine sulle rotaie -
- Esposizione pratica sul trascinamento delle mine sulle rotaie -

- Istruzione sulla mina tedesca (Kampfbefehl 2.2.13)
- Istruzione sulla mina tedesca I.T.2.1 sulla mina in calcestruzzo
- Esercitazione pratica sul terreno, di rimozione della mina calcestruzzo
- Esercitazione pratica sul terreno dell'uso del campo mina

10° giorno Ripetizione lezioni giorno precedente e interruzione  
 - Istruzione sui vari tipi di mine tedesche I.T. 1.  
 loro impiego pratico -  
 Istruzione sui sistemi tedeschi di rimozione di mine  
 - Esercitazione pratica sulla rimozione di mine tedesche  
 sole con l'uso di materiale tedesco -

11° giorno Ripetizione lezioni giorno precedente e interruzione  
 - Istruzione sulla mina tedesca I.T. 1.  
 - Istruzione sulla mina tedesca "salto" e sulla mina  
 O.V.7.  
 - Esercitazione pratica, sul terreno, di rimozione  
 la mina suddette -  
 - Istruzione sul rastrellamento della mina sulla  
 - Esercitazione pratica sul rastrellamento della  
 sulla strada -

12° giorno Ripetizione lezioni giorno precedente e interruzione  
 - Istruzione sulla mina tedesca I.T. 1.  
 - Esercitazione pratica sulla rimozione del campo mina  
 campo scuola -

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Subject:- Enemy Mines and Igniters

Military Mission Italian Army  
ROME  
ME 11/1  
12 Oct 44

Ministry of War

Ref your 218/edd dated 26 Aug 44.

I enclose herewith releases for enemy mines as follows:-

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Release No.</u>
12	Tellermine, TM 45	CHUSTELLO (M(CBDD))	/1095
12	Holmine	DOINA	/1096
24	Igniter T.M. Z 42	BINOTTO	/1097
3	Igniter T.M. Z 35	NOIA	/1098
45	Igniter, Pull M2 for Te & S Mines	FORT APPIA	/1099
24	Granade, sgg	ANZIO	/1100

Will you please arrange collection

*RMF*

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Maj Gen  
Military Mission Italian Army

Tel.: Filcot 110.

Captured Enemy Material Section,  
Main Hq, Allied Forces in Italy, GMP.

Subject: Release of Enemy Ammunition.

GEM/FL/9.  
8 Oct., 44.

To : DDO3,  
Main Hq, AAF.  
(For ADD3 (Ann)).

MEMO	ADD
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DATE	9/10/44

Reference attached allocation forms GEM(CEMSC)/1094, 1100, 1106 and 1108, dated 1 Oct., 44. May OC, Depot, 3 Ord, be instructed to

- (a) earmark items as detailed for respective allottees, who are arranging collection;
- (b) strike off items from weekly stock return.

*H. J. Cawell*  
Major,  
C.E.M. Section.

Copy to:- COMTC, GMP.  
MCIA  
24 Repl. Depot,  
APO 781, US Army.  
4 Repl. Depot,  
APO 340, US Army.

Ref. allocation	1094	} Please note - these items located at AMBID and under control 3 Ord. Beach Det. and HQ 21 AAD.
"	1100	
"	1106	
"	1108	

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Tel. Filpot 110.

Captured Enemy Material Section,  
Main HQ, Allied Armies in Italy, CMF.

Subject: Release of Enemy Ammunition.

To : DCS,  
AFHQ.

APPROVED: AK  
DATE: 9/10

CEM/FL/9.

8 Oct., 44.

Reference attached allocation forms CM(CEMET)/1097 and 1098, dated 1 Oct., 44. It is requested that CDOs, Depots, be instructed to earmark items as indicated for Army Sub Commission, MIA, ACC, who will make arrangements to collect.

*W. J. Klemm*  
Major,  
C.E.M. Section.

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission, MIA,  
HQ, ACC.

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Tel. Filpot 110.

Captured Enemy Material Section,  
Main HQ, Allied Armies in Italy, C.M.F.

Subject: Release of Enemy Ammunition.

To : ADDS, RAAC.

APPROVAL  
DATE  
9/10

GEM/FL/9.

8 Oct., 44.

Attached please find allocation forms CM(CEMEG)/1093, 1099, 1103, 1105, 1107 and 1112, dated 1 Oct., 44, in respect of items of German ammunition located at Fort Appia, Rome. It is requested that these items be earmarked for respective allottees who are responsible in each case for collection.

*H. J. Connelly, Jr.*  
Major,  
C.E.M. Section.

Copy to:-	CMTC, C.M.F.	Ref. allocation	1093)	
	ENIA.	"	1099)	Authority to enter
	DMT, AFHQ.	"	1103)	dump should be obtained
	24 Repl. Depot,	"	1105)	from ADDS, Home Allied
	APO 781, US Army.	"	1107)	Area Command. <b>5193</b>
	8 Repl. Depot,	"	1112)	
	APO 398, US Army.	"		
	6 Army Gp.,	"		
	APO 23, US Army.			







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Subject:- Release of Enemy Mines to Italian Army

Army Sub Commission (MICA)  
HQ ACC  
RMS  
RE 11/4  
1 Sep 44

OPERATIONAL

1. The Italian Army is in process of forming a Mine Warfare School and five mobile mine warfare try squads.
2. At Appx 'A' is a list of enemy mines required to equip the school and squads.

May I please be informed whether they are available and from where they may be collected.

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Maj Gen  
Army Sub Commission

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Annex 'A' to RR 11/1 dated 11 Sep 44

List of Mines & Igniters, German & Hungarian, required by GERM

GERMAN

T.MI 35 (Tellermine No. 1)	No	12
T.MI 35 (Stoel) (Tellermine No. 5)		12
Shrapnel ('S') Mine		12
Pressure Igniter S.M. E 35		24
Pressure Igniter S.M. Mi. E 40 (Electric)		24
Pressure Igniter DE.35		24
Wooden Mines 'HELMINE' 42 or V.B.1		12
Anti-personnel 'SCHMINE'		12
Pull Igniter EE.35		24
Pull and Tension Wire Igniters E.U.EE.35		24
Modified E.U.EE.35		24
L.Pa.Mine		12
Mines 'R.15'		12
Grenades 'Universal'		24
Box Grenades		24
Igniters EE 24		24
Igniters EE 39		24
Igniters EE 38		24
Igniters EE 39		24
Friction Igniter EROCHW.ANE.39		24
J. HERR 504 Long Delay Igniter		24

HUNGARIAN

A. Para. Mine 3 lb (Ramp Mine)  
 CVP Mines

518<sup>02</sup>/<sub>92</sub>

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SUBJECT :- Minefield Clearance  
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HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel :- FILPOT 82

2511/9/44

Army Sub Commission (MCLA)  
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8 Sep 44  
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Ref your HELL/1 dated 4 Sep 44. - 37

CEMEC AFHQ are authority for release of this enemy eqpt,  
and since you will shortly be under control of AFHQ it is considered  
that you should apply direct to CEMEC AFHQ.

*Alan Fletcher*

Major, RE.,  
for Major-General,  
Chief Engineer.

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SUBJECT :- Trg Eqpt ITALIAN Army

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel :- FILFOT 92

2511/9/RS

4 Sep 44

MMIA  
(HQ ACC)

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Ref your RS 11/1 dated 26 Aug 44.

1. It is regretted that due to a shortage of Polish Mine Detectors in this theatre it is not possible to authorise the release to SMRE of 6 Polish Mine Detectors No.3.
2. It is pointed out that this eqpt is not likely to be readily available for issue for some time and that trg should therefore concentrate on prodding as the method of detection.

*Wm Ketcher*

Major, RE.,  
for Major-General,  
Chief Engineer.

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File 37

Subject: Minfield Clearing

Army Sub Commission (NSCIA)  
HQ ACC  
RMS  
RE 11/1  
4 Sep 44

CG AAI

Further to my RE 11/1 dated 26 Aug.

The SMC has been unable to provide itself with adequate enemy mines for the Italian Mine Warfare School and try squads.

At Appx 'A' is a list of the enemy mines required. May I please be informed if they can be released direct to the SMC.

RdP 5185

Maj Gen  
Army Sub Commission

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APP 'A' to 11/1 dated 4 Sep 44

List of Mines & Igniters, Cords & Accessories, required by 1944

GENERAL

T.M. 35 (Tollentine No. 1)	No. 12
T.M. 35 (Steel) (Tollentine No. 3)	12
Straprol ('B') Mine	12
Pressure Igniter S.M. E 35	24
Pressure Igniter E.M. M.L. 240 (Electric)	24
Pressure Igniter E.M. 35	24
Wooden Mines 'SHARDON' 42 or V.R. 1	12
Anti-personnel 'SCHUBERT'	12
Pull Igniter E.M. 35	24
Pull and Fusion wire Igniters E.U.M. 35	24
Modified E.U.M. 35	24
L.P.M. Mine	12
Mines 'U.45'	12
Granules 'Universal'	24
Egg Granules	24
Igniters E.M. 24	24
Igniters E.M. 35	24
Igniters E.M. 38	24
Igniters E.M. 39	24
Friction Igniter HOOKER, A.M.L. 39	24
J. HOOKER 34 Long Delay Igniter	24

MERCANTILE

L. Dem. Mine 3 B (Resp Mine)	12
CVP Mines	12

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Subject:- Engineer Training Stores

Army Sub Commission (MCLA)  
HQ ADC  
RCMB  
HS 11/1  
4 Sep 44

Ministry of War

Ref your 218/add dated 26 Aug.

- 1. Herewith release order for the British Mines and Switches asked for in your abovesentenced letter.

Please arrange to collect direct from 16 Base Ammunition Depot, NCA.

- 2. Further instructions will be issued regarding the release of American Mines and Switches.

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*R.A.P.*

Maj Gen  
Army Sub Commission

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SUBJECT:- Trg Eopt -  
Italian Army

HQ ALLIED ARMS IN ITALY

Tel:- WILFOT 92

2511/9/RE

24 Aug 44

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CONF. ACC.	29/8

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Copy to:- MCIA, HQ AGC - Reference RE 11/1 dated 26 Aug  
(CAR)

1. Thirty Italian Offrs and NCO's have been trained at the SMRE in Minefield Clearance. MCIA are now proposing to form an Italian Minewarfare School and 5 Minewarfare Mobile Trg Squads in order to train the Italian Army and to assist in the trg of civilians in minefield clearance.
2. May authority be given for the release of six Polish No 3 Mine Detectors to the SMRE in order that the School and Trg Squads may be equipped. This release is recommended provided EIGHTH Army can be maintained on the present interim scale of mine detectors.

*Edwin Hatcher May*  
Major General  
Chief Engineer.

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**SECRET**

**SUBJECT: Trg Eqpt -  
Italian Army**

**HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY**

**Tel:- FILPOT 92**

**2511/9/RE**

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*RE*

**ORD**

*29* Aug 44

**Copy to:- MMIA, HQ AOC. Ref: NZ11/1 dated 26 Aug.**

1. A number of Italian Off'rs and NCO's have now been trained in minewarfare and it is proposed to form an Italian Mine Warfare School and 5 Mine Warfare Mobile Trg Squads.
2. It is requested that the Brit and American mines detailed at Appx 'A', may be released to the SERS for the equipping of the Italian Mine Warfare School and Trg Squads.

*John Fletcher*  
Major General,  
Chief Engineer.

**ENCLOSURE**

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APPENDIX 'A'

List of mines and igniters required by the S.M.R.E.

Mines British

G.S. Mk II	12
G.S. Mk IV	12
G.S. Mk V	12
No. 75 Grenades	12
A.Pers Shrapnel Mk I	24
Switches No. 1 Pull	24
No. 2 Pressure	24
No. 3 Release	24
No. 8 A.Pers	24
L. Delays	24
Time pencils various	24

Mines American

M.1. A.TR	12
M.2. A.Pers	12
Release Firing Device M.1	24
Full Firing Device M.1	24
Pressure Firing Device M.1	24
Delay Firing Device M.1	24
Pine-apple Grenade	24
Signal Grenade	30

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Subject: Visit of Officers

Army Sub Commission (ISIA)  
HQ ACC  
RMS  
11/1  
25 Aug 44

Commanding Officer, Training Establishment  
Army Sub Commission (2 copies)

Gen Col BARRY BLANCHARD of the Training Branch of the S.M.M.E. will from time to time be visiting the Italian Courses at present taking place at the School of Military Engineering.

I will be grateful if you will give him every facility and allow him to stay with the Italian students for one or two nights if necessary.

*RRP*

Maj Gen  
Army Sub Commission

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Subject- Minefield Clearance

*Sele 31*

Army Sub Commission (MCA)  
 HQ AOC  
 RMCB  
 HQ 11/1  
26 Aug 44

DETAIL

1. Thirty Italian officers and NCO's attended a Mine Warfare course at the S.M.R.E. from 2 to 15 Aug 1944. All passed the course with the exception of four NCO's.
2. The S.M.R.E. has praised the manner in which Sjt FILKINGTON took the course and wishes to express its gratitude to the Chief Engineer, A.A.I. for having given the officers and NCO's the opportunity of attending this course.
3. It is now proposed to form an Italian Mine Warfare School and five mobile mine warfare try squads at SANTA MARIA DI CAPUA VERDE. This will enable the Italian Army to train itself in modern mine warfare. In addition it is anticipated that the Italian Army will be asked to help in the try of civilians in minefield clearance. If this policy is approved, the Italian Army will be in a position to carry it out to a limited extent.
4. Enclosed at Annex 'A' is a list of Mine Detectors, British and American Mines and Igniters required by the S.M.R.E. in order to equip the school and the squads.

May I please be informed if they can be released direct to the S.M.R.E.

*R.P.* 5178  
 Maj Gen  
 Army Sub Commission

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Appendix 'A' to BE 11/1 of 26 Aug 44

List of Munitions, mines and igniters required by the S.M.R.S.

<u>Mine Detectors</u>	-
Mine Detectors Polish	6
<u>Mines British</u>	
C.S. Mk II	12
C.S. Mk IV	12
C.S. Mk V	12
No. 75 Grenades	12
A.Pers Signal Mk I	24
Switches No 1 Pull	24
No. 2 Pressure	24
No. 3 Release	24
No. 3 A.Pers	24
L. Delays	24
Fine pencils various	24
<u>Mines American</u>	
M.I. A.M.	12
M.I. A.Pers	12
Balance Firing Device M.I	24
Pull Firing Device M.I	24
Pressure Firing Device M.I	24
Delay Firing Device M.I	24
Flare-egg Grenade	24
Signal Grenade	30

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from 16 BAD  
[unclear] (ADP)  
HQ AAI*

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masq. Philips

STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO  
- UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO-

no 218/prot di prot.add.

P.M.151, 11 agosto 1944.

→	ALLA M.M.I.A. - Sottocommissione per l'Esercito	Roma
	AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Direz. Gen.Genio - Div.Mat.	Roma
	ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO	Roma
	AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA -Uff.Op. - Add. -Mob. -	P.M.120
	ALL'UFFICIO SERVIZI S.M.R.E.	Sede

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Oggetto: Addestramento personale del Genio all'impiego di mine antiuomo e anticarro in uso negli eserciti belligeranti.

Riferimento foglio G/15 in data 18 luglio della M.M.I.A. e 7432/Op. in data 12 luglio di questo S.M.R.E. (per i Comandi che lo hanno avuto).

- I - Il corso sulle mine antiuomo e anticarro in uso presso gli eserciti anglo-americani e stranieri ha avuto termine il 15 agosto.
- II - Risultati ottenuti:
  - ufficiali: tutti idonei a compiere la mansione di istruttori;
  - sottufficiali:
    - 16 idonei alla mansione di istruttori,
    - 4 idonei solo alla mansione di operatori, non a quella di istruttori.
- III - Attualmente il personale frequentatore del corso è stato inviato ai rispettivi reparti di provenienza, ma tenuto a disposizione di questo S.M.
- IV - L'ispettore del corso, riferendo, ha messo in rilievo l'ottimo metodo didattico e l'interessamento del Sergente Filk **5176** gton.  
Questo S.M. esprime a questo proposito i suoi ringraziamenti.

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V - Si intenderebbe impiegare il personale addestrato per estendere l'istruzione alle Divisioni di Sicurezza Interna. Sarebbe perciò opportuno costituire:

- un centro dotato di un esemplare di tutti i tipi di mine estere e italiane;
- 5 squadre di addestramento.

Centro:

- compito: dare modo a tutto il personale della specialità artieri d'arresto di poter prendere conoscenza delle varie mine;
- costituzione:
  - un capitano con funzione di direttore del centro stesso e di sovrintendenza sul lavoro delle squadre,
  - 2 sottufficiali (tratti dagli allievi)
  - 1 motocicletta con conducente
- località di impianto: presso il 10° rgt.genio.

Squadre:

- compito: estendere l'addestramento al personale delle Divisioni di Sicurezza Interna o, qualora ritenuto opportuno dalla M.M.I.A., ai civili;
- costituzione di ciascuna squadra:
  - 2 ufficiali
  - 3 sottufficiali
  - 1 autocarro pesante
- numero di squadre da costituire: 5

VI - A tale proposito

- si prega la M.M.I.A. -Sottocommissione per l'Esercito di:

- voler mettere a disposizione di questo S.M.R.E. 6 serie di mine - escluse quelle tedesche - di cui all'unito elenco, indicando l'ente presso il quale questo S.M. potrà ritirarle; far conoscere quante squadre intendere impiegare per l'addestramento ai civili onde poter compilare il programma di visita delle squadre stesse alle Divisioni di Sicurezza Interna;

- si prega il Ministero della Guerra -Direg.Gen.del Genio di:

- approntare 6 serie di mine italiane e tedesche (per queste vedasi unito elenco) avviandole al 10° rgt.genio.

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- si prega il Comando Militare della Campania di dare disposizioni al 10° rgt. genio perchè predisponga i locali per il centro e per le squadre (per il periodo della loro permanenza colà).
- l'Ufficio Servizi S.M.R.E. provvederà a fornire i seguenti mezzi:
  - 1 motocarrozzetta con autista;
  - 5 autocarri pesanti con autisti,interessando, se del caso, la M.M.I.A. e inviandoli al 10° rgt. genio.

VII - Il materiale richiesto agli Enti italiani dovrà essere in posto la prima decade di settembre.

VIII- Riserva di disposizioni per l'avviamento del personale destinato a costituire le squadre al 10° rgt. genio. =



IL GENERALE ADDETTO

- A. Santi

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allegato al foglio n° 218/adj  
del 25/8/44

**Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito**  
**UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO**

Serie dei materiali, esemplari di mine e congegni occorrenti per una squadra in fase di addestramento.

*Multiply all by six*

**- Cercamine -**

- Cercamine piecco..... n° uno

**- Mine e congegni inglesi -**

- Mina General Service II (G.S.M.II)..... n° due
- Mina General Service IV (G.S.M.IV)..... n° due
- Mina General Service V (G.S.M.V)..... n° due
- Mina Hawkins oppure n°75..... n° due
- Mina a strappo A.P.-M. 1..... n° quattro
- Congegno a strappo n° 1 (Pull Switch)..... n° quattro
- Congegno a strappo n° 4..... n° quattro
- Congegno a pressione n° 2 (Pres Switch)..... n° quattro
- Congegno a scarto n° 6..... n° quattro
- Congegno a tempo n° 2..... n° quattro
- Mina a tempo n° 10..... n° quattro
- Congegno antipersonale n° 1..... n° quattro

**- Mine e congegni americani -**

- Mina americana anticarro M.1 (A.T.M.1)..... n° due
- Mina antiveicolo M.2 oppure C.2..... n° due
- Congegno di accensione a scarto M.1..... n° quattro
- Congegno di accensione a strappo M.1..... n° quattro
- Congegno di accensione a pressione M.1..... n° quattro
- Granata americana "Ananas"..... n° quattro
- Granata americana da segnalazione..... n° due

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**- Mine e congegni germanici -**

- Tellermina mod. 35 (T.M. 35-n°1)..... n° due
- x -Tellermina mod. 42 (T.M. 42-n°2)..... n° due
- Tellermina mod. 35 acciaio (T.M. 35 acciaio n°3)..... n° due
- x -Tellermina mod. 43 (T.M. 43-Fla-n°4)..... n° due
- Mina "S"..... n° due
- Congegno a pressione S.M. 2.35..... n° quattro
- Congegno elettrico a pressione E.S. 2.40..... n° quattro

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-Congegno a pressione D. Z. 35.....	n° quattro
-Mina in legno "Holmine" 42 oppure V. B. 1.....	n° due
-Mina antiuomo "Schumine".....	n° due
-Congegno a strappo Z. Z. 35.....	n° quattro
-Congegno a strappo e a scarico Zu. Z. Z. 35.....	n° quattro
-Congegno a strappo modificato Zu. Z. Z. 35.....	n° quattro
-Mina tedesca L. P. Z. per paracadutisti.....	n° due
-Mina "R. 43".....	n° due
-Granata tedesca tipo "Universale".....	n° quattro
-Granata ad uovo e a picchetto.....	n° quattro
-Accenditore BZ 24.....	n° quattro
-Accenditore BZ 39.....	n° quattro
-Accenditore BZ 30.....	n° quattro
-Accenditore BZ e 39.....	n° quattro
-Accenditore AnS 39.....	n° quattro
-Congegno ad orologeria "Jyfeder" 504.....	n° quattro

## - Mine ungheresi -

- Mina a salto (ramp mine).....	n° due
- Mina C. V. P.....	n° due



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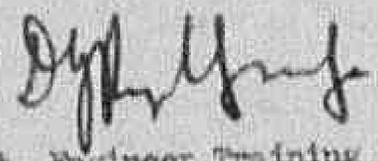
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BTW/63/5/633  
22 Aug 44

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NOTA

The attached copy of amendments to Nominal Roll of Italian Engineers attending Special Mine Warfare Course (forwarded under BTW/63/5/599 dated 20 Aug 44) is passed to you for information ~~and necessary action~~.



G.M.F.  
INTD.

Colonel,  
Commandant, Engineer Training Establish-  
ment.

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Dyfu/s

ETE 63/5

21 AUG 1944

ATTACHED TO THE 100th AIRBORNE DIVISION ENGINEERING CENTER FOR ITALIAN ENGINEERS.

Active as of 21st August 1944.

Officers - 4  
Other Ranks - 6

<u>Officers</u> Cap.	PASSELLI L.	77 Compagnia Artieri
Sott. Ten.	ARTINI S.	104 Compagnia Mestieri Artieri
Sott. Ten.	BOSCHI S.	13 Compagnia Artieri
Sott. Ten.	GAMBARIELLA A.	51 Batt. Misto Genio Comp. Artieri

<u>N.C.Os.</u>		
Serg. Mag.	BLANCO F.	104 Compagnia Artieri
Serg. Mag.	BOZZANI A.	104 Compagnia Artieri
Serg. Mag.	D'ANGELO G.	13 Compagnia Artieri
Serg. Mag.	FICCI P.	51 Batt. Misto Genio Comp. Artieri
Serg. Mag.	FRANZI S.	51 Batt. Misto-Genio Comp. Artieri
Serg. Mag.	GRONELLO G.	13 Compagnia Artieri

<u>Staff</u>		
Staff	VITTORE P.	to
Staff	FRANZI S.	to
	GAMBARIELLA A.	Sott. Ten.
	BOSCHI S.	Sott. Ten.

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Amendment No. 2. to SPECIAL MINE WARFARE COURSE FOR ITALIAN ENGINEERS.

Approved: 1st August 1944.

Officers:

Engineers:

Staff. Ser. FERRARIS D. 10 Compagnia Artieri. Dir. S. Chaudin

S. Id. CAPORERA P. to POSTELLA U. Ser.  
S. Id. GUIDI S. to FERRARIS D. Ser. Tra.

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CONFIDENTIAL

S.M.E. (C.M.F.).

MONTHLY ROLL OF STUDENTS.

SPECIAL LINE WAPPAE COURSE FOR ITALIAN ENGINEERS.

( 20 Aug - 31st Aug 1944.)

Instructors :- Capt C.I. DAVIES, R.E.  
Serjeant, ROYER.  
Serjeant, STEPHENSON.

50 - Officers - 20  
50 - Other Ranks - 30

OFFICERS.

Don. BRIGATI G.  
Sgt. BALBINOTTI S.  
Sgt. Ten. BOTTICCI S.  
Sgt. Ten. CROCIETTO S.  
Sgt. Ten. LINFESSO G.  
Sgt. Ten. MARIN S.  
Sgt. Ten. MERCANTINI M.  
Sgt. Ten. PIZZARO S.  
Sgt. Ten. SANTONO S.  
ALL. OFF. PERRAZI S.

22 Compagnia Artiglieri P.M. 16.  
77 Compagnia Artiglieri  
201 Divisione Artiglieri  
5 Compagnia Artiglieri  
78 Compagnia Artiglieri Div. Mantova  
151 Compagnia Artiglieri  
45 Compagnia Artiglieri  
162 Compagnia Artiglieri  
4 Compagnia Artiglieri  
289 Compagnia Artiglieri.

Other Ranks.

Mauro SAPIO N.  
Serg. M. ANTONIO S.  
Serg. M. BIANCHI S.  
Serg. M. CANTINI S.  
Serg. M. GIANFRANCO S.  
Serg. M. MARINO S.  
Serg. M. MONTANO S.  
Serg. M. NERI S.  
Serg. M. PIZZARELLI S.  
Serg. M. RINALDI S.  
Serg. M. SERRA S.  
Serg. M. TOSCANI S.  
Serg. M. VENTURA S.  
Serg. M. ZUCCHETTI S.  
Serg. M. BIANCHI S.  
Serg. M. CANTINI S.  
Serg. M. GIANFRANCO S.  
Serg. M. MARINO S.  
Serg. M. MONTANO S.  
Serg. M. NERI S.  
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Serg. M. RINALDI S.  
Serg. M. SERRA S.  
Serg. M. TOSCANI S.  
Serg. M. VENTURA S.  
Serg. M. ZUCCHETTI S.

10 Decimo Reggimento  
78 Compagnia Artiglieri  
78 Compagnia Artiglieri  
Compagnia di Colloquio.  
Decimo Genio.  
77 Compagnia Artiglieri  
10 Genio  
9 Genio  
Dir. Sabaudia - Mista Genio 15168.  
3 Compagnia Artiglieri  
10 Genio  
81 Divisione Artiglieri  
2 Compagnia Artiglieri  
Dir. Sabaudia, Mista Genio - 10 Artiglieri.  
13 Compagnia Artiglieri.  
13 Compagnia Artiglieri  
162 Compagnia Artiglieri  
4 Compagnia Artiglieri



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*RAP*

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DA STANAGGIORE ADDESTRAMENTO  
 AT ISPETTORATO DEL GENIO  
 AT COMILIT CAMPANIA  
 e per conoscenza → AT N.M.I.A.

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 ( telescritte )  
 ( a mano )

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 N. 25 /ADD DI PROT ALT N.M.I.A. HABET RIFERITO CHE UFFICIALE  
 DI CUI FOGLIO DI QUESTO STANAGGIORE N. 8074/OP DATA 2907 NON ERA  
 ANCORA PRESENTATO AT CORSO IN DATA 0208 ALT ISPETTORATO GENIO EST  
 PREGATO ASSICURARE SUO URGENTE AVVIAMENTO ALT COMILIT CAMPANIA EST  
 PREGATO SEGNALARE SUO ARRIVO ALT STANAGGIORE ADDESTRAMENTO ALT

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MMIA report that off. referred to in our 8074/OP  
 dated 2907 has not reported for course on Aug. 2nd. P.  
 Aug. Inspectorate is requested to confirm his urgent despatch  
 P. C. C. 0208  
 IL COLONNELLO IN S.S.M. Comilit Campania is requested to  
 CAPO UFFICIO ADDESTRAMENTO report his arrival  
 - *G. Ferrarini*

*[Signature]*



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

M.M.I.A.	RE
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N. 807H /OP.

P.M. 151 1124 luglio 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

**OGGETTO** - Addestramento personale del genio all'impiego di mine anti-uomo ed anticarro negli eserciti anglo-americani.-

ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO  
 e, per conoscenza:  
 AL COMANDO MILITARE DELLA CAMPANIA  
 ALLA M.M.I.A. (Maggiore Phillips)

P.M. 107

P.M. 120

ROMA



Seguito foglio n. 7432/Op. del 12 luglio c.a..

- I. - In considerazione che i partecipanti al corso di addestramento per l'impiego di ordigni esplosivi in uso presso gli alleati dovranno successivamente costituire le squadre per l'estensione dell'addestramento stesso fra i reparti italiani, questo Stato Maggiore stima opportuno che al corso stesso presenzi un ufficiale di provata capacità tecnica, designato da codesto Ispettorato.
- II. - Detto ufficiale, che dovrà successivamente seguire l'addestramento in oggetto presso i vari C.A., provvederà:
  - a compilare una richiesta del materiale occorrente per l'estensione dell'addestramento in base a quanto impiegato dagli alleati durante il corso;
  - a fare proposte circa la costituzione delle squadre ed il metodo di addestramento migliore.
- III. - Si prega trasmettere a corso ultimato a questo S.M. la relazione di cui sopra.

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F. C. C.  
 IL TEN. COLONNELLO in S.S.M.  
 - Capo Ufficio Operazioni -  
 (Piero Sappò)

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
 (Alessandro Santi)

*Pierolauffo'*



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N/CS

RE 2577

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P.M. 151 29 luglio 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

OGGETTO: Addestramento personale del corda all'impiego di mine antiaeree e antiaereo negli eserciti anglo-americani.

ALMA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
- Sottocommissione Esercito -

ROMA

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Riferimento foglio n. RE 11/1 del 9 luglio. 20

- 1°) - L'orario stabilito per l'addestramento in oggetto da svolgersi durante il corso presso il 10° Rgt. Genio a S. Maria Capua V. è sufficiente.
- 2°) - Il programma fissato da codesta Missione è esauriente.

*Dato in esecuzione...*

IL SOTTOCAPITO DI S.M. INFER.  
- Col. Guerra Attilio -

*Attilio Guerra*

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**SUBJECT: Minefield Clearance -  
Try of Italians.**

Headquarters,  
A. A. I.,

2511/9/RE,

Comd ETE.

RE

2311

22 Jul 44

Further to my 2511/9/RE of 5 Jul 44.

1. The att copy of HQ ACC letter RE II/I of 20 Jul 44 is forwarded for necessary action.
2. Please advise ACC direct, copy to this office, if arrangements are unsuitable.
3. Instructors can presumably continue to be administered by ETE.

*A. Stevens*  
*ac*  
 Major General,  
 Chief Engineer

Copy to:- Army Sub Commission (ASCA)  
HQ ACC.

Major Pengetty 302 6 Camps  
 Tel Freedom - Dandy & ETE

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File 23

Subject: Minefield Clearance - Force of Italians

Army Sub Commission (MIA)  
HQ AOC  
ROME  
12 II/I  
12 Jul 44

CE AJI

Ref your 2511/9/12 dated 5 Jul 44.

I, The following arrangements for the courses in minefield clearance have been made:-

a) Location I Reggimento del Genio SANTA MARIA DELLA CAPUA VERDE.

b) Timing Courses begins Wed 2 Aug 0830 hrs  
ends Tues 15 Aug 1900 "

Times of work each day except Sundays -  
0830 - 1230, 1700 - 1900

c) Students Thirty Italian officers and NCO's will attend and will be accompanied by three competent interpreters. They will be administered by I Reggimento del Genio.

Will you please confirm if you agree to these arrangements.

- 2. Instruction is required in the following subjects:-
  - a) Description and method of neutralization of all Allied and Enemy Mines, Igniters and Booby Traps.
  - b) Allied method of laying, marking and recording minefields.
  - c) Description and maintenance of Allied mine detectors. 5164

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*(initials)*

Major Gen  
Army Sub Commander

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Subject:- Training - Mine Clearance

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (MHA)  
RCEI  
IS 11/1  
15 Jul 44

SMRE

Ref my IS 11/1 dated 9 Jul on the subject of  
Training of Italian Engineer Cadre in Mine Clearance.

My I please have a reply.

*W.D.*

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BrJ Gen  
Army Sub Comm ACC

gth

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# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

RE. 17/7

2/68  
N. 7432 / 107. prot.

P.M. 151

12 luglio 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N.

del

OGGETTO:

*Training of Engineer personnel in the use of anti-personnel mines with special view to the Anglo-American anti-tank and anti-tanker in the exercises Anglo-American.*  
Addestramento personale del genio all'impiego di mine anti-personali con speciale riferimento ad impieghi Anglo-Americani.

- AL COMANDO FP.AA. CASERTA P.M. 120
- AL COMANDO IN CORPO D' ARMATA P.M. 67
- AL COMANDO MAI COMANDO D' ARMATA P.M. 114
- e, per conoscenza:
- ALL'ISPettorato DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO P.M. 107
- rif. n. 578 in data 10/4-
- ALL'A.C.G. - Sottocommissione Decreto P.M. 107
- rif. n. 8.1. II/I in data 2/7-
- DEUILI

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I. - L'A.C.G. - Sottocommissione per l'Esercito ha aderito alla proposta di questo S.M.R.E. circa la esecuzione di un corso sull'impiego delle mine anti-tank ed anti-tanker in una prova gli Anglo-americani.

II. - Il corso, che verrà svolto a cura di due sottufficiali inglesi, scelti dal Comando Alleato in Italia, dovrà aver luogo presso il 10° Reggimento Genio a S. Maria Donna Vetere nei seguenti periodi:

- 2 agosto ( ore 8,30 ) - 15 agosto ( ore 19,00 )
- L'esercizio giornaliero sarà:
- 8,30 - 12,30
- 17,00 - 19,00

III. - L'istruzione verterà essenzialmente sui seguenti argomenti:  
a) - descrizione e metodo di neutralizzazione di tutte le mine e detonatori alleati e tedeschi;  
b) - il metodo alleato per costruire, limitare e individuare i campi minati.

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IV. - Si pregano i comandi sottoindicati di scegliere :

- Comando P.I.A.A. Catania

- un capitano (da trovarsi dal 10° reggimento genio) che avrà funzioni di comandante di corso. Egli dovrà:
  - ripartire il personale allievo in squadre;
  - seguire l'andamento del corso;
  - rispondere della disciplina dei partecipanti;
  - inviare a questo S.R. a corso ultimato una relazione sullo svolgimento del corso con allegato l'elenco del personale partecipante e la classifica ripartita.

- 4 ufficiali subalterni	}	allievi
- 3 sottufficiali		

- II Corso d'Armate

- 4 ufficiali subalterni	}	allievi
- 3 sottufficiali		

- III Corso d'Armate

- 3 ufficiali subalterni	}	allievi
- 4 sottufficiali		

V. - L'ufficio personale di questo S.R. provvederà a destinare tre ottimi interpreti.

VI. - Tutto il personale di cui sopra dovrà essere presso il 10° regt. Genio per le ore 12 del 1° agosto.

VII. - Si allega, a titolo d'informazione, copia di una istruzione emanata dal Comando Armate Alleate in Italia a tutte le dipendenze unita, concernente l'addestramento di reparti italiani del genio sulla risonanza dei campi magnetici.

P. C. C.  
P. IL TEN. COL. in S.E.M./S.P.S.  
Cape Ufficio Operazioni

IL SOTTOLIANO DI S.M. INTER.  
f. to - Col. Giorgio Attilio -

*magg. Carletta*

COPIA

Appendice "A" al RE II/I del  
9 luglio 1944

OGGETTO: Rimozione campi minati.

Comando A. A. I.  
2511/9 RE  
4 luglio 1944

Al . . . . .

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1. - Si opera addestrare un nucleo di italiani che, quando le Armate alleate lasceranno l'Italia, avranno una conoscenza completa di tutti i tipi di mine e trappole in modo che la rimozione possa venire intrapresa con il minimo di pericolo e d'indugio.
2. - Pregasi provvedere perciò in modo che ovunque reparti italiani lavorino insieme a reparti britannici venga data loro la massima opportunità di apprendere i particolari concernenti le mine e i detonatori inglesi e alleati e il modo di collocarli. Brevi corsi dovrebbero essere istituiti ovunque possibile.

P/lo ???

magg.gen.

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comandante il genio

F. C. U.

Il TEN. COLONNELLO in S.S.M.A.P.S.

Capo Ufficio Operazioni

( Piero Sardi )

magg. *Carli*



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Subject: - Training - Miscellaneous

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (MMA)  
LEQUIE (LEOUE)  
# II/I  
9 Jul 66

S.H.R.

Training of Italian Engineer Cadre

1. HQ AAI have agreed to provide two British ESO's with examples of all mines and igniters for two weeks for the training of a selected Italian Engineer Cadre of 30 officers and NCO's.

2. The Cadre should be collected together at I Reggimento del Genio SANTA MARIA CAPUA VERTE where the course will be held.

3. The following times are suggested:-

Course begins	Wednesday	2 Aug	0830 hrs
ends	Tuesday	15 Aug	1900 hrs

Times of work each day except Sundays -

0830 - 1230, 1700 - 1900 hrs.

Please confirm if these times are suitable.

4. It is essential that three good interpreters are provided for the course. Please confirm that this will be done.

5. Instruction will be given in the following subjects:-

- a) Description and method of neutralization of all Allied and Axis Sassy Mines and Igniters.
- b) Allied method of laying, marking and recording minefields.

Will you please inform us if you wish any other subjects included in the course. 60

6. As you will presumably be organizing training teams from the cadre attending the above course, it is recommended that the officer responsible for these teams should attend the course.

of all mines and igniters for two weeks for the training of a selected Italian Engineer Cadre of 30 officers and NCO's.

2. The Cadre should be collected together at X Reggimento del Genio SANTA MARIA CAPUA VETERE where the course will be held.

3. The following times are suggested:-

Courses begins	Wednesday	2 Aug	0830 hrs
ends	Tuesday	13 Aug	1900 hrs

Times of work each day except Sundays -

0830 - 1230, 1700 - 1900 hrs.

Please confirm if these times are suitable.

4. It is essential that three good interpreters are provided for the course. Please confirm that this will be done.

5. Instruction will be given in the following subjects:-

- a) Description and method of neutralization of all Allied and <sup>5162</sup>Enemy Mines and Igniters.
- b) Allied method of laying, marking and recording minefields.

Will you please inform us if you wish any other subjects including 460 in the course.

6. As you will presumably be organizing training teams from the cadre attending the above course, it is recommended that the officer responsible for these teams should attend the course.

We will then be in a position to make out a list of Allied Mines, diagrams etc. that will be needed for the teams.

Attachment of Infantry squads for mine training

7. IS and K4 Artillery d'Arresto Coys will shortly be arriving from SARDINIA to come under Allied Control for the specific purpose of clearing minefields. It is understood that they will be employed in the ASBIO Area.

Will you please arrange for a squad of 30 men from an Internal Security Division to be attached to each of these two companies for training in mine clearance.

*Completed*

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Subject:- Training - Mines/engines

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (MOTIA)  
LEQUIL (LEOCB)  
HQ II/I  
9 Jul 44

S.H.R.E

Training of Italian Engineer Cadre

- 1. HQ MAI have agreed to provide two British MO's with examples of all mines and lighters for two weeks for the training of a selected Italian Engineer Cadre of 30 officers and MO's.
- 2. The Cadre should be collected together at X Reggimento del Genio SANTA MARIA CAPUA VETERE where the course will be held.

3. The following times are suggested:-

Course begins	Wednesday	2 Aug	0630 hrs
ends	Tuesday	15 Aug	1900 hrs

Times of work each day except Sundays -  
0630 - 1230, 1700 - 1900 hrs.

Please confirm if these times are suitable.

4. It is essential that three good interpreters are provided for the course. Please confirm that this will be done.

5. Instruction will be given in the following subjects:-

- a) Description and method of neutralization of all Allied and Axis Easy Mines and Lighters.
- b) Allied method of laying, marking and recording minefields.

Will you please inform us if you wish any other subjects included in the course. **60**

6. As you will presumably be organizing training teams from the cadre attending the above course, it is recommended that the officer responsible for these teams should attend the course.

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0830 - 1230, 1700 - 1900 hrs.

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- b) Allied method of laying, marking and recording minefields.

Will you please inform me if you wish any other subjects included in the course. **9160**

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Attachment of Infantry Squad for mine training

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Will you please arrange for a squad of 30 men from an Internal Security Division to be attached to each of these two companies for training in mine clearance.

*Completed*

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Training of Italian Engineer Units at present working with the Allies

6. Attached at Appendix 'A' is a copy of an instruction issued by HQ AAI to all formations on the subject of training of Italian Engineer Units in Minefield Clearance.

*end*

MAJ Gen  
Army Sub Comm ADC

cmh

Appendix 'A' to HQ II/I dated 9 July 44

Headquarters,  
AAI  
2511/988  
6 July 44

Subject:- Minefield Clearance

- CS, FIFTH Army (Attn Engr)
- CS, EIGHTH Army
- CS, 5 Corps
- CS, I Dist
- CS, 2 Dist
- CS, 3 Dist

7. It is hoped to train a nucleus of Italians who, when the Allied Forces leave ITALY, will have a thorough knowledge of all types of mines and booby

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Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comm ACC

Appendix 'A' to ME II/I dated 9 Jul 44

Subject:- Minesfield Clearances

Headquarters,  
AAI  
2511/988  
4 JULY 44

CG, FIFTH Army (Attn Engr)  
CG, EIGHTH Army  
CG, 5 Corps  
CG, I Dist  
CG, 2 Dist  
CG, 3 Dist

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2. Please arrange therefore that wherever Italian units are working with or forming part of British units, maximum opportunity is given the Italians to learn the details of British and Allied mines and igniters, and method of laying. Short courses should be arranged wherever possible.

(sgd) ??? Major-General  
Chief Engineer.

Copy to - Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (MSTA)

SUBJECT: Minefield Clearance - Trg of Italians

Headquarters  
A. A. I.

2511/9/RE

5 July 44

Army Sub Commission, ACC

RE  
16.17 7/7

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Ref your RE 11/1 of 12 June 44.

1. Instructions have been issued to CEs of Armies and Districts to arrange for every opportunity to be given to Italian units working with Allied Engr units, to learn the details of Allied mines and traps.
2. With regard to a course for selected personnel, the ETE have offered to provide two NCO instrs with examples of all mines and igniters, provided:
  - (a) The students can be concentrated with an Italian unit who will be completely responsible for their administration.
  - (b) This Italian unit is close to a Brit unit to which the two instrs can be att.
  - (c) At least three competent interpreters be provided.
3. Will you please say whether these arrangements are satisfactory.
4. If so, please give further infm of the subjects to be studied.
5. It is pointed out that 13 & 164 ARTIERI DI ARRESTO Coys will be under AMG Control for the specific purpose of clearing minefds. Every advantage should be taken of this to attach personnel from other units for trg.

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*J. H. Jones*  
Major-General  
Chief Engineer

Copy to: Comd ETE

SUBJECT: Minefield Clearance

- SG, FIFTH Army (Attn Engr)
- CE, EIGHTH Army
- CE, 5 Corps
- CE, 1 Dist
- CE, 2 Dist
- CE, 3 Dist

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7/7

Headquarters,  
A. A. I.

2511/9/RE

4 July 44

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*T. G. Lewis*  
Major-General  
Chief Engineer.

Copy to: Army Sub Commission ACC/  
Main HQ (NMIA)

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Subject:- Minefield Clearance

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (SMIA)  
LEQUIL (LEOCK)  
RE 11/1  
Jul 44

CE AAX

Further to my RE 11/1 of 12 Jun.

1. It has now been decided to train certain Infantry Bns of the Italian Internal Security Divisions in Mine Clearance. They will be used for Minefield Clearance in Rear Areas.
2. In view of this, the training of the selected nucleus of thirty Italian personnel at an Allied Mine School, referred to in my above-mentioned letter, is now urgent.

I will be grateful if you will inform me if this can be arranged.

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AK Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comm ACC

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Subject:- Minefield Clearance

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Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (MGA)  
LISQUITE (LEONE)  
RS 11/1  
12-Jun 44

CR AAI

1. The SEDE is looking ahead with anxiety to the time when the main portion of the Allied Armies have left Italy, leaving behind them many uncleared minefields, both Allied and German.

The responsibility for clearing these minefields will inevitably fall on the Italian Army and it will be ill-prepared for carrying out this task.

2. The SEDE has therefore asked if it would be possible:-

- a) For Italian Engineer Units at present working with the Allies to be given training, by the Allied parent unit, in the disposal of Allied mines.
- b) For a selected nucleus of thirty Italian personnel to attend an Allied mine disposal course.

3. These requests are forwarded for your consideration.

*207* 5155

GSH

Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comm ACC



# STATO MAGGIORE R. ESERCITO

P/gm

UFFICIO OPERAZIONI

N. *6241* prot. OP.P.M.151, *11-10* giugno 1944

Allegati

Risposta al foglio N. \_\_\_\_\_

del \_\_\_\_\_

OGGETTO: addestramento all'impiego delle mine antiuomo e anticarro  
in uso presso gli A.A..-

*Training in Allied anti-tank & anti personnel mines*

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
- Sottocommissione per l'Esercito -

Lequile

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- I. - Questo S.M.R.E. ritiene opportuno che ai reparti genio delle specialità artigiani d'arresto e minatori venga impartita l'istruzione sulle mine antiuomo e anticarro in uso presso gli A.A..-
- II. - L'addestramento potrebbe essere svolto :
- a cura delle unità anglo-americane per i reparti genio che cooperano con quelle;
  - a mezzo di apposito corso, da svolgersi presso la Scuola di Specializzazione mine e campi minati A.A., ad un nucleo di elementi dei reparti genio non diretti ~~5184~~ impiegati dagli alleati.
- Forza che potrebbe avere il nucleo: 10-12 ufficiali - una ventina tra sottufficiali e truppa.
- Detto nucleo provvederebbe poi ad estendere l'istruzione a tutti i reparti interessati.

.../...

III. - Per far ciò sarà poi necessario disporre di qualche campione delle principali mine in uso.-

IV. - Tanto si propone a cotesta A.C.C. con preghiera di benevole interessamento.-

*Comandante*

IL SOTTOCAPO DI S.M. S. J. I.  
- G.B. Oxilia -

*G. Oxilia*

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Subject:- Allied Bomb Disposal Course

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main HQ (MRIA)  
LEJULIE (LEDOE)  
RB 11/1  
4 SEP 44

Ministry of War

Ref your 1310/o dated 29 Mar 44 applying for a Bomb Disposal Course for Italian Artificers.

1. It is regretted that a course cannot be arranged at the present time as the only Bomb Disposal Company available is fully employed on giving courses to Allied units.
2. You will be informed if and when a course for Italian Artificers can be arranged.

*R.H.P.*

Maj Gen  
Army Sub Comm ACC

GGH

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O. RE. 13  
Subject - Training of Italian Bomb Disposal Personnel.

14 C. E. Works,  
No 2 District,  
Tels No 12589,  
CR/711/1.

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Rear HQ (BMIA)

13 April 44

Reference your RE/11/1 dated 4 April 44.

For security reasons Allied E. D. Courses for Italian Army personnel are not allowed at present.

CE A. A. I. has requested a ruling from A. F. H. Q. and you will be notified accordingly.

*J. P. ...*  
Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

JAC/IB.

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in lieu of AF 02156

MESSAGE FORM

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in lieu of AF 02136

MESSAGE FORM

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FROM (A) MHIA Originator Date-Time of Origin Office Date Stamp

TO CE DISTWO For Action

TO (7) For Information(info) Maga Instr C.

Originator No.

RE 219 O ref my RE 11/1 dated 4 O Bomb disposal course for ITALIANS O has any date yet been fixed query

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Subject:- Training of Italian Bomb Disposal Personnel

Army Sub Commission ACC  
Main No (MIA)  
INQUIRY (ISOU)  
RE 11/1  
4 April 44

CA No 2 District

1. An application has been received from the Italian Ministry of War for the attendance of 5 Officers and 15 Other Ranks at an Allied Bomb Disposal Course.

The personnel belong to Italian Bomb Disposal Squads but have received no training during the last year.

2. I will be most grateful if you can arrange for a Bomb Disposal Coy under your command to run this course. If you agree will you please give me at least two weeks notice as personnel will be attending from NAPLES and BRINDISI.

It is suggested that the course should last a fortnight.

*RDF*

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Army Sub Comm ACC

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# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Allettate

N. di prot. 1310/c

P.M. 107 h 29 MAR 1944

OGGETTO Corso Artificieri.

*Corso corso per Italian Artillery*

→ ALLA ARMY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.C. - Main HQ (MMA) - LEQUILB

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DI ARTIGLIERIA  
(Rif. Foglio N° 4449/DG del 26/3/1944)

S E D E

A seguito del foglio N° 1033/C di questo Ufficio in data 14 corrente e con riferimento alla comunicazione verbale avuta dall'Ufficiale di Collegamento di codeste Sottocommissione, MAGG. EYATT, si informa che, secondo il programma formulato dalla Direzione Generale di Artiglieria di questo Ministero, il Corso di addestramento degli artificieri italiani sul munizionamento inglese potrebbe essere iniziato il 15 aprile p.v. presso la Direzione di Artiglieria di Taranto.

Allo stesso parteciperebbero un ufficiale e 3 artificieri per ciascuno dei seguenti Enti:

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Comando Pz.AA. Compagnia - Comando Militare Sicilia - IX - ~~XXXX~~

LI - Corpo d'Armata; in totale 5 ufficiali e 15 artificieri.

Si gradirebbe conoscere:

- a) se possono essere senz'altro impartite le disposizioni conseguenti al personale italiano;
- b) la probabile durata del corso;

e, per conoscenza:

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Comando 72. A.I. Campania - Comando Militare Sicilia - IX - ~~XXXX~~  
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- b) la probabile durata del corso;
- c) se dovrà essere comandato un interprete.

GENERALE ALIBERTI

*Aliberti*

MISSION



# MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

## GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegamento Missioni Alleate

N. di prot. 1013/c

P.M.107

li 14 marzo

1944

**OGGETTO.** Incidente provocato dall'esplosione di una bomba inglese.

*Armed with two Co explosion of English bomb.*

→ Alla ARMY SUE COMMISSION, A.C.C.

- Main HQ (MMA) -

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DI ARTIGLIERIA = S P D E

= L E Q U I L E

Nella mattinata dell'8 c.m., in seguito alla esplosione di una bomba inglese, sono deceduti a Roccaletto (Catanzaro Marina) un sergente e tre uomini di truppa addetti al rastrellamento bombe insesplosi.

Si rappresenta la opportunità di poter disporre di qualche artigiano inglese, essenzialmente allo scopo di diffondere al personale artigiano italiano addetto a questo servizio la conoscenza del munizionamento di tipo inglese e delle norme di sicurezza da osservare nelle operazioni di distruzione del munizionamento insesplosi, in modo da evitare il ripetersi di dolorose perdite del genere di quelle riportate.

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Sarebbe necessaria la assegnazione di un artigiano e di un Corpo d'Armate dipendente e cioè in totale 6 (IX - II - XXI - EP.AA. Genovese - Sardegna e Sicilia). -

*During the morning of the 8th inst. as a result of the explosion of an English bomb, a Sgt. and 3 men attached to the 6th Signal Regiment, were killed at Roccaletto (Catanzaro Marina). GENERAL LIBERTI*

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DI ARTIGLIERIA = 3 E D E

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Sarebbe necessaria la assegnazione di un artigiere a ciascun Corpo d'Armata dipendente e cioè in totale 6 (IX - LI - XXXI - XXIIA).

Campagna - Sardegna e Sicilia. -

During the morning of the 8th inst., as a result of the explosion of an English bomb, a Sgt. and 3 men attached to the Bomb Disposal Unit, Marine Det at Roccella (Catanzaro Marina), GENERAL ALBERTI  
We would wish to point out the advisability of making English engineers available to us, and a particular view to *Alberti* involving an inter-visit to the peculiarities of English arms, and the rapid methods used by them unexploded bombs, in order to avoid the repetition of such losses which on the one reported above.

It would be necessary to assign at least one expert to each Army Corps, i.e. 6 in total (9th, 51st, 81st, Campania Armed Force, Sardinia A.F. and Sicily A.F.)

*Alberti*

*W.H.*

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*almeno*

Subject: Mine Detector Training

British Military Mission to  
7th Italian Army.  
Ref No HE 11/1  
9 Nov 43

C.R.E. 7th Italian Army  
copy C.R.E. No 2 District  
C.R.E. 1 Airborne Div  
4 Parachute Bn. R.S.

1. The following courses for Italian Engineers have been arranged by C.R.E. 1 Airborne Div:
  - (a) Six one-day courses in the operation of British and American mine detectors. Each course will consist of 12-24 men. The first course will begin on 16 Nov and the others on consecutive days.
  - (b) One six-day course in the maintenance and technical details of mine detectors. This course will consist of 4 men only and will begin on 16 Nov.
2. The hours of work will be from 0900 hrs till 1600 hrs daily.
3. All ranks should report to O.C. 4 Parachute Bn. R.S. at TORPEDO HOUSE, 5 km SOUTH of GIOJA on the rd GIOJA - TARANTO, 15 minutes before the course is due to begin.
4. All ranks should bring a haversack luncheon with them.
5. It is essential that at least one, preferably two, interpreters should attend each day.

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*R.S.*  
Brig  
Coad

Subject: Mine Detectors

British Military Mission to  
7th Italian Army  
Ref No RE 11/1  
10 Nov 43

C.E. No 2 District

Ref my RE 11/1 dated 9 Nov.

1. I am grateful for the Minedetector course for Italian Engineers which you have arranged through 1 Airborne Div.
2. As the object of the course is to train the Italian Engineers so that they can lift the mines from the road verges on the TARANTO Coast rd and elsewhere (my RE 2/4 dated 21 Oct refers), may 12 Mine detectors and spares be provided for retention by 7 Italian Army.

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Brig  
Coad

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MESSAGE FORM

TO : 7 Airborne Div rptd 4 Para Sqn RE - CE No 2 District  
 FROM : B M M to 7 Italian Army RE70 9

Ref 11/1/RE dated 6 Nov just received (.) impossible arrange course  
 on 10 Nov (.) grateful postpones first course until 16 Nov (.)  
 other arrangements agreed (.) in addition four men will attend all  
 six days for instruction in technical details and maintenance (.)  
 is this agreed

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11/1/RE.

RE # 1111  
-8 NOV 10 1945

Subject: TRAINING - Italian Army.

B.M.M. to 7 Italian Army.

Reference your copy 14 CE Works No. 2 District letter CE/711 dated 3 Nov 45.

I assume that you wish these men to be trained purely in the use of the American and British Mine Detectors and not in the technical details or maintenance. This being the case I suggest that we run 6 courses of one day each and 12 men on each course. This number could easily be increased to 24 if you wish a larger number to be trained.

These courses will be run by 4 Para Sqn RE at TORFEDO HOUSE, A.R. 5041 on the main GIOJA - TARANTO road (unit sign 52). The men should report 4 Para Sqn at 0900 hrs each morning bringing haversack luncheons. They will be free to leave again by 1600 hrs.

I suggest that the ~~first~~ course should start on Wed 10 Nov. Unless I hear further from you I will stick to these arrangements and expect your men on Wednesday.

It would be a great help if you could provide an interpreter each day.

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W.D. Giesse  
For Lt. Col. RE,  
CRE, 1 Airborne Division.

Field.

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*W.D. Green* Lt. Col. RE,  
CRE, 1 Airborne Division.

Field.  
6 Nov 45.

Copies to: 4 Para Sqn RE.  
14 C.E. Works No. 2 District.

*1/6* *Div courses* *12-24*

*Green*  
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R.E. 7/11/53

Subject: - Training - Italian Army.

14 Co Works,  
No. 2 District.

GRS  
1 Airborne Div.

GR/711.

3 Nov 43.

The BSE to 7 Italian Army require 12  
mine detectors and a small training team of 1 NCO  
and 6 men for the purpose of training certain per-  
sonnel of the Italian Army.

The remaining units under command 2 District  
are not in possession of Mine Detectors.

The period of training would be 1 - 2 weeks.

Could you please arrange direct with BSE  
regarding suitable dates and where the training will  
take place.

*L.A. Houston*  
for Registrar,  
Chief Engineer.

JAL/SC.

T.O.O. 104CA

Copy to: BSE to 7 Italian Army.  
Arrange direct with Gen 1 Airborne Div.

*If the Courier 6/11. He did not inform  
that the mine detectors were to be  
obtained. He will inform in full  
R.E. 7/11/53*

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*File per*  
*31/10*

Subject: Training Italian Army.

14. On 10/10/41  
No. 2 District.

CM/711

*KEH*

12 Army Grp.

25 Oct 41.

The 12th Army Italian Army require 12 Mine Detectors and a small training track of 1 km and 6 men for the purpose of training certain branches of the Italian Army.

The units under command of 2 District are not in possession of mine detectors.

Any arrangements be made with 12th Army to supply the tools and mine detectors.

The period of attachment would be 2 weeks.

*Alfonso*  
*Brigadier*  
Chief 5141

JAG/3E.

T.O.D. 1730

Copy sent - 12th Army, 7 Italian Army. ✓

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