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Mine Clearance Personnel

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

A-110/19/1

(29)

Ref: 1009/46/20

20 October 1945

Your Excellency,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 5179 concerning the appointment of Capt. JOSEPHIS, Greek representative to the International Organisation for clearance of mines in European waters.

The interested authorities have been informed.

Yours sincerely,

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

H.E. G. Exintaris,
Greek Delegation to the
Advisory Council for Italy.

Copy to: Civil Affairs Section
MFA

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Copy forward to Navy Dist Com 2565

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

AC/53.2/LG

3 Oct 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

Reference your A 110/19/1 of 2 Oct please forward a copy of the Ministry of War's letter 16718/Ord/11 of 8 Sep 45.

M. CARR Brigadier
VP CA Section

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Subject: Mine Clearance

LAND FORCES SUB COMM AC (MCLA)

A110/19/1 ✓

2 Oct 45

TO : Local Govt Sub Commission, AC

Reference Ministry of War letter 16718/Ord/11
dated 8 Sep 45.

1. Any increase in ceiling allotted to mine clearance must come from the 3,000 under command of AC. No other spare is available in the ITI-ITI ceiling.

2. It is, therefore, suggested that if the increase recommended by Ministry of War is essential, you should apply for an allocation of surplus ceiling controlled by AC from the appropriate branch of AC HQ. Approximately 7% ceiling is at the moment unallotted.

J. N. Cheyne
Major General
M.B.I.A.

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ITAL-ITAL SERVICE UNITS (NON PERMANENT).

Units which could be held on a separate ceiling (say 6,000)

outside the proposed Interim or Future Italian Army.

<u>UNITS.</u>	<u>PAGE ON ORBAT 2/12</u>	<u>STRENGTH Off. ORS</u>
Central Office Mine Clearances & Detached Units.	78	119 847
P.O.W. Collection Platoon.	78	12 65
Refugee Units.	79	106 915
Screening & Recovery Units.	73	36 96
P.C.M. Reception Centres. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7.	71	25 50
Newspaper Unit.	71	14 21
Liaison Group for Western Europe.	71	36 -
Central Requisitioning Office.	66	146 20
		<u>493.2,014.</u>

Balance to 6,600 could be made up by :

Increase in Mine Clearance Units vide
folio 18

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P.O.W. Collection Platoon.	78	12	65
Refugee Units.	79	105	915
Screening & Recovery Units.	75	36	96
P.O.W. Reception Centres. 1, 3, 5, 6, 7.	71	25	60
Newspaper Unit.	71	14	21
Liaison Group for Western Europe.	71	36	-
Central Requisitioning Office.	65	146	20
		<u>493.2,014.</u>	

Balance to 6,000 could be made up by :

Increase in Mine Clearance Units vide folio 18

Personnel for A.C. (now Combat Group 6,000)

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3,397.

(2400 only in submitted Ch
referred)

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78 Sep. 22.
Inter - Branch Minute Report.

To note. W.D.
18 Sep

Date (section) Ref
18 Sep G. (50) attached
and 18.

REMARKS.

We spoke. I agree with War Time and
Local Govt Sec of A.C. that Time Clearance
is an important, urgent & humane
duty probably a great deal more so
than many duties now being performed
by the Italian Army.

I do not agree that this
senior should form part of the interior
or future armies.

It is a drum washing commitment
of an ITI - ITI nature, similar to
Displaced Persons control.

Exc. P.W. reception.
vehicle & stores recovery etc.
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could well come out of the 31,000.

I strongly recommend this because
when the time comes for its disappearance
we shall find that the Adm. units
proper will have found they need a
few more bodies & we shall have have
a ceiling available.

I would like now to consider this
casualty & discuss with me before taking any
action.

W.D. Cr. A.

nothing.

No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

Quite agree.
We should keep it
as low as possible
this year.

any time

Inter - Branch Memo Sheet

Date (month)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
13/04 9(23)	18 and all minutes lost	Have spoken to Lord 4th and 5th divisions who support the proposal for a second set. Can this increase Army power before returning into being? will obtain if so. proposed with detailed 18/04/60 page

increase not approved until
new army comes into being
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a word of 150 17/4/50/1940

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10/24/68
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not accept at Oromo (1968)
a word of 150 1749.01 Min
America will like to be trained
in combat.


13/68

Why not? 10/24/68
3000 in theater
coupling things
to the

GT (ops) 9/67
GT (WE) 10/67
SODE
10/68 (a) ←

Subject - Economic Warfare Group

Date (month)

Date

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13 Apr 50AE
 other
 G(52)

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I spoke last night to the author of the letter (5/12/50AE of course is 12/50) in order to find out what he was driving at, and point out that his demands of comment are too good to be true.

The point is this: in the plan for the interim survey S.M.A.E. proposes that, apart from 561 to 564 Prime Chairman logs which will be incorporated in the United States logs, the Prime Chairman representation should have a strength of 127. The present strength is 130 (G(52) 3/12 page 70), difference 197. S.M.A.E. asks, however, for an increase of only 97 for the time being.

I suggest that S.M.A.E. should not lose sight of the Commission if they support this; if so, that a proposal be made to meet 1/9/54 to increase the S.M.A.E. to 513/50AE/1 "A Prime Chairman Statement" 3/12 by 12 men, i.e. a 12 member

in order to find out what he was driving at, and point out that his demands of communication had gone a bit awry.

The point is this: in the plan for the interim army SORCE proposes that, apart from 561 to 564 Pin Chuan long which will be overfunded in the United Kingdom long, the Pin Chuan operation should have a strength of 207. The present strength is 130 (Gest 3/12 page 70), difference 197. SORCE asks, however, for an increase of only 97 for the time being.

I suggest that SORCE should not find that the Commission if they support this, if so, that a proposal be made to meet 1,984 to increase WE 513/517 to 11. 2 Pin Chuan Detachment 3, by 12 men, i.e. a total increase of 96.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFC 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53.2/13

20 Sep 45

Annapolis

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SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (WMIA)

There is forwarded to you letter H.8/75527 of 17 September received from the Ministry of War referring to your letter A/110/19/W dated 3 Sep concerning deficiencies of personnel in the Mine Clearing Companies. It is necessary for these Companies to be maintained at strength and this Sub Commission will be obliged if you will take the matter up and endeavour to have postings made at an early date.

Edward Robert May
W. E. R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director

Local Government Sub Commission

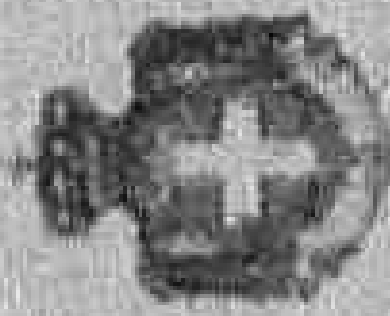
Copy to: Ministry of War
Via 14 Septembre
ROME

(year 8/75527 of 17 Sep refers)

This 12 date will the

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

Quaranta
2.1.1915
2582
F. Magat

OGGETTO : Personale di complemento per le cp.rastr.mine.-

Rapporto al Foglio del
Genio

A.P.O. 324

ALL'EXECUTIVE COMMISSION A.C.
 LOC.GOV.SUB COMM.

Roma, 1 SET. 1915

19 SEP 1915

Riferimento foglio A/110/19/1 in data 1/c.m.
 della L.Forces E.C.A.C.(M.M.I.A.).

Si ricorda che in seguito al congedamento dell'ultimo quadrimestre della classe 1914 e della classe 1915 - in corso del 1°/c.m. - le cp.rastr.mine vengono a perdere circa 240 u.(in media 60 u. per cp.).

A seguito delle comunicazioni verbali sull'argomento ed a senso del n.6 della lettera a riferimento, si grè direbbe il sollecito inoltrato alle cp. accennate di complementi pari alla forza perduta per congedamento, allo scopo di ristabilire l'organico dei reparti.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO
 (Gen.Div. O.Grivaro)

Translation

Spencer

Reference letter A/110/19/1 of 3 Sep of Gen. Forces' Sub Commission Class 1914 and 1915 being released the Mine Clearance Companies are losing 240 men.

Reference verbal communication and according to para 6 of the above letter it would be much appreciated if complements could be sent to the Companies as soon as possible, in order to complete the establishment of the Companies.

Riferimento foglio A/110/19/1 in data 3/0.2.

della L. Forces S.C.A.C. (M.M.I.A.).
Si ricorda che in seguito al congedamento dell'ultimo quadrimestre della classe 1914 e della classe 1915 - in corso dal 1/0.2. - le cp. restr. mine vengono a perdersi circa 240 u. (in media 60 u. per cp.).

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(Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)

Crivaro

Translation.

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Translation

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From:- M. of W.

To:- ~~Executive Commission~~, Local Govt. Sub-Commission
for information to:

MLA (Ref. A/110/13/1 dated 3/3/45)

Ref:- 15718/Ord/11

Date:- 6th. Sept. 45

Subject:- Increase in WE of authorized Mine Lifting Units.

I) In accordance with the increased necessity and the anticipated development of the Mine Lifting Service, an increase of 152 men in the WE has been estimated for authorized units and their dependant units planned for the transition array.

II) As it is known, the personnel detailed for the Mine Lifting Service must be previously trained and selected, reason for which it is necessary to send now said personnel to attend suitable training courses which would put them in a position to carry out such a delicate task. In order to cope with the requirements of said service, two courses could be held at Bracciano Engineer School to train as soon as possible 50 officers and 100 senior NCOs.

III) For said courses, 53 men could be taken from those "at disposal" included in the 130 men at present authorized for such service (see letter 15382/Ord/1 dated 1/9/45 addressed to MLA. Copy of the letter is enclosed herewith for Executive Commission, Local Govt. Sub-Commission A3)

To complete the 150 pupils estimated, 94 ⁴⁹ would be required.

P. P. O.

IV) In view of the aim (which is well known to you) of the Mine Lifting Service which is connected with all the problems of national reconstructions, it is requested that the 97 men required to complete the estimated training courses, be given immediately. The 97 men could be listed under Part 3 IPI-1PI Units (in which there is at present availability of rations) until the ~~proposed~~ proposed transition army is approved and consequently the 197 men in excess for the Mine Lifting Service.

Fabre.

(Sgd) G. Luzzi

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Sg/di

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

A110/19/1

N. 16718/Ord./II di pret.

P.M. 3800, 8 settembre 1945

OGGETTO: Ampliamento organici enti autorizzati del servizio B.C.M. -

~~ALLA EXECUTIVE COMMISSION LOCAL GOVT. SUB COMMISSION~~

e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)
(rif. f. A/110/19/1 del 3.9.45)

TRANSI A. 11.9.45

IN

16.00

Date 11/9

OUT

16.15

12/9

I) - In relazione alle aumentate necessità ed al prevedibile sviluppo del servizio bonifica campi minati (B.C.M.), per gli enti autorizzati e dipendenti da esse, nel progetto dell'esercito di transizione è stata prevista un aumento agli organici di 197 unità.

II) - Il personale addetto al servizio B.C.M., come è noto, deve essere preventivamente istruito e selezionato, ragione per cui è necessario che sin da ora esse venga avviate ad appositi corsi d'istruzione per poterle in grado di bene assolvere il delicato incarico. Sarebbero previsti due corsi d'istruzione presso la scuola genio di Bracciano per un numero complessivo di 150 allievi (50 ufficiali - 100 sottufficiali) da approntare al più presto per far fronte alle necessità del servizio B.C.M. -

III) - Per i corsi di cui sopra 53 unità vengono prese da quelle a disposizione, ^{includere} delle 130 attualmente autorizzate per il servizio B.C.M. (foglio 16587/Ord./I, in data 1.9.45 indirizzate alla Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. (M.M.I.A.), allegate in copia per la Executive Commission - Local Govt. Sub Commission A.C.).
Mancherebbero per completare il numero di 150 allievi previsti per i due corsi 97 unità.

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IV) - Date il fine, ben noto a codesta Commissione, che si prefigge il servizio B.C.M., e che si ricollega a tutti i problemi della ricostruzione nazionale, si richiede che le 97 unità necessarie per completare i due previsti corsi d'istruzione siano concesse subito. Sine a quante non venga approvate il progetto dell'esercito di transizione, e di conseguenza le 197 unità in più per il servizio B.C.M. → le 97 unità potrebbero gravare sulla Parte 3^a Reparti Iti-Iti nella quale risulta attualmente una disponibilità di razioni.-



IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Luzzi)

Glucchi

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come L.G. increases
from 130 - 307. Is
not immediate training
equipment needs are
to cover 97 as in
on duty

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130
187

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A 110/19/11A

OUTGOING SIGNAL.

FROM : M.M.I.A.
TO : MIA LO MILAN
INFO : MIA LO GENOA

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN
11 2

REF A 1287 (.) REF YOUR SD 34 OF 01 (.) THIS H.Q. LETTER
A/110/6 OF 31 AUG DISPATCHED 1 SEP ANSWERS YOUR WHI/10/6
PAREN RECOMMEND WHI/6/ED PAREN OF 21 AUG (.) CONFIRM RECEIPT

PRECEDENCE : ROUTINE

AUTHENTICATED : [Signature]

INTERNAL : FILE A/110/19/1
2/6

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A 119/19/1

FROM MMIA LO MILAN
TO M.M.I.A.
INFO MMIA LO C/O EO SUB AREA

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SD 34 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FIRST (.) RENUMBER MY NW1/10/Q OF
21 AUG AS NW1/9/SD OF 21 AUG (.) SECOND (.) REQUEST REPLY
AS SAME QUESTION RAISED BY 2 COMILITER (.) FOR RENATTI (.) YOUR
AG/2 OF 29 AUG ALSO REFERS

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replied by A 110/6 file 13

COPY FLOAT

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e, per conoscenza:

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O. MMIA
 AL GABINETTO
 UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO
 ISPELTORATO ARMA GENIO
 DIREZIONE GENERALE GENIO
 COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO
 PRIULI
 CREMONA
 LEGNANO
 FOLGORE
 MANTOVA
 AL COMANDO DIVISIONE PIERNO (CAOPIC)
 UFFICIO OPERAZIONI E ADDESTRAMENTO
 UFFICIO SERVIZI

ROMA
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 P.M. 79
 P.M. 64
 P.M. 155
 P.M. 146
 P.M. 104
 P.M. 92
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..... a conferma telexscritto soprariportato.

d'ordine

COLONN. CAPO UFFICIO
 (E. Piacentini)


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U.S. AIR FORCE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
SUBJECT: Italian Army Order of Battle (IOB) - 2/11/44
DATE: 2/11/44
BY: [Signature]

Reference is made to your letter of 2 August 44.

TO: [Redacted]

Reference is made to your letter of 2 August 44.

1. It is requested that your letter be sent to the appropriate authorities for their consideration.

2. Officers for the subject subject may not be considered for this position as it is considered that the efficiency of the Italian Army is being maintained.

3. The other officers mentioned in the list attached to your letter may be posted against determination in the subject of this letter. It is requested that they are not actively employed in the administrative division concerned or that competent replacement are provided, as agreed with the Allied Commanders concerned. The same applies to the subject's.

4. In general replacement for all units under the subject of this memorandum (large Italian Army Order of Battle No. 2/11) will be provided as indicated in the subject of 2/11/44.

5. It is requested that the personnel indicated above may only be employed in authorized units of the Italian Army. The number of Italian Army personnel authorized for this subject may only be increased by units on active front lines. If, therefore, it is considered by the Italian authorities that more Army personnel should be employed on the subject, then application must be made by the Italian Government to the Allied Commission (General Staff, Rome), who have in fact got this matter in hand already.

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Reference your letter HQ71 of 5 August 40.

1. It is requested that your letter be not been replied to before, unless the circumstances then have been taking place with other Allied A.C.'s concerned.
2. Officers for the United States may not be withdrawn for this purpose as it is considered that the efficiency of the United States Field Engineer Companies should not be affected.
3. The other officers mentioned in the list attached to your above letter may be posted anywhere determined in the United States Government Commission provided that they are not actually employed in the Administrative Division concerned or that competent replacements are provided, as agreed with the Allied Commission concerned. The same applies to A.C.U.'s.
4. In general replacements for all units under the control of the Italian Army (Italy 70 Italian Army Order of Battle No. 2/11) will be provided as indicated in HQ71 A 110/15 of 21 August.
5. It is explained that the personnel indicated above may only be employed in authorized units of the Italian Army. The number of Italian Army personnel authorized for the Italian Army can only be increased by HQ71 on orders from HQ71. If, therefore, it is considered by the Italian authorities that more army personnel should be employed in the Italian Army, then application must be made by the Italian authorities to the Allied Commission (Japan) Joint War Commission, who have in fact not been asked to meet already.

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[Signature]
 Major General
 H.M.C.

Copy to : Executive Commission A.C.
 Local Joint War Commission HQ A.C.
 Informal : 0 (AD)
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File A 110/19/14

OUTGOING SIGNAL

FROM : M.W.I.A.
TO : FIFTH ARMY
INFO : MILAN - DIST-AM

DATE TIME OF ORIGIN
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REF : 1378 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOR M.W.I.A. INFO (.)
CONFIRMED THAT REQUEST FOR VISA CLEARANCE COMPANIES WILL NOT NOW
BE PROVIDED FROM 25 KMS. COMBAT IN AS THIS UNIT HAS BEEN
ADVISED ADVANCE SIDE (.) LETTER FOLLOWS

PRIORITY : IMPORTANT

AUTHENTICATED

FILE A 110/19/14

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A/110/19/1
(13)

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

LAND FORCES SUB COM, 12 (MILIA)

A/110/6

31 AUG 45

TO : MILIA TO
RE ITALY (MILAN)

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Reference your RVI/10/Q dated 21 Aug. 45.

1. Forwarded herewith is copy of Do letter from General Browning to Alcom which sets out MILIA's position on this whole question of mine clearance, and which answers the points raised by 3 Territorial HQ.

[Signature]
Major General,
MILIA.

Copy to: File C/6

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C O P Y

Major General L. BROWNING CB, OBE, MC
Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E

G/6 29 Aug. '45.

My dear

Thanks for your 1009/34/EC dated 28 August which I have read with interest.

I write this to make my position quite clear and to show that it is not a question of obstinacy on my part but merely one of over-loading and physical impossibility.

The state of affairs is this. A.F.H.Q. have decided that it is in the Allied as well as the Italian interest to recognise the Italian Army from top to bottom fundamentally, on order that a small army of quality shall replace the huge army of low calibre which existed in the past.

I have just finished three days discussion with the Assistant Chief of Staff, General Ward, on the organisation and training angle. In addition there will be such matters as reorganisation of the administrative services, the judicial and penal system etc. The whole business will be, as General Ward put it, a "herculean" task. He is right, particularly as A.F.H.Q. want me to get a move on and get the business started now, and the fact is that I am trying to compete despite a continual outflow of trained officers on demobilisation and an inflow of officers who know nothing about this specialised game in M.M.I.A. The work under my existing charter (e.g. cost, accounting, rations etc.) still continues and the result of the above is that I now have even more on my plate than I ever had before. The prospect is staggering.

I therefore cannot alter my previous attitude and offer to take on a further responsibility.

If you require more personnel for Mine Clearance, and I can see that this is a big political and economic factor, the answer is for you to apply to A.F.H.Q. for more chaps to be put at your disposal for this purpose. Apart from the 3,000 allotted to you, you have had allotted a further 6,000

for the purpose of assisting with repatriation. I understand you are only employing one-third of that number. Obviously, complete military units would be a better proposition than taking officers and NCOs and putting them in charge of newly organised gangs. It is therefore for your consideration as to whether you should not ask A.F.H.Q. for the use of, say two or three Field Companies for Mine Clearance work. These could be balanced against the shortfall in the 6,000 mentioned above which you are not using. It is for A.F.H.Q. to say whether these could be spared or not. At any rate, there is a suggestion.

I have written to you pretty fully as I have to explain my attitude in this matter, and I hope it makes clear why, though I cannot accept any further responsibility, I am quite prepared for the Ministry of War to put troops at your disposal if A.F.H.Q. approve.

*from the Grappi

11/19/11 (18)

UNCLASSIFIED

SUBJECT : Reinforcements for Mine Clearance Companies

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.E.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489084 Ext. 533.
31 Aug 45
8 110/19

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference MIA A 1258 of 23 August 45.

1. Reinforcements for Mine Clearance Companies are not now available from 23 Engineer Combat Bn. as this unit has been assigned another task.
2. 561, 562, 563 and 564 Mine Clearance Companies will therefore be brought up to W.E. with reinforcements from IRTC, CESSANO. Selected personnel from surpluses with Administrative Divisions may, if necessary, be sent to CESSANO for this purpose.
3. Reinforcements selected for this task, if not already trained, will be given a ten-day course at CESSANO before posting.
4. Rail movement of these reinforcements will be requested by MIA for the period 17-24 September. You are requested to inform MIA of numbers and destinations before 6 September.
5. It is realised that this means a considerable delay before personnel are effectively employed with the companies. You will therefore instruct the local Adm Divs to post immediately any suitable men now at their disposal to these companies. Such postings will of course count against the numbers to be sent from IRTC, CESSANO.
6. Further reinforcements for the companies will be provided in the future from IRTC, CESSANO. You will make arrangements for trained men always to be available to meet the wastage anticipated.

TO : Ministry of War.

Reference MMLA A 1258 of 23 August 45.

1. Reinforcements for Mine Clearance Companies are not now available from 25 Engineer Combat Bn. as this unit has been assigned another task.
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[Signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

INTERNAL :

COPY TO : A.F.H.2.
Local Govt Sub-Commission.
MMLA LG FIFTH ARMY.
MMLA LG N.W. ITALY. (3).
MMLA LG 1 DISTRICT.
MMLA LG FLORENCE.
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Aug 19

(28/11)

UNCLASSIFIED.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Companies - Reinforcements.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) R O M E .
Tel: 489081 Ext. 533.
A 110/19
Aug 45

TO : Ministry of War.

1. From the latest figures provided for deficiencies in Mine Clearance Companies (see MMIA A 1258 of 23 Aug) it would appear that the provisions of A110/19 of 2 July were never carried out.
2. You are requested to make enquiries with the Administrative Divisions concerned and report to MMIA what action was taken following MMIA A 110/19 of 2 July, and why there are still similar deficiencies in the companies mentioned.
3. Present deficiencies will be made up from 23 Eng Combat Bn vide MMIA A 1258 of 23 Aug.

[Signature]
Major General,
M.M.I.A.

COPY TO : MMIA LO N.W. ITALY (2).
MMIA LO GENOA.
MMIA LO 1 DISTRICT.
LOCAL GOVT SUB-COMMISSION.

INTERNAL: S O R E .

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INTEROFFICE REFERENCE SHEET

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH ARMY

Subject: 23rd Eng Bn

A 110/19/1
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IND NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
	Sr MMIA LO	C.O. 2695 TS Regt	24 Aug 1945

Reference MMIA signal A 1258 of 23 August. Request you prepare for dispatch and dispatch from the 23rd Engineer Bn when available officers and men as follows:

36 to 561	Italian Mine Clearance Co,	Genoa
33 to 562	" "	" , Bologna
96 to 563	" "	" , Bologna
60 to 564	" "	" , Pescara

Request RTAs.

R.C. VAN KIRK
Major, Inf.,
Sr. (MMIA) LO,
5th Army

cc: MMIA ✓
CG 210 Div
MMIA LO Genoa
562 Ital Mine Clear Co Bologna
563 " " " " Bologna
564 " " " " Pescara

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OUTGOING SIGNAL

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FROM : MMIA
TO : Fifth Army for MMIA LO
INFO : MMIA LO MILAN DISTONE for MMIA LO

REF. A 1258 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOLLOWING ITALIAN MINE CLEARANCE COYS HAVE DEFICIENCIES AS QUOTED (.) 561 COY GENOVA, 36 (.) 562 COY BOLONNA, 33 (.) 563 COY BOLOGNA, 96 (.) 564 COY PERSCARA, 60 (.) FILL THESE DEFICIENCIES WITH SUITABLE PERSONNEL FROM 25 ENGINE BN ON THEIR RELEASE APPROX 1 SEPT (.) ADVANCE DIRECT MOVEMENT WITH LO CONCERNED EARLIEST

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PRECEDENCE : IMMEDIATE
AUTHENTICATED : McGee. bcl

COPY TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
LOCAL GOVT SUB COM. (FOR MAJOR NEEDS)
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REF. A 1255 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) FOLLOWING ITALIAN NINE CLEARANCE CO'S
 HAVE DEFICIENCIES AS QUOTED (.) 561 COY GENOA, 38 (.) 562 COY
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 23 ENGR BN ON THEIR RELEASE APPROX 1 SEPT (.) ARRANGE DIRECT MOVEMENT
 WITH LO CONCERNED EARLIEST

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PRECEDENCE : I M M E D I A T E

AUTHENTICATED

W. H. M. L. L. L.

COPY TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
 LOCAL GOVT SUB COM. (FOR MAJOR WORKS)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/53.2/IG

23 Aug 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (LFCIA)

Reference your letter A 100/19 of 2 July and conversation Major REAKES-Captain HADDOCK. *Hedde.*

1. From information received from Italian Ministry of War it would appear that no re-inforcements have yet been made to the 561, 562 and 563 Italian Mine Clearance Companies.
2. The 562 and 563 Companies are being employed on the dams and river banks in the Area FORLI, RAVENNA and FERRARA clearing mines so that repairs may be carried out before the floods which are expected towards the end of September.
3. It is important therefore that they should be brought up to strength as soon as possible.
4. The 564 Company is being moved into the area and it is understood to be still under strength. The figures available to this Sub Commission show their strength at 150 all ranks. Can they also be brought nearer to their establishment?

W. R. Cripps
W. R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via IX Settembre
General P. SUPINO

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A 110/10
110/19/1
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Subject:- Mine Clearance.

M.M.I.A. L.O.,
 N.W. Italy,
 MILAN.

Phone: MILAN 13989.

~~110/20/1~~ *110/19/1*

21st, August, 1945.

This is for G.S. to send WP

To:- Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.
 (M.M.I.A.) R O M E.

1. Herewith copy of 3 Terr HQ letter 03/515 dated 18 Aug 45, forwarding SMRE letter 21211/Mob. *70*
2. Please say whether this is agreed by HQ, M.M.I.A.
3. If agreed may I please be informed:-
 - (a) Under whose Op Comd these units will come.
 - (b) Under whose Adm Comd (i.e. Gruppi or Adm Div HQ.)
 - (c) Whether HQ, M.M.I.A. will forward the request to HQ, 2 District, or whether it is within the competence of this office.
4. I understand from 3 Terr HQ, it will work under Comando Zona Sanifica Campi Minati Emilia.

Wond
 Major,
 Sr MMIA LO, 1945
 N.W. Italy.

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Answer 1945

Teleprinter Message.

From : S.M.R.E., Mobilisation Office, Rome.
Ref. N°21211/Mob.

Approach of Autumn Weather makes it very urgent for Hydraulic Defence Work to be carried out in lower Ferrara and Ravenna Provinces so as to forestall danger of flooding of 5000 Sq.Km of Agricultural Land with population of over 50,000. Such work calls for prior clearance of river banks area which is full of mines, and temporary employment (approx. months of August and September) of all Officers and N.C.O.s of Mine Clearance Squads and "artieri" Coys of Combat Groups. M.M.I.A. has been approached on matter and has stated that Districts, employing Italian Combat Groups, only are competent for decisions concerning employment of a/m personnel. Please therefore immediately request necessary authorization from 1 & 2 Districts.

Territorial H.Q., Milan (3),
"Op. Add. Ord. & Mob." Office, 1st Sect..

Ref. N°03/515 Milan, 18 August, 1945.
To : M.M.I.A. D.O. N.W. Italy, Milan.

.....asking you to kindly ask H.Q. 2 District for the authorization to employ the Mine Clearance Squads of the two "artieri" Coys of the "Legnano" Combat Group for the a/m work.

by order,
Sgd O. Carnevale, Col, Chief of Staff.

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Date	File to (explanation)	Ref Folio	REMARKS
11 Aug	9 (2)	16	a. The list of German prisoners for clearance has been considered: nothing has yet been settled. b. The present set of time for clearance may require to be posted in offices that officers units c. Suggest that Service combat from the war from d. Local Govt S.C. units applying for e. is considering for f. For Cops

RHC.

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Inter - Branch Minute Sheet.

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Date	Pass to (section)	Ref Folio	REMARKS.
10 Aug	G.(SD)	16	Before going to 21 on the transfer of Engineer officers from BR ITI units to mine clearing duties (with civilian help) I should like your comments from the S.D. angle I feel that mine clearance is fundamentally more important than anything else the Contact Group engineers are likely to do for the next few months. (In the same way as the Navy are turning their resources to sea mine clearance for civilian purposes. The same Navy is cleared, up, the sooner we go home. At the same time we might be able by discussing with AC & Trin War to derive a better return than at 7.16 Your views please SD, view as under

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S.D. angle

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at the same time we might be able by discussing with AC & Jim W. to derive a better system than at F.I.B. your views please. S.D. 1943 A.

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- ① Have German prisoners been considered against the office to be booked with the curfewing at 1 A.C. 24th Br - further 800 space become available to AC out of their 3000 (former Cat 5A) ceiling. B. 10/8

TRANSLATION

From : M of War

To : ~~MA~~

Ref : 20771/Mob. *the*

Dtd : 5 Aug 45

Subject : Military Personnel for the clearing of minefields.

present.

1^o) The organisation of the service for the clearing of minefields is inadequately staffed, since the officers allotted are insufficient to the requirements, and do not always possess the particular moral and technical qualifications indispensable for the carrying-out of this difficult and risky task.

Above all, ~~they~~ generally lack ~~ing~~ capabilities of organising and directing civilians under ^{their} command, specific training, and a spirit of sacrifice.

2^o) To fulfill the fundamental needs of the service it is therefore necessary to post about:

- 50 Regular Army Captains and Subalterns, from the of ~~the~~
- xxx Engineers;
- 100 regular army ^{Senior} W.C.O.'s, also from the Engineers.

3^o) The Inspectorate of Engineers has ~~proposed~~ ^{unanimously} the transfer to the service for the clearing of minefields, ~~of~~ the officers nominated on the attached list.

Some of these are in units for which MMIA (in letter A-117 dated 13 June 45) has ~~authorised~~ ^{in principle the replacement with} officers from other Arms.

Others are ~~from~~ ^{the} the 210th Group, in course of ~~substitution~~ ^{reduction}, or from units to whose efficiency, the substitution of officers ~~from~~ ^{bring} other Arms can ~~bring~~ ^{bring} appreciable harm.

Finally, four captains and ten subalterns ~~will~~ ^{is only likely to} be born

Above all, ~~they~~ ^{their} generally lacking, capabilities of organizing and directing civilians under ^{their} command, specific training, and a spirit of sacrifice.

20) To fulfill the fundamental needs of the service it is therefore necessary to post about:

- 50 Regular Army Captains and Subalterns, from the of

the Engineers;

- 100 regular army ^{Senior} N.C.O.'s, also from the Engineers.

30) The Inspectorate of Engineers has ^{recommended} ~~proposed~~ the transfer to the service for the clearing of minefields, ~~of~~ the officers nominated on the attached list.

Some of these are in units for which MMIA (in letter A-117 dated 13 June 45) has ^{in principle the replacement with} authorized ~~the replacement with~~ officers from other Arms.

Others are ^{from} the 210th Group, in ^{the} course of ~~substitution~~ ^{reduction}, or from units to whose efficiency, the substitution of officers ^{from other} Arms can ~~make~~ ^{bring} no appreciable harm.

Finally, four captains and ten subalterns ^{is only 20% of the} ~~will be drawn~~ from the Combat Groups, without possibility of ~~substituting~~ filling the gap ~~with~~ with corresponding Engineers Officers, even from the ~~subalterns~~ ^{subalterns}.

It is to be remembered however, that the importance of the functioning of the Engineer units in the Combat Groups has been undoubtedly reduced since the cessation of operations - while ^{in contrast to} ~~the~~ this is placed the importance of the mine-clearing work - so that the modest deficiency ^{at W.E.} ~~which~~ the subtraction of 1 Captain and 2 Subalterns would impose on ~~the~~ each Combat Group, would not perceptibly impair the efficiency of the Engineer units concerned.

OW. However, ex-~~repatriates~~ ^{return} repatriates will gradually ~~return~~ the ~~est-~~establishment.

40) Proposals will be made with regard to ~~the~~ ^{Senior} H.C.O.'s as soon as the ~~present~~ ^{current} inquiries are brought to an end.

The NMIA will not fail to see the great importance, to the national reconstruction, of the service for the clearing of mine-fields and therefore we are confident ~~that~~ that it will wish to authorize the transfer to the said service, of the proposed officers.

For obvious training reasons the transfer to the Eng. school of Bracciano should take place in one block, ~~preferably in 2 before~~ ^(four) the 20th of this month.

THE GENERAL
Sgt Giuseppe Luzzati

[Signature]

gr./gr.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione

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N. 20771/Mob. di prot.

P.M. 3800, 11 agosto 1945

OGGETTO : personale militare per il servizio bonifica campi minati.-
all. 1

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION - A.C. (MMIA)

ROMA

e, per conoscenza:

AL GABINETTO

(rif. suo f. 215832/II del 18 luglio s.)

ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO

(rif. suo f. 4429/R del 28 luglio s.)

ALLA DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

(rif. suo f. 8/74663 del 5 luglio s.)

TRANS	IN	SEDE
	1020	SEDE
	8/8	SEDE
OUT	Time 17.45	
	8/8	

1°)- L'organizzazione in atto del servizio bonifica campi minati è in sofferenza di inquadramento poiché gli ufficiali assegnativi sono insufficienti alle necessità e non posseggono sempre i particolari requisiti morali e tecnici indispensabili per l'assolvimento del difficile e rischioso compito.

Bisognano soprattutto, in genere, capacità organizzativa e direttiva dell'elemento civile in sottordine, preparazione specifica, spirito di sacrificio.

2°)- Per soddisfare le fondamentali esigenze del servizio è pertanto indispensabile l'assegnazione di circa :

- 50 capitani e subalterni in s.p.s. del genio;
- 100 sottufficiali in carriera continuativa, pure del genio.

3°)- L'Ispettorato dell'Arma del Genio ha proposto il trasferimento al servizio bonifica campi minati degli ufficiali di cui all'elenco allegato.

Alcuni di essi sono di reparti per i quali codesta MMIA con foglio A-117 datato 13 giugno c.a. ha autorizzato in linea di massima la sostituzione con ufficiali di altra arma.

Altri sono del 210° raggruppamento, in corso di contrazione, o di enti sulla efficienza dei quali la sostituzione con ufficiali di altra arma non può portare apprezzabile documento.

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Quattro capitani e dieci subalterni dovrebbero, infine, essere trattati dai Gruppi di combattimento, senza possibilità di sostituire nell'incarico che assolvono con altrettanti ufficiali del genio, sia pure di complemento.

E' da considerare però che la importanza delle funzioni dei reparti genio dei Gruppi di combattimento è indubbiamente diminuita col cessare delle operazioni - mentre per contro si è imposta quella dei lavori di bonifica - sì che la modesta deficienza organica che arrecherebbe a ciascun Gruppo la sottrazione di 1 capitano e 2 subalterni non potrebbe incidere sulla efficienza dei reparti del genio interessati.

Comunque i rimpatri dalla prigionia consentiranno gradualmente di ristabilire la situazione organica.

4°)- Per i sottufficiali riserva di proposte appena ultimate le ricerche in corso.

A codesta M.M.I.A. non sfugge certo la grande importanza, ai fini della ricostruzione nazionale, del servizio bonifica campi minati e pertanto si ritiene che vorrà autorizzare il trasferimento al servizio stesso degli ufficiali proposti.

Per ovvie esigenze addestrative il trasferimento alla scuola genio di Bracciano dovrebbe avvenire in un sol blocco, possibilmente entro il 20 C.M.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
Giorgio Liuzzi



F. C. C.
IL COLONNELLO CAPO UFFICIO
(F. Piacentini)

[Handwritten signature]

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Allegato al f.n.207/1/mob.
del agosto 1945.

Elenco degli ufficiali in S.P.E. dell'Arma del Genio che si propone di trasferire al servizio binifica campi minati.

CAPITANI

Luciani Armando
Miglietta Emilio
1 Capitano S.P.E.
" " "
" " "
" " "

Ufficio requisizione Ancona
" " Vasto
dal Gruppo C. Mantova
" " " Friuli
" " " Folgore
" " " Legnano

SUBALTERNI

Tenente	Cusino	Tito	210 Raggr.	
"	Felicini	Fausto	228 Div.10 op. genio	
"	Coraducci	Gaetano	228 Div.3 ^a op. genio	
"	Tomassoni	Mario	228 Div. 210 op. Colleg.	
"	De Tullio	Sebastiano	210 Div. Q.G.	
"	Papa	Carlo	227 Div. 19 op. genio	
"	Bianchi	Ivano	210 Raggr.	
"	Paolinelli	Salvatore	210 Raggr.	
"	Carrara	Vincenzo	210 Div. (Colleg. 5 ^a Armata)	
"	Lombardi	Gino	227 Div. 173 colleg.	
S.Tenenti	De Foli	Giovanni	210 Raggr.	
"	Orefice	Sebastiano	210 Raggr.	
"	Lenti G	Giuseppe	210 Raggr.	
"	Frattasio	Alfonso	228 Div. 210 op. colleg.	
"	Fatica	Giuseppe	209 Div. 7 ^a op. genio	
"	Scartozzi	Luigi	210 Raggr.	
"	Giribaldi	Alfredo	210 Raggr.	
"	Carmignano	Fulvio	209 Div. 2 ^a op. genio	
"	Lo Presti	Enrico	Accademia CC. RR.	
"	Narra	Pasquale	227 Div. 45 op.	
"	Fabbietti	Dante	210 Raggr.	
"	Colucci	Giacinto	228 Div. 3 ^a op. artieri	
"	De Carlo	Mario	210 Raggr.	
"	Martella Lucio		C/do Genio 209 Div.	
"	Ricci	Raffaele	209 Div.XXVIII Regg.	
"	Tarantini	Ennio	209 Div.	
"	Vianello	Claudio	228 Div.	
"	Fisichella	Salvatore	del 5 ^o Gruppo Batt.	} dipendenti Comando Italia 212
"	Cutillo	Stanislao	" " " "	
"	De Paola	Raffaele	" " " "	
"	Camillo	Mario	" 10 ^o " "	
S.Tenenti	Rossetti	Giuseppe		} Reparti Aerostieri
"	Mastroianni	Ugo		

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2 subalterni in S.F.E. del Gruppo di Combattimento
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MANTOVA
 CREMONA
 FRIULI
 FOLGORE
 LEGNANO

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RESTRICTED

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Companies - Reinforcements.

A 11919/1

LAND FORCES HQS GCMC. A.C.
(M.H.L.A.) R O M E
TEL: 689081 Hqs 808
A 119/19
2 July 45

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TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

1. It is understood that the following reinforcements are required by IZI-III Mine Clearance Companies :-

(a) 801 Company	GENGA	35 All Ranks
(b) 802 "	PACHILLO	35 " "
(c) 803 "	RAVENNA	35 " "

2. Suitable personnel, on the basis of the difference between posted strength and W.L., will be allotted :-

For 1(a) above - from ex-III personnel placed at disposal of 801 Division vide MHA A 118 of 27 June.

For 1(b) and 1(c) above - from ex-III personnel placed at disposal of 802 Division vide MHA A 118 of 27 June.

[Signature]
Major General
M.H.L.A.

CCY TO: 2 District
2 District
MHA 10 2 District
MHA 10 3 District
MHA 10 808A
Local Government Sub-Commission A.C.
(your 10/25/45 of 27 June refers)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/53/LG

A 110/19/1
29 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

1. The three Mine Clearing Companies Nos 561, 562 and 563 are now considerably below strength owing to discharges from the Italian Army.

2. It is essential that these Companies should be kept up to strength for this important work. May re-inforcements please be sent to these Companies.

R.R. Cripps

R.R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director

Local Government Sub Commission

Defin
561 Coy
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33 zone
36 units
90 - 100
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Letter sent 2 July

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