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Work - 19 AGRE + 10 CRE

June 12, 1945 - Oct. 31, 1945

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FROM : MANTOVA Inf Div

TO : 104 Eng Bn

INFO : 56 B.L.U.

NO : 01/6158

07/200

80A

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Please contact Sgt BETTS of 56 BLU, who will give instructions for setting up a
BAILEY BRIDGE at CHIAVARI (MR P. 2736) (.) Please treat matter as urgent (.)
Chief of Staff.

Subject: Progress Rep't.31 NOV.
14 N.

31 Oct 45.

319 Works Section, RE.

1. Herewith Progress Report on road works ALBERTA - SAN REMO (Route 1) to 2nd Nov 45.

2. Unit responsible for works 79 Inf Coy (It), Infantry Division, MANTOVA.

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
O 3918 SERIALE	-	Double span 80' DS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 3508 CAPO S CROCE	9	2 Bailey's	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 2901	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	72%
T 2798	12	3rd Graters	Walls, rd,	99%
T 2395 IMPERIA	12b	Rd & br, blown	Retaining wall Decking steel br. Material Demolition over br,	99% Awaited. 82%
T 1994	14	Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
T 0589	14a	Tunnel Roof	Repairs	25%
T 0289	15	Diversion (small br)	Walls, Rd,	99%
T 2112 VILLAGEO	16	2 Bailey Bridges	Maintenance	Maintenance

CMF
RRB/ra

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Lt-Col.
GS.

Subject: - Bailor Bridge.

319 Works Section RM.

Reference G/1/W dated 27 Oct 45.

1. This job can be carried out by the Engineers of Infantry Division, MANTOVA.
2. Sgt Bett will contact you and make detailed arrangements.

CMV
AG/Ps

56 BIL.
14 B.

31 Oct 45.

225

Int-Col.
CS.

Subject: Bailey Bridge

HQ 319 Works Section RE
CMF,
Tel: 581446 Genoa
Ref: 6/1/W

56 BLU

Date: 27 Oct 45

A request has been received from A.C. for Bailey Bridge DS 70'0" Class 40 at Chiavari MR P.2736 to be raised 3'0" to allow for construction of permanent bridge.

Could this work be carried out by 79 Italian Engineer Coy as there is no other Unit available in this District ?

[Signature]

Capt, RE
A/DCRE 319 Works Sect RE

224

29 OCT 1945

Ref. 77A

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Subject: - Progress Report.

56 HRS.
12 L.

25 Oct 45.

349 Works Section, RE.

1. Herewith Progress Report on road works ALBERTA - SAN RIMO (Route 1) to 26 Oct 45.

2. Unit responsible for works 79 Pz Coy (It), Infantry Division, MAINTOVA.

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
O 3918 OSTIA L.	-	Double open BODEN Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side	Cliff face Walls, rd,	100% X
O 3503 CAPO S GROCE	9	2 Bailey's	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 2901	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	70%
T 2798	12	3rd crater	Walls, rd,	99%
T 2395 IMPERIA	12b	Rd & br blown	Retaining wall Diveraion Decking steel br Demolition concr br	98% 100% X Material available 40%
T 1994	14	Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
T 0690	14b	4 small blows	Walls, rd,	100% X
T 0589	14c	Tunnel Roof	Repairs	20%
T 0289	15	Diveraion (small br)	Walls, rd,	99%

NOTES: (a) Ribends and skin decking not yet received.
MAP REF. 2142 VELLANO. 2 Bailey Bridges.

Maintenance

CMF
RRR/RSLt Col.
GS.

Subject: Italian Engineer Field Coys.

172 C.E. Works.

56 EIU.
14 E.

19 Oct 45.

Reference your CE/908/8 of 22 Sept 45.

Herewith return in respect of Italian Engineer Field Coys of Combat Group MANTOVA as at 15 Oct 45. (Ref Map ITALY 1:200,000)

1.
 - (a) 4 Field Coy.
 - (b) Ration Strength 182
 - (c) Working Strength 120
 - (d) Location - HQ, 1 & 2 pls CAIRO MONTENOTTE MR O 4550
3 pl COGOLETO MR O 7447
 - (e) Employment. 2 pls (CAIRO MONTENOTTE) available.
1 pl (COGOLETO) employed at Div Workshops.
2.
 - (a) 79 Field Coy.
 - (b) Ration Strength 176
 - (c) Working Strength 120
 - (d) Location - HQ, 1, 2, & 3 pls - DIARRIA MR T 2295
 - (e) Employment. Road work on route AURELIA between ALBENGA and SAN REMO.

CMF
AG/fa

Lt-Col.
GS.

222

No. 595/Ce/Per

17 Oct 45.

Subject: - Sitrep - 1st Coy Italian Engineers.HQ 56 B.L.U.Copy to : HQ MANTOVA Div.
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Reference your 14 E of 25 Sept 45.

4 Field Coy.

<u>Ration Strength</u>	-	182
<u>Strength at Work</u>	-	120
<u>Location of HQs</u>	-	

Nos 1 and 2 Platoons - CAIRO MONTENOTTE.

No. 3 Platoon - COCOLETO.

Deployment - 2 Platoons (CAIRO) available.

1 Platoon (COCOLETO) employed at Div Workshops.

79 Rd Coy.

<u>Ration Strength</u>	-	176
<u>Strength at Work</u>	-	120
<u>Location of HQs</u>	-	

1, 2, and 3 Platoons - IMPERIA.

Deployment - Road work on route AURELIA between ALBENGA and SAN REMO.(Sgd) ? ? ? ? ? Capt.
for G. FENOCILIO, Major,
Officer Commanding.

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Location of HQs

Nos 1 and 2 Platoons - CAIRO MONTENAPPE.

No. 3 Platoon - COGOLETO.

Deployment

- 2 Platoons (CAIRO) available.

1 Platoon (COGOLETO) employed at Div Workshops.

79 Fd Coy.Ration Strength - 176Strength at Work - 120Location of HQs

1, 2, and 3 Platoons - IMPERIA.

Deployment

- Road work on route AURELIA between ALEMMA and SAN REMO.

(Sgd) ?????? Capt.
for G. FENOGLIO, Major,
Officer Commanding.

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Ref. 49-508

Subject:- Transfer of Materials to contractors.

Infantry Division, MANROVA.

56 H.U.
14 E.

19 Oct 45.

68A
Reference 03/4362 dated 9 Oct 45.

1. All material required for works actually being done by 79 Fd. Coy. will be indented for by this HQ who will pass the indent to the appropriate RE authority.
2. The civilian contractor is responsible under the terms of his contract for supplying his own material. Where these are definitely unobtainable from AMG or Italian sources. They will be indented for by 79 Fd. Coy. but in a separate portion of the indent stating that they are for the civilian contractor.
3. The British RE authorities will then take the necessary action to supply the contractor.

CMF
AG/fs

CMF
Lt-Col.
GS.

Subject: Progress Report:56 HLU,
14 E.

19 Oct 45.

349 Works Section, RE.

1. Harewith Progress Report on road works ALBERGA - SA RENO (Route 1) to 19 Oct 45.
2. Unit responsible for works 79 MI Coy (It), Infantry Division, MANTOVA.

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
O 7447 CO GOLETO	---	120' DD Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance.
O 3918 CERIALI	---	Double span 80' DS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side	Walls, rd, cliff face	98% 100.
O 3508 CAPO S GROCE	9	2 Bailey's	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 2901	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	67% 70%
T 2798	12	3rd craters	Walls, rd,	92% 99%
T 2395 IMPERIA	12b	Rd & br blown	Retaining wall Diversion Decking steel br Demolition concr br	97% 98% 100% Material (2) 37% 42
T 1994	14	Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
	14a	Tunnel Roof	Repairs	15% 20%
T 0690	14b	4 small blows	Walls, rd,	100%
T 0289	15	Diversion (small br)	Walls, rd,	98% 99%

NOTES:-- (a) The contractor has now completed this decking without receiving further timber from your stores. Ribbands and skin decking not yet complete.

MAP. REF. 2112 VILLIGO. 2 Bailey Bridges. Maintenance.
Repairs to decking complete.

GMP
AG/fa219
Lt-Col.
CS.

Subject:- Transfer of materials to contractors.

HQ 56 BLU

HQ Combat Group, MANTOVA,
No 03/4362

9 Oct 45.

Reference your 14/E of 27 Sept 45.

Enclosed is copy of the report sent by the OC 79 Fld Coy about the transfer of materials to contractors.

Will you please communicate to this office the necessary instructions to be followed in this case.

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Chief of Staff.
Lt. Col Gualano.

See 71A.

14E

Subject:- Transfer of cement and POLs to civilian contractors
employed in work on Highway No1. (Stretch of road assigned to
79 Fld Coy)

No 5568
3 Oct 45.

To:- HQ 104 Eng. Bn.

Ref. No 03/4270 of HQ Combat Group, MAINTOVA dated 1st Oct 45.

1. Cement has been transferred from this Coy to contractors working on Highway No1 in accordance with orders which were given to the undersigned at a conference held at the 10 CRE in GENOVA. The cement used to be requisitioned with requisition forms, (during a first period the forms were filled in by a British Unit stationed in SAN REMO then after the departure of this unit the forms were filled in by the undersigned and approved by Capt. GENTILE on behalf of 56 RLU) Every form was given to the Company ITALCIMENTO of ONEGLIA in exchange for cement which was passed immediately to the contractors, in exchange the contractors had to sign receipts which were sent to Capt. GENTILE (or Sgt BETT) for onward transmission to 10 CRE. Presently this Coy has on hand a certain number of receipts which will be handed over to the unit which supervises the road work at the first opportunity.

2. POLs
Paraffin & Oil were transferred to the contractors for operating the compressors belonging to the contractors. These compressors were used in mine works.

Part of the receipts signed by the contractors were passed on to Capt. GENTILE for onward transmission to 10 CRE. The receipts for the month of Sept. will be passed on as soon as possible to the new British Unit which has taken over from 10 CRE. The POLs were transferred to the contractors in accordance with the instructions given by Capt. GENTILE to the undersigned. In the instructions it was understood that the POLs were to be drawn from the Petrol Point of the Combat Group.

In addition trucks were loaned to the contractors for the transporting of materials needed for the road work. An account of the number of the trucks' days of work was given to Capt. GENTILE for onward transmission to 10 CRE (for the month of August), for the month of Sept the account will be given to the British Unit which has taken over from 10 CRE at the first opportunity.

These loans were made in accordance to the orders received by the undersigned at the conference held at 10 CRE before the road work was started. Furthermore I raised the question after Capt. GENTILE returned from his leave and the Capt. in my presence phoned to 10 CRE and consequently confirmed to me the above system of procedure and also told me that I could enlarge this system of releasing trucks to the contractors which were working on a new stretch of road and therefore no more under my technical control provided that, according to my opinion the trucks were available. The 10 CRE were informed of the loan effecting the month of August and directly to the British Unit stationed at SAN REMO.

Reference the above quoted letter, from to-day I have suspended these loans.

I take this opportunity to inform you that in accordance with the instructions received I gave to the contractors explosives for the mine works. These explosives were drawn partially from stocks of this Coy and stocks allotted by 10 CRE which Sgt BETT collected at LEGHORN. This Coy still has in stock a certain quantity of explosives which a contractor has asked for in order to demolish the bridge IMPERO at ONEGLIA. I am prepared to give this explosive in exchange for a receipt which I would pass on to the office concerned as it has been done in the past.

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MARRONE, Enrico
OC 79 Fld Coy.

56 ILU
14 B

6 Oct 45

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1.

 - (a) 4 Field Coy.
 - (b) Ration Strength 180
 - (c) Working Strength 120
 - (d) Location - HQ, 1 & 2 pls CAIRO MONTENOTTE MR O 4550
 3 pl COGOLETO MR O 7447
 - (e) Employment. 2 pls (CAIRO MONTENOTTE) available.
 1 pl (COGOLETO) employed at Group Works.
2.

 - (a) 79 Field Coy.
 - (b) Ration Strength 185
 - (c) Working Strength 120
 - (d) Location - HQ, 1, 2 & 3 pls - DIERIA MR T 2295
 - (e) Employment. Road works on Route 1 between ALBINGA and SAN ISIDRO

[Signature]
Lt-Col.
CS.

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Subject :- Return on the Situation of the Field Coys of Italian Engrs.

65A
HQ. 104 Eng Bn. MANTOVA
552/Ge/Per

2 Oct 45.

56 HLU.

Copy to:- HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

61A
Reference your 14 E of 25 Sep 45.

4 Field Coy.

Ration Strength	180
Working Strength	120

Location of HQ, 1 & 2 pls - CAIRO MONTENOTTE.
3 pl - COGOLETO

Deployment :- 2 Pls (CAIRO) available.
1 Pl (Cogoletto) employed at Group Workshops.

79 Field Coy.

Ration Strength	185
Working Strength	120

Location of HQ, 1, 2 & 3 Pls - IMPERIA.

Deployment :- Road works on route Aurelia between ALBENGA & SAN REMO.

G Fenoglio Major
Commanding.

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Rel 2A-50E

Subject: Supply of materials to Contractors.

56 HLU.
14 E

HQ Combat Group, MALPOVA.

27 Sept 45.

It has been reported that 79 Rd Coy have issued cement and POL to civilian contractors. These issues are irregular, civilian contractors must apply to the Public Works Department of AMC. May orders be issued to 79 Rd Coy to discontinue this practise forthwith.

CMF
AG/TS

[Signature]
Lt-Col
GS

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Ref. 68A

Subject: Supply of materials to
Contractors

HQ 319 Works Sect RE
CMF.

Tel: 581.446 Genoa
Ref: 14/R

56 BLU
CMF

Date: 25 Sept 45

58a

1. Ref your 14 E dated 22 Sept 45.
2. Please note that the issue of cement and P.O.L. to civilian contractors is irregular. Contractors should obtain a release for these materials by applying to the Public Works Dept AMI.
3. Please instruct 79 Pd Coy (It) to discontinue these issues forthwith.

A.B. Roberts

Major, IE
HQ 319 Works Sect RE

213 345
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14 E

Subject:- Italian Engineer Field Coys - Sitrep.

56 HLU.
14 E

HQ Combat Group, MANTOVA.

25 Sept 45.

1. A return is required by the 3rd & 18th of each month giving the following particulars of the field coys as at the 1st and 15th of each month.

2. The return should give the following information:-

- (a) Name of unit
- (b) Ration strength
- (c) Working strength
- (d) Location
- (e) Type of employment

The first return will be ^{due} on the 3rd Oct.

CMF.
AG/TS

Lt-Col.
for GS.

See 60 A

609

Subject:- Italian Engineer Field Coys - Sitrep.

172 C.E. Works.
HQ. No. 2 Dist.
Tel : MILAN 12241-8
Ext : 146
Ref : CE/908/8

Date: 22 Sep 45.

51 B.L.U.
52 B.L.U.
53 B.L.U.
56 B.L.U. ✓

1. Will you please forward to this HQ a return giving state as at 1st and 15th of each month, in respect of all Italian Engr Coys, working under your control.

2. The return should give the following information:-

- (a) Name of unit
- (b) Ration strength
- (c) Working strength
- (d) Location
- (e) Type of employment

3. The return refers specifically to Engineer Units. Units of other Arms employed on Engineer work need not be included.

J. B. P. Kelly
Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

/GTC.

Copy to:- 50 B.L.U.

See 73A.

21 SEP 1945

14E

From:- MANTOVA.

231200

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To:- 56 BLU.

01/5366. HQ 104 Eng Bn has communicated that from 0500 hrs of 23rd and for three consecutive days, traffic on the State road SAVONA - IMPERIA will be interrupted in the locality of CERIALE for reconstruction work on the bridge. Please inform 60 Sub Area.

Chief of Staff.
"MANTOVA"

210

See 1A - 50E

Subject :- Stores Used by Civilian Contractors.



56 BLU
14 E

22 Sep 45

319 Wks Section RE.

1. Herewith details of stores received by civilian contractors from 79 Fd Coy (It) during period 29 Aug - 11 Sep 45, with signed AB 108's supporting receipt of stores.
2. In future, receipts will be handed to you direct by OC 79 Fd Coy.

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FHG/ec

Lt-Col.
GS.

Contractor	Job No.	Stores	Date	Receipt No
SOCIETA	11	Derv	28 Aug	1
S.A.L.E.S.	11	Oil SAE 50.	31 Aug	3
GENOVA				
PARDI	12b	Cement	30 Aug	2
IMPERIA	12b	Cement	11 Sep	7
MORRETON, GIUSEPPE				
IMPERIA	14b	Cement	1 Sep	4
	14b	Cement	11 Sep	6
DAMONTE EMANUELE	8	Cement	8 Sep	5
ALBENGA				

See 62A.

Subject: - Works.

56A

319 Works Section R.E.
Ref: - 6/W

56 B.L.U.

18 September 45.

46A

1. Ref your 14/E dated 13 Sept 45 and conversation Capt Gentle - D.C.R.E.
2. It is confirmed that this Works Section has taken over the commitments of 10 C.R.E. (Works).
3. The answer to Para 3 (a) (b) & (c) is yes.


Major R.E.
D.C.R.E. 319 Works Section R.E.

20 SEP

14 E
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Subject :- Progress Report.319 Works Section, RE.55 REF
14 E

20 Sep 45

Herewith Progress Report on road works AREA - SAN PEDRO (Route 1)
to 21 Sep 45.

Unit responsible for works 79 Rd Coy (IC), Combat Group MANTOVA.

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
O 7447 COCOLETO	--	120' DD Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 3943 CERIALA	--	Double span 80' DS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side	Walls, rd, cliff face	90
O 3503 CAPO S CHOCE	9	Bailey's	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 2901	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	48
T 2798	12	3 rd craters	Walls, rd.	65
T 2395 BATERIA	12b	Rd & br blown	Retaining wall Diversion Decking steel br Demolition cover br	88 98 96 see (a) 15
T 1994	14	Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
T 0620	14b	4 small blows	Walls, rd.	85
T 0209	15	Diversion (small br)	Walls, rd	87

NOTES :-

- (a) The contractor has now completed this decking without receiving further timber from your stores. Hibonds and skin decking not yet complete.

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
O 7447 COCOLETO	--	120' ID Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 3913 ORRIALE	--	Double span 80' IS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side	Walls, rd, cliff face	90
O 3503 CAPO S CHOCE	9	Bailey's	Maintenance	Maintenance
O 2901	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	43
T 2793	12	3 rd craters	Walls, rd.	65
T 2395 TAPKULA	12b	Rd & br blown	Retaining wall Diversion Deciding steel br Demolition corner br	83 93 96 see (a) 15
T 1994	14	Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
T 0690	14b	4 small blows	Walls, rd.	85
T 0239	15	Diversion (small br)	Walls, rd	87

NOTES :-

(a)

The contractor has now completed this decking without receiving further timber from your stores. Ribends and skin decking not yet complete.

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Lt-Col.
GS.

Subject :- Works - It Military Transport Supplied to Contractors.

56 HLU
14 E

19 Sep 45

D.C.R.E.,
319 Works Section, RE.

Herewith details of Italian military transport of 79 Pz Coy (It)
supplied to civilian contractors during period 1 to 15 Sep 45 inclusive :-

Contractor	Job	Tpt Supplied
DALMONTE EMANUELE ALBENGA	No. 8 MR 3611	1 x 3 ton truck for 6 days 1 x 5 ton truck for 7 days
CASTELLANI E SAGATINI IMPERIA	C. BERTA MR 2596	1 x 3 ton truck for 11 days
PARDI IMPERIA	No. 12b MR 2395	2 x 3 ton trucks for 4 days 3 x 3 ton trucks for 7 days 1 x 3 ton truck for 2 days 1 x 5 ton truck for 4 days

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PHE/ec

Lt-Col.
GS.

Subject :- Maintenance of Bailey Bridges.

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56 HLU
14 B

18 Sep 45

Re. Combat Group MANTOVA (for 104. Eng Bn.)

1. It is believed that there are two small Bailey bridges (30 ft span - Single - Single Construction) at MR 02212 and MR 2111, North of NIPERIA.
2. May investigations please be made to ascertain that these two Bailey bridges are still in use and, if so, will you please arrange for regular maintenance to be carried out in the future. It is suggested that this work might most conveniently be done by 79 MI Coy.
3. Please confirm.

CMF
PMB/CC


Lt-Col.
CS.

see 67A.

205

Subject :- Stores Demand.

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56 NLU
14 E

15 Sep 45

319 Works Section, RE.

May the following demolition stores please be obtained for use of
79 Rd Coy (It) on various works on route 1, ALBUQUERQUE to SAN PABLO.

Detonators No. 27	1200	No.
Puze Safety	1920	ft.
Nobels 808	5000	lbs.
Cordtex (or primacord)	3000	ft.

CMW
FHE/cc


Lt-Col.
CS.

204

Subject :- Progress Report.56 EDJ
14 E

13 Sep 45

319 Works Section, RT.Herewith Progress Report on road works ALBERGA - SAN REMO (Route 1)
to 14 Sep 45.

Unit responsible for works 79 Rd Coy (It), Combat Group MARTOVA.

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
0 7447 COCOLETO	--	120' DD Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
0 3918 CERLAIE	--	Double span 80' DS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance See note (c)
0 3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side.	Walls, rd, cliff face	85
0 3508 CAPO S. CROCE	9	Bailey's	Maintenance	Maintenance See note (c)
0 2901	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	45 See note (a)
T 2793	12	3 rd craters	Walls, rd.	60
T 2395 INFERIA	12b	Rd & Br blown	Retaining wall Diversion Decking steel br Demolition concr. br.	85 98 55 Note (b) 10
T 0690	14b	4 small blows	Walls, rd.	80
T 0289	15	Diversion (small br)	Walls, rd.	85

NOTES :-

(a) This job could be speeded up by provision of a bulldozer for a week.

(b) Job delayed for lack of timber to complete decking. Stores required as detail phoned to your Stores offr 12 Sep 45. 203

(c) Stores required to renew ^{skin} steel decking, as detail phoned to your Stores offr 12 Sep 45.

0 7447 COCOLETO	120' DD Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
0 3918 CERIALE	Double span 80' DS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance See note (a)
0 3611	8 Rd blown on cliff side.	Walls, rd, cliff face	85
0 3503 CAPO S. CROCE	9 Bailey's	Maintenance	Maintenance See note (c)
0 2901	11 Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	45 See note (a)
T 2798	12 3 rd craters	Walls, rd.	60
T 2395 IMPERIA	12b Rd & Dr blown	Retaining wall Diversion Decking steel br Demolition corner br.	35 98 95 Note (b) 10
T 0690	14b 4 small blows	Walls, rd.	80
T 0289	15 Diversion (small br)	Walls, rd.	83

NOTES :-

(a) This job could be speeded up by provision of a bulldozer for a week.

(b) Job delayed for lack of timber to complete decking. Stores required as detail phased to your Stores offr 12 Sep 45. 203

(c) Stores required to renew ^{skin} steel decking, as detail phased to your Stores offr 12 Sep 45.

CAF
FHE/ec

CAF
FHE/ec

Subject :- Works.

46A

56 MHU
14 E

13 Sep 45

319 Works Section, RE.

79 PD Coy (It) - Combat Group MANTOVA.

1. Since the first week in August 45 above named unit has been responsible to 10 CRE (Wks) for maintenance of that portion of Route 1 from incl ALBERTA (O 3713) to incl SAN REMO (T 0090) and subsequently the maintenance of Bailey bridges at CERRIALE (O 3918) and COCCOLETO (O 747). Works are either being done directly by the unit or by contractors, assisted by personnel, tpt etc of the unit.
2. It is understood that your Works Section have now taken over the commitments of 10 CRE (Wks), although no official notification has been received in this office.
3. May it please be confirmed that :-
 - (a) 79 PD Coy (It) continues on works on Route 1. under the direction of your unit, and if so, that a weekly progress report is required by you.
 - (b) Demands for stores be submitted to you thro' 56 MHU.
 - (c) You require 79 PD Coy to submit monthly details of (i) all stores supplied to civilian contractors and (ii) It military MT used by civilian contractors.

OMF
FHE/co

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Lt-Col.
GS.

Subject :- RE Stores.

10 CRG (Wks).

56 BLU
14 E

6 Sep 45

1. Please release the under mentioned stores to 79 Rd Coy (It) for repair of wearing surfaces on Bailey bridges.
2. It would greatly assist if these stores could be delivered on site.
3. Stores required :-

CERIAL (MR 3918)	Timber, 2" hardwood	1400 ft. sup.
	Nails, 4"	56 lbs.

CAPO S. GROG (MR 3508)	Timber, 2" hardwood	4100 ft. sup.
	Nails, 4"	112 lbs.

GMF
FEB/ec

[Signature]
Lt-Col,
CS.

Subject :- It. Mil. Tpt. Supplied to Contractors.

56 MLU
14 B

6 Sep 45

10 GRR (Wks).

1. Further to my 14 B of 30 Aug 45.
2. Herewith details of It. Mil. Tpt. of 79 Fd Coy (It) used by civilian contractors during the month of August 45.

Signed receipts are attached, which give full details.

3. Receipt No. 3 gives actual mileage covered. In the remaining cases it may be assumed that the tpt worked for a normal working day.

CMF.
PMG/cc

[Signature]
Lt-Col,
GS.

Contractor	Job	Receipt No.
DAMONTE EMANUELLE ALFONCA	No. 8. MR 3611	1
PARDI	No. 12 (b) IMPERIA. MR 2395	2
CASTELLANI & SANATINI	G.HERTA MR 2596	3
STELLO. G. B. SAN REMO	No. 14 (a) MR 0589	4

Subject: Progress Report

To: 10 C.R.E. (Wks)

COPY TO: 609 ROAD CONSTRUCTION CUY R.E.

56 BLU
14 RE

6 Sept 45

Herewith Progress Report on road works ALONG - SAN RENO (Route 1)
to 7 Sep 45.

Unit responsible for works - 79 RA Coy (It).

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Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side	Walls, rd, cliff face	80
3508	9	Railways	Maintenance	Maintenance
2501	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	40 See note (a) attached
2793	12	3 road craters	Walls, road.	40
2395 DIPNETA	12 b	Rd 4 br blown	Retaining wall Diversion Decking steel bridge Demolition concrete bridge	70 28 See note (b) 80 See note (c) 5
0690	14 b	4 small blows	Walls, road.	75
0589	14 c	Brick arch tunnel	Debris from blown roof	100
0289	15	Diversion (small bridge)	Walls, road.	80
5918 OFFICIAL	-	Double span 30' DS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
7447 Cagolito	-	120' D.D. Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance

to 7 Sep 45. Herewith Progress Report on road works ALBING - SAN PEDRO (Route 1)

Unit responsible for works - 79th Inf Coy (It).

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Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percentage Completed
3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side	Walls, rd, cliff face	80
3508	9	Baileys	Maintenance	Maintenance
2901	11	Rd blown on cliff face	Walls, rd, cliff face	40 See note (a) attached
2756	12	3 road craters	Walls, road.	40
2395 INFERIA	12 b	Rd 4 hr blown	Retaining wall Diversion Rebuilding steel bridge Rebuilding concrete bridge	70 90 See note (b) 80 See note (c) 5
0690	14 b	4 small blows	Walls, road.	75
0589	14 c	Brick arch tunnel	Debris from blown roof	100
0289	15	Diversion (small bridge)	Walls, road.	80
5918 CERIALA	-	Double span 80' DS Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance
7447 Cagaleto	-	120' D.D. Bailey	Maintenance	Maintenance

See attached notes.

Field / conf

Capt.
SO. H.E.

NOTES :-

- (a) This job could be speeded up if a bulldozer could be supplied for about five days. If this could be done, and the operator reports to me on his way to the job, I will give him details of job, accommodation etc.
- (b) Requires roller for 2 days to consolidate diversion.
- (c)
 - (i) Welding of steel bridge complete 6 Sep 45.
 - (ii) For completion of deciding, following stores required :-

Timber. 60 No. 3' 0" X 10" x 6"	} already indented for
" 120 No. 12' 0" X 12" x 3"	
+t.	
" 1200 for sup. 2"	(for wearing strips)
" 600 for 10" X 6"	(for ribbands)
350 No. lengths 3/4" M.S. bar 36" threaded one end	
complete with nuts for racking down ribbands.	
Contractor to bend and fix as required.	

These stores may be delivered to DITTA BARDI on site at IMHRIA.

Subject :- Move of 79 Pz Coy.

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~~DA~~

56 H.U.
60 G

Aug 45

HQ Combat Group MANTOVA.

Copy to :- 60 Sub Area.

TAKE OVER OF 10 CRE WORKS FROM 107 Pz COY RE.

1. In confirmation of verbal instructions, 79 Pz Coy will take over 10 CRE Works from 107 Pz Coy RE (Br) on 3 Aug 45.

Locations :-	HQ	IMPERIA
	1 Pl	IMPERIA
	1 Pl	ALBERGA
	1 Pl	DIANO MARINA

2. Area of responsibility will be ROUTE 1 from ALBERGA to the outskirts of SAN REMO.
3. SAN REMO is out of bounds to all Italian troops.
4. British IO - Lient P.S. VOS.

CMF
HMF/ec

Ph.
Lt-Col.
CS.

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HQ COMBAT GROUP MANTOVA

Office of the Chief of Staff - Ops & Int.

37A

01/4944

HQ 104 30 Aug 45.

Subject :- Maintenance of Bailey Bridges.HQ 104 Eng Bn.

Copy to :- 50 BLU. (Your E 14 of 29 Aug refers)

The Bn is from now on entrusted with the maintenance of the Bailey Bridges at COGOLETO and GERIALE.

The Bn is requested to issue the necessary instructions both to 79 Td Coy located in the ALBENGA area, for the maintenance of the GERIALE bridge and to the detached pl of 4 Coy for the maintenance of the COGOLETO bridge. This HQ wished to know the date when the Bn will take over the above commitments.

A Gualano, Lt-Col.
Chief of Staff.

EC

SUBJECT :- Stores used by Civilian Contractors.

56 BLU
14 E

10 GUE (Wics)

30. Aug 45

1. Herewith details of stores received by civilian contractors from 79 Pd Coy (It) during month of August 45 with signed AB 100's supporting receipt of stores.
2. Details of Italian Military Tpt used by civilian contractors will be forwarded as soon as possible.

see 43A

In The Field,
FHG/ajv

Lt Col,
GS.

CONTRACTOR	JOB NO.	STORES RECEIVED	DATE	RECEIPT No.
PARDI	12 b.	Cement 20 Tons	7 Aug 45	1
	12 b.	17 Tons	27 Aug 45	13
	12 b.	Nails & Timber	28 Aug 45	14
	10	Explosives & Accessories	27 Aug 45	9
DAMONTE EMANUELE	8	Cement 10 Tons	11 Aug 45	2
ALBENCA				
GIOVANELLI	14 d.	Cement 3 Tons	16 Aug 45	4
SAN RIMO				
S.A.L.E.S.	11	Explosives & Accessories	27 Aug 45	11
GENOA				

Subject: Progress Report

56 BLU
12 RE

30 Aug 45

To: 10 C.R.E. (Wks)

Copy to: 809 Road Center Coy R.E.

Herewith Progress Report on road works ALBUQUERQUE - SAN HENRY
(Route 1) to 31 Aug 45.

Unit responsible for works 79 MI Coy (It).

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Works	Percent Completed
3611	8	Rd blown on cliff side	Walls, road, cliff face.	75
3508	9	150' and 160' Bailey.	Signposting, walls, Maintenance.	100
2901	11	Rd blown on cliff side.	Walls, road cliff face.	40
2790	12	3 Rd craters.	Walls, road.	30
2395	12 b	Rd and bridge blown.	Retaining wall Diversion Reeling steel bridge Demolition concrete bridge.	60 95 50 2
0690	14 b	4 small blows.	Walls, road.	70
0589	14 c	Brick arch tunnel	Debris from blown roof.	95
0339	14 d	Small Rd blow.	Walls, road.	100
0239	15	Diversion (small bridge)	Walls, road.	75
3918 ORIGINAL	-	Double Span. 80' IS Bailey.	Maintenance.	Maintenance.
7447	-	120' MD Bailey	Maintenance.	Maintenance.

Herewith Progress Report on road works ALBERA - SAN RAMO
(Route 1) to 31 Aug 45.

Unit responsible for works 79 Rd Coy (It).

Map Ref	Task Number	Description	Work	Percentage Completed
3611	3	Rd Blown on cliff side	Walls, road, cliff face.	75
3508	9	150' and 160' Bailey.	Signposting, walls, Maintenance.	100
2901	11	Rd blown on cliff side.	Walls, road cliff face.	40
2798	12	3 Rd craters.	Walls, road.	30
2395	12 b	Rd and bridge blown.	{ Retaining wall Diversion Decking steel bridge Demolition concrete bridge. 2	60 95 50
0650	14 b	4 small blows.	Walls, road.	70
0589	14 c	Brick arch tunnel	Debris from blown roof.	95
0589	14 d	Small Rd blow.	Walls, road.	100
0289	15	Diversion (small bridge)	Walls, road.	75
2918 ORIGINAL	-	Double Span 80' DS Bailey.	Maintenance.	Maintenance.
7447 ORIGINAL	-	120' HD Bailey	Maintenance.	Maintenance.

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Capt.
SO. R.E.

Subject :- Works.

56 HLU.
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29 Aug 45.

104. Engr Bn, MANTOVA.

1. 10 CRE (Wks) have requested that 104. Eng Bn MANTOVA take over the task of maintaining the following Bailey Bridges on Route 1 :-

120' D.D. Bailey at COGOLETO.
160' (Double Span) D.S. Bailey at CERIALE.

2. It is suggested that 79 Fd Coy could be responsible for the Bailey at CERIALE, as it is close to their present work, and that the detached Pl of 4 Fd Coy could be responsible for the Bailey at COGOLETO.

3. Please confirm that this work can be carried out.

CMF
FHL/ec

Att-Col.
GS.

Subject: Progress Report on Road from incl ALBENGA MR5713
to SAN RENO MR 0488 (Route 1)

56 ELU
14 RE

24 Aug 45.

To: 10 C.R.E. (Wms)

Copy to Bay La Grande, Bay RE.

Herewith Progress Report on road ALBENGA to SAN RENO (Route 1) up
to 24 Aug Inclusive.

M.R.	Task No	Description and Work	Percentage Completed
5614	8	Road blown on cliff side, Walls, Road, Cliff face	65%
3508	9	150' and 160' Bailey Bridge Signposting, walls	70%
2901	11	Road blown on cliff side Walls, road, Cliff face	35%
2798	12	3 Road Graters Walls, Road	20%
2395	12b	Road and Bridge Blown Road, Walls, Bridge	50%
0690	14b	4 Small blows Walls, Road	55%
0589	14c	Brick Arch Tunnel Roof, Debris	80%
0389	14d	Small Road Blow Walls, Road	90%
0289	15	Diversion (Small Bridge) Walls, Road	60%

All other work completed.

M.R.	Task No	Description and Works	Percentage
3611	8	Road blown on cliff side, Walls, Road, Cliff face	65%
3508	9	150' and 160' Bailey Bridge Signposting, walls	70%
2904	11	Road blown on cliff side Walls, road, Cliff face	35%
2798	12	5 Road Graters Walls, Road	20%
2395	12a	Road and Bridge Blown Road, Walls, Bridge	50%
0690	14b	4 Small blows Walls, Road	55%
0589	14c	Brick Arch Tunnel Roof, Debris	80%
0389	14d	Small Road Blow Walls, Road	90%
0289	15	Diversion (Small Bridge) Walls, Road	60%

All other work completed.

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Total

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Sgt. R.E.

Subject: Returns.

H.Q. 19 Army Group R.E.
C.M.F.

Ref: AGRE/351/896

56 B.L.U.

18 July 45.

Ref 14E dated 15 July 45.

Fortnightly returns are no longer required
from you by this H.Q.

HTS/EB

W.A. Guttridge
Capt R.E.
for Col.
H.Q. 19 Army Group R.E.
(W.A. GUTTRIDGE)

21 JUL 1945

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Subject: N.E. Units Under Command.

56 HED
U. E

27A

To: 19 A.G.R.E.

15 July 45.

Ref your AGRE/351/431 dated 20 June 45.

Owing to the move of Combat Group MANIOWA, will you please notify this HQ as to whether the fortnightly returns are still required by you.

In The Field.
/cmf

[Signature]
Lt Col.
GS.

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Subject: Bailey Bridging

HQ, 67 C.R.E. (Works). CWP.

96 HHH
14 E

15 July 45.

Reference your 541 of 28 June 45.

The Bailey Bridge at R 7797 will be completely removed by the 19th July 45.

Owing to the fact that the Combat Group MANTOVA is now moving to a new area no transport is available to move the bridge to 816 Par Dump.

Will you therefore please arrange for transport.

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In The Field
AG/cwp

for. Lt Col.
CS.

Subject:- Railway Bridge.

S.O.P.R.,
56 P.L.U.

25A
HQ 67 C.A.E. (Works),
C.M.F.
Ref: 541.

28 June 45.

Reference Bailey br at R.7757.

Authority is given to recover this bridge and stores should then be returned to 616 Br Dump, F.O.L.I.

Please render a report in triplicate to this office when this work has been completed.

8 Lorries.
80% finished

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Alfred Knight
Lieut-Colonel. C.A.E.

SECRET56 EIU
14 E

13 July 45.

Subject: Returns - Italian Engg Unit U/C.To: 19 A.G.R.E. (2).

Herewith return in duplicate as requested in your AGRE/351/431
of 20 June 45. Information to 13 JULY 45.

UNIT	RATION STRENGTH	WORKING STRENGTH	TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYING AUTHORITY	REMARKS
4 Field Coy (Location GATTO Mr 707037	170	110 (excluding Drivers i/o)	N I L	COMBAT GROUP "MANTOVA"	
79 Field Coy (Location S. MAURO Mr 747038)	160	100 (Excluding Drivers i/o)	N I L	COMBAT GROUP "MANTOVA"	187

Herewith return in duplicate as requested in your AGR/351/431
of 20 June 45. Information to 13 JULY 45.

UNIT	BATTION STRENGTH	WORKING STRENGTH	TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYING AUTHORITY	REMARKS
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[Signature]
Lt Col.
CS.

Subject: Use of The Field Coy

21A
56 BLU
14 B

7 AUG 45.

104 Engineer Bn, Combat Group MANTOVA.

Reference you letter 01/4265 dated 26 June 45.

In view of the future move it is suggested that no new works should be undertaken by the Field Companies.

In The Field
AG/cmf

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Lt Col.
for. GS.

TU/P

HQ, Combat Group "MANTOVA"

Office of Chief of Staff Ops - Int

No 01/4265

EM 104 26/6/45

Subject: Use of the Field Coys.

To: HQ 56 BLU (Capt GENTILE)

1. As a result of verbal arrangements between Major PIER and Capt GENTILE the OCs units have signalled series of work that they would like the Field Park Coys to do in order to better :-

Road conditions in their respective areas
Unit improvements.

2. Here is a list in order of priority of work which it is thought should be carried out as quickly as possible:-

(a) Sentry Boxes

20 in the area MADONNE DEL PINO (Horse Assembly Camp).
4 " " " CIGNONA (HELLARIA) HQ 2nd Bn.

(b) Improvement of Road Beds.

Road surface 675210 - 670220

Various small roads that link with 3rd Bn in the area CERNATICO
Various small roads that link units of 2nd Bn in the area HELLARIA.

(c) Repairing of Railway Bridges

Repair of bridge over R. SAVIO to the south of BORELLO SS 71 (548968)
Construction of wooden bridge in SS 71 about 2 kilometres to the north of BORELLO (544986).

(d) Improvement of unit areas.

Repair of a roof on the factory occupied by 4 Field Park Coy at GENTILE to make it habitable in case of wet weather.
Building of troops washhouses for the 104 Medical Sec in area 692002
Repair water tank in the kitchen of 104 Medical Sec. 183

3. This HQ hopes that the programme will be approved.

4. We would like to know the opinion of the HQ 56 BLU.

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Capo di S.

TU/P

COMANDO GRUPPO COMBATTIMENTO "MANTOVA"
Ufficio del capo di S.M. - Sezione Op. el. 1.

n. 01/4265 di prot.

R.M. 104, 26 giugno 1945

OGGETTO : Impiego cp. artiglieri.

Al Comando 56 B.L.U. (Capitano Gentile)

1.- Come da intese verbali intercorse tra maggiore Riga ed il capitano Gentile, i col reparti dipendenti hanno segnalato una serie di lavori che desidererebbero fare eseguire dalle cp. artiglieri per migliorare:

- viabilità stradale nelle rispettive zone;
- sistemazione reparti.

2.- Si elencano qui di seguito, in ordine di precedenza, i lavori che sarebbe opportuno far eseguire al più presto:

a) - Partite per sentinelle:

- n. 20 in località Maunona del Pino (campo quadrupelo) 0021;
- " 4 in località Cagnona (Bellaria) edo il btg.

b) - Miglioramento fondo stradale:

- cartareccia 07210 - 070220
- tavolli valle di raccordo tra reparti del III btg. in 10 calita Cesenatico (per 1 km. circa)
- tavolli valle di raccordo tra reparti del II btg. in 10 calita Bellaria (per km. 0,5 circa).

c) - Riparazione e costruzione ponti:

- riparazione ponte sul savio a sua abitato Morello sulla S.S. 71 (248900);
- costruzione ponte in legno nella S.S. 71, a circa 2 km. a nord abitato Morello (244909).

e) - Miglioramento sistemazione reparti

- sistemazione copertura fabbricato occupato in Gatteo da 4" cp. artiglieri per renderlo abitabile anche in caso tempo piovoso;
- costruzione lavatoio trutta per 104" sezione ¹⁰⁴ in 10 calita 092002;
- riparazione vasca per acqua della cucina 104" sezione sanitaria.

3.- Questo Comando esprime parere favorevole per l'esecuzione dei lavori sopra descritti.

4.- Si desidera conoscere in proposito il parere di questo Comando.

migliorare:

- viabilità stradale nelle rispettive zone;
- sistemazione reparti.

2.- Si elencano qui di seguito, in ordine di precedenza, i lavori che sarebbe opportuno far eseguire al più presto:

a/- partite per sentinelle:

- n. 20 in località Madonna del Pino (campo quadrupolo) 6721;
- " 4 in località Cagnona (Bellaria) cdo II BTG.

b/- Miglioramento fondo stradale:

- carrareccia 67210 - 67220
- rettili varie di raccordo tra reparti del III BTG. in 10 calata Cesenatico (per 1 km. circa)
- rettili varie di raccordo tra reparti del II BTG. in 10 calata Bellaria (per km. 0,5 circa).

c/- Riparazione e costruzione ponti:

- riparazione ponte sul Savio a sud abitato Borello sulla S.S. 71 (548900);
- costruzione ponte in legno nella S.S. 71, a circa 2 km. a nord abitato Borello (544909).

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- sistemazione copertura fabbricato occupato in Gatteo da 4" cp. artiglieri per renderlo abitabile anche in caso tempo piovoso;
- costruzione lavatoio truppa per 104^a sezione ¹⁸⁴ in 10 calata 692002;
- riparazione vasca per acqua della cucina 104^a sezione sanità.

3.- Questo Comando esprime parere favorevole per l'esecuzione dei lavori sopra descritti.

4.- Si desidera conoscere in proposito il parere di codesto Comando.



A. Gualiano

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Subject:- RE Stores.

HQ 19 Army Group RE,
C.M.F.

Ref: AGRE/51/631

28 June 45.

HQ,
56 B.L.U.

1. Ref your 14E dated 15 June 45.
2. It is regretted that anvils and field forges are not available for issue from our stocks.

WAG/PL.

W.A. Cuttrick
Capt RE,
for Col,
Comd. 19 Army Group RE.
(W.A. CUTTRIDGE)

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20 JUN 1945

SECRET56 BLU
14 E
26 450

45.

Subject: Returns - Italian Engr Unit U/C.

To: 19 A.G.R.I. (2).

Herewith return in duplicate requested in your AGR/351/431
of 20 June 45. Information to 45.

UNIT	RATION STRENGTH	WORKING STRENGTH	TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYING AUTHORITY	REMARKS
6 Field Coy (Location CASERO 2707057)	173	120 (including 39 drivers 1/6)	20 men on mine clearing for Italian Signal Coy. Remainder on various duties Combat Group	Combat Group MAREVA	Employed temporarily by Combat Group until required by 19 AGRI or 1 DESP/27
79 Field Coy (Location D. MARCO 278038)	120	70 (including 40 drivers 1/6)	Repair of bridge at Camp 15. Transporting stores to GERVA strip.	19 AGRI	Italian strength low due to recent release of prisoners from Italian Army and convicted prisoners sent on leave. Unit not working to full capacity.
				182	

Herewith return in duplicate as requested in your AGRE/351/431
 of 20 June 45. Information to 45.

UNIT	RATION STRENGTH	WORKING STRENGTH	TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT	EMPLOYING AUTHORITY	REMARKS
4 Field Coy (Location GATVED 1707037)	179	120 (excluding 55 drivers 4/6)	20 men on mine clearing for Italian Signal Coy. Remainder on various within Combat Group	Combat Group MAREVIA	Employed temporarily by Combat Group until required by 19 AGNS or 1 DETACHMENT
79 Field Coy (Location S. MAREO N 742048)	120	70 (including 40 drivers 4/6)	Regular of bridges at Camp 15. Transporting stores to GATVED assembly.	19 AGNS	Location strength low due to recent release of personnel. From Italian Army and extensive numbers sent on leave. Unit not working to full capacity.
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 Lt Col.
 GS.

Subject: Local Purchase

To: Major. SCARERS.
Industry Sub - Commission,
Release Montecarlo,
BLOCH.

56 BLU
14 E

26 June 45

1. May beaver please be authorized to purchase from DIMEA RUBINI,
Plaza Martini, BLOCH, the following electrical fittings:-

Switches, tumbler	50 No
Junction boxes, 4 way	50 No

2. These stores are required for urgent work in a Military Hospital,
by 19 Army Group, R.E.

In The Field
FMJ/cms

14 Col.
14 Col.
14 Col.

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File

13A

Subject: Engineer Stores56 BLU
14. E

25 June 45

To: 19 AGRE.

1. The two Field Companies of Italian Combat Group "MANROVA" do not carry certain essential items of equipment on their C1098. These items are normally carried by the Field Park Company and issued to the Field Companies when required.

2. As there is at present no Field Park Company attached to this Combat Group, may the following items of equipment please be released to 104 Engineer Battalion, Combat Group, "MANROVA".

Cat No	Section "F"	Quantity
FA 10083	<u>ANVILS</u> Single block 1½ cuts	2
FA 10020	Hocks 1½ cuts	2
FA 13690	Forges, field, heavy	2

In The Field.
FKK/csfLt Col.
CS.

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Feb

Subject: R.E. Stores

11A

56 BLU
14 R

25 June 45.

To: OQ 863 Engr Stores Section,
FORLI

Please issue to bearer 9,000 No Sonarfeld Track Pickets
30th as released to 19 AGRE by OE 1 District in their OE/52 dated
22 June 45.

In The Field.
FHR/owf

[Signature]
Lt Col.
GS.

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File *10A*

Subject: RETURNS

56 BLU
1/1 E

24 June 45.

To: 10th Engineer Battalion,
Combat Group, "MANTOVA"

Please render the following returns in respect of 4 and 79 Field Companies to reach this office by 13th and 28th of each month, commencing 28th June 45.

- (a) Ration Strength.
- (b) Working strength, exclusive of DRIVERS, ADMIN PERSONNEL etc.
- (c) Location.
- (d) Type of Employment.
- (e) Under whom Employed.
- (f) Remarks.

In The Field.
FEL/cwf

[Signature]
Lt Col.
GS.

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Subject:- Italian Engr Units
under command.

H.Q. 19 Army Group R.E.
C.M.F.

S.O.R.E. III.
56 S.L.U.

Ref: AGRE/351/434

20 June 45.

Please forward the following information
in duplicate on the 1st and 15th of each month in
respect of Italian Engineer Units u/c:-

- (a) Name of Unit
- (b) Ration Strength
- (c) Working Strength
- (d) Location
- (e) Type of Employment
- (f) AG.R.E. under whom employed
- (g) Remarks

LHR/EB

Signed Capt R.E.
for Col.
H.Q. 19 Army Group R.E.
(L.H. ROBJOHN)

22 JUN 1945 177

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HQ COLBAT GROUP MANTOVA

Office of the Chief of Staff - Ops & Int.

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FM 104 14 June

Subject :- Employment of Units of the 104 Eng Bn.HQ. 104 Eng Bn.

Copy to :- 56 BLU (Capt Gentle)

To confirm verbal orders already given to above mentioned HQ in full agreement with Capt Gentle of 56 BLU.

1. 79 Coy will be employed under 19 AGRE (British RE HQ under 21 Tk Bde) on works in their trade.
2. The first task is to wire in the German PW Vehicle Park north of CERVIA. Detailed orders for the work have already been given to above mentioned HQ by Capt Gentle.
3. All other orders regarding future works will be given by Capt Gentle, who is liaison officer with HQ 19 AGRE.

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15 JUN 1945

Subject: R.L. Stores

Stores Officer
19 AGRE, RIOTICOTE
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18 June 45

1. The following stores are required to complete the wiring of German POW Vehicle Park, CERVIA.

Pickets, angle iron, large	50 No
Wire, barbed, single strand.	2 cwt
Nails, wire, 2"	14 lbs

2. My bearer please be given release note for these stores made out for 79 Italian Field Company.

In The Field.
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Subject: Employment of Field Companies.

HQ, Combat Group, "MANTOVA".

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12 June 45.

Further to conversation Chief of Staff - SO. R.E. 56 HLU
re employment of Field Companies of Combat Group "MANTOVA".

1. 19 AGRE, the British Engineer Authority under command
21 Army Tank Bde, will commence employing one Field Company w.c.f.
11 June 45.
2. The first task is to fence in the German POW vehicle park
North of ORVIA, details for the execution of which have been arranged
between CO 10, Engineer Battalion and SO. R.E. 56 HLU
3. It is confirmed that instructions for further works
(from Comd 19 AGRE) will be transmitted to CO 10, Engineer Battalion
through SO. R.E. 56 HLU.

In The Field
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Lt Col.
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