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FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGOT

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TO : (1) TAC GHQ DUIMO (2) GHQ CMF
 (3) AMG VENEZIA GIULIA (4) G-5
 ROME AFHQ

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JUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A REQUEST THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
 CHANNELS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING LAND MINES IN THAT PART
 OF ZONE A FALLING TO THEM AFTER R DAY.

2. YOU ARE REQUESTED THEREFORE TO COLLECT ALL AVAILABLE
 PLANS AND INFORMATION REGARDING ANY MINEFIELDS WHICH
 MAY STILL BE IN EXISTENCE.
3. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELD AVAILABLE TO HAND OVER
 TO THE JUGOSLAVS BUT WILL NOT BE GIVEN THEM WITHOUT
 THE APPROVAL OF AFHQ.
4. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS WHETHER THERE IS ANY OBJECTION TO
 ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE ON LAND MINES IN ZONE
 A BEING GIVEN TO JUGOSLAVS PRIOR TO R DAY

26 June 1947
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GSO I (SO)	<i>✓</i>
DEP C. II	
GSO II (PD)	
GSO III (SD)	<i>✓</i>
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GSO II (L)	

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FILE: <i>G/97</i>
DATE: <i>13/26/6/47</i>

*Info only.
 No action by us.*

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Subject :- Clearance of Minefields

1 British Liaison Unit
G 1/16

5 Nov 46

To :- HQ Land Forces Sub Comm AG
(M.M.I.A.)

2 B.L.U. GMA

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MMIA - 'G'
FILE G/97
DATE 13/11/46.

Ref your letter G/97 dated 17 Oct 46.

Major F.W. HAMILTON inspected the Mont GAVIS Area on Wed 28 Aug 46. He interviewed Capt LUKET the French Liaison Officer and made a verbal report to him that the area in question had been cleared of mines.

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Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (I)	
GSO III (C-D)	
GSO I (TRG)	
G II (L)	

LT Col
GSO I

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SUBJECT:- Clearance of Minefields.

2 BLU
Tel: 52278
G 1/7
25 Oct 46.

Land Forces Sub Commission AC (MMIA)
ROME.

1 BLU

MMIA - 'G'

FILE G/97
DATE Rep/2/11.

Ref your G/97 dated 17 Oct 46. Herewith report called for.

1. As stated verbally to GSO I (SD) MMIA on 8/9 Aug 46 by Major Thrupp, 20 civilians and 30 military personnel of the TURIN Sottozona were at that time clearing the MONCENISIO area of mines.
2. IBIDOE, ROME then issued instructions that all military personnel were to be withdrawn. The number of civilians engaged was therefore stepped up to 30.
3. This was done by drafting additional civilians from the GENOVA Sottozona. Clearance of mines was to be completed by the end of Aug 46.
4. Further enquiries now reveal that mine-clearance was in fact completed to schedule by 27 Aug 46.
5. It is reported that there still remains on the site a party of civilians employed by COMANDO CASTRELLAMENTO BOMBE E PROIETTILI of TURIN engaged in clearing the locality of bombs and shells of which there are understood to be a considerable quantity.
6. Fuller information is not possible at this stage as OC GENOVA BCM zone, who also controls TURIN Sottozona, is at present absent on duty.

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SUBJECT : Clearance of Minefields

LAND FORCES SUB COM AG (MIA)

(489081 Ext 218)

6/97

17 Oct 46

TO :

1 BLU

2 BLU

reply at 17/10
reply at 17/10

Ref 2 BLU letter G/1/7 dated 5 Aug 46 and
conversation GSO I(MD) MIA and Major HAMILTON 1 BLU in
ROME 8/9 Aug.

Please submit necessary reports at once.

noted 17/10

ARCE/all

Lt-Col,
G.S.*(Reg out 17/10)*

TRANSLATION

FROM: Ministry of War.

REF: 141614

TO: H.Q. Mine Clearance
Zone, Rome.

DATE: 28 August 1946.

M.M.I.A. for info.SUBJECT:- Mine clearance.

M.M.I.A. H.Q., in the letters of which copies are enclosed, has requested the immediate clearance of mines along the pass between the mountains from Campo di Giove to Palena, between Monte Amore and Guardo di Coccio, in order to permit the Searchers Group to carry out their work.

Your H.Q. is requested to arrange immediately for the clearing of the mines as requested.

We wish to be informed of date of commencement of work and that of probable completion and the name of the officer in charge of said work.

sgd. BUONCOMPAGNI
Gen.

R.A.G.

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GSO I (SD)	
Dep G III	
GSO II (SD)	
GSO II (I)	</

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CONFIDENTIALSubject:- Clearance of Minefields.

2 BLU
Tel: 56575
G 1/7
S Aug 16.

1 BLU
Land Forces Sub Comm MO (MIA), Rome

Ref MIA Letter 8/97 dated 25 Jul 16.

1. Enquiries have been made of HQ 2 Comando Militare Territoriale regarding the clearance of mines in the MONT CAMIS zone and the following points emerge.
2. Up to a short time ago Sen. DOMENGA CAMPI MIATI, GENOVA was under op cmd of GOC 2 Comando Militare Territoriale. Under such conditions the sec was responsible for the clearance of mines from the area in question.

3. When it became evident that the MONT CAMIS zone was to be ceded to FRANCE GOC 2 Comando Militare Territoriale gave unofficial instrs to suspend wk in the area and to concentrate on other zones presumably on the principle that "mine clearance begins at home".
4. Since giving the above instrs op cmd of Sen. DOMENGA CAMPI MIATI has passed to IS LIEUTENANTE DOMENICA TACCHINI DA CROCIERI ESPLOSIIVI in ROME who have recently given orders that the wk should recomm

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Subject : Unexploded Bombs.

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC, (HMLA)

6/97

5 Feb 46.

To : HQ, AMG, UDINE PROVINCE.

Reference your letter UDI/PC/70 dated 29 Jan 46.

1. The responsibility for Bomb Disposal in ITALY rests with the ITALIAN Ministry of War. The ITALIAN Ministry of War delegates this responsibility to the HQs of the Territorial Commands. The Artillery Commander in each Territorial HQ has a small staff of approx 4 officers and 8 ORs which includes a bomb disposal officer.
2. Any application for bomb disposal services should therefore be made by you to the ITALIAN Military Commander of the UDINE Territorial Region either direct or through No. 5 British Liaison Unit with that HQ.

IRA/13b

J. J. Cunningham
Major General.
M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 5 BLB with copy of AMG letter UDI/PC/70 of 29 Jan 46.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
UDINE PROVINCE
OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER

Tel. No. A. M. S. Udine Ext. 4

File No. UDI/PC/70

See memo 20

Date: 29 Jan 45

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1 FEB 1945

Subject: Unexploded Bombs.

To : H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
R O M E
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G/97.

Request you state what Italian Organisation is responsible
for the removal of unexploded bombs which are of no threat to
Allied Military installations?

BH Amber Capr
F. J. RUSSI, M.C., Major,
Deputy Provincial Commissioner.

BHA/gt.

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1 FEB 1945

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G/97
DATE: R/2/4593

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Subject:- Bomb Disposal

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (ISMA)
G/97

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ATTN for G5

Ref your 384.51 dated 13 Aug 45.

Herewith enclosed are five additional copies of
the minutes of the meeting held on 27 Jul as requested.

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Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (ISMA)

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

COB/as

G-5: 384.51

13 August 1945

SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MEMIA). ✓

Reference your G/97 dated 27 July. — 9A

1. The agreements reached in para 7 of the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July are confirmed.
2. The publications requested have been dispatched.
3. It is requested that you send five additional copies of the minutes to this Headquarters for distribution. (Conversation Coplestone - Benson refers).

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Charleston
C. O. BENSON
Major, RA

Copy to:

G-3 (Ops)
Eng(E)
MEDME ALS
CBDSO MEDME
Ord(A)

GSO 1

GSO 2 (Ops)

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SUBJECT : Bomb Disposal.

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

G/97

10 Aug 45

TO : A.F.H.Q.

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Reference your letter G-5: 384.51 of 1 Aug 45.

The manuals forwarded with your letter have been
handed to the Italian Ministry of War; a receipt is enclosed.

RBG [Signature]
[Signature]

Major General,
M.M.I.A.

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M/10/6

RECEIVED from Allied Force Headquarters the following Manuals:-

2 copies (Nos. 169 and 174) TM 9-1984 Disposal of American and Allied Bombs and Fuzes.

2 copies (Nos. 161 and 177) TM 89-1983 Enemy Bombs and Fuzes.

Copies Nos. 243 and 247 of British Bomb Disposal Manual.

Signature

DateAUG 45

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Subject:- Bomb Disposal

Land Forces Sub Comm AC (LMTA)
C/97

27 Jul 45

See to 10

Ministry of War

Forwarded herewith is a copy of the minutes of a meeting held at LMTA on 27 July to discuss certain aspects of bomb disposal in the Italian Army.

A further communication on this subject will be sent to you shortly.

R G Gplestan
2 Maj

Maj Gen
Land Forces Sub Comm AC (LMTA)

3/28/45 4582

