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MINE CLEARANCE, VOL. X
APR., MAY 1945

Col. Gripps.Mine Clearance.

I am as you know getting a further 50 mine detectors with the chance of getting 200 in all. I may also be allocated some vehicles and other equipment. Someone must be responsible for the accounting of all this equipment and stores and as G-4 have the staff they should be detailed to do the job. They refuse to accept any responsibility in the matter and while willing to grant favours in matters of collecting will not keep records etc.. I feel the time has come when the position should be clarified as I cannot accept responsibility for such equipment issued to AC.. May the matter be raised by the V.P. at the next Executive Commissioner's meeting and definite instructions issued the Chief Commissioner.

Pls send Reaney Maj.

10th May 45.

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To V.P. C.A.S.

I quite agree with the remarks of Major Reaney, remarks above. If all goes well the accounting for the stores etc. etc. to go will be quite beyond the ability of the one staff officer to compete with. It seems logical that the Gen. Section should handle these stores & equipment with the proper officer responsible at his disposal.

L.G.S.C.

10.9.45.

EpC has directed
that G4 handle this matter
GRM

R. Gripps
at.

NET DAILY WAGES PAID TO THE WORKERS OF THE MINE
CLEARANCE SERVICE

CLASSIFICATION AND FAMILY STATUS WAGES	ROME	LOCALITIES PISA	CHIETI SPOLETO
1) Chief Mine clearer (bachelor)			
Wages (salary and temporary war allowance)	47.35	47.35	47.35
Daily indemnity, for risk, etc.	93.95	93.95	93.95
Temporary additional allowance	40.75	31.50	31.50
Temporary additional increase	40.15	27.37	21.62
Very comfortable residence	16.39	=	=
Total daily salary	239.59	200.17	194.42
Amount of reward set for re-covered or destroyed mines (on the basis of 10 mines daily for each worker) net average			
	94.00	94.00	94.00
Total amount	332.59	294.17	288.42
2) Chief Mine clearer (married: one child)			
Salary (wages and temporary war allowance)	47.35	47.35	47.35
Daily indemnity, for risk etc.	93.95	93.95	93.95
Family allowance	10.80	8.11	6.48
Temporary additional allowance	44.00	36.36	35.39
Said increase	40.15	27.37	21.62
Very comfortable residence	16.39		
Total daily wages	252.64	213.14	204.79
Amount of reward set for re-covered or destroyed mines (on the basis of 10 mines daily for each worker) net average			
	94.00	94.00	94.00
Total amount L.	346.64	307.14	298.79

Chief Mine clearer (bachelor)

Wages (including war allowance)	47.35	47.35	47.35
Daily indemnity, for risk, etc.	93.95	93.95	93.95
Temporary additional allowance	40.75	31.50	31.50
Temporary additional increase	40.15	27.37	21.62
Very comfortless residence	16.39	=	=
Total daily salary	239.59	200.17	194.42
Amount of reward set for re-covered or destroyed mines (on the basis of 10 mines daily for each worker) net average			
	94.00	94.00	94.00
Total amount	332.59	249.17	288.42

3) Chief Mine clearer (married: one child)

Salary (wages and temporary war allowance)	47.35	47.35	47.35
Daily indemnity, for risk etc.	93.95	93.95	93.95
Family allowance	10.80	8.11	6.48
Temporary additional allowance	44.00	36.36	35.39
Said increase	40.15	27.37	21.62
Very comfortless residence	16.39		
Total daily wages	252.64	213.14	204.79
Amount of reward set for re-covered or destroyed mines (on the basis of 10 mines daily for each worker) net average			
	94.00	94.00	94.00
Total amount L.	346.64	307.14	298.79

0) Mine clearer (bachelor)

Wages referred to in letter A)	332.59	294.17	288.42
Deduction from the amount of daily indemnity for risk etc.	18.79	18.79	18.79
TOTAL LIRE	303.80	275.38	269.63

CLASSIFICATION AND FAMILY STATUS WAGES	ROME	LOCALITIES	
		PISA	CHIETI SPOLETO
D) <u>Mine clearers (married one child)</u>			
Wages referred to in letter B)	346.64	307.14	298.79
Deduction from the amount of daily indemnity for risk etc.	18.79	18.79	18.79
TOTAL	327.85	288.35	280.00
E) <u>Cadet Mine clearer(bachelor)</u>			
Salary (wages and war temporary allowance)	37.96	37.96	37.96
Daily risk indemnity, etc	75.16	75.16	75.16
Temporary additional allowance	35.70	27.59	27.59
Said increase	40.15	27.37	21.62
Very comfortless residence	16.39		
TOTAL	205.36	168.08	162.33
F) <u>Cadet Mine clearer(married one child)</u>			
Salary(wages and war temporary allowance)	37.96	37.96	37.96
Daily risk indemnity etc.	75.16	75.16	75.16
Family allowance	10.60	8.11	6.48
Temporary additional allowance	41.13	31.02	29.75
Said increase	40.15	27.37	21.62
Very comfortless residence	16.39	=	=
TOTAL	221.59	179.62	170.97.

REMARKS

- 1) For every other son supported the total of said wages amount to approximately 2.00 lire daily.
The total of the wages for the worker married and without children is decreased by the same amount.
- 2) The different amount of some wages depends on the different population of the Comune in which the worker gives service since said wages are fixed on the basis of said population.

SERVIZIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI COMANDO V^a ZONA

N. _____ di prot.

Rit. al foglio N. _____

del _____

OGGETTO:

PISA,

VIA DONANNO N. 9

PERSONALE

	Occorrente	Esistente	Mancante
Capitano	1	1	-
Subalterni	13	5	8
Sottufficiali	26	-	26
Truppa	52	1	51
	92		

MATERIALE

	Occorrente	Esistente	Mancante
Mine detector	60	2	58
Mine italiano	30	15	15
Aste sondaggio	500	100	400
Fila E. Det.	400	-	400
Fila italiano	300	100	200
Cassette radiazione	120	20	100
Auto Ambulanza	6	-	6
Autocarri da 2 tonnell.	30	2	28
Autoveicolo	7	-	7
Razione viveri	92	18	74

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Nel personale militare sono compresi 4 sottufficiali meccanici, e 46 uomini di truppa autisti nonché il personale tecnico per le riparazioni e custodia del materiale elettrotecnico.-

Con le suddette disponibilità si potrebbe istruire ed impiantare una massa di 600 operai al mese e bonificare integralmente le sie provincie in un anno.-

Il Comandante della V Zona B.C.M.
(Cap. Tommaso Spetaro)

SERVIZIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI COMANDO V. ZONA

N. _____ di prot.

Rif. al foglio N. _____

del _____

PISA,

VIA ROMANNO N. 9

OGGETTO:

Per effettuare la bonifica dei campi minati nelle Province di Apuania, Pisa, Lucca, Pistoia, Siena e Livorno occorre la disponibilità di quanto segue:

	Necessari	In servizio attualmente	Da assumere
Capitano	1	1	-
Uffici. Subalterni	13	5	7
Sottufficiali	26	-	26
Truppa	52	1	52

Detto personale militare potrebbe instruire ed impiegare ogni mese cento operai per ciascuna delle suddette sei provincie e completare il lavoro in due anni.-

Disponendo anche del seguente materiale iniziale:

Mine detector	N. 30
Cercamine italiano mod. 42	" 30 *
Ante di sondaggio	" 400
Cassette di medicazione	" 100
Ambulanze	" 6
Autocarri da 2 tonnell.	" 60
Autovetture	" 7
Razioni viveri	" 700

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Rifornimenti urgenti per automezzi e cercamine cioè carburanti e lubrificanti nonché batterie.-

Il personale necessario al governo dei mezzi è compreso in quello militare.-

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Pisa. Cap. ... e ...
Lucca ...
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 368

AC/35/IS

26 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ Emilia Region.

With reference to the Mine Clearing Zone formed in your Region difficulties are being experienced in getting the scheme going owing to lack of transport. The problem of transport is one on which the whole scheme depends and unless the transport is provided will break down. The Italian Ministry of War are agreeable to the hire of vehicles for use by the 562/3 Companies and copy of their letter is forwarded to you.

W. R. Cripps

W. R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Enclosure

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

AC/35/LG

26 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ TOSCANA Region
(Attention: Captain FOSTER).

1. Your RVIII/PS/10.4 of 21 May is acknowledged.
2. In so far as the wage question is concerned the Italian Ministry of War are getting out new rates of pay. They will be higher than the previous wages paid but will exclude bonus. The Ministry of War will advise Zone HQ of the change but until Zone have been advised please continue to operate on the old wage rate.
3. The question of contract will arise in some cases and care will have to be exercised when the change over takes place, i.e. if men are engaged on a monthly basis they might prefer to continue at the old rates for a month before coming on to new rates.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APR 1945
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

AC/35/26

26 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ No 2 District
For 35 CRE.

Information is required as to when you can dispense with the services of the 561 Italian Mine Clearance Company as it is urgently required for operations in the heavily mined belt in the north. It is understood that the Company has not been moved from its last location.

[Signature]
R.E. CHAPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

26 May 45.

AG/35/38

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Lt. MACHAB
Hq. EMILIA Region.

Dear Mac,

I got your interesting letter and will try and deal with the points raised.

Capt. Short was in BOLOGNA and has probably gone to GENOVA. I have already written to Capt. Short re. Zone HQ and have told him that the Zone originally formed at FORLI should remain the Zone unless circumstances decide that it would be preferable to have Zone HQ at BOLOGNA. I sent a copy to you but perhaps you did not get it. As the original Zone, Zone Commander etc. were appointed and sent to FORLI I feel that Capt. Natta is not entitled to set himself up as Zone Commander, and will lead to bitterness among the Italian personnel themselves which is to be avoided. However I will be guided by what you say, as you cannot have more than one Zone HQ. Another aspect is that I would have thought that Capt. Short would require Natta as his assistant in other places.

I have seen Spaspanato who informed me that his Companies were being depleted by his personnel being discharged. He has been down at CAPUA trying to get replacements and has probably achieved something. He has gone back to PERCARA. The 564 Company is almost complete and I have asked EMIA to move them as soon as possible. Another headache but you should keep this Company in mind before scattering your Companies all over EMILIA Region as I will send it into North as soon as it is ready. I have just heard that the 561 Company has not yet moved and I will try and find out if No 2 District really need it. If they don't I shall put it into EMILIA Region (West). I don't think you should disperse too wide as otherwise control will get a bit weak. You will know best.

I agree with what you have done about cutting down the numbers for Col. ELMS.

In so far as Major IGE is concerned and his worry

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about transport I will take it up with Region. The Ministry of War have advised me that they are agreeable to the hire of 12 vehicles. Can you do anything in this respect with Zone or Region.

I note what you say about Maps and while I still think the Ministry of War must have them I realise that you need them also. Can you get someone to make copies as these records must be kept?

I will come up myself as soon as Col. Cripps returns. I am sending 10 Mine Detectors to FORLI for the Zone.

I got rid of the small grenade which you left with me also the one which you forgot to take with you and feel a lot safer.

Many thanks for your Report, it is just what I wanted. Keep up the good work.

Yours etc.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 336

AC/35/LG

26 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ TOSCANIA Region
(Attn: Captain FOSTER).

You are informed that on 22 May the Ministry of War gave instructions to the Mine Clearance Zone in your Region to incorporate within their scheme the USPA organizations of FLORENCE and SIENA. For your information there is forwarded translation of Ministry of War letter to Zone B dated 22 May 45.

[Signature]
R.R. ORIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Enclosure

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TR/DCM



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

25 MAY

Roma.

COMANDO ZONA BONIFICA
DI MINATI

PISA
Via Bonanno, 9

Pravdine Ses.
Pril. V. 8/23 073. Allegati

Risposta al Seglio del
Dir. L. 21

OGGETTO Squadre rastrellatrici civili di Firenze e Siena. -

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AL COMANDO COMMISSIONE ALLIATA
Sottocommissione Governo Locale
(rif. foglio n. AC.35/EG dell'11 cont.) A.P.O. 394

D'intesa con la Commissione Allicata - Sottocommissione Governo
Locale - si dispone per il passaggio alle dipendenze del Servizio
B.C.M. di questo Ministero delle squadre rastrellatori mine organiz-
zate dell'U.M.F.A. a Firenze ed a Siena, alle stesse condizioni di
ingaggio degli operai rastrellatori civili che già lavorano con la
Amministrazione Militare in Toscana.

Si interessa pertanto codesto Comando Zona a prendere immedia-
ti contatti con i Comandi U.N.P.A. di Firenze e di Siena - di con-
certo con il competente Comando Regionale A.F. che ha già avuto istru-
zioni al riguardo - affinché gli operai delle squadre sopracitate,
che intendono passare alle dipendenze dell'Amministrazione Militare
siano senz'altro assunti in servizio ed opportunamente inquadrati,
purché in possesso dei prescritti requisiti.

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Cesato Comand. provvederà inoltre ad accertare la
tali operai al particolare lavoro, ed, in conseguenza, a completare
l'addestramento di quelli che non risultassero perfettamente idonei.

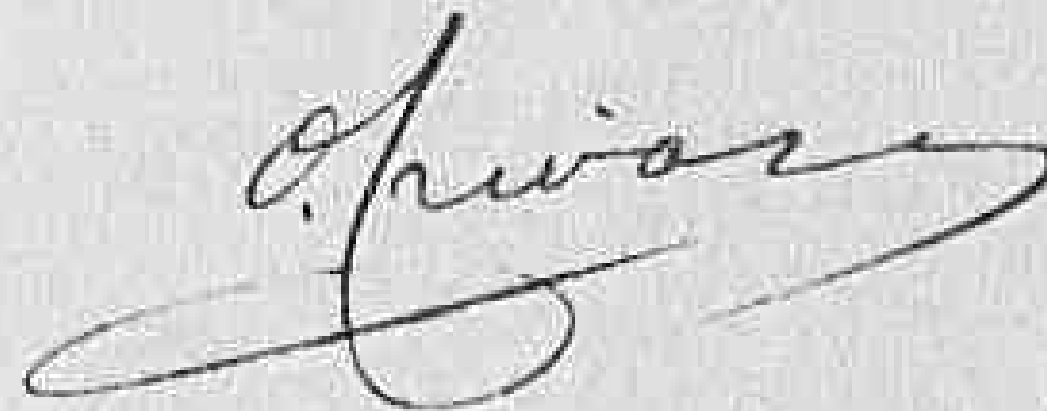
gli eventuali capi nuclei civili, purchè ritenuti idonei, potranno essere mantenuti nel loro incarico, con la retribuzione dei capi squadra.

This letter is agreed

1. This letter agrees to
Zone taking over
UNPA at Florence 5915
Sienna, — —

Si rimane in attesa di conoscere al più presto quanto è
stato disposto al riguardo.

p. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. Dir. C. Crivaro)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Crivaro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 354
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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MAY 1945

16/05/45

15 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : HQ EMILIA Region
for attention of
562 and 563 Italian
Mine Clearance Company

HQ Provincial Commissioner
LIVORNO
for attention of the 561
Italian Mine Clearance Company.

1. Every endeavour will be made to complete the under:
mentioned Companies to full scale in transport at the earliest
possible date,

561 Mine Clearance Company
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564 Mine Clearance Company.

2. O.G. Companies will make applications direct to
the nearest MILA Liaison Officer if they need replacement
of a vehicle sent in for repair. This application should be
in addition to the routine application to the Ministry of
War. So far as possible MILA will give priority to maintain:
ing your Companies up to scale in transport.

PK
R.R. CHIFFS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: Ministry of War
Brig.Gen. P. SUPINO

Ministry of War
to be forwarded to 564 Italian
Mine Clearance Company at GAPVA

H.Q. Emilia Region.

22. 5. 45.

Dear Major Reakes,

I am writing this letter D/O as I feel I can give you a better appreciation of the situation this way than by using the official method.

(1) Capt Short.

I believe he is in Genoa. Before leaving he set up a school here which hirtha is running quite well & has managed to enroll ninety civilians for work within the Bologna Province. He had some problems which I've managed to straighten out. He has other two instructors with him whom Short told him to bring along. I will tell Short to write to you on this point.

I can't tell you when he will return but I expect him soon.

(2) Lone H.Q.

Still in Forli & I think that if Spampanata carries out his original intention & comes to Bologna it would be better if Lone H.Q. remained where it is. As you can understand, with hirtha in Bologna & Igi in Forli the position is a bit untenable. What do you suggest? It is obvious that one

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or other will have to go. Col. Cripps when he was here suggested transferring Igi to another Zone. hinta is very efficient & I believe in this area where there is so much work to do he would be more suitable. The matter, however, rests with you but one must go or I shall be be-set by all sorts of problems

(3) The Coys.

Still in Cesena. I have been unable to see them until now because the Region would not supply me with transport. The Transport Officer (one of our American cousins) said that it was Rome's responsibility. I pointed out that this was incorrect & also suggested that without transport I could be of no service to the Region & this seemed to take effect & I am now getting a car.

I will go to Cesena tomorrow & give the Coys their orders. I propose to allocate a detachment to each Province of which there are eight. The size of the Det. will depend on the areas mined within each Province but no detachment will have fewer than thirty men, not many I'm afraid, but with the numbers available the best I can do. They will move from Cesena on the 28th of May.

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Arrangements have been made to accommodate them & two trucks will be at the disposal of each detachment. This I consider satisfactory.

Pesaro Prov.

When coming up here I called in to see Col. Belvis. I told him then that we would send him one hundred men. Discussing the matter with Col. Cripps I suggested cutting the nos. down to fifty, to which he agreed.

I now find that thirty men are all we can afford & I have written Pesaro informing them that those men will arrive on the 28th of May.

It would be unwise, in my opinion, to increase this number. Do you agree?

Major Igi.

Is being considerably hampered by lack of transport. I will take the matter up at this end but I feel that a reminder from you to the Reg. Comm. would assist matters.

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Helps.

Today I obtained from 8/Army complete large scale

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maps of the whole 8/Army Sector of last winter showing all enemy mine fields. I know that your policy is to give all this info to the Ministry of War but when I am on the spot I suggest keeping them.

At the present time I am trying to get the same type of information from 5/Army so that we will have the whole picture. Col. Cripps seemed particularly keen on this information & I promised to keep him informed.

General

Emilia is even more badly mined than I thought & there is a tremendous amount of work in store.

The whole thing (from the Companies' point of view) will be functioning at the end of the month & I'll then get the Zone Officers' worries put right & start a couple of civilian schools in Modena & Reggio Emilia. I will write to you every two weeks & also keep an eye on Spanpanati's statistical reports.

Incidentally, Bologna is bloody dull.

W. H. A. H. H.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

25 May 45.

AG/35/56

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (LSEA).

1. The present strength of the 504 Mine Clearance Company which is forming at Santa Maria Capua Vetere is 8 Officers and 152 Other Ranks. It is considered that the Company should now commence training at PESCARA at an early date. Please therefore arrange for the Company being moved from the Depot to PESCARA where this Sub Commission will take over.

2. The Company has not been issued with arms. While it is not necessary for the Company to be fully armed it is considered that a proportion of arms should be issued for guards, drill etc.

3. It is understood that transport has already been assigned to the Company and it is hoped that the Company can get delivery soon.

[Signature]
R.A. CHAPMAN
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: Ministry of War
Brig. GEN. P. SUPINO

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

AC/35/LG

25 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA

There is forwarded to you form of revised Contract which Lazio Umbria Region had been drawing up with SANGIOVANNI Mario (S.B.A.R.E.S.) alongwith relative documents. You may wish to contract further with S.B.A.R.E.S. for removal of mines and these documents will be of use to you.

R.R.

R.R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Enclosures

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 368

AC/35/IG

25 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (LMIA).

There are constant demands for release of de:
tonators and safety fuse from Emilia Region where there
is a shortage. May a proportion of detonators and safe:
ty fuse be released to the Ministry of War so that they
may forward same to Emilia Region for use by the Companies
in that area.

R.R.
R.R. GRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

Copy to: Ministry of War
Brig.Gen. P. SUPINO.

HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION
APO 384
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

25 May 46.

AO/36/16

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA

Requests have been received from TOSCANA Region
for Zone 5 for fuel for a flame thrower which they wish to
use. The flame thrower is Italian and was found locally.
Can you help with the provision of fuel?

R.E. CRIPES
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: Ministry of War
Brig.Gen. P. SUPINO.

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/10.4

22 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A. C. - C.M.F.

25 MAY 1945

1. Today Major CROWTHER of the Electric Division of Allied Commission who is at present in Florence, called at this office to ask assistance for the clearance of mines under the high tension cables, which are being repaired in the northern part of Lucca Province.

2. Zone V have been contacted and agree on the Priority of the work but due to the high grass and weeds it is impossible to lift the mines without first burning off the ground.

3. Flame throwers have been found locally (Italian make) but there is a serious shortage of "fuel" and Major PASQUA has already sent a wire to the Ministry of War for supplies which he says, exist there.

Would you please use your good offices to see that the Ministry of War, do send the necessary supplies without undue delay.

4. Nobody from this office has yet been able to visit the land in question but Major PASQUA who has, says that the only practicable method of burning the grass is by Flame Throwers and that ordinary burning is out of the question.

but then way
5. When Major REAKES was last in Toscana Region, he mentioned the possibility of letting V zone have 2 more mine Detectors, these they are very anxious to have. As suitable transport is in such short supply, would Major REAKES be good enough to put these in his car if available when he visit Bologna?

F. G. Green 817

F. G. GREEN

Major - G. L.,

Regional Public Safety Officer.

JBF/mpn

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35 May

The Region should be told and not be worried about it
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SUBJECT : Personnel - Mine Clearance.

25 MAY 1945

Land Forces Sub-Comn, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
RE/11/1

24 May 45

TO : Civil Affairs Section, A.C.
Attn: Maj REAKES.

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

Please return the correspondence with
any comments you may have.

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Maj

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Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

AC/35/16

25 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Lt. Col. C.G. FINDLAY, V.C.
R.F.
104 General Hospital, CMF.

Dear Colonel Findlay,

In Colonel Cripps' absence I received your letter and draft proposed Contract with SBARES. As the territory is now Italian Government Territory I have forwarded the documents to the Ministry of War and asked them to take up the matter with SBARES.

I was sorry to learn of your ill health and hope you will make an early recovery. If I can be of any assistance to you please let me know.

Yours sincerely

PK

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 364
LOCAL GOVERNMENT USE COMMISSION

Ext: 358

25 May 45.

AC/35/IG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Lt. Col. G.G. KIMBLEY, V.C.
R.E.
104 General Hospital, GMP.

Dear Colonel Kimbley,

In Colonel Cripps' absence I received your letter and draft proposed contract with BRATS. As the territory is now Italian Government Territory I have forwarded the documents to the Ministry of War and asked them to take up the matter with BRATS.

I was sorry to learn of your ill health and hope you will make an early recovery. If I can be of any assistance to you please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Col. Coyle

104 General

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Proposed

This is a New Draft Proposal
for Contract made by SIBARE &
I was talking to the Director on the
and they suggested some improvements in
contract so I asked for Draft.

The main differences appear

(a) Obsolete bonus per mile paid
owing to difference in charging.

~~perhaps~~ The removal of a bonus takes time
& therefore costs money; and I think on

a m.g. bonus a contractor would have a
legitimate complaint if he felt worthy
but heavily taxed as was.

(b) a tighter definition of the

Responsibility of the Contractor
for 3rd party accidents

I consider no one can guarantee
an area 100% clear and that it would
be necessary to show 'negligence' to
recover from contractor.

I have not compared fully with
the old contract drawn by me in Sept.
It is worthy of study.

2. Also included as a list of items
and in Nov. I learned it from the
Squad

3) Also detailed measurement of certain
mine fields. Have done completely

of provision.

Then was before I left. Personal use - if possible
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/LG.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ. TONGARA Region.

Tel : 286

23 May 1945

Reference telephone conversation (Major Beakes - Capt. Foster) two
mine Detectors are being forwarded to you by Courier leaving on the 24th May.
Please acknowledge receipt of the detectors.

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

JSR / cm.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED SUBCOMMISSION ROMA
MINE CLEARANCE
Civil Affairs Section
LIAISON OFFICE

Ref. N. 182/Rm

Pescara

Date, li 11 maggio 1945

Subject: Movimento.-

To: COMANDO 562° COMPAGNIA RASTRELLATORI MINE = P.M.I.85-
COMANDO 563° COMPAGNIA RASTRELLATORI MINE = P.M.I.85-

e, per conoscenza

COMANDO COMMISSIONE ALLEATA-A.P.O. 394-

Sezione Affari Civili-

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direz. Gen. Arma del Genio

228° DIVISIONE FANTERIA

541° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA

= ROMA == ROMA == CESENA == P.M.I.85-

*Movement Orders
issued by Spanpanato
already taken
care of.*

Facendo seguito al foglio 9/8 A/C.A. in data 23/4/45 della Commissione Alleata-APO-Sezione Affari Civili-ed in ottemperanza al telegramma ministeriale n° 0/1599 del 9 corrente ed agli ordini verbali detti dal Maggiore Reaks, preposto alla Sezione stessa, si dispone che il grosso della 562° Compagnia ed i rimanenti ~~xxxxxx~~ militari della 563° Compagnia, rimasti in sede, si trasferiscano per ferrovia a Cesena, dove prenderanno alloggio nei locali degli accantonamenti in cui sono già sistemati i primi nuclei delle Compagnie pedesime.

Data di partenza prevista: 14 Maggio p.v.

I militari componenti la 562° Compagnia dovranno essere accantonati separatamente da quelli della 563° Compagnia.

Il Comando della 562° Compagnia verrà assunto temporaneamente dal Tenente RUSSO Amedeo; quello della 563° continuerà ad essere tenuto dal S.Ten. in S.P.B. MELORIO Guido.

I Comandanti dei predetti Reparti si atterranno alle seguenti disposizioni:

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- provvederanno alla buona sistemazione dei militari dipendenti;
- predisporranno per la partecipazione di tutti gli uomini ad un breve corso di addestramento sui nuovi tipi di mine che sarà svolto da Ufficiali Alleati a tal uopo incaricati dalla Sezione ~~anzidetta~~ anzidetta della Commissione Alleata.

Sia richiamata l'attenzione di tutti gli Ufficiali e sottufficiali dipendenti sulla necessità di trarre il massimo profitto dalle istruzioni che saranno loro impartite, in maniera che possano con perfetta perizia dirigere i lavori di bonifica dei ~~ex~~ campi infestati da mine finora da essi non conosciute.

-non daranno inizio ai lavori di rastrellamento mine neanche in su ordine di qualsiasi autorità alleata od italiana, fino a quando non riceveranno istruzioni in contrario dall'Ufficio scrivente, che, a sua volta, prenderà ordini in proposito solo dalla Sezione in parola.-

LIAISON OFFICE
(Cpt. Felice Spanpanato)

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POSTA MILITARE 185, lì, 16 Maggio 45.=

Prot. 100/Rm

O G G E T T O :-

Ordine di movimento.=

- AI TENENTI :-
GRECO - RUSSO - DEL RE - CALROI -
- AI S. TENENTI :-
NARO - DI RIENZO - SACCHET - FERRETTI -
- AL MARESCIALLO DI FABIO
- AI SERGENTI MAGGIORI :-
LOTTINI - CONSORTE -
- AL MAGAZZINO VIVERI -

*These are movement
Orders already taken
care of on camp int.
J.R.
24/5.*

e, p.08

- AL COMANDO DELLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sez. Affari Civili - APO 394
- AL COMANDO REGIONE EMILIA - A.M.G.
- AL COMANDO DELLA 228^a DIVISIONE IT.
- AL COMANDO DEL 541^o REGGIMENTO FANTERIA

L O F O S e d i

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C E S E N A
POSTA MILITARE 185

In data 18 p.v., il grosso della 562^a Compagnia Rastrellatori mine si trasferirà a Cesena, secondo gli ordini precedentemente da me impartiti, in analogia a quanto disposto dal Comando Alleato. 811

Tutto il personale ed il materiale del Comando del Distacco-
menti della 562^a Compagnia dovrà essere avviato alla nuova destinazio-
ne.=

Rimarranno in Sede, in forza al Distaccamento Scuola Addestramen-
to di Silvi, il seguente Personale con gli incarichi a fianco di cia-
scuno indicati; ad eccezione del Distaccamento di Pesaro che rimane sul
posto:

- Capitano SPAMPANATO Felice - definirà le pratiche inerenti al
Comando Presidio - ai lavori rastrellamento mine in corso - all'Uf-
ficio Recupero materiali da Guerra, ed all'Ufficio di Collegamento, *all*
- *Intervento della Scuola sulla base antinamica.*
Tenente GRECO Antonio - assumerà il Comando del Distaccamento
Scuola Addestramento di Silvi - predisporrà per il prelevamento di
N° 50 razioni viveri per giorni 15, per il personale che rimarrà in
forza al Distaccamento stesso e per ~~il resto~~ gli uomini che eventualmen-
te colà affluiranno; - prenderà contatto con l'incaricato dell'Opera
Nazionale Maternità ed Infanzia di Pesara per la restituzione del ma-
teriale in possesso della Compagnia, già di pertinenza dell'ex G.I.L di
Farindola;

- Tenente RUSSO Amedeo - Comandante temporaneo della 562^a Compa-
gnia definirà le pratiche del Comando di Reparto, rimanendo in Sede
solo per qualche giorno;

- Tenente DEL RE Vittorio - collaborerà col Capitano SPAMPANATO
per ulteriore sviluppo organizzazione rastrellamento mine; - si por-
terà per via ordinaria a Cesena per sostituire il Tenente RUSSO duran-
te la sua temporanea assenza; al rientro a Pescara compilerà una rela-
zione.

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zione su quanto avrà rilevato e fatto.==

- Tenente CAIROI Eraldo - assumerà il Comando del grosso della Compagnia durante il movimento; preleverà i viveri per due giorni per tutti i militari che viaggiano al suo seguito; a Cesena si interesserà del vettovagliamento, della sistemazione dei materiali e dell'amministrazione del Reparto;

- S.Tenente NARO Carlo - disporrà per il movimento degli automezzi. A Cesena dovranno essere avviati: N° 2 Autocarri, le tre autocarrette, una delle quali rientrerà in Sede col Tenente DEL RE. - L'Ansaldo ed un autocarro rimarranno a Pescara; il primo a disposizione del Capitano SPAMPANATO, il secondo del Tenente RUSSO;

- S.Tenente SACCHET Gaetano - collaborerà col Tenente CAIROI nell'assolvimento dei compiti a lui affidati;

- S.Tenente DI RIENZO Carlo - si porterà a Cesena per la organizzazione del Servizio Sanitario;

- S.Tenente FERRETTI Pasquale - rimarrà presso il Distaccamento della Scuola di SILVI a disposizione del Tenente GRECO;

- Maresciallo DI FAHIO Ettore - rimarrà a Pescara col seguente personale per portare a termine i lavori di rastrellamento mine in corso, a suo tempo, segnalati dalle autorità alleate:

- Cap. Magg. DI FAHIO Mario - Cap. Magg. BEVILACQUA Giustino - Geniere PITEA Antonio - Geniere GIANFELICE Vincenzo.

I suddetti militari prenderanno alloggio presso i locali della Ditta PACE.==

Il Maresciallo DI FAHIO predisporrà per il servizio di guardia agli esplosivi colà accantonati ed alla Polveriera di S. Donato, presso cui rimarranno in servizio i seguenti militari:

- Cap. Magg. DI ZIO Umberto - geniere METALLO Rocco - Geniere COMANZO Ugo - geniere BUCCINI Silvio - Geniere FICCIANI Alessandro - geniere SANTILLI Severo.==

- Sergente Maggiore CONSORTE Mario - dirigerà e controllerà la lavorazione degli esplosivi residuati da mine; non appena le autorità competenti ne avranno dato autorizzazione.==

- Presso il Distaccamento Scuola Addestramento di Silvi rimarranno in servizio i seguenti militari: Cap. M. Dell'Arciprete Fernando - Caporale MICCOLI Vinicio - (attualmente a riposo per gg. 8 fino al 24/5/45 -) genieri: ANGIOLELLI Fernando - COMPAGNONI Renzo - RAINERO Ferdinando.==

- Rimarranno nella Sede di Pescara i seguenti militari:

Caporale A.U. GHIFONE Osvaldo - Geniere SCAFATI Giuseppe - PERFETTI Luigi - a disposizione del Tenente DEL RE Vittorio - ed i seguenti attendenti: geniere BRUGNARA Pierino - LOTTA Salvatore - BORSELLI Gino - BECHERUCCI Guido.==

- Rimarranno sul posto per completare i lavori di rastrellamento mine in corso i seguenti militari componenti il Distaccamento di Roccaraso: Caporale CASCIANI Egidio - genieri MANZI Michele - COPPA Biagio - GARTNER Francesco.==

SPAMPANATO F.
CAIROI E.
NARO C.
SACCHET G.
DI RIENZO C.
FERRETTI P.
DI FAHIO E.
BEVILACQUA G.
PITEA A.
GIANFELICE V.
METALLO R.
COMANZO U.
BUCCINI S.
FICCIANI A.
SANTILLI S.
CONSORTE M.
MICCOLI V.
ZIO U.
GHIFONE O.
SCAFATI G.
LOTTA S.
RAINERO F.
ANGIOLELLI F.
COMPAGNONI R.
COPPA B.
GARTNER F.

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LOCAL GOVT 1065

WIL/CAR/101
MAY 22 1962

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MAY 22 1962
PRIORITY

WIL/CAR/101
MAY 22 1962

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

28 MAY 1962

IN 1065

Technical mines officer in charge of number 1 Italian Mines Clearance Battalion, on temporary duty in WILIA Region 3 months for mines clearance. Requires jeep to get around over mountain and damaged roads to direct and plan operations. Civilian vehicle not suitable. No regional military vehicle available. Will jeep be loaned for above service.

List

Action - In 1065
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
Keen Sec
Local Govt
File 1
Plant



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MINE CLEARANCE.BOLOGNA.

- 1 Lt. McMA3 arrived BOLOGNA 19 May 45. He reports that 562 and 563 Italian Companies are on the way to RAVENNA area. 50 men only will report to PESARO. 50 will report to CESAHO. He has all matters in hand with regard to these companies and will assist Zone 5 to collect any necessary equipment for instructors.
- 2 He reports the presence of 200 flail tanks at ARCONA; this matter requires investigation on return of Director to AC Hq.
- 3 Lt. Minutta, commanding Zone 5, BOLOGNA, reports that 90 civilians started training on 10 May and will start work on 6 June 45. He will eventually be able to train up to 300 a month, provided he gets two good instructors; he particularly requires Lts. RAMPI and GARROLO.
- 4 At present there is no immediate requirement of AC over policy other than that connected with the BASIC WAGE RATES which are at present under discussion. Those set out in recent MINE CLEARANCE directives are too low and will not attract workers. In fact, the total day's pay, including danger money should be in the region of 170 lire.

ACTION BY MAJOR REAKES.

- (a) Ensure that any correspondence arriving in Local Government Sub-Commission for Ministry of War (Mine Clearance) is vetted and forwarded. (I agree this as MINUTTA has no means of correspondence.)
- (b) Ask Ministry of War for Lts. RAMPI and GARROLO, now at GANJA, to proceed forthwith to BOLOGNA and report to MINUTTA.
- (c) Prevent further Italian Mine Clearance Officers going forward to Regions without uniform and proper equipment.
- (d) Request Ministry of War to provide and send to BOLOGNA some safety fuse of which the school is very short.

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3 Lt. Nutta, commanding Zone 5, BOLOGNA, reports that 90 civilians started training on 10 May and will start work on 6 June 45. He will eventually be able to train up to 300 a month, provided he gets two good instructors; he particularly requires Lts. BANFI and GAROLO.

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ACTION BY MAJOR RANKS.

(a) Ensure that any correspondence arriving in Local Government Sub-Commission for Ministry of War (Mine Clearance) is vetted and forwarded. (I agree this as NUTTA has no means of correspondence.)

(b) Ask Ministry of War for Lts. BANFI and GAROLO, now at CAPUA, to proceed forthwith to BOLOGNA and report to NUTTA.

(c) Prevent further Italian Mine Clearance Officers going forward to Regions without uniform and proper equipment.

(d) Request Ministry of War to provide and send to BOLOGNA some safety fuse of which the school is very short.

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Mine Clearance in Italy.

Undernoted are estimates of the numbers of mines which have been lifted, made safe or destroyed in situ since this Commission was formed in Italy. The figures are estimates and have been supplied by the Italian Ministry of War and have been accepted by them. These figures have been checked with the records kept at this Commission and they tally. A large number of these mines were lifted by Italian Military personnel especially in SARDINIA and by Allied Military personnel in SICILY and Southern ITALY. Opinions of experts are inclined to the view that ~~within recent months~~ the figures given in recent months are inclined to be on the high side in view of the numbers employed.

Figures are for the period up to 15th April.

561 Italian Mine Clearance Company.

GAETA	11378
LIVORNO	19602
	30980

562 Italian Mine Clearance Company.

PESCARA, CHIETI and surrounding country.....	367000
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Civilian Squads. working in AC territory.

PISA	15865	
LUCCA	29635	
LIVORNO		
as for 561 Coy.		
PISTOIA	16115	66615
VIAREGGIO	500	
FLORENCE	4500	68215
Miscellaneous -	<u>1600</u>	66615

Civilians working in Italian Government territory.

TOSCANA	33094	
LAZIO UMBRIA	207017	
ABRUZZI	<u>49711</u>	289822
SARDINIA	264 000	
SICILY and CALABRIA	<u>162 000</u>	426000
		1,185,000

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APPENDIX "D"
(TO VP, CA's Report
of 20 May 45.)

MINE CLEARANCE.

BOLIGNA.

- 1 Lt. McKEN arrived BOLIGNA 19 May 45. He reports that 562 and 563 Italian Companies are on the way to RAVENNA area. 50 men only will report to PERARO. 50 will report to CERRATO. He has all matters in hand with regard to these companies and will assist Zone 5 to collect any necessary equipment for instructors.
- 2 He reports the presence of 200 flail tanks at ANCONA; this matter requires investigation on return of Director to AC HQ.
- 3 Lt. Nitti, commanding Zone 5, BOLIGNA, reports that 90 civilians started training on 10 May and will start work on 6 June 45. He will eventually be able to train up to 300 a month, provided he gets two good instructors; he particularly requires Lts. RAMETI and GARROLO.
- 4 At present there is no immediate requirement of AC over policy other than that connected with the BASIC WAGE RATES which are at present under discussion. Those set out in recent MINE CLEARANCE directives are too low and will not attract workers, in fact, the total day's pay, including danger money should be in the region of 170 lire.

ACTION BY MAJOR READER.

- (a) Ensure that any correspondence arriving in Local Government Sub-Commission for Ministry of War (Mine Clearance) is vetted and forwarded. (I agree this as NUTTA has no means of correspondence.)
- (b) Ask Ministry of War for Lts. RAMETI and GARROLO, now at CERRATO, to proceed forthwith to BOLIGNA and report to NUTTA.
- (c) Prevent further Italian Mine Clearance Officers going forward to Regions without uniform and proper equipment.
- (d) Request Ministry of War to provide and send to BOLIGNA some safety fuse of which the school is very short.

1° BATTAGLIONE RASTRELLATORI MINE
COMANDO

N. _____ di Prof.

Il 14th May 1945.

OGGETTO:

Rif.to foglio n. _____ del _____

My dear Major Reakes,

I have been here for a couple of days & am leaving tomorrow. Capt Spanpanato was in Rome when I arrived but arrived back that night & I saw him next morning. He is going to Rome again tomorrow & is coming to see you.

The Companies are ready to move off tomorrow morning. I will write you again early next week.

Archie Hachablt.

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Rome 18/5 1945

The WAR MINISTRY
Direction General Engineers
Central Office B.C.M.

To ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
A.P.O. 394

Answer to letter of the 24/4/1945
n. 9/BA/C.A

Copy to: COMANDO 228a DIV. ITAL.
CESENA

File n. 8/71961

Subject: Motor Transports for Mine-sweepers.

21 MAY 1945

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This Ministry has no objection to the Emilia Region hiring 12 motor-lorries to be employed for the work of the 562nd. and 563rd. mine-sweepers co. who work on behalf of the above organization.

Besides, to avoid interferences, since the zones B.C.M. depend upon different employing and administrative organizations, for what concerns mine-sweepers co., we think it advisable not to hand the administration of the mentioned transports to the B.C.M. zone Command-Emilia inasmuch as the interested sections can provide directly.

For the Ministry
(Gen. Div. O. Grivaro)

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Translation J.C.



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

Divisione *Sez.*
Det. A 8/7/901 Allegati

Roma 18.5.45
20 MAY 1945
→ *11.A.G. - CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION*
A.P.O. 394

e per con.: AL COMANDO 228^a DIV. ITAL.
C E S E N A

Risposta al Teleg. del 24/4/1945
Sez. *11.9/8A/C.A*

OGGETTO: Automezzi per cp.rastrellatori mine.-- **19 MAG. 1945**

Nulla osta da parte di questo Ministero a che l'Emilia Region prenda in affitto 12 autocarri per essere impiegati nei lavori dalle 562^a e 563^a cp.rastrellatori mine che operano alla sua dipendenza d'impiego.

Peraltro allo scopo di evitare interferenze, tenuto conto che le Zone B.C.M. hanno differenti dipendenze d'impiego ed amministrative in confronto delle cp.rastr.mine, si è di avviso che non sia opportuno affidare l'amministrazione di detti automezzi al Comando Zona B.C.M. - Emilia, tanto più che i reparti interessati possono provvedervi direttamente.

P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen.Div. O.Crivarò)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/6/5/2/10.

Tel : 256

SUBJECT : Printing.

22 May 1945.

TO : Printing Officer HQ. Allied Commission.

Please have the attached documents set up in Italian only for printing and a proof submitted for checking. These diagrams will fall to be inserted at the places shown.

The Mine diagrams prepared for this Sub Commission are returned for amendment. Some errors have arisen in the translation due to the technical language employed and some addition have been made.


R. R. GRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

PC POLICIA

3113

21 May 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD SEE MICH DETACHMENT DISPATCHED TO YOU TODAY BY AIR PD

PARISH TO INTER ACTION PC POLICIA ATTENTION CAPTAIN MICH SHORT FROM HQ ALCON

CITE ACHET PARISH

MINISTRY OF WAR ASKED TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF MATERIAL PD SUGGEST YOU TRY

ZONE HQ AT FORM

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/C

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NICHOLAS FLORESINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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Loc. in Gort 51c

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c/o. P. C. BOLIGNA

20 MAY 1945

17 May 45

Ref : RBP /1/237

Subject : Report - Mine Clearance
to : 5 Army A.M.G.

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INSTRUCTION(a) Emilia Zone

A further 20 recruits have been enrolled bringing the total number up to 50. The course began, as planned on 11 May and these men are under instruction by 2Lt ORSATI.

(b) Liguria Zone

A total of 80 recruits have been enrolled, and the course began as planned on 17 May. These men are under instruction by 2/Lt RECOSA.

Col. Canale
which was
up.

2 WAGES

(a) A cost of living bonus, consisting of 50% of that prevailing in Southern Italy. i. e. Lit 30,- per day, is in operation in Emilia Zone.

(b) This has also been extended to mine clearance workers.

(c) This cost of living bonus has so far not been adopted by Liguria Region.

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3 RATIONS

(a) The scale of rations to which mine clearance workers are entitled, that is, equivalent to that for Public Security Agents, appears to be available in Li

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guria Zone.

(b) Of the items enumerated in this ration scale only Bread, Sugar and Oil appear to be available in Emilia Zone.

4 FIRST AID

(a) It has been decided to give mine clearance personnel a three day course in First Aid at the end of their normal period of instruction in mine clearance duties.

(b) The Public Health Departments are requesting the cooperation of the Italian Red Cross this scheme.

5 PAY AND MATERIALS

These items were made the subject of a separate letter REF/1/234 of 16 May, in view of the urgent position regarding them.

6 PROGRESS

In the initial period when preparations were being made prior to the beginning of the course, the Italian Officers of Liguria have done useful work in clearing, personally, several urgently required properties in Genova City, and in clearing other properties to enable the recovery of the bodies of civilians who had already become casualties. 799

Copies to : 5 Army A.M.G.
Col. BRIPS H.C.A.S. ✓
5 SAC IV Corps
R.C. Liguria
R.C. Emilia
File

M. Short
A. SHORT
Captain R/A/S.F.

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S/O P.O. BOLOGNA

15 May 45

Ref PER / 233

Subject : Mine Clearance

to : Major T.S. REAKES
H.Q.A.S.

21 MAY 1945

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Dear Major,

I regret that I was unable to meet you on your arrival in Lucca on 30 th April.

Your letter of 24 April did not reach me until to - day, as I had already received instructions to move forward, from Col. Sutherland.

Yours truly
M. Short
M. SHORT

Captain R.A.S.C.

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C/O P.S. B O L O G N A

20 MAY 1945

16 May

Ref : R E P /I/234

Subj : Mine Clearance

to : 5 Army A.M.G.

for Major Wynora

In spite of repeated and urgent requests, so far no materials have been made available by the Ministry of war for Northern Italy. Mine Detectors and Demolition Materials were requested four months ago.

As stated in report no REP 1/223 of 9 May instruction of new trainees began in Emilia on 11 th May and begins in Liguria on 17 May, and it is expected that this training will be completed within three weeks of each of the above mentioned dates at Bologna and Genova respectively.

It is the practice for workmen to be paid fortnightly and the Ministry have made no funds available for either Liguria or Emilia.

In view of the urgency of the above, the following was today included in a signal to H.Q.A.G. Rome : "Interim Report Emilia and Liguria despatched 9 May 45 (.) Urgently requested funds be forwarded these zones immediately Line one million each Zone (.) First payment new recruits due within eight days (.) Dispatch mine detectors and demolitic materials equally urgent (.)"

5 Army A.M.G.

H.Q.A.G. ✓

S.A.A.O. IV Corps

R.G. LIGURIA

R.G. EMILIA

M. SHORT

Captain R.A.S.G.

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Munich
was being
asked for
10 Mine Detectors
have been
forwarded.

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Funds can
be obtained
from R20 agency

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/18.

SUBJECT : Name Clearance.

TO : A.F. Hq. (G-5)

Tel : 236

19 May 1945

Your letter G-5 : 230.4-13 of 17 May 1945 is acknowledged. The matter is being examined and a program will be submitted to you at an early date.

JRC

R. R. GRIPPE
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

JBR / encl.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG.

Tel : 286

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

19 May 1945.

TO : MR. TOSCANA Region.

Your letter R VIII/PS/10.4 of 7 May 1945 is acknowledged.

It is realised that with the change of Command at HQ. Zone 5 there are difficulties in getting details from PISA, etc. Your co-operation in the matter is appreciated.



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

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/10.4 17 May 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Reports. 13 MAY 1945

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A. C. - C.M.F.
(Attention Major Reakes)

1. Reference your letter AC/35/LG dated 11 May 1945.
2. Every effort will be made to send you the bimonthly report on the progress of 5 zone on the same lines as those rendered by Capt. Short.
3. Due to the two changes of command of the 5 zone in such a short period, it has been somewhat difficult to get the necessary details from Fisa but as soon as these are received the report for period 1 to 15 May, will be forwarded.
4. At the same time it must be pointed out that the extra work devolving upon this department by reason of supervising mine clearance is having to be carried out by a very reduced number of Officers, and it is not to be expected that the same attention can be given to this problem as if it were the sole duty on one specialist Officer.
5. If it could possibly be arranged therefore that Captain Short or some other specialist Officer could be posted to be in charge of mine clearance in the Region the position would be considerably improved.

FGG/mpn

H. Green
F. G. GREEN
Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer 794

File 1047
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/10.

Tel : 358

18 MAY 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of WAR
Via XI Settembre,
RMA.

RE. Emilia Region requested some suits of battle dress for Officers who were engaged in Mine Clearance work but had no uniforms. Six suits of battle dress have been allotted to this Sub Commission. Will you please arrange for the uniforms being collected from Naples and forwarded to Zone HQ. at Parli', in Emilia Region, for the use of the Officers requiring same.

Winston Reade, Maj
R. R. CHURTS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

COPY TO EMILIA REGION

(Your R IX/2166/10 of 6 May refers).

*Also sent to Ministry of War -
please note.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AB/55/16.

Tel : 358

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

18 MAY 1945

TO : Headquarters Toscana Region.

1. Reference is made to your letter R VIII/PA/10.4 of 10 May crossing our letter to the Ministry of War dated 11 May concerning the same subject, copy of which was forwarded to you.

2. The Ministry of War are in agreement that the Florence scheme should be included within Zone V and instructions should be given direct to Zone V now to get on with the incorporation. There should be no difficulty about it as in effect all that it means is that the men of Florence go on to the pay-roll of the zone. Florence should be made a sub zone with the Commandante as a sub zone commander. Please arrange this with the Zone. The Ministry of War have been informed of our intentions in the matter and are in agreement. It will mean that these men will be discharged from UNRA and embodied within the Zone on the same terms and conditions as those employed at Pisa.

3. Major Reakes expects to go to Bologna in about ten days time and will call at your Headquarters before going there.

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R. R. CHIFFO
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

Copy to : General SUPINO, Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre, R o m e.

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18 MAY 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

LAND FORCES SUB-COM, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/4/3

17 May 45

TO : HQ A.C. (for Local Gov't Sub Com) ←

Ref your AC/53/LG of 10 May.

1. Please see my A.019 of 17 May.

2. (a) There are no special mine clearing companies in the Italian Army except those already allotted to you.

(b) There are two Fd Coys (Engineers) in each of the five Combat Gps, which are under comd of Armies or AFHQ direct. AFHQ would have to consult Armies whether those under their comd could be released or not.

3. I suggest that you approach AFHQ in the matter, as I do not know how these coys are at present employed or whether they can be spared.

J. H. England
Major General
MMIA

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*General present letter. I wish
they would support mine clearance
in Italy. Ask AFHQ for
assistance.*

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

15 MAY 1945

14 May 1945

Tel : 478701

251/247/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Movement of Mine Clearance Coys

TO : Civil Affairs Section ←

1. Reference your 9/8A/CA dated 25 April 45 requesting arrangements for movement of the 562 and 563 Italian Mine Clearance Companies 12 Officers 300 other ranks and 12 tons baggage from Pescara to Cesena.
2. Herewith rail timings as follows :-
Pescara dep. 0917 hrs 15 May
Osimo arr. 1423 hrs 18 May.
Party will detrain at Osimo and be carried by AC road transport to Ancona for re-entrainment to Cesena.
Ancona dep. approx. 2000 hrs 18 May
Cesena arr. " 2359 hrs 18 May.

7205 hrs 18 May
0400 hrs 19 May

For the Director

C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON
Major

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Copy to : Transportation Sub-Commission,
Roads Section (Major Stait Gardner)

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/10.4

10 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance, Florence.

17 MAY 1945

TO : Civil Affairs Section
Allied Commission C.M.F.
Attention Major neakes.

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1. For the time being the proposed strike of men clearing mines in Florence Province has been averted until possible to bring the men working Florence Province in line with those under the control of the (Bonifica Campi Minati)

2. With the possible idea of incorporating the present Florence mine clearing Squads into a Sub-zone of Zone 5 HQ at Pisa, Captain Forster took the Officer in charge of Florence down to Pisa.

3. The conditions and administration were discussed by the two Italian Officers who are of the opinion that the Florence scheme can easily be absorbed into zone organisation, leaving the present Florence Officer in command of Florence sub-zone. This will have the effect of having only one set of conditions for men on the same work, prevailing in the region and it is thought that these conditions will be sufficiently advantageous to the Florence men that labour troubles will be reduced to a minimum.

4. Application is therefore made for the incorporation of the Florence UNPA scheme in the Bonifica Minati Zone V Organisation, and Captain Spotaro in charge Zone V has asked that his Ministry of War be advised of these proposals of A.M.G., creating a Sub-zone within his main Zone.

5. In my opinion, the present Florence Organisation is too good to be allowed to cease to function because of petty labour troubles and the proposed incorporation will avoid any cessation of the work in hand.

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6. Captain Nuti, the previous Zone Commander was contacted in Pisa and gave the other two officers the benefit of his advice.

7. A mine Clearance Squad has already been sent from Pisa to Apuania Province where it is urgently required and it is hoped to open a training school at Massa (Apuania) shortly.

8. Due to the Cessation of hostilities and the celebrations entailed, it is extremely difficult to contact the Italian Officials but progress will be reported at regular intervals.

For the Regional Commissioner

F. G. Green

F. G. GREEN
Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 388

17 May 45.

AC/35/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Captain M. SHORT
c/o P.C. Bologna.

1. Your report of the 9th May is acknowledged.

2. The Zone Headquarters for EMILIA Region has been established at FORLI and all workers enrolled under that Zone should come under FORLI headquarters. Would you contact FORLI in the matter. They should have funds to meet all commitments within their Zone. The question of whether the Zone HQ should be established at FORLI or BOLOGNA is one to be decided on the spot. It is considered that FORLI is the ideal spot as most of the mines are in that area but circumstances may make this undesirable.

3. With regard to wages Zone HQ at FORLI have been given instructions as to the wages to be paid. The wages are being revised at present but Zone will be informed when the revised rates are to be taken into effect. In this connection you are referred to the Mine Clearance Plan for North Italy, copy of which is enclosed, and your attention is drawn to para 5 of Appendix A. This sets out the basic wage and daily indemnity (danger money) payable until such time as Zone HQ have received their instructions. The wage rate throughout EMILIA Region must be kept the same all over, so please take the matter up with FORLI HQ.

4. It is agreed that it is impracticable to transfer personnel from Zone 5 to the north.

5. Your request for 200 pairs of boots is noted. There are unfortunately none available at present as the Ministry of War have exhausted the supplies already given to them. Efforts will be made to try and get some more boots and clothing.

6. Your report No 430 RRP/1/217 of 5th May 45 has not been received, please forward a copy.

7. Your signal requesting funds etc. has been received

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HQ Zone at FORLI are in a position to draw funds from the Cassa Militare (Paymaster) which has been established in BOLOGNA. They indent for the money through the Comando Militare and if you advise them of the number of workers on your payroll there should be no difficulty. If however there is any difficulty the Regional Finance Officer will advance payment to cover your immediate needs but must report such advances to this Headquarters. These payments are a Ministry of War commitment, and must, where possible, be met through their channels.

8. Ten further detectors will be sent for your use.

9. Lt. MACNAB is reporting to EMILIA Region and has been given instructions to contact and discuss with you questions of training in the new type of mines to be found in EMILIA Region.


R.R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: HQ. Emilia Region
for Lt. MACNAB

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17 MAY 1945

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RESERVED PD

PARA ONE PD THESE AVAILABLE THROUGH HQ ZONE BOLCHNA AT FORT PD ZONE
SHOULD INQUIRE THROUGH COMANDOS TERRITORIALES OR CASA MILITARE PAREN DAYMASTER PAREN
FOR ASSISTANCE REQUIRED PD

PAREN TO FOR ACTION TO BOLCHNA ATTENTION CAPTAIN SHIRT FROM HQ ALCOA CITY
ACTION PAREN

PARA TWO PD IF IN NEED HIGH FOX CODE WILL GIVE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE PD
CONTACT BEEN HQ FOR DEMOLITIONAL MATERIAL PD FURTHER THE HIGH DETECTORS
ARE BEING FORWARDED PD COL CHIEFS ARRIVING BOLCHNA ON NINETEEN MAY PD
DETERMINED TO SEE YOU

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3/0

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NICHOLAS FLORENTINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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Subject : Transport for Mine Clearance Units.

Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
Q/5/8

14 MAY 1945

14 May, 1945.

To : A.C. (for Civil Affairs Section).

1. Every endeavour will be made to complete the following units to full scale in transport at the earliest possible date :

561 Mine Clearing Coy.
563 " " "
564 " " "

Instructions should be issued to these units to make application direct to the nearest M.M.I.A. L.O. if they need a replacement for a vehicle sent in for repair. Such action should be additional to the routine application to the War Ministry. So far as possible priority will be given to maintaining these units up to scale.

R.A. Curties

R.A. CURTIES, Lt.Colonel,
for Major General,
M.M.I.A.

Copy to : S. I. G.

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HEADQUARTERS

MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

JG/als

Patriots Branch

In reply
refer to:

AG 383.6/732 1-0

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance by Italian Service Unit Personnel (US)

TO: 1. Commanding General
Panisular Base Section
APO 732

1. There is no objection to employment of Italian Service Unit personnel for mine clearance provided such personnel:

- volunteer for such work.
- have received instruction in mine clearing operations.
- work under proper supervision.

2. Extra pay in the form of bonus will not be given for mine clearance unless paid by the Italian government on a scale to be determined.

3. This letter constitutes authority to utilize US Italian Service unit personnel for mine clearance on Italian soil only.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MENAHER:

R. H. STONE
Major, AGD
Asst Adjutant General

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US POLIO
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 59

Date/Time of Origin: MAY 16/1945

Message Centre No: 2/1114

Date Time Rec'd: MAY 17/1945

Precedence: OPERATIONAL PRIORITY

FROM: AME LIGURIA FOR CAPT SHORT AND BOLOGNA

TO: AICOM HQ

CONFIDENTIAL

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Ref your 7326 interim report EMILIA and LIGURIA despatched 9 May 1945.
Urgently requested funds be forwarded these zones immediately lire one million
each zone. First payment with recruits due within 8 days. Despatch of mine detectors
and demolition material equally urgent

M/C NOTE:

7326 originated by I Govt SG

DEPT

ACTION : I GOVT SG
FINANCE SG

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
CA SEC
ECON SEC
FILE (2)
STAMP

Noted & answered

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Report - Mine Clearance.

3th Army HQ

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1. Establishment of Northern Zones
(a) Emilia Zone Hq. has been established at the Prefecture, Bologna.

(b) A school of instruction has been established at the Scuola Aldrovandi, Via S. Stefano 116; 30 Students have so far been enrolled and instruction begins on 11 May 45.

(c) Liguria Zone Hq. has been established in the Regional Commissioner's offices, Genova.

(d) A school - room is being put at the disposal of this Zone by the Regional Education Officer. Instruction will begin on 17 May 45.

2. Wages

The basic wage for unskilled workers in both Emilia and Liguria Regions is L. 85 per day. As it cannot be expected that Mine Clearance workers will engage themselves for long, this figure has been taken as the basic wage, in agreement with the C.S.O. Civil Labour Units at Bologna and Genova.

3. Transfer of Personnel

(a) In view of the fact that Mine Clearance workers in Zone 5 are receiving considerably higher wages than those which will be in operation in Zones Liguria and Emilia, it is not practical to transfer workers from Zone 5 to the North.

(b) In addition to the factor shown in 3(a), there is also the practical difficulty in accommodating these men, especially in Emilia.

4. Clothing

(a) It is requested that clothing similar to that which was made available to the workers in Zone 5, that is trousers and boots, be made available to workers for the Northern Zones on repayment.

(b) An initial allocation of 200 pairs of each trousers and boots is requested.

5. Collection of information

(a) The situation as regards the situation of mine fields in Emilia was discussed in Report No. 202/1/217 of 25 May 45.

(b) Precise information regarding Liguria is being collected through Sindaci. Preliminary information indicates that the La Spezia Province is most heavily mined and the establishment of an additional school of instruction there is being considered.

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6. Materials

It is once again emphasized that not one item of the materials demanded from the Ministry of War, over three months ago has been made available.

7. Payment of Workers

The Ministry of War have so far taken no steps to make funds available in the Northern Zones for the payment of workers. An immediate settlement on this point is urgent.

8. Wines Disposal Officer

5th Army Wines Disposal Officer is now located at Bologna, care of P.C.

Report - Mine Clearance (continued)

W. Short
W. SHORT
Capt. R.A.S.C.

Copies to: 5th Army AMG 1
Col. Cripps Hq. AOT ✓
SCAO IV Corps 1
P.O. Bologna 1
E.C. Liguria 1
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HEADQUARTERS MILITIA REGION
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

6 MAY 1945
12 May 1945

Reference: RIX/HQ/1/1/2

Subject: Mine Clearance Accident

To: HQ, AG
APO 394

Ref your signal 7134, cite ACLET of 7 May.

1. It is confirmed that an accident did occur and attd is a report on this accident.

2. It will be seen that the accident was NOT during organized mine clearance work and it is confirmed that the personnel of these Coys are NOT yet being employed on mine clearance.

For the Regional Commissioner:

J.C. St.G. Shute
J.C. St.G. SHUTE
Major,
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PR 17/5.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

UFFICIO GENIO E MINATORI CAMPI MINATI
COMANDO ZONA EMILIA

MA/gf

Forlì 7 Maggio 1945

Prov. n. 136

OGGETTO: Infortunio del Minatore
Deola Giovanni in Rimini
Allegati: una traduzione

ALL' H.Q. REGION EMILIA

Il giorno 1 Maggio c.a. il minatore Deola Giovanni fu colpito da una mina tedesca in un campo di lavoro non assegnatogli da questo Comando Scuola ed in giorno festivo, nel disattivare una bomba a mano tedesca rimaneva ferito dall'esplosione all'occhio sinistro e riportava ustioni alla faccia e alle mani.

L'infortunio è stato denunciato da questo Comando di Zona all'Istituto Nazionale Infortuni sul Lavoro con foglio N. 135 in data 7 Maggio 1945.

Tanto per dovere e conoscenza.



Il Comandante della Zona Emilia

Mag. G. J. Bonini

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

UFFICIO GENIO

CA CAMPI MINATI

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Prot.n. 134

OGGETTO: Relazione

Forli 7 Maggio 1945

Alla H.Q. A.M.O F.O.R.L.I.

Nel pomeriggio del giorno 2 Maggio il ten. Sequenzia Giovanni ed due sottufficiali Serg. Olivi Paolo-Berg. Spagnoli Renato della 500^a Comp. Mastrellatori Mine a Cesena, senza alcun ordine e di propria spontanea volontà, si sono recati nei pressi del Cimitero ove il guardiano del Cimitero stesso aveva segnalato la presenza di alcune mine R.Mi 42.

I detti hanno provveduto a radunare alcune ed a trasportarle a mezzo di una carriola. Secondo le informazioni raccolte pare che una ultima mina sia rimasta entro un fosso laterale alla strada e che il ten. Sequenzia l'abbia sollevata a mano e trasportata verso la carriola ove trovavansi le altre già raccolte, mandando nel frattempo il sergente Spagnoli alla ricerca di un paio di pinze necessarie forse a disarmarla.

Il custode del Cimitero era rientrato in casa propria: nelle casa vicina confinante con essa trovavansi due ragazze ed un bimbo che hanno fornito alcuni particolari potuti osservare dalla finestra della loro casa stessa.

Alle ore 15,00 circa è avvenuto l'esplosione provocata forse dall'urto dell'ultima mina deposta sulla carriola, esplosione che deve aver provocato quella di tutte le altre mine deposte nella carriola.

I resti delle vittime, sono stati trovati a distanza dal luogo dell'esplosione: le due ragazze ed il bimbo che hanno visto una parte della tragica scena e che sono stati interrogati, sono rimasti

una fotografia presa dal verso delle case del guardiano del Cimitero

Nel pomeriggio del giorno 4 Maggio il ten. Sequenzia Giovanni ed due sottufficiali Berg. Olivi Paolo-Berg. Spagnoli Renato delle 563^a Comp. Recupellatori Mine a vesenz. senza alcun ordine e di propria spontanea volontà, si sono recati nel paese del Cimitero ove il guardiano del Cimitero stesso aveva segnalato la presenza di alcune mine R.Mi 43.

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Il sottotenente Melosio Sig. Guido della 563^a Compagnia, che in seguito alla morte del ten. Sequenzia, ha preso il comando della Compagnia stessa, ha inviato un proprio rapporto al Com. di Battaglione e rescato il 5-5-1945; ha inoltrato detto Ufficiale di Farme copia da inviare all'A.M.G. di ordi.

Il Comandante della Zona Emilia

May. 4. i. 1945 5807

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

UFFICIO CENTRALE DI RICERCA E CAMPAGNA MINATA

COMANDO ZONA EMILIA

TRANSLATION

Forlì 7 May 1945

To: H.Q. A.M.G. R O R L I'

On the afternoon of 2 May 1945, Lt. Giovanni Sequenzia (Italian) and two NCOs, Sergeant Paolo Olivetti and Sergeant Renato Spagnoli (Italian), all of 563 Comp. Resurrellatori Mine stationed at Cesena, went to the outskirts of the local cemetery. This they did without orders and of their own free will; the caretaker of the cemetery had reported that there were several mines (of the R.M. 40 type) in that area.

The above mentioned military personnel lifted some of them and took them away in a wheel barrow. As far as my information indicates, it seems that there was one mine left in a ditch along the road. Lt. Sequenzia lifted it with his hands and took it over to the wheel-barrow in which the other mines had been laid. He had already sent Sergeant Spagnoli to get a pair of pliers, which were no doubt necessary for disarming the mine.

The caretaker of the cemetery had gone into his own home; in the net house were two girls and a baby; the two girls have furnished several details of the accident, which they were able to see from the window of their home.

At about 15.30 hours an explosion was heard: an explosion caused, perhaps, by juggling the mine in putting it into the wheel-barrow. The explosion of the last mine must have caused the further explosion of all the other mines lying in the wheel-barrow.

The victims' remains were found at some distance from the place of the explosion: the two girls and the baby, who saw part of the tragic scene and who have been questioned, were wounded; part of the roof belonging to the caretaker's house was damaged.

Lt. Guido Melosio (Italian), 563 Company, who has succeeded the late Lt. Sequenzia as O.C. of the 563 Company, sent his own report to Battalion Hq. at Pesceara on 5 May 1945. I have instructed above officer to make a copy of his report, to be sent to A.M.G. Forlì Province.

Il Comandante della Zona Emilia

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Il Comandante della Zona Emilia

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

12 May 45.

AC/35/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MHA)
(Attn.: Maj. HOLT).

It is requested that six suits of Battle Dress
(dyed) be made available for use by Italian Officers work-
ing with Mine Clearance squads.

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

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
CHIETI, PESCARA AND TERAMO PROVINCES
~~LIAISON OFFICER~~

Ref. N. _____

Date, 11 _____

Subject: _____

To: _____

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION CHIETI - PESCARA
AND TERAMO PROVINCES

Dated 12.3. 1945

Subject:- Capt. SPAMPANATO Felice.=

Capt. SPAMPANATO Felice - Liaison Officer
HQ/A.C. Chieti, Pescara and Teramo Provinces
attached to this A.C.C. -

He is authorized to travel by his own vehicle
across the following Regions for service
reason: LAZIO - CAMPANIA - PUGLIE - ABRUZZI
MARCHE - CALABRIA - TOSCANA.=

Please give to this Officer every possible
help, and if it is requested also petrol.=

MAJOR PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER
A.C.C. Chieti, Pescara and
Teramo Provinces

*I refused to grant this since up
to now which he had proposed to
with my signature and. J.R.*

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OGGETTO: Capitano Spampanato Felice

Il Capitano Spampanato Felice - Ufficiale di collegamento per le provincie di Chieti, Teramo e Pescara è aggregato a questo Comando A.C.C.

Egli è autorizzato a viaggiare col suo automezzo nelle seguenti Regioni per motivi di servizio: Lazio - Campania - Puglia - Marche - Abruzzo - Calabria - Toscana. Compiacetevi dare a questo Ufficiale ogni possibile aiuto e se richiesta anche benzina.

Il maggiore ecc

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

AO/35/EG

11 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Provincial Commissioner, PISA

There is enclosed a letter from the Ministry of War to HQ. Zone 5, Via Bonanno 9, PISA. It concerns the insurance of the workers engaged on Mine Clearance and the Ministry of War is anxious that the Zone should receive the letter before the 15th of May. Please have the letter delivered as soon as possible.

R.R. Cripps

R.R. CRIPPS

Colonel

Director

Local Government Sub Commission .

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

11 May 45.

AC/35/5G

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : AMG IV Corps
(Attn.: Capt. M. SHORT).

Please submit an Interim Report by return as to where Mine Clearing centres are being set up and your present phone number. As information is urgently required as to the extent of mined areas in the north please add a paragraph on this in your report.



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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

AG/35/LG

21 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : AMG 15 Army Group.

Information is urgently desired on the extent of mined areas in the North so that preparations can be made for removal of mines. It is known that some records were kept by the enemy of the mine fields laid by them. May steps be taken to procure and forward records to this Headquarters?

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

11 May 45

AG/35/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (LWIA).

A small number of officers (Reserve) who have been recalled for duty as instructors for mine clearance work have no uniforms. May battle dress be supplied to these officers on repayment?

JLR

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

Copy to: HQ. Emilia Region
(your RIX/2166/DD of
6 May refers).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 594
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

11 May 45

AC/35/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Printing Officer, HQ.AC.

There are enclosed three diagrams of mines and igniters which are to form appendices to a directive which is being issued. The descriptions of the parts will be in Italian as shown on the attached document. 500 copies will be required. Please submit "proof before running off. It is suggested that the diagram should be quarto size.

pk

R.R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 356

11 May 45.

AG/35/IG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA

1. Reference conversation (General SUPINO Major REAKES) on the recent tour made by Major REAKES in TOSCANA Region.

2. Owing to the rapid advance of the Armies culminating in the surrender of the enemy many instructors were withdrawn from Zone 5 leaving the Zone short. A number of instructors have now been sent to this Zone and these along with the Officers and NCOs drawn from the 561 Company should be sufficient to ensure continuity.

3. In FLORENCE and SIENA the local UNPA have been trained and organised into Mine Clearance squads and are working efficiently. In FLORENCE there are approximately 81 workers and instructions have been given to TOSCANA Region to include them within the Zone scheme. They will be discharged from UNPA and will come on to the same wage scale as that paid to the other workers under your scheme. Will you please advise Zone Headquarters of this?

4. In so far as SIENA is concerned it is understood that Col. GAZZINI paid a visit to the Commandante UNPA who suggested that they be incorporated within the Zone scheme. May this be arranged please?

5. It is considered that a senior Officer should be sent to Zone 5 and you may consider Major PASQUA should be sent there. If so this Commission will make arrangements for his journey, if this necessary.

pk
R.E. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director

Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: HQ TOSCANA
Region

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

11 May 45.

AG/35/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance,
364 Mine Clearance Company.

TO : HQ. TOSCANA Region.

1. The 364 Mine Clearance Company is being formed at CAPUA and will shortly be moved to SILVI, PESCARA for training. After training it is intended to make them available to your Region. The War Establishment of the companies is 209 all ranks. In view of the lack of transportation it has been found more effective if the companies are dispersed into working areas in squads of 20 to 50 men with the Company Headquarters in a central position, and this will be more so when the Company moves into your area.

2. Before the Company can be moved accommodation will require to be found at the places where you will wish them to work. Will you please take the matter up and make plans now for the reception of the Company in your Region, advising this HQ. when you will be in a position to accept the Company?

R.R.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

AC/35/LG

11 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Reports.

TO : HQ.TOSOANA Region.

There is forwarded copy of the last bi-monthly report dated 26 April 45 issued by Captain SHORT. From these reports records are kept at this HQ. It is desired that these fortnightly reports be continued. The next report should be for the period up to 15th May.


E.R. GRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 358

11 May 45.

AC/35/DG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Hq. TOSCANA Region.

There are forwarded letters received from AMG
Fifth Army dated 26th April 45. Please arrange for Zone
5 PISA to take the matter up with the squad in question ~~and~~
and bring them into the scheme.


R.R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Enclosures

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AME FOUR CORPS

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11 May 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED ID

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FROM ONE ID BECAUSE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY ~~RECEIVED~~ REPORT OF NEW CENTERS
ESTABLISHED AND ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON EXIST OF
PARISH TO FOR ACTION AME FOUR CORPS ATTORNEY CAPTAIN SHIRT FROM ID ALCON
OTIS AGLOE PARK
MINED AREAS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/O

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NICHOLAS PIOMRINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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AME REGIA REGION

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11 May 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD MAIN BODY FIVE SIX TWO SLANT THREE ITALIAN MINE CLEARING COMPANIES
WILL MOVE BY RAIL DURING WEEK FOURTEEN TO TWENTY MAY PD

PASSE TO FOR ACTION AME REGIA REGION FROM HQ ALCON CITE AGLOE BAYON

LIEUTENANT MICHAEL REPORTING TO YOUR REGION SEVENTEEN MAY

53/CG

LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/O

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NICHOLAS PIGNETTO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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FROM HQ ALONG WITH ACTIVE PARKH

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PARA THREE PD PARTY WILL BE CONVEYED BY ROAD TRANSPORT BETWEEN OSTRO
 AND ANCONA UNDER ARRANGEMENTS ALONG TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION
 THRUIN FORWARD BY RAIL PD

PARA FOUR PD ADVISE TIMINGS THIS HEADQUARTERS PD

COPY TO CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION (MAJOR BRAKER)

S.M.R.S. ROOM (CAPT HEADLEY)

TRANSPORTATION S.C. ROOM SECTION (MAJOR BENNETT STAFF -

(BARBER)

TRANSPORTATION SU

NICHOLAS PUMBINO
 CWO U.S.A.
 Asst. Adjutant

MOVEMENTS PUGLIA

7267

10 May 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD PLEASE INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF EXACT DATES OF RAIL BARGE NUMBERS
FIVE SIX TWO SEVEN FIVE SIX THREE ITALIAN RIVER CLEARANCE COMPANIES FROM PESCARA
FAIR TO FOR ACTION SUBMITTING PUGLIA FROM PD ALONG CITE ACTUAL BARGE
TO GENOVA SO THAT THE COMPANIES CAN BE WARNED

LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/O

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NICHOLAS FIORINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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Major Reake

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AMB BILLYA REGION (FOR ACTION)

ROUTINE

7134

7 May 1945

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT MINE CLEARANCE

PARA ONE PD THIS IS INFORMED THAT THREE MEMBERS OF ADVANCE PARTY OF FIVE
SIX TWO SLANT THREE MINE CLEARANCE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN KILLED PD
PARA TWO FOR ACTION AMB BILLYA REGION FROM PD ALCON CITY AGENT PAPER
PERSONS OFFICER AND IN CORRECT REPORT HOW ACCIDENT OCCURRED PD
PARA TWO PD THE ADVANCE PARTY MUST NOT REPEAT NOT BE USED FOR MINE
CLEARANCE WORK PENDING APPROVAL OF MAIN BODY INASMUCH THEY HAVE HAD NO
TRAINING IN THE NEW TYPES OF MINES TO BE FOUND IN YOUR REGION

Major Reake

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/C

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NICHOLAS PIONEER
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-VIII/PS/10.4

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Siena Province.

TO : H.Q., A.C. Civil Affairs Section,
thru - Public Safety Sub-Commission.

19 April 1945

1. I wish to draw attention to the position re mine clearance in the Province of Siena.

2. The removal of mines is in charge of the Comandante of the U.N.P.A. who has the services of two trained instructors (Ex-Officers of the Italian Army) and 12 civilian labourers. It is hoped to commence training an additional 30 volunteers shortly. Even then the numbers will be inadequate to the task.

3. This organisation is entirely without transport and has no regular channels for supplies of explosives, etc. A supply was recently obtained for their use but it was found that even the instructors were not conversant with the handling of the type of explosives obtained.

4. Recently a Colonel GAZZINI from the Italian Ministry of War called on the Comandante of the U.N.P.A. and after discussing the situation said he thought that the local organisation should be absorbed by the Government Organisation thus becoming part of No. 4 Mine Clearing Zone when they would have the advantage of working under standardized conditions, and transport and supply facilities would be more readily available. Also they would come under the command of an Italian Army Officer specially selected for such work.

5. Since Colonel GAZZINI's visit nothing further has been heard from him and on the 21st March the Comandante wrote a letter, copy attached, to the Minister of War on this matter. So far no reply has been received.

6. In view of the urgency of the task it is asked that the Ministry of War be asked to take the necessary steps to bring the clearance of mines in Siena Province within the scope of No. 4 Mine Clearance Zone and to absorb the existing organisation for this purpose.

7. By reason of many handicaps the existing organisation is functioning slowly and haltingly - there is much mine clearance to be done in the Province, and the Ministry should be asked to treat the matter as one of real urgency.

K. L. Green

P. C. GREEN

Major - C. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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F. G. GREEN

Major - G. L.,
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TO	INT	DATE
Director		
Deputy Director		
Asst. Director		
LIC. & REG.		
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AD. & S. & R.		

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*Minister of War
Letter to 21st March 1945
I should like to see
the report of the
Minister of War
on this matter
as soon as possible*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

FILE : R-VIII/PS/10.4

17 April 1945.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Siena

TO : R.P.S.C., Toscana Region.

1. In view of discussions and queries on the general Mine Clearance problem in Toscana, I went to Siena yesterday 17 April in order to get the latest possible picture of situation there. I was unable to see the P.C. as he was out but discussed the matter broadly with the P.P.S.O.

2. General - There is no doubt that Ing. MAZZI Domenico and his few men are doing an excellent job, especially considering what difficulties are encountered but it is also a fact that the scheme operating in Siena can never hope to be as efficient as that operating under Italian Military Officers in Pisa Lucca Livorno and Pistoia. (see my report R-VIII/PS/10.4 12 April 1945.

3. The Siena scheme (supervised by P.P.S.O. Siena) is operated by
Sig. MAZZI Domenico
E.S. UREA Siena

who has two trained instructors both ex-Italian Army :-
Lt. SALOMINI Vasco

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4. The names of thirty new volunteers have been obtained and it is hoped to train them shortly. As in the forward areas, volunteers are asked for by means of Posters.

5. Rations - The men all draw a supplementary ration which is obtained through ordinary civilian channels.

6. Transport - As an organisation, it is completely without any transport of its own, the Comandante however has a small Fiat Topolino in a more or less broken down state, for purposes of Supervision but the squads that operate in the communes are dependent on the necessary transport being supplied by the Comune (this was as agreed in the original scheme) but it will be appreciated that this is, to say the least of it, inconvenient especially as transport must be standing-by all the time the men are working, in case of accidents.

7. Insurance - All men are insured under the National Insurance Scheme as operating in forward Provinces.

8. Pay - All personnel are paid by the Comandante and is in the form of a daily fixed rate according to responsibility, plus a family allowance and bonus for mines lifted.

9. Materials - Explosives These generally come from No 2 District but at the present moment, they are in possession of some explosives with which they are not in anyway convenient and unless they can get the necessary information

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10. Priority for areas to be cleared - At the moment applications go to either the Comandante or P.P.S.O. who decide the priority.

11. Some time ago, a Col. Gazzini from the Italian Ministry of War called on Ing. MAZZI explaining to him, the Italian organisation which is the same as operates in zone 5, HQ. at Pisa. The idea then was that the Italian Semi-Military organisation should absorb the present organisation and operate as in Pistoia Pisa Livorno and Lucca and in view of the greater facilities that these people have at their disposal, I am of the opinion that this is the best solution. Of course any scheme operating in AMG territory would be supervised by an AMG officer.

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12. I append a letter and translation written by Dott Ing Mazzi to the Italian Ministry of War but to which no answer has been received and suggest that this should be sent through AG/AMC Channels.

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J. B. Forester
J. B. FORESTER
Captain, G. L.,
Fire & Civil Defence Officer.

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C O P I ASiem 21 Marzo 1945. **68C**
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PROT : 133/RM.

OGGETTO : Provincia di Siem Servizio Rastrellamento Mine.

AL : Ministero della Guerra
Direzione Generale del Genio Servizio Rastrellamento Mine. ROMA

A seguito della gradita visita ricevuta dal Sig. Colonnello Gazzini e dei colloqui con lui avuti, ci permettiamo far presente che sarebbe necessaria una rapida sistemazione dell'organizzazione per il rastrellamento mine già funzionante in questa provincia, mediante il suo rapido passaggio agli ordini diretti di codesto Ministero.

Quanto sopra per poter dare a questo importante e urgente servizio il maggior impulso richiesto da tutta la popolazione, a causa delle mortali disgrazie che ogni giorno continuano a verificarsi, e poter ottenere i necessari aiuti materiali e morali che l'Autorita' Prefettizia non sempre concede.

IL COMANDANTE PROVINCIALE
Po Dott. Ing. Domenico Mazzi

T R A N S L A T I O N

FILE : 133/RM.

SUBJECT : Siem Province Mine clearing Service.

TO : Ministero della Guerra
Direzione Generale del Genio Servizio Rastrellamento Mine - Roma.

According to the visit Col. Gazzini paid us and conforming his views on the subject, we allow ourselves to point out that a re-organization of the mine clearing service in this Province is requested. This could be done if it was put under proper orders of competent Ministero: so the dangerous situation now in act would be avoided and besides more means could be obtained as the Prefect has not got the possibility to do much on this matter.

HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH PACIFIC
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

10 MAY 1945

6 MAY 1945

Reference:- R EX/2166/ED

Subject:- Battle Dress - Italian Officers. ✓

To:- Hq., Allied Commission
For OSC.3 A Section. ✓

Authority is requested to supply Battle Dress on repayment
to the Italian Officers employed on Mine Clearance work in this
Region.

For the Regional Commissioner.

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J.G.Stc. Shute. Major.
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Copy to:- R EX/2166/ED File.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 39A
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/52/LG.

Tel. : 286

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

10 May 1945

TO : Army Sub Commission (MCLA).

In view of the cessation of hostilities in Europe it is considered that the clearance of mines in Italy should now be given priority. At present four Companies of Italian Engineers are engaged on this work. These companies have been formed within the ceiling of Italian personnel allotted to Allied Commission. As the A.C. ceiling is now being increased to include additional companies for mine clearance will consideration be given to the release of eight Companies of the Italian Army for immediate employment in this work. The companies would be administered by the Ministry of War under instructions to be issued by this Commission. May your views be forwarded?


R. A. GRIFFS,
Colonel,
Director,
Local Government Sub Commission.

JSR / cm.

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Col Gripps - For information: *pp. 53*
 23 April
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION

for
 362 and 363 Italian Mine
 Clearing Companies at present
 stations at 2230413

DEFINITION

To move the 362 and 363 Italian Mine Clearing Companies to Italian Military
 Barracks, U.S.A. in Emilia Region.

MEMOR

(a) The Advance Party will move by road on 27 April 1945. Strength of Advance
 Party will be 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks being 1 Officer and 10 Other
 Ranks from each Company, as follows:-

- | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|
| (i) Officer | - Administrative | 1 | } At least one should be
English speaking |
| (ii) Other Ranks | - Three carpenters | 3 | |
| | - Five General Duty men | 5 | |
| | - One cook | 1 | |
| | - One S.S.G. | 1 | |
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(b) Main Party
 The Main Party will move by rail on or about 1st May 1945 under arrangements
 to be made by 1st and 2nd Army Sub-Commission (MIA). Strength 12 Officers, 300
 Other Ranks; 12 Tons.

EQUIPMENT

- (a) The Advance Party will take the following equipment:-
- (i) Carpenter's tools.
 - (ii) Cooking utensils, brushes, pails etc.
 - (iii) Blankets bedding etc.
- (b) The Main Party will take all remaining stores and equipment.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged for the companies in Italian Military Barracks.
 The Advance Parties will allocate the accommodation between the two com-
 panies which will be kept apart as far as possible. Officers of both Companies will
 billet and mess together.

SCHOOL AT SIENT

will close and move with Main Party and all equipment.

WATERS

will be kept for 10 days and will be

DISPATCH

To move the 762 and 503 Italian Line Glueing Companies to Italian Military Barracks, Trieste in Italian Region.

MOVING

(a) The Advance Party will move by road on 27 April 1945. Strength of Advance Party will be 2 Officers and 20 Other Ranks being 1 Officer and 10 Other Ranks from each Company, as follows:-

(i) Officer	1	} At least one should be English speaking
(ii) Other Ranks	20	
Three carpenters	3	
Five General duty men	5	
One cook	1	
One N.C.O.	1	
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(b) Main Party

The Main Party will move by rail on or about 17th May 1945 under arms and to be made up of 12 Officers and 390 Other Ranks; Strength 12 Officers, 390 Other Ranks; Strength 12 Officers.

EQUIPMENT

(a) The Advance Party will take the following equipment:-

- (i) Carpenter's tools.
- (ii) Cooking utensils, brushes, pails etc.
- (iii) Blankets bedding etc.

(b) The Main Party will take all remaining stores and equipment.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged for the companies in Italian Military Barracks. The Advance Parties will allocate the accommodation between the two Companies which will be kept apart as far as possible. Officers of both Companies will travel and meet together.

SCHOOL OF STAFF

Will close and move with Main Party and all equipment.

RAILWAYS

(c) The Advance Party will take sufficient rations for 10 days and will be attached to the 228 Division for rations etc.

(d) The main party will take the remainder of the rations but should have enough for 5 days before moving. They will be attached to the 228 Division for rations.

SUPPLIES AND DISTRIBUTION

A third Officer will be issued to the 228 Division (Italian) at GORIZIA that the 762 and 503 Companies will be attached to them for rations, supplies, discipline and general administration.

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and this section will arrange for the advance party to be met at 6:25 a.m. and will provide each transport as they go on country for the advance party.

1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 278: 1039-1044.

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... 9071 - For General SUPPLY
562 King Clarence Company
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P.O. Box 1000
St. Louis, MO.
St. Louis, MO.

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