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MINE CLEARANCE, VOL. XI
MAY, JUN. 1945

Minute SheetNo. 1.TO: CA Section
for VP.

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7 June 45.

Local Government Sub-Commission.

*Disposal of Bombs*No 2.

CA Section for V.P..

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Disposal Heavy Regt.

7 June 45.

✓ Local Government Sub-Commission.

No. 2.

CA Section for V.P..

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I saw Mr Gross and arranged to forward the Requisition through him. He was reluctantly to take up the matter with AFHQ as he stated that he had submitted an overall demand which had excluded Mine Clearance. To my knowledge no intimation that he was preparing an overall demand for AC was ever submitted to CA Section.

to / Folio ¹²⁰⁶~~1105~~ is Transportation Sub Commission's reply

Page 2.

this Sub Commission's letter and is a negative one.

I consider the matter must be pursued otherwise we shall get no transport at all and have prepared a letter for the VP's signature if he approves.

I suggest that Transportation S.C. should raise the matter with AFHQ as additional to what they originally asked for.

I should like the matter raised at the Executive Commissioner's meeting and instructions given to Transportation Sub Commission to submit the request to AFHQ.

24 June 45.

Wesley K. May

Local Government Sub Comm.

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MINUTE SHEET.

To. C.A.S.

1.
 Reu 1049 and answer at ~~1144~~¹¹⁴⁴, which is submitted for your
 approval and signature. Duplicate copy of the volume is
 provided for airtel transmission, a dte copy is retained by
 this V.C.

L. G. Sc.

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AND TONGARA REGION

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11 June 1945

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ROUTINE

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/C

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NICHOLAS PLOMBINO
CFO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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AND PLEASANT Region

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11 June 1945

ROUTINE

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PARA TWO PD PLEASE FORWARD INITIAL SURVEY OF MINES IN THE AREA WITH ESTIMATES
OF DENSITY OF MINES PD TRANSPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME AND MUST BE
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT 4/0

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NICHOLAS POMBINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/35/LG

11 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : TOGGANA Region
(Attn: Captain POMER).

Reference your R-VIII/PS/10.4 of 8 June.

1. P.O.L. This must be resolved at Region level. Indents should be submitted on behalf of the squads to Regions who in turn intent in bulk for their requirements.
2. The scheme is an AO one operated by Regions within their territory and does not become a Ministry of War commitment until the territory is handed back to the Italian Government. The scheme is a civilian one and for convenience is being operated under the Ministry of War.
3. While POL may be obtained from Italian Military Units in Region territory it is not their responsibility to supply and they do not draw POL for this purpose.

R.R.
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 8 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Petrol for Mine Clearance Squads. 10 JUN 1945

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section (Attn. Major Reakes).

1. If POL for the transport being used by the Mine Clearance Squads, is not made available to 5 Zone through Italian Military Channels, it is feared that all the Mine Clearance work will cease.

2. If this happens and the men do not receive their pay, because have been able to do no work through no fault of their own, it is only to be expected that they will find other employment and the organisation will be faced with the prospect of finding and training new personnel.

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Forster Capt

for F. G. GREEN

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

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: IR/ENG/900.2
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 09 1715Z

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Message Centre No: E/4398
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 10 0930Z
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: WIC PIEDMONT REGION 10 JUN 1945
TO: SA(GP?) SECTION ALCO ROE

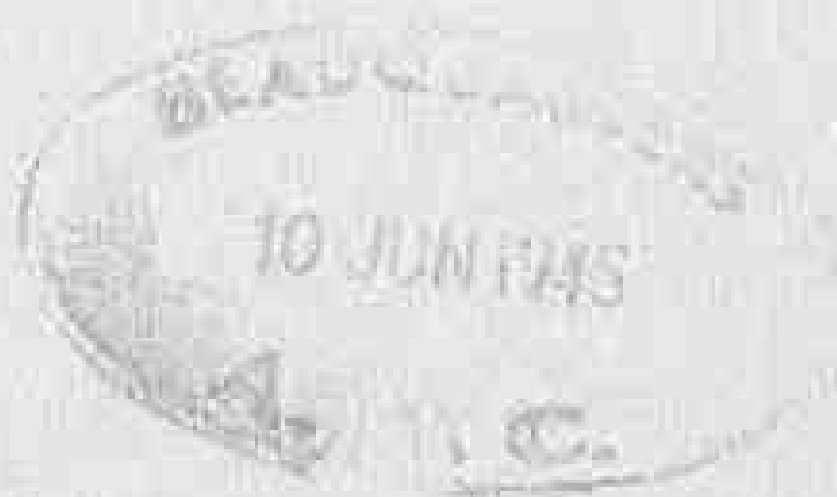
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Subject is mine training team WIC PIEDMONT REGION. It is requested mine training team WIC PIEDMONT REGION now located at ISA be moved to THIN immediately. Transport rations and orders be furnished by ALCO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APG 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

9 June 1945.

AG/35/1A

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Transportation Sub Commission.

Reference Local Government Sub Commission letter AG/35/1A of 25 May and your AG/3/31/1A of 8 June 45.

1. The question of Mine Clearance has never been treated as a military commitment of MMIA. It is of national importance and the Ministry of War have handled the matter on a civilian basis on behalf of the Italian Government.
2. The purpose of submitting the demand to you was so that you might make requisitions on AFHQ for this extra transport which is urgently required for Mine Clearance.
3. This Section has already raised the question of transport with AFHQ and has been told to submit demands through you.
4. Please therefore, as arranged, raise the matter of transport with AFHQ and ask for an allotment for Mine Clearance. The scheme cannot function without transport and is being retarded by lack of it.
5. Reference your para 3 it is understood that these are Italian Military vehicles which cannot be made available for Mine Clearance.


G.R. URJOHN, Brig.
VP CA Section

Copy to: Economic Section.

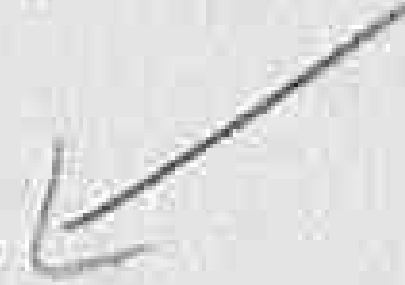
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APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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Ref: AC/3/31/Tn.5

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8 June 1945

SUBJECT: Request for vehicles.

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission. 

Reference your AC/35/LG of 25 May 1945.

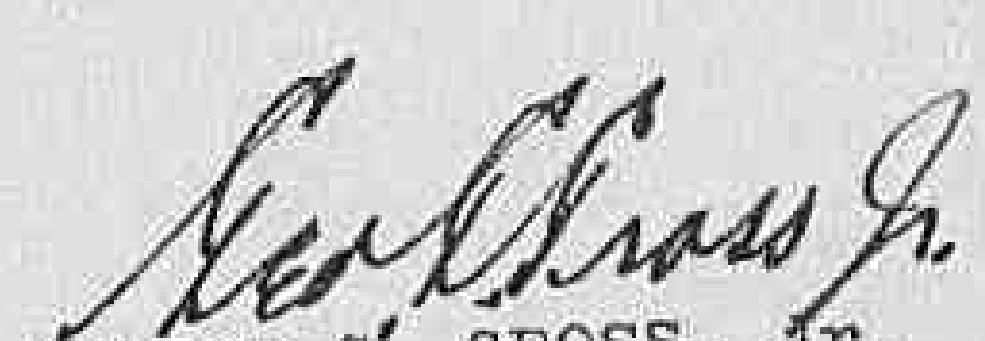
1. At present, we have no vehicles which can be placed at your disposal for mine clearance activities.

2. Since your para 3 states that the work is under the direction of the Italian Ministry of War it is our opinion that they and MMIA should be responsible for the provision of necessary transport.

*Additional
vehicles*
3. We are now in the process of transferring over 100 trucks to MMIA. These were engaged in vital civil supply services and our present shortage of lift precludes any additional allocation to associated activities of the War Ministry.

*3rd Floor Annex
Room 68*

*See Peterson
on Monday*


GEORGE G. GROSS, Jr.
Chief,
Roads Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/35/10

9 June 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA

1. Recent reports indicate that for the efficient working in EMILIA Zone at least 20 Officers are required. At present there are nine. It is understood that 30 Officers are shortly being released by MMIA for this work. Of this number it is considered that 10 should be made available to EMILIA Region, 5 to LIGURIA and 3 to VENETIA Region in the meantime. This Commission will render any assistance required in the transporting of these Officers.

2. There have been some demands for first aid kit for the civilian squads especially in EMILIA Region. Can you help in this respect?

pk
R.R. GILLES
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/35/10

9 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ TOSCANA Region
(Attn. Major GRIZZ).

Reference your R-VIII/PS/10.4 of 4 and 5 June.

1. Information has now been received that the 564 Mine Clearance Company will be moved to GENOVA shortly. It is at present intended to send the 564 Company as soon as trained into your Region probably about middle of July.

2. The question of the replacement of batteries is having attention. A number of batteries were recently taken to PISA by Capt. SPATRO for the Zone HQ. Replacements of batteries should be obtained through I. of C channels and it is suggested that the local D.A.D.C.S. or A.D.C.S. be contacted and asked to assist or exchange the old batteries.

JK
R.R. GRIFTS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

1203
9 June 45.

AC/35/10

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Lt. A. MACNAB, Cameron
c/o P.O. BOLOGNA.

Dear Mac,

The question of getting replacements for batteries for Mine Detectors keeps cropping up. I have obtained some but as there are a few different types of detectors being used I am not sure of the size and Ordnance Nos of the batteries required.

Would you please therefore let me have the official numbers and markings of the various detectors in use by your squads and companies alongwith a description, size and Ordnance numbers of the batteries used in them. Do you obtain replacement of batteries through Ordnance Units?

A Major Sandy Blackburn called to see you and said he might call ^{for} you in Bologna.

I hope to see you next week.

Yours Aye
pk.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/35/10

9 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Provincial Commissioner
BOLOGNA
(Attn: Capt. M. HORT, RASC.)

Your report REF/1/254 of 5 June is acknowledged.

1. P.O.L. This matter is one which can only be resolved at Regional level. Indents should be submitted by the Companies and civilian units to the Region concerned who then indent in bulk.
2. Efforts will be made to procure first aid equipment for the mine clearance squads.
3. Transport for the Companies. MIA have issued instructions to the effect that their local Liaison Officer should be contacted and arrangements made with him for repair or replacement of the vehicles. The Division to which the Companies are attached should be approached and asked for assistance in the matter.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/35/1G

9 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Public Health Sub Commission.

Constant demands are being made by civilian squads engaged on Mine Clearance for first aid equipment. The Red Cross have been approached in the matter at BOLOGNA but have been unable to provide. Can you help by providing a number of first aid kits for this important work in which there are unfortunately always casualties occurring?

J.M.
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

4 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Batteries for Mine Detectors.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission,
Civil Affairs Section.
(attention Major Reakes)

1. The attached is a translation of a letter received from Zone V.

2. This demand would appear to be something of a permanent nature and it is therefore little use getting a small supply even if it were possible, from Local Units.

May application therefore please be made for a suitable supply to be made available to the Zone every month?

J.B. Green Capt
F. G. GREEN
Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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Ask G-4 for space.

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SUBJECT: Batteries for Mine Detectors.

TO : Capt. Forster,
Mine Clearance Officer
Florence.

7 American Detectors were given to this Command by Allied Commands.

In order to assure the good functioning of these Detectors it is considered necessary to have a monthly supply of 14 Batteries BA, 14 batteries 103 - 5V, and 28 BA 30, or else BA 130.

As the Italian Command providing technical materials to this Command has no way to send them, we ask you to take the necessary steps with the Allied Commands to have the above mentioned number of special batteries granted to them.

We draw your attention on the fact that the last two American Detectors delivered to this Zone to speed up the clearance of the strip of land for the electric line of the Valdarno Co. in the Garfagnana area, were without any batteries.

Il Comandante
V Zona B.C.M.
(Magg. Pasqua)

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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : K-VIII/PS/10.4 ✓ 5 June 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Toscana.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Section
Attention Major Meakes.

JUN 1945

1. Reference your AC/35/LG dated 2 June 45.

2. Since writing you on 24 May 45, after a further visit to Livorno the two NUOS in question were released on loan to Zone v and are now instructing at Massa.

3. From orders issued by 60 Sub Area (copies of which are seen at this Headquarters) it is thought that the Italian Mine Clearing Company will still be required in Livorno. The order referred to, warned all ranks that there were still mines etc in Livorno and that all warning notices must be strictly respected and that persons must ^{repair} from wandering off the roads and footpaths.

4. The pupils referred to in our letter para 2 of the 24 May 45, were not locally enlisted workmen but were Italian Army Officers, being especially trained to proceed further North.

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J.B. Foster Capt

F. G. GREEN

Major - G. L.,
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H. Foster Capt

for F. G. GREEN

Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer

No action required.

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JUN 1975

Subject : Mine Clearance Office

TO : THE ARMY A. H. C.

5/6/45

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(a) Wherever practicable, workmen will be detached from Zone K.Q. and will be billeted by Sindoi.

(b) The M. C. W. had the intention of transporting men daily, to and from the site of work, regardless of distance. This suggestion has been quashed for reasons of economy in time, tires and petrol.

(a) The students in Bologna school have taken a two day course in first-aid under the supervision of the Medico Provinciale.

(b) There are no first aid materials available in Bologna from Red Cross or other sources. A supply of field dressings and first aid kits is vitally necessary.

It has been necessary to obtain an advance of Lit. 500,000.- for payments to workers for the month ending 31 May 45.

(a) The 10 mine detectors mentioned in your signal SIII of 22 May 45 were received to day.

(b) As men will be working in territory where dead bodies are to be found, a supply of respirators is being obtained from U.S.P.A.

Theoretical instruction finishes to day, and the men begin work under supervision in the mine-field on 6 June 45.

(a) At present Coys Nos. 562 and 563 are due to begin work in this Zone immediately, but are severely handicapped by lack of transport. There are four trucks allocated per Coy, three in each Coy being off the road.

(b) An additional impediment is the P.O.L. situation discussed in para 2

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- (c) Authorization for the supply of clothing for Italian Officers and H.C.O.S. was requested from L.O.5 Army (E.M.I.A.) by Major Van Kirk on 28/5/45, letter P/M/O/I of that date. This should be issued through 23X Italian Static Div, but so far no results have been obtained.

M. Short

H. S H O R T

Captain R. A. S. C.

Copies to:

5 Army A.M.G.	(1)
IV Corps	(1)
Col. Gripps + QAC	(1) ✓
R.C. EMILIA	(1)
File	(1)

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Ref. PER/258

Subject : Officers, Emilia

To : 5 Army A.M.G.

7/6/45

- 1 - For the efficient working of this Zone it is estimated that 20 Officers are necessary.
- 2 - The present strength is 9.
- 3 - May steps please be taken to make the Ministry of War post these officers immediately.
- 4 - The duties for which these officers are required are shown in the plan^d drawn up by Major IGI and submitted to the Ministry of War on 7 June 45.
- 5 - Copy of plan^d attached.

This is being sent into.

M. Short
M. SHORT

Captain R.A.S.C.

Copies to :

5 Army A.M.G.	1
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Copy for Liaison to HQ
Health Rtd

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Subject:- Mine Clearance.

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JUN 1945
172 O.E. WORKS,
G.M.F.
Ref: CE/912.

Date: 4 June 45.

Director,
Local Government Sub Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission.

1. Reference your AG/35/LG dated 26 May, 1945.

2. The Coy. is now moving to GENOA where it will complete the Mine Clearance. It will then be moved north and employed on Clearance of Power lines. The date of completion cannot yet be given.

Ch. P. Comptie Maj
Brigadier,
CHIEF ENGINEER.

/EJK.

Copy to:- File CE/739/3.

*Plz let nothing more
be done in the meantime
8/6.*

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The MINISTRY OF WAR
Direction General engineers
Mine-clearance main office.

Rome 1st. June 1945
to the G.M.R.E.- A.C. Office

File n.: 873326

Subject ; Mine-field clearance.

With reference to letter n. 9/84/C.A. dated 19th April 1945, same subject, from A.C. Hqs Civil Affairs Section, sent by Your General Staff with enclosure n. 305285, dated 20th April 1945, we wish to communicate that the mine-clearance works requested with the above said letter have been completed. Since in the same zone artillery shells were found, we inform You that the B.C.M. Command of Rome, with letter n. 625 dated 7th May 1945, has directly instructed the local artillery head office for the removal of the said shells.

The Director General
Gen. Div. O.Grivaro

*Good
J.C. 7/9*

Translation J.C.

*h79 mines cleared
in 3rd S.C. about
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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Dir. Gen. del Genio
Uff. Centrale B.C.M.
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Roma, li 1 giugno 1945

N. 8/73326 di prot.

ALLO S.M.R.E. = Ufficio C.A.

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OGGETTO: Bonifica campi minati.-

Con riferimento al foglio 9/8A/C.A. del 19 aprile 1945, pari oggetto, dell'H.Q. Civil Affairs Section, inviato da codesto S.M. con attergato n°305205 in data 20-4-45, si comunica che sono stati ultimati i lavori di bonifica che col citato foglio venivano richiesti. Essendo stata accertata nella zona l'esistenza di proietti d'art. si informa che il dipendente Comando Zona B.C.M. di Roma, con suo f. N°625 di prot. in data 7-5-45, ha interessato direttamente, per la rimozione di proietti stessi, la locale direzione di artiglieria.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
F/to Gendi Div.O.Crivarò

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N. 307317/C.A. di prot.

Roma, li 5 giugno 1945

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
A. C. (M.M.I.A.)

= R O M A =

.....con preghiera di voler comunicare quanto sopra al-
l'HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION APO 394, in esito al foglio
9/8A/C.A. del 19 aprile 1945 che si allega in copia.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Giorgio Liuzzi) 06

Ghiukhi

Subject: Mine-clearance.

Headquarters ALLIED COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION =
9/8A/C.A. of the 19th April 1945

To the Ministry of War
Copy for information to:
MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP (A.I.P.)
ALLIED COMMISSION (Ref. AC/TG/126 of the 17-4-45)
GENERAL SUPINO.
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- 1) The area around villa Cinghiari, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of Civitavecchia, is heavily mined. The building is being used as an officers' mess and the area around it as a training place for drivers. We shall be very grateful to You if You could kindly provide for the envoy of a mine-clearance team to clear the area.

The area itself is marked by signals and it is girdled with barbed wire. There are also two platforms for A.A. guns which seem to be traps.

Before going to Villa Cinghiari, the leader of the squad should receive order to report to Lt. Col. Downing, Caserma Abbruzzi, Civitavecchia, who will provide a guide to take them to the area to be cleared.

For the Lt. Col. Benjamin Gardner
Signed Maj. J. Stewart Realn.

OGGETTO: Bonifica campi
minati.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMM. APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION =
9/8A/C.A. DEL 19 APRILE 1945 =

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

e, per conoscenza:

MOTOR TRANSPORT GROUP (A.I.P.)

ALLIED COMMISSION (Rif. vs AC/TG/126/1 del 17-4-45)

GENERALE SUPINO

1. La Zona intorno la VILLA CINGHIARI circa un miglio e mezzo a Sud della città di CIVITAVECCHIA è fortemente minata. La casa è usata come mensa ufficiali ed il terreno attorno ad essa è usato come luogo di addestramento per autisti. Vi si sarà grati se vorrete disporre per l'invio una squadra di bonificatori mine in detta zona per un'azione di bonifica. La zona è contrassegnata da segnali e cinta da molto filo spinato. Vi sono due piazzole per cannone contraereo che sembrano essere delle trappole.

2. Prima di andare alla VILLA CINGHIARI la persona a capo della squadra dovrebbe ricevere ordine di presentarsi al Ten.COL. DOWNING, Caserma ABRUZZI, CIVITAVECCHIA che disporrà affinché qualcuno indichi la zona da bonificare.

p. IL TEN.COL AD BONHAM CARTER

F/to Maggiore J. STEWART REALN

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MIN. DELLA GUERRA S.M.R.E. = UFFICIO C.A.

Traduzione n.3250/C

Data di arrivo: 19/4/45 ore 17

" partenza: 20/4/45 ore 10,30

n. 305285/ca del 20-4

ISPETTORATO GENIO

DIR.GEN. GENIO

e, per conoscenza:

UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 230.4-13

7 JUN 1945

5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

C.A.S.
2270.

Ref your 9/8A/CA dated 24 April 45.

Three copies of F.M. 5-31 dated 1 Nov 43 together
with all amendments to date are forwarded herewith.

J. Selby Lowndes

J. M. SELBY-LOWNDES,
Jnr/Comd,
Executive Officer.

Incl: as above.



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

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6 JUN 1945

Rome 4 June 1945

To the Ministry of War
Direction General Art. & Motor

File.: 8/73442

Subject : Fuel for flame-projectors.

Copy for information to A.C. Local Government S/C.

Ref.: A.C./E 35/LG of the 25th May 1945

The Tuscany region A.M.G. has made a request for an allotment of fuel for the V Mine-clearance zone to be used for a flame-projector in the mine-clearance works.

You are kindly requested to see that the concerned chemical centre will provide accordingly.

We shall be very glad to know, following the verbal communications already made on the subject, the day and the conditions of the withdrawal.

The director General of the Engineers
Gen. Div. O Crivaro.

L. 79. J.K.
7/6.

Translation J.C.

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Roma *4-6-1945*

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

IL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direz. Gen. le Art. e Motori
S E D E

Divisione
del 18/7/45 *Allegato*

Supplente del
Dir. Gen. Art. e Motori

OGGETTO Carburante per impiego lanciasiluri.

va, per conoscenza:

All'A.G.-LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB
COM. A.P.C. 394
(rifer. A.G./E 35/LC del 25/5/c.a.)

La A.G. Regione Toscana ha richiesto
per la V^a Zona B.C.M. assegnazione di car-
burante per l'impiego di un lanciasiluri
nei lavori B.C.M.

Trovasi interessare il dipendente Gen-
tro Chimico e provvedere in merito.

Si sarà grati di conoscere, a seguito
delle comunicazioni verbali già fatte sul-
l'argomento, giorno e modalità di preleva-
mento.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE GENIO
(Cap. di Div. O. Ordinario) **901**

[Signature]

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TRANSLATION

COMMAND OF THE 541 INFANTRY REGIMENT.

SUBJECT: Disbandment of the 541 Infantry Regiment.

TO : Allied Commission Mine Clearance Section ROME
Command of the 209 Infantry Division APO 185
Command of the 227 Infantry Division BARI
Command of the 404 P.I. Regiment BARI

1. The SMCE by signal n. 13077/Ord of 19 May 45 has ordered the disbandment of the 541 Infantry Regiment by 30 May 1945.
2. All functions of the 541 Infantry Regiment will therefore devolve upon the 404 P.I. Regiment Bari from and after 30 May.
3. Therefore all administrative questions concerning the 564 Mine Clearance Company due to arrive in Pescara shortly (as per letter 41/RM of 26 May 45 from the Command of 562 Mine Clearance Company-), will be dealt with by the 404 Regiment from and after 30 May.

Colonel Commandant
(Matteo Borda)

*to info. only. h.f.f.
p.k. 6 June.*

541 REGGIMENTO FANTERIA
C O M A N D O

N. 01/897 di prot.

P.M. 185, 11 27 maggio 1945

Oggetto = Scioglimento 541 Reggimento Fanteria .

ALLA SUB COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - CENTRAL COMPT LINATI
AL COMANDO DELLA 209 DIVISIONE FANTERIA
AL COMANDO DELLA 227 DIVISIONE FANTERIA
AL COMANDO 404 REGGIMENTO P.I.

R O M A
P.M. 185
D A R I
B A R I

- 1°) Lo S.M. R.E. con dispaccio n. 13077/Ord. del 19 maggio 1945 ha disposto lo scioglimento del Comando 541 Reggimento Fanteria sotto la data del 30 maggio 1945.
- 2°) Tutte le attribuzioni devolute al 541, si intendono da tale data di scioglimento, passate al Comando del 404 Reggimento P.I. Bari.
- 3°) Pertanto tutto quanto concerne la sistemazione della 564 Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine, il prossimo arrivo a Pescara, di cui tratta il foglio 41/R.E. del 26/5/1945 del Comando 562 Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine, diretto alla Sub Commissione Alleata Roma, della data 30 maggio sarà di pertinenza del 404° Reggimento P.I.

IL COLONNELLO COMANDANTE
(Matteo Borda)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

6 June 1945.

AG/35/LC

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Printing Officer, HQ. AG.

Proof print of booklet "Instructions for removal of Mines" is returned to you for amendment. After the amendments have been made please have the necessary copies run off.

R.R. Gripps

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

Enclosures

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TWO DISTRICT FOR THREE FIVE ONE

9228

6th June, 1945

PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD HUNTERDUE THIS RE LETTER AIRM CHARLES THREE FIVE LOVE GEORGE OF
TWO SIX MAY PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION TWO DISTRICT FOR THREE FIVE CHARLES ROGER EAST FROM RE AIRM
CITE ACTION PARA

PARA TWO PD PLEASE SIGNAL IF THIS COMMISSION MAY NOW RESUME COMMAND OF THE FIVE
SIX ONE MINE CLEARANCE COMPANY

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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NICHOLAS FLORENCO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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PC BOLOGNA FOR LIEUT MAGNAB

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6th June, 1945

PRIORITY

CONFIDENTIAL FD

PARA ONE FD TWENTY THREE MINE DETECTORS WITH SPARE BATTERIES

DISPATCHED

TODAY FD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION PC BOLOGNA FOR LIEUT MAGNAB FROM HQ ALCON

OUTSIDE ADJUTANT

PARA TWO FD NO MORE AVAILABLE AT PRESENT FD DISTRIBUTE FAIRLY
IN COOPERATION WITH CAPTAIN SHORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

5 June 45.

AG/35/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : AMO FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

Reference your 205/17 of 1 June 45.

Captain NIUTTA will remain at the disposal of
and subject to the instructions of Captain H.SHORT. The
Ministry of War have agreed to this.

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

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig.Gen.P.SUPINO
Provincial Commissioner
BOLOGNA
(Attn.:Capt. H.SHORT,RASO).

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

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JUN 1945
DIG/cpn

1 June 1945
205/17

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Organization.

TO : Allied Commission (Attention Colonel Cripps) ✓

1. Reference is made to Captain Short's letter of 29 May 1945 regarding the intended change of status of the Ministry of War of Captain E. Niutta.

2. This headquarters concurs in the recommendation by Capt Short that this change be not made at this time as it is felt that the existing organization is doing a very necessary job in excellent fashion; considering the means at their disposal and the intended change would weaken the organization at a critical time.

3. If an officer is required at Romagno; then a sub lieutenant should be appointed.


D.M. GAITHER,
Major, C.E.,
Engineer Officer,
AMG Fifth Army.

Copy: Captain Short

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMAND
APR 1944
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND POLICE

TO: 308

4 June 44.

AS/55/56

SUBJECT: Air Clearance

TO :
1. HQ. BELLA Region
2. TOGOLA Region
3. LIGURIA Region
4. VERDELLA Region.

1. From time to time questions are raised regarding wages and hours. The Italy Ministry of War have recently issued orders to the effect that the Ministry of War have decided to pay a minimum wage of 200 lire per day and to pay a minimum wage of 200 lire per day. This has been done as a result of requests from the workers themselves.

2. The figures that have arrived at are based on the average earnings. "Dearer money" which has been fixed at 200 lire per day is quite a substantial figure and is only paid for working days.

3. For your personal there is forwarded to you a translation of the instructions dated 20 May 1944 by the Italian Ministry of War to those working on their private homes of wages etc.

4. In no far as territory is concerned this Commission is not bound by the figures given but it would appear that they are reasonable and in view of the fact that territory is constantly being handed back to the Italian Government should be kept in mind when fixing wages etc.

5. In addition to the normal insurance the Italian Government has arranged for a private insurance covering larger sums being made available to the workers. The cost of this is 50 to 60 lire per day and gives insurance benefits to the workers. This is a point which has been raised on many occasions. (see para 4 of attached letter).

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R.R. 01173

Copy letter sent.

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30 May 45

THE MINISTRY OF WAR

Subject: Mine Clearance Wages

1. Reference Major REAKES' verbal request there are for: wanted to you details about the wages of the mine clearance workers operating in territories administered by the Italian Government. (On the basis of a bachelor's pay).

a. Total ~~comprehensive~~ maximum basic pay per hour L. 10.13 (labourer)
11.45 (foreman)

Consequently the daily net wage including increases, temporary allowances, food rations etc. up to date for men living at home is.

	Labourer	Foreman
(maximum)		
Basic pay	L. 76.10	86.10
Temporary increase	56.60	59.00
Further increase (cost of living)	40.15	40.15
Further increase (50% basic pay plus 1.60 for food)	<u>98.00</u>	<u>103.25</u>
Total	270.65	288.25

b. Risk indemnity for labourers and foremen, 250 lire gross (about 234.90 net) only for working days.

c. "Out of residence" indemnity, the same for labourers and foremen, gross maximum of lire 200 (approximately L. 187 net) only for the nights spent away from home on duty.
Workers with families are also entitled to daily family allowances as fixed by the present laws.

2. The actual total of the gross basic salary per hour and the total of the "out of residence" indemnity is fixed by the Ministry of War on the proposal of the Mine Clearance Zone Command, in connection with the daily amount which must be paid in each locality, and according to the requests of the workers and to the cost of living in each locality.

The daily pay of a foreman, including the temporary allowance and the recent increase of the 50% on the salaries, is fixed at about 10 lire more than the one due to the ordinary labourer.

3. The risk and "out of residence" indemnities (see para. 2, b, c.) substitute the risk and "out of residence" indemnities (80 lire for mine clearers and 1.100 for foremen) and the 802 (lire 5 or lire 10 or 15, for every lifted or destroyed mine), which were granted previously.

This substitution was suggested by experience which

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showed that the bonus did not prove to be convenient in actual practice for the following reasons. It was impossible to check the number of mines lifted or destroyed in situ and furthermore it led to the workers taking undue risks and disregarding safety precautions in order to earn more money.

From the figures supplied by the B.C.M. Commands it appears that the average number of mines a clearer can daily lift or destroy is 10, the average number of working days in a month is 25 out of 30, therefore assuming an average bonus of 5.10 per mine and also taking into account the bonus the worker used to receive under the previous system, in accordance with qualifications referred to above, was *his remuneration was,*

$$L. \frac{50 \text{ plus } 10 \times 25}{3}$$

L. 163.33 (gross amount).

Under the new system and always supposing the working days be 25 out of 30, the labourer and the forner will receive, as a risk indemnity (the only allowance to be maintained) the gross amount of L. $\frac{250 \times 25}{3}$

208.33.

Summing up it appears that, in comparison with the previous system, which on the other hand includes the "out of residence", the worker will receive 45 lire gross more per day (L. 42.25 net).

4. Owing to the above mentioned higher earnings and therefore without at all reducing the amount they used to receive ~~to pay~~ the mine clearers will be able to take up, on their own account, a supplementary insurance (in addition to those contemplated by the provisions of the law as set forth in the enclosed sheet), upon which they have so much insisted, and which the present Italian law admits only ~~as~~ ^{on} private initiative.

The premium of the insurance in question, ~~amounting to~~ ^{will cost} 30-40 lire daily for a ~~liquidation~~ ^{challenge} of lire 250.000 (L. 100.000 in case of death and lire 125.000 in case of permanent incapacity) and can ~~will as a matter of fact, be covered by the extra earnings granted to the workers by the new system.~~

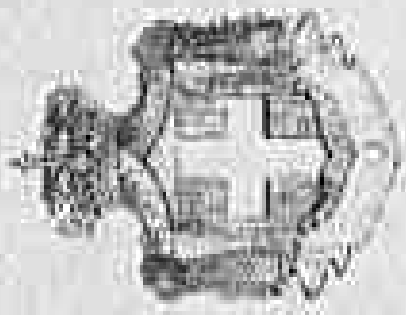
be met by the increased wages payable under the new system without affecting his pocket any loss of income to the worker.

For the Minister
(sgd) Gen. Div. O. GRIVARO

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Indemnities to which the Mine Clearance Labourers or their heirs are entitled in case of accident.

1. In case of temporary incapacity:
a daily indemnity equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the salary i.e. 175 L. daily.
2. In case of total injury the worker will receive
 - a. an annual income equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the computable salary;
 - b. a supplement to the above income if the invalid is supporting wife and children. This supplement is ~~at~~ lire 300 per head for a maximum of 8 people;
 - c. a temporary war allowance variable according to the number of people to be supported, Maximum L. 1260 a year. 2
(The annual pension cannot exceed L. 12,000.)
3. In case of partial permanent injury: nature of the
~~the same income as above~~ ^(as above) ~~as above~~ ^{variable} according to the ^{nature of the} injury
(variable Between 11% and 65%).
4. In case of death:
The following indemnities will be paid to the heirs, calculated upon the annual income of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the salary computed as above:
 - a. to the wife 50% of the $\frac{2}{3}$ of the computable basis salary of 12,000 i.e. lire 4,000 annual income. 2
to the children supported a maximum annual income of lire 3,000 (each one is entitled to 20% of the basic income, liable to reach as a maximum the whole amount of the said basic income)
 - b. a temporary war allowance for all equal to the 10% of the indemnities as set out by a. and b.
Furthermore an allowance of L. 1,950, 2,600 or 1,800 is granted every now and then according to whether the survivor has minor children or other person to support or not.



Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Uff. Centr. R.C.M.

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Int. V. 8/73211 *Allegato*

OGGETTO

Retribuzione operai rastrellatori

Al L'A.C. LOCAL GOVERNMENT
SUB COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

26 MAY 1945

Responsa al *Teleg. del*
Gen. *Is.* *40*

1) - In relazione alla richiesta verbale del Magg. S.S. RABINIS si comunicano i seguenti dati circa le distribuzioni operai rastrellatori mine nel territorio amministrato dal Governo Italiano (base salariato calico):

- a) salario base orario lordo massimo:

per l'operaio rastrellatore	L. 10.13
per il capo rastrellatore	" 11.45

In conseguenza i salari giornalieri netti, comprensivi di miglioramenti, assegni famigliari, pensione viveri, ecc. alla data odierna (esclusi assegni famigliari) variano, in sede, al massimo all'incirca, i seguenti:

	rastrellatore	capo rastrellatore
salario base	L. 76,10	L. 86,40
assegno intam. temp.	" 56,60	" 88,00
assegno del detto	" 40,15	" 40,15
importo assegno famigliari		
(50% ant. base + L. 60 viv.)	98,00	" 102,00
Totale...	L. 270,85	L. 286,25

- b) Indennità di rischio, unica per gli operai rastrellatori e per i capi rastrellatori, di L. 250 lorde (circa L. 234,30 al netto) per i soli giorni di effettivo lavoro.

- c) Indennità di fuori residenza, unica per gli operai rastrellatori e per i capi rastrellatori, lorde massima di L. 200 (circa L. 187,90 al netto) per i soli giorni di pernottamento fuori sede per ragioni di servizio.

Ai salariati con persone a carico spettano, inoltre, le indennità giornaliera di famiglia previste dalle vigenti disposizioni.

2) - L'effettivo ammontare del salario base orario lordo dell'operaio rastrellatore e del capo rastrellatore è l'effettivo ammontare dell'indennità di fuori residenza sono stabiliti dal Ministero della Guerra, su proposta del Comandi Zona R.C.M. in relazione all'ammontare della paga giornaliera che occorre corrispondere in ciascuna località, in conformità delle richieste degli operai e del

20 MAY 1945

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Prot. N. 8/73244

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Proposta di legge del

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OGGETTO

Retribuzione operaie rastrellatrici

1) - In relazione alla richiesta verbale del Magg. S. S. MARAS si comunicano i seguenti dati circa le retribuzioni operaie rastrellatrici che nel territorio amministrato dal Governo italiano (base salariale calata):

- a) salario base orario lordo massimo:

per l'operaio rastrellatore	L. 10.13
per il capo rastrellatore	" 11.45

In conseguenza i salari giornalieri, netti, comprensivi di indennità, assegni temporanei, ragione vivendi, ecc. alla data odierna, (esclusi assegni familiari) risultano in sede, ed massimo all'ora circa i seguenti:

salario base	capo rastrellatore
esempio int. r. temp.	L. 76.10
complemento del getto	" 56.60
importo recente indenn.	" 40.15
(50% sal. base + L. 60 viv.)	" 98.00
totale...	L. 270.85

- b) Indennità di rischio, unica per gli operai rastrellatori e per i capi rastrellatori, di L. 250 lorde (circa L. 234,90 al netto) per i soli giorni di effettivo lavoro.

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La paga giornaliera del capo rastrellatore - tenuto conto dell'indennità temporanea e del recente aumento del 50% sui salari - si fissa in L. 20 lorde in più di quella spettante all'operaio rastrellatore.

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3) - Le indennità di rischio e di fuori residenza di cui ai commi b) e c) del numero precedente, sostituiscono le indennità rischio, fuori residenza ecc. (L. 80 lorde per gli operai rastrellatori) e L. 100 lorde per i capi rastrellatori) e il premio mine (L. 5 oppure L. 10, oppure L. 15 per mine ricuperate o distrutte) di cui i rastrellatori mine ricevevano in base al precedente trattamento.

La sostituzione è stata consigliata dalla constatazione che il premio mine non era di conveniente pubblicazione per la difficoltà di un preciso ed efficace controllo delle segnalazioni di mine recuperate o distrutte e per l'incentivo ad affrettare il lavoro da esso rappresentato, allo scopo di assicurarsi il maggior numero di mine possedute e quindi procurarsi maggior guadagno, a danno della bonifica integrale del terreno e dell'osservanza delle necessarie misure di sicurezza.

Tenendo presente che dai dati statistici forniti dai dipendenti del Comando Zona B.O.M., le medie giornaliere delle mine che un rastrellatore può distruggere o recuperare è all'incirca 10, considerando che nel mese le giornate lavorative sono in media 25 su 30, ammettendo che giante un premio di L. 10 per mine e tenendo conto della indennità di rischio fuori residenza ecc. risulta che la indennità media giornaliera che l'operaio veniva a percepire colle vecchie precedentemente in atto, nei titoli di cui sopra, era di L. $80 + 10 \times 25 = L. 163,33$ lorde.

Colle nuove tabelle di paga l'operaio rastrellatore e il capo rastrellatore oltre alla paga, anzitutto fatta delle eventuali indennità di fuori residenza e sempre nella supposizione che le giornate lavorative siano 25 su 30, viene invece a percepire per indennità di rischio, che è la sola mantenuta, la somma giornaliera lorde di L. $250 \times 25 = L. 208,33$.

In conclusione risultano mediamente corrisposti in più - in confronto dell'attuale sistema, che però è comprensivo anche della fuori residenza - L. 45 lorde (vari a L. 42,25 nette) al giorno.

4) - Col suddetto maggiore guadagno giornaliero, e senza perciò diminuire il guadagno di cui hanno finora fruito, i rastrellatori mine hanno la possibilità di costituirsi per proprio conto una assicurazione supplementare (in aggiunta a quelle previste dalle disposizioni di legge di cui all'allegato faddio) come hanno insistentemente richiesto e che la legislazione vigente in Italia consente solo come iniziativa privata.

I premi dell'assicurazione di cui trattasi, dell'ordine di 30 + 40 lire al giorno per liquidazione di Lire 225.000 (L. 100.000 in caso di morte, L. 125.000 in caso di invalidità permanente) sarebbero in fatti spesati sull'accennato maggior guadagno assicurato agli operai dei nuovi salari delle nuove tabelle di paga.

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Quando presente era dei dati statistici forniti dai dipendenti di Comandi Fondi R.C.M. la media giornaliera della mine che un rastrellatore può distruggere o recuperare è all'incirca 10, considerando che nel mese le giornate lavorative sono in media 25 su 30, ammettendo che il giorno un premio di L. 10 per mina e tenendo conto delle indennità di rischio morti residenti ecc. risulta che la indennità media giornaliera che l'operaio veniva a percepire colle mine recuperate in atto, per titoli di cui sopra, era di L. $20 \times 10 \times 25 = L. 5000$, 33 lorde.

Colle nuove tabelle di paga l'operaio rastrellatore e il capo rastrellatore oltre alla paga di estrazione fatta dalla eventuale indennità di fuori residenza e sempre nella supposizione che le giornate lavorative siano 25 su 30, viene invece a percepire per indennità di rischio, che è la sola mantenuta, la somma giornaliera lorde di L. $250 \times 25 = L. 6250$, 33.

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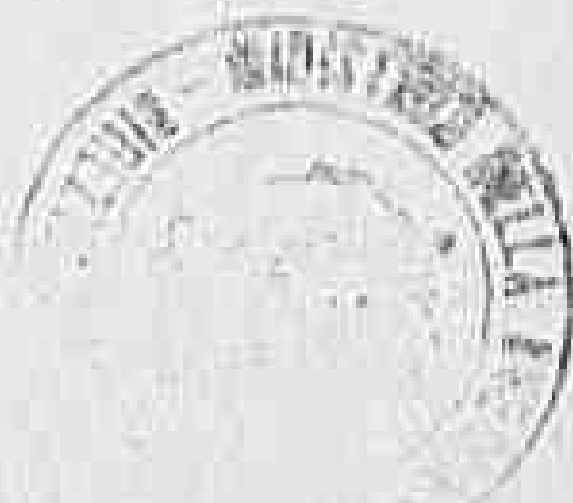
P. IL MINISTRO
(Gen. Div. C. Crivaro)

C. Crivaro

Allegato al foglio n° 1167
del _____
della Dir.Gen.Genio -Uff.B.C.M.

INDENNITA' SPETTANTI AGLI OPERAI RASTRELLATORI MINE O AI LORO EREDI
IN CASI D'INFORTUNIO

- 1°) In caso di invalidità temporanea:
- una indennità giornaliera pari ai $\frac{2}{3}$ del salario. Dato il procedimento che deve essere seguito per determinarlo agli operai vengono corrisposte circa L. 175 giornaliere.
- 2°) In caso di invalidità, permanente assoluta:
a) una rendita annua di inabilità nella misura pari ai $\frac{2}{3}$ del salario computabile;
b) un supplemento a tale rendita annua, se l'infortunato ha moglie e figli a carico, che è di L. 300 a persona fino ad un massimo di 8 persone;
c) un assegno temporaneo di guerra - variabile secondo il numero delle persone a carico - che, al massimo, può essere di L. 1260 annue.
- Il salario annuo computabile non può superare le L. 12.000 - pur essendo superiore a tale somma - e perciò l'infortunato percepisce al massimo una rendita annua massima di L. 11.600 =.
- 3°) In caso di invalidità permanente parziale:
- la rendita di cui sopra ridotta in rapporto al grado di inabilità (stabilito in misura variabile con un minimo dell'11% ed un massimo dell'85%).
- 4°) In caso di morte:
agli eredi le seguenti indennità calcolate su una rendita annua pari ai $\frac{2}{3}$ del salario computato come sopra:
a) alla moglie, il 50% dei $\frac{2}{3}$ del salario base computabile di L. 12.000 e cioè L. 4.000 di rendita annua.
b) ai figli a carico, una rendita annua massima di L. 8.000 (spetta ad ognuno il 20% della rendita base computabile sopra indicata fino a raggiungere al massimo, complessivamente, l'importo della detta rendita base).
c) un assegno temporaneo di guerra, per tutti, pari al 10% della indennità risultante dai commi a) e b).
- Spetta inoltre un assegno - da corrispondere una volta tanto - di L. 1.950 = oppure 2.600 oppure 1.800 secondo che il superstite non ha od ha figli minori a carico oppure è senza persone a carico.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 366

AC/35/LG

4 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ. EMILIA Region
HQ. TOSCANA Region
HQ. VENEZIA Region
HQ. LIGURIA Region.

For perusal there is forwarded translation of a letter sent out by the Ministry of War to Zones dated 21 May. This letter explains the functions, jurisdiction and control of Zones. In AMG territory Zones come under Regional Control for instructions ac. (vide para e of the above letter). Your attention is also drawn to para f which deals with the financial side.

R.R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copies to: HQ EMILIA Region
(for Capt. SHORT & Lt. MACNAB)
HQ. TOSCANA Region
(for Capt. FOSTER).

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

4 June 45.

AC/35/1G

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ Toscana Region.

Reference this HQ. letter of even number dated 2 June 45 please instruct the 361 Mine Clearance Company to release two NCOs on temporary loan. It is suggested that when Captain FOSTER is at LIVORNO he should call upon the Company and if possible take the NCOs back with him to PISA. Care will have to be taken to ensure that there are sufficient instructions left with the Company but it is thought that the Company is fairly well off for instructors.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

AC/35/LG

4 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Provincial Commissioner
BOLOGNA
(Attn.: Capt. M.SHORT, RASC.)

Your letter of 29 May is acknowledged and action has been taken on them.

In so far as Captain NIUTTA is concerned he will remain at your disposal and subject to your instructions. This matter is being taken up with the Ministry of War.

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

This is to be done

The necessary arrangements have been made

R. R. Cripps

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*Send a signal
to 35 CRB.*

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of Carini 1161*

THE MINISTRY OF WAR
DIRECTION GENERAL ENGINEERS
P.C.M. GENERAL OFFICE

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ROME 1st June 1945

To The MINISTRY OF WAR
Direction Gen. Per. Officers

Pistone / per wire

4 JUN 1945

File n.: 8/73027

Ref.: Enclosure n. 239/130/1 without date.

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10. Legation*

Copy for information to:
COMMAND of 562nd Mine-clearance Company

Subject: Assignment officers.

We are taking note of the enclosure mentioned in the subject.

This Ministry will meet, if there is no objection, the request of the 562nd mine-clearance Company, by assigning 3 subaltern officers to the mentioned unit.

*Spontaneous
again*

The above Command of Company will provide to attach three training officers to the Silvi unit, for the purpose of training the personnel of the 564th mine-clearance Company, which will shortly be transferred following orders of the A.C.-Local Government Sub. Comm.

P.C.C.

The Director General
(Gen. Div. O. Grivaro)

The Ministry of War
Direction General Engineers
P.C.M. Central Office

File n.: 8/73027

Rome 1st June 1945

A.C.-LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SUB) COMMISSION

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For information

A.E.C. 394

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The General in charge*

Translation J.C.

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CH. NO. 8

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio Centrale B.C.M.

Roma, li 1-6-45

Prot.n. 8/73027

= AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
Direzione Gen. Per. Ufficiali

(rif. attergato n. 239/130/1 = S.E.D.E. =
senza data)

e, per conoscenza:

= AL COMANDO 562^a COMP. RASTREL-
IATORI MINE

= CESENA =

OGGETTO: Assegnazione ufficiali.-

Si prende atto di quanto segnalato coll'attergato sopra di-
stinto.

Codesto Ministero potrà provvedere a dare corso alla richiesta
della 562^a cp. rast. mine, ove nulla osti, destinando all'accennato
reparto tre subalterni.

Il cennato Comando di Compagnia provvederà a distaccare tre
ufficiali istruttori presso il proprio distaccamento di Silvi, al-
lo scopo di provvedere all'addestramento del personale della 564^a
cp. rast. mine che vi si dovrà prossimamente trasferire in seguito
ad ordine dell'A.C.-Local Govern. Sub. Comm.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE DEL GENIO
F/to (Gen. Div. O. Crivaro)


Gen. Div. O. Crivaro

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
Ufficio Centrale B.C.M.

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Roma, li 1-6-45
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A.C.-LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
= A.P.O. 394 =

.....per informazione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(P. Supino)

Gen. Carlo Supino

ANG MILIA REGION

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4 June 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD HAVE BEEN SPAMPAATO PD IS REPORTING TO YOU ~~ON THE~~ PD
PART TO FOR ACTION ANG MILIA REGION ATTENTION LIEUTENANT MAGNAB FROM HQ ALCON

CITE ELKE WASH

PARA TWO PD COLONEL GRIPES WILL SEE YOU THIS WEEK PD MAJOR REAKES WILL
NOT ARRIVE IN BOLOGNA UNTIL THIRTEEN JUNE PD PLEASE INFORM CAPTAIN SHORT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT 3/C

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant

MINISTRY OF WAR
 Direction General Corps of Engineers
 Mine Clearance Central Office.

Subject: Mine Clearance.

i. The instructions issued on the above subject by cable VIII/70023 dated 1 Jan 48, are replaced by the present ones in order to coordinate the ~~improved~~ mine clearance organizations with the technical and administrative requirements of the operations.

a) The territory under the control of each BCM zone is, as a rule, the same as that of the Military Districts. Within this territory the BCM Zone Command is responsible for surveys, for contacting local and provincial authorities, for the employment of civilian workers, and for their employment in the mine clearance and for the administration of the personnel and ~~of the~~ equipment.

b) The BCM Zone Command will be situated where the mine clearance is carried out. HQ of the BCM Command will be established by this Ministry in agreement with the AC Local Govt. Sub Commission and in conjunction with the Zone Command who will take up this matter with the Territorial Command and the AMG Regional Command if the territory in question is under control of AMG.

c) BCM Sub Zones under BCM Zone Commands ~~will~~^{may} be set up having jurisdiction over the territory of 1 or 2 provinces whenever control, difficulties of communication &c. require it.

d) The BCM Zone Command will control directly or through the Sub Zone Command the BCM groups made up in turn of a certain number of mine clearing squads (Zmen) which may vary in accordance with requirements.

e) As far as employment is concerned, BCM Zone Commands are dependent ~~on~~^{on} the Commandi Genio Territoriale if the territories in question are under Italian Government control but they depend ~~from~~^{on} AC Regional Commands if the territories are under AMG. *W. G. 1*

f) Administratively, the BCM Zone Commands will be connected with the Direzione Lavori and will operate as detached offices of ~~the~~^{the} said Direzione Lavori to whom they will apply for the necessary loans of money and to whom they will submit their monthly accounts.

If Zone Commands have to use funds received from the Prefectures the respective accounts will be submitted to the Institutions who did the financing; for information, statistical and control purposes copy of said accounts shall be transmitted through the Direzione Lavori to the Central Office Servizio Campi Minati of this Ministry.

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2. The ~~present~~ *new* instructions are effective as ~~from~~ *from* 1 May. In: ~~instructions concerning the establishment will be effective as soon as every other order for action are issued in this matter.~~

3. The set up of BCM Zones appears ~~from the attached sheet.~~ It will be carried out in accordance to further instructions.

Levi Capin

For the Minister
O. J. RIVARO

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1.4.C.-Local Government Sub Commission, in seguito a proposta del Comando Zona, il quale interessa in merito anche il Comando del Territorio ed il Comando Regionale A.M.G., se trattasi di territori amministrati dall'Allied Military Government.

c)-quando esigenze di controllo, di difficile collegamento o di altro genere lo consigliano, si costituiscono alla dipendenza dei Comandi Zona B.O.M. della Sottosezione B.O.M., con giurisdizione di massima corrispondente al territorio in cui, e al massimo di due Province;

d)-il Comando Zona B.O.M. direttamente o, per il tramite eventuale dei Comandi di Sottosezione dispone di nuclei B.O.M., costituiti a loro volta da un numero di squadre rastrellatrici (3 a 4) variabile secondo le esigenze del lavoro.

e)-per l'impiego i Comandi Zona B.O.M. dipendono dai Comandi del Territorio e trattasi di territori amministrati dal R.G. governativo dei Comandi Regionali A.A., se dislocati in territori amministrati dall'Allied Military Government.

f)-in via amministrativa i Comandi Zona si appoggeranno alle Divisioni Lavori e funzioneranno come uffici staccati dalle Direzioni Lavori stesse, alle quali richiederanno le anticipazioni di fondi occorrenti e verseranno i conti mensilmente.

Nel caso che i Comandi Zona dovessero impiegare i fondi messi a disposizione, i rendiconti saranno versati all'Ente che ha fatto la somministrazione; e titolo di imputazione, a fini statali e di controllo, copia dei rendiconti dovrà però essere trasmessa, tramite la Direzione Lavori, all'Ufficio Centrale Bonifica Campi Minati di questo Ministero.

g)-dal punto di vista disciplinare il personale impiegato nella Bonifica dipende dal Comando del Genio del Territorio corrispondente.

Per quanto concerne alloggi e viveri agli Ufficiali, Sottufficiali e militari di truppa (questi ultimi di assegnazione del tutto eccezionale), detto personale sarà considerato come aggregato, agli effetti amministrativi, alla ex servizio Genio (e al suo nucleo) della Direzione Lavori Genio.

2 - Le presenti disposizioni debbono considerarsi in vigore per quanto concerne le norme amministrative e disciplinari del l. c.m. Per le disposizioni d'ordinamento, e mano a mano che saranno impartiti gli ordini esecutivi in proposito.

a) il Comando Zona E.C.M. direttamente o, per il tramite eventuale dei Comandi di Sottosquadra dispone di nuclei E.C.M., costituiti a loro volta da un numero di squadre rastrellatrici (3 a. a.) variabile secondo le esigenze del lavoro.

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Nel caso che i Comandi Zona dovessero impiegare fondi di mezzi dalle R. Prefetture, i fondi saranno versati all'Ente che ha fatto la somministrazione; e titolo di informazione, a fini statali e di controllo, copia dei redditi veridici dovrà però essere trasmessa, tramite la Direzione Lavori, all'Ufficio Centrale Bonifica Campi Minati di questo Ministero.

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3 - L'ordinamento delle Zone E.C.M. è quale risulta dall'allegato al presente foglio.

Esso sarà attuato, per la parte non ancora in atto, con provvedimenti successivi.

I.C.C.

IL CAPO UFFICIO

IL MINISTERO

Il Gen. di Div. G. Crivaro



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Allegato al foglio n° 8/73257/BOH
in data 21 maggio 1945

GRUPPAMENTO ZONE B.C.M.

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|------|--|----------------------------|
| 1° - | ZONA B.C.M. LIGURIA | (sede in Genova) |
| 2° - | ZONA B.C.M. EMILIA
Settezone Forlì | (sede in Bologna) |
| 3° - | ZONA B.C.M. TOSCANA
Settezone Pisa- Livorno
Settezone Siena - Arezzo | (sede in Firenze) |
| 4° - | ZONA B.C.M. LAZIO - UMBRIA
Settezone Chieti | (sede in Roma) |
| 5° - | ZONA B.C.M. CAMPANIA | (in corso di costituzione) |
| 6° - | ZONA B.C.M. MOLISE | (sede in Campobasso) |

- 1° - ZONA B.C.M. LIGURIA
(sede in Genova)
- 2° - ZONA B.C.M. EMILIA
Sottosezione Pavia
(sede in Bologna)
- 3° - ZONA B.C.M. TOSCANA
Sottosezione Pisa-Lucca
Sottosezione Siena-Arezzo
(sede in Firenze)
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(sede in Campobasso)

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1st MINE-CLEARANCE BATTALION HQs

2 JUN 1945

Subject: Order for transfer.

P.M. 16, 23rd May 1945

To the Commander of the 1st mine-clearance Battalion in formation.

P E S C A R A

To the Command of the 562nd Mine-clearance Company.

To the Command of the 563rd Mine-clearance Company.

G E S E N A

Following verbal orders communicated by the Allied Command officer Lt. Mac Kab, the following transfers will take place.

- a)- All service men stationed at Sili and Pescara, must report to Gesena within Saturday 26th May; only 12 men will remain in Pescara to guard the powder-magazine, and 4 men at Sili for the various service necessities.
- b)- The Command of the 1st Mine-clearance battalion being formed shall move to Bologna with the Commander Cap. Spanpanato Felice, the adjutant Lt. Del Re Vittorio, and the medical officer, within the 28th of May; at the same time also 2 officers and 50 troops of the 562nd Company will also go to Bologna to be employed to be employed in the mine-clearance of that province.
- c)- On the 28th of May the Command of the 562nd Company shall move to Modena including the Commander Lt. Russo Amadeo and 40 soldiers, to start the mine-clearance of that province.
- d)- On the 28th May the Command of the 563rd Company shall move to Ravenna with all its officers and men - exception made for those mentioned in the following paragraph- for mine-clearance in that province.
- e)- Sub-Lt. DE BUCCHI and his 19 men of the 563rd Company shall go on the 28th of May, to Pesaro to reinforce the detachment of the 562nd Company actually composed of 11 men, who will, since that same date, be attached to the 562nd Company.

The detachment of Noccaraso will remain there to and the work in course.

The men of the 562nd and 563rd Company now absent (on leave, in hospital etc.) will return to Gesena where they will be received by Serg. Magg. Ruscello and Serg. Magg. Calce, who will keep themselves ready to leave for the destination the Commander of the Battalion will indicate in due time:-

Orders of move.

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The movement of the Companies from Cesena will be carried out by means of motor-vehicles supplied by the A. M.G. Regione Emilia.

The transportation of the 19 soldiers of the 563rd Company from Cesena to Pesaro will be carried out by means of a lorry of the 563rd Company; the transportation of the men from Pescara to Cesena, with the vehicles actually on service in Pescara.

In accordance with the agreements existing between the aforementioned Allied officer and the Prefectural authorities, civilian motor-transport will also be put at the disposal of the detachments as follows:

2	light motor lorries	for the detachment of Pesaro
3-----	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "
4 or 6-----	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "
3-----	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "

Cap. Miutta of the Prefecture of Bologna, who is in charge of the mine-clearance, will issue the necessary instructions.

On the 1/6/1945 Lt. Salvatori, Italian officer and mine expert, will go to Modena.

Lt. Mac Nab will be at Ravenna on the 2/6/45 and on the 4/6/45 at Modena.

The Commands of the 562nd and 563rd company will draw enough food rations for a fortnight before leaving Cesena, producing Lt. Mac Nab's letter of request to the nearest food supplies office.

The above Commands will also provide respectively Serg. Maggi, Buscillo and Serg. Maggi, Calce, with the quantity of food presumably needed for the soldiers remaining in Cesena awaiting for their destination to be assigned.

Sub-Lt. Modoni will be giving a lecture on the new types of mines "Topf" and "MME 43", to-morrow.

The Commander of the Battalion, will, in due time issue further orders concerning the dislocation of the other detachments of the Companies to be formed, and the work to be executed.

The Adjutant of the Battalion
(Lt. Vittorio del Re)

Translation J.C.

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1° BATTAGLIONE RASTRELLATORI MINE

COMANDO

N. _____ di Prof.

P.M. 16, // 23 Maggio 1945.- 194

OGGETTO:

Ordine di movimento.=

Al Comandante del 1° Btg. in form. Rastrell. Mine
P E S C A R A

Rif.to foglio n. _____ del _____

Al Comando 562^ Cp. Rastrell. Mine { C E S E N A
" " 563 " " "

In ottemperanza agli ordini verbali comunicati dall'Ufficiale del Comando Alleato Lt. Mac. Nab, avranno luogo i seguenti movimenti:

- a) - tutti i militari, attualmente di stanza a Silvi ed a Pescara dovranno entro la giornata di sabato 26 prossimo rientrare a Cesena; rimarranno a Pescara N° 12 militari, per i servizi di guardia alla due Polveriere, ed a Silvi N° 4 militari per i servizi vari;
- b) - Il Comando del 1° Battaglione di formazione Rastrellatori Mine - si trasferirà il 28 p.v. a Bologna con il Comandante Cap. Spampinato Felice - L'Aiutante Maggiore Ten. Del Re Vittorio e l'Ufficiale Medico; nel contempo si porteranno a Bologna anche 2 Ufficiali e N° 50 militari della 562^ Compagnia per essere impiegati nella bonifica dei campi minati in quella Provincia;
- c) - Il Comando della 562^ Compagnia, il 28 p.v. si porterà a Modena con 2 Ufficiali, compreso il Comandante Ten. Russo Amedeo e 40 militari per procedere alla bonifica delle zone minate interessanti quella provincia;
- d) - Il Comando della 563^ Compagnia il 28 p.v. si trasferirà a Ravenna con tutti i suoi Ufficiali ed i suoi uomini, ad eccezione di quelli di cui alla seguente lettera "e" per i lavori di bonifica di quella provincia;
- e) - Il S.Ten. RIBUONI e N° 19 uomini della 563^ Compagnia, il 28 p.v. si porteranno a Pesaro per rinforzare il Distaccamento della 562^ Compagnia, attualmente composto di N° 11 uomini, i quali passeranno sotto la stessa data in aggregazione alla 562^ Compagnia.=

Il Distaccamento di Roccaraso rimarrà sul posto per ultimare i lavori in corso.=

Gli uomini della 562^ e 563^ Compagnia, attualmente assenti (licenza - Ospedale etc.) rientrando a Cesena saranno rispettivamente ricevuti dal Serg. Maggiore Ruscello e dal Serg. Maggiore Calce, i quali si terranno pronti a partire per la destinazione che verrà successivamente comunicata dal Comandante del Battaglione.=

IL MOVIMENTO DELLE COMPAGNIE DA CESENA avrà luogo su via ordinaria con automezzi forniti dal Comando A.M.G. - Regione Emilia - ^{8° 5}

Il trasporto dei 19 militari da Cesena a Pesaro sarà effettuato con un automezzo della 563^ Compagnia; quello dei militari da Pescara a Cesena sarà effettuato con gli automezzi attualmente in servizio a Pescara.=

In conformità degli accordi già presi dal predetto Ufficiale Alleato

con le Autorità Prefettizie del posto, saranno messi a disposizione dei sottotati Distaccamenti gli automezzi civili a fianco di ciascuno indicati, per i lavori di rastrellamento mine.-

PESARO- : 2 camion leggeri;
RAVENNA ; tre autocarri;
BOLOGNA ; quattro o sei autocarri;
MODENA : tre autocarri.=-

Incaricato di fornire le istruzioni del caso è il Capitano NIUTTA, addetto alla bonifica Campi Minati - della Prefettura di Bologna.=

A Modena il 1°/6/1945, si recherà il Ten. Salvatori, Ufficiale Italiano esperto in materia di mine.=

Il Lt. Mac Nab, sarà il 2/6/45 a Ravenna ed il 4/6/45 a Modena.=

I Comandi della 562^a e 563^a Compagnia provvederanno ad effettuare un prelevamento di viveri per quindici giorni prima del trasferimento da Cesena, esibendo alla competente Sussistenza la lettera di richiesta del Lt. Mac Nab.

I Comandi stessi provvederanno a fornire il Serg. Magg. Ruscello ed al Serg. Magg. Calce, ciascuno per la parte di propria competenza, i viveri che costituiscono il presumibile fabbisogno per i militari che rimarranno in sosta a Cesena in attesa della destinazione.=

Il S.Ten. MODONI, nella giornata di domani terrà a tutti i militari attualmente presenti in questa Sede, una lezione sui nuovi tipi di mine "Topf" e "RMI 43" -

Riserva di ulteriori ordini da parte del Comandante del Battaglione circa la dislocazione degli ulteriori Distaccamenti delle Compagnie da costituire circa i lavori da eseguire.=

L'AIUTANTE MAGGIORE DEL BATTAGLIONE

- (Tenente Vittorio Del Re) -

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SERVIZIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI
COMANDO ZONA LIGURIA

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GENOVA.29 Maggio 1945

PALAZZO NAVIGLIO - ITALIA
PRIMO A. M. G. - TELEF. 28047

OGGETTO:

O/O P.C. BOLOGNA

Posting of Officer.
to : 5 Army A.H.G.

1. It is the intention of the Ministry of war to appoint Capt. S. VIUPTA as the Commander of a Mine Clearance Nucleo (Platoon) at Romagno.
2. This is a command which can quite well be carried by a 2/Lieutenant, and has been hitherto.
3. Capt. VIUPTA has done excellent work in the past, and it is felt that the experience he has obtained working in direct contact with the allies, will be wasted if he is transferred from his present duties.
4. In the same way that Allied Mines Disposal Officers are necessary to the Italian Staff from a liaison point of view, an Italian Officer is equally necessary in a similar capacity.
5. It is therefore requested that Capt. VIUPTA services be retained in that capacity, as it is considered that his assistance can be of the greatest value in organizing the other Mines.

M. Short
M. SHORT
Captain R.A.S.G.

Copies to :

5 Army A.H.G.
Col. Grippa R/A.H.G. ✓
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SERVIZIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI
COMANDO ZONA LIGURIA

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del _____

GENOVA, 29 Maggio 1945

PALAZZO NAVIG, "ITALIA",
PREGIO A. M. G. - TELEFON: 25047.

OGGETTO: Col. MARCONI

to : 5 Army A.M.G.

1. The above-named officer recently visited the Liguria Zone H.Q.
2. A visit from a senior officer of the Ministry of war, at this time, could have been of great assistance to the staff of this zone, who are working under considerable difficulties.
3. As far from being of assistance, the object of his visit appeared, very largely, to be to amend minor details of routine administration, which, if necessary, could be introduced at a later date when this zone is on its feet.
4. Among other criticisms he stated that the existence of the Servizio Bonifica Campi Minati is not recognized by the Ministry of war, although the Ministry has been in correspondence with, and, to some extent, administered that body for the last eight months.
5. It might be pointed out to the Ministry of war that unless visits from senior officers are to be of material assistance, they are of little use at this stage of development.

[Signature]
Captain R.A.S.G.

Copies to :

5 Army A.M.G.

Col. SEPTO ✓ #940

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Subject: Mine Clearance

Comd Post 2 District 1141
2452/1 G(CS)

1 Jun 45

HQ AC

Ref your AC/53/IG undated.

No letter with reference 35/G of 26 May emanated from this office and no action is therefore possible by this Hq.

WHH/ksc

Major General,
Comd No 2 District.

OK Admin taken
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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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FILE : R-VIII/PE/10.4

24 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Training Courses.

27 MAY 1945

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Sub-Commission
(attention of Major Reakes)

1. Yesterday Captain Forster was again at Pisa, among other things, to ascertain why the training of Squads in Apuania was not under weigh after all details had been reported to have been completed and the following were reasons given:-

- a) The two NCOs viz. Sgt. Romana and Cap. Magg. Cocco, as promised by the Italian Mine Clearance Company at Livorno to Major Reakes for duty at Pisa as instructors have not yet reported for duty.
- b) The only instructor available within V Zone is the Tenente that was promised at the same time as the two NCOs mentioned above and who reported for duty on 4 May 45. *Rafel*
- c) This officer instructor has since then been employed on instructions from the Italian Ministry of War, on the training of six other officers instructors for use in the North of Italy.

2. Captain Forster was aware that this advanced training was going on but had no idea whatsoever that the pupils were destined elsewhere.

3. It becomes quite impossible to organise a proper and efficient service in this Region which has been left with so little of the original resources if this is permitted.

4. Can representation be made to the Ministry of War (Italian) for the retention of 4 of these officers as instructors within Toscana?

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5. It is hoped that Captain Forster will be able to go to Livorno shortly and speak to Major Chapman of the Royal Engineers and ask his assistance in sending-on the two NCOs referred to in para 1 (a) above.

Jv *J.B. Forster, Captain*
F. G. GREEN
Major - G. L.,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

JBF/wt

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 894
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/35/50

Ext: 358

2 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA.

The undernoted points are brought to your attention.

2. This Commission is prepared to facilitate correspond-
ence between the Ministry of War and the Mine Clearing Zones
in the North by permitting it to be handled through Allied
Commission channels. The Zone HQ in Emilia Region have been
informed that any correspondence they care to pass through A.C.
channels will be forwarded to you.

3. Additional instructional staff are required at
BOLOGNA. It is desired that BAKFI and CARROLO who are good
instructors be posted as soon as possible to BOLOGNA to help
the Zone.

4. All officers reporting for duty with Zones must be
in uniform and should take their blankets with them. It is
presumed that battle dress can be issued to those officers not
in possession of uniform?

5. Mine Detectors are urgently required in the North
and it is considered necessary that all Allied detectors should
be sent North with spare batteries. This Commission has today
forwarded a list to BOLOGNA. Transport has been difficult to
arrange but it is hoped that within the next two or three days
it will be made available to lift the Mine Detectors remaining
in your stores.

6. Safety Fuse is in urgent demand. If transport is
required this Commission will endeavour to arrange. Please
say where the safety Fuse can be collected.

7. Instructors are urgently required for BOSCOVA Region
(PISA). The trained instructors have been moved North to start
new squads and replacements are necessary. Can you arrange for
further instructors being called forward.

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7. Instructors are urgently required for TOSCANA Region (PISA). The trained instructors have been moved north to start new squads and replacements are necessary. Can you arrange for further instructors being mailed forward.

8. There are still insufficient Mine Detectors in the North. Can a further supply of Italian Mine Detectors be made available?

Copy to: Ministry of War

Gen. P. SUPINO

HQ EMILIA Region for Lt. MACIAB

HQ TOSCANA Region

R.R. CHIFFS Colonel

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

2 June 45.

AC/35/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ TOSCANA Region.

Reference your R/VIII/PS/10.4 of 24 May.

1. The NOCS of the 561 Company should have reported some time ago. It is pointed out that these NOCS will only be on loan. From recent information at least 60 ORS of the Company are untrained and the Company must get down to training but they should be able to spare these NOCS. Major Chapman agreed to it. He is not now in FLORENCE. The 35 CRE has been asked to say whether he requires the Company or not. It appears that he may not require the Company and if this is confirmed then the Company will be placed at the disposal of your Region.

2. Steps are being taken to have more instructors sent to your Region.

3. Re. your para 2. It was understood that pupils were not being transferred as it was found simpler to enrol and train workers on the spot rather than move them about.

4. Further Mine Detectors are being sent to the Zone which with what they already have makes up a total of 18 Allied Mine Detectors. Safety fuses is also being sent. There should be a number of Italian Mine Detectors in the Zone as well.

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R.R. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre

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Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig.Gen. P. SUPINO.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION.

VINE CHORANKE

For necessary action.

2 June 1945

R.P.C.

REPORT ON TOUR OF PROVINCES BY THE DIRECTOR
OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

19 May 45 - 27 May 45.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

In general Local Government is taking shape in the five regions VARESE, MILIA, LONGHEDIA, LAURIA and PIMARIE. This particularly applies to the appointment of Prefects and to some extent to their staffs in the grade of Vice Prefect. There is a natural inclination on the part of Regional and Provincial Commissioners to wish for a career man in the position of Vice Prefect when the Prefect himself is not a career man. For this reason, there they have not been able to find them locally, they are requesting Local Government Sub-Commission to find professional Vice Prefects from the pool formed by the Ministry of the Interior.

The Commissions of National Liberation are, on the whole, co-operative but are taking some time to realise that they have no executive powers. At the time of the visit some confusion was being caused by CNEs still continuing to issue orders. This attitude of mind is reflected in the dissolution of Patriots to disband. As ANF progresses in its organization and administration, it is considered that the situation will clarify because many of the CNEs will be appointed as Giunta Provinciale and Giunta Comunale and will therefore become part of the administration.

The small number of CNEs in the provinces makes progress in this matter slower than it would otherwise be but the situation can be considered satisfactory as is evidenced by the fact that in MILIA, by arrangement with Colonel POLINNI, the CNEs were issuing a directive to their local committees pointing out mainly that the position was vis a vis ANF.

A considerable number of Prefects have been appointed as Prefetti Regenti and a list showing the exact position and their various political parties where known is attached at Appendix "A" to this report. R.M.O. Fifth Army, in the territory for which he is responsible, has reserved the final installation to be confirmed or carried out by himself so that the position is that in the majority of cases while the Prefect is in fact functioning, his absolute appointment has not yet been confirmed. This particularly applies in the Western Regions. These Prefects who were not during the war all seemed energetic and competent individuals, although in most cases they are non-career men. The conclusion is therefore that after a period of war, both Prefects and

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PATRIOTS.

In all Regions the Regional Patriot Staff has arrived and is beginning to function. The question of disarmament is, of course, the major problem. It has taken place over a considerable area of newly liberated territory, but this varies considerably from region to region, according to the circumstances therein. In the more rural districts and small provincial towns, parades have been held and a large number of arms handed in. This particularly applies in the area directly administered by Fifth Army. On the other hand, in the large cities of MILAN and GENOA, no parade has been held at which disarmament took place and considerable numbers of Patriots are still holding their arms. The first step has been made in that over the whole area covered, very few armed civilians were encountered. On the other hand the fact that they may no longer carry arms openly is possibly driving them to conceal them. In brief, the situation in each Region is as follows:

VENETIA: Carrying of arms in the open is forbidden and Patriots have been ordered to store their arms in unit enclosures. This does not apply to the provinces of VERONA and BOLZANO where, at the time of the visit, the Patriots had not been ordered to disarm owing to the presence of considerable number of armed German troops and fascist elements.

LAZIO: In that part of the province under Fifth Army, disarmament had taken place at Frosinone, but in that area under IV Corps little or no disarming had taken place as it had not at that time been ordered by IV Corps Commander.

PIEMONTE: Disarming had been ordered, except in the area close to the frontier. Groups of arms were being located with a view to raids or other forced collection.

EMILIA: In this province disarmament had taken place in those areas accessible to GAOs. It was reported that the French had forcibly disarmed Patriots in EMILIA provinces.

GENERAL: In general disarmament is only partial and there is no doubt that some arms will be retained by extreme elements and bandit gangs. The fact that the area is almost completely covered by a disintegrated army makes collection of arms a long and difficult public safety matter. There is evidence that gangsterism and banditry are being carried out in many instances under the guise of Patriot activities. The killings which were taking place in MILAN, TORIN, GENOA, may well be attributed to a large part to these gangs. The only solution would appear to be a strong forced police force. To assist in building this up, suitable police candidates are being selected from Patriot Groups for training as permanent policemen on a voluntary basis. Furthermore, the higher officials of the GVL and GIL state that in order to assist in the disarmament of the Patriot organization it is essential that not only should those who wish to be taken into the police force, but those who wish it, should be taken into the army. This question has been taken up with MILA since the return of the writer to MILAN and the immediate recruitment of 8,000 Patriots has been authorized. While the total number which General CAKIDIA considers will wish to join the Italian Army is estimated by him at 20,000, as a result of this survey it is doubtful whether such a number will make itself available; possibly only 10,000 will be ready to join the Italian Army as volunteers.

Italian Military Patriot Representatives are functioning satisfactorily but a few changes in personnel were requested by Regional Patriot Officers; these are in hand.

In summary and conclusion, it is clear that there was a complete absence of Patriots

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LOMBARDIA : In that part of the province under Fifth Army, disarmament had taken place at various points, but in that area under IV Corps little or no disarmament had taken place as it had not at that time been ordered by IV Corps Commander.

VIENNA : Disarming had been ordered, except in the area close to the frontier. Groups of arms were being located with a view to raids or other forced collection.

EMILIA : In this province disarmament had taken place in those areas accessible to OACs. It was reported that the French had forcibly disarmed Patriots in PARMA province.

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In VIENNA and LOMBARDIA Regions there was a complete absence of Patriot Certificates in both Provincial and Regional Offices. A distribution of 100,000 of these had been made but on investigation it appeared that Fifth Army had considerable stocks undistributed. Action was taken to ensure that the two Regions concerned were adequately supplied.

The feeding of Patriots on the Italian Military scale had not been carried out in the early stages of liberation, although authority had been given; this appears to be due to the fact that IV Corps had been physically unable to supply rations. A release has now been obtained of 197,000 rations which were in the course of being distributed in LOMBARDIA, EMILIA and VIENNA in suitable proportions to meet the immediate need of these Regions. Detailed immediate action required for Patriots is at Appendix "B" attached.

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3.

MINE OPERATIONS

From a general survey the mined area is across the country on last winter's battle line, with the most thickly mined area of all on the east coast in the provinces of PAVIA, PAVIA, PAVIA and BOLZANO. Both coasts have some defensive mine-fields.

The whole of the LIGURIAN coast is mined for its entire length and 25 kilometers inland. Within this 25 kilometer belt, mines have been set only in defiles and in the narrow passes through the mountains. It is estimated that 300 men with adequate transport will be able to remove all mines that are hindering movement and agriculture in three months.

In LIGURIA and VENETIAN Regions mines do not seem to have been laid further north than the river PO and the mouth of the river ADIGE.

LIGURIA and VENETIAN Regions state that they have no mine clearance problems.

Mine Clearance Schools have been set up at PAVIA, BOLZANO and GENOVA and are functioning under the direction of Captain SMIT and Lt. METZEL. In BOLZANO 90 men are already under training and the number can be increased to 300 if suitable instructors are found. At GENOVA 80 men are attending a course and it is anticipated that 60 will qualify. It had been anticipated that Patriots would be willing to take part in this work of National importance but this has not been the case to any large degree and in fact in GENOVA Patriot organizations do not wish to take part or attend the schools, wishing to be independent to run their own organization. The matter was given some consideration but in view of the fact that the instructors and the equipment have to be found by the Ministry of War it was decided not to set up or encourage a separate organization to work in competition with the Italian Ministry of War's Mine Clearance Organization. Nevertheless, the Italian Mine Clearance Officer had received from the Patriots mine field maps and charts which they had captured or taken from various German Headquarters.

It is considered that the formations of schools at PAVIA, BOLZANO and GENOVA are a satisfactory distribution in view of the mine field lay-out.

All schools were short of Mine Detectors and safety fuses. These matters have been given attention since the return of the writer and, in fact, mine detectors are already on the way to the schools and safety fuses is being obtained from the Ministry of War.

Detailed action required by Mine Clearance Branch is attached at Appendix "G".

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R. R. C. G. D. S., Colonel,
Director,
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

Appendix "A"
to Report on Tour of
Southern Provinces,
1 June 1945

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

(action to be taken by Local Government.)

ACTION COMPLETED

Serial

ACTION REQUIRED

1. PLAMENZA Can do with a career V.P. (I).
Write and request confirmation of this
requirement and then take action.

2. FERRARA V.P. (V) required. Action to be taken.

3. DELCONA V.P. (I) required. Action to be taken.

4. INFERIA G.P. (V) required. Action to be taken.

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2. PERHARA V.P.(V) required. Action to be taken.
3. BOLOMA V.P.(I) required. Action to be taken.
4. IMPERIA C.P.(V) required. Action to be taken.

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Appendix "A" (i) to Report on
Tour of Northern Provinces

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

1 June 1945

Serial No.	REGION (b)	Prefect (c)	Party (d)	CGI Members (e)	Approved by R.O. (f)	Remarks (g)
<u>PIEMONTE</u>						
1.	Aosta	Prof. PARENTE D'ENTRIS Alessandro	LIB	Yes	Yes	This Prefect is now suggesting he resign from CGI owing to differences over the French question and may not be the final decision
2.	Asti	Not yet appointed				
3.	Cuneo	Avv. VERZONE Guido	Not known	Yes	Yes	Is an active Patriot
4.	Novara	Dott. PUSIANO Piero	Not known	Yes	Yes	
5.	Vercelli	Dott. CANNINO Giovanni	Not known	Yes	Yes	
6.	Alessandria	Not yet selected				
7.	Turin	Reins not given	SOI	(Not known to D/R.C.)		
<u>LIIGURIA</u>						
8.	La Spezia	Dott. ENRI	SOI	Yes	Yes	
<u>EMILIA</u>						
9.	Verona	Dott. MATTEI Carillo	O.D.	Yes	Yes	

10. LOMBARDIA (See Appendix "A" (ii).)
All Prefects are Prefetti Regionali; all are CGI Members approved by R.O.

- e) RAs of Regions PIEMONTE, LOMBARDIA & LIGURIA have all been appointed D/RAOs and may by now have been delegated the power of appointment of Prefects.
- b) In PIEMONTE Region SOI had forwarded signed blanks of his confirmation Pro Formas for Prefects.

Appendix "A" (11) to Report on
Tour of Northern Provinces
Allied Military Government
Lombardy Region
1 June 1945

LIST OF PRINCIPAL PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS

BRERA

Prefect (Regente) Pietro Bulloni
President of the CLM Giuseppe Ghetti
Partisan Head Col. Giuseppe Zam
Head of CLM Lt Col Freilich Arnaldo
Head of Guardia di Finanza Lt Col Di Natale
Sindaco of Prov. Capital Avv. Guglielmo Ghislandi

COMO

Prefetto Regente Avv. Virgilio Bertinelli
Vice Prefetto Borlogna Mario
Questore Ten Col. Avv. Luigi Grassi
Vice Questore Prof. Franco Cappucco
Sindaco of Como City Armando Morini

CREMONA

Prefect Regent Parietti Giulio fu Cesare
Vice Prefect (Acting) Cremonesi Giacomo fu Giacomo
Vice Prefect (Acting) Cottarelli Alessandro di L.
Questore (Acting) Ferretti Roberto di Angelo
Sindaco (Cremona City) Galatone Bruno di Guido

LEVICO

Prefetto Regente Avv. Tommaso Solci
Vice Prefetto Vicario Dott. Vando Campagnari
Vice Prefetto Ispettore Raga Pietro Fedulano
Capo Gabinetto Prefetto Dott. Orlando Antonio
Medico Provinciale Dott. Roberto Zanini
Veterinario Provinciale Dott. Enrico Bertolini
Questore Verona Aronne
Vice Questore Avv. Luigi Balzo
Amministrazione Provinciale

LEGNANO

Presidente Avv. Emilio Avenzini
Segretario Generale Dott. Aurelio Locetti
Ingegnere Capo Ing. Giuseppe Manzoni
Sindaco di Mantova Carlo Casarileghé
Vice Sindaco Angelo Gatti
Vice Sindaco Ing. Giuseppe Borella
Segretario Capo Dott. Achille Tumello
Ingegnere Capo Ing. Magelli Alessandro
Genio Civile : Ingegnere Capo Ing. Alfredo Masi
Camera del Commercio : Direttore Prof. Mario Levi
Ufficio del Lavoro : Direttore Dott. Bruno Viviana
Tribunale : Presidente Dott. Alessandro Fimadi
Procura del Regno : Regente Dott. Giannotti
Procura : I° Pretore

Sindaco of Prov. Capital

COMO

Prefetto Reggente
 Vice Prefetto
 Questore
 Vice Questore
 Sindaco of Camp City

CREMONA

Prefect Regent
 Vice Prefect (Acting)
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Appendix "B" to Report on
Tour of Northern Provinces,
1 June 1945

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

Serial	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION COMPLETED (date)
1.	<u>EMILIA REGION</u> Replacement required for BOMELLI at VERGARA.	
2.	" " " VERGARA at REGGIO E. Find a substitute Food Officer to replace Capt. MRS now going PATRIOTS OFFICER.	
3.	Relief required for CALEAVARA. Note only: CALEAVARA is to move from VERICE to BOLZANO.	
4.	Clarification of 1000/5000 lire payment.	
5.	S/Sgt. SARDINI urgently required by Regional Patriot Officer. Hasten move.	
6.	Director to write Brigadier DENTON re position of Capt. MRS.	
7.	<u>THE FIFTH ARMY</u> To note in files please! The following centres are opening and functioning: BOLOGNA MODENA VERONA BOLZANO Capt. MCDONOUGH and HAMMOND moving to MILAN.	
8.	<u>LOMBARDIA</u> Director to discuss matter of uniform of LTRA with Colonel FAVA.	
9.	Raise question of Italian stations being drawn for LTRA who are required to pay 70 lire per	

2. " " " FERRARI at MORGIO E.
Find a substitute Pool Officer to replace
Capt. KILB now going PATRIOT OFFICER.
3. Bolina required for CALZAVANA
4. Note only: CALZAVANA is to move from VERICE
to BOLINA.
5. Clarification of 1000/5000 lire payment.
6. S/Sgt. BARNES urgently required by Regional
Patriot Officer. Hasten move.
7. Director to write Brigadier KIMLOP re position
of Capt. KILB.

ARMY

7. To note in files please! The following
centres are opening and functioning:

BOLINA
MODENA
VERONA
BOLINA

Capt. MacLACHLAN and HAMMOND moving to MILAN.

LOMBARDIA

8. Director to discuss matter of uniform of IERS
with Colonel FAVA.
9. Raise question of Italian sections being drawn
for IERS who are required to pay 70 lire per
diem for sending.

/10. LOMBARDIA (Continued)...

Appendix "B" (Continued)

ACTION COMPLETED (DATE).

ACTION REQUIRED

Serial

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LAKEWATER REGION (Cont'd).

10. PRISONER to be returned. (Della Pura as Patriot Leader on the spot has been appointed to carry out the work). Regional Patriot Officer asks if it is possible to have LAURENCE Major of ARMY as a replacement.

11. Certificates required, none in stock. AME Fifth Army to supply and this is arranged. However, this will require a follow up.

12. To take up with Minister of Justice the use of Patriots as Prison Guards.

TORINO

13. Certificates required. Already taken up with LUGNET, a follow up required.

LACUNA

14. NOTE that centres have been set up at :

LA SPINZA	capacity 500	inmates 67
SAVONA	" 450/500	" 150/200
IMPERIA	" 300	" NIL
CAVARE	" 700	" NIL

15. Clarification required of word "disabled" in Patriot Directive M/PAT. Does this mean "wounded" only or genuinely "disabled".

16. Directive required re payment of higher amounts.

17. Question of recruiting must be settled quickly.

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 Annex "G" to Report on
 Tour of Northern Provinces
 1 June 1943

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

MINE CHAIRMAN

Serial	ACTIONS REQUIRED	ACTIONS COMPLETED (DATE)
	<u>EMILIA REGION</u>	
1.	Agreed transmission of mail through AG channels. HQ to see, inspect and forward to Ministry of War.	Kindly please inform 24 June
2.	Require additional instructional staff at BOLAGIA (Lts. BARTI and GAREGLIO.)	— do — They are waiting must show up
3.	In future officers (Italian) reporting to HQ and HQ in Regions must be fully equipped with uniform.	Letter saying that being submitted to
4.	Method of obtaining funds needs explanation; if a letter has not already gone out it must be sent, giving full explanation.	— do —
5.	Safety fuse and mine detectors required. Fuse to be obtained from M.O.W. Urge forward the allotment of mine detectors from recent allotment by A.T.E.Q.	Some detectors being sent from Italy for about 2000. They are being forwarded.
	<u>LAZIO REGION</u>	
6.	Requires clarification and instructions as to manner of drawing cash for payment of workers.	Short Memo. has been sent with heads of the territorial command being being submitted to.
7.	U.M.P.A. have vehicles available for work but it. CHOCGO required authority to draw petrol.	— do —
8.	Mine Clearance officers and HQs are without pay. Clear with M.O.W.	1 June 1943
9.	Safety Fuse and detectors required.	

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1st MINE-CLEARANCE AUTONOMOUS BATTALION

HEADQUARTERS

2 JUN 1945

File n.: 41/EM

Military post 185 - 26th May 1945

To: Lt. Mac Nab

The Commander of the 562nd Mine-clearance Company

PESCARA

The Commander of the 563rd Mine-clearance Company

PESCARA

The office of the Adjutant of the Battalion

CE SENA

The direction of the mine-clearance school

SILVI Marina

and for information to:

the Allied sub-Commission- Mine-clearance Section

ROME

the Command of the 228th infantry division

P.M. 185

the command of the 230th infantry division

P.M. 185

the Command of the 541 infantry regiment

P.M. 185

In accordance with verbal agreements between the undersigned and Maj. Reakes of the Allied Sub-commission in Rome, I wish to confirm what has been mutually agreed upon with Lt. Mac Nab of the Allied Sub-Commission Mine-clearance section, and the respective transfer order dated 16th May 1945 signed by the Adjutant of the Battalion.

The adjutant of the Battalion, together with the officer in charge of the personnel of the said Battalion shall move on the established date to their new quarters of Bologna, while the headquarters of the Silvi School and the Pesaro, Roccaraso, Polveriere Rossi & San Dona' of Pescara units will remain where they are together with the personnel already assigned there by previous order.

The Commander of the 562nd Company will see that the motor vehicles at present in Pescara will be in working order, and on the 1st of June 1945 will move to the Modena Quarters together with excess personnel, equipment and vehicles in working conditions.

The Commander of the Battalion, as agreed with Maj. Reakes, will contact the 541st infantry regiment for the purpose of organizing the personnel of the 562nd Mine-clearance Company, which as far as discipline is concerned will depend from said regiment; as regards operational activities will receive orders exclusively from the Battalion Command in accordance with provisions issued by the Allied Sub-Commission in Rome.

For information of the Allied S/C Mine-clearance branch, copy of provisions issued by Lt. Mac Nab is enclosed herewith.

I am waiting to receive immediate confirmation of the transfers, so that I may subsequently and personally check up their regularity. !! Any possible difficulty should be brought to my attention. !

Translation

S.C.

*I will take no action on this. The Commander
I don't agree that anything should be
like this for K pl. - all personnel should be
like this*

Spampinato Felice

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(in formazione)

I° BATTAGLIONE AUTONOMO RASTRELLATORI MINE
COMANDOProt. N° 44/RM.

Posta Militare 185, li, 26 Maggio 1945

AL TEN. MAC. NAB

AL COMANDANTE LA 562° COMPAGNIA
Rastrellatori MinePESCARAAL COMANDANTE LA 563° COMPAGNIA
Rastrellatori MinePESCARAALL'UFFICIO DELL'AUTANTE MAGGIORI
DI BATTAGLIONECODENAAL DIRETTORE DELLA SCUOLA
Rastrellatori MineSILVI Marina

e, per conoscenza,

- ALLA SUB COMMISSIONE ALLEATA - Sez. Campi Minati
- AL COMANDO DELLA 228° DIVISIONE FANTERIA
- AL COMANDO DELLA 230° DIVISIONE FANTERIA
- AL COMANDO DEL 541° REGGIMENTO FANTERIA

ROMAP.M. 185P.M. 185P.M. 185

In conformità agli accordi verbali intercorsi fra il sottoscritto ed il Maggiore REARS della Sub Commissione Alleata di Roma, confermo quanto stabilito di comune accordo con il Ten. MAC NAB della Sub Commissione Alleata - Sez. Campi Minati ed il relativo ordine di movimento in data 16 maggio 1945, firmato dall'Aiutante Maggiore del Battaglione -

L'Aiutante Maggiore di Battaglione, con l'Ufficiale Addetto e con il personale del Battaglione stesso si trasferiranno alla data stabilita nella nuova sede di BOLOGNA, mentre il Comando della Scuola di SILVI, i Distaccamenti di Pesaro, Roccaraso e Polveriera ROSSI e S. DONA di Pescara, rimarranno sul posto col personale già comandato con ordine precedente.-

Il Comandante della 562° Compagnia provvederà a mettere in efficienza gli automezzi attualmente a Pescara ed alla data del 1° Giugno 1945 si trasferirà nella Sede di CODENA con tutti gli uomini esuberanti, il materiale ed i mezzi resi efficienti.

Il Comandante del Battaglione su accordi del Maggiore REARS provvederà a prendere contatti con il 541° Reggimento Fantaria per la sistemazione degli uomini della 562° Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine che dipenderà disciplinatamente dal Comando di detto Reggimento mentre per l'impiego riceverà ordini esclusivamente dal Comando di Battaglione conformemente alle disposizioni impartite dalla Sub Commissione di Roma.

Per la Sub Commissione Alleata - Sezione Campi Minati si allega copia delle disposizioni impartite dal Ten. Mac. NAB.

Attendo immediata conferma dei movimenti perchè successivamente

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possa controllare la regolarità.

Ogni eventuale difficoltà venga al più presto prospettata. =



IL COMANDANTE

IL COMANDANTE

(Cap. SPAMPANATO FELICE)

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The Ministry of War
 Direction General Engineers
 Mine-Clearance Centre office

Rome 24 May 1945

To the R. Army General Staff

File n.: 8/75323

Subject : Mine-clearance companies strength reintegration.

Copy for information to: Allied Commission - Local Government S/C

A.P.O. 394

Owing to recent discharges the mine-clearance companies, which had not yet reached their regular strength, have suffered further decreases in their number. This fact diminishes their working capacity.

We therefore beg you to kindly see that the strength of the Mine-clearance Companies be reintegrated, if there are no objections, with additional personnel as follows:

50 men to be added to the	561st Cp.
90 " " " " " "	562nd Cp.
110 " " " " " "	563rd Cp.

*Out of 600 men
 we have lost 250. !*

The measure, in which also the A.C. - Local Government S/C has taken interest, should be promptly and kindly attended to.

The Director General

Translation J. C.

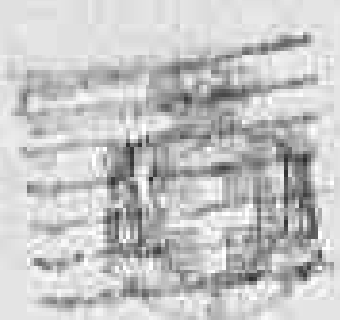
*This matter has been taken up with
 much but they hold out no hopes at all.
 I have suggested to m^r Nab T Spamparata
 that they try to enrol men themselves which
 under Italian military law is permissible*

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*Raise the matter with AFNOC
 in 10 days time*

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Roma 24.5.1945

Ministero della Guerra
DIREZIONE GENERALE
Uff. Centr. B.C.M.

ALLO STATO MAGGIORE
R. ESERCITO S E D E

Procedura
Post. N. 8/73323

Legge
Allegato

Rapporto del
Dir. N. 1

Oggetto: Complemento per cp. Rastr. mine.

e, per conoscenza:

ALL'A.C. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMM.

AFO 394

In seguito ai recenti congedamenti le Cp. Rastrellatori mine, che non avevano ancora raggiunto la forza prevista dell'organico, hanno subito ulteriore riduzione di forza, che ne diminuisce sensibilmente la capacità lavorativa.

Si prega pertanto di voler provvedere ai necessari complementi, ove nulla osti, i quali dovrebbero avere i seguenti totali parziali, per ciascuna compagnia:

561 ^a Cp.	50 u.
562 ^a Cp.	90 "
563 ^a Cp.	110 "

Il provvedimento, del quale si è interessato anche la A.C. - Loc. Gov. Sub COMM., dovrebbe aver corso con cortese sollecitudine.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

AO/35/LG

1 June 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA
Attn.: Brig. Gen. P. SUPINO

1. Reference telephone conversation (General SUPINO Major REAKES) it is confirmed that Mr. HARTLEY who is engaged in work connected with reconstruction at PESO RA and CHIETI will ask Zone 3 to send a squad of men or to train some men for clearing a path through a minefield in the Comune of PALENA for the purpose of obtaining cut timber. This timber will be used for reconstruction work but until the mines have been cleared cannot be got. It is not proposed to clear the whole area at present but only sufficient to get at the timber.

2. For your perusal there is forwarded to you letter from the Sindaco of Palena dated 9 May 45 which explains the position.

3. Will you please give instructions to Zone 3 to carry out the mine clearance work necessary.


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

Enclosure

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION FOR
THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

12/5/45

30 May 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : AGC 5 Army
for Capt. Short

Transport

At present there is no authority for employing German transport on mine clearance. The matter is being investigated and it is expected an allocation will be made to AG of which a proportion should be allocated for mine clearance.

Equipment

The mine detectors have not yet been despatched. They were found to be too large for the plane. They will be sent by road in the course of the next few days so soon as transport is obtained.

Wages

Your remarks are noted. The wages which you are at present paying are agreed to. The wage scale set out in the Mine Clearance Plan can no longer be taken as a guide. It was fixed when it was decided to have an even wage line in an effort to stabilise wages. Some will require to be guided by you in the matter.

Notes

The Italian Ministry of War have decided to abolish the bonus in their territory. If possible and in view of the pending handover of certain provinces it may be desirable to fall into line with them. If this is inadvisable then carry on as you have been doing and inform some of this as they must do likewise in Region 4 territory.

Italian HQs

The Italian HQs and OOs must not be removed. Please issue orders to Zone to this extent through Lt. Macfar who is working closely with the Zone. The Italian Ministry of War will be advised of this.

Major Peakes intends to be at Bologna on Wednesday 6 June to meet Lt. Macfar and would also like to meet you to discuss the various problems which have arisen.

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Copy to: HQ Emilia Region
for Lt Macfar.

R.B. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO
UFF. Centr. E.C.M.

N. 6/73257/ECM 61 prot.

Roma 21 maggio 1945

Oggetto: Dipendenze e competenze Enti periferici E.C.M.

AL COMANDO MILITARE TERRITORIALE DI BOLOGNA	P.M. 225
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" " " " " ROMA	ROMA
" " " " " BARI	BARI
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" " " " " EMILIA	FIRENZE
" " " " " TOSCANA	ROMA
" " " " " LIGURIA	ROMA
" " " " " ABRUZZO	CHIESI
" " " " " MOLISE	CHIESI
E, per conoscenza:	
AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA-UFF. Coordinamento	S.M.D.D.
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R. Esercito	S.E.D.E.
Ufficio Ordinamento e Mobilitazione	A.P. 394
ALL'A.C. LOCALI GOVERNAMENTI SUB COMMISSION	

1. - Le disposizioni impartite in merito all'oggetto col dispaccio VIII/70023 del 1/1 e.c. sono sostituite dalle seguenti, alle scopo di definire in modo rispondente alle attuali esigenze tecniche ed amministrative dei lavori il funzionamento degli Enti periferici del servizio E.C.M.:

a) il territorio di competenza di ciascuna Zona E.C.M. si identifica di norma con quello corrispondente alla rispettiva Regione Militare. In detto territorio il Comando Zona E.C.M. provvede agli accertamenti di competenza prendendo contatto con le Autorità provinciali e locali, alle incombenze di addestramento degli operai civili ed al loro impiego nei lavori di bonifica, all'amministrazione degli operei e dei materiali occorrenti.

b) il Comando Zona E.C.M. è dislocato in località opportune, in relazione alla sede dei lavori di bonifica ed alle incombenze

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b) Il Comando Zona S.O.M. è dislocato in località opportuna, in relazione alla sede dei lavori di bonifica ed alle incognite che si caratterizzano nel piano amministrativo che vi sono connesse. Detta sede è stabilita da questo Ministero, presi accordi ac-

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Order of
General Administration for
the
P.C.

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1) A.C. - Local Government Sub Commission, in seguito a proposta del Comando Zona, il quale interessa in merito anche il Comando del Territorio ed il Comando Regionale A.M.C., se trattasi di territori amministrati dall' Allied Military Government.

a) - quando esigenze di controllo, di difficile collegamento o di altro genere lo consigliano, si costituiscono alla dipendenza dei Comandi Zona B.C.M. della Sottosezione B.C.M., con emanazione di massima corrispondente al territorio di via, o al massimo di due Province;

a) - il Comando Zona B.C.M. direttamente o per il tramite eventuale dei Comandi di Sottosezione dispone di nuclei B.C.M., costituiti a loro volta da un numero di squadre rastrellatrici (3 u.) variabile secondo le esigenze del lavoro.

e) - per l'impiego i Comandi Zona B.C.M. dipendono dai Comandi del Genio Territoriali se trattasi di territori amministrati dal P.G.C. verno; dai Comandi Regionali A.A. se dislocati in territori amministrati dall' Allied Military Government.

f) - in via amministrativa i Comandi Zona si appoggeranno alle Direzioni Lavori e funzioneranno come uffici staccati dalle Direzioni Lavori stesse, alle quali richiederanno le autorizzazioni di fondi occorrenti e renderanno i conti mensilmente.

Nel caso che i Comandi Zona dovessero impiegare i fondi ricevuti dalle P. Prefetture, i rendiconti saranno resi all'Ente che ha fatto la somministrazione: a titolo di informazione, a fini statistici e di controllo, copia dei rendiconti dovrà pure essere trasmessa, tramite la Direzione Lavori, all'Ufficio Centrale Bonifica Campi Minati di questo Ministero.

g) - dal punto di vista disciplinare il personale impiegato nella bonifica dipende dal Comando del Genio del Territorio corrispondente.

Per quanto concerne assegnazioni e viveri agli ufficiali, sottufficiali e militari di truppa (questi ultimi di assegnazione del tutto eccezionale), tutto personale sarà considerato come aggregato, agli effetti amministrativi, alla circoscrizione genio (o al suo nucleo) della Direzione Lavori Genio.

2 - Le presenti disposizioni debbono considerarsi in vigore per quanto concerne le norme amministrative e disciplinari del P.G.C.M., per le disposizioni d'ordinamento, a meno a meno che saranno impartiti gli ordini esecutivi in proposito.

d) - il Comando Zona E.C.M. direttamente o per il tramite eventuale del Comando di Sottosquadra disporrà di nuclei E.C.M., costituiti a loro volta da un numero di squadre rastrellatrici (3 u.) variabile secondo le esigenze del lavoro.

e) - per l'impiego i Comandi Zona E.C.M. dipendono dai Comandi del Genio I reitoriali se trattasi di territori amministrati dal R. Genio; dai Comandi Regionali E.C.M., se dislocati in territori amministrati dall'Allegato Militare Government.

f) - in via amministrativa i Comandi Zona E.C.M. appoggeranno alla Direzione Lavori e funzioneranno come uffici staccati dalle Direzioni Lavori stesse, alle quali richiederanno le anticipazioni di fondi occorrenti e renderanno i conti mensilmente.

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3 - L'ordinamento delle Zone E.C.M. è quello risulta dall'allegato al presente foglio.

Esso sarà attuato, per la parte non ancora in atto, con provvedimenti successivi.

I.C.C.

IL CAPO UFFICIO

IL MINISTERO

R. Gen. di Div. C. Crivaro

Col. Crivaro

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Allegato al foglio n. 6/73257/M.C.M.
in data 21 maggio 1945

ORDINAMENTO ZONE B.C.M.

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| 1° - ZONA B.C.M. LIGURIA | (sede in Genova) |
| 2° - ZONA B.C.M. EMILIA
Sottozona Forlì | (sede in Bologna) |
| 3° - ZONA B.C.M. TOSCANA
Sottozona Pisa-Lucca
Sottozona Siena-Arezzo | (sede in Firenze) |
| 4° - ZONA B.C.M. LAZIO-UMBRIA
Sottozona Chieti | (sede in Roma) |
| 5° - ZONA B.C.M. CAMPANIA | (in corso di costituzione) |
| 6° - ZONA B.C.M. MOLISE | (sede in Campobasso) |

Rep: REP /1/246

Subject: Report, Mine Clearance

To: 5 Army A H G

26 May 45

1. TRANSPORT.

(a) There appears to be a large quantity of German military transport in this area.

(b) Is there ~~any~~ any authority under which mines disposal services might obtain the use of some? *Some hope exist*

2. EQUIPMENT

The mine detectors mentioned in your signal 8113 of 22 May have not yet been received. Receipt will be acknowledged in due course.

3. RATES.

(a) There appears to be some confusion on this point.

(b) Unskilled laborers in Emilia are receiving more pay than those rates laid down in para 5 of Appendix "A" of the mine clearance plan for Northern Italy, and as mentioned in para 2 of Report No. REP /1/223 of May 9th. 45, mine clearance workers in Bologna are being paid at this rate.

(c) This H.Q. received a visit from COL. MARSEGUERRA on 24 May 45 who stated that workmen at Ravenna and Forlì are receiving £ 220 per , plus £ 220.- danger money, plus a bonus of £ 10.- per mine. They are being paid by the Istituto Agricolo and in addition they are receiving food and billets.

(d) MARSEGUERRA also proposed that the wages here be changed from the present scale to a basic wage of Lit. 10.13 per hour, plus Lit. 250.- danger money, and a bonus per mine. 845

(e) Until the position as regards pay is clarified no change will be made in the wages laid down in para 2 of report No. REP /1/ 223 of 9 May 45.

All right. You will find below this up.

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(f) BONUS

It was started that the bonus per mine lifted be abolished, MONTEGUERRA being of the opinion that dishonest claims as to numbers might be made.

The situation from this point of view was kept under the control by Capt. Niutta in Tuscany and there is no reason why it cannot be here.

4. PERSONNEL

It was proposed to remove The Italian M. O. O. S. and other ranks from the mines disposal service. The advantages of having a few military personnel are numerous and it will be appreciated if the M. O. W. can be prevented in their intention of removing them.

5. POSTING of OFFICER.

Lt. A. Mac. Nab. reported for duty and will be supervising the military mine clearance unit in this Zone, and will have advise Capt. Niutta, on the occasion when Capt. Short is on duty in Liguria.

6. DUTIES.

It is proposed to use the military personnel in the places where it is difficult or impracticable to send civilians.

7. PROGRESS

Satisfactory progress is being made with the mines both in Liguria and Emilia

M. Short
M. SHORT

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Copies to :

Capt. R. A. S. C.

5 Army A M G
M Corps S C A O
R.C. EMILIA
R.C. LIGURIA
- Col. Créppes
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HEADQUARTERS
TOSCANA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : R-viii/PS/10.4

24 May 1945.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance, Siena.

27 MAY 1945

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
Civil Affairs Sub-Commission
(attention Major Reakes)

1. The attached is a copy of a report received from the organisation engaged on mine disposal in Siena.

2. As Siena Province was handed back to Italian Administration as from 10 May 45, it is beyond the scope of this office to give any material assistance but it is considered that perhaps, this report might be forwarded to the Italian Authorities to take steps to consolidate the work put in by A.M.G. in the past.

F. G. Green

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Major - G. L.,

Regional Public Safety Officer.

JBF/wt

W.F.A. Sent to Mr. of W. 843
[Signature] 30/5

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Unipne Nazionale

Protezione Antiaerea

Comando Prov. di Siena

22 Maggio 1945.

Prot. N. 266

Oggetto: Relazione

AL : Regional Public Safety Officer
 Attention Capt. Forster
 Region VIII

1. Nel periodo compreso fra il 1 Aprile ed il 15 Maggio 45, le tre Squadre rastrellatrici Campi Minati che sono state al lavoro hanno rastrellato il seguente quantitativo di ordigni esplosivi:

Mine	n. 992.
Proietti da Artiglieria	" 1607.

Detti ordigni, in parte sono stati fatti brillare, e in parte sono stati disattivati, recuperando, esplosivo e detonatori; un certo numero di proietti d'artiglieria nuovi, sono stati accastati in località opportune e ne è stata segnalata la presenza al A.M.G. nel caso si intenda recuperarli.

2. Nessun incidente è avvenuto ai dipendenti A.C.M. durante il detto periodo.

3. Il giorno 1 Maggio è stato iniziato un nuovo corso di istruzione per n. 36 allievi A.C.M. che è terminato il giorno 19. Si sono così costituite altre 8 Squadre, che dal giorno 21 sono al lavoro in altrettanti Comuni della Provincia.

4. Questo comando è ancora sprovvisto di mezzi di trasporto, il che intralaccia in modo gravissimo il regolare svolgersi dei compiti affidatigli.

5. È terminata la piccola riserva di miccia, capsule detonanti ed esplosivi di scoppio fornitaci dal A.M.G., e si prega di volersi interessare affinché, se possibile, ci venga fornito un altro congruo quantitativo di tali materiali, specialmente miccia a lenta combustione, perché altrimenti saremo costretti fra pochi giorni a sospendere il lavoro. La cosa quindi è della massima urgenza.

IL COMANDANTE PROVINCIALE

AL : Regional Public Safety Officer
Attention Capt. Forster
Region VIII

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Mine	N. 992.
Proietti da Artiglieria	" 100/.

Detti ordigni, in parte sono stati fatti brillare, e in parte sono stati disattivati, recuperando, esplosivo e detonatori; un certo numero di proietti d'artiglieria nuovi, sono stati accastati in località opportune e ne e' stata segnalata la presenza al A.M.G. nel caso si intenda recuperarli.

2. Nessun incidente e' avvenuto ai dipendenti A.O.M. durante il detto periodo.

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IL COMANDANTE PROVINCIALE
(Dott. Ing. Domenico Mazzi)

Translation

1. During the period 1 April to 15 May 45, the three working Squads have cleared the following explosives:-

Mines	N. 992
Artillery Projectiles	" 100/

Part of these projectiles have been blown up and others have been discharged regaining the explosive and "detonator". A certain number of new artillery projectiles have been put aside in suitable

places. A.M.G. has been informed about it, in case they should want to regain them.

2. During this period no accidents have occurred to the R.C.M. personnel.

3. On the 1st of May 45, a new training course for 36 pup's has been started ending on the 19 May 45. Thus 8 Squads have been established, working from the 21 May in as many Communes of the Province.

4. This command is still without transport which hampers very seriously the carrying out of the work.

5. The small supply of fuse (miccia), of "capsule de-tananti" and explosives given by A.M.G. are now finished.

Therefore ask, if possible, to have some more given to us, especially the slow-burning fuses, otherwise we shall be forced to stop working in a few days. This request is a very urgent one.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/UN.

30 May 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : CA Section.

Salvaged clothing is urgently required by Mine Clearance Civilian Groups. In recent weeks 80 to 100 civilians have been enrolled for this work. These civilians are patriots and refugees who are short of boots and clothing. The amounts required are :

500 pairs of boots
500 " " socks
500 sets of underwear
500 suits of battle dress
500 shirts

Blankets are also required as most of these men are away from home.

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

R/UN.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Ext: 358

AC/35/LG

29 May 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA.

There is forwarded to you Copy report received from
TOSCANA Region concerning SIENA Mine Clearance scheme. There
is a shortage of explosive material and transport. Can you
help?

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

Enclosure.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/55/1G

Tel. : 358

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Hq Venezia Region

1. Your letter AMR/was of R X11/RS/42 of 22nd May 1945 has been forwarded to this Sub Commission by Public Safety Sub Commission.
2. The plan as outlined will be carried out but meantime work is being concentrated on the heavily mined area in BELLIA Region. Information is desired as to the extent of mine fields and mined areas in your Region and it will be obliging if you will forward your survey on the extent and locations of minefields in your Region as soon as it is ready.

pk

R. E. CRIPPS
Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to : Public Safety Sub Commission
for information.

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VENEZIE REGION
Allied Military Government
APO 394

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14047 22 May 45.

To : H.Q., Allied Commission, APO 394.
(attention Public Safety Sub-Commission)

Subject : Mine Clearance ✓

File Ref. RXII/PS/42

1. Reference HQ A.C., CA. Section, Mine Clearance Plan for Italy, dated 23 April, 1945.
2. Is any information available please as to whether it is intended to proceed with the plan as outlined? It is noted that in A.C. Weekly Bulletin dated 11 May 45 there is a statement to the effect that in future the work will be directed by Land Forces Sub-Commission using Italian Army personnel.
3. In the meantime this H.Q. is causing a survey to be made with a view to ascertaining the extent and location of minefields in the Region.

HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIE REGION
A.C.

L.W. Jones Capt
for A.W. ROWLERSON,
Lieut. Colonel,
Regional Public Safety Officer.

TO		
DIRECTOR	<i>W</i>	<i>21/5</i>
DEPUTY DIRECTOR	<i>W</i>	<i>29/5</i>
CHIEF CLERK		
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POLITICAL

The North wind, so exultantly snuffed by Pietro Nenni many months ago, blew into Rome this week and deposited representatives of the Northern CLN in the capital for a series of conversations and negotiations sure to determine the trend of Italian political developments in the months to come. The Northern delegates were met at the airport by De Gasperi, Scoccimarro and other dignitaries and subsequently were given various opportunities to express their views. They had indeed a rather busy program, calling on the Allied Embassies and on Admiral Stone as well as having frequent contacts, not entirely social, with the central CLN, the secretaries of the six parties in Rome and individually their own opposite numbers. Only five parties were represented in the Northern delegation, the Labor Democrats not being included in the CLNAL.

Bonomi, who was unable to be at the airport because of his visit to Alexander at Caserta for reciprocal congratulations, later received the group and heard Morandi, Socialist and President of the CLNAL, voice the desire of the North for "a complete democratic revival in the life of the nation". The delegation also presented to Bonomi a specific five point program, as follows: Epuration extending from the political to the administrative and economic field; clarification of relations between prefects and regional and provincial Committees of Liberation; economic reconstruction to be financed particularly by those who profited from years of autarchy or by collaboration with the Fascists and the Germans; agrarian reform; and lastly, a foreign policy "free from any kind of nationalism" and aiming at democratic collaboration among nations. Paciardi, who had obviously hoped for a demand for a republic, complained that the North wind had turned out to be merely a sigh; he was however somewhat consoled by the report brought down by the delegates that the prefect of Milan had made no effort to receive the Luogotenente.

Speeches in piazza.

On the 8th the Northern emissaries made a series of public addresses at a meeting in Piazza Santi Apostoli, headquarters of the CLN. Morandi's speech was particularly noteworthy. He made the point that the insurrection of the North should not be regarded as a regional thing; the problems and the feelings of Italians were national and not regional; it was pure circumstance that had given the North its role. This forestalled somewhat the criticism in *Italia Nuova* that the North was trying to claim the lion's share of the credit for Italy's long resistance to the Germans and it was certainly calculated to allay the feeling of being slighted which some Romans (and other Italians of points South) very naturally evidence (though not for publication) at the lavish praise accorded the Northern patriots. Morandi then went on to say that the country must have a new government to bring about national unity and truly to represent the people.

Such statements may be regarded as logical from a Socialist for the Socialists are the leading opposition party and they have made no secret of their desire to get rid of Bonomi. Whether or not he goes, the next step on the agenda of the Leftist parties is the summoning of the Constituent Assembly. Actually the other parties, notably the Labor Democrats who have recently shown somewhat more sympathy to the Left, are also concerned with this matter but it is the Socialists who have taken the lead and stressed the urgency of action. On May 4th *Avanti* stated that an immediate campaign for the summoning of the Constituent Assembly would begin and on the 10th Nenni fired the first shot, 837
ing from the stage of Rome's Teatro Brancaccio.

Assembly needed.

He began by stressing the need of calling the Assembly as soon as possible and went on briskly to denounce the machinations of the reactionary forces during the Bonomi regime, which he characterized, in passing, as one of compromise with the past. These forces of reaction, he asserted, were trying to divide Italy by driving a

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wedge between the Northern worker and the Southern contadino. They were also responsible for bringing to the fore the question of Trieste, on which he took occasion to reiterate the Socialist thesis that the Italian character of the city can be preserved by a democratic understanding between the two peoples and a rectification of the Eastern frontier in such a way as to do justice to both parties. He also castigated the reaction for what he called its efforts to nullify the efforts of Scoccimarro, Berlinguer et al. in the field of epuration. The Socialist leader then went on to plead with the Christian Democrats to take a clear-cut stand on the institutional question, arguing that the socialization of industry and agrarian reform are inevitably allied to the proper - i. e. in his opinion the republican - solution of this problem.

Nenni's speech was in part a kind of oral implementation of the Socialist program announced in a communiqué from party headquarters on May 3rd. There it was stated that the time has come for a revision of Italy's political position (meaning of course an end to the ambiguous state of co-belligerency; lest there be any doubt about it *Unità* spelled it out for us very clearly later in the week: "Allied control must be liquidated"). The communiqué added that "a new political orientation" is needed to provide immediately for setting up the Costituente and to carry on meanwhile the work of democratization and reconstruction.

Position on Trieste.

The communiqué had also given the Socialist position on Trieste, stating, as Nenni later repeated with embellishments, that the final solution must take into account both the "Italian character" and the "European function" of the city. Less conciliatory on this subject was the order of the day (May 4) of the Democratic (Monarchist) party, affirming the "italianità" not only of Trieste but of all Venezia Giulia and Zara as well and calling on all parties to rally to the defence of the integrity of the national territory... The situation in Trieste is a matter of concern to all Italians at the moment; the announcement on May 8th that Tito had appointed a commander of the town caused general uneasiness and the Council of Ministers on the 9th charged Bonomi and De Gasperi to take the matter up with the Allied authorities. A by-product of this *febbre triestina* was the rather violent street affair on the 4th. A pro-Trieste demonstration was interrupted by a counter-demonstration of the Communists and in the ensuing mêlée there were a number injured and many arrests. All parties seem to have been

a little sobered by the affair and have ordered their followers to abstain from street demonstrations.

Churchill's message to Bonomi, congratulating the Italian army and partisans and looking forward to the time "when Italy... will cooperate with the United Nations in the fruitful works of peace" was very well received. The phraseology, of course, is susceptible of various interpretations. Italians are on the whole inclined to an optimistic reading. *Voce Repubblicana* remarked rather mischievously, however, that Churchill's words are good but "we must learn to be like the English and put our trust not so much in words as in deeds."

...AND MORE THAN POLITICAL

The biggest event of the week, political or otherwise, was the end of the war. It came to Rome as something of an anti-climax since the fighting was already over in Italy and rumours of the surrender in Germany had been frequent enough to dull the edge of triumph. Nonetheless the screeching of the siren and the ringing of churchbells at six o'clock on the afternoon of the seventh were somehow impressive. The next two days were holidays; flags were displayed and thanksgiving services were held. Crowds of exultant Italians marched around to the Allied embassies on the evening of the seventh, and later that night and on the two succeeding evenings groups of exuberant and happy youngsters on leave milled around the streets singing more or less tunelessly the proper songs for the occasion not forgetting that old favorite: "Show Me the Way to go Home." The weather of the 8th and 9th was ideal holiday weather-hot with recurrent cooling breezes and a generous and sympathetic sunshine that somehow recalled the days when the circus came to town... One could sense an air of freedom and cheerfulness though there was nothing in the nature of frenzied or hysterical celebration... So it ends, as the poet says "not with a bang" but not "with a whimper" either; rather in a sense of satisfaction and relief. And perhaps too with an underlying awareness of unfinished business. Italians were asking, after the first flush of rejoicing: "And now what?" And many of us are asking, with varying emotions, "And now where?"

AMG IN THE NORTH

Plenty of details are being carried on the official wires about the North these days but they may all be summed up thus: Everything is fairly under control, although obviously the international political situation in Venezia Giulia

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and Trieste is one which will have be ironed out by the highest commands. SCAO VIII Army has the Venezia Giulia AMG teams close to Isonzo but only a few officers have entered Trieste as yet as Liaison Officers with the military units. Bolzano, which the Germans were methodically preparing for incorporation into the fallen Reich, now has AMG in control. It has 150,000 German-speaking inhabitants and 100,000 Italians, but no discord between the races, in fact, reports say, close accord. Bolzano sustained little damage. In the Udine there is quiet and also Yugoslav detachments. Many Italians conscripted to work for the Todt organization are now moving away from Bolzano, incidentally.

Food seems to be in hand throughout the Po Valley, though transport difficulties about getting the stocks into the cities are appearing. AFHQ has indicated that all captured German transport will be turned over to AMG for this use. Turin and Milan feel the food pinch most, but nowhere critically. Liguria, because of its location, has to be fed principally by sea and some concern is felt. Arms are being satisfactorily handed in at Genoa, as at other places. At Verona, for example, about 4,000 weapons were turned in. Verona and Vicenza have suffered more art damage than any of the other cities in the path of the fighting. The French who came into western Liguria disarmed many Partisans, although AMG is now on the ground in all parts of the region except in a small portion still held by the French. There is also talk of French electric power being relayed to Genoa.

In Milan, after protracted discussion between the Italians, IV Corps and PWB concerning the establishment of the *Corriere della Sera*, it has been decided to go ahead with publication of the famous pre-Fascist newspaper as soon as possible, under a duly appointed Commissariat. Milan also has an exportable surplus of electric power. Factories are working but are not expected to do so long since raw materials are short. Even a few railroad trains are running. Gas works are in usable conditions, but everywhere there is a shortage of, and great cry for, coal.

Prices, in general, are going up and the disparity between the North and the South seems to be disappearing, although wages were a complicated problem, being in some cases better than in the South but in most others lower.

Refugees are developing into a problem, one estimate putting 300,000 north of Verona. Many of these refugees are from Germany and Austria. Speaking of refugees, Mussolini's wife, Rachele, and two children, are being moved to an internment camp not far from Rome.

ECONOMIC FRONT

The Economic Section is busy looking into the Northern economic situation, with Mr. A. G. Antolini, Acting Vice President, inspecting conditions on the spot. Other news of importance has to do with the sale of surplus U. S. war equipment to the Italian Government which is a straight deal between the U. S. and the Italians, with the Allied Commission being used as a general advisor. The list of materials to be made available is now being made up by G-4 at AFHQ while the U. S. Army and Navy Liquidation Board, sitting in Rome, is figuring out procedures for the sales and transfers of ownership.

Use of German prisoners-of-war - and there are certainly plenty of them - is under discussion by Economic Section sub-commissions. There is a question of the ration they should receive if put to work. Under terms of the Geneva Convention, they are well-off as POW's. If treated as a disbanded army, they may get a ration one third as large as the British-American one. Brigadier General E. B. McKinley, Deputy Vice President - Supply, is investigating the matter.

Brigadier D. L. Anderson, Deputy Vice President, Production, is proposing to establish an Industrial Advisory Board, with sub-committees for each basic industry, composed of representatives of the AC, the Italian Government and of each industry, to counsel on general industrial priorities and re-activation procedures.

Looking forward to the day that the Economic Section might be a mission attached (in respect of nationality) to the embassies here, the sub-commissions are being asked to keep the embassies informed of all their plans and activities. The two commercial attaches of the embassies have been privy to AC economic affairs in detail for some time, having been principals in the current negotiations concerning revival of Italian foreign trade.

A new factory has started in Ravenna for the manufacture of substitute machinery belting, where, instead of rubber, impregnated canvas is used; the plant, once materials flow in steadily, will have a capacity of 3,000 meters a month. - The wheat collection, as of May 9, was 11,423,583 qtl. and that for olive oil 474,241 qtl. - The Etruria Co. sulphuric acid plant near Florence has commenced production. - More than 185 qtl. of sodium materials were released to pharmaceutical manufacturing firms last week. - The Sicily Advisory Committee on Electric Power has fixed a three-year program of importing foreign machinery and plans to increase the storage capacity of the Gaumanta Dam by 500,000 cubic meters.

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ANOTHER TRANSFER OF TERRITORY

On May 10 the fifth transfer of territory back to Italian Government jurisdiction was consummated. Umbria-Marche Region closed down May 9 and officers began to withdraw. Affected were the Provinces of Grosseto, Siena and Arezzo in Tuscany, Terni and Perugia in Umbria and Ascoli Piceno, Macerata, Ancona and Pesaro in the Marche, with the Port and Commune of Ancona remaining under AMG. This brings approximately three fifths of Italy and 24,000,000 persons back under direct Italian rule. The Chief Commissioner, in a press release, said there would be another transfer of territory in the near future. It will probably consist, it was indicated, of the rest of Tuscany Region - the Provinces of Lucca, Apuania, Pistoia, Pisa, Livorno and Firenze - plus the Ravenna and Forli Provinces of Emilia Region. This would then close down Tuscany Region, too, thus freeing more officers for the North.

ODDS AND ENDS

Col. Norman E. Fiske, Deputy Executive Commissioner and Vice President of the Establishment Section, who has been acting as a sort of roving fullback for the Allied Commission in the North, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star he only recently won. The Cluster was presented by Maj. Gen. Willis D.

Crittenberger, commanding general, IV Corps, in recognition of the colonel's "bravery and good judgment" in seizing the commander of the German SS troops in Milan and arranging the surrender of the Nazis under SS command there. — May 12 is known as R-Day in NATOUSA, meaning that all records must be up to date so that redeployment of U. S. personnel can commence, at least from the bookkeeping side. — Air Vice Marshal I. E. Brodie (B) is the new director of the Air Forces Sub-Commission. — 600 tons of U. S. medical supplies are being unloaded at Leghorn while at Naples another 750 tons are being turned over to Italian authorities for distribution in Southern Italy. — The Public Health Sub-Commission has borrowed 50 tons of Paris green from military sources for the malaria campaign. — American school children are sending, through the Junior Red Cross, 20,000 gift boxes to Italian children, the Education Sub-Commission reports. — AFHQ has lent the AC 50 mine detectors for use in mine-clearing, which activity will hereafter be directed by the Land Forces Sub-Commission, using Italian Army personnel. — The Rear Army Control Line, according to the Civil Affairs Section, will shortly be moved on the line of the River Piave and due North and, in effect, result in virtually complete freedom of civilian movement in Italy again.

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