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MINE CLEARANCE, VOL. XII  
JUN., JULY 1945

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| FOLDER    |         |
| TREASURY  |         |
| FROM      | JUNE 45 |
| TO        | JULY 45 |
| CATALOGUE |         |

Local Govt S.C. AC 53  
attn Maj Reacher. 8 JUL 1945

Ref telephone conversation  
Reacher. Copleston today:  
herewith copy of correspondence  
referred to

RO Copleston  
Maj

MOUA  
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These are British vehicles  
and British trucks cannot  
be given as the vehicles do not  
belong to the Italian Army but  
are only hired. PLS 1377

From : Hq. Allied Translocation  
To : Rome Mine Clearance Liaison Office  
Subject : SMRE  
Request for Windshield Label

Ref : 217/RM  
Date: June 16 1945

As the Allied Command has assigned 10 civilian vehicles to the first Mine Collection Bn. in order to complete the War Establishment of Units under its command; we hereby request 10 tickets which are to be placed on said vehicles.

Relative data will be reported as soon as the tickets have been assigned.

Lt. Liaison Officer  
(Sgd) Capt. (Illegible)

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Translation

FROM: SMRE  
TO: IMIA  
Subject: Issue of Tickets.

Ref: 6/6297/Serv.  
Date: July 24 1945

For your Inf, we enclose copy of Hq. Allied Sub Commission  
Roma Mine Clearance Liaison Office's letter 217/EM date June 16.

This SMRE believes that circulation Tickets should be assigned  
to 10 civilian trucks mentioned in the a/m letter after military license  
numbers have been given to each of said trucks.

(Sgd) Gen. Liuzzi

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Ministry of War

5 July 45

TO: Col. CRIPPS

Reference telephone conversation there is forwarded copy letter of R. Prefettura of Reggio Emilia showing the activity and wages of a Mine Clearance Office and asking at the same time confirmation of these wages.

The same letter signals that 1 million Lire have been asked from the Provincial Government for the estimate budget of May June. This Ministry feels that the wages shown in the enclosed copy letter are not acceptable. The works in Province of Reggio should be paid according to the wages fixed by Major Reakes during his trip to Bologna. Please tell us your opinion, also by telephone, and if you agree with us, please give written instructions accordingly to the Provincial Government.

/sgd/ General SUPINO

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*Special  
have to this?*

R. Prefettura di Reggio nell'Emilia

Subject: Mine Clearance.

TO: Ministry of War

Reference your instructions received through Mine Clearance Office Zone Emilia n. 200/O of 30 May on the above subject in the territory of this Province. Every commune has got the necessary instructions.

However, the clearance of unexploded bombs has already been started during the war and is still carried out by a local Office; as the many bombs in the fields are of great danger it is felt that the works should not be suspended until the time the office of Bologna has not taken over.

We informed the AMG of this Province and they authorised the continuation of the clearance.

Therefore we asked the Finance Officer of the above Provincial Government the assignment of 1 million for the estimate expenses of May and June bases on the wages requested by the leaders of the clearance work. For your information and approval there is forwarded to you a list of the wages; please tell if you consider them as adequate and also if the work can be continued until the time Emilia Zone Command is taking over.

The Prefect  
Avv. Vittorio Pellizzi

*The Prefect has been written to  
by the Ministry of War  
St MacNat.*

## Wages for Mine and Bomb clearance.

|                                                   |             |      |               |      |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|------|---------------|------|
| Trip wire mine                                    | defusing L. | 300  | Destroying L. | 150  |
| Percussion Mine                                   | "           | 200  | "             | 150  |
| Panzerfaust                                       | "           | 100  | "             | 50   |
| Hand grenade any type                             |             | 5    |               | 5    |
| Bomb (rocket) <del>any type</del>                 |             | 500  |               | 500  |
| Grenade caliber 75 to 149                         |             | 1000 | per 100       | 1000 |
| Bombs of 20 lbs <del>lifting</del>                |             | 40   | defusing      | 10   |
| " 40 lbs                                          |             | 100  |               | 200  |
| " 200 to 300 lbs                                  |             | 200  |               | 300  |
| " 500 to 1000 lbs                                 |             | 200  |               | 500  |
| Bombs of 20 lbs at 1 to 2 metres from the surface |             | 50   |               |      |
| " 40 lbs                                          |             | 1000 |               |      |
| " 200/300                                         |             | 1500 |               |      |
| " 500/1000                                        |             | 70   |               |      |
| " 20 lbs at 2 to 5 metres                         |             | 200  |               |      |
| " 40                                              |             | 1500 |               |      |
| " 200/300                                         |             | 2000 |               |      |
| " 500/1000                                        |             | 2000 |               |      |
| " 200/300 at more than 5 mt                       |             | 3000 |               |      |
| " 500/1000                                        |             |      |               |      |
| Destroying of bomb of 300 to 100 cal              |             |      | 1000 L.       |      |
| " 40 to 300                                       |             |      | 500           |      |

If the bombs of medium and big caliber are very profound and there is a notable quantity of water the bonus is increased by 1000 lire for each bomb.

The daily wages ( 8 hrs of work) and transport of bombs etc. 250 Lire for the lifting of mines and other explosives in general the daily pay is 250 L.

Chemical explosives in general are paid 1000 lire per day for "artificieri" only.

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*Ministero della Guerra*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO MILITARE

Roma, 11 5 Luglio 1945

Memoria per il Col. CRIFFS  
Direttore Loc. Gov. Sub Comm. = A.C.  
R O M A

A seguito del colloquio telefonico odierno, rimetto copia del foglio pervenuto dalla R. Prefettura di Reggio nell'Emilia, con la quale S.E. il Prefetto di quella Provincia rappresenta l'attività e le tariffe di un Ufficio Bonifica locale, e nello stesso tempo fa proposte di esame e di conferma, in attesa che il servizio venga assunto dalla Zona Emilia.

Segnala inoltre di aver richiesto al Governo Provinciale l'assegnazione di un milione di lire per le spese previste per il bimestre maggio-giugno.

A parere di questo Ministero le tariffe accennate non sono accettabili. I lavori nella Provincia di Reggio possono aver corso alle tariffe stabilite dal Magg. Reakes nella sua recente visita a Bologna.

Si richiede di conoscere il parere di V.S. in proposito, anche a mezzo telefono, e di intervenire nel senso accennato, se condiviso, presso quel Governo Provinciale.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
*Giuseppe Supillo*

10 25 giugno 1945

R. PREFETTURA DI REGGIO EMILIA  
Divisione Rag. N.10426 di prot.

OGGETTO: Bonifica campi minati.-

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
Dir. Generale del Genio  
e, per conoscenza:

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO  
Direz. Gen. P.S.

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO  
Dir. Gen. per la Protezione Antiaerea

ALL'UFFICIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI  
Comando Zona Emilia

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= B O L O G N A =

In base alle disposizioni emanate da codesto Ministero comunicato a questa Prefettura dall'Ufficio Bonifica della Zona Emilia con nota n.200/0 del 30 maggio u.s. circa il servizio di cui in oggetto nel territorio di questa Provincia, si sono interessati tutti i Comuni ad attenersi alle relative istruzioni ed a provvedere di conformità nel più breve tempo possibile.-

Si fa però presente che il servizio di rastrellamento bombe inesplo- se, già iniziato durante la guerra, viene tutt'ora disimpegnato da un Ufficio di Bonifica locale in quanto la presenza dell'ingente numero di ordigni sparsi nei campi consiglia, per l'incolumità dei contadini che non possono altrimenti portare a termine i lavori agricoli senza incorre in gravi e mortali disgrazie, di non far sospendere il servizio già in atto fino a quando non subentri l'Ufficio di Bologna.-

In tale senso è stato interessato il Comandante del Governo Alleato di questa Provincia, il quale ha autorizzato la continuazione dei lavori.-

Si è chiesto perciò all'Ufficiale di Finanza del predetto Governo un'assegnazione di lire un milione per le spese previste per il bimestre maggio-giugno in base ai compensi richiesti dagli artificieri preposti al servizio e che si portano a conoscenza di codesto Ministero con allegata tabella per l'esame e la conferma al pagamento volendo questa Prefettura, prima di applicarli, conoscere se si ritengono più o meno adeguati e se il servizio in atto può essere continuato in attesa che venga assunto dal Comando della Zona Emilia.-

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IL PREFETTO  
(Avv. Vittorio Pellizzi)

COTIA

## PREFETTURA DI REGGIO NELL'EMILIA

## TABELLA DEI COMPENSI PER L'ASTRILLAMENTO ORDIGNI ELLICI

|                                                 |                          |      |                         |    |      |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|----|------|
| Mine a strappo                                  | Spolettatura ciascuna L. | 300  | Brill.                  | L. | 150  |
| " " percussione                                 | " " "                    | 200  | "                       | "  | 100  |
| Panzerfaust (pugno ferro                        | " " "                    | 100  | "                       | "  | 50   |
| Bombe a mano tutti i tipi                       | " " "                    | 5    | "                       | "  | 5    |
| Granate cal da 75 a 149                         | " per 100                | 1000 | "                       | "  | idem |
| Bombe a roccetta                                | " ciascuna               | 500  | "                       | "  | 500  |
| Parafolle della morte (ordigno bellico ad       | orologeria ciascuna      | "    | "                       | "  | 70   |
| Bombe da 20 libbre a fior di terra scavo        | " " "                    | 40   | Spolettatura            | 10 |      |
| " " 40                                          | " " "                    | 100  | "                       | "  | 200  |
| " " 200 a 300                                   | " " "                    | 200  | "                       | "  | 300  |
| " " 500 a 1000                                  | " " "                    | 200  | "                       | "  | 500  |
| " da 20                                         | da uno a due metri       | 50   |                         |    |      |
| " " 40                                          | " " "                    | 150  |                         |    |      |
| " " 200/300                                     | " " "                    | 1000 |                         |    |      |
| " " 500/1000                                    | " " "                    | 1500 |                         |    |      |
| " da 20                                         | due a cinque             | 70   |                         |    |      |
| " " 40                                          | " " "                    | 200  |                         |    |      |
| " " 200/300                                     | " " "                    | 1500 |                         |    |      |
| " " 500/1000                                    | " " "                    | 2000 |                         |    |      |
| " 200/300                                       | oltre i cinque           | 2000 | spolettatura come sopra |    |      |
| " 500/1000                                      | " " "                    | 3000 |                         |    |      |
| Brillamento bombe da 300 a 1000 libbre ciascuna | lire                     | 1000 |                         |    |      |
| " " 40 a 300                                    | "                        | 500  |                         |    |      |

Qualora le bombe di medio e di grosso calibro siano in profondità, connessa di notevole quantità di acqua, il compenso aumenta di lire 1000 per bomba.

Il compenso agli operai per giornata lavorativa di ore 8 (per trasporto di ordigni bellici in genere L.250).

Per recupero di ordigno bellico in genere (matite ecc. ecc.) la paga giornaliera per ogni artificiere è di L.250.

Esplosivi chimici in genere per ogni giornata lavorativa ai soli artificieri lire 1000.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/LG

9 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ AMG 5 Army.

1. Information has been received from AFHQ that you are running a school for instructing in Mine Clearance. This Sub Commission is interested in Mine Clearance throughout Italy and has established a number of schools throughout the country.
2. Demands are being made by Regions in the North for Instructors to teach civilians at different places. At the present moment there is a shortage of Instructors.
3. Will you please state where your schools are established and who are being trained in Mine Clearance so that in the eventual withdrawal of 5 Army the school may be incorporated within the larger organisation.
4. The Italian Government have established Zones throughout Italy which take over the Mine Clearance problem as and when territory is handed back. These Zones enrol, train and pay the workmen.

  
R.R. GRIFFITHS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: LIGURIA Region  
(Attn.: Capt. SHORT).

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

9 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : A.F.H.Q. (G-5).

Reference your G-5:230.4-13 of the 3rd July.

1. This Mobile Mine Warfare Museum with the specimens of all mines and booby traps used in this theatre will be of considerable use and service to the Italian Government and to this Commission in its task of clearing mines in Italy.

2. As a mobile unit it would be sent round the country particular to the places which are heavily mined so that those engaged on the work may receive further instruction.

3. It is particularly desired that the unit should be handed over complete with the vehicle or vehicles housing the museum so as to avoid the museum being broken up and dispersed. If this can be arranged then delivery of the vehicle will be accepted in Rome, as it is considered that if only the exhibits are delivered, then lack of transport will prevent the museum being shown at the places where it is most needed.

4. Please state when delivery of the museum with or without transport can be expected.

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

Copy to:

Ministry of War  
Via XX Settembre  
Brig. General P. SUPINO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

9 July 45.

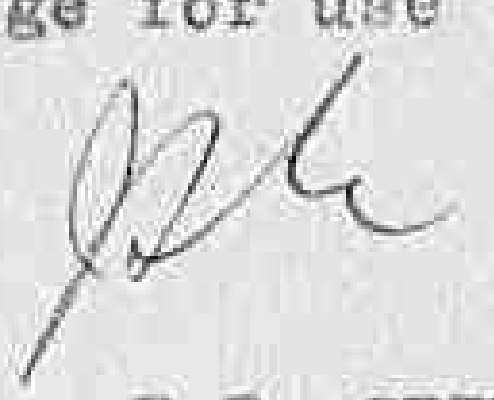
SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War  
Via XX Settembre  
ROME

Your letter of 5th July No 8/73443 is acknowledged.

1. The question of supply of transport for Mine Clearance is being pursued and the matter taken up again with higher authority. So soon as possible you will be advised if and when transport is made available. It is hoped to have an answer within the next week or ten days.

2. It is understood that a considerable quantity of transport is being turned over to the Italian Government and it is suggested that application should be made to the Ministry of Transport with a view to getting an allocation of a small percentage for use on Mine Clearance.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

9 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : A.P.H.C. (G-5).

Reference is made to your letter G-5:230.4-13 of 4th July and to telephone conversation (Major REAKES-Major MACNAMARA).

The existence of this school established by 5 Army was not known but the matter is being taken up direct with them so that on the eventual withdrawal of 5 Army the school may be incorporated within the A.C. scheme.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

9 July 45.

AC/53/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ LIGURIA Region  
(attn.: Capt. SHORT)  
HQ EMILIA Region  
(attn.: Lt. SACHAB)

1. There is forwarded for perusal and action where necessary copy of Report by Major REAKES on his recent visit to your Regions.

2. A signal has been sent out to HQ No 2 District copy to LIGURIA Region that the 561 Italian Mine Clearance Company will be taken over in its present location. Captain SHORT should arrange for the immediate disposal of this Company on the lines agreed and set out in the Report.

  
R.R. CRIPPS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

9 June 45.

AC/53/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ LIGURIA Region  
(attn. Capt. SHORT)  
HQ EMILIA Region  
(attn.: Lt. MACNAB).

There is forwarded to you copy letter by  
Land Forces Sub Commission to Ministry of War setting  
out the number of reinforcements required for the  
561, 562 and 563 Italian Mine Clearance Companies and  
how these reinforcements are to be met.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

9 June 45.

AG/53/1G

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ LIGURIA REGION  
(attn.: Capt. SHORT)  
HQ EMILIA Region  
(attn.: Lt. MACNAB).

There is forwarded to you copy letter received from Land Forces Sub Commission ST/255 dated 30 June 45. stating that Italian Armed Forces may draw their rations (including soap and cigarettes) from any Allied Depot. Please check that the Italian Companies are now getting their rations &c.

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

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AND FIDELITY REGION

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8 July 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR LETTER ROGER SLANT EAST HAN GEORGE SLANT NINE ZERO  
ZERO POINT TWO OF TWO SEVEN JUNE ONE MAJOR REARER WILL VISIT YOUR HQ ON  
WEDNESDAY ELEVEN JULY ARRIVING BY PLANE TO DISCUSS MINE CLEARANCE PD  
PAREN TO PER ACTION AND FIDELITY REGION ATTENTION COLONEL CHARLES ROGER  
ELPHETT FROM HQ ALCON CITY ACUT PAREN

PARA TWO PD PLEASE RESERVE ACCOMMODATION FOR ONE NIGHT

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/O

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NICHOLAS PIONEIRO  
C/O USA  
Asst. Adjutant

TRANSLATION

5 July 45.

Ministry of War

TO: Local Government S/C

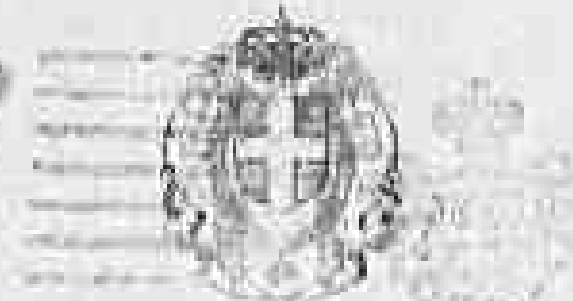
Subject: Availability of vehicles for Mine Clearance.

1. There is a serious shortage of vehicles for Mine Clearance which is of great harm to the scheme. The mine clearance work would be much more efficient if the indispensable vehicles would be made available.

2. Reference your AG/35/IG of 25 May addressed to the Transportation Sub Commission pointing out the minimum exigencies of the Mine Clearance Service and proposing the allotment of German vehicles to the Mine Clearance service. This Ministry would be grateful to know whether the above proposal has been accepted.

Gen. O. CRIVARO 1000

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

*Disposto*  
*R. A. 8/13443 Allegato*

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Roma, 7. 1943

8 JUL 1943

A.A.C. - LOCAL GOVERN-  
MENT SUB COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394

*Risposta al f. del*  
*Gen. T. A.*

OGGETTO: Disponibilità automezzi B.C.M.-

1. Perdura la grave situazione di indisponibilità di automezzi per il servizio B.C.M., che incide fortemente sulle possibilità di lavoro delle Zone B.C.M.

Il rendimento della bonifica mine potrebbe essere molto aumentato se si disponesse dei mezzi di trasporto indispensabili.

2. Si fa riferimento alle comunicazioni di cui al foglio AC/35/LG in data 25 maggio c.a., col quale codesta Sotto Commissione faceva presente alla Sotto Comm. Trasporti le esigenze minime del Servizio B.C.M. e proponeva, in mancanza di mezzi di trasporto Alleati, l'eventuale assegnazione di mezzi di trasporto già tedeschi.

Sarebbe interessante per questo Ministero conoscere l'esito della suad-  
nata proposta.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE GENIO  
(Gen.Div. O. Crivaro)

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LOCAL GOVT 5/0

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

GM/J

JUL 1945

G-5: 230.4-13

4 July 1945

SUBJECT: Civilian mine disposal operations.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Information has reached this Section that negotiations between Major Gaither and the BD officer of 5 Army appear to be passing the tentative stage and the grafting of BD operations on to the school activities now seem to be taking shape.

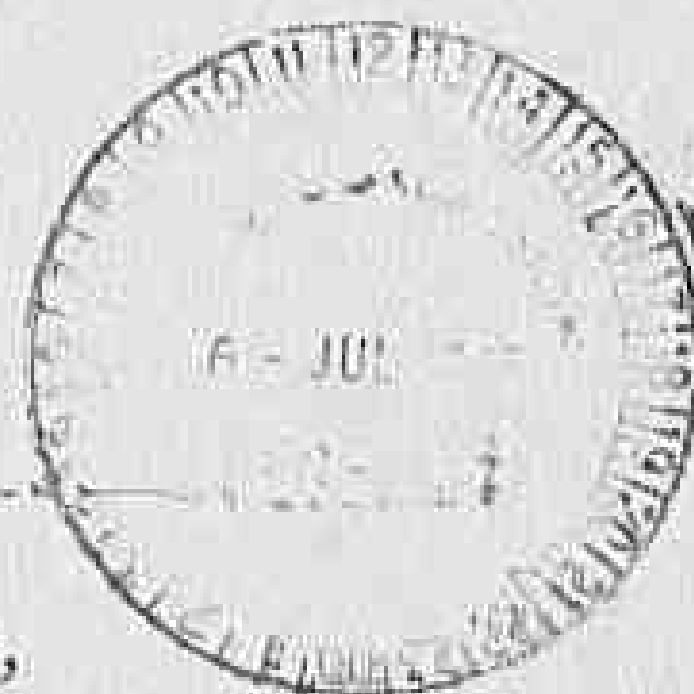
2. The impression persists that this school is independent and on departure of 5 Army will come under Allied Commission control.

3. At the present moment the Italian Ministry of War are in receipt of orders to disclose their intentions with regard to the assumption of the responsibility for bomb disposal.

4. Your views in this matter would be appreciated especially as it was understood that this additional commitment could not be assumed by the Allied Commission.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*[Signature]*  
C. J. MACHAMARA,  
Major, P. C.



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Phone A7440.  
We shall make  
enquiries  
*[Signature]*

8 July

Col. Lippert

Frankly I don't know what to do  
all about  
I have no vision either  
I am going to consult  
*[Signature]*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

CJM/prb

1315  
- 5 JUL 1945

*L. Gout*  
3 July 1945

8 JUL 1945

G-5: 230.4-13

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,  
APO 394

1. This Section is informed that the R 17 B/D Detachment has a Mobile Mine Warfare Museum which has specimens of all mines and booby traps used in this theatre.

2. If it be of interest to you, this will be handed over for your use as the unit concerned is being disbanded in the near future.

3. Also attached is a copy of EWG/811 of 28 June 45, which may be of interest to you.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*C. J. Macnamara*  
C. J. MACNAMARA  
Major, P.C.

Incl: as above.

*Yes; looks for it to be delivered  
in Rome.*

*The Appendix will go to the  
Ministry of War so soon  
as we have word that US's  
equipment is forth coming  
plg 9/7.*

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6283/LG

ENGINEER SECTION (BR)

A.F.H.Q.

C.M.F.

Telephone No: FREEDOM 335

SUBJECT : Training Equipment

TO : Distribution below

ENG/811

28 Jun 45

1. Training equipment belonging to ETE, CMF as shown at Appendix "A" will become available for use elsewhere from 1 Aug 45. Mines, etc. are free from explosive only where specifically stated.

2. Will addressees please inform this HQ whether they require any of this equipment for training purposes. It is requested that answers may be sent as soon as possible, as the ETE is in the process of winding up.

*J.H.S. Lacey*

J.H.S. LACEY,  
Lt Col, RE,  
for MCRE

To : E-in-C, The War Office  
E-in-C, GHQ, INDIA  
E-in-C, GHQ, MEF  
E-in-C, SEAC  
CE Eighth Army  
CE 13 Corps  
CE LF (GREECE)  
MMAA

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DET, AFHQ

G-5, AFHQ  
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CE 15 Army Group  
Comd, ETE (less Appx)

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TRAINING AIDS for DISPOSAL

1. MINE WARTARE AIDS -available on 31 Jul 45.

|                                           |        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Mine Training Portfolios (S/M/E, England) | 10 No. |
| A.F.H.Q. War Sec Posters                  | 60     |
| No. 1 Schummine and Italian 1 lb A. Pers. | 28     |
| No. 2 Holzmine                            | 50     |
| No. 3 3 C.S. 2 (Italian + Igniter Mine)   | 4      |
| No. 4 Topmine                             | 9      |
| No. 5 R. Mine 43                          | 10     |
| No. 6 Spreng Riegel 8 kg Mine             |        |
| No. 8.T; Mi. 43                           | 5      |
| No. 9 T.Mi .35 (Steel)                    | 7      |
| No. 10 T.Mi. 42                           | 10     |
| No. 11 Switch No. 12 Mi. I                | 8      |
| U.K. Coloured Posters                     | 3      |

One complete set of Lecture Room Diagrams, Large Scale, showing cross section of practically every mine and igniter; parts distinguished in Distinctive Colours.

Two boards with Enemy Igniters mounted and labelled including:-  
 ZZ 35, Z4 42, 2u Z4 35, VB439, Nb B4 38, NB42 39, AN2's 29 and 39 made up with adaptors for safety fuze, B4E39, DZ35a, Italian 1 lb A; Pers. Mine Igniter, Italian Dekelite Igniter, ES Mi. 4 40 and electric Bridge, W adaptor for S. Mine with S.Mi Z35 and Z4 35's, Y Adaptor for S. Mi.

One board showing Cordtex Joints  
 Two Boards showing all German Grenades and their Igniters mounted  
 One Board with photographs mounted showing booby traps  
 One Canvas Strip 10' X 2' coloured to show a road for clearance drill and wooden blocks representing R.E. Section.  
 One canvas area representing mined area or area for mine laying  
 Amplifiers for demonstrating tuning of Mine Detectors

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Mains operated   | 1 |
| Battery operated | 1 |

Gap markers for sand table model (approx 1/10th scale)

|         |    |
|---------|----|
| British | 12 |
| German  | 8  |

Operating diagrams (coloured - parts slide to demonstrate)-

No. 9 T.M. 35 (Steel)

No. 10 T.M. 42

No. 11 Switch No. 12 MK I

U.K. Coloured Posters

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 Z2 35, Z4 42, Z4 45, Z4 49, Nb 23 38, Nb 24 39, AMZ's 29 and 39 made up with adapters for safety fuse, B2E39, D435a, Italian 1 lb A; Pers. Mine Igniter, Italian Dekalite Igniter, ES Mi. 4 40 and electric Bridge, W adaptor for S. Mine with S.Mi 235 and Z4 35's, Y Adaptor for S. Mi.

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Amplifiers for demonstrating tuning of Mine Detectors

Mains operated

Battery operated

Cap markers for sand table model (approx 1/10th scale)

British

German

Operating diagrams (coloured - parts slide to demonstrate)-

T. Mi. 235

S. Mi 435

Wooden model of Z435

2. BOMB DISPOSAL AIDS - Available on 31 July 45

Lecture Room diagrams

Chart showing method of bomb rescue

Box for charging German fuses

Electric device with bulb to show comparative sensitivity of

ELAZ (25) and ELAZ (50).

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3. FIELD ENGINEERING AIDS - Available on 30 JUN 45.

Class Room Diagrams (one of each) for Standing Derrick, Swinging Derricks, Systems of Blocks and Tackles, Splinter proof Shelters.

MODEL ROOM

Model showing trestle bent and timber construction and anchorages.  
Model showing use of fixed lever lashed trestle model  
Board and Pole charges  
Model Wall with Model board charges  
Model Panther Tank and wade charge  
Model of Timber cribbing  
Model showing parts in road construction  
Model of Mr. TITANA

4. BRIDGING INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS - Available on 15 JUL 45

Diagrams  
(one of each)

Distributing Beam  
Chord Jack MK II  
" MK III  
Triple Storey Construction  
Typical Grillage Construction

PHOTOGRAPHS

10" x 8 - as forwarded to EPH in early June

ILLUSTRATIVE MODELS ( one of each)

Motor cycle chain model to show principles of continuous bridges.  
Cardboard model of 80' D.S. Bridge to show launching problems.

MODELS

American Timber Trestle and R.C.J. Bridge  
Raft (improvised) using 40 gal drums  
Bailey Bridge complete with accessories at 1/4 scale

5. TECH WING AIDS - available in Mid September

Instructional Diagrams

Lashed trestle model  
 Board and Pole charges  
 Model Well with Model board charges  
 Model Panther Tank and Wade charge  
 Model of timber cribbing  
 Model showing parts in road construction  
 Model of Mt. Tivata

4. BRIDGING INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS - Available on 15 JUL 45

Diagrams  
 (one of each)

Distributing Beam  
 Chord Jack MK II  
 " MK III  
 Triple Storey Construction  
 Typical Grillage Construction

PHOTOGRAPHS

10" x 8" - 88 forwarded to BME in early  
 June

ILLUSTRATIVE MODELS (one of each)

Motor cycle chain model to show principles of continuous  
 bridges.

Cardboard model of 60' D.S. Bridge to show launching prob-  
 lems.

MODELS

American Timber Trestle and R.S.J. Bridge  
 Raft (improvised) using 40 gal drums  
 Bailey Bridge complete with accessories at 1/4 scale

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5. TECH WING AIDS - available in Mid September

Instructional Diagrams

Bedford Engine Lubrication  
 Fordson Tractor Transmission  
 A.C. Petrol Pump  
 Differential  
 MULTI plate Clutch Adjustment 7/10 Concrete Mixer  
 The two stroke cycle  
 Master Cylinder (Hydraulic Brakes)  
 Bedford Gear Box  
 Four Stroke Engine  
 Vacuum Servo ( Brakes)  
 Carburettor (English)  
 Auto Vac (Petrol System)  
 Single Plate Clutch

Transfer Gear Box (Bedford)  
Rear and Front Brakes ( Hydraulic)  
Manifold Thermostat (Bedford):Combustion Chamber  
Magnetto Ignition (Four stroke)  
Temperature Control (Wedford)  
Fuel System (D.I Diesel Pile Driver  
" " "  
Hammer  
No. 2 Wiring Set : Leads and Fittings  
Wiring Lights ( Bedford)  
Lead Acid Cell : Battery  
Transmission: Travelling Gears (10 R.P. Excavator)  
Diesel Engine (Atomiser)  
Lubrication Chart (10 R.P. Excavator)  
Air Start 19 R.P. Excavator  
Fuel System 19 R.P. Excavator  
Rope Reeving Skinner Scoop (19 R.P.)  
" " "  
" " " Crowd Shovel

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Digger Took  
+ Co. in Resheim (10 R.B.)

|                  |        |                      |
|------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Steering         | "      | "                    |
| Travelling Brake | Shovel | 19 R.B.              |
| Rope Reaving     | Drag   | Line Boom Suspension |
| "                | "      | "                    |

Publication Chart (19 R.B.)

Fuel Pump (19 R.B. 2 types)

Fordson Lubrication Splash System  
Borg & Beck Clutch  
Borg & Beck Clutch (19 2.3.)

Transmission Travel  
Governors (19 P.B.)

|           |     |      |      |
|-----------|-----|------|------|
| Governors | Set | 550  | Watt |
| Charging  | "   | 1260 | "    |

Hydrometer  
Method of determining level or Electrolyte  
Lubrication System (Fully Forced)  
Ignition ( 6 cylinder Bedford)  
Pre-combustion chamber Fuel Injection Valve  
Lubrication System (D.4 Tractor)

## SECTIONED MODELS

Carriatore (Italian)

vac (British)

Solex Carburettor (British)

Ford

A.O. Oil Filter - 3 types

Coil Ignition

A.C. Pump Petrol

Out-out Bedford

Transmission: Travelling Gears (10 R.B. Excavator)  
 Diesel Engine (Atomiser)  
 Lubrication Chart (10 R.B. Excavator)  
 Air Start 19 R.B. Excavator  
 Fuel System 19 R.B. Excavator  
 Rope Reeving Skimmer Scoop (19 R.B.)  
 " " Crowd Shovel

Digger Lock (19 R.B.)  
 Steering Mechanism (10 R.B.)  
 Travelling Brake " "  
 Rope Reeving Drag Shovel 19 R.B.  
 " " Drag Line Boom Suspension  
 Lubrication Chart (19 R.B.)  
 Fuel Pump (19 R.B. 2 types)  
 Fordson Lubrication Splash System  
 Borg & Beck Clutch  
 Transmission Travelling Gears (19 R.B.)  
 Governors (19 R.B.)  
 Charging Set 550 Watt  
 " " 1260 "

#### Hydrometer

Method of determining level or Electrolite  
 Lubrication System (Fully Forced)  
 Ignition ( 6 cylinder Bedford)  
 Pre-combustion chamber Fuel Injection Valve (Diesel Engine)  
 Lubrication System (D.4 Tractor)

#### SECTIONED MODELS

Twin Jet Carburettor (Italian)  
 Auto Vac ( British)  
 Solex Carburettor ( British)  
 Ford "  
 A.C. Oil Filter - 3 types  
 Coil Ignition  
 A.C. Pump Petrol  
 " Cut-out Bedford  
 Magneto 2 types  
 Multi Jet Carburettor (Italian)  
 Hydraulic Brake system  
 Motor Cycle Cylinder Block  
 Single Plate Type Clutch  
 Hydraulic Brake Shoe Assembly  
 Gear Box ( Bedford)  
 Half Shafts (Bedford)  
 Differential Assembly (Bedford)  
 Single Plate Clutch (Bedford)

Gear Box (FIAT Italian)  
 Engine, Gear Box, Transmission (MORRIS)  
 Valve Assembly (Morris)  
 Pistons (J types)  
 Con. Rods 2 types  
 Boom Drag Line (Excavator)  
 I.F. 6 Cylinder Engine (Italian)  
 Fiat 4 Cylinder Engine (Italian)  
 Austin Engine (British)  
 Tractor Diesel (Caterpillar)  
 Dumper (Muirhill)

# 6. TRAINING AIDS

|                     |                                     |   |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Box No. 1           | Panzermine 42                       | 1 |
|                     | 12.5 Kg Hollow Charge               | 1 |
|                     | C.V.P. Mine                         | 1 |
|                     | Tunisian Mine                       | 1 |
|                     | Japanese Knee Bomb                  | 1 |
|                     | " Hand grenade                      | 1 |
| <u>Crate No. 1</u>  | German Panzer Holz Mine             | 1 |
| <u>(F.P.E.)</u>     | " 12.5 Kg: Hollow Charge            | 1 |
|                     | Hungarian C.V.C. Mine with          | 1 |
|                     | Igniters                            | 1 |
|                     | Japanese Knee Bomb                  | 1 |
|                     | " Hand Grenade                      | 1 |
| <u>Crate No. 2.</u> | German Tellermine 35 No 1 with fuze | 1 |
| <u>(F.P.E.)</u>     | " 35 Steel "                        | 1 |
|                     | 12.5 Kg Hollow Charge               | 1 |
|                     | Picric Charge                       | 1 |
|                     | Tyro Burster                        | 1 |
|                     | " Detonating Cord                   | 1 |
|                     | Italian Pignone Mine (Type B)       | 1 |

|                    |                               |   |          |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------|
| <u>Crate No. 3</u> | German D.Z. 35 Igniter        | ) | Sections |
| <u>(F.P.E.)</u>    | " 22 42                       | ) |          |
|                    | " SM14 35                     | ) |          |
|                    | " 22 35                       | ) |          |
|                    | " Zu22 35                     | ) |          |
|                    | " TM12 43                     | ) |          |
|                    | French Rifle Grenade          |   |          |
|                    | " A Tk mine (light) with fuze |   |          |
|                    | German S Mine with Igniter    |   |          |
|                    | " all purpose Grenade         |   |          |
|                    | " A Tk Grenade                |   |          |
|                    | " E. S. M1 40                 |   |          |

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TRAINING AIDS

|                     |                                      |                             |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Box No. 1           | Panzermine 42                        | 1                           |
|                     | 12.5 Kg Hollow Charge                | 1                           |
|                     | C.V.P. Mine                          | 1                           |
|                     | Tunisian Mine                        | 1                           |
|                     | Japanese Knee Bomb                   | 1                           |
|                     | "                                    | 1                           |
|                     | Hand grenade                         | 1                           |
| <u>Crate No. 1</u>  | German Panzer Holz Mine              | 1                           |
| <u>(T.F.E.)</u>     | "                                    |                             |
|                     | 12.5 Kg: Hollow Charge               | 1                           |
|                     | Hungarian C.V.C. Mine with           | 1                           |
|                     | Igniters                             | 1                           |
|                     | Japanese Knee Bomb                   | 1                           |
|                     | "                                    | 1                           |
|                     | Hand Grenade                         | 1                           |
| <u>Crate No. 2.</u> | German Tellermine 35 No 1 with fuze  | 1                           |
| <u>(T.F.E.)</u>     | "                                    |                             |
|                     | "                                    | 35 Steel "                  |
|                     | 12.5 Kg Hollow Charge                | 1                           |
|                     | Floric Charge                        | 1                           |
|                     | Tyro Burster                         | 1                           |
|                     | Detonating Cord                      | 1                           |
|                     | Italian Pignone Mine (Type B)        | 1                           |
| <u>Crate No. 3</u>  | German D.2. 35 Igniter               | 1                           |
| <u>(T.F.E.)</u>     | "                                    |                             |
|                     | "                                    | 24 42                       |
|                     | "                                    | SM14 35                     |
|                     | "                                    | 24 35                       |
|                     | "                                    | 2424 35                     |
|                     | "                                    | TM12 43                     |
|                     | French Rifle Grenade                 | 1                           |
|                     | "                                    | A Tk mine (Light) with fuze |
|                     | German S Mine with Igniter           | 1                           |
|                     | "                                    | all purpose Grenade         |
|                     | "                                    | A Tk Grenade                |
|                     | "                                    | E. S. Mi 40                 |
|                     | "                                    | Eismine                     |
|                     | "                                    | Plastic Crush Igniter       |
|                     | "                                    | Orange Flare                |
|                     | "                                    | Smoke Canisters             |
|                     | Italian Pignone Mine (Type A)        | 4                           |
|                     | German S Mine electric firing bridge | 1                           |
| <u>Crate No. 4</u>  | German Tellermine 42                 | 1                           |
| <u>(T.F.E.)</u>     | "                                    |                             |
|                     | "                                    | 43                          |
|                     | "                                    | J. Feder 504 (Long Delay)   |
|                     | "                                    | 6 Kg Hollow Charge          |

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|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Italian B 4 A pers mine             |   |  |
| " 1 lb mine                         |   |  |
| " Safety Fuze                       |   |  |
| " Picket Mine                       |   |  |
| German Stock Mine                   |   |  |
| " Verrey Lights                     |   |  |
| Italian Red Devils                  |   |  |
| " Detonating Cord                   |   |  |
| " Rifle grenade                     |   |  |
| <br>Smoke Containers                | 4 |  |
| German Magnetic Charge 3 Kg         |   |  |
| " Hollow Bottle Charge 3 Kg         |   |  |
| " Prepared Charge 1 Kg              |   |  |
| " " 2 Kg                            |   |  |
| Breech Charges                      |   |  |
| German Hollow Charges 400 gm        |   |  |
| Butterfly Bomb                      |   |  |
| Canon Shells 20 mm                  |   |  |
| Mod. Schumine                       |   |  |
| German Barrel Charge                |   |  |
| Finnish Time Clock                  |   |  |
| German W.I. Bomb                    |   |  |
| German A 200 Mustard Pot            |   |  |
| Assorted Pistol and Rifle Grenades  |   |  |
| French Prepared Charges             |   |  |
| " Rifle Grenades                    |   |  |
| " Hand "                            |   |  |
| T.Mi 35 ( Training)                 |   |  |
| Glassmine                           |   |  |
| S.Mi 35                             |   |  |
| E 15 Mine                           |   |  |
| 4 Igniter (Italian) Sect:           |   |  |
| Improvised Tread Mine               |   |  |
| Russian Igniters - Pull             |   |  |
| " " Push                            |   |  |
| Mk II Shrapnel (Sect)               |   |  |
| CS 2 Charge only                    |   |  |
| Roll Bomb                           |   |  |
| Grenade Pistol                      |   |  |
| No. 1 Mk II Fuz (Sect)              |   |  |
| 105 mm French Improvised Tread Mine |   |  |
| No. 5 Mk I A per ( less Igniters)   |   |  |
| T. Mi. 29                           |   |  |
| 2D2 29                              |   |  |
| V. 3. Italian                       |   |  |

|                     |                                     |   |  |
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| <u>Crates No. 5</u> | " Rifle Grenade                     | 4 |  |
|                     | Socks Containers                    |   |  |
|                     | German Magnetic Charge 3 Kg         |   |  |
|                     | " Hollow Bottle Charge 3 Kg         |   |  |
|                     | " Prepared Charge 1 Kg              |   |  |
|                     | " " 2 Kg                            |   |  |
|                     | Breach Charges                      |   |  |
|                     | German Hollow Charges 400 gm        |   |  |
|                     | Butterfly Bomb                      |   |  |
|                     | Canon Shells 20 mm                  |   |  |
|                     | Mod. Schumine                       |   |  |
|                     | German Barrel Charge                |   |  |
|                     | Finnish Time Clock                  |   |  |
|                     | German W.I. Bomb                    |   |  |
|                     | German A 200 Mustard Pot            |   |  |
|                     | Assorted Pistol and Rifle Grenades  |   |  |
|                     | Trench Prepared Charges             |   |  |
|                     | " Rifle Grenades                    |   |  |
|                     | " Hand "                            |   |  |
|                     | T.Mi 35 ( Training)                 |   |  |
|                     | Glassmine                           |   |  |
|                     | S.Mi 35                             |   |  |
|                     | E 15 Mine                           |   |  |
|                     | 4 Igniter (Italian) Sect:           |   |  |
|                     | Improvised Tread Mine               |   |  |
|                     | Russian Igniters - Pull             |   |  |
|                     | " " Push                            |   |  |
|                     | Mk II Shrapnel (Sect)               |   |  |
|                     | CS 2 Charge only                    |   |  |
|                     | Roll Bomb                           |   |  |
|                     | Grenade Pistol                      |   |  |
|                     | No. 1 Mk II Fze (Sect) 1            |   |  |
|                     | 105 mm French Improvised Tread Mine |   |  |
|                     | No. 5 Mk I A per ( less Igniters)   |   |  |
|                     | T. Mi. 29                           |   |  |
|                     | SD2 29                              |   |  |
|                     | V. 3. Italian                       |   |  |
|                     | V. 5.                               |   |  |
|                     | R. Mi. 43                           |   |  |
|                     | B2 Italian                          |   |  |
|                     | G.L. Mine                           |   |  |
|                     | L. Pz. Mine                         |   |  |
|                     | 50 Kg Hollow Charge                 |   |  |
|                     | 25 Kg "                             |   |  |
|                     | 12 Kg Smoke Container               |   |  |
|                     | Panzer Schnell Mine                 |   |  |
|                     | Pram Detector German                |   |  |
|                     | American T 7                        |   |  |
|                     | " M 6                               |   |  |

American Activator  
 " T 9 Fuze  
 British A.C. Delay Burst Type  
 " No. 5 Pressure  
 " No. 6 "  
 Hungarian Ramp Mines  
 Adaptor. Egg Grenades  
 German Acid Delay

7. MINE WARE EQUIPMENT (held in bulk)

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Topf Mines          | 5    |
| Tellermines 35 st   | 50   |
| " 42                | 100  |
| " 43                | 50   |
| " 35                | 6    |
| R. Mi 43            | 20   |
| S. Mi 35            | 100  |
| G.S. Mk I           | 100  |
| American Mi A1      | 30   |
| G.S. Mk II 34       | 10   |
| American M3         | 10   |
| " M2 A1             | 5    |
| ZZ 42               | 490  |
| ANZ 29              | 900  |
| DZ 35               | 190  |
| Spreng Capsolzunder | 36   |
| Topf Igniters       | 114  |
| Schumines           | 219  |
| 1 lb A pers         | 888  |
| Pignone             | 12   |
| Penzermine 42       | 5    |
| SMiZ 35             | 96   |
| TMiZ 42             | 1000 |
| Fuze Mi. A1         | 92   |
| " MK III            | 131  |
| " Mk III. Drill     | 125  |
| Italian 4 Igniter   | 3    |
| Stick Grenades      | 12   |
| TMiZ 35             | 12   |

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5 JUL 1945

(26 June 1945)

HQ PIEMONTE REGION AMG, APO 394, U.S. ARMY, 3 JULY 1945

TO : Local Govt. Sub-Commission Alcom

1. For your information the 151 Sub-Area has informed me that no mine removal teams are available in this area for the removal of U X B.

2. The Italian mine removal team is being used by this Division to remove U X B and since they have had years of experience and training no reason can be found to order them to stop operations.

3. The mine removal team Piemonte, now at Pisa according to a plan formulated some months ago, is needed. When this team arrives it is planned to have reports required by you prepared and submitted. At present the form of report type etc. is not known.

4. The section is actively engaged in obtaining information relative to this location of mined areas. IV Corps has been requested to furnish any maps or information available from German Sources.

5. Information is requested as to whether the mine removal team formally earmarked for this area is available.

For the Regional Commissioner

C R BIRCHETT

Colonel CE

Regional Engineer

Piemonte

N79 - See Report on my visit  
JPK

Noted. I will see the Reg. in this subject - this week 989  
JPK  
8 July.

Rec'd  
HO Pioneer Reg A  
Date 6/30/45  
No \_\_\_\_\_

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION  
AGC 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/16

26 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ DISTRICT Region.

Reference your signal HP/AG/900.2 of 14 June.

1. The removal of UXB is an I. of C commitment and cannot be undertaken by Mine Clearance units who have no training or equipment for this type of work. Area HQ should be approached and asked to remove UXB.

2. In so far as Mine Clearance is concerned your report is awaited.

*J. Howard Reeves Maj*  
R.R. GRIFFS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Rec'd               | <u>2 July 1945</u> |
| Ref'd to            | <u>H. D. S. M.</u> |
| Reply or            |                    |
| Action by           |                    |
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HEADQUARTERS  
PIEMONTE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394  
P.W.&U. DIVISION

CRB/NM

5 LUG 1945

5 JUL 1945

27 June 1945

PR/ENG/900.2

SUBJECT : Mine Removal Team.  
TO : CA Section Alcom Rome.

1. Reference is made to letter subject Mine Clearance Plan for North Italy CA Section, 23 April 1945.

2. Paragraph 3 of this plan states team at Pisa to Piemonte Region.

3. Para 5 Appendix A states wages will be paid by Ministry of War.

4. This office has now an organized operating mine removal team obtained locally. Difficulty is being met in feeding and paying these men since instructions laid down in plan in para 1 above is vague to say the least.

5. It was desired to obtain the mine team referred to in the Plan and to use the experience of this team in administrative matters to facilitate the work of obtaining rations and pay for the workers.

6. The following wires were sent by this office to you. However it seems that n° 3 may not have been transmitted by the military for some reason:

Wire N° 1 -

"IT IS REQUESTED MINE TRAINING TEAM PIEMONTE REGION NOW LOCATED AT PISA BE MOVED TO TURIN IMMEDIATELY STOP TRANSPORT RATIONS & ORDERS BE FURNISHED BY ALCOM STOP"

Wire N° 2 -

"REF SIGNAL DATED 17 JUNE NO. 9520 STOP SURVEY OF MINED LOCALITIES AND REMOVAL OF MINES AND UXB BEING CARRIED OUT AT PRESENT STOP WHEN COMPLETED SURVEY WILL BE FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE STOP THIS REGION WILL ADVISE WHEN TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE AND REQUEST YOU TO ALERT PIEMONTE TEAM STOP"

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I will see the Region this week  
on this letter JH. 8 July

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Wire No 3 -

"VEHICLE TO MOVE PIEMONTE MINE REMOVAL TEAM  
LEAVES REGION MONDAY 18 JUNE FOR PISA STOP  
SCHEDULE CALLS FOR VEHICLE WITH 4 MEN TO  
LEAVE PISA TUESDAY 19 FOR TURIN STOP REQUEST  
TEAM BE ALERTED AND READY TO MOVE STOP"

7. The truck was sent to Pisa but the personnel could not be obtained. The following letter is all the information received. The transportation section and this office were given written orders as regards this expedition.

"1. Pte Brewer reported to this HQ, on 20 June 45, at 1800 hrs, having previously been ordered to Pisa to collect four men for mine disposal work.

2. The men were not available at PISA and the Mine Disposal Command of that district had directed him to this HQ.

3. Pte BREWER was in possession of travel orders signed by Lt. BARONE, but his orders to collect the mine disposal workers consisted of an un-dated and unsigned piece of paper.

4. In fact neither this command nor that of PISA are aware of any arrangement for the transfer of four men, and no men are available."

8. It is requested that this office be advised:

- a. whether the mine removal team referred to in Plan is still available;
- b. through what agencies now in Piemonte the mine removal team can be paid.



C R BIRCHETT  
Colonel CE  
Regional Engineer  
Piemonte

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RESTRICTED.SUBJECT : Reinforcements for ITI-ITI Units.  
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14 JUL 1945

LAND FORCES SUB COM, A.O.  
( M.M.I.A. )  
R O M E .  
A 115

3 JULY 45.

TO : Ministry of War.  
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1. Now that the ITI-ITI Reinforcement Depot at FROSINONE has been closed, reinforcements for ITI-ITI units will be supplied by the following methods until further notice:

- (a) Requirement of reinforcements for ITI-ITI Units attached to US-ITI formations will be referred to M.M.I.A.
  - (b) ITI-ITI units attached to BR-ITI Administrative Divisions may call on the Division concerned for reinforcements to be posted from transferred US-ITI's or other bulk reinforcements allotted to it.
  - (c) other ITI-ITI units will be reinforced from surplus personnel in the ITI-ITI Category, reductions in which will be communicated to you. You are authorised to make your own arrangements for such transfers, requesting rail movement, when necessary, through M.M.I.A.
2. In all cases reinforcements will only be supplied on the basis of the difference between posted strength and W.E., or against personnel whose demobilization has been authorised.

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

INTERNAL:

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TO : Ministry of War.

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

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COPY TO:

EIGHTH ARMY.  
ONE DISTRICT.  
TWO DISTRICT.  
THREE DISTRICT.  
H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION ( FOR C4 )  
LOCAL GOVT SUB-COMMISSION.  
H.Q. TRAIN GUARD CONTROL.  
ALL M.M.I.A. LO'S.

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RESTRICTEDSUBJECT: Mine Clearance Companies - Reinforcements.

LAND FORCES SSG COM. A.C.  
 ( M.M.I.A. ) R O M B  
 TEL: 489051 Ext 533  
 A 110/15  
2 July 48

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR.

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

|                 |          |              |
|-----------------|----------|--------------|
| (a) SSI Company | GENGA    | 53 All Ranks |
| (b) SSI "       | PADHILLO | 50 " "       |
| (c) SSI "       | HAYKHA   | 55 " "       |

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

For 1(a) above - from ex-III-IVI personnel placed at disposal of 231 Division vide MIA A 113 of 27 June.

For 1(b) and 1(c) above - from ex-III-IVI personnel placed at disposal of 209 Division vide MIA A 113 of 27 June.

COPY TO: 2 District  
 3 District  
 MIA LO 2 District  
 MIA LO 3 District  
 MIA LO GENGA  
 Local Government Sub-Commission A.C.  
 (your AM/53/LO of 29 June refers)

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

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4 JUL 1945 / 301

SUBJECT:- Rations for Italian Army Mine Clearing Companies.

Land Forces Sub Comm. AC.  
(M.M.I.A.).  
ST/255

Local Government Sub Commission AC.

30 June 45.

Copy to:- DDST No. 1 District.

Reference your letter AC/53/LG of 28 June 45.

1. It is observed that the 562 and 563 Italian Mine Clearing Companies have recently moved into the Emilia region.
2. Rations for authorized units of the Italian Armed Forces may be drawn from any Allied Depot. All Allied Food Depots do not stock the Italian portion of the ration. As a consequence of this when an Italian unit moves into a locality where no Italian units have been previously provisioned there may be a delay in securing the Italian provided items of the ration, which appears to be the case under review.
3. DDST No. 1 District has confirmed that there are adequate stocks of Italian provided items (including cigarettes and soap) in the Emilia region, and specifically at 16 DID, FORLI, from which the a/m units draw.

KRN/gmc

ADST, Land Forces Sub Comm. AC. (M.M.I.A.).

*L. Robert Hilsenrath*  
Lt. Col. RASC.

INTERNAL:- 'Q'

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*Major Parks*

*2 from 562 & 563 accordingly*

*A. H. Knapp*

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A.P.O. 394

TO ENGINEERING DIVISION LAZIO UMBRIA REGION

e.p.c.

TO H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION (O.A. SECTION)

A.P.O. 394

Oggetto: Relazione settimanale (dal 19/2 al 24/2) rimozione mine sulla linea elettrica e sull'acquedotto.

Giorno 19 Febbraio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 1,200 della linea elettrica Soc/ta Meridionale di elettricità (dal Km. 0,00 al Km. 1,200) (11 Km. 0,00 e determinato dalla S/S S.M.E. Maranola). Mine rimosse nessuna.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 del condotto Capo d'Acqua - Sonari. XI (dal Km. 1,250 al Km. 1,300) Mine rimosse 12 Hols mine e 25 C&S. 2 it.

Giorno 20 Febbraio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 900 della linea elettrica Soc/ta Meridionale di elettricità (dal Km. 1,200 al Km. 2,100). Mine rimosse 42 Tellerrine.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 50 del condotto Capo d'Acqua - Sonari. (dal Km. 1,300 al Km. 1,350) Mine rimosse 6 Stockmine. e 20 C&S it.

Giorno 21 Febbraio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 500 della linea elettrica Soc/ta Meridionale di elettricità (dal Km. 2,100 al Km. 2,600) Mine rimosse 125 H&A. e 12 H&S.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 320 in località Molo per pesche roccie di Formia. Mine rimosse 7 di circostanza e 62 Teller. (detto lavoro è stato eseguito ad insistente richiesta da parte del Comando di Polizia di Formia, perché la presenza di mine in detta località causò nei mesi scorsi parecchi incidenti locali).

Giorno 22 Febbraio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 1200 della linea elettrica Soc/ta Meridionale di elettricità (dal Km. 2,600 al Km. 3,800). Mine rimosse nessuna.

Ispezionati e bonificati m. 130 del condotto Capo d'Acqua - Sonari. (dal Km. 1,350 al Km. 1,470). Mine rimosse 19 H&S mine

Giorno 23 Febbraio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 1,500 della linea elettrica Soc/ta Meridionale di elettricità (dal Km. 3,800 al Km. 5,300). Mine rimosse 128 H&A. e 14 H&S.

Giorno 24 Febbraio. Ispezionati e bonificati m. 2700 della linea elettrica Soc/ta Meridionale di elettricità (dal Km. 5,300 al Km. 8,000). Mine rimosse 209 Teller 85 "S" e 87 H&A. 15 Stockmine.

Mine rimosse al 17/2/45.....2058

Mine rimosse dal 19/2 al 24/2/45.....854

Totale delle mine rimosse.....2952

N.B. Tutte le mine segnalate sono giacenti presso il magazzino della compagnia e si attende da codesto Comando l'ordine di trasportarle ad una polveriera.

IL COMANDANTE DELLA COMPAGNIA

(Con De Marchi) (Fotale)

*I do not know where this letter came from. It is a very old one. I cannot find out where it has been. OK. 6312*

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : OC 563 Coy RAVENNA  
Col. CRIPPS ( for information  
Command 209 Division (   
Lt. MacNab (

The representatives of AC Major Reakes and Lt. McNab visited the 563 Mine Clearance Company and commended the Company for its organisation and technical preparation and for the very high achievements of the Company in the dangerous and difficult job of mine clearance in the Zone of Ravenna.

To the commendation of Major Reakes and Lt. MacNab I am adding my personal praise.

SPAMPANATO FELICE  
Commandant

The same letter to the OC of 562 Coy in PAVULLIO.

*Major Reakes*

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*What have you been up to?*

*G. R. Cripps*

*5 Jan 45*

1° Battaglione Rastrellatori Mine  
COMANDO

Bologna, 11, 26/6/1945 1295

Prot. N° 351/2 Varie

OGGETTO:- Elogio.-

AL COMANDANTE LA 562a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine PAVULLO  
e, p.c., AL COLONNELLO CHI PPS - HQ/AC - C.A. Section APO 394 ROMA  
AL COMANDO DELLA 209<sup>a</sup> DIVISIONE POSTA MILIT. 186  
AL LT. T. MAC NAB - Mine Clearance BOLOGNA  
Officer Emilia Region

I rappresentanti dell'A.C., Maggiore Reaks e Lt. Mac Nab, in occasione delle ispezioni svolte alla 562a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine - mi hanno espresso il loro compiacimento per l'organizzazione, il grado di addestramento e la disciplina del Reparto, nonché per gli ottimi risultati conseguiti nel difficile e pericoloso lavoro di bonifica dei campi minati.

Ciò corrisponde alle ormai vecchie tradizioni della 562a Compagnia che ha segnato col sangue le tappe del cammino percorso.

Al plauso del Maggiore Reaks e del Ten. Mac Nab aggiungo il mio personale.-

IL COMANDANTE  
(Opt. SPAMPANATO F)

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1° Battaglione Rastrellamento Mine  
COMANDO

Prot. W 352/2 Varie

Bologna, li, 26/6/1945.=

OGGETTO:- Elogio.=

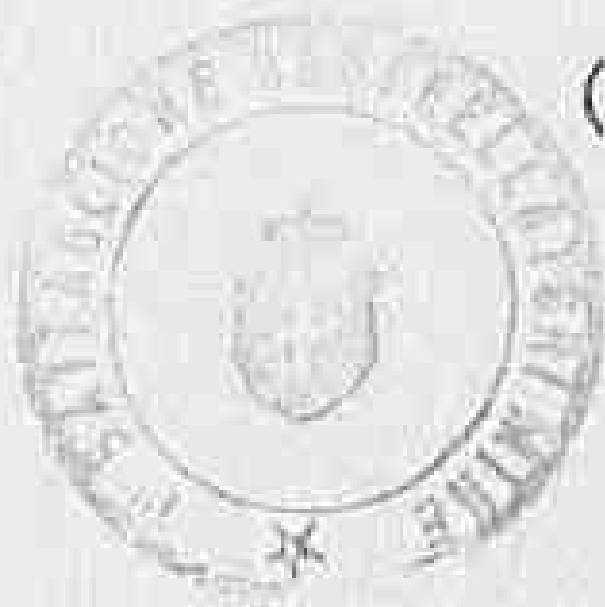
AL COMANDANTE LA 563a COMPAGNIA RASTRELLAMENTO MINE  
RAVENNA

o, p.c, AL COLONNELLO CRIPPS - HQ/AC - C.A. Section APO 394 R O M A  
AL COMANDO DELLA 209^ DIVISIONE P.M. I 85  
AL LT. MAC NAB - Mine Clearance Officer Emilia Region BOLOGNA

I rappresentanti dell'A.C. Maggiore Reaks e Lt. Mac Nab in occasione della ispezione svolta alla 563a Compagnia R.M. - mi hanno espresso la loro soddisfazione per aver constatato come in breve volger di tempo, il Reparto sia stato portato ad un grado elevatissimo di organizzazione e di preparazione tecnica, di cui fanno fede gli ottimi risultati già conseguiti nel difficile e pericoloso lavoro di bonifica dei campi minati, in una zona tanto tormentata come la provincia di Ravenna.

Al plauso del Maggiore Reaks e del Lt. Mac Nab, aggiungo il mio personale.=

IL COMANDANTE  
(Cpt. SPAMPINATO Felice)



*[Handwritten signature]*

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2 JUL 1945HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

Ref. : Rep./1/273  
 Subject : Report - Mine Clearance - Zone Emilia.  
 To : 5th ARMY - A.M.G.

27/6/45

1. PROGRESS. The civilian squads trained in Bologna began work on 18 June 45. On the same day there were three fatal casualties, and the remainder of the men stopped work until final settlement of the insurance question, on orders from Major IGI, Emilia zone Commander.
2. INSURANCE. Insurance on an adequate scale, as shown in M.O.W. letter of 20 May 45 (attached to Liguria Report Rep./1/268 of 18 June 45) has now been arranged.  
 Nominal rolls have been submitted of the workmen concerned, and there appears to be no reason why insurance should not be effective immediately.
3. WAGES. Major Reakes of H.Q.A.G. visited Emilia Zone during week ending 23 June 45, and established the following altered wage scale for Emilia :
 

|                    |          |       |
|--------------------|----------|-------|
| Basic Pay          | £. 81.-  | daily |
| Increment          | £. 109.- | "     |
| Danger Money       | £. 250.- | "     |
| No bonus per mine. |          |       |

 Insurance premiums are deductible from the above figures.
4. TRANSPORT. So far only two of the 7 "moto-carrette", which should have been taken over from U.N.P.A. have been made available.  
 Adequate supplies of transport remain an urgent problem, which should receive immediate attention.

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Copies to :  
 - Col. Cripps. HQ AC ✓  
 - IV Corps.  
 - R.C. Emilia.  
 - File.

M. S. H. O. R. T.  
 Capt. R.A.S.C.  
 Mines Disposal 5 Army AMG.

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SUBJECT: Rations for Mine Clearing Co.

30 JUN 1945

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION  
A.C. (M. M. I. A.) R O M E  
G/1/5-41  
29 June 1945

TO : Local Government Sub Commission, AC ✓

1. Rations may be issued to personnel employed in Mine Clearance not exceeding the strengths shown in Italian Army Strength States as at 8 June 1945, copy of which has been forwarded to AC.

*Tommy T. Rose*  
TOMMY T. ROSE, Lt. Col.  
for Major General  
M. M. I. A.

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MINISTRY OF WAR  
General Direction Engineers

Rom, 26 June 1945

TO : Local Government S/W

SUBJECT: Allotment of fuel for B.C.M. service

3 JUN 1945

As agreed during a conversation with Major J. Stewart Reaks of the Local Government S/O, we hereto attach a sketch of letter for the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, which has the object of urging, from the said Ministry, a suitable allotment of fuel for the Mine Clearance service of Lazio-Umbria, Abruzzi and Tuscany.

GEN. DI BRIGATA P. SUPINO

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*26 giugno 1915*

*Ministero della Guerra*  
DIREZIONE GENERALE GENIO

L'A.C. - LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT SUB  
COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394

*Divisione*  
*Int. 284/S* *Allegati 1*

*Rapporto del*  
*Dir. 12*

OGGETTO: Assegnazione carburanti per servizio  
B.C.M.

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In conformità degli accordi ver-  
bali intercorsi col Magg. J. Stewart REA  
KES di codesta Sotto Commissione si al-  
lega una bozza di lettera per il Mini-  
stero dell'Industria e Commercio, avente  
lo scopo di sollecitare una congrua as-  
segnazione di carburante da parte del-  
l'accennato Ministero a favore del ser-  
vizio B.C.M. per il Lazio-Umbria e A -  
bruzzi e per la Toscana.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Gen. di Brig. P. Supino)

*Giuseppe Supino*

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B O Z Z A

OGGETTO: Rifornimento servizio B.C.M.

AL MINISTERO DELL'INDUSTRIA E COMMERCIO  
R O M A

- 1°- E' stato rilevato da questa Commissione Alleata attraverso dati statistici desunti dalle relazioni del Ministero della Guerra che le assegnazioni di benzina di cui ha potuto fruire il servizio B.C.M. hanno avuto l'entità del 50% della richiesta in Aprile c.a., del 40% in Maggio, del 33% in Giugno e saranno di circa il 30% di quanto richiesto per il Lazio-Umbria-Abruzzi per il mese di Luglio, e nulla per la Toscana per lo stesso periodo di tempo. Ciò ha provocato un ristagno nei lavori di bonifica, i quali per di più dovranno essere del tutto sospesi nella Regione Toscana di qui a pochi giorni per mancanza di carburante.
- 2°- Si informa codesto Ministero che questa Commissione Alleata ritiene necessario che i lavori di bonifica, per esigenze d'ordine pubblico e di ricostruzione, procedono il più attivamente possibile e pertanto sarà molto grata se verranno presi i provvedimenti necessari per assicurare il minimo indispensabile di dotazione carburanti ai lavori di bonifica del Lazio e della Toscana.
- 3°- Si avrà gradito conoscere quel che sarà fatto in proposito.

R. R. CRIFFS  
Colonnello  
Direttore  
Loc. Gov. Sub Comm.

TO: Minister of Industry and Commerce. 1256

It was reported to this Commission by the Ministry of War that the Mine Clearance service has got only 50% of the petrol allotted to them in April, 40% in May, 33% in June for Lazio Umbria Abruzzi 30% in July and no assignment at all for Toscana in July.

As a result mine clearance work had to be cut down and completely suspended in Toscana Region because of lack of petrol.

This Commission is of the opinion that mine clearance is most important for national reconstruction and would be therefore grateful if the necessary steps would be taken in order to allot the indispensable petrol for mine clearance work in Lazio and Toscana.

It would be appreciated if you would let us know the steps taken.

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AMG LIGURIA REGION  
AMG BRILLIA REGION

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30 June 1945

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

SUBJECT IS MINE CLEARANCE PD

PARA ONE PD MAJOR REARER LEAVING HOME FOR GONGA TOMORROW ONE JULY PD

PARA TWO FOR ACTION AMG LIGURIA REGION ATTENTION CAPTAIN SHERT ONE AMG BRILLIA

REGION ATTENTION CAPTAIN SHERT FROM HQ ALCON CITY ACIOT PAPER

PARA TWO PD PLEASE ARRANGE ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO JULY WHEN HE WILL MEET YOU

LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/O

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NICHOLAS PLOMBINO  
CWO USA  
Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION  
Materials Division

FZ/rc

Tel. Ext. 266

Ref. AC/5134/Commerce

28 June 1945

SUBJECT: Clothing

TO : ✓ Local Government Sub-Commission  
(Attn. Col. Cripps)

1. Reference your letter AC/53/LG of 26 June 1945.
2. The clothing allocated to your office by Civil Affairs Section were released with our Allotment Note U/310 of 18 June 1945.
3. Following the normal procedure, the a/m Allotment Note was sent to AMG Naples Commune, Commerce Division, who is supposed to contact your office to arrange for delivery. For more information, it is suggested that you contact the a/m office (Attn. Capt. Laphorne, Tel. Naples 11781).

*12th. 30 June*  
P. P. EVANS  
Colonel  
Director  
Commerce Sub-Commission

*Wm. L. Laphorne*  
Capt. Laphorne

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

29 June 45.

AG/53/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)

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

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



R.R. CRIPPS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED SUBCOMMISSION ROMA  
MINE CLEARANCE  
LIAISON OFFICE

Ref. No. 223/IR.M

Date, 11, 18/6/1945

SUBJECT:- Accomplishment of 562 and 563 S.M.C.V. strength

TO:- 209<sup>th</sup> Italian Division  
and f.a.

O.P.M. 185

TO:- - Col. CRIPPS A.C. Section - HQ/AC.R O M A

- Lt. A. Mac Nab - Mine Clearance Officer

HQ/ Emilia Region

B O L O G N A

- 1) Following No. I7723/Mob letter of 11.6.45 of HQ. Italian Army addressed to this headquarter, I beg you to send Mine Clearance Battalion, O.P.M. 225, sheets to request men necessary to complete strength Unit for 562 and 563 M.C. Companies belonging to the same Battalion.
- 2) In this time for very urgent work necessity, according to H.Q. Allied Commission Emilia Region, I have enlisted my Battalion, voluntary men, ex partisans.  
I shall be very grateful if, you can provide, with high priority, I. Mine Clearance Battalion, with other men.=
- 3) Since to day, I cannot no more accept work, owing to worker lack.-  
Please, help me and provide my Battalion with men.

F. SPAMPANATO Cpt.  
It. Liaison Officer

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/53/LG

29 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ Emilia Region  
HQ Liguria Region  
HQ Piemonte Region  
HQ Venezia Region

1. As it will be sometime before all mines are cleared from Italy it is necessary to ensure that all minefields are adequately marked. In many cases the minefields have been marked by the Germans but there are cases where there are no markings at all. This probably is one of the causes of civilian casualties.

2. The locations of minefields are usually known in the Communes in which they lie and it is suggested that Prefects be instructed to order the Sindaci to have notices put up marking all known minefields or suspected areas.

  
R. R. CRIPPS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

29 June 45.

AC/53/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Establishment Section.

1. Owing to lack of transport in this Sub-Commission the officers of Mine Clearing Branch have been unable to get about as readily as they should.

2. The Mine Clearing Branch have at present three Officers engaged on Mine Clearance work in this head-quarters and in the field and have to travel long distances on this important work. In the field they have to rely on Regional transport which is not readily available. The type of car usually allotted is a civilian vehicle totally unsuited for the class of road to be covered.

3. Minefields are often situated in inaccessible places and far from good roads particularly in the mountainous regions in Italy. Recently there have been numerous breakdowns of the civilian vehicles causing delay, inconvenience and annoyance to the officers concerned.

4. The only type of vehicle which can be employed successfully on this work is a "Jeep" and it is requested that a "Jeep" be allotted for Mine Clearance work which is work of National importance. It is necessary to get Mine Clearance organised and started on as wide a scale as possible and as soon as possible so as to cut down the casualties which are still occurring among the civilians in different parts of the country.

*R.R. Cripps*  
R.R. CRIPPS Colonel  
Director

Local Government S/O 968

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

29 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance - Clothing

TO : Ministry of War  
Via XX Settembre  
ROMA

1. There are forwarded to you 3 copies of Issue Voucher No U/234 for salvage clothing which has been allocated for Mine Clearance workers. Payment of the sum of £ 319,430 is required before delivery can be taken of the clothing.
2. The issuing warehouse is Via Monteoliveto 86, NAPLES and payment should be made to the Banca d'Italia (AFA No 1 Account) Naples.
3. Please have the clothing collected as soon as possible. This clothing has been promised to the new workers in Emilia and Liguria Regions where it is badly needed and it is desired to issue this clothing to them at an early date.

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

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

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
NAPLES COMMUNE  
COMMERCE DIVISION  
APO 394

28 JUN 1945

26 June '45

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SUBJECT: Salvaged clothing

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission  
HQ. AC. (for Mine Clearance)

1. Attached, please, find 3 copies of our Issue Voucher No U/234 for the salvaged clothing allocated to you as by Allotment Note No U-310 of 18 June '45.

2. In compliance with instructions issued by Finance Sub-Commission release of this clothing will be effected on a deferred payment basis. This means that release will be made against the receipt of a responsible officer.

3. Please arrange for prompt collection of the a/m clothing which is available at our warehouse: Via Monteoliveto, 86 - Naples.

4. Please use the original Issue Voucher;

For the Commissioner:

*A.G. Lapthorne*

A.G. LAPTHORNE,  
Capt. R.A.O.C.  
Commerce Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

28 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub-Commission.

There is forwarded to you letter received from the Ministry of War requesting an increased allotment of rations for the additional personnel now being employed on Mine Clearance. May these additional rations be allocated.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

28 June 45.

AC/53/1G

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Land Forces Sub Commission

It has been reported to this Sub-Commission that the 562 and 563 Italian Mine Clearing Companies at present working in EMILIA region have not been getting regularly their cigarette and soap rations. May instructions please be issued to the Divisions from whom they draw their rations to ensure that rations of cigarettes and soap are available for these Companies.

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R/R. CRIPPS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AIO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

28 June 45.

AG/53/10

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance - Additional Insurance.

TO : LIGURIA Region  
(Attn. Capt. SHORT)  
EMILIA Region  
(Attn. Lt. MAGNAB)

1. There is enclosed Policy of Insurance covering the workmen engaged in Mine Clearance for an additional insurance alongwith letter of instruction by the Ministry of War to the Mine Clearance Zones. Please hand over all the documents to the Zone for attention and completion.

2. The Policy is in force but has not been completed. It requires to be signed on behalf of the workers. The Zone should contact the Local Branch of the Insurance Company and get their assistance in filling up the documents.

3. Each worker has to complete a schedule and this should be done as soon as possible. Subsequently when new workers are enrolled they should complete similar forms but once the drill has been established there should be no difficulty in Zones arranging Insurance for new workers. Zones will also require to notify the Insurance Company when workers cease to be insured.

4. The whole insurance question must be conducted and carried out by the Zones. The Region will not take any part in adjusting the insurance but will merely act in a supervisory capacity.

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

HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

26 June 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Apuania - Lucca (Liguria Region).

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission  
Civil Affairs Section  
Attention Major Reakes

1. With reference to the Mine Clearance Schemes in Lucca and Apuania Provinces which will now come under Liguria Region, Captain Forster has made personal contact with Captain Short and discussed all the immediate problems. *Gr.*

2. With regard to the Italian Mine Clearance Company due to arrive in Apuania about middle of July, all details as to billets may be obtained from Provincial Commissioner Apuania whose office is at Massa.

3. Captain Forster is under orders to proceed to Emilia Region and expects to leave Florence shortly.

*for J. B. Forster Capt*

F. G. GREEN  
Major - G. L.,

Regional Public Safety Officer

JBF/rs

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
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AC/53/LG

26 June 15.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : HQ LIGURIA Region  
(Attn.: Captain SMORE)

1. Your reports of the 12th, 18th and 22nd June are acknowledged.
2. Transport and POL.

This matter should be taken up with the Region. They must provide transport and POL. With regard to POL please keep in mind to lodge indents a month in advance with the Region to ensure supplies for the future.

3. First Aid Kits. Some have been obtained and are being forwarded to you.

4. Detectors. It is realised that the Polish Detector is a large type but it is a very good one. Unfortunately this HQ has little say in the type of detector made available to it.

5. Officers. Officers are not readily available but efforts are continually being made to obtain more. While it is appreciated that there should be an officer with each squad there must be men who are natural leaders among the squads who could be put in charge.

6. Zone Commander. A new Zone Commander will be appointed shortly. The matter has been discussed with the Ministry of War. Lt. Col. Carini is being posted elsewhere.

7. Wages.

(a) The wage question is one for local adjustment and there is forwarded to you copy of Report by Major REAKES on his visit to EMILIA Region. Attached to this report is a note of the wages fixed for EMILIA Region. These should be followed closely.

(b) Owing to the small number of workers engaged and willing to engage on this type of work the wages paid are not considered as likely to upset the labour market. The labour Officer at EMILIA Region has not opposed these wages for this type of work.

(c) Bonus per mine destroyed. In view of the fact that the handing over of territory is likely to be more rapid than in the past it is intended to keep as near as possible to the scale of wages and the method of fixing them laid down by the Italian Ministry of War. It is not desirable to pay bonus for each mine destroyed.

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8. Destruction of Mines. The policy laid down by AMIQ is that all mines must be destroyed and that the explosive contents should not be removed for agriculture or any other purpose. These mines are the property of the Allies and this policy should be carried out where possible. It is not understood how paying a bonus for each mine destroyed will provide more control over the final disposal of mines.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/10

26 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ PIEMONTE Region.

Reference your signal PR/ENG/900.7 of 14 June.

1. The removal of UXB is an I of G commitment and cannot be undertaken by Mine Clearance units who have no training or equipment for this type of work. Area HQ should be approached and asked to remove UXB.

2. In so far as Mine Clearance is concerned your report is awaited.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/16

26 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Comscoe Sub Commission

Reference letter 5/9.1/CA of 15 June 45 may the  
release orders be forwarded at an early date as this clothing  
is urgently required.

*plc*

R.R. CRIPPS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

26 June 45.

10/53/IG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : NIGERIA Region (Capt. SHEET)  
GHANA Region (Lt. MACRAE)

1. The question of additional insurance has now be determined.
2. The Ministry of War will meet the initial premium and deduct the workers proportion from their pay which is paid fortnightly, i.e. if a worker draws a full 14 days pay he will pay 14 days insurance.
3. The information asked for in this HQ letter of 25 June must be forwarded by return if possible. Only the names of those workers who wish the additional insurance should be forwarded.
- 4.

*JH*  
R. R. CRISTE Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

26 June 45.

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SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ EMILIA Region  
(Attn.: Lt. MACNAB).

1. There is forwarded two copies Report by Major REAKES on his visit to EMILIA Region.

2. The points raised with Lt. MACNAB and Major IGI and agreed to such wages, the funeral expenses of the three civilians killed, cutting down of returns &c. have been taken up with the Ministry of War and the decisions taken by Major REAKES approved.

3. The Ministry of War have been taking up the question of officers pay and it is understood that a decision has been taken in this matter.

4. The matter of soldiers pay was raised but para 16 (f) of the Report is not accurate. It appears that the soldiers are getting 1000 lire per month plus a bonus of from 10 to 15 lire for each mine lifted. In the circumstances this point is not being pursued.

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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

26 June 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ EMILIA Region  
(Attn.: Lt. MACNAB).

1. Ten first aid kits are being forwarded for use by the civilian squads. The instructions in the kits have been translated into Italian and are enclosed in the box.

2. Owing to the scarcity of such kits it is suggested that one man in each squad be made responsible for the safe custody. The individual responsible should have some knowledge of first aid and get some instruction as to how to use the kit. The kit should be reserved for use on minefields.

  
R.R. CRIPPS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

10/53/10

Tel: 358

25 June 1945

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance--Insurance.

TO : RO Liguria Region (attention: Capt. Short)

1. Reference your signal of 21 June re the additional insurance which the workers are paying for themselves.
2. A meeting was held this morning at the Ministry of War, when there was present a representative from the Istituto Nazionale Assicurazioni (National Insurance Institute) and a representative from the Italian Government. It was agreed that the Istituto would carry this additional insurance on behalf of the workers and to ensure the minimum of delay, it was agreed that the insurance would be carried out from Rome.
3. The insurance company asked if it was possible to give the number of workers who are prepared to pay for this additional insurance. An estimate was given that for Genoa 60 workers would buy this insurance, and for Bologna, 50. These figures were given as it is considered they are less than the actual number who desire this form of insurance. The insurance company have agreed to hold these numbers covered as and from the day when the first premium is paid. This first premium will probably be met this week by the Italian Government.
4. To keep matters in order, however, it is imperative that this HQ is advised by return of the following information:
  - (a) the number of workers desiring this insurance and willing to pay the premium necessary;
  - (b) full names of each worker, along with the names of their fathers;
  - (c) their dates of birth.
5. The first policy will be for a three-month period. Thereafter, premiums will be paid on a monthly basis. This seems fair and equitable.
6. The first premium will amount to about 45 lire a day for the first three months and somewhere about 35 lire per day for the succeeding months.
7. The workers should be called together and this information obtained from them, and they should be advised that the cost of the premium will be deducted from their wages as and when they are paid.

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8. The policy will be prepared in the course of the next few days. Please signal by return the actual number of workers who desire to be insured. This is important as if the number is less than 60 for Genova and 90 for Bologna, immediate adjustments will have to be made to avoid the Ministry of War being involved in this insurance, which is a personal one between the workers and the insurance company but for convenience is being handled through the Ministry of War.

*MR*  
R.R. ONIPPS Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub-Commission

Copies to: MI Emilia Region( att.  
Lt. Macleab or Major  
Igi) (To confirm by  
signal the number of  
workers who desire the  
insurance and to forward  
details as required in  
the above letter as soon  
as possible)

Ministry of War-  
Via XX Settembre  
Brig. Gen. SUPINO

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AM C IGURIA REGION

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25 June 1945

ROUTINE

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PARA ONE PD REFERENCE SIGNAL TWO ONE JUNE PD

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IGURIA REGION ATTENTION LIEUTENANT HONORAB FROM PD ALCON CITE AGENT PARVA

PARA TWO PD ADDITIONAL INSURANCE OF WORKERS IS BEING ARRANGED HERE PD  
PLEASE GIVE NAMES CMA FATHERS NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTH OF EACH WORKER TWO  
DESIRE THIS EXTRA INSURANCE PD PROVISIONALLY SIXTY WORKERS FOR GENOA AND  
FIFTY WORKERS FOR BOLOGNA ARE BEING THOUGHT BUT DETAILS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT  
EARLIEST PD LETTER FOLLOWS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/C

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NICHOLAS PIERRE  
CWO USA  
Asst. Adjutant

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• Side-memoire for Maj. Beakes.

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The "Società Assicurazione d'Italia" (Italian Insurance Co.) in conjunction with the "Istituto Nazionale Assicurazione" (National Insurance Institute) is at present making a collective contract with the workmen of the Pisa ~~the~~ Mine-clearance sub-area on the following basis:

Duration — 3 months

Indemnity — In case of death an indemnity of £100,000 and in case of permanent, total disability an indemnity of £125,000 (a suitable reduction for permanent, partial disability).

Insurance premium — £4050 quarterly for the first quarter and £3330 approx. for the following quarters.

The payment of the premium has been made in advance. However, the advance should be limited if possible to one month.

EMILIA REGION HEADQUARTER  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

A.F.O. 394

F/MO/1

14/6/45

Subject : Mine Clearance  
To : Director Local Govt. Sub Commission (attn. Maj. Reakes)

- 1) Reference conversation Colonel Cripps 20/5/45.
- 2) The enclosed translations and mine-field charts represent total information received from Army sources to date and are sent to you as requested for the Ministry of War.
- 3) Any additional material received will be forwarded in the same way.

*Attest*

S. MAC NAB Lt.  
Cameron Highlanders  
Mine Clearance Officer  
Emilia Region

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HE ALCON FOR COL CRIPPS

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Ref your letter AG/35/13 para 5 of 4 June 45.  
Istituto Nazionale D'Assicurazione GENOA insists on  
payment of premium one year in advance. Have Ministry of War  
made special arrangements with insurance companies for payment  
of premium on daily basis if so what company please give  
authority or reference to arrangement. Workmen are under  
contract to SNOM 3 months only what is position regarding  
men who terminate service under one year if payment of  
annual premium in advance is necessary. Signed SHORT.

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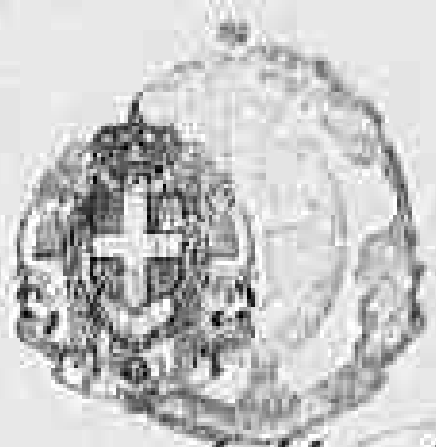
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Ministero della Guerra

DIREZIONE GENERALE ARTIGLIERIA  
e MotorizzazioneDivisione A.S.C. - 1<sup>a</sup> C.

Prot. N. 18776/290 Allegati

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Gen. Genio

Uff. Centrale E.M.C.

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Ricevuto il 4 2.30;

Dir. 1<sup>a</sup> 8/73442

OGGETTO: Carburante per impiego lanciafiamme -

e, per conoscenza:

All' A.C.-LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMM.

A.P.O. 394

(Rifer. A.C/E 35/LG del 25/5/ c.a.)

Attualmente di liquido per lanciafiamme non ve  
ne è disponibilità presso la Direzione Artiglie-  
ria - Sezione "G" (ex-Centro Chimico).

E' stata interessata la Ditta fornitrice di  
approntarne un certo quantitativo.

Si fa riserva di comunicare, non appena questo  
sarà approntato, l'epoca in cui codesta Direzione  
Gen. potrà ritirarlo.

*Liquid for flame throwers  
not available at  
present but they  
are getting some made  
and will let me know.*

d'ordine

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE  
( Col. G. Campagna )

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15 JUN Recd 12/5/20

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

15 Jun 45

Ref: 5/9.1/GA.

SUBJECT: Allocation of Clothing.

16 JUN 45

TO: Local Government Sub-Commission,  
Displaced Persons & Repatriation S/C.

- 1 The Priorities Board has allocated to your Sub-Commission items as listed in attached letter addressed to Commerce Sub-Commission.
- 2 Release orders and instructions as to the collection of these items will be forwarded to you by Commerce Sub-Commission (Special Materials Section).

*A. D. Bonham-Carter*  
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER, Lt. Col.,  
CSO Civil Affairs Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

15 Jun 45

Ref: 5/9.1/CA.

SUBJECT: Allocation of Clothing.

TO: Commerce Sub-Commission.

Reference your letter AC/5134/Commerce dated 12 Jun 45.

- 1 Please allocate the clothing allotted to this Section in your a/m letter to Local Government and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions as follows:

Local Government Sub-Commission  
(for Mine Clearance)

395 Blouses  
500 Trousers  
465 Shirts  
229 Cotton Drawers  
1,000 Socks

Displaced Persons & Repatriation  
Sub-Commission

30 Mackinaws  
20 Overcoats  
93 Field Jackets  
62 Cotton Undershirts  
249 Wool Drawers  
610 Trousers  
210 Gloves (prs)  
6,034 Socks (Prs)  
108 Raincoats  
217 Towels.

- 2 Local Government and Displaced Persons Sub-Commissions have been advised that you will forward release orders and collection instructions to them direct.

*A. D. Bonham-Carter*  
A.D. BONHAM-CARTER, Lt. Col.,  
CSO Civil Affairs Section.

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Copy to: Local Government Sub-Commission,  
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
TOSCANA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

FILE : K-VIII/PS/10.4

14 June 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Toscana.

TO : Headquarters Allied Commission  
Civil Affairs Sub Commission  
Attention Major Reakes.

1. Reference your letter AC/35/L.G. dated 9 June 45.
2. It is noted that 504 Mine Clearance Company may be expected to have completed training and be ready to operate about middle July 1945. It had been hoped that they would have been ready before 19 June 45 in order that Captain Forster could have seen them organized within the Region.

3. All arrangements have been made to billet them in Apuania as follows:-

|         |              |    |                |     |
|---------|--------------|----|----------------|-----|
| Coy H.Q | Massa        | 50 | to 60 Officers | OMS |
|         | Villafraanca | 50 | "              | "   |
|         | Fosdinovo    | 25 | "              | "   |
|         | Rivizzano    | 25 | "              | "   |
|         | Pontremoli   | 50 | "              | "   |

4. Allocating the strength as suggested in para 3 above will allow for the Clearance of mines from the Northern Communes of Apuania and in time, Lucca.

5. The Provincial Commissioner Apuania at the Prefettura Massa has made all the necessary arrangements for the reception of the Company and whose arrival is anxiously awaited.

*H. Green*

H. G. GREEN

Major - G. L.,

Regional Public Safety Officer.

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2. It is noted that 564 Mine Clearance Company may be expected to have completed training and be ready to operate about middle July 1945. It had been hoped that they would have been ready before 19 June 45 in order that Captain Forster could have seen them organized within the region.

3. All arrangements have been made to billet them in Apuania as follows:-

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|-----|------|-------------|-------------------|-----|
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|     |      | Fosdinovo   | 25                | "   |
|     |      | Pivizzano   | 25                | "   |
|     |      | Pontremoli  | 50                | "   |

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*H. G. Green*

M. G. GREEN

Major - G. L.

Regional Public Safety Officer.

564 (Company)  
13/7  
30 June

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Ref:

*AC/53/LG*

18 Jun 45

SUBJECT: Rome Press Report on Mine Clearance.

TO: Executive Commissioner.

- 1 Reference your 1009/26/EC of 15 Jun 45.
- 2 The report in the Daily Digest for 14 Jun 45 is somewhat misleading as the full article refers almost entirely to matters in the Rome Zone. They are, therefore, entirely the concern of the Italian Government and we are not in a position to say whether the officers concerned are competent.
- 3 It is very probable that lack of benzene is holding up the work. There is, of course, a serious shortage.
- 4 I can see no purpose in doing more than drawing the attention of the Ministry of War to this report. This is being done.

*G.R. WYJOHN, Brig.*  
VP CA Section.

Copy to: Local Government Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

Tel: 620

16 June 1945

17 GIU. 1945

AC/53/LG

SUBJECT: Rome Press report on mine clearance.

TO : Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference Rome Press report on mine clearance, the full article referred to in the attached documents is attached as Appendix "B". From it, it will be seen that it is a typical article of this paper and refers almost entirely to matters in the Rome Zone of mine clearance. These matters are, therefore, entirely ones for the Italian Government and at present I am not in a position to say whether or no the officers concerned are competent in mine clearance.

2. I see no useful purpose in doing more than drawing the attention of the Engineer Department of the Ministry of War to these matters.

3. It is considered that it is most probable that lack of benzine is holding up the work, as that has been a matter which, in the experience of this branch, retards progress. It has, however, been frequently represented to all concerned that additional allotments of gasoline ~~have not been~~ *are required* forthcoming. *but none has been forthcoming.*

*R. R. Cripps*  
R. R. CRIPPS

Colonel

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 1009/26/EC.

15 June 45.

Subject: Rome Press report on mine clearance.

15 GIU. 1945

To: Civil Affairs Section.

Reference Digest of Rome Press of 14 June, page 5.

Will you please investigate the report in VOCE REPUBBLICANA  
summarised in para 3.

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Any comment

None

*E. S. G.*  
C.S.G.

To Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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16 June 1945

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*R. R. Cripps*

R. R. CRIPPS

Colonel

Director

Local Government Sub Commission

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

File n. 6/73679

Rome the 9th June 1945

TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION  
 Local Government S/C.

A.P.O. 394

Subject: Mine clearance.

1. We hereby ask the Allied Commission for the liaison service so kindly displayed for the courier between this Direction General and the B.C.M. Zones of the North and viceversa.

2. Lt. S. RUFFI and GAROLINO who are at present engaged with a training course at S. Martino del Cimino, will be sent to the Emilia Region after the end of said course (about the 15th of June).

We therefore beg You to avoid appointments of their officers who, we do not exclude, may be suggested by people interested, for personal reasons, in contrast with the criteria of employment of this Ministry.

3. The safety fuse, besides a small quantity bought up in commerce in Pistoia, is available in the Stores of the Engineers Corps in Southern Italy. The necessary steps are being taken to have it available in Rome.

4. At S. Martino del Cimino a training course for ten officers is being held. On its end (about the 15th June) we shall provide for the envoy of some trained officers to the zones of the North.

5. Arrangements are being made with the Direction General of Commissariat to supply with uniforms some newly appointed officers. The six uniforms kindly allowed by Your Sub Commission are also being withdrawn.

We are preparing through considerable difficulties in finding the necessary material, some mine-detectors. We believe that by the 15th of June, 10 detectors will be available. On that date 5 mine-detectors could be supplied to the Tuscany Region.

The director General of the Eng.  
 ( Gen. of Divi S. Crivaro. )

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Translation J.C.

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

Divisione *873679*  
Sub. *Allegato*

OGGETTO Bonifica campi minati.

*Roma*

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*9-6-45*  
ALL'A.C. LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
SUB COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

*Risposta al Teleg. del*  
*Dir. Sec.*

1. Si ringrazia del cortese servizio di tramite che codesta Sottocommissione si è compiaciuta assumere per il corriere tra questa Direzione Generale e la Zona B.C.M. del Nord e viceversa.

2. I Ten. RANFI e GAROLLO che in atto sono impegnati presso il corso d'addestramento a S. Martino del Cimino verranno inviati presso la Regione Emilia al termine dell'accennato corso (circa il 15 c.m.).

Nell'occasione si prega evitare designazioni nominative di ufficiali, che non si esclude possano essere suggerite dagli interessati per motivi personali, in contrasto coi criteri d'impiego di questo Ministero.

3. La miscela di sicurezza, oltre ad un limitato quantitativo acquistato dal commercio in Pistoia, trova si presso depositi materiali del genio dell'Italia meridionale.

Sono in corso i provvedimenti (trasporti) per averla disponibile a Roma.

4. E' in svolgimento a S. Martino del Cimino un corso di addestramento per 10 ufficiali. Al suo termine (circa il 15 c.m.) si disporrà l'invio di qualche ufficiale addestrato per le zone del Nord.

5. Sono in corso pratiche colla Direzione Generale di Commissariato per poter fornire di uniformi da campo taluni ufficiali nuovi assegnati sprovvisti di uniforme. Sono altresì in corso di prelevamento le sei uniformi da campo messe a disposizione da codesta Sottocommissione.

6. Si sta procedendo all'approntamento di cerammine attraverso notevoli difficoltà d'approvvigionamento materiali. E' prevista una disponibilità di 10 apparati per il 15 c.m.: a tale data 5 apparati potranno essere messi a disposizione della regione Toscana.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE GENIO  
(Gen. di Div. O. Crivaro)

*Crivaro*

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The Ministry of War  
Direction General Artillery and Motorisation

Div Motor. Sect. 2°  
File N. 12089-s 8349

To the Command of the  
532nd Mineclearance Cp.  
P.M. 185 =

Subject: Authorisation repairs of motor  
transports by civil workshops.

Copy for information to  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
Mine clearance liaison office  
( Ref. f.n; 200/RM of the 2/6/45 ).

We hereby authorise the necessary repairs which the  
motor transports attached to this Command urgently need. The repairs  
will be done at the local workshops.

The corresponding estimates, drawn up in double copy,  
shall have to be forwarded to this Ministry of War, who will or  
not approve them after due examination of the prices made by  
the firms.

We beg to point out that in the estimates, also the  
prices of each single operation have to be indicated ( revision of  
engine, differential gear etc. ) and the total price of the spare  
parts which may be required for the repairs of the vehicles.

The Director General a.p.s.  
( Gen. Ugo Russo )

Translation J.C.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Direzione Generale Artiglieria e Motorizzazione

Roma

41 GIU 1945

Divisione Motoriz. Sez. 1<sup>a</sup> 8849

Ord. N. 12094 - 100000

Risposta al field

Dir. Sez. 1<sup>a</sup>

COMANDO DELLA 562<sup>a</sup> COMPAGNIA

AUTONOMA RASTRELLATORI MINE

= P.M. 185 =

OGGETTO: autorizzazione per riparazioni  
automezzi presso ditte civili.

12 JUN 1945

e, per conoscenza:

ALL HEADQUARTERS ALLIED SUB COMMISSION  
MINE CLEARANCE LIAISON OFFICE  
(Rif.f.n.200/EM del 2/6/45)

= R O M A =

Si autorizza a far eseguire presso le locali officine civili le urgenti riparazioni agli automezzi in dotazione a codesto Comando.-

I relativi preventivi di spesa, compilati in duplice copia, dovranno essere inviati a questo Ministero, il quale le si riserva di approvarli o meno dopo aver esaminato le quotazioni fatte dalle ditte.-

Si fa presente che, nei preventivi stessi dovranno essere indicati i prezzi parziali delle singole operazioni di mano d'opera (revisione motore, differenziale ecc.) ed il prezzo sommario dei ricambi che si presume debbano impiegarsi per la riparazione degli automezzi.-

p. IL DIRETTORE GENERALE a.p.s.  
(Gen. Ugo F u s s o)

*Ugo Fuso*

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FO BOLOGNA

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14 June 1945

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PARA ONE FO MAJOR REAKES ARRIVING BY PLANE TOMORROW FIFTEEN JUNE AT  
TEN FORTY FIVE HOURS FO

PARA TWO FOR ACTION FO BOLOGNA ATTENTION LIEUTENANT NICHOLAS FROM ID ALCON  
GIVE ADJUTANT PAPER

PARA TWO FO PLEASE MEET PLANE

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT S/C

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NICHOLAS PICHINO  
CWO USA  
Asst. Adjutant

HEADQUARTER EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

A. P. O. 394

14 JUN 1945

Ref. F/MC/1

8/6/45

Subject : Mine Clearance

To : Director Local Govt. Sub Commission (attn. Major Reakes )

- 1) Nos. 562 and 563 Mine Clearance Companies are now working in the following Provinces of Emilia Region. Bologna, Modena, Ravenna, and Forlì. The Companies are not sufficiently strong in numbers to cover the entire Region so I have disposed them in the areas corresponding to last winters Battle Line, where the mines are thickest.

- 2) The Battalion has been organized along the following administrative lines.

Bn. H: Q.

Bologna

562 Coy

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Pavullo (Modena Province)

Ravenna

- 3) It has been extremely difficult to establish priorities. I asked Region to supply me with priority lists but up to date none have been forthcoming so I have had to establish those myself.

- 4) Transport has been extremely difficult and even now this problem has still to be overcome. The Regional Transport Officer has not only been unco-

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The Regional Transport Officer has not only been unco-operative but has obstructed my efforts, from the start. The Prefect of Bologna Province requisitioned a car for me and at first I was refused fuel for this vehicle on the grounds that it was a civilian vehicle, although most of the Regional Transport is civilian requisitioned. This order was countermanded and I now get petrol.

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- 5) Mine field Information and Maps  
I have obtained a great deal of information and maps of mined areas from Army Sources, and I have understand that more of this information will be forthcoming in the near future. At present I am having translations made and I will forward them to you for the Ministry of War.
- 6) I have instructed the Officers in the new types of Mines and the men are now familiar with those types.
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: RE 381  
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 09 1430Z

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Local Govt.  
Message Centre No: 3/4828  
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 13 1015Z  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: DISTWOTO : ACTION: HQ ALCON

RESTRICTED

For Local Govt SC from CE. Ref your sig 9226 of 6. My  
CE/912 of 4 refers.

Dist

Action - L. Govt SC  
Info - Chief Commissioner  
CA Sec  
File 2  
Fleat

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
OFFICE OF G-4 (B)

1236  
Tel: 489081.  
Ext: 436.

G4/102/31

12 June 1945.

SUBJECT : Release of Detectors, Mine.

TO : Local Government Sub-Commission, (Attn. Major Reakes).

1. Further to my letter of even reference dated 19 May 1945.
2. The remaining 10 mine detectors have been sent forward as per your instructions.
3. Issue voucher (A.F. G.1033) for these detectors was forwarded to you under cover of my above quoted letter. Voucher number G1098/AC/542 refers.
4. It is requested that voucher may now be receipted and returned to this office, please.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE

*D. H. Haslam*  
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Major, R. A.  
G-4 (B)

*This is coming forward. Please to  
receipt with my. Joke 12/6.*

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HEADQUARTER EMILIA REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

A. P. O. 394

12 JUN 1945

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9/6/45

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| (Prefettura)      | two, 10 quintal trucks                   |
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Copies to:

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Capt. Spanpanato Officer Commanding No. 1 Battalion

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*State of Emergency Committee  
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