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MINE CLEARANCE
JUN., JULY 1945

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MINE CLEARANCE, CORRESPONDENCE, VOL. XIII
JUN., JULY 1945

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Subject :- Vehicle Assignments.

SI/1301

16 July 45

18 JUL 1945

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

Rome

Tel : Rome 489081 Ext 526

To :- S.M.R.E., Ufficio Automobilismo.

Ref your 6/6786 of 11 July.

1. Since No 1 Mine Clearance Bn has no autonomous existence in the Italian Army Order of Battle, no further correspondence can be considered by this office regarding vehicle holdings of this unit.
2. No monthly vehicle returns in respect of any of the Mine Clearance Coys have yet been received by this HQ. Until such returns are received, no further action can be taken in respect of vehicle assignments to these units.

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Shkshilika
for Lt. Col. ADST.,
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MMIA)

REAKES

Copy to :- Local Government Sub-Commission (for Maj ~~Renton~~). —

Internal:- S.O.R.E.

*W. Chetwin by the S.C.
JUL 17/7*

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5 P-3 Company

14 July 45

Subject: Bonuses.

To : Col. Cripps

1. The Ministry of War - Direzione Genio - Central Office for Mine Clearance has suspended the payment of bonuses for the workers with letter ref 8/73445 and has not yet given further dispositions asked by me with letter of 16 June 45.

2. This disposition has a very bad influence on the morale of the soldiers, who for the moment are getting but their ordinary pay of 35 lire daily. Therefore the work is not proceeding as it should.

3. I beg your collaboration in order to solve the question urgently.

F. Spampinato

*Maestri know the answer. I will inform
the Coy. It was arranged with 1033
Supremo that the Coy will be
paid bonus from 1 June at 2 15
Lire per mine. JH 9/7.*

HEADQUARTERS & ALLIED SUBCOMMISSION A.C. ROMA
MINE CLEARANCE - EMILIA REGION - LIAISON OFFICE
211, Toscana Street

Bologna, 14/7/1945

Ref N243 / IR.M.

Subject:- Premio mina.-

TO: Col. Crippa - HQ/AC - C.A. Section A.P.O. 394 - ROMA

and f.a. AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA - Direz. Gen. Serv. Amm. ROMA
ALTERNATIVE MAG NAB - Mine Clearance Officer BOLOGNA

- 1) In data 28/5/1945 - il Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Genio - Ufficio Centrale - B.C.M., con foglio ~~8/73445~~ 8/73445 ha sospeso il pagamento dei premi mine ai militari rastrellatori e non ha ancora fatto conoscere le nuove disposizioni, che lo sollecitai fin dal 16/6/1945, con lettera 218/1 R.M. diretta al Ministero della Guerra - Direzione Generale Servizi Amministrativi -
- 2) Ciò incide dannosamente sul morale dei militari dipendenti dal 1° Battaglione Rastrellatori Mine, il cui trattamento economico, ora ridotto alla sola paga di lire 35 al giorno, è del tutto insufficiente -
- Quindi, il rendimento dei lavori tende a diminuire -
- 3) Vi prego di dare tutto il Vs. appoggio perchè la questione venga risolta sollecitamente.-

F. Spampinato opt.
It. Liaison Officer
Mine Clearance - Emilia Region

CPT. SPAMPANATO F.
LIAISON OFFICER
MINE CLEARANCE
HEADQUARTERS A.C. ROMA

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SUBJECT: Issues to Mine Clearance Coys.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
 A.C. (M. M. I. A.)
 R O M E
 Q/15/18
 16 July 1945.

TO : MMIA LO Naples.

1. It has been noted that Ten. Pressia Tommaso of the 10th Genio Regt. has been drawing the clothing released to the Mine Clearance Coys. Aleom reports that 562 Mine Clearance Coy is in a deplorable state for clothing, and an indent for a complete scale of clothing from the skin out has been received for this company. (See attached authorization notices AQ/ITI-ITI/551 and AQ/45/ITI/486).

2. The following are some of the pertinent authorization notices and corresponding issue vouchers from Depot 591.

<u>A.N.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>I.V.</u>	<u>DATE</u>
AQ/ITI-ITI/498	19 April 45	584	11 May 45
AQ/ITI-ITI/507	20 April 45	IT/170	11 May 45
AQ/45-ITI/344	14 May 45	652	13 June 45

3. You are directed to investigate the situation to determine what disposition has been made of the clothing by 10 Genio Regt. If the clothing has been issued to the units which it was intended, information as to the quantity, date of issue, method of delivery, and person receipting for deliver is desired. If issue has not been made to the units for which intended, why not? Any clothing on hand in 10 Genio Regt. stores should be ordered returned to depot 591 at once.

4. An early report is desired.

Ira V. Fordyce
 IRA V. FORDYCE, Captain
 for Colonel DQMG
 Land Forces Sub Commission

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Copy to: Civil Affairs Section HQ Aleom
 (attn: Maj. Reaks.)

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Annex 'B' to Admin. Instr. #19

Issue VoucherBuono di ConsegnaSerial No.
N. Progressivo ITI-170Date
Data II/5/45Depot
1. Deposito 59IIssued to:
2. Consegnatario CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION ISSUE TO MINE CLEARANCE COYS

Authorization for issue

Autorizzazione

a Release Order No.

N. dell'Ordine di consegna AQ/ITI/ITI/507 Date 20/4/45to As Ordered by
Su Ordine delBARONE SGT.

who is

(Name--Cognome)

the MIA representative at this Depot.

Rappresentante dell'MIA presso questo Deposito.

Stock No.

4. N. della voce

Description

Articolo

Amount

Numero

1.	ITALIANI	PANTALONI DI COTONE TROUSERS COTTON	966
2.		LAST ITEM	
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Issued to: _____

2. Consegna: CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION ISSUE TO MINE CLEARANCE COYS

3. Autorizzazione: _____

4. Release Order No. _____

5. N. dell'Ordine di consegna AQ/ITI/ITI/507 Date 20/4/45

6. As Ordered by BARONE SGT. who is _____

7. Su Ordine del _____

8. the MIA representative at this Depot.
Rappresentante dell'MIA presso questo Deposito.

Stock No.	Description Articolo	Amount Numero
1. <u>ITALIANI</u>	<u>PANTALONI DI COTONE</u> <u>TROUSERS COTTON</u>	<u>966</u>
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5. Signature of Depot Official _____

6. Rank-Grado _____

7. Signature of Receiving Officer _____

8. Rank-Grado _____

9. Name of Receiving Officer _____

10. Cognome TEN. PRESCIA TOMASSO

11. Unit-ento IO GEN. REGT.

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Annex 'D' to Admin. Instr. #19

Issue VoucherBuono di ConsegnaSerial No.
N. Progressivo 584Date
Date II/5/451. Depot
Deposito 5912. Issued to:
Consegnatario CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION FOR ISSUE NINE CLEARANCE COYS

Authorization for issue

3. Autorizzazione

A Release Order No.

N. dell'Ordine di consegna AQ/ITI/ITI/498 Date 19/4/45b As Ordered by
Su Ordine delBARONE SGT.

who is

(Name--Cognome)

the MIA representative at this Depot.

Rappresentante dell'MIA presso questo Deposito.

Stock No.

4. N. della voce

Description
ArticoloAmount
Numero

1.	<u>I21 A</u>	<u>MUTANDE DI COTONE</u> <u>DRAWERS COTTON</u>	<u>1932</u>
2.	<u>I22 A</u>	<u>MAGLIETTE DI COTONE</u> <u>UNDERSHIRTS COTTON</u>	<u>1932</u>
3.		<u>LAST ITEM</u>	
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2. Consegna CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION FOR ISSUE MINE CLEARANCE COYS

Authorization for issue

3. Autorizzazione

a Release Order No.

N. dell'Ordine di consegna AQ/ITI/ITI/498

Date

Data 19/4/45is As Ordered by
Su Ordine delBARONE SGT.

who is

(Name--Cognome)

the IMMA representative at this Depot.

Rappresentante dell'IMMA presso questo Deposito.

Stock No. 4. N. delle voci	Description Articolo	Amount Numero
1. <u>I21 A</u>	<u>MUTANDE DI COTONE</u> <u>DRAWERS COTTON</u>	<u>1932</u>
2. <u>I22 A</u>	<u>MAGLIETTE DI COTONE</u> <u>UNDERSHIRTS COTTON</u>	<u>1932</u>
3.	<u>LAST ITEM</u>	
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10545. Signature of Depot Official
Firma del Consegnatario
del MagazzinoReceiving Officer
Uff. Ricevente

Name

Cognome

TEN. PRESCIA TOLMASSOSIGNED

Rank-Grado

Rank-Grado

Unit-ento 10 GEN. REGT.

Pro-Forma IMMA/Ord/5

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE 16 July 1945

SERIAL No. AQ/ 45-111/436

AUTHORIZATION SERVICE

1. Reference 19132/VC dated 2 July 1945.

2. Authority is granted to issue the u/n items from ALLIED SOURCES.

TO 562 Mines Clearance Coy.

Stationed at Pavullo Nel Frignano

Employed by A.C.

STOCK No.STANDARD NOMENCLATUREAMOUNT116 A
106 A
103 ABTrousers, cotton
Socks, cotton
Boots200
600
200

3. Purpose of issue

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4. In compliance with para. 5 MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.

5. Collection should be made on or before 15 AUGUST 1945, after which this Authorization becomes invalid.

6. REMARKS

Stationed at Pavullo Nel Frignano

Employed by A.C.

STOCK No.

STANDARD NOMENCLATURE

AMOUNT

116 A
106 A
103 AB

Trousers, cotton
Socks, cotton
Boots

200
500
200

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3. Purpose of issue

4. In compliance with para. 5 MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.

5. Collection should be made on or before 15 August 1945, after which this Authorization becomes invalid.

6. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO NAPLES (2)
MMIA ORD
FILE

Civil Affairs Section A.C.
Pro Forma MMIA/ORD/2

For Major General
Military Mission Italian Army

A.C. Nov. 1944

TO: MINISTRY OF WAR (2)

FROM: MMIA

DATE

16 July 1945

SERIAL No. AQ/ III-IMI/351

AUTHORIZATION SERVICE

1. Reference 19132/V3 Dated 2 July 1945.
Italian
2. Authority is granted to issue the u/n items from ALIEN SOURCES.

TO 562 Mine Clearance Coy.

Stationed at Pavullo Nel Orignano

Employed by A.C.

STOCK No.STANDARD NOMENCLATUREAMOUNT

Drawers, cotton	400
Shirts, cotton	400
Handkerchiefs	400
Belts, waist	200
Towels	300
Helmetts, colonial	75

3. Purpose of issue

4. In compliance with para. 5 MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued.

5. Collection should be made on or before 15 August 1945, after which this Authorization becomes invalid.

6. REMARKS

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Stationed at Pavullo Nel GrignanoEmployed by A.C.STOCK No.STANDARD NOMENCLATUREAMOUNT

Drawers, cotton	400
Shirts, cotton	400
Handkerchiefs	400
Belts, waist	200
Towels	300
Helmets, colonial	75

3. Purpose of issue

4. In compliance with para. 5 MMIA Adm. Inst. No. 1, items will be withdrawn in exchange for items issued 10525. Collection should be made on or before 15 August 1945, after which this Authorization becomes invalid.

6. REMARKS

DISTRIBUTION:

MMIA LO UNITED (2)
 MMIA ORD
 FILE

Civil Affairs Section A.C. ✓
 Pro Forma MMIA/ORD/2

Ugo V. Jorgensen
 For Major General
 Military Mission Italian Army
 A.C. Nov. 1944

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

17 July 45

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

Reference your G-5:230.4-13 of 4 July 45.

AMG 5 Army have informed this Sub Commission that they have no school for instructing civilians in Mine Clearance other than those operated under this Sub-Commission

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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

Copy to: LIGURIA Region
(attn. Capt. SHORT) for information

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

17 July 45

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance

TO : HQ LIGURIA Region
(attn.: Capt. M.SHORT)

Reference your PBR/275 of 12 July.

1. The company should be considered as under control of AC. If Major Davies of 60 Sub-Area still has doubt in the matter he should clear at once with HQ No.2 District. It was pointed out to Major Reakes that the unit did not even appear on the Area's Order of Battle.

2. If the matter is not cleared up within the next day or two please signal this HQ.

3. If Capt. FESTA has not received posting orders send him to Rome for instructions (with all his kit) and place BELLI in temporary command.

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

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SERVIZIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI COMANDO ZONA LIGURIA

16 JUL 1945

N. _____ di prot.
Rif. al foglio N. PER/275
del _____

GENOVA. 12 Luglio 1945
PALAZZO NAVIG. "ITALIA"
PUBBL. A. M. G. - TELEF. 28042

OGGETTO: Posting Officers.

to : Local Government Sub Commission.
HQ. AC.

1. A copy of signal B.467 of 8 July from H.M.I.A. to 2 District has been received.
2. This signal gives instructions for No.561 Italian Mine Clearance Coy to be taken over by A.C.
3. So far 2 District have not confirmed these orders with Major Davies of 60 Sub Area, at whose disposal the Coy is at present, and until confirmation, of such orders is received the Coy will remain at Major Davies disposal.
4. The Coy was inspected by this HQ in the presence of Major Davies, on 11 Jul 45.
5. It was found that discipline was non-existent, morale at the lowest possible ebb, and the Company Commander unacquainted either with his company or his duties.
6. This Company is urgently in need of a strong commander and it is requested that Capt. PESTA be relieved of his command forthwith. Until another Coy Commander is posted it appears that Lieut POTENZA, 2 i/c, is capable of taking over, or subject to a period of probation might eventually be made Company Commander.
7. Major DAVIES, who is Mines Disposal Liaison officer with 60 Sub Area is in agreement with the remarks contained in Paras 5 and 6.

Copies to: H.Q. A.C.
Major DAVIES
File

M. Short
M. SHORT
Captain R.A.S.C.
Mines Disposal Officer

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

13 JUL 1945

AC/53/LG

13 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Transportation Sub Commission
(Roads Division)

Reference your Inter Office Memorandum of 2
July 1945 may this Sub-Commission please be advised of
the progress of the indent for trucks for Mine Clearance.

R.R. Griffes
R.R. GRIFFES Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub-Commission.

1st Ind
Roads Division T/S/c
To: Local Govt. S/c Hq. AC. 16 July 1945
1. Indent has been passed to AFHQ. No
reply has been obtained from them.

Smaller step forward!
17/7.

Warner Peterson
Capt. 1043
Roads Div

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HEADQUARTERS
AMC FIFTH ARMY
APO 464 U.S. ARMY

16 JUL 1945

DMG/sa
13 July 1945
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SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Director, Local Govt. S/C Alcom

1. Reference your AC/53/LG of 9 July 1945.
2. No school for instructing in mine clearance is being run by 5th Army troops.
3. The only school for instructing civilians that is known to this headquarters is that operated by Capt. Short and of which you have complete knowledge.


D.M. GAITNER
Major C.E.,
Engineer Officer,
AMC Fifth Army

Copy to Capt. Short

*Refer what I thought but
at HQ were so much.*

pk 17/7

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

16 July 45.

AC/53/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

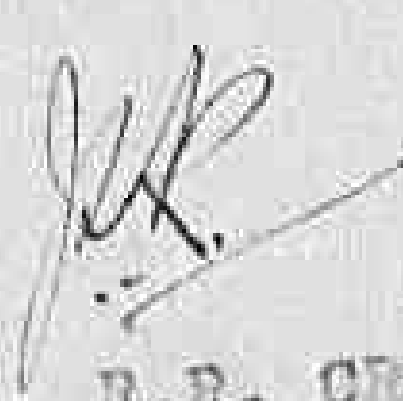
TO : HQ LIGURIA Region
(Attn.: Capt. E. SHORT)

1. The closing of Patriot Centre at LA SPEZIA has been delayed as 26 patriots have volunteered for training as Mine Clearers. It is understood that Capt. SHORT already knows of the existence of these volunteers.

2. It was arranged that he would send a squad of soldiers of the 561 Mine Clearance Company to LA SPEZIA along with one or two instructors.

3. These 26 men should be enrolled as soon as possible and their training commenced.

4. Please inform this HQ of the present position in LA SPEZIA.


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

Copy to: Patriot Branch (for information)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AG/53/LG

16 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

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

The following batteries are urgently required
for Mine Detectors

BA 30 (1.5 volts)	= 100
BA 38	= 25

May release orders be issued as soon as
possible so that the Mine Detectors may be kept in
operation.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:



R.R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

16 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ SWITIA Region
(attn.: Lt. MACNAB)

1. Reference is made to Capt. Spampinato's last report. He states, that often military personnel have to wear civilian clothing because of lack of military clothing. This matter is being taken up and an issue will shortly be made.

2. With regard to the move of the 564 Mine Clearance Company no personnel will be left at PESCARA. If it is found impracticable to move this Company by road please advise this HQ by return so that a bid may be put in for rail move. If this bid was put in within the next ten days a rail move could be arranged for the first week in August. This would give you time to arrange accomodation.



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

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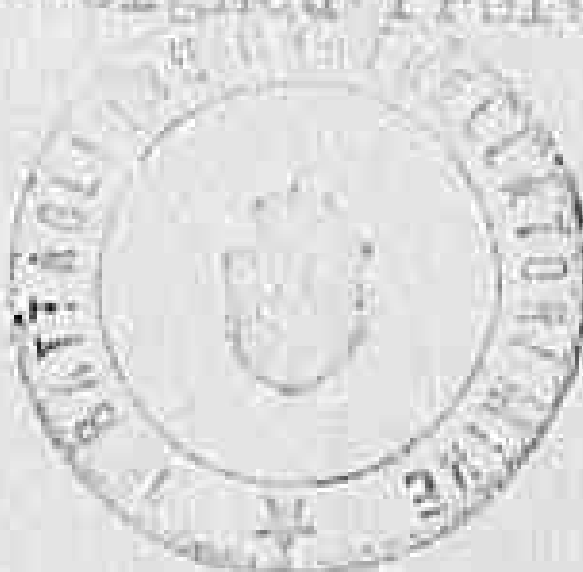
H O I O G A A

29) - Please authorized us to leave squad of 7 cleaners at Pescara. 10 3

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Ref. 538/Rq.° *Esigione Rastrellatori Mine*
SUBJECT: - "Sparto" Personnel **COMANDO**
TO: - Ist. M.C. Battalion HQ.

- 1°) - It has been known that Mine Clearance Company, now here, leaving Pescara. =
- 2°) - There is a great deal of mines and clearers are always required to clear.
It would be necessary not to transport these men, necessary for work at Pescara and Province. - "Signed Prefetto Volpes"



IL COMANDANTE
(Capt. F. Spicciardi)

**1° Battaglione Rastrelli : Mine
COMANDO**

Ref. 537/Rm.

SUBJECT: - File for Mine Detectors.-

TO: Col. Grippa - HQ/AC - Section Civil Affairs
C.A. - A.P.O. 39+ R O M A

and P.A.
TO: Lt. A. Mac Nab - Officer Mine Clearance
Emilia Region B O L O G N A

- 1°) - Batteries for mine Detectors of 562 and 563 Companies are used up -
2°) - Please, provide this Battalion with necessary batteries of BA 30
(1,5 volts) and BA 38 (103,5 volts) type.-



IL COMANDANTE

(*Capo S. Tramparito*)

[Handwritten signature]

Letter 07/11/89
(B.S.)
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1° Battaglione Rastrellatori Mine
COMANDO

Prot. N° 484/R.M.

Bologna, 4/7/1945

OGGETTO: - Impiego della 564a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine. -

AL COLONNELLO STEPS
A.C. Section A.P.O. 394

R O M A

o, per conoscenza,

AL LT. MAG MAG A. - Liaison Officer
Mine Clearance - Emilia Region

B O L O G N A

La 564a Compagnia Rastrellatori Mine, avendo
svolto con profitto il corso di istruzione presso
la Scuola Addestramento di Silvi Marina (Teramo)
è in grado di essere prontamente impiegata nei cam-
pi minati. -

Si prega, pertanto, dare disposizioni per
l'impiego del predetto Reparto. -



IL COMANDANTE
IL COMANDANTE
(Capt. F. Spampinato)

The 564 Mine Clearance Company has completed training at the
School of Silvi Marina (Teramo) and is ready to be employed
on mine fields.

Please give your instructions concerning the employment of this
Company.

I presume General will
with this but shall ask him.
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16/7.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

14 July 45.

AC/53/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via X^a Settembre
ROMA

Reference this Commission's letters AC/53/LG of 9th and 13th July sent to AFHQ copies to you there is forwarded for your information list of exhibits on view at the museum, some of which it is hoped will be handed over to you.

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

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Am/vm

The Ministry of War
Direction General Engineer's

Div.: Water.
File: II/24753/11

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Re met the 9th July 1945
to the ALLIED COMMISSION
Local Government S/C.

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AFO 394

Subject : Allied Mine-detectors.

13 JUL 1945

Copies for information to:

INSPETTORATO DEM. ARMA DEL GENIO
TO THE UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO.

- 1) - We are taking note of Your communications of above mentioned letter.
- 2) - The bodies which, in due time, were assigned the Mine-detectors referred to in the subject, have been invited to acknowledge their receipt. As soon as these acknowledgements will arrive they will be transmitted to Your Sub-COMMISSION.

For the Minister

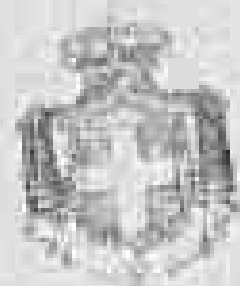
(Gen Div . O. Crivaro)

Phoned Genl. Sulpino re. this.

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AM/bm



Ministero della Guerra
Direzione Generale Genio

Divisione Mater. *Leg.*
Reg. II/24753/M *Regole*

13 JUL 1945

9 LUG 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED
COMMISSION APO 394 LOCAL
GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION
= R O M A

Proposta al f. del 26/6/1945
Dir. *Leg.* IAC/35/LG

Oggetto: Cercamine alleati.-

e.p.c. ALL'ISPETTORATO DELL'ARMA DEL GENIO = S E D E
ALL'UFFICIO COORDINAMENTO = S E D E

- 1) - Si prende atto di quanto comunicato nel n° 1 del foglio cui si risponde.
- 2) - Gli enti che hanno avuto a suo tempo in distribuzione i cercamine in oggetto sono stati sollecitati ad accusarne ricevuta. Appena queste perverranno, saranno trasmesse a codesta Sottocommissione.-

p. IL MINISTRO
(Gen.Div. O.CRIVARO)

Crivaro
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

14 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : G-1 (B).

Captain M. SHORT, RASC.

The above named officer is engaged on Mine Clearing in LIGURIA Region and is at present assigned to VENETIA Region and attached 5 Army (and IV Corps).

In view of the anticipated break up of 5 Army please have Captain M. SHORT attached to Local Government Sub Commission immediately sending a copy of your order to AMG 5 Army (attn. Maj. HAYNE). Capt. SHORT will remain for the present in LIGURIA Region and you may wish to endorse his records to this effect.

RRC.

R.R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: AMG 5 Army
(Attn.: Maj. HAYNE).

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AMC LIGURIA REGION

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14th July, 1945

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ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE SIGNAL FIVE ZERO SIX OF ELEVEN JULY PD

PARA TWO PD CAPTAIN PASTA IS BEING MOVED AWAY FROM FIVE SIX ONE COMPANY PD POSTING

POSTING OF A CAPTAIN FROM A COMBAT UNIT LIEUTENANT BELLI WILL BE IN TEMPORARY COMMAND

PD MINISTRY OF WAR HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS

Local Government S/C

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NICHOLAS FIORINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

14 July 45.

AC/54/LG

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ LIGURIA Region
(Attn.: Capt. SHORT).

The Ministry of War have issued instructions for the reposting of Captain PESTA of the 561 Company. A new commanding officer is being posted to the Company. He is considered to be capable and has seen service with a combat unit. Pending his arrival Lt. BELLI will assume temporary command of the Company. Lt. BELLI is an experienced mine clearing officer and has been with the Company since its inception.


R.R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 487
 Date/Time of Origin: JULY

Message Centre No: E/8855
 Date Time Rec'd: JULY 091715
 Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AME LIGURIA REGION SIGNED SHORT
 TO: HQ. ALCON FOR MATCH REAKES

10 JUL 1945

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5 ARMY AME wish to post me to VENSZIE Region. Please contact Major HAYNE Admin Officer and confirm if desired to retain me in present capacity.

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ACTION INFO LOCAL GOVT
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Unit to move to Liguria Region.

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SERVIZIO BONIFICA CAMPI MINATI
COMANDO ZONA LIGURIA

N. _____ di prot.

Rif. al foglio N. _____

del _____

GENOVA. 10 Luglio 1945

PALAZZO NAVIGLIONE ITALIA
PROMPT A. M. G. - TELEF. 25037

OGGETTO:

D/O

13 JUL 1945

to : Major J.S. Reakes

H.Q. A.C.

Dear Major,

I refer to your visit last week when the future programme for mines disposal was discussed.

To-day I received a signal from Major Hayne, the Admin Officer of 5 Army A.M.G., recalling me there immediately.

As the result of a subsequent telephone conversation with him, I learned that it was the intention to post me to Venezia Region.

In view of our recent conversation, I informed Major Hayne that it was hoped, if possible, to retain me in my present capacity, mentioning the fact that I had just received a signal instructing me to take over the 561 Italian Coy on behalf of A.C.

Major Hayne said that he will get in touch with you, and in the meantime I sent you a short signal informing you of the circumstances.

I appreciate the difficulties of the situation, but perhaps if it were possible to have me transferred to your staff, future claims might be prevented!

Hoping that you had a successful return journey.

Yours sincerely.

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Martin Short

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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13 July 45

AG/53/LG

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

Reference your H-5:230.4-13 of 3 July 45, it is requested that permission be given for an Italian officer (engaged on mine clearance) to visit the R 17 B/D Detachment to see the museum before it is dismantled. Please also state the location of this unit.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER:

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

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AC/53/LG

13 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : LIGURIA Region
(Attn.: Capt. SHORT).

1. Major REAKES has recently visited PIERMONTE Region and a copy of his report has been forwarded to you.

2. PIERMONTE Region will be made a sub-zone of LIGURIA Region and come under Lt.Col. CARINI. Piemonte Region has 30 trained men working on Mine Clearance and they are operating successfully under the Public Works and Utilities Branch.

3. There is no need for Captain SHORT to visit PIERMONTE at present but the sub-zone Commander will be given instructions to visit Lt.Col. CARINI so soon as the Ministry of War approve of his appointment.

R.R. Cripps

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

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

13 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
ROMA

1. With reference to Major BRANES' recent visit to PIEMONTE the following arrangements were made:

- (a) PIEMONTE will be made a sub-zone of LIGURIA Zone.
- (b) Capt. TOMBOLINI, attached to the Genio Militare at TORINO will be made sub-zone Commander. This was arranged with General NICOTRA.
- (c) Capt. TOMBOLINI will report to Lt.Col. CARINI for administrative instructions and to ensure that his men are brought on to the pay roll.
- (d) The sub-zone will operate under instructions to be issued by PIEMONTE Region (Public Works and Utilities Branch).
- (e) The sub-zone will hire the transport necessary for its own work.

2. There is no need for Lt.Col. CARINI to visit PIEMONTE sub-zone at present as they appear to be well

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organised and there is plenty work for Lt.Col.CARINI to do in LICURIA. He should of course visit his sub-zone when the opportunity presents itself.

3. The Ministry of War is requested to send instructions (by signal if possible) to General NICOTRA of the Genio Militare to appoint Capt. TOMBOLINI as Zone Commander and to nominate a junior officer to assist.

4. A copy of Major REAKES' report is enclosed for your perusal.

5. The Ministry is requested to forward books of instruction to the sub-zone for their use.



R.R. CRIPPS Colonel
Director
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to: HQ LICURIA Region
(Attn.: Capt.SHORT
to hand to Lt.Col.CARINI)
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig.Gen.F.SUPINO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AO/53/LG

13 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : Transportation Sub Commission
(Roads Division)

Reference your Inter Office Memorandum of 2
July 1945 may this Sub-Commission please be advised of
the progress of the indent for trucks for Mine Clearance.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB-COMMISSION

AO/53/LG

13 July 45.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ EMILIA Region
(Attn.: Lt. A. MAGNAB).

1. Captain SPAMPANATO has been writing several letters under the heading of "Allied Sub-Commission Rome" to EMIA and to the Ministry of War. Such a heading gives an apparent authority to the letters which does not in fact exist. In addition he calls himself Liaison Officer or O.C. No. 1 Battalion. Copies of these letters were not sent to you or to this HQ.

2. Capt. Spampanato is not Liaison Officer to this HQ and No. 1 Battalion has never been officially recognized.

3. There are two channels of communications open to Capt Spampanato (1) through you to this HQ who will deal direct with the Ministry of War and (2) through the Division to which he is attached on all administrative matters connected with his two Companies.

4. Capt. Spampanato has recently written a letter concerning the Company Commander of the 561 Company and making certain recommendations. The 561 Company is not under command of Capt. Spampanato and he has no interest in this Company.

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5. Please draw the attention of Capt. Spampinato to these points. He will not in future use any other title than O.C. 562/3 Companies.

RR

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

Copy to: Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA
Ministry of War
Via XX Settembre
Brig.Gen. P. SUPING.

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HEADQUARTERS EMILIA REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394

31 JUL 1945
5/7/45

Ref. : F/MC/I

Subject : Mine Clearance

To : F.O. Reggio Emilia

- (1) Local Government Sub-Commission have been informed by the Italian Ministry of War that the U.N.P.A. Organization in your Province have been authorized to lift mines within the Province.
- (2) It is pointed out that Mine Clearance is one of the functions of this Sub-Commission who have established a Zone Scheme for the employment of civilian workers.
- (3) A copy of the approved scale of wages is attached.
- (4) The proposed bonus of £ 300 per mine lifted is ridiculously high and will on no account be paid.
- (5) If U.N.P.A. wish to undertake this work arrangements will be made by me to incorporate them within the Zone Scheme . They will receive the normal wage scale and equal insurance benefits as paid to the other civilians workers.
- (6) These are the only conditions under which they will be allowed to work.

Copy to :

- Col.Cripps
- Regional Commissioner.
- File.



A. MacKab
A. MacKab Lt.
Cameron Highlanders
Mine Clearance Officer
Emilia Region.

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SCALE OF WAGES1. Wages.

On the job :

Labourers

a)	Basic pay(30 or 31 days in the month)gross	L. 81	per day
b)	Increase idem	L.109	" "
c)	Risk indemnity(only on full working days)	L.250	" "

Foreman

a)	Basic pay(30 or 31 days in the month)gross	L. 91.70	" "
b)	Increase idem	L.119.--	" "
c)	Risk indemnity(only for full working days)	L.250.--	" "

During the training :

Basic pay and increase as paras a and b for labourers.
Risk indemnity as above only on the days of instruction on minefields.

2. Insurance.

Normal insurance paid by the Government and in addition special insurance taken up from the worker who will pay for this about 40 Lire per day. This special insurance entitles the worker to 125.000 Lire for permanent injury and his heirs to 100.000 Lire in case of death.

3. Out of residence indemnity.

The worker who spends his night out of his own town on duty is entitled to repayment of his expenses up to a maximum of 140 Lire per day. The worker who gets food and billet gratis has no right to indemnity.

No one can pay money to Mine Clearance workers for their work in addition to the pay they get from HQ Emilia Zone.

S I G N A L

From - MMIA
To - DISTWO rptd HQ LIGURIA REGION AC

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REF YOUR RE557 (.) 561 ITALIAN LINE CLEARANCE COMPANY WILL BE TAKEN OVER
BY ALCOM IN PRESENT LOCATION UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPT SHORT OF LIGURIA
REGION

Precedence ROUTINE

Authenticated R.C. COPLESTON Maj

Recd 13/19

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 506
Date/Time of Origin: JULY 11/1945

Message Centre No: E/9259
Date Time Rec'd: JULY 11/2045B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AND LITHUANIA REGION FOR SHORT
TO: BOALCOE FOR MAJOR REAGERS

2 JUL 1945

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Request immediate removal Captain FESTA commander 56 Italian mine clearance
Coy letter follows.

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ACTION : LOCAL GOVT

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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*Captin Festa is being
removed & Lt. Belli is
in temporary command. a
Capt from a combat unit a
good one is being obtained.*

Ans. JPK

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HEADQUARTERS
12 JUL 1945 **1022**

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Subject :- P.O.L. for civilian vehicles employed on Mine Clearance duties.

ST/1601

Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA)
Rome
Tel : Rome 489034 Ext 526

2 July 45

To :- S.M.A.E., Ufficio Automobili.

Ref your 60/543/0/Secy and att 8/7417 of 26 June/Florence Generale
del Genio to Ministry of War - Cabinet.

1. It is appreciated that the clearance of mines is a task of considerable importance, and that it is essential that P.O.L. necessary for this duty should be made available.
2. It is pointed out however, that P.O.L. for civilian vehicles employed on such duties within Italian Government-administered territory must be found from the bulk allocation of P.O.L. made to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and that the way in which this allocation is divided between the various civil organizations is an Italian Government responsibility. It is felt that, if the importance of mine clearance is brought to the notice of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, both by the Ministry of War and the appropriate department of the government, the above-mentioned ministry should be able to furnish/cooperatively small additional quantities of P.O.L. (approx 75 barrels for Rome and 75 for Florence) notified as required for the month of July.
3. It is understood from Commerce Sub-Commission that supplies of P.O.L. have already been made available for civil purposes in Tuscany, and no doubt any difficulties which arise in regard to such supplies will be taken up by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce directly with Commerce Sub-Commission, A.C.

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Altkhishat for Lt. Col. ABEL.
Land Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).

Copies :- Commerce Sub-Commission A.C. } together with copies of
Civil Affairs Sub-Commission } R. of War letter 8/7417 of 26 June 45.
(For info - of Maj Forces.)

Internal :- 1/2.

S.O.R.E.
ST/1304.

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Ref your CO/948/0/8077 and att 8/7417 of 26 June/Dirondom Generale
del Genio to Ministry of War - Cabinet.

1. It is appreciated that the clearance of mines in a work of considerable importance, and that it is essential that P.O.L. necessary for this duty should be made available.
2. It is pointed out however, that P.O.L. for civilian vehicles employed on such duties within Italian Government-administered territory must be found from the bulk allocation of P.O.L. made to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and that the way in which this allocation is divided between the various civil organizations is an Italian Government responsibility. It is felt that, in the importance of mine clearance is brought to the notice of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, both by the Ministry of War and the appropriate departments of the Government, the above-mentioned ministry should be able to furnish/cooperatively small additional quantities of P.O.L. (approx 75 barrels for Rome and 17 for Florence) notified as required for the month of July.
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Copies to: Commerce Sub-Commission AD,
Civil Affairs Sub-Commission
(for inf - of Maj Bonnes.)

Althuis for Lt. Col. ADST.,
Local Forces Sub Comm A.C. (MIA).

together with copies of
S. of War letter 8/7417 of 26 June 45.

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COPY OF TRANSLATION.

From : M. of War (Genie General Directorate)
To : M. of War (Cabinet) - S.M.R.E.

Ref : 8/7417

Date : 26/6/45

Subject :- Assignment of PCL for the clearing of mine fields during the month of July.

Accompanied by Capt. D'ALO' at a meeting held on 23rd inst. at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce by a Superior Officer of Central Office of Clearing of Mine Fields, we were notified that said Ministry is in a position to ensure only an assignment of 7,500 litres of the requested assignment of 25,000 litres of PCL required to clear mine fields in Rome area during the month of July. At the same time, we were informed that since no information was received from A.G. in respect of the transfer under the Italian jurisdiction of the provinces in Tuscany and since no assignment of PCL has been considered for these areas, no issue can be made, for the same period, to Florence zone and Pisa sub-zone.

Such state of facts is really serious because it will bring to a stand still the work of clearing mine fields in all areas of Tuscany.

Bearing in mind that such works are of public interest and that if these are brought to a stand still several hundreds of trained workers will have to be dismissed probably causing harm to the public order, we inform you and S.M.R.E. so that action may be taken in order to ensure in due course an assignment of at least 50,000 litres for the month of July for the carrying out of mine lifting works. Such quantity will be distributed as under :-

20,000 litres for Rome Area.

30,000 " " Florence Area.

(Sgd) C. CRIVARO.

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HEADQUARTERS
PIEMONTE REGION
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394
P.W.&U. DIVISION

PR/ENG/900.2

18 June 1945

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance

TO : Comando Genio Militare (Att. Brig. General Nicotra)
T O R I N O

1. According to instructions of the AC Headquarters (translation enclosed) a team of trained civilians are to operate in the Region under administration, discipline and pay of Zones created by the Italian Ministry of War.
2. This Division has decided to use the team of trained civilians which operated under the name of URBI (Ufficio Rastrellamento Bombe Inesplose).
3. In view of the fact that representatives of the Italian Ministry of war have not yet arrived in this Region, I have requested AC Hdq. to move these representatives (the Zona Bonifica Campi Minati for Piemonte) from Pisa where they are presently located.
4. In the meanwhile the URBI team will operate in this Zone under the Administration of the Comando Genio Militare which will appoint an officer as technical advisor and liaison between the team and the Comando Genio. I understand that Maj. Martellini will be in charge.
5. Capt. Dini, of my staff, will act as liaison between the above group of civilians and this Division.
6. It is clear that all the administrative matter belongs to your competence and also those of discipline and technical supervision on the work. This Division will check on the work done and will direct the jobs which require priority. Transportation will be arranged for by this Division and paid by your Organization.
7. The URBI group will assume the designation of Zona Bonifica Campi Minati and as soon as the proper officers appointed by the Italian Ministry of War, referred to in paragraph 3 as being in Pisa, arrive here, you will turn over to them this group of trained civilians.

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*In file for info. only.
JPK. 14/7.*

C R BIRCHETT
Colonel CE
Regional Engineer
Piemonte & Liguria

Pret. 238/184 R E S T R I T E D

Bologna, 11, 5, /1945

Subject:- Officer Commanding of 561 M.C. Company.-

TO: Col. Cripps - H.Q. A.C. C.A. Section A.P.O. 394

R A I O M A

TO: and f; a/ Lt. Mac Nab - Mine Clearance Officer - HQ. Emilia Region

B O L O G N A

- 1*) Among a great deal of soldiers, I chosed some men, and I formed two Companies, 561 Coy and 562 coy.
- 2) Soldiers of 561 Coy, were taken away from Military Field Of Afragola (Napoli Province) by myself -
- 3) Now these soldiers complain because their Officer Commanding is not a capable Officer; therefore their activity is much limited -
- 4) In order to assure a perfect work, I beg you to change this Officer with Lt. Antonio Greco, who is a very capable and technical Officer - At present he is Director of Mine Clearance Training School at Silvi Marina (Teramo Province)
- 5) If you are so kind to approve my prepsal, your may advise me, and I schal do all that is necessary for change.-

F.Spampanato Cpt.
Lt. Liaison Officer M.C.CPT. SPAMSPANATO F.
MINER BATTALION
MINE CLEARANCE
REMARKS

NFA. PK. 14/7.

This has nothing to do with
Spampanato 1018

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