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Letter

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CONTAINS PAPERS

FROM JAN. 1943

TO MAR 1945

CATALOGUE.



MINUTE SHEET  
# 1.

Army Sub. Comm. n.  
A.C.C.  
Ref. 15A.  
Will you please arrange!

Public Safety Sub. Commission.  
A.C.C.  
Room 110  
Tel. Ext. 36  
*G. H. Johnson* *Appt* *3/13/44*

# 2.  
Citizens of Regina 111 anniversary memo of 29 Mar. framed 1941A for action.  
Will report later.  
*A.C.C. (Army P.C.)*

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Army Sub. Commission  
A.C.C.

Ref. Enc. 16A. It is assumed that this will be tied up with the 15A.

P.S. set down  
Room 104  
Tel. 36.  
*G. H. Johnson* *Appt* *29/4/44*

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T.R. Ref. 241100.

(5) CAP: Please see 54a  
Flag Capt 300-  
for D.S.

27/11/44



ARMY SUB-COMMISSION

A.C.C.

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P.S. Sub. Comm.  
Room 104  
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*Lytham*  
23/2/46

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T.D. Ed. 241100.

(5) CAP: Please see 54

Flag Capt 300  
for D.P.S.

27/1/44

6: Public Supply - S.C. File returned. Pleasing way.  
Noted. Ca Section.

28/11.

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Will report later.

ARMY (Army S.C.)



14-04-71/RS  
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LOCATION OF BOMBS, MINES, ETC

| Classe<br>nel | Alle armi                       | Indispensabile<br>motivo | Volontario<br>G. N. R.<br>ausiliaria | Volontario<br>non iscritto<br>al P. F. R. | NOTE               |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|               |                                 | Fig 3                    |                                      |                                           |                    |
|               | Porto S. Antonello              | Comune of S. Lorenzo     |                                      |                                           | 29-12-43           |
|               | road to S. Salvatore            | Selezione                |                                      |                                           | Bomb + Mine        |
|               | Comune Guardia Sanframondi      |                          |                                      |                                           |                    |
| 1             | Contrada Campopiano             |                          |                                      | 2 cases. bombs                            |                    |
| 2             | " Postena                       |                          |                                      | 2                                         | "                  |
|               | Comune of S. Lorenzo Maggiore   |                          |                                      |                                           |                    |
|               | Contrada Croce del Gallo        |                          |                                      |                                           | 4 incendiaries     |
|               | Comune of Morcone               |                          |                                      |                                           |                    |
|               | Track of railroad ( Km 38.40 )  |                          |                                      |                                           | 4 cases mine bombs |
|               | Comune of Saccisano             |                          |                                      |                                           |                    |
|               | Road Saccisano - Ponte Sanmarco |                          |                                      |                                           | Propeller 75 mm    |
|               | Comune of Sanpaoletto           |                          |                                      |                                           |                    |
|               | Contrada Maccherone             |                          |                                      |                                           | Bomb incendiary    |
|               | Comune of S. Paolo Campagnano   |                          |                                      |                                           |                    |



| road to S. Salvatore Telesino | Bombs + Mines          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Comune Guardia Sanframondi    |                        |
| 1 Contrada Campopiano         | 5 unex. bombs          |
| 2. " Pactena                  | 2 "                    |
| Comune of S. Lorenzo Maggiore |                        |
| Contrada Braccio del Gallo    | 4 unexploded           |
| Comune of Morcone             |                        |
| Back of railroad ( Km 38.40 ) | 4 unexploded bombs     |
| Comune of Assisano            |                        |
| Road Assisano - Ponte Tammaro | Poppetele 75 min       |
| Comune of Bampolattaro        |                        |
| Contrada Macchione            | 4 unexploded Poppetele |
| Comune of Castelcagnato       |                        |
| S. Angelo Locality            | 12 shells              |
| Comune of S. Carlo del Grano  |                        |
| Contrada Grotto               | 4 bombs                |
| " S. Giovanni                 | 1 bomb                 |



| CASATO E NOME                                                                                       | Paternità | Indirizzo                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Comune di<br>Cortina d'Ampezzo<br>Railway Station<br>Cortina d'Ampezzo,<br>Via Eduardo<br>Mussolini | TELESE    | 5 <sup>th</sup> shell<br>1 shell<br>1 shell<br>20 tubes of triplosine |
| Ascenta<br>Region                                                                                   |           | Munis (29-3-44)<br>Hand grenades (15-44)                              |
|                                                                                                     |           | 2892                                                                  |



## LOCATION OF BOMBS, MINES, ETC.

|                    |                                               |         |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Region             | Mines                                         | 28-6-44 |
| Ferentino Hospital | 2 Bombs                                       | 15-7-44 |
| Anzio              | Mines                                         | "       |
| Littoria Town      | Mines                                         | "       |
| Casino Gustaf Line | Mines                                         | "       |
| Littoria           | Bombs, Projectiles, Shells, Ammo, Traps, etc. | 18-7-44 |

## Region 8

|        |                              |
|--------|------------------------------|
| Region | Mines, Booby Traps. (6-7-44) |
|--------|------------------------------|

## Reg "Z"

|        |                        |
|--------|------------------------|
| Region | Hand Grenades (1-8-44) |
|--------|------------------------|



Chas L.G.

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Ref Folio 68A.

Can you advise any arrangements made for Venezuela Regavi

Waller Doherty

cc  
HAPP.

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29 May 1945

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P.D.D.C.

I have taken folio 68A from file  
will attend to it.

Waller Doherty

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29 May 45

Local Govt. S.C.

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Minute

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TO: C.A. Section

Reference to your 9/8.A/CA, 22 Oct, 1944. Mine Clearance. What does this do to the Mine Clearance Group now operating in Toscana Region under Captain McDougal. Fire and C.D. Officer? This Group, in addition to doing a most excellent piece of work, is training volunteers in mine clearance.

*Robert W. Chapman*  
Colonel  
D.P.S.

29/11/44  
Room 65th Floor.  
Ext 686

Minute 8

While every encouragement is being given to the Italian Government to get their own schemes organized and functioning it is intended that such groups (Minute 7) will continue to operate as it is realised that there cannot be too many Mine Clearance Units. When territory is handed back to the Italian Government the question of bringing such squads under control of the Italian Government (Ministry of War) will arise. Meanwhile please furnish (for record purposes) a note of the HQ, strength, organisation &c of this Group.

*William May* 29/11/44  
C.A. Section

Minute 9

CA Sec.

Original of 6r submitted for your record in accordance with last line, minute 8. Attention is invited to the excellent work of this organization as set forth in Captain MacDougal's report.

29/11/44

To: Public Safety S.C. minute 10.

*J. V. Buchanan, Major A.C.*  
for R.D. P.S.

Your minute 9 noted and copy report received. The



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2/20/44  
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29 Dec. 44

*Pharming* 2997  
C.A. Section

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C.A.S. - Re folio 63A-B.

Min clearance training does not come within the province of P.S. (this should be by the Ministry of War).  
C.A. - P.S.

10 Jan 45

68 12+8 handed to C.A.S. to P.S. - *done*

26. Apr 45



ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section.

19 November, 1943.

MGS 32-1

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordnance Bomb Disposal Service with AMO/ACC.

TO : H.Q. A.M.C. (A.O.C.) C.M.F.  
H.Q. A.M.C. 15 Army Group

1. A proposal has recently been received from the War Department that Ordnance Officers should be attached to AMO/ACC staffs in order to institute a procedure for the reporting of exploded bombs. The comments of this Headquarters were invited, together with recommendations, should the proposal be considered acceptable, as to the sections to which these officers should be attached.

2. The matter was referred to Ordnance Section at this Headquarters whose comments and proposals are summarized hereunder.

(a) Comments

(i) Italian civilians are invariably in dread of UXB and cooperate eagerly in reporting any suspicious indications. In Sicily, Bomb Disposal officers obtained complete reports in towns covered by discussing the problem with the local Carabinieri who, thereafter, obtained full information of all incidents in the area.

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(b) Proposals

(i) Military Government elements arrange to coordinate civilian reconnaissance for areas under their control by using existent P.A.D. and Carabinieri services.

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iii) It is not recommended that special Bomb Disposal Officers be assigned to MOS, as on completion of pending re-organization a sufficient number of Bomb Disposal Squads (Sep) will be available for complete coverage of this problem whether in civilian or tactical areas.

(iv) That tentative requirements for this service be considered by the Military Government Section as elastic a plan as possible so that they can be revised as desired by Military Commanders concerned dependent upon conditions as they change from time to time. This would obtain more satisfactory results than attempting to establish a fixed number of units in any given location.

The proposals put forward have been accepted, and the War Department informed accordingly.

3. It is requested that you will forward your comments and suggestions on this matter to this Headquarters, particularly in respect of the proposal contained in paragraph 2 (b) (iv), above.

D. S. JACKLIN,  
Colonel.



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 517

December 3, 1943

Refer to:  
AMS/71.6/15

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordnance Bomb Disposal Service with AMG/AGS

TO : Commanding General, Military Government Section, AFHQ

1. Reference your AMG 321.1, dated 13 November 1943, the proposals put forward will dispose of many of the difficulties that have been and are being experienced.

2. It is agreed that the principle of using police and civilian resources for reconnaissance work with recourse to Military Units for Disposal should be adopted. The following steps are being taken in Region I which are in line with this policy.

(a) An organization is now being formed to enroll specially selected members of the Carabinieri, who are to be trained in bomb reconnaissance. In the early stages, a simple elementary course will suffice. It is planned that training centers be established in Palermo and Catania. The Carabinieri have been consulted and are in agreement with the scheme. Assurances have been given that the necessary personnel can be recruited from within their establishment.

(b) There are available in PALERMO three perovian Italian officers who are attached as Marshals to the Carabinieri, qualified in bomb reconnaissance, and it is intended to commence training forthwith using these officers as instructors.

3. It is considered that similar instruction centers will be required in other Regions, and that it will be necessary to develop on these either using selected students as instructors or moving the existing instructors to convenient centers for courses.

4. It is tentatively estimated that Bomb Disposal Squads will be required in the under-mentioned places:

|             |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1 Palermo   | 11 Leghorn | 21 Trieste |
| 2 Messina   | 12 Bologna | 22 Udini   |
| 3 Brindisi  | 13 Spezia  | 23 Trento  |
| 4 Salerno   | 14 Genoa   | 24 Fiumi   |
| 5 Foggia    | 15 Turin   |            |
| 6 Naples    | 16 Ancona  |            |
| 7 Frosinone | 17 Milan   |            |
| 8 Rome      | 18 Brescia |            |
| 9 Perugia   | 19 Verona  |            |
| 10 Florence | 20 Treviso |            |



5. While it is appreciated that this is a fairly large number of locations, it is considered that as the theater of operation moves northward it will be possible to reduce the number of squads in the south.

6. Squads will only be required in the territory under control of the Italian Government at such parts and locations as are being retained as centers of military operation on the I. of C. It will be necessary for the Italian Government to establish a Military organization to cover the remainder of the territory under their control.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES E. SPOTFORD  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Deputy Chief of Staff (G & SI)

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## MILITARY FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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D. S. JACKLIN,  
Colonel.

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HCS/MS/PS

Subject: Transmittal of Correspondence  
to R.P.S. O. Region 3

Forwarded herewith are letters  
nos. 500/500 and 500/500

Enclosed are:

1. Letter to R.P.S. O. Region 3

2. Letter to R.P.S. O. Region 3



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
ASD 394

Tel : 489081-365

3 March, 1945

AS/11.27/75

SUBJECT : Training courses for mine clearance

TO : Commanding General CC. RR.

1. With reference to your letter 182/B-1944 dated 28 Feb, 1945.

2. This Sub-Commission has no objection to CC.RR. in Italian Government territory attending a course of instruction in mine detection.

3. It is understood that the School of Military Engineering in Capua is willing to accept CC.RR. provided the authority of this Sub-Commission is obtained. This letter will serve as that authority.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

Enclosures - 65A-66A-64A

Copy for

R.F.S.C. Southern Region

AW/WE

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Translation.

CC.RR. Gen. HQ.

28 Feb. 1945.  
N. 182/8-1944.

Reply to AC/14047 dated 21st instant.

Subject : Training courses for the mine clearance.

To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

With reference to the communications furnished with a/m letter, I thank the Sub-Commission for not having complied with the request of the Allied Authorities in regard to the employment of CC.RR. in the mine clearance operations.

Such a refusal corresponds exactly with the point of view of this Gen.HQ., being known that the conditions of the strength do not allow the Corps to assume new tasks.

Nevertheless, I deem it opportune to make clear that the request of this Command n. 186/6-1944, dated 20 inst. had not the purpose to have the CC.RR. participate in the mine clearance squads constituted by the Ministry of War, but that one of training a small number of them for the identification and removal of the explosives, in order to place them into the condition, to be able separately to act in case of discovery of unexploded projectiles in localities far from the centres where mine clearance squads are operating.

Commanding General  
- Taddeo Orlando -

rv.

| TO              | INIT | DATE |
|-----------------|------|------|
| DIRECTOR        |      |      |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR |      |      |
| CHIEF OF STAFF  |      |      |
| 1st ADJ.        |      |      |
| 2nd ADJ.        |      |      |
| 3rd ADJ.        |      |      |
| 4th ADJ.        |      |      |
| 5th ADJ.        |      |      |
| CHIEF CLERK     |      |      |

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# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 182/8-1944 di prot.

Roma, li 28 febbraio 1945.

Risposta al foglio del 21 corrente n. AC/14047/PS. Allegati n.

OGGETTO Corsi di addestramento per il rastrellamento delle mine.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

Nel prendere atto di quanto comunicato col foglio sopradistinto, ringrazio codesta Sottocommissione di non aver aderito alla richiesta delle Autorità Alleate circa l'impiego dei carabinieri nella ricerca e rimozione delle mine.

Tale diniego coincide perfettamente col punto di vista di questo Comando Generale, essendo noto che le condizioni della forza non consentono all'Arma di assumere nuovi compiti.

Ritengo opportuno, tuttavia, chiarire che la richiesta di questo Comando n. 186/6-1944 del 20 corrente non aveva lo scopo di far partecipare i carabinieri alle squadre di rastrellamento delle mine costituite dal Ministero della Guerra, ma solo quello di addestrare una minima parte di essi all'identificazione ed alla rimozione degli esplosivi, onde metterla in grado di agire, anche isolatamente nei casi di rinvenimento di proietti inesplosi in località lontane dai centri in cui operano le squadre dei rastrellatori.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Taddeo Orlando -



File 65A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394.

Tel. 489081 - 365.

AC/14047/PS.

21st February, 1945.

SUBJECT : Training courses for mine clearance.

TO : Commanding General, Royal Carabinieri.

1. Reference is made to your letter 182/6-1944, dated 20th February, 1945.

2. The Italian Ministry of War, which has assumed responsibility for mine clearance, has prepared a very detailed scheme, including the establishment of training centres, the recruiting of personnel, the payment of wages, insurance and compensation, the provision of medical attention, the furnishing of transport and rations, the allocation of priority in dealing with districts, etc.

3. The scheme, which includes the Regions of Campania and Abruzzi, does not provide for the employment of Carabinieri on mine clearance.

4. Some months ago it was suggested by Allied Authorities that Carabinieri should be used to detect and remove mines in Military Government territory, but this Sub-Commission took the view that this work was no part of police duty and, in any case, the shortage of Carabinieri would not permit of extra work being undertaken.

5. If it is your view that the Carabinieri in Campania and Abruzzi Regions should be used either in substitution of or in addition to the mine clearance Companies organised by the Ministry of War, perhaps a meeting could be arranged to discuss the matter further.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

APW/ea.



TRANSLATION

CC.RR. Gen.Hq.

20 Feb.1945.  
I. 182/6-1944

Subject : Training courses for mine clearance.  
To : A.C. Public Safety Sub-Commission - Rome.

In the Campania and Abruzzi Regions, which have been war theatres, the discovery, especially in the country, of unexploded projectiles is still frequent, to the evident serious damage of the population attached to agricultural labour.

Therefore, it would be opportune, that the CC.RR. on duty at a/m Regions be enabled, through the attendance of special training courses, to identify and remove these explosives.

For that purpose, the Naples Region has applied to Lt.Col. Beddon of the ordinance Section A.F.H.Q. of Caserta, asking him to consent that dependent soldiers attend the course in question at the School of Military Engineering in Capua; the a/m Officer has replied that he has no objections to make, but that the authorisation of the Sub-Commission is necessary.

Therefore we beg you kindly to examine the matter and to issue the necessary instructions in this regard.

Commanding General  
-Teddeo Orlando-

rv.

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| CC. RR. Napoli    | 20/2/45 |
| CC. RR. Roma      |         |
| CC. RR. Caserta   |         |
| CC. RR. Capua     |         |
| CC. RR. Frosinone |         |
| CC. RR. Latina    |         |
| CC. RR. L'Aquila  |         |
| CC. RR. Pescara   |         |
| CC. RR. Teramo    |         |
| CC. RR. Ancona    |         |
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| CC. RR. Pescara   |         |
| CC. RR. Teramo    |         |
| CC. RR. Ancona    |         |

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# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

## UFFICIO ORDINAMENTO

N. 182/6-1944 di prot.

Roma, li 20 febbraio 1945.

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Corsi d'istruzione per la rimozione di esplosivi.

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA PER LA P.S.

R O M A

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Nelle zone della Campania e degli Abruzzi che sono state teatro di guerra è tuttora frequente, specie in campagna, il rinvenimento di proietti inesplosi, con evidente grave pericolo della popolazione addetta ai lavori agricoli.

Sarebbe, perciò, quanto mai opportuno che i militari dell'Arma in servizio nelle zone predette fossero messi, mediante la frequenza di apposito corso addestrativo, in condizioni di identificare e rimuovere gli accennati esplosivi.

La legione di Napoli si è all'uopo rivolta al Ten. Colonnello Beddon, dell'ordinance Section A.F.H.Q. di Caserta pregandolo di consentire che militari dipendenti frequentino il corso di cui trattasi presso la School Of Military Engenseerum di Capua, ma detto ufficiale ha fatto presente di non avere nulla in contrario purchè vi sia il preventivo benestare di codesta Sottocommissione.

Prego pertanto voler compiacersi esaminare benevolmente la possibilità di impartire o provocare con cortese urgenza disposizioni in tal senso.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Taddeo Orlando -



ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION  
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

*Translated at*  
*03A*

SUBJECT: *Attached note*

FILE No. *14047*

TO *Public Safety S/C*

*8 Jan 1944*

*63B*

*Doesn't the attached come  
in your field rather than that of  
Education? - School for mine clearance*

*Clarence L. ...  
Maj. ...*

*2980*



Translation RV.

MINISTRY OF WAR  
Engineers HQ.

January 1945  
N. 42/ord.

63B

Subject : New mine clearance schools for civilians.

To : A.C. Civil Affairs Section  
and for information

To : Ministry of War - Cabinet C.A. Office

This General Hq. has been informed by the Italian liaison officer that after request of the Ancona A.M.G. training courses for mine clearance by civilian workers are in Ancona, Pesaro and Ascoli Piceno are in preparation.

For the case, that a/m workers during the courses and during the works should be administered and employed by this Ministry, it is deemed necessary to point out, that the present shortage of means, especially transportation means limits considerably the number of the workers to be employed in this organisation and does not advise to meet new tasks, ~~first~~ first before the necessary arrangements are made for the means of every kind (transportation, condition of work & life) so as to assure success.

We would be grateful to the Sub-Commission, if it would consider the above in fixing new tasks in the field of B.C.M. and kindly assists us in the way it thinks the best.

General Director of Engineers  
(Division General G. Crivaro)

| TO                 | DATE |
|--------------------|------|
| COL. CHARMEN       | 10/1 |
| COL. YOUNG         |      |
| LT. COL. WILKINSON | 10/1 |
| MAJ. LUCKMAN       |      |
| MAJ. WILSON        |      |
| MAJ. HANBURY       |      |
| MAJ. BALLANCE      |      |
| CAPT. POWELL       |      |

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Translation PV.

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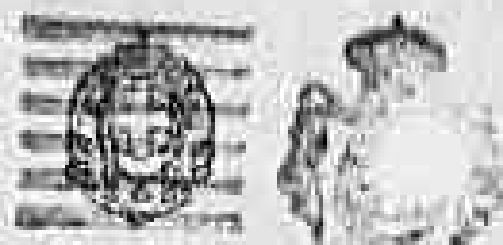
For the case that a/w workers during the courses and during the works should be administered and employed by this Ministry, it is deemed necessary to point out, that the present shortage of means, especially transportation means limits considerably the number of the workers to be employed in this organization and does not advise to meet new tasks, ~~first~~ before the necessary arrangements are made for the means of every kind (transportation, condition of work & life) so as to assure success.

We would be grateful to the Sub-Commission, if it would consider the above in fixing new tasks in the field of C.C.M. and kindly assists us in the way it thinks the best.

General Director of Engineers  
(Division General C. Crivaro)

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## MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE DEL GENIO

Roma, 7 GEN 1945 - 194 - A.

A/ L'A.C. - CIVILI AFFAIRS

A.P.O. 394

Divisione 42 Sez.

Prot. N. 42 ord. Allegati

Risposta al f.º del

Div. Sez. N.

e, per conoscenza:

- AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

- Gabinetto - Ufficio C.A.-

OGGETTO: Nuove scuole per rastrellatori mine per civili.

RICEVUTA E.A.P.E.

8 JAN 1945

Questa Direzione Generale ha avuto comunicazione dall'Ufficiale It. di collegamento che sono in preparazione, in seguito a richiesta dell'A.M.G. di Ancona, corsi di addestramento per operai civili rastrellatori mine in Ancona, Fesaro ed Ascoli Piceno.

Per il caso che sia durante il corso, sia durante i lavori detti operai dovessero essere amministrati ed impiegati da questo Ministero, si ritiene necessario far presente che l'attuale mancanza di mezzi, e particolarmente di mezzi di trasporto limita considerevolmente il numero di operai che è possibile impiegare nell'organizzazione in atto e non consiglia di affrontare altri compiti, se prima non sia stato provveduto a predisporre i mezzi di ogni genere (di trasporto, di lavoro e di vita) occorrenti per assicurare le condizioni di buon rendimento.

Si sarà grati a codesta Sottocommissione se vorrà tener presente quanto sopra nello stabilire nuove incombenze di lavoro nel campo della

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
CITY OF FLORENCE

Public Safety  
14047  
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22, December 1944

PS/11/1/F. & C.D.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Squads.

TO: Director Public Safety, Sub-Commission  
John W. Chapman, Colonel, J. A. G. D.

1. Your communication regarding the clearing of mines received on 22, December 1944.
2. I am herewith forwarding the requested information for your records concerning the Headqtrs., strength, organization, etc., of the Mine Clearance Squads of U.N.P.A., working in the City and Province of Florence at the present time:

|                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Headquarters                         | Prefettura, Florence       |
| Commandante                          | Generale Vogline, Raimondo |
| Number of Squads                     | 5                          |
| Qualified men who are clearing mines | 27                         |
| Other employees                      | 53                         |

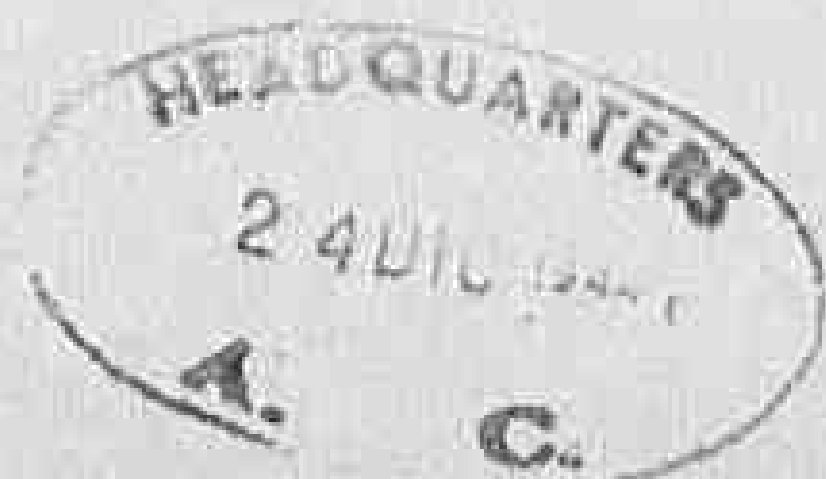
3. The following is a resume of the work that has been done up to the present date.

|                                          |         |
|------------------------------------------|---------|
| Locations cleared of mines, bombs, etc., | 1233    |
| Square meters of ground cleared          | 144,870 |
| Mines lifted                             | 4546    |
| Bombs lifted                             | 4086    |
| Projectiles lifted                       | 9099    |
| Pieces of TNT lifted                     | 1741    |

4. In addition to the above clearance work done the Commandante has held four classes of instruction at which ninety-five additional men attended. These men were given a course in mine and bomb removal and they are now doing this work in the Province of Florence.

Copy to:  
Administrative Sec., Hdqtrs., A.C.  
R. P. S. O.

A. W. Mac Dougall  
A. W. Mac Dougall  
Captain S.R.,  
Fire and C.D., Officer





HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 489031 - 165

18 December, 1944.

AC/14947/PS

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : R.P.S.O., Lombardia Region.

1. Reference is made to your letter PS/3.1 of 13th December 1944.
2. The arrangements for mine clearance are set out in Memorandum 9/8.A/CA dated 22 Oct. 1944.
3. The policy of this Headquarters is that CC.RR and other Police Services should be employed on police duties. Memorandum 302/218/CA deals with the withdrawal of trained policemen from extraneous duties.
4. There is no objection to CC.RR being trained to report the location of mines but they must not be used for mine clearance. Such employment would not only divert them from their proper duties but would lead to complications regarding insurance, compensation, pensions etc.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

APW/G.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LORENTIA REGION  
Regional Public Safety Office

14 December, 1944

PS/10.3

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO : HQ AG, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. The attached letter has been received from Lt. Col. D. MORLEY-FLETCHER, at present on temporary duty with No 2 District.
2. Can any more information please be given in reply to para 3 of his letter?
3. The suggestion in para 6 of the attached letter is under discussion between this Region and your Sub-Commission vide letter PS/3.1 dated 13 December, 1944, a reply to which is awaited.
4. The reference "9/BA/CA of 22 October" in para 1 of Lt. Col. Morley-Fletcher's letter refers to a letter emanating from HQ AG, CA Section, a copy of which presumably is in your possession.

*W. A. Lackey*

W. A. LACKY  
Major

Acting Regional Public Safety Officer.

WAL/jb

| TO              |  |
|-----------------|--|
| COL. CHAPMAN    |  |
| COL. YOUNG      |  |
| LT. COL. WILSON |  |
| MAJ. U...       |  |
| MAJ. W...       |  |
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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
CREMONA PROVINCE

PUBLIC SAFETY

To CHIEF OF STAFF

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TO : Regional Public Safety Officer,  
Region Lombardia.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

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Reference PS/10.3 of 30 Oct forwarding 9/8A/CA  
of 22 Oct.

1. It appears that the problem of mine clearance may be considerable in the Southern and Western portions of Region Lombardia following Allied occupation and may prove a serious danger to the preparation of the land for next year's harvest.
2. The matter has been given some thought by H.Q. 2 District and it is clear that Region Lombardia will in the main have to depend upon such trained or civilian or patriot volunteers as can be organised to deal with this menace to civil life.
3. I appreciate from the above quoted letter that planning is already in process with the Italian Ministry of War in order to train such personnel. For the information of H.Q. 2 District it would be appreciated if further details could be forwarded of the numbers likely to be made available specifically for Lombardia Region and where these are likely to be located and how quickly contacted.
4. Group Capt Benson has informed me that he considers rapid mine clearance by patriot volunteers one of the most essential early steps requiring organisation by AMG on entry to agricultural territory previously fought over and left insufficiently cleared in the further advance of our own troops.
5. The great difficulty in these matters in a Region like Lombardia which has so many communes is for there to be trained personnel in sufficient numbers of definite localities.

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6. In view of the Carabinieri Pool being trained for the North in Florence, may consideration be given to the training of certain of the N.C.O. personnel of this pool in order that they in turn, in cases of necessity, may instruct local patriots in say "bayonet prodding tactics" to assist early removal of mines without unnecessary loss of life. Please appreciate that I am NOT suggesting that the Carabinieri themselves should be misused for mine clearance but am envisaging a scheme similar to the initial training of A.R.P. personnel in the U.K. when the police were trained in essential A.R.P. functions in order that they could provide a required information. In the event of your considering that this plan merits further discussion, no doubt you will consider the advisability of taking the matter up with Public Safety Sub-Commission. Off the record, it has already been discussed with Col. Young

*D. Morley Fletcher*  
*Lt Colonel*

D. MORLEY-FLETCHER,  
Lt. Colonel.  
Provincial Commissioner,  
Cremona Province.

Prospective

RL.

Copy to: AMG Gp 2 Dist rep - Region Piemonte.  
AMG Gp 2 Dist rep - Region Liguria.



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LOMBARDIA REGION  
Regional Public Safety Office

13 December, 1944

PS/3.1

SUBJECT: CC.RR at Scuola Centrale, Florence.  
TO : HQ AG, Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your letter AG/14601/53/PS dated 10 December, 1944, arrangements were made by me with the head of the Florence UIPA, for 6 CC.RR of this Region to attend a course of mine lifting and detection.

2. In doing so, it was not intended that CC.RR should usurp the functions of other bodies, whose object is the clearance of minefields, but merely that a number of CC.RR should in the early stages of occupation be in a position to identify mines, and if of a simple nature, remove them, or alternatively mark them.

3. In the past, experience has shown that where trained mine-lifting personnel were available much time has been wasted, owing to their being called to alleged mined localities, only to find that this was not so. Furthermore it is often difficult to find units to remove mines, which are purely a "civilian" danger. Allied sources usually have their hands full, and Italian sources normally do not exist locally.

4. Should it be felt that it is not policy for CC.RR to interest themselves in these matters, I will give instructions for the CC.RR of this Region to cease their activities.

*W. A. Lacey*

W. A. LACEY, Major,  
Acting Regional Public Safety Officer.

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| TO             | INIT | DATE |
|----------------|------|------|
| COL. CHAPMAN   |      |      |
| COL. YOUNG     |      |      |
| LT. COL WILCOX |      |      |
| MAJ LUCKMAN    |      |      |
| MAJ WILSON     |      |      |
| MAJ HANBURY    |      |      |
| MAJ BALLANCE   |      |      |
| CAPT POWEL     |      |      |
| CHIEF CLERK    |      |      |

*File with Col Wilcox*

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HEADQUARTERS ARMED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
AFD 394.

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AC/14601/53/TS.

Tel. 489681 - 365.

10th December, 1944.

SUBJECT : CC.RR at Scuola Centrale, Florence.

TO : R.F.S.O. Lombardia Region.

114A. of 14601/8

1. Reference is made to a letter dated 29th November, 1944, from Major Lacey to R.F.S.O. Lombardia Region in which the following paragraph appears:-

"Starting on 4/12/44, 6 CC.RR of this region will commence a course of mine lifting and detection on the outskirts of Florence. The course will last about 10 days, and is both theoretical and practical. I hope to arrange for other squads of our CC.RR to attend subsequent courses."

2. It is pointed out that no authority has been given from this HQs for CC.RR or other Italian police to be employed in mine clearance.

3. May it please be stated what object is in mind in training CC.RR in mine detection and whether or not any plan has been formed for utilising the services of these men after they have been trained.

*W. Lacey*  
JOHN W. CHAPMAN,  
Colonel, J.A.S.D.,  
Director, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

AG/14647/PS

1 Dec 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Squads.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Toscana Region.  
(Attn: Fire and P.A.D. Officer Captain E.W. McDougall)

Reference above subject, present policy of Civil Affairs Section, Allied Commission, is as follows:

While every encouragement is being given to the Italian Government to get their own schemes organized and functioning, it is intended that groups such as you have operating will continue to operate, as it is realized that there cannot be too many Mine Clearance Units. When territory is handed back to the Italian Government, the question of bringing such squads under control of the Italian Government (Ministry of War) will arise. Meanwhile, please furnish (for record purposes) a note of the Headquarters, strength, organization, etc., of this group.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN  
Colonel, J.A.G.D.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission

FPL/jwf



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 384  
CA SECTION

22 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance.

TO : SACs J & B Armies (13)  
Southern Region (13)  
Abruzzo-Lazio Region (7)  
Abruzzo-Marche Region (15)  
Toscana Region (9)  
Emilia Region (8)

1. Owing to operational requirements the Armies are not able to allocate Allied Mine Clearing Companies to AOC for mine clearing outside Army areas. Efforts have been made to get Italian army mine clearing Companies for this purpose, but at present there are only two companies working under AOC control. It will not be possible to increase the number of Italian army Companies working on mine clearance under AOC owing to the operational commitments of the Italian Army.

2. The task is a large one and one for which the Italian Government is responsible. In their task they will require the close cooperation and assistance of all Regional Commissioners. Attached is an outline of the proposed plan of operation which will be carried out by the Italian Ministry for War working in conjunction with Regional Commissioners.

- (a) Five centres of instruction will be set up as follows:
  - (i) - Rome, Viterbo, Civitavecchia, Anzio and Fregene.
  - (ii) - At each centre 300 civilians (Patriots and specialized personnel) will be trained for mine clearance in courses lasting 15 days.
  - (iii) - Courses will give instruction in the clearance of mines as encountered in Italy, but will not include the latest secret information on German equipment, particularly landmines and fuses. Nor will instruction be given on Allied mine clearance.
  - (iv) - Instructors will be Italian officers and NCOs trained at the British Military Engineering Training Establishment.
  - (v) - On completion of the course, trainees will be divided into groups of 100 men, each commanded by an officer of the engineers (Italian). Each group will further be divided into sections of 10 men each as working parties.
  - (vi) - Trainees' units will be the direct responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War subject to priorities set up by Regional Commissioners.

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(a) Five centres of instruction will be set up at or near the following places: - Zepur, Viterbo, Civitella, Civitella and Piacenza.

(b) At each centre 300 civilians (Patriots and specialised personnel) will be trained for mine clearance in courses lasting 15 days.

(c) Courses will give instruction in the clearance of mines as encountered in Italy, but will not include the latest secret information on German equipment, particularly igniters and fuses.

(d) Nor will instruction be given on allied bomb disposal. Instructors will be Italian officers and AOCs trained at the British Military Engineering Training Establishment.

(e) On completion of the course trainees will be divided into groups of 100 men, each commanded by an officer of the engineers (Italian).

(f) Each group will further be divided into sections of 10 men each on working parties.

(g) Trainees' movement will be the direct responsibility of the Italian Ministry of War subject to priorities set up by Regional Commissioners.

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3. The Italian Ministry of War will be responsible for:  
(a) The designation of the courses, instruction, and provision of instructors.

(b) The billings, housing and equipment of trainees and working sections.  
(c) The payment of wages, insurance and compensation for death or injury to the personnel employed in this work.

(d) Provision of medical personnel and necessary medical supplies.

(e) Nomination of a liaison officer who will work in close contact with the Regional Commissioner.

(f) The management and control of transport allotted by this HQ and/or Regions for their work and receive any priorities laid down by the R.Cs making application for obtaining the supply of petrol and the distribution thereof to their sections through their liaison officers (See para 5 below). Appendix "A" shows the transport required from each Region.



APPENDIX A.

List of vehicles to be provided  
within Regions.

SOUTHERN REGION

30 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)  
3 3/4 ton vehicles  
2 2 1/4 ton vehicles.

Lazio - Umbria Region

60 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)  
6 3/4 ton vehicles  
4 2 1/4 ton vehicles

ABRUZZI - Marche Region

50 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)  
3 3/4 ton vehicles  
2 2 1/4 ton vehicles

TOSCANA REGION

30 Light vehicles (May be three wheelers)  
3 3/4 ton vehicles  
2 2 1/4 ton vehicles

NOTE : - While Northern Regions are not shown above Regional Commissioners  
will base their requirements on the above figures.





Proposta a nota      \*\*\*

Allegati

Oggetto: Esplorazioni erdiani di guerra.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA  
e p.c.  
ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA CONTROLLO  
(Sottocommissione per la P.S.)  
AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO  
Dir. Gen. della P.S. = Div. Polizia = Sez. 3<sup>a</sup>. =

In relazione alla lettera del Ministero dell'Interno in data 29 settembre u/s. n°IO.00243/XV R., si comunica che fino ad oggi é stata segnalata l'esistenza di ordigni esplosivi nelle seguenti zone di questa Provincia:

PISA CAPOLUOGO A SUD DELL'ARNO e FRAZIONI di MARINA DI PISA = BARBARICINA  
TUTIGNANO PISANO = RIGLIONE-ORATOTO= TIRRENIA = S. PIERO A GRADO = S. ROSSO  
COMUNE DI S. GIULIANO TERRE CAPOLUOGO e FRAZIONI di: GHEZZANO = AGNANO =  
ASCIANO = CALPO = COLIGNCIA = GELLO = MADONNA DELL'ACQUA = METANO = MEZZANO  
MOLINA DI QUOSA = ORZIGNANO = PONTASCHERCHIO = RIGOLI = RITAFRATTA...=

|                                |   |                                       |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| COMUNE DI CASCINA e FRAZIONI   | = | COMUNE DI PALATA e FRAZIONI           |
| COMUNE DI CALGINAIA            | = | COMUNE DI S. PIETRO e FRAZIONI        |
| COMUNE DI BIERCINA             | = | COMUNE DI S. MARIA A MONTE e FRAZIONI |
| COMUNE DI PONTERRA e FRAZIONI  | = | COMUNE DI VECCHIANO e FRAZIONI        |
| COMUNE DI PECCELOLE e FRAZIONI | = | COMUNE DI TAIATELLO e FRAZIONI        |
| COMUNE DI PONSACCO             | = | COMUNE DI MONTOROTI e FRAZIONI        |

# COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE EFFECTS OF

[illegible]

November 1944

Franklin

14042/03

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Public Safety,



AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA = ROMA =

e P.C.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLIATA CONTROLLO = ROMA =

(Settecentesimile per la P.C.)

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

Dir.Gen. della P.S. = Div. Polizia = Sez. 3<sup>a</sup>. = ROMA =

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In relazione alla lettera del Ministero dell'Interno in data 29 settembre u/s. n° IO.00248/XV P., si comunica che fino ad oggi è stata segnalata l'esistenza di ordigni esplosivi nelle seguenti zone di questa Provincia:

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PUTIGNANO PISANO = RIGLIONE-CRATOIO = TIRRENIA = S. PIETRO A GRADO = S. ROSSO  
COMUNE DI S. GIULIANO TERME CAIOLUOGO e FRAZIONI di: GHEZZANO = AGRANO =  
ASCIANO = CAMPO = COLIGNOLA = GELLO = MADONNA DELL'ACQUA = MITATO = MEZZAN  
MOLINA DI QUOSA = ORZIGNANO = PORTASMERCHIO = RIGOLI = RIFRATTA. -

COMUNE DI CASCINA e FRAZIONI = COMUNE DI PALAIA e FRAZIONI  
COMUNE DI CALCIANAIA = COMUNE DI S. MINIATO e frazioni  
COMUNE DI BIENTINA = COMUNE DI S. MARIA A MONTE e FRA  
COMUNE DI PONDERERA e FRAZIONI = COMUNE DI VECCHIATO e FRAZIONI  
COMUNE DI FIECCHIO e FRAZIONI = COMUNE DI LALATE e FRAZIONI  
COMUNE DI PONSACCO = COMUNE DI MONTOPOLI e FRAZIONI  
COMUNE DI VIGORISANO e FRAZIONI = COMUNE DI S. CROCE SULL'ARNO

COMUNE DI VOLTERRA e FRAZIONI

COMUNE DI FAUGLIA

COMUNE DI LORENZANA

IL PREFETTO

*V. P.*

Ref to letter of the Ministry of Interior, dated 29 September 1944, n. IO.00248/XV, we inform that, up to date, the existence of explosive ordnances, has been signalled in above sent. zones of this Province





2-10-44

C.C. R.R.

5-25/12-1

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11. Explosion of artillery projectile or news, I re-write the following from the command of the Compagnia C.C. R.R. of Piombino Port, September 19<sup>th</sup> U.S., hour 15,30, in the locality "Caduta" of S. Vincenzo (Livorno), for explosion artillery projectile in that place depicted by Allied troops in open field, died the following soldiers of the R.E.:

- 1° - Corporal magg. Carazza Carlo - late Giacomo and of Gariboldi Giuseppina, born in Castagnello (Bologna) the 26 January 1910, domiciled at Mirandola (Modena) district Modena;
- 2° - Foot soldier Bellicini Amedeo of Bernardo and of Locatelli Carolina, born in Antegnate (Bergamo) the 26 January 1910, domiciled there via Alessandro Manzoni 17 - district Bergamo;
- 3° - Foot soldier Quzzetti Antonio of Luigi and of Porro Maria, born in Novate Milanese (Monza) the 17/8/1911 domiciled there in via V. Emanuele 4 - district Monza;
- 4° - Foot soldier Franceschetti Francesco of Luigi and of Farabocchi Angelica, born in Monarchio (Brescia) the 7/5/1910, domiciled there - district Treviglio;
- 5° - Foot soldier Anversa Carlo, late Giuseppe and of Paroni Santa, born in Casalbello (Cremona) the 9/12/1909 - domiciled in Caralmaggiore (Cremona) - district Cremona;
- 6° - Foot soldier Amedei Giulio, late Battista and of Jangrandi Angelica, born in Cremona the 12/8/1907, domiciled in Spinadesco (Cremona) - via Roma - district Cremona;
- 7° - Foot soldier Ferrari Natale, late Edoardo and of Corrado Paola, born in Bagnolo Cremasco (Cremona) the 14/11/1908, domiciled there in Piazza Roma 8 - district Cremona;
- 8° - Foot soldier Montorzi Odino of Eusebio and of Nicoli Teresa, born in Piumazzo (Modena) the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1912, domiciled there in via Ciro Menotti 127 - district Modena;
- 9° - Foot soldier Callegaris Raffaele of Antonio and of Gregori, born in V.le D'Armi (Trieste) the 27 March 1907,



20 January 1910, domiciled at Modena (Modena) district Modena;

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**all belonging to the 7<sup>th</sup> group infantry battalion 131<sup>st</sup> company services - military post 181 - situated in locality "Casa Cavallotti" of San Vincenzo. Besides remained**

gravely scorched foot soldier Faberani Primo of Elio and of Filibella Adalgisa, born in Antegnate (Bergamo) the 20/2/1908 domiciled there in via Castello - district Treviglio - belonging to the same report, for which he was immediately carried with american ambulance to hospital 50<sup>th</sup> Station in territory of Castagneto Carducci.

Died after all following Allied soldiers;

1) Chagnus George E. - A.S.N. n° 32850180;





# Comando Generale dell'Arma dei Carabinieri Reali

UFFICIO SERVIZIO - SITUAZIONE E COLLEGAMENTI

N. 25/121 di prot.

Roma, 2 ottobre 1944

Risposta al

del

n.

Allegati n.

OGGETTO: Scoppio di proiettili d'artiglieria.

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO  
- Sottocommissione per la P.S. -

R O M A

Per notizia, trascrivo la seguente del Comando della Compagnia C.C. di Pionbino:  
"Il giorno 19 settembre u.s., ore 15,30, in località "Cadauta" di S. Vincenzo (Livorno), per scoppio proiettili artiglieria colà depositati da truppe alleate in campo aperto, decedevano seguenti militari del A.S.:

1°)-caporal magg. CAVAZZA Carlo fu Giacomo e di Cavioli Giuseppina, nato a Castagnalfo (Bologna) il 26 gennaio 1910, domiciliato a Mirandola (Modena) - distretto Modena; 2967

2°)-fante BILLOCCINI Amedeo di Bernardo e di Locatelli Carolina, nato a Antegnate (Bergamo) il 26 gennaio 1910, ivi domiciliato via Alessandro Manzoni 17 - distretto Bergamo;

3°)-fante GUZZETTI Antonio di Luigi e di Porro Maria, nato a Novate Milanese (Monza) il 17/8/1911, ivi domiciliato.



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ciliato in via V. Emanuele 4 - distretto Monza;

- 4°)-fante FRANCESCHETTI Francesco di Luigi e di Paraboschi Angelica, nato a Monerchio (Brescia) il 7/5/1910, ivi domiciliato - distretto Treviglio;
- 5°)-fante ARVERSA Carlo fu Giuseppe e di Paroni Santa, nato a Casalecchio (Cremona) il 9/12/1909 - domiciliato a Casalmaggiore (Cremona) - distretto Cremona;
- 6°)-fante ARABBI Giulio fu Battista e di Zangrandi Angelica, nato a Cremona il 12/8/1907, domiciliato a Spina-deno (Cremona) - via Roma - distretto Cremona;
- 7°)-fante FERRARI Natale fu Edoardo e di Corrado Paola, nato a Sagnolo Cremasco (Cremona) il 14/11/1908, ivi domiciliato in Piazza Roma 8 - distretto Cremona;
- 8°)-fante BOTTORAI Odino di Eusebio e di Niccoli Teresa, nato a Pizzazzo (Modena) il 25 marzo 1912, ivi domiciliato in via Ciro Menotti 127 - distretto Modena;
- 9°)-fante CALLESTRAIS Raffaele di Antonio e di Gregori Michela, nato a Villa Decani (Trieste) il 27 marzo 1907, ivi domiciliato - distretto Trieste.

Tutti in forza al 7° Gruppo battaglioni fanteria - 601<sup>a</sup> compagnia servizi - posta militare 181 - di 2962<sup>a</sup> in località "Casa cavalleggeri" di San Vincenzo. Rimaneva, inoltre, gravemente ustionato fante FABERANI Primo di 2962<sup>a</sup> e di Nicolla Adalgisa, nato ad Antegnate (Bergamo) il 20/2/1908, ivi domiciliato in via Castello - distretto Treviglio - appartenente stesso reparto, per cui veniva trasportato subito con autoambulanza americana ospedale

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90° Station in territorio di Castagneto Carducci.  
Decedevano, infine, seguenti militari alleati:

1°)-CHAGBBS George E. - A.S.N. n° 32850180;

2°)-KENZON Robert W. - A.S.N. n° 326766214.

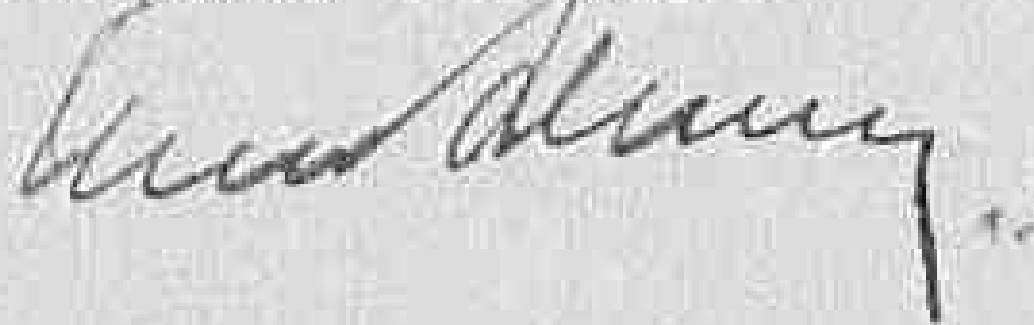
Salme trasportate cimitero S. Vincenzo.

Esplosione arrecava pure danni qualche entità case  
coloniche limitrofe.

Prime indagini risulta che esplosione si è verifi-  
cata mentre militari erano intenti applicare spoletta  
a proiettile in approntamento per zona operazioni."

Ministeri della Guerra ed Interno informati.

IL GENERALE DI CORPO D'ARMATA  
COMANDANTE GENERALE  
- Taddao Orlando -



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**SECRET**

ACTION AGO MAIN INFO TO AAI

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 FOR INFORMATION ONLY 15/07

ROUTINE  
 CITE FROM FRGG

SECRET. 1. Ref G-4 MOV AND IN weekly report to MEDBU No one (new series) dated 10 Sept.

2. MOV AAI intend to conduct RECOE of mines and port.

3. Map reference for port of shipment is sheet 127-1 ITALY 1/50,000 position 803368.

4. Request you advise AAI of (A) Map ref of producing mines, (B) Name of officer nominated to accompany RECOE party.

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HEADQUARTERS  
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29/9/44

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

No 10.00248/XV F

Subject: EXPLOSION OF WAR ENGINES.

To the Prefetti of Liberated Italy,  
To the High Commissari for Sicily and Sardinia,  
and for knowledge  
To the A.C.C. P.S. Subcommission  
To the Ministry of War.

The Ministry of War, to which this Ministry had notified the numerous accidents happened in various provinces, because of explosions of abandoned war-engines, has decided to begin, as soon as possible, raking the grounds, and removing or rendering harmless all engines and mines.

All Prefecture have been called to help in this work, whose importance is exceptional as regards public economics and public order.

Therefore we ask all Prefetti to notify immediately to the War Ministry those grounds where they presume, for accidents happened or for news received, that there may be dangerous material or engines.

For the Minister.

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# Ministero dell'Interno

DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA P.S.

Roma, 29 settembre 1944

Divisione Polizia-Sez. 3<sup>a</sup>

Prot. N. 10.06248/XV.F.

OGGETTO:- Esplosioni ordigni di guerra.

ALLE LL. EE. I PREFETTI DELL'ITALIA LIBERATA  
 ALLE LL. EE. GLI ALTI COMMISSARI PER LA  
 SICILIA E PER LA SARDEGNA

e, per conoscenza:

ON. COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO

Sottocommissione per la P.S.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

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A cura del Ministero della Guerra, a cui questo Ministero ha segnalato le numerose disgrazie avvenute in molte provincie, causate dallo scoppio di ordigni esplosivi abbandonati sul terreno, sarà, quanto prima, iniziato il lavoro di rastrellamento metodico del terreno, nonché la rimozione o inattivazione dei campi minati.

A tale opera, la cui portata è di eccezionale importanza, sia ai fini della pubblica economia, sia a quelli dell'ordine pubblico, sono chiamate a collaborare anche le Prefetture.

Pertanto, si invitano le LL. EE. a segnalare subito al Ministero della Guerra quei territori ove, per disgrazie avvenute o per notizia ricevuta, si ritiene che esistano materiali o ordigni pericolosi.

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5011

Subject: Mine Despatches

TO: Admin Section

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1. Attached is copy of letter from HQ Region III dated 20 Sept relating to the above subject.
2. It is not known by the Sub. Commission who is now handling the Mine lifting matter but previous correspondence has been addressed to you by the Sub. Com. (Ref no 1200/14047/PS dated 8 Sept.)
3. It is requested that the copy of letter from Region III referred to in para 1 ~~of the letter~~ above be forwarded to the appropriate officer.
4. In view of 4B 321 (Inter Service Mine & Missile Committee) CBI - AGM for AFHQ & dated 21 Dec. 1947 (copy attached) it is probable that the Inter Service Mine & Missile Committee AFHQ should be informed.

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To: PS

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June 9/48for info L.  
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— Have kept the correspondence attached

R.R. Cappe



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20 SEP 1944

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This is not now a Public Safety  
matter - the main lifting arrangements  
are made between Admin. and/or  
C.A. Board with the Italian Govt.

*[Signature]*  
Major

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Major Mason

Can we place firm  
not who deals with  
UXB or refer 49A 12000

*[Signature]*



14047 49A

20 September 1944. C.R.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.C. -  
For information of Civil Affairs Branch.

2. I forward for your information a copy of a letter from the Sindaco of S. GIOVANNI D'ASSO, Siem, which indicates a state of affairs which exists in many parts of Region VIII.

- Andrew L. L. L.

Public Safety Commission  
 A. W. ROBINSON  
 Lieut. Colonel, G. I.,  
 Regional Public Safety Office

Copy for  
 for action information

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Province of Siena.

Commune of S.Giovanni D'Asso.

49B

14 September 1944.

Subject: Mines.

To : C.A.O. Siena.

From : Sindaco Piccolomini Bandini G., S.Giovanni D'Asso.

I inform AMG of the following case:  
The bridge on the river Asso, which unites S.Giovanni with Montisi was blown up with mines by the Germans. As the bridge is very important being the only one which leads to the only mill in the commune and considering that diversions owing to the rains are unpassable, this Commune decided to speed up the repairs of this bridge.

It was known that many mines were on the part of the bridge still standing up and on the road, but all requests made to AMG to have specialists or mine detectors for their removal did not give any result. This Commune therefore took advantage of 2 patriots who offered themselves to clean the locality from the mines and it was agreed to pay 300 lire for each mine removed and to insure them for this special job. The two patriots started working on the 11th of September.

Unfortunately after having removed 75 mines on the 13 of September the explosion of the last mine killed them at once. The above to prove the absolute necessity to resolve the acute problem of mines.

Piccolomini Bandini.

Italian authorities informed.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 478709

16 September, 1944.

ACC/14047/PS

SUBJECT : Removal of Mines.

TO : Headquarters Region VIII  
(R.P.S.O. through R.C.)

1. Reference your R-VIII/PS/10.6 dated 13 September.

2. It is appreciated that the problem of uncleared mines is a serious one and this Headquarters and the Italian Government are both anxious to do all possible to effect a clearance.

3. The Italian Mine lifting Compagnie are not dealt with by Public Safety Sub-Commission and it is thought that application should be made through C.A. Franch which has previously handled these companies.

4. The responsibilities of Public Safety Agents are really confined to

(a) Notification of locations and available details of Ux Bs or Mines.

(b) Cordoning off of dangerous areas and posting of warning notices etc.

(c) Evacuation and re-housing of population if necessary.

A. E. YOUNG, Col.,  
Acting Director  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION VIII

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14047

FILE : R-VIII/PS/10.8

13 September 1944.

SUBJECT : Removal of Mines.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission,  
Headquarters, A.G.C..

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1. Reference this office letter R-VIII/PS/10.8 dated 28 July 1944 and also of 17 August 1944 to which your reply ACC/14047/PS of 22 August 1944 refers.

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2. Casualties are numerous in this Region amongst civilians owing to uncleared mines.

3. Can it be stated please how soon these Italian Guards will be ready to commence work?

*A. W. Rowler*  
A. W. ROWLERSON

Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

G-5: 334-37

*W* RS/jw  
10 September 1944

SUBJECT: Inter Service Mines and Missiles  
TO : Headquarters, Allied Control  
Commission, APO 394.

*43A*  
Reference your ACC/14047/PS of  
7 September, subject as above.

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Attached herewith is a copy of  
AC Letter 321, as requested.

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

*Roland Segalini*  
ROLAND SEGALINI  
Captain, CAC  
Executive Officer

Incl:  
as above.

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HEADQUARTERS  
12 Oct 1944  
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

21 December 1943

AG 321 (Inter-Services Mines and Missiles Committee) GBI-AGM

SUBJECT: Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ.

TO : All Concerned.

1. An Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee will be formed immediately with the object of:

a. Collating and disseminating through normal departmental channels all information dealing with items listed in paragraph 3 below.

b. Determining the responsibility for handling specimens of certain types of enemy equipment handled by the Committee, in which all services are interested.

c. Carrying out preliminary examinations, and in the case of new missiles, devising emergency measures for disposal and for neutralization.

d. Insuring that all intelligence under sub-paragraph a. above is passed to similar organizations in other theaters of war.

2. The Committee is to be called "The Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ".

3. The Committee is to handle the following items of enemy equipment only:-

Mines - land and sea.  
Bombs  
Torpedoes  
Explosives  
Demolition charges  
Booby traps.

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4. It will consist of not more than two representatives from each of the following:-

Navy (R.N.)  
Navy (U.S.)

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

8 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Mine Disposal.

TO : Administrative Section.

Reference attached cable and notes. This Sub-Commission has had nothing whatever to do with the provision or movement of these Italian Troops. C.A. Branch has a file on subject and presumably know something about as to who has ordered the previous movements. It is assumed that the action copy of cable was sent to this Sub-Commission in error.

The activities of this Sub-Commission in mine and bomb disposal is confined to reporting and general police action such as evacuating of areas etc.

In our view this matter rests between C.A. Branch and M.M.I.A. and it is pointed out that the personnel concerned are Italian Troops.

*Johnson*  
for A. E. YOUNG, Col.,  
Acting Director  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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12047 44A

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SUBJECT: Enemy Sabotage Device.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN GERMANY  
FILPOD ADW 79  
Tel: 1475/GSI(b)  
23 AUG 44

RAAC, etc.

1. Information has been received from the War Office that the Germans are using a tyre burster sabotage device, camouflaged as a piece of stone, rock, mud or horse dung. The device explodes on pressure and will blow a hole about three inches in diameter in a tyre.
2. The device is stated to be unstable and great care should be exercised in dealing with it. The method of disposal is by detonation and this should be carried out only by engineers or bomb disposal personnel.
3. It is thought that this type of device is more likely to be encountered in newly occupied areas, but the above is forwarded for your information.
4. Armies have been informed by signal.

/s/ E. RUSCOE, Maj,  
for Lieut. General,  
Chief of General Staff.

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ARMY/WRV

AG 471

FROM: RAAC, APO No. 794 U. S. Army

TO: See Distribution.

3 September 1944



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/s/ E. RUSCOE, Maj,  
for Lieut. General,  
Chief of General Staff.

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AG 471

FROM: RAAC, APO No. 794 U. S. Army

3 September 1944

TO: See Distribution.

For information and dissemination to all concerned.

By command of Brigadier General BROWN:

H.K. BODGEN  
Lt Col., GSC  
AG of S, G-3

2nd Ind.

2185/INFO  
3 September 1944

FROM: HQ, ACC, Info Div.

TO: Distribution as over.

Passed to you please for information.

Information Division  
A.C.D.



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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
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APO 394

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ACC/14047/PS

7 September, 1944.

SUBJECT : Inter Services Mines and Missiles  
Committee, A.F.H.Q.  
TO : Allied Force Headquarters.

Reference your AG 334.063 ENGR-0 dated 2 September 44.

May this Sub-Commission please be supplied with a copy  
of your AG 321 (Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee) CBI-ACM,  
dated 21 December 1943.

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A. E. YOUNG, Jr.,  
Acting Director  
Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
APO 512

AG 334/063 ENGR-O

2 September 1944

SUBJECT: Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee, AFHQ.

TO : All Concerned.

Paragraph 6, letter this headquarters, file AG 321 (Inter Services Mines and Missiles Committee) GBI-AGM, dated 21 December 1943, subject as above is deleted and the following substituted therefor:

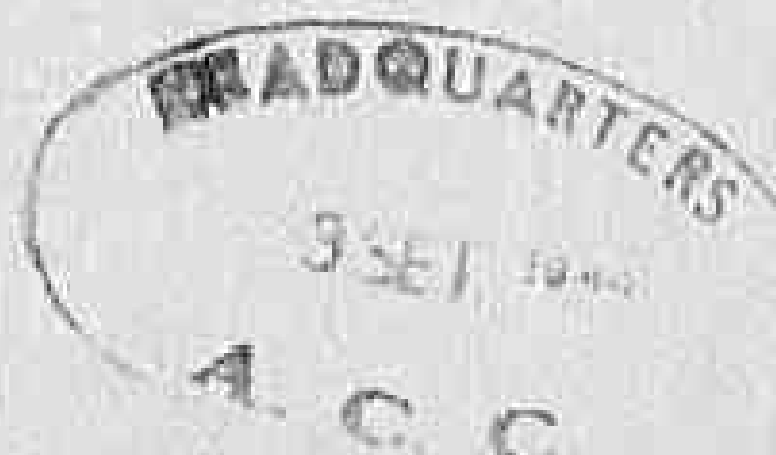
"6. The Chairman of the Committee will be the Staff Officer Grade II (Bomb Disposal) of the Engineer Section, this headquarters".

By command of General WILSON:

*R. H. Frese*  
R. H. FRESE,  
Captain, AGD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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ACC MILAZZO

HEADQUARTERS  
27 AUG 1944  
A. C. C.

INFORMATION HAS REACHED ME AT MILAZZO WHERE I ARRIVED TO REPAIR DAMAGED LINE TROMBA  
MARINA YESTERDAY THAT AT THE SUIVANO BRIDGE BETWEEN S. AGATA MILITELO AND CARONIA  
A MINE EXPLOSION HAS DAMAGED TELEGRAPH LINE ON RAILROAD UNDER REPAIR STOP OTHER  
INTERRUPTIONS BY EXPLOSIONS OF MINES SUSPECT BY SOLDIERS ARE FEARED STOP ONE SQUAD OF AGENTS  
ARE ON THE SPOT FOR EVENTUAL REPAIRS

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.  
APO 394

Tel : 478709

22 August, 1944.

ACC/14047/PS

SUBJECT : Removal of Mines.

TO : H.Q. Region VIII  
(R.P.S.C. through R.C.)

1. Reference your R - VIII/PS/10.8 dated 17 August.
2. We have no directive on the removal of mines at present. Should one be issued you will receive a copy.
3. The Italian Government is to raise and train special squads for mine removal. These squads will be attached to Regions when trained it is thought.

*Johnson*  
for PAUL G. KIRK  
Colonel Infantry  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

CHLM/C.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION VIII

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See 404

17 August 1944

REF : R-VIII/PS/10.8

SUBJECT : Removal of Mines.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. A.C.C.

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1. Reference your ACC/14047/PS dated 14 August 1944.
2. This office letter R-VIII/PS/10.8 dated 28 July, 1944, (not received by you) requested to have a few copies of the directive on Removal of Mines, if any exist?

*A. J. Rowlandson*

A. J. ROWLANDSON  
Lieut. Colonel, G. I.,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUB COMMISSION

AC/53/LG

30.5.45  
Tel. : 358

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance  
TO : Hq Venezia Region

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1. Your letter AWR/wen of R X11/PS/42 of 22nd May 1945 has been forwarded to this Sub Commission by Public Safety Sub Commission.

2. The plan as outlined will be carried out but meantime work is being concentrated on the heavily mined area in EMILIA Region. Information is desired as to the extent of mine fields and mined areas in your Region and it will be obliging if you will forward your survey on the extent and locations of minefields in your Region as soon as it is ready.

| TO              | INITIALS | DATE |
|-----------------|----------|------|
| DIRECTOR        | WJ       | 31/5 |
| DEPUTY DIRECTOR | WJ       | 31/5 |
| EXEL. OFFICER   | WJ       | 31/5 |
| POICE           |          |      |
| HC. & REG.      |          |      |
| PRIGONS         |          |      |
| CHIEF CLERK     |          |      |
| CHIEF CLERK     |          |      |

*R.R. Cripps*

R.R. CRIPPS  
Colonel  
Director  
Local Government Sub Commission

Copy to : Public Safety Sub Commission  
for information.

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Memo: to C.P.S.

*38A*  
*X Mr. [unclear] [unclear]*  
*see 37A*  
Bombs & Mine Disposal (Ex- Military Areas)

1. At Appendix "A" I give a diary of the chief records from our file up to date. Appendix "B" and "C" are notes on views of officers in RC & MG and MMIA.
2. It is not clear why the matter has come again to P.S. after having been dealt with by RC & MG since April. Much has been done of which we have no record.
3. There is no doubt in my mind that the functions of all P.S. Agencies in this question are strictly limited to reconnaissance and report.
4. In England the C.D. and P.S. personnel are not allowed to touch UXB or mines - they may only report to the Military. This in my opinion should be the principle applied in Italy.
5. The Italian Army is asking for a chance to do more in the War effort. This is their chance and it should be their responsibility or at least, that of the Italian Govt.
6. The Civil Defence Personnel would not be suitable, from my observations, for the work - they are either too old, too young, or too frightened. In any case they are to be found only in the towns and it might be considered bad policy to move them in case of air raids.
7. There appear to be two possible solutions to the problem.
  - (a) To request AAI for authorization of the raising of the ceiling of the Italian Army to allow for 20 companies of Mine Disposal Engineers.
  - This would be the most simple plan since the question of rationing, clothing, equipping, training and administration would be automatic under the existing machinery.

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(b) i. The enrolment of civilian personnel by the Italian Govt. for mine disposal.

ii. They should be formed into Companies as if they were military personnel.

iii. The Italian Army should provide Instructors.

iv. Administration, training, equipment, clothing, rations, pay and pensions would all have to be arranged for by the Italian Govt.

v. The use of "Patriots" or "Partisans" might provide the right type of personnel.

8. Of the two policies in para. 7, I would advocate the first since it is by far the easiest to organize and control.

9. On formation and training, the units should be placed at the disposition of the Regional Commissioners.

10. In view of the importance of having the farmers get to work on the land it is stressed that immediate and well defined action be taken.

*G. H. L. Mason*

G. H. L. MASON  
Fire & C.D.

7/3/44

Acting VP Admin section reports. 8/8/44  
1) Civilians to be organized for mine removal purposes

2) Training to be conducted by 2944 Italian Army personnel

3) Detectors and other required equipment to be made by industry

S/C. We can assist by giving information re locations per



## APPENDIX

38B

File Encl.No.

1A In Sept. 1943 an application was made by AMGOT to 15 Army Group for the services of military instructors to instruct CC.RR in bomb and mine reconnaissance and disposal. This got us nowhere.

3x On 15th Nov. 1943 a letter (~~was~~) was received from MGS AFHQ stating that for reconnaissance civilians and CC.RR be used, and that there were sufficient B.D. Squads to deal with disposal.

4a On 24 Nov. we replied that we were setting up a training Scheme for reconnaissance for CC.RR. We asked for location of B.D. Squads.

7a On 3 Dec. we repeated our statement of 24 Nov. and suggested locations where B.D. Squads would be needed.

8a On 7 Dec. M.G.S. asked for order of priority of places listed in 7A.

9a 29 Dec. order of priority was sent to M.G.S.

10a 10 Jan. Location of 4 B.D. units sent to us by M.G.S.

11a 15 Jan. Regions I and II informed of these locations.

12a 21 June. letter from Reg. I, stating that Italian Military should deal with Italian and German bombs. General BRANCA did not think CC.RR needed instructions.

15a 29 March - Letter from Region III reporting mines around Caserta. 5th Army would only remove those affecting military effort. 5th Army suggested Italian personnel. Report from Italian Liaison Officer that Italian mine company working as labourers. 5th Army refused to release personnel. We referred this letter to Army Sub-Comm. (Min.1) who passed to MBIA for action.

16a 16 April. Letter from RC & MG to Army Sub-Commission stating that Italian Troops are concerned and requesting that provisional company be formed.

MIN.3. 23 April Referred 16a to Army Sub-Commission. who replied with MIN.4.

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- 17a 2 June cable to RC & MG from Region IV.
- 18a 7th July cable from Region VIII to RC & MG.  
Italian Army unit.
- 21a 15 July cable for Region IV to C.A. (British)  
reporting bombs and mines.
- 22a 13 July, C.A. Br. requested by cable details  
of bombs and mines in all regions. Unable to  
promise immediate help.
- 23a 17 July Report from Reg. III that all Bombs  
and Mine in Region have been reported to E.D.  
unit and are being taken care of by them.
- 24a 21 July <sup>cable</sup> to MMIA from AAI instructing movement  
of Italian Mine Cleaning units to Pescara.  
Note. Copies of certain AAI cables not received  
by P.S.
- 26a 27 July cable reporting movement of Italian units  
to Ortona.  
Note. Copy of previous cable not received by P.S.
- 27a 1 Aug. Letter to Region IV from P.S. stating that  
Mine Cleaning units are assigned to Region IV and  
operating near GASTA.
- 29a 5th Aug. Cable from MMIA instructing that the units  
in Region IV be placed under Italian Military HQ.  
forthwith.
- 31a 6 Aug. Cable stating that Italian mine units in  
Reg. V are under Region Command and not Italian  
Army Command. (This appears to be a different  
policy from that indicated in the preceding cable).



N.B. The Italian units at present engaged on Mine Disposal are:-

Reg. IV. 13 Artieri Di Arresto Co. 7 (trained) 561 Replacement Coy.

Reg. V 164 Mine clearing Coy. (trained).  
562 Replacement Coy.



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Appendix "B"

Major Phillips (SCORE) MMIA

1. Responsibility for Bombs and Mines is as under:-

Army Area ---- A.A.I.

L. of C. (near Depots or Military Routes etc.) -  
Districts other parts - ACC (20 & MG Section)

2. ACC have 2 Italian Mine units attached and had 2 on loan for 1 month. These latter have now been withdrawn.
3. If further units are required ACC should apply to AAI for increase in ceiling of Italian Army. Maj. Phillips agrees that at least 20 companies of 250 men would be required.
4. Maj. Phillips also stated that some suggestion had been made for civilian "firms" to do the work but could give no details.



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Appendix "C"

Major Reakes C.A.E.

1. On L. of C. Districts are responsible for the whole areas.
2. Mine companies are not responsible for U. x B's
3. 2 trained companies of Italian Army are available at present with 2 training companies. Their clothing and equipment leaves much to be desired. They are short of transport and therefore limited in their scope of action.
4. Admin. Section have taken up the matter of Mine Disposal with the Italian Govt. and asked for their proposals.
5. The Italian Govt. must decide on the action.

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5 August, 1944

See 38A

Major Mason:

The growing number of deaths to farmers and others is a matter of growing concern. As you are aware a couple of units of the Italian Army are working in Region IV, operating from Gaeta.

At the last meeting of Admin. Section it was indicated that additional help from the Italian Army probably would not be forthcoming. Unless concerted measures are adopted, and on a broad scale an extremely hazardous condition will exist in this country for many years to come.

Without assuming responsibility for the removal of the mines, which I still consider belongs to trained or to-be-trained units of the Italian Army, I wish that you would gather as much information as you can on the subject from all available sources so that a fairly accurate picture can be painted showing the need for the adoption of immediate measures. Also any proposals you may have in mind.



PAUL G. KIRK,  
Colonel, Inf.  
Director Public Safety

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio for action/information

D.P.S.....

~~D.P.S.~~.....

Ex. Officer..... *W*

POLICE

Col. Heaney.....

Capt. Mastroianni.....

Prisons.....

Fire & C.D.....

Regn & Licensing.....

Adm. Officer.....

REMARKS.....

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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Geheime Kommandosache

Fernschreibstelle

Fernschreibname Laufende Nr.

Angenommen  
Aufgenommen

Datum:

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Rolle:

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Fernschreiben  
Posttelegramm  
Fernspruch

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ACTION

ACTION: PUBLIC SAFETY SC(2)

INFO: SECY GEN  
C.A. BR  
ADMIN SEC  
ARMY SC  
W.M.D. SC  
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Bemerkte für Beförderung (vom Aufgeber auszufüllen)

Bestimmungsort

FROM ACC REGION ONE  
TO ACC HQ for LUSH  
uptd ACC HQ Public  
Safety Sub Commission

Ref No: RFO 266

11 Aug.

PRIORITY

SECRET

regret to inform you explosion occurred. 081025  
VITTORIA during unloading old Italian  
munitions in siding about 20 killed  
30 injured 30 houses uninhabitable railway station  
permanent way and 40 rail cars damaged  
5,000 landmines 30 tons munitions flames  
all under control no repeat no sabotage suspected

Nicht zu übermitteln:

Unterschrift des Aufgebers

Fernsprech-Anschluss des Aufgebers



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel : 473709  
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14 August, 1944.

ACC/14047/PS

SUBJECT : Removal of Mines.

TO : H.Q. Region VIII  
(R.P.S.O. through R.C.)

Reference your R - VIII/PS/10.8 dated 5 August, 1944.

1. The letter referred to vis. R - VIII/PS/10.8 dated 28 July 1944 has not been received by this Sub-Commission nor has it arrived at this Headquarters.

2. On receipt of a copy we will endeavour to reply to it.

*G. Kirk*  
for PAUL G. KIRK  
Colonel Inf.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

CHL/G.

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*See 29A*



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
REGION VIII

FILE : R-VIII/PS/10.8  
SUBJECT : Removal of Mines.  
TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. ACC.

May I have an answer to my letter  
R-VIII/PS/10.8 dated 28 July 1944, please.

/dr

A. W. ROWLERSON  
Lieut. Colonel, G. L.,  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

10 AUG 1944

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

Tel. 478709

8 August 1944

ACC/14047/PS

SUBJECT : DA Land Mines.

TO : HQ. All Regions (R.P.S.O. through R.C.)

1. Attached is copy of message received at this HQ and forwarded for your information and necessary action.

2. Police, CD., and Fire Service organizations should be instructed to evacuate and cordon off areas in which suspected D. mines are dropped. The mines should be reported to the appropriate Bomb Disposal Units.

*for* *G.H. Mason* *Major*  
PAUL G. KIRK  
Colonel, Inf.  
Director Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

GHLM/hgd

"DA Land Mines"

Confidential

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G. 525 - 31 Jul. 44

The following message received from UK via HQ. AAI is forwarded for guidance:-

"German mines falling on land may function as time bombs up to 30 hours delay. In view of the difficulty of diagnosis due to occasional use of parachutes instead of tails suspect all bombs diagnoses 1000 kilogram or over pending issue of technical instruction."

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
INFORMATION DIVISION  
A.P.C. 394

2185 / INFO  
4. Aug. 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Information

TO: V. Pres. Administration Section

1. Attached herewith is an extract from a re-  
port received by 57th Area

John V. Hine  
Major, M.I. 2930  
Director



SUBJECT : DA Land Mines

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G. 525  
31 Jul 44.

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1. The following message received from UK via HQ. AAI is forwarded for guidance:-

"German mines falling on land may function as time bombs up to 80 hours delay. In view of the difficulty of diagnosis due to occasional use of parachutes instead of tails suspect all bombs diagnoses 1000 kilogram or over pending issue of technical instruction."

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*Pub. Safety 244V*  
*(31A)*

ACTION/ MMIA LO WITH 60 SUB AREA INFO RPTD AMG REGION 5 MAIN ACC

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MMIA

AQ 1770

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HEADQUARTERS  
AMG 1944  
A. C. C.

**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**IMPORTANT**  
**EXXIIIQ**

154 ARTIERI DI ARRESTO COY AND 562 RASTRELLAMENTO MINE COY  
LOCATED PESCARA UNDER COMMAND REGION ARE NOT UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE  
CONTROL OF AN ITALIAN HQ. ARRANGE AND INFORM ALL ADDRESSEES.

ACC DIST

INFO - ACTION

AMFC-ACTION - PUB SAFETY ✓  
INFO - A/CC  
ADMIN SEC  
C & BR  
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*26A report*

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

AUG 061115B



ARMY FORM 02100 (Small)

## MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 2442

Call | Srl. No. | Priority | Transmittal Instructions

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM  
(A)

NMIA

Originator

Date/Time of Origin

Office Date Stamp

For Action

NMIA LO with 60 SUB AREA

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

rptd ANG REGION 5, MAIN ACC

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

401770(.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) 164 Artieri di Arresto Coy and  
 562 Rastrellamento Mine Coy located PESCARA under command Region  
 are NOT rpt NOT under administrative control of an Italian HQ (.)  
 Arrange and inform all addressees

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN  
BY ANY MEANS EXCEPT

WIRELESS

IF LIABLE TO BE INTERCEPTED OR TO  
FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS, THIS MES-  
SAGE MUST BE SENT IN CIPHERORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS  
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J. B. C. P. Y.

IMPORTANT

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1491) file 30A  
5 August, 1944

Major Mason:

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PAUL G. KIRK,  
Colonel, Inf.  
Director Public Safety

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INFO - ACTION.

MESSAGE FORM

PUB SAFETY

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From - MIA  
To - MIE rptd AAI HQ ACC ANA Region IV for Engineer PDS MIA IO

ED 322 (.) RESTRICTED (.) request you place 13 ARDORI DI ARDENNO Coy and 561  
RACIBELLAMITO MIE Coy location GATEA under administrative comd Italian Military HQ  
CAMPAHIA forthwith (.)

ANY MESSAGES  
except wireless

HEADQUARTERS  
5 AUG 1944  
A. C. C.

Date - Time

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Copy - A/Q

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INFO - ACTION - PUBLIC SAFETY

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- ADMIN SEC

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INFO - ACTION



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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 189 for action/information

- 1 C.F.S. .... *[Signature]*
- ~~D.C.S.~~ .....
- Ex. Officer.... *(BU)*
- Police.... *[Signature]*
- ~~Prisons~~.... *[Signature]*
- 2 Fire & C.D. .... *[Signature]*
- Regn. & Licensing .....
- Adm. Officer .....
- Remarks .....

→ *Mr. Meaney - personally*  
*STA covers both papers*



JKD/ma

*Public Safety*  
SECRETHEADQUARTERS REGION Z  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
A. P. O. 3946460  
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TO : HQ ACC (RC &amp; MG Section.)

1 Aug. 1944

SUBJECT: Abandoned Explosives.

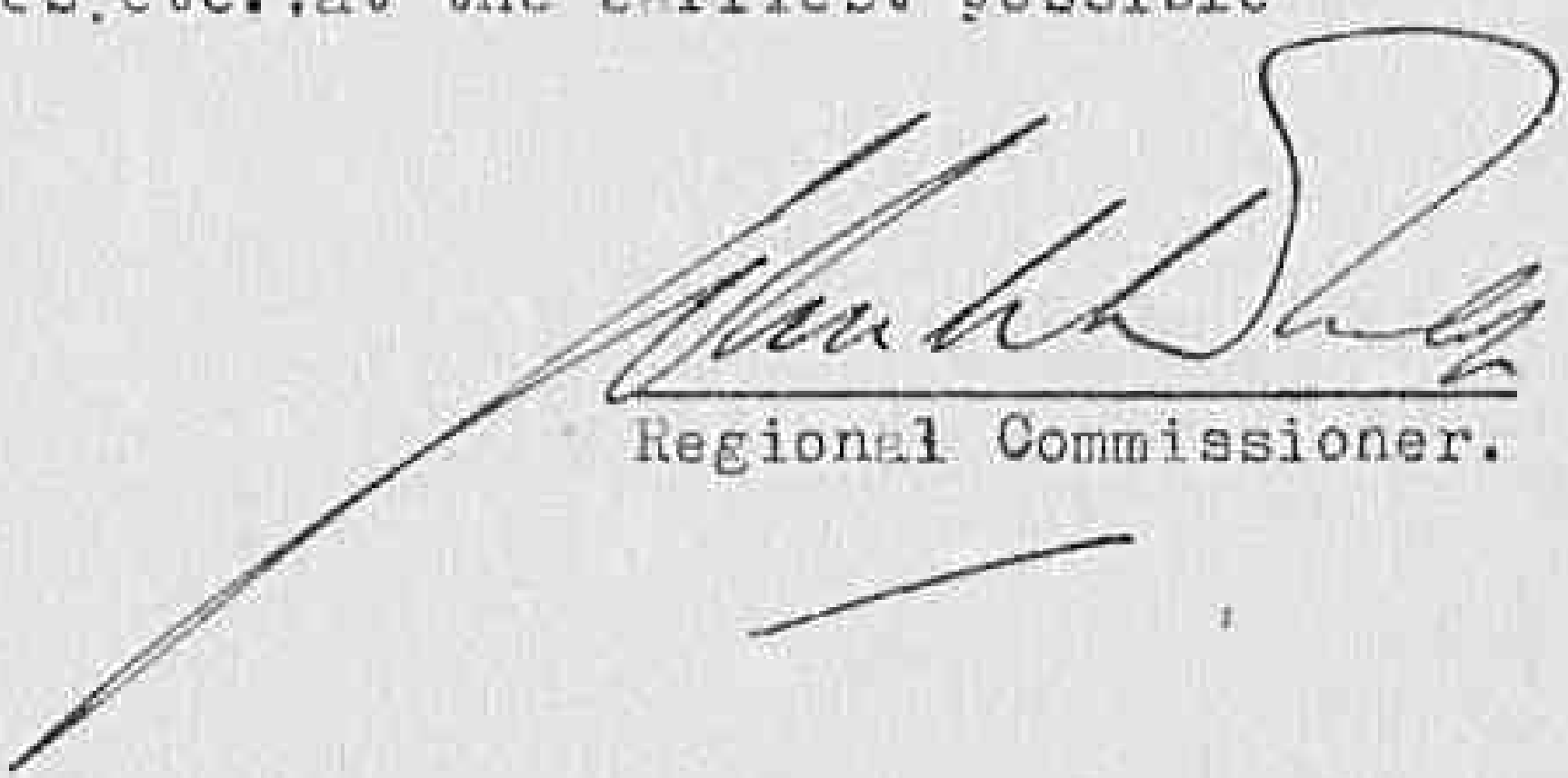
FILE No: RZ/471

1. It is submitted for your consideration that the large quantities of hand grenades and other explosives in abandoned dumps, Allied and German, constitute a potential danger to public security.

2. It may appear inconsistent to collect arms from Partisans and at the same time to leave about the countryside, readily available to the passer by, bombs, grenades and other weapons in the settlement of private quarrels.

3. It is realized that the clearance of ammunition dumps is a responsibility of the army. It is, however, felt that it might be possible to convey to the army the desirability of clearing grenades, etc., at the earliest possible opportunity.

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Regional Commissioner.



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission.  
APO 394.

Tel. 489081.  
Ext. 365.

1 August 1944.

ACC/14047/PS.

SUBJECT : Disposal of Bombs, Mines & Explosives.

TO : Regional Public Safety Officer, Region IV.

Reference your letter R4/25/21 dated 24 July 1944, and copy of letter from Provincial Public Safety Officer, BRITISH PROVINCE dated 18 July, 1944 please be advised that Army Sub-Commission ACC, informs us that the 13 Mine Clearance Company and 361 Replacement Company are assigned to Region IV. We are further informed by Army Sub-Commission that these units are at present operating in the vicinity of GASTA.

PAUL G. WIRE,  
Colonel, Inf.  
Chief, Public Safety  
Sub-Commission.

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*P. Saffet* 14007 1647 (26<sup>A</sup>)  
 INFO-ACTION N 51/26

LRKE V LROF NR R503 QIM  
 FROM MOVWIT 251950  
 TO (INFO) NMIA : ACC ROME  
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HEADQUARTERS  
 27 JUL 1944  
 A.C.C.

CONFIDENTIAL (.) REF OUR MOV 627 DATED 23 (.) DEPARTED CASORIA 251310  
 TO ORTONA VIA CASERTA AND BENEVENTO (.) 562 REPLACEMENT COY 5 OFFRS  
 222 ORS . 164 ITALIAN MINE CLEARANCE COY 5 OFFRS 200 ORS ALL IN 17  
 BOX CARS (.) ALL INFORMED

ACC LIST  
 INFO-ACTION - PUBLIC SAFETY  
 INFO - AICC  
 C.A.B.R.  
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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV  
Allied Control Commission  
APO 394

*R. Safety*  
KWP/mda *6625*

*14047 25A*  
*see 27A*  
24 July 1944

*6625*  
*DAI 31 930*  
TO : Public Safety Sub Commission  
SUBJECT: Uncollected Ammunition  
FILE N.: R4/PS/21

- 25B*
1. Attached is copy of communication from the Public Safety Officer of Littoria Province placing before us question of dealing with hazards which exist in that province.
  2. Col. Edwards, Regional Engineering Officer this Headquarters advises that it is not possible to provide transport for this purpose and suggests that request be made for Salvage or Battle Field Clearance Unit.
  3. A similar request is in hand by Commander 55th Area for Frosinone Province.

*for* *Charles P. ...* Major (AUS)  
Regional Public Safety Officer

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*26 JUL 1944*  
*582147000*



LITTORIA PROVINCE  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
REGION IV  
APO 394

HQ. REGION  
A. M. C.

JUL 20 1944

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12 July 1944

SUBJECT: Uncollected Arms

TO : Regional Public Safety Commissioner, Region IV.

1. Tremendous quantities of bombs, projectiles, shells, arms of all kinds and weapons, are scattered in large and small collections throughout Littoria Province.

2. Number of locations makes it impossible to guard properly to protect children and ignorant people from dangerous incident to these exposed explosives.

3. Ordnance groups are not in evidence in this Province. CG. RR. or other police are ineffective without transport.

4. Transport may be available through requisition by the Prefetto for Police purposes but limitations on fuel result in no hauling for police purposes except by purchases from CIP in limited amounts similar to allocations to civilians.

5. Respectfully request attention to necessity of obtaining both transport and sufficient fuel to remove these dangerous piles of arms to a guarded place, and method of procuring fuel without pay to CIP as this is a military function of AMB-ACC.

F. F. HONLSCHER,  
Captain, S. R.,  
Provincial Public Safety  
Officer.



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Pub Safety 1369 MB  
COIT? 24A

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 ACC ROME CAMPOBASSO FOR REGION 5 PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER PESCARA CITY  
 PBS FOR OFFENHAUER 81/21

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ROUTINE

MOV 1868

JUL 201745B

ARRANGE FOLLOWING RAIL MOVES FROM CASORIA TO ORTONA FOR PESCARA  
 DEPARTING 25 JUL VIA BENEVENTO. 164 ITALIAN MINE CLEARANCE COY 260

ALL RANKS AND ONE REPLACEMENT COY 250 ALL RANKS. AAI SD 1439 OF 17 AND  
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SD 1451 OF 17 REFER/

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COUNTRY COMMISSION  
~~Public Safety & Commission~~  
Relia<sup>213</sup> for action/information

- \* ✓ C.P.S. ....
- D.C.P.S. ....
- Ex. Officer..... *QW*
- \* Police.....
- Prisons.....
- \* ✓ Fire & C.D. ....
- Road. & Licensing.....
- Adm. Officer.....
- Remarks.....
- .....
- .....



HEADQUARTERS  
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

*Public Safety* (234)

14047

PS/16.8.

17 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Unexploded Bombs.

TO : HQ. ACC. Public Safety Sub-Commission.

*22A refs*

1. Reference to Incoming Message ADV 438 dated 14 July 1944.

2. All known locations of Unexploded Bombs and Mines in Region 3 have been reported to the proper bomb-disposal-unit and are being taken care of by that unit as quickly as possible.

*C. T. Francis*

C. T. FRANCIS  
Lieut. Colonel, G.L.  
Regional Public Safety Officer.

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100 DISTRO ACC MAIN CAMPOBASSO FABLE CATANZARO

ACC ADVANCE

438

13 July 1944

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ROUTINE

Civil Affairs Branch

PARA ONE BOMB DISPOSAL PD PAREN TO 100 FOR REGION TWO ONE CMA DISTRO FOR REGION TWO  
CMA ACC MAIN FOR REGION THREE CMA CAMPOBASSO FOR REGION FIVE CMA FABLE FOR CARR CMA  
CATANZARO FOR REGION SEVEN FROM ACC ADVANCE PAREN URGENT REGIONS WILL REPORT AREAS  
 IN WHICH BOMB DISPOSAL URGENTLY REQUIRED PD AAI MAY BE ABLE ASSIST BUT ONLY IN  
 AREAS OF HIGH PRIORITY PD STATE MAP REFERENCE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF BOMBS PD NIL.  
 RETURNS REQUIRED PD PARA TWO MINEFIELDS PD REPORT ALSO AREAS IN WHICH CLEARANCE  
 OF MINES ESSENTIAL PD ASSISTANCE CANNOT BE PROMISED IMMEDIATELY BUT RECORD IS  
 DESIRED PD STATE AREA MAP REFERENCE SIZE AND ESTIMATED NUMBER OF MINES PD NIL.  
 RETURNS REQUIRED

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Region IV  
 Region VIII  
 Home Region

} BY ELS

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L. T. MONTANI, Jr.  
 1st Lieut.  
 ADJUTANT



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✓ CPS *PSK*

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X *Guided*

✓ AO

PA 17/7.



PUBLIC SAFETY SC 14047 887

15 JULY 44

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ROUTINE

TO ACC ADVANCE FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

BOMB DISPOSAL REQUIRED TWO BOMBS HOSPITAL FERENTINO G THREE EIGHT FOUR  
 FOUR PD PAREN HQ REGION FOUR ACC TO ACC ADVANCE FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH  
 PAREN PD MONEFIELDS PD ANZIO BEACHEAD AREA PREVENTING REPAIR DRAINAGE  
 BRIDGES PD LITTORIA TOWN PREVENTING REPAIR WATER ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE  
 SYSTEMS PD CASINO GUSTAV LINE AREA PREVENTING REPAIR POWER AND WATER  
 SYSTEMS PD DETAILS ON SITE PD WORK AT STANDSTILL DUE TO MINES ALL ABOVE  
 AREAS



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JULY 15 1944



SECRET

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission  
APO 394

13th July, 1944

ACC/14047/PS

SUBJECT : Bombs.

TO : R.P.S.Os, Reg.I,II,III,IV,V,VI,VII,VIII & IX.  
CPS AMG 5th & 8th Army.

Parachute type of bombs of S.D. 70 kgs. have been dropped in UK. The parachute is red and is 5 ft square. The bomb is marked 890 B and has a clockwork time fuze.

UKBs of this type may be in a highly sensitive condition and will be destroyed or disposed of by Bomb Disposal Unit only.

*for* *Signature*  
PAUL G. KIRK,  
Colonel, Inf.  
Chief, Public Safety  
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Parachute type of bombs of S.D. 70 lbs have been dropped in UK. The parachute is red and is 5 ft square. The bomb is marked 800 B and has a clockwork time fuze.

UXFs of this type may be in a highly sensitive condition and will be destroyed or disposed of by Host Disposal Unit only.

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J. Lt. Col.,  
Comd, 70 Garrison.



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ARMY ARE GUARDED AGAINST AND DO NOT CHASE ONLY FROM MAIN  
HIGHWAY AND PLACES USED BY ARMY. ONLY OTHER ROUTES AND LOCALITIES  
ARE MARKED OR FILLED WITH BOMB TRAPS. RECENT ITALIAN ARMY ENGINEER  
UNIT APPROPRIATELY EQUIPPED AND TRAINED BE ASSIGNED THIS REGION FOR BOMB  
AND BOMB DISPOSAL

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CITE/ROME

REP NUMBER 1270 PRESENCE OF MINES HINDERING HARVEST AND RESTORATION  
PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER LARGE AREAS. DETAIL FOLLOWS. CAN YOU EXPEDITE  
ARRIVAL ITALIAN MINE CLEARING UNITS IN 4TH REGION

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HEADQUARTERS  
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Public Safety Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 16A for action/information

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Regn. & Licensing.....

Adm. Officer.....

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
R.C. & M.G. SECTION  
APO 394

18 April 1944

Ref/6/119/GA

SUBJECT: Italian Unit for Mine Clearance.

TO : Army Sub-Commission Main Hq.

1. Attached hereto is copy of letter from Regional Commissioner Region V to Regional Engineer Region V requesting that steps be taken to organize a provisional company for the purpose of sweeping mined areas.
2. It will be noted that the matter has already been discussed with No. 2 District who are prepared to furnish training for such a unit.
3. The Regional Commissioner remarks at 1st indorsement indicate that the Regional Engineering Section is prepared to distribute Italian troops in local areas where required.
4. As the matter involves the use of Italian troops it is passed to you for consideration and it would be appreciated if you will submit your views to this Branch.
5. It would appear that if such a company was formed it would be of tremendous value now and would be available in the future for cleaning areas over which the armies has advanced.

NORMAN R. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive  
Commissioner

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Copy to:

Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Comm.  
Rear Hq. Army Sub-Commission, Salerno.  
Public Safety Sub-Commission, for information.



HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Safety Sub-Commission

Folio 158 for action/~~information~~

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HEADQUARTERS  
REGION 3, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
APO394, U.S. Army

29 March 1944.

SUBJECT: Unexploded Mines.

TO : Public Safety Sub Commission ACC.

1. This Headquarters reports that in the vicinity of Caserta, Province of Naples, there are a considerable number of unexploded mines which require removal.
2. The majority of these mines are located in fields and their presence is preventing the cultivation of crops.
3. These mines were reported to Engineer 5th Army, but he intimated that he would only undertake the removal of mines where such action was necessary for the military effort. He suggested that personnel for their removal be secured from Italian sources, particularly as some of the mine fields in question were laid by Italians.
4. The suggestion was adopted by this Headquarters and Lt. Colonel Del Monte, Italian Army Liaison Officer with ACC Region III, was approached on the matter. He reported that a Company of Italian Army mine researchers was attached to 5th Army and were being employed as labourers.
5. 5th Army were informed of the facts and asked if the men in question could be allocated to do this mine disposal work, but they have replied that these Italian troops are now engaged in priority engineering projects in the 5th Army area and that none are available for this mine clearing work.
6. It would now appear that unless another



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NORTH AFRICAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
APO 534*Public Safety*  
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AG 471.82/438 ORD-0

5 March 1944

SUBJECT: Fuzes, Concrete piercing, T-105.

TO : All Concerned.

1. A limited number of fuzes, concrete piercing, T-105, have been ordered for use in this theater. This fuze may be used in any HE shell from 75mm to 240mm. It has a .05 second delay action, which enables high explosive shells within the above caliber range to effectively penetrate concrete and masonry. An HE shell with the T-105 fuze is superior to AP or any other type shell against concrete or masonry objectives.

2. Every effort will be made to conserve this type of fuze. Due to the insensitivity of the fuze, it is not satisfactory for ranging. Ranging should be accomplished with other fuzes.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

*Jack Carter.*  
JACK CARTER  
1st Lt, ACD,  
Asst Adjutant General.

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Colonel Meaney -

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Confer with Shepherd to this.

My recollection is: -

- (1) AFHQ wanted bomb removed in CCRQ transit.
- (2) Job would be to detect & protect area where undetonated bomb located, pending removal by military authorities.
- (3) If needed, CCRQ personnel so trained could be jumped forward to mainland.
- (4) Instructors were to be recently released CCRQ officer prisoners.

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In view of this, unless something has occurred to alter above, Branda's idea of what may or may not be necessary, is of no consequence.



ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394

22/1/44

SUBJECT: Bomb Reconnaissance

TO : Major K. C. SHEPHERD, Public Safety, A.M.G. HQ

1. In answer to questions contained in letter from K. C. SHEPHERD, Public Safety Division, AMG HQ dated 19 Jan. attention is directed to attached report from Civil Police Section.

2. The whole question of bomb disposal has for a long time been unsettled and remains so at present. The military have not removed all explosives, the location of which are known. As the situation developed it became unnecessary to train carabinieri for bomb reconnaissance.

*R. A. Snook*  
RUSSELL A. SNOOK  
Lt. Colonel  
Chief Public Safety Division

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394.

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FILE : R.P.S. 476. RI/617/1/CPS/BJH.  
22/1/44.  
SUBJECT : Bomb Disposal.  
TO : Chief, Public Safety Division,  
Region 1 Headquarters.

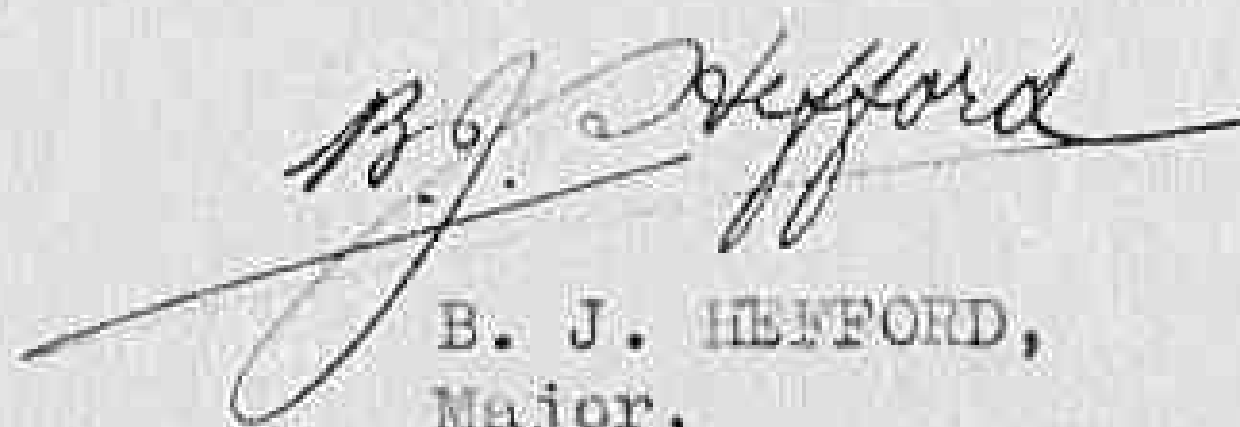
Reference attached :

1. A letter dated 1st December, 1943, from No. 1 District directed inter alia that Bombs of British and American origin should be removed by personnel of those Forces, while Italian and German Bombs should be dealt with by Italian Military units.

2. It further stated that "there is no objection to Carabinieri receiving elementary training in the recognition of bombs".

3. This information was conveyed to General BRANCA who replied that he did not consider it necessary to give a course of instruction to Carabinieri.

4. I submitted this reply to you, suggesting that we let matters remain as they are, and this course was approved.

  
B. J. HENFORD,  
Major,  
Supt., Civil Police Section.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Division

AMG/1547/IS

15 January, 1944

SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal

TO: MAC's Regions I and II.

1. The following locations of Military Bomb Disposal Units are given for your information:

|        |        |                         |
|--------|--------|-------------------------|
| Hayles | P.B.S. | 35th Ord. B.D. Co.      |
| Hoggis | WMAF   | 4-6 Ord. B.D. Squads    |
| Wri    | WMAF   | 2 Ord. B.D. Squads      |
| Palmer | P.B.S. | 1 Platoon 35th B.D. Co. |

2. If the services of these units are required in the Regions, application should be made direct to the Unit concerned.

*W. C. Clark*  
W. C. CLARK  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety Division.

Copy to: MAC's (3 copies) (For information: MAC-321-27 of 16 January, 1944 refers)

AMG 15 Army Group (For information)

Returned to  
Adm. Dir.  
J. H.

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May Shepherd

Sir,  
Col. Meaney would  
like to see you regarding  
this.

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P.S. Dr.

Bank of Italy  
0930 4/2/43

J.M.D.

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Ref. MGS - 321 - 27 dated 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Para. 1

Para. A in AMG/471.6/AD  
referred to ALLIED MILITARY  
B.D. SQUADS.

Para. 2

I The list of towns in para. A  
of AMG/471.6/AD was drawn  
up with the following points in  
mind

- (a) The military importance of  
the locality
- (b) The probability of bombing
- (c) The size & population of the  
locality.

II The priority of importance of these  
towns is considered to be a matter  
for the Military Commander to  
decide in the light of pending operations.



From the A.M.C. point of view the  
priority must depend on the  
success or direction of operations.  
All the towns are important  
either as ports or centers of  
communication.

Attention is directed to para.  
5 & 6 in our AMC/471.6/AD.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

MGS-321-27

10 January 1944.

SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal

TO : HQ AMG, CMF

1. Reference your AMG/471.6/AD of 29 December.
2. The following has been received from Ordnance Section at this Headquarters:

"1. Location of Ordnance Bomb Disposal Units with respect to the Italian cities listed in your inclosures to letter 321-27 3rd January are as follows:

|         |        |                          |
|---------|--------|--------------------------|
| Naples  | P.B.S. | 235th Ord. B.D. Co.      |
| Foggia  | NWAAP  | 4-6 Ord. B.D. Squads     |
| Bari    | NWAAP  | 2 Ord B.D. Squads        |
| Palermo | I.B.S. | 1 Platoon 235th B.D. Co. |

Messina is within control area of elements of the 17th Bomb Disposal Co. R.E.

"2. There is no immediate change contemplated in the coverage afforded the cities listed although squads will shortly be substituted for the existing company elements.

"3. Although squads will shortly be substituted for the existing companies, no immediate change is contemplated in bomb disposal coverage for the cities listed."

HENRY PARKMAN, JR.  
Lt. Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

Refer to:  
AGG/471.6/AD.

SUBJECT: Bomb Disposal.

TO:

Commanding General, A.F.H.Q., I.C. Section. *SA*

29 December 1943.

1. Reference your AGS-321.27 dated 7 December 1943.

2. Para. 4 of AGG/471.6/AD dated 3 December 1943 refers to ALLIED MILITARY BOMB DISPOSAL SQUADS.

3. The priority of importance of the towns is as under. It is from a purely civil aspect that this priority is assessed, with no regard to estimated military importance or to probable operations. *SA* 1421, which was omitted from the previous list, is added:

1. Rome.
2. Milan.
3. Genoa.
4. Naples.
5. Turin.
6. Palermo.
7. Bologna.
8. Florence.
9. Bari.
10. Trieste.
11. Messina.
12. Leshorn.
13. Brindisi.

14. Spezia.
15. Ancona.
16. Brescia.
17. Piume.
18. Udine.
19. Trento.
20. Verona.
21. Treviso.
22. Salerno.
23. Ferrara.
24. Pavia.
25. Frosinone.

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For the Commanding General:



1. Reference your MSG-321.27 dated 7 December 1943.

2. Para. 4 of AGO/471.6/AB dated 3 December 1943 refers to ALLIED MILITARY BOMB DISPOSAL SQUADS.

3. The priority of importance of the towns is as under. It is from a purely civil aspect that this priority is assessed, with no regard to estimated military importance or to probable operations. BARI, which was omitted from the previous list, is added:

1. Rome.
2. Milan.
3. Genoa.
4. Naples.
5. Turin.
6. Palermo.
7. Bologna.
8. Florence.
9. Bari.
10. Trieste.
11. Messina.
12. Leghorn.
13. Brindisi.

14. Spezia.
15. Ancona.
16. Brescia.
17. Pizzo.
18. Udine.
19. Trento.
20. Verona.
21. Treviso.
22. Salerno.
23. Perugia.
24. Foggia.
25. Frosinone.

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For the Commanding General:

CHARLES M. STOFFORD,  
Colonel; G.S.C.  
Acting Chief of Staff.



## ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

## Military Government Section

471.6  
WGS-321-27

SUBJECT: Bomb disposal

TO : HQ. AMG, CMF

LGA/LM/tm  
7 December 1943

Reference your AMG/471.6/AD of 3 December.

1. It is not clear from your paragraph 4 whether you refer to Allied military bomb disposal squads, or to squads which you intend shall be formed from Italian personnel. In either case the matter is one of direct interest to the Ordnance Section at this Headquarters, to whom reference will be made when this point has been clarified.

2. It will be seen from our WGS 321-27 of 26 November that a total of only thirty-three Bomb Disposal Squads Saps will be available. As these squads will be required to operate primarily with Armies and Air Sections, it is requested that you will indicate the priority of importance in which you consider the towns listed in your paragraph 4 should be placed, in order that representation may be made to the Ordnance Section for allotment of Bomb Disposal squads at least to those towns within the higher priorities.

*[Signature]*  
D. S. JACKLING,  
Lt. Colonel.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 312

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Refer to:  
AMS/47L.6/AD

December 3, 1943.

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordnance Bomb Disposal Services with AMS/ADG

TO : Commanding General, Military Government Section, AMSG

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1. Reference your AMS 321.1, dated 13 November 1943, the proposals put forward will dispose of many of the difficulties that have been and are being experienced.

2. It is agreed that the principle of using police and civilian resources for reconnaissance work with recourse to Military Units for Disposal should be adopted. The following steps are being taken in Region I which are in line with this policy.

(a) An organization is now being formed to enroll specially selected members of the Carabinieri, who are to be trained in bomb reconnaissance. In the early stages, a single elementary course will suffice. It is planned that training centers be established in Palermo and Catania. The Carabinieri have been consulted and are in agreement with the scheme. Assurances have been given that the necessary personnel can be recruited from within their establishment.

(b) There are available in Palermo three paroled Italian officers who are attached as Marshals to the Carabinieri, qualified in bomb reconnaissance, and it is intended to commence training forthwith using these officers as instructors.

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3. It is considered that similar instruction centers will be required in other Regions, and that it will be necessary to develop on these lines, either using selected students as instructors or moving the existing instructors to convenient centers for courses.

4. It is tentatively estimated that Bomb Disposal Squads will be required in the under-mentioned places:

|    |           |    |          |    |         |
|----|-----------|----|----------|----|---------|
| 1  | Palermo   | 11 | Leghorn  | 21 | Trieste |
| 2  | Messina   | 12 | Bologna  | 22 | Udine   |
| 3  | Brindisi  | 13 | Spazio   | 23 | Trento  |
| 4  | Salerno   | 14 | Caserta  | 24 | Fiumi   |
| 5  | Foggia    | 15 | Turin    |    |         |
| 6  | Naples    | 16 | Ancona   |    |         |
| 7  | Frosinone | 17 | Milan    |    |         |
| 8  | Rome      | 18 | Frederia |    |         |
| 9  | Perugia   | 19 | Verona   |    |         |
| 10 | Florence  | 20 | Trieste  |    |         |

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5. While it is appreciated that this is a fairly large number of locations, it is considered that as the theater of operations moves northward it will be possible to reduce the number of squads in the south.

6. Squads will only be required in the territory under control of the Italian Government at such ports and locations as are being retained as centers of military operations on the L. of C. It will be necessary for the Italian Government to establish a Military organization to cover the remainder of the territory under their control.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES M. STOPFORD,  
Colonel, U.S.C.,  
Deputy Chief of Staff (G & SE)

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
ACTION SHEET

11-1-44  
Date

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| C.G., A.M.G.               |    |
| C. of Staff                |    |
| D.C. of Staff for (C.G.S.) |    |
| D.C. of Staff Admin.       |    |
| Industrial Plan            |    |
| Mil. Sec.                  |    |
| Pol. Sec.                  |    |
| Econ & Admin Sec.          |    |
| Communications Sec.        |    |
| Economic Director          |    |
| ✓ Administrative Dir.      |    |
| Executive Off. Admin.      |    |
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| G-2                        |    |
| Adjutant General           |    |
| Personnel                  |    |
| Publications               |    |
| Miscellaneous              |    |
| Supply Officer             |    |
| Billeting Officer          |    |
| Transportation Off.        |    |
| Hq Commandant              |    |
| Camp Commandant            |    |
| Message Center             |    |
| Sub-Commission on:         |    |
| Public Safety              | ✓  |

For: Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recommendation 2891  
 Information ✓  
 Approval or Disapp. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Appropriate Action ✓  
 Investig. & Report \_\_\_\_\_  
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CC. RR. of Naples (Group of Benevento)

Benevento, 29 December 1943

SUBJECT: Unexploded Bombs.

TO : Allied Military Government - Benevento.

## E X T R A C T

1. Ponte S. Antonietello, in the Comune di S. Lorenzello, on the road to S. Salvatore Telesino - Bombs and Mines.

2. Comune of GUARDIA SANFRANCESCO:

b. 5 unexploded bombs at Contrada Camporiano.

c. 2 unexploded bombs at Contrada Pastena.

3. Comune of S. LORENZO MAGGIORE:

4 incendiary bombs at Contrada Croce del Gallo.

4. Comune of MONTEONE:

Unexploded bombs & mines on the track of the railroad (km. 38-40).

5. Comune of SASSINORO:

On the road Sassinoro-Fonte Lammara, projectiles of 75 mm.

6. Comune of CAMPOLATIANO:

Gun projectiles at Contrada Macchione and Contrada Gracasso.

8. Comune of CASTELCAMPAGNATO:

a. Locality S. Angelo - 12 shells.

9. Comune of S. GIUSEPPE DEL SANNIO:

b. 4 bombs in Contrada Ariofredo.

c. 3 bombs in Contrada S. Giovanni.

d. 1 bomb in Contrada S. Maria.

e. 1 bomb in Contrada Goccioloni.

f. 1 bomb at the Railway Station.

g. 1 bomb at Contrada Piana, near the Rural School.

d. 20 tubes of explosives at Via Eduardo Minieri.

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TO

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FARGO

REF MY FOX ABLE TWO EIGHT FIVE OF TWO SEVEN NOV RPT NOV PD GOC  
 RPT GOC CARABINIERI HAS ALSO PROPOSED TO INSTITUTE NCO RPT NCO  
 COURSES FOR CARABINIERI AND DESIRES INITIATE ONE SUCH COURSE IN  
 SICILY PD GOC RPT GOC IN CHARLIE CONSIDERS THIS VERY NECESSARY SINCE  
 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR CARABINIERI WILL BE WANTED FOR ROME AND  
 NORTH PD PRESUME NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO SUCH COURSE AND ALSO RECRUITING  
 ADDITIONAL CARABINIERI EM RPT EM WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED IN  
 PRINCIPLE BY MILITARY GOVERNOR IN AUGUST LAST PD PAREN TO SEARS FOR  
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 FROM AMG RPT AMG CITE FOX ABLE TWO EIGHT SIX PAREN PD

*Original received from Adm Director  
 with agreement with scheme.  
 Replied to by Col. Kirk by letter  
 office memo. Copy not kept.*

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Adm. Off. to Secy

P.A. 29/11



HEADQUARTERS  
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
Public Safety Division

HCS/rj

November 24, 1943

AMG/140.7/PS

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordnance Bomb Disposal Service with AMG/ACC.

TO : Adm. Director.

*Returned to Adm. Director*

1. The proposals contained in MSG 321-4 dated 13 November, 1943, with special reference to paragraph 2(b), will dispose of many of the difficulties that have been, and are being, experienced in Sicily.

2. (a) An organization is now being formulated to enrol specially selected members of the Carabinieri to be trained in Bomb Reconnaissance. In the early stages, a single elementary course would no doubt suffice. It is planned that training centres be established in Palermo and Catania.

(b) The Carabinieri have been consulted and the suggested scheme appeals to them. Assurance has been given that the necessary personnel can be recruited from within their establishment.

(c) There are available in Palermo three paroled Italian officers who are attached as Marshals to the Carabinieri, qualified in Bomb Reconnaissance, and it is intended to commence training forthwith, using these officers as instructors.

3. On completion of pending re-organization, it will be necessary for this office to be informed of the location of the Bomb Disposal Squads, so that contact can be made with them for the removal of the unexploded bombs or mines requisitioned by the Carabinieri.

PAUL C. KIRK,  
Colonel, Infantry,  
Chief, Public Safety  
Division.

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ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS  
Military Government Section

13 November, 1943,

MG 32-1

SUBJECT: proposed Ordnance Bomb Disposal Service with JAG, AGC.

TO : H.Q. A.M.G. (A.C.C.) C.M.F.  
H.Q. A.M.G. 15 Army Group.

1. A proposal has recently been received from the War Department that Ordnance Officers should be attached to JAG, AGC staffs in order to institute a procedure for the reporting of unexploded bombs. The comments of this Headquarters were invited, together with recommendations, should the proposal be considered acceptable, as to the echelons to which these officers should be attached.

2. The matter was referred to Ordnance Section at this Headquarters whose comments and proposals are summarized hereunder.

(a) Comments

(i) Italian civilians are invariably in dread of GAB and co-operate eagerly in reporting any suspicious indications. In Sicily, Bomb Disposal officers obtained complete reports in towns covered by discussing the problem with the local Carabinieri who, thereafter, obtained full information of all incidents in the area.

(ii) The civilians of the larger cities had set up F.A.D. and bomb reconnaissance systems. It is obvious that these systems can be combined with the utilization of the Carabinieri in order to submit reports to Military Government established.

(b) Proposals

(i) Military Government elements arrange to coordinate civilian reconnaissance for areas under their control by using existent F.A.D. and Carabinieri services.

(ii) That technical advice be obtained from Commanding Officers of Ordnance Bomb Disposal Squads which, where conditions warrant, can be attached to near-by Army organizations to be available for the protection of the particular areas. These officers can also provide reconnaissance training as required. Incident reports can then be verified by civilian reconnaissance agents and turned over to the Bomb Disposal Officer for disposal through the Military Government officer in charge.



iii/ It is not recommended that special Bomb Disposal Officers be assigned to AHS, as on completion of pending re-organization a sufficient number of Bomb Disposal Squads (BDS) will be available for complete coverage of this problem whether in civilian or tactical areas.

iv/ That tentative requirements for this service be considered by the Military Government Section as elastic a plan as possible so that they can be revised as desired by Military Commanders concerned dependant upon conditions as they change from time to time. This would obtain more satisfactory results than attempting to establish a fixed number of units in any given location.

The proposals put forward have been accepted, and the War Department informed accordingly.

5. It is requested that you will forward your comments and suggestions on this matter to this Headquarters, particularly in respect of the proposal contained in paragraph 2 (b) (iv), above.

D. S. JONING,  
Colonel

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 512

December 3, 1943

Refer to:  
AMG/471.6/AD

SUBJECT: Proposed Ordnance Bomb Disposal Service with AMG/AGG  
TO : Commanding General, Military Government Section, AFM

1. Reference your AMG 321.1, dated 13 November 1943, the proposals put forward will dispose of many of the difficulties that have been and are being experienced.

2. It is agreed that the principle of using police and civilian resources for reconnaissance work with recourse to Military Units for Disposal should be adopted. The following steps are being taken in Region I which are in line with this policy.

(a) An organization is now being formed to enroll specially selected members of the Carabinieri, who are to be trained in bomb reconnaissance. In the early stages, a simple elementary course will suffice. It is planned that training centers be established in Palermo and Catania. The Carabinieri have been consulted and are in agreement with the scheme. Assurances have been given that the necessary personnel can be recruited from within their establishment.

(b) There are available in Palermo three paroled Italian officers who are attached as Marshals to the Carabinieri, qualified in bomb reconnaissance, and it is intended to commence training forthwith using these officers as instructors.

3. It is considered that similar instruction centers will be required in other Regions, and that it will be necessary to develop on these lines, either using selected students as instructors or moving the existing instructors to convenient centers for courses.

4. It is tentatively estimated that Bomb Disposal Squads will be required in the under-mentioned places:

|             |            |            |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1 Palermo   | 11 Leghorn | 21 Trieste |
| 2 Messina   | 12 Bologna | 22 Udini   |
| 3 Brindisi  | 13 Spazio  | 23 Trento  |
| 4 Salerno   | 14 Genoa   | 24 Fiumi   |
| 5 Foggia    | 15 Turin   |            |
| 6 Naples    | 16 Ancona  |            |
| 7 Grosinone | 17 Milan   |            |
| 8 Rome      | 18 Brescia |            |
| 9 Perugia   | 19 Verona  |            |
| 10 Florence | 20 Treviso |            |

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5. While it is appreciated that this is a fairly large number of locations, it is considered that as the theater of operation moves northward it will be possible to reduce the number of squads in the south.

6. Squads will only be required in the territory under control of the Italian Government at such ports and locations as are being retained as centers of military operation on the I. of S. It will be necessary for the Italian Government to establish a Military organization to cover the remainder of the territory under their control.

For the Commanding General:

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD  
Colonel, U.S.C.  
Deputy Chief of Staff (G & SI)



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 HEADQUARTERS COMMAND ALLIED FORCE  
 AFO 512, U. S. Army



TRAINING MEMORANDUM )  
 :  
 NUMBER 11 )

30 October 1943

BOMB RECONNAISSANCE SCHOOL

1. Objective:

A Bomb Reconnaissance School will be conducted by Headquarters Command Allied Force to provide instruction in the detection and the reporting of unexploded bombs and other objects dropped from the air in order that proper safety precautions and disposal may be effected.

2. Appointment of Officers and NCOs:

Each unit of Headquarters Command including companies, troops or batteries will appoint one Bomb Reconnaissance Officer and one Bomb Reconnaissance NCO. The names, ranks and serial numbers of personnel appointed will be reported so as to reach this headquarters by 1200 hours, 2 November 1943.

3. Attendance at Bomb Reconnaissance School:

The above appointed personnel will report to Headquarters Command Bomb Reconnaissance School as listed below:

a. Place:

La Redoute Theater located at corner of Rue Eusee Reclus and Rue des Ecoles at La Redoute (near Birmandries).

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b. Time and Date:

1000 hours - 1200 hours, Thursday, 4 November 1943  
 0800 hours - 1200 hours, Friday, 5 November 1943

By order of Colonel RAMSEY:

A. WARD GILLETTE,  
 Lt Col, Infantry,  
 Executive Officer.

OFFICIAL:

JEROME M. SMITH,  
 Major, FA,  
 S-3.

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NOTE: This was issued as amended,  
to SMO's as part of Twelve Leaflets  
Bulletin No. 13 (AMGOT/POPS of  
13 October 1943)

AMGOT/POPS/22  
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1. Reports indicate the presence in my places in the Island of large numbers of land mines, unexploded bombs, etc. These constitute a serious danger to both military and civilian.
2. My political organization are dealing with the above situation a serious obstacle to military operations. The removal of all other bombs, etc., is the responsibility of the Local Military Government.
3. This will be accomplished as follows:
  - (a) Reported. It is the duty of all persons having knowledge of the location of any land mines, unexploded bombs, and military equipment to report the same immediately to the nearest police station or Government.
  - (b) Investigation. Investigations have been started by the Government, and the results will be reported to the public within 24 hours of the date of the report. This will include proper marking of the bombs, etc. This will be done in the vicinity of the bomb area, warning to all persons in the vicinity of a bomb area that the same is dangerous and should be avoided.
  - (c) Disposal. Unexploded bombs are dangerous to people and any type of unexploded bomb is liable. The disposal of these bombs must be a highly technical procedure and persons to undertake this work.

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of large numbers of land mines, unexploded bombs, shells, etc. These constitute a potential danger to both military and civilian.

2. The military authorities are dealing with the above situation in a most efficient manner. The removal of all other bombs, mines, etc., is the responsibility of the local civilian authorities.

3. This will be completed as follows:

(a) Demolition. It is the duty of all persons having knowledge of the location of any land mines, unexploded bombs, and anything destructive etc., to report the facts without delay to the nearest military station or headquarters.

(b) Investigation. Investigations have been started by the Department General, Headquarters, providing for the further steps required to protect the public pending final disposal of the bombs, mines, etc. This will include proper marking of the danger area, warning to all persons in the vicinity, etc. 2988  
These measures will prevent any of the members of a bomb disposal unit.

(c) Disposal. Unexploded bombs are destroyed by the use of a type of a reaction, bomb or mine. The disposal of these bombs is a highly technical procedure and has to be undertaken by a team.

Special arrangements for disposal of the above are under arrangement by the Headquarters.

(d) Unexploded bombs, shells, etc. are being removed from the vicinity of military installations and are being removed from the area. This would be reported to the nearest headquarters or other police officer in the area.

The exact location of all such mines, bombs, etc.







- Personnel will be reported only.
- (c) The location, date and quantities of all enemy property as described above will be reported through regular Communications channels to the Pacific Commander C.I.P. at Manila.
- (d) A special Ordinance Department is now attached to U.S.S. Union to be in charge of the collection and disposition of the military property described in this paragraph. To this date with the Commanders through the representatives of Civil Affairs.

*A similar organization is in existence in the Eastern portion of the island and details of its operation have been covered to staffs concerned.*

5. (a) There have been reports of various minor banding troops and constituting a serious in certain locations and in location of the island. The personnel of the military police at these times the personnel of U.S.S. Union should be reported to the through channels to the Pacific Commander C.I.P. at Manila. The disposition of military police will be indicated by the Commanders C.I.P. U.S.S. Union 2356.

6. The personnel of this division will be reported to the general headquarters of C.I.P. at Manila in the general headquarters of the division in these times.
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Encl. 4. Division

(b) The Tagalog Division has requested that the of any items or or near the beaches under the should be reported to him.

(c)



Memorandum to Commissioner of Public Safety.

1 Oct. 1945. 115

Subject: Prison and Mine Removal - Employment of Prisoners of War.

The treatment of P.O.W. is governed by Geneva Convention dated 27 July 1929

2. The work on which P.O.W. are not allowed to be employed is defined in Arts 31 and 32 of the Convention. Under Art. 31, "work done by P.O.W. shall have no direct connection with the operations of the war. In particular, it is forbidden to employ prisoners in the manufacture or transport of arms or munitions of any kind or in the transport of material destined for combat units". In my opinion, this restriction applies only to the employment described when the employment amounts to an act against the interests of the prisoners' own army or country. I consider it does not prevent the use of P.O.W. for the removal of land mines or bombs after the time of war has left the locality and the removal is required only for the safety of the prisoners' own countrymen. Furthermore, the removal could not be against the interests of the prisoners' own army or country when general armistice has taken place.

3. Under Art. 32, it is forbidden to employ P.O.W. on dangerous work. In my opinion if the P.O.W. employed are trained bomb and mine disposal personnel and they consent to the employment, there is no objection to it.

4. As P.O.W. are the responsibility of "A" Branch in the British Army and of G-1 in the American Army, I think that the actual decision as to the use of P.O.W. for the work of removing bombs and mines should be taken by that Branch acting on J.A.G.'s advice. It will be desirable, however, to send a copy of this opinion to the J.A.G. concerned as indicating our view.

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Lt. Colonel  
D.G.L.C.



Disposal of Marine Mines.

AMCZ/1201/15.

ASST Liaison Officer with 15th Army  
Group

Sept. 20,

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1. Arrangements have been completed with the Commandant M.C.B. U.S.N., Jalisco for the disposal of any loose marine mines on beaches or in adjacent waters on the coast line of Sinaloa under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Navy. I am informed that the remaining coast line is under the control of the Royal Navy.

2. The procedure to be followed with M.C.B. U.S.N. at Jalisco is that they will be advised by the Brigade Commander, C.O.B.R., of the location of any such loose mine and thereafter undertake the disposition of such mine.

3. It is requested that similar arrangements be made with the appropriate officer of the Royal Navy and that we be advised of the procedure to be followed, the location and commander of the office to which reports are to be submitted.

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CHARLES H. SPENCER,  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Chief Staff Officer.



Disposal of Unexploded Bombs.

ASST I-1-1-1 - 15 Army Group,  
Staff Disposal Officer.

ASST/1301/23.

20 Sep.

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1. In order to dispose of unexploded bombs, mines, etc., constituting a menace to the civil population in Sicily, arrangements have been made for doing most of this thru the U.S.A.R. since military personnel is not available for the purpose.

2. It is proposed to organize one or more bomb disposal units from Italian or military personnel to operate under the U.S.A.R. Since, however, this is a highly technical matter it is essential that a bomb disposal expert be available to instruct and supervise these units. No such officer is at present available at 7th Army or U.S.A.R. nor on duty with ASST. The detail should not be more than temporary.

3. It is requested that a bomb disposal expert be made available to these headquarters for the above purpose either from the Italian, British, or U.S. armies or navy at the earliest date possible.

4. At the same time will you explore the possibility of securing the service of a unit of the Italian Army especially trained for bomb and mine disposal, which could possibly be made available for duty in Sicily. 2884

CHARLES E. PROFFER,  
Colonel, U. S. A.  
Chief Staff Officer.

SUBJECT: Disposal of Unexploded Bombs.

15 Army Group  
C.I.P. 17

USAG/USIA (D-)/10

C.I.P. No. 1 District.

20 Sep. 45.

The attached letters AI/23/62 of 24 Sep and USAG/USIA/10 of 20 Sep are passed to you for necessary action.

R.L. WILKES

Major

For Relaying

Chief Engineer.

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Copy to: HQ. AFHQ, MALABO.  
USAG Liaison 15 Army Group Hqn.

Subject: Disposal of Unexploded Bombs.

11/22/62

21. Dec. 1962

Chief Engineer,  
Headquarters,  
15 Army Group.

1. Reference the attached copy letter, AMST/1101/62 dated 20 Sep. 62, would you please advise this Bureau-

- (a) What arrangements are in force for bomb disposal and their clearance in the Island.
- (b) Whether it would be possible to put a bomb disposal and mine clearing expert at the disposal of AMST in order to teach the Carabinieri Force.
- (c) Whether the use of Italian Military Units is contemplated for bomb disposal and mine clearing.

2. As regards the Eastern portion of the Island, it is thought that all these matters are probably being dealt with by the Italian clearance Unit which is operating under Northern.

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Captain.  
Staff Captain.  
AMST Liaison.

AMST Liaison,  
15 Army Group Main,  
PHEP.  
15/36.

Copy to: H.Q. AMST, PHEP.



Headquarters  
 United States Communications

January 28 1943

Refer to -

~~148-111.6-118~~

Subject: Bomb Reconnaissance  
 To Chief Public Safety Region 1.

1. Reference your R1/617/1/C.P.S./BTH dated 22/1/44 and your file R.P.S 476 is requested that ~~it is necessary to~~ <sup>request that</sup> ~~Company will the~~ <sup>be made</sup> ~~Proposals~~ <sup>Proposals</sup> contained of M.C.S 32-1 dated 13 November 1943 be now compared with
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Subject: Bomb Reconnaissance  
To Chief Public Safety Region 1.

1. Reference your R1/617/1/C.D.S./B.T.H.  
dated 23/1/44. and your file R.P.S 476  
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proposals contained in para 2 (b)  
of M.C.S 32-1 dated  
13 November 1943 be now completed with.
2. As you will observe from the H.C.I.  
letter above referred to, ~~ad of which a~~  
further copy is attached, that the above  
Department are anxious that Charbonnier  
be used for Bomb Reconnaissance  
and if necessary technical training  
in this work could be provided  
by Officers of Malaise Bomb Disposal  
Squad.
3. The 235th C.D Coy 18-5 is now

located in Palermo and closest to  
 utilized for the training of Carabinieri  
 in Bomb Reconnaissance.

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