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MINES CLEARANCE
SEPT. - NOV. 1944

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Commune of Pettorano sul Gizio
Province of Aquila

Nov. 18th 1944

SUBJECT : Reoperation of trains and
clearing of mines

TO : Th. S/C. AG/HQ.

The undersigned, Mayor of above mentioned Commune, upon advice of the provincial Officer of Sulmona, ask that the train service between Sulmona and Cansano be reoperated, in order to meet the requirements of the students of Pettorano sul Gizio, Cansano and nearby communes who must go to school at Sulmona.

Above section is in operating conditions as both bridges and tunnels remained undamaged.

It is necessary to clear the mines laid from both bridges and tunnels by the Germans.

Trusting that present request be granted I remain

Yours very truly
The Mayor
sgd. O. Triatani

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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*Repair
by letter*

Tel: 478701
Our Ref: AC/86/En

29 November 1944

TO : Regional Commissioner
Lazio-Umbria

SUBJECT: Mines on Railways, Rome-Arezzo

1. It is understood that you have invited tenders from contractors for mine removal at Civitavecchia.
2. This Sub-Commission is also actively interested in the reconstruction of the rail line Rome-Arezzo and contractors are already at work.
3. Mines on the track are reported at the following points:-
 - (a) From 74-926 to 74-938 Km (near Cassoli Station)
 - (b) On the Viaduct at 78-860 Km.
 - (c) In the Montebone tunnel circa 85-387 Km.
4. May the removal of these mines be given similar priority to those in Civitavecchia please?

*Let's Phored Capt. Gualdoni &
know how mine removal
are handled here that are
8/17/44
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f-acting Capt
D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, G.S.
Director, Tr. Sub. Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION

Tel: 489081 Ext. 358.

28 Nov 44.

Ref: 9/CA/CA

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance.

TO: ~~Col Sapino,
Ministry for War,
Via XX Settembre,
R O M A~~

- 1 The clothing and boots will be collected at Naples on Friday, 1 Dec 44 and brought to Rome. They will be delivered to your store at 8, Viale Mazzini on Saturday morning, 2 Dec 44. Please inform all concerned and make arrangements for the clothing being unloaded and stored on 2 December.
- 2 The quantities to be delivered are:
 - 1) 2,000 Blouses
 - 2) 2,000 Trousers
 - 3) 500 pairs of Boots.
- 3 Should unforeseen circumstances arise, making it impossible to deliver the clothing to you on Saturday you will be advised by telephone.

R.R. Gripps
R.R. GRIPPS, Col.
CSO CA Section,

Copy to: Transportation Sub-Commission, ✓
Devastated Areas, CA Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO-UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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6-10-44
19 November 1944

SUBJECT : Mines

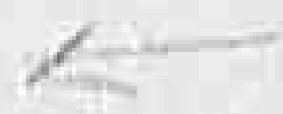
TO : Regional Engineer, Lazio Umbria

1. Telephone conversation (Findlay - Donham-Carter) is confirmed and agreement that you will submit contracts for mine clearing in Civitavecchia port and the Rome - Tivoli - Avezzano railway.

2. It has been agreed with Civil Affairs Section of HQ AC that we will endeavour to get the Italian Government to accept contracts on urgent jobs where they are not yet ready to deal with them in the normal way.

For the Regional Commissioner;

A.D. Donham-Carter
A.D. DONHAM-CARTER
Lt Colonel
Executive Officer (Provinces)

Copy: Transportation Sub-Commission. 

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub Commission
APO 394

REF. : November 16th 1944
TO : Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub Commission
SUBJECT : Rome - Avezzano line reconstruction - MINES.

1. It is reported by the I.S.R. engineer that there are mines on the above line

Locations : (a) From 74.926 to 74.938 Km. (near Carsoli station)
(b) On the viaduct at 78.860 Km.
(c) In the Montebove tunnel 85.587 to 85.525 Km.

2. It is requested that this report be fully investigated and the mines cleared should they exist as the reported presence is holding up the reconstruction of this line.

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for

O.H. LINDBERG, Lt.Col., R.E.,
Tptn.S.C., A.C. (Rails).

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
GENERAL DIRECTION STATE RAILWAYS

REF. : 3/21936/8.4 Nov. 10th 1944
SUBJECT : Recovery of cars on line Rome - Tivoli.
TO : Allied Commission
Transportation Sub Commission.

In the cars tipped on their side, which recovery is in hand, near the viaduct at 36 Kmt. of the line Rome - Tivoli there are projectiles and explosives which interfere with the quick carrying out of the works and can cause damages to the workmen on the site.

Will you please provide for recovery of said war material.

General Director
Sd. : Di Raimondo.

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Please include on
the list given in my letter.
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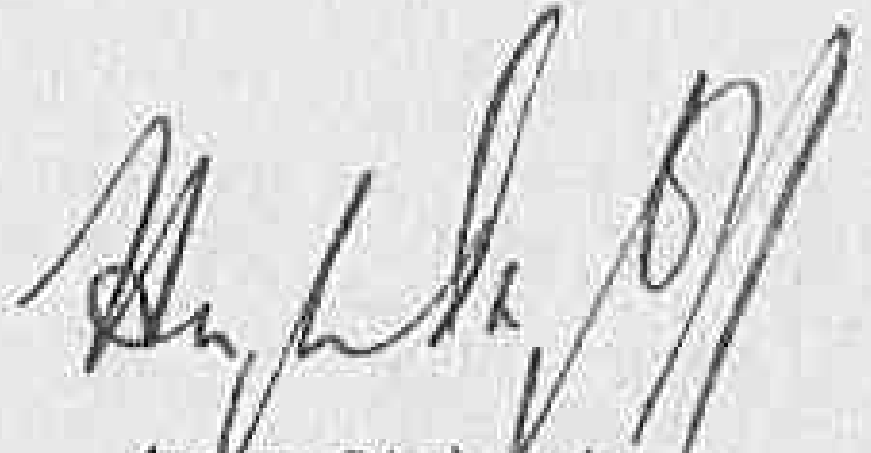
Subject: Unexploded bombs - Line 453.

Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.
Tel. Firebox 81.
Outside Line 843116.
Tn.A.4/62.
9 Nov'44.

To : Tn. Sub Commission,
A.C.C. (Bldg).

I have received a report from I.S.R. that unexploded bombs are located near the running line at Km.29.767 on the Rome - Viterbo line. The I.S.R. are requesting their removal.

As this line is under your control, the information is passed to you for necessary action.


(H. Inglis) S/Capt.
for +Brig.
Director of Transportation.

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR ITALY

A.P.O. 512
15 November 1944

SUBJECT: Unexploded bombs - Anversa.

TO: Director, Tn Sub-Commission, A.C.

1. Attached report which was received from Capo Comparti-mento Maria of the Rome Compartment reporting some unexploded bombs in the vicinity of Anversa, which is located near Suloma on Line 88 between Rome and Pescara.

2. This line is not under the jurisdiction of the Military Railway Service and it is recommended that this report be turned over to the Italian Army to arrange disposition of the unexploded bombs.

For the Director:

R. P. Moss
R. P. MOSS
Lt.Col. T.C.
Deputy Director-Operations

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Translation

Ministry of Communications

I S R Office of Capo Compartimento

N 6/CC/450/1/228

Rome 8th Nov. 1944

To Command of 774RyGr.Div.
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We send the attached report (in two copies) regarding unexploded bombs, located in the vicinity of the Anversa station.

The Capo Compartimento
signed MARIN

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Translation

Station of Anversa

14th October 1944

Report about unexploded bombs

Location of bombs - Very many charged bombs in the shelters under the two tunnels (Central of Sagittario) several ^{ones} hidden near the watchman house at Km. 162, few of them among the debris of the bridge on the Sagittario river.

Peculiarities of the place - The bombs in the tunnel are in the niches, the others are almost dug in the soft ground.

Are the unexploded bombs visible? - They are nearly all visible; only some one, near the watchman house 162, is not visible.

Diameter of the entrance hole - None - All the bombs of last raid exploded -

Was a crater formed? - No.

Have you found any splinters or traces of splinters? Those of the last raid.

Are there any blackening marks? No.

Eventual other particulars - Several bombs are airplane bombs with propeller and some also with fuse. Their removal is easy.

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The Station Master

signed.....

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel. 478701

15 November 1944

Our ref. AC/TN/86

TO : Major E.J. Mole,
Tn. Sub. Comm.

SUBJECT : Mine clearance.

1 Request is made for location of mines on Rome -
Avezzano line.

2 Please also say what arrangements can be made in
respect of housing and feeding any Italian unit which might
be made available for them.

D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.B.
Director, Tn.Sub.Comm.

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Mr. D. C. (Paris)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

ATQ 394

Economic Section

1 November 1944.

Tel: 478701

Our Ref: AG.Tp/86

TO : Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Section
HQ. AG.

SUBJECT: Mine Clearance Railways

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2. The object of Transportation Sub-Commission's letter 30 September 1944, was to stress the urgency of this particular stretch of line, and extraordinary steps were asked for to enable the I.S.R. engineers to proceed with the immediate repairs to the Fivoli - Rome line.

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The placing of priority under Regional Direction might tend to hamper National work for local measures, and the Railways are without Regional boundaries. The link with Avenzano and Rome puts Avenzano in touch with Ancona and Reggio, linking Region with Region.

No indication is given as to the location of the two Italian Companies working under AG, but request is made for the use of one of these to ensure that the urgent priority need on the Rome - Fivoli - Avenzano line be met.

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6. The I.S.R. are most anxious to undertake the repair to the section of the line in question and are pressing for the clearance of mines.

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A. G. ANTONINI
Acting Chief
Economic Section

MR. This letter returned signed need 11/11/44

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APC 394

30 October 1944

Tel : 476701

Our Ref : AC/TN/86

TO : Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Section
HQ. AC.

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance Railways.

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D.S. ADAMS
Colonel G.F.

TO : Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Section
HQ. AC.

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D.S. ADAMS
Colonel C.E.
Director Tn. Sub-Comm.

Copy to : Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
AFC 394

Ref : 9/8A/CA

23 October 1944

SUBJECT : Mine Clearance - Railways

TO : Economic Section
(for Transportation S/C)

1. Reference Transportation Sub-Commission letter 488701 of 30 September 1944 there is attached for your information copy letter which we have sent out to Regions & c. giving the present situation with regard to Mine - Clearance.
2. From it you will see that five centres of instruction are being set up for training civilians in this work and shortly trained squads will be carrying out this work.
3. It is considered that the question of deciding the priority on which mine clearing work will be carried out in one which should be decided by the Regional Commissioners. It is suggested therefore that you put the matter before the Regional Commissioners concerned leaving it to them to decide the degree of priority which should be given to clearing railways.

G.R. UPJOHN, Brigadier
V.P. C.A. Sec.
Dep. C. O. S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Tel : 478701

21 October 1944

Our Ref : ACC/TN/86

TO : Economic Section
HQ. ACC.

SUBJECT : Clearance of mines.

1. Reference is to letter ACC/TN/86 dated 30 Sep. 44.
2. The urgent military need for clearance of mines on the Avezzano-Rome line prompts enquiry as to present position please?

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D.S. ADAMS
Colonel C.E.
Director Tn. Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394281.
4787016 October 1944
ACG/TM/58TO : Economic Section, HQ, ACCSUBJECT: I.S.R. Standard Gauge Line No.88
Rome - Avezzano

1. This line, which runs directly through Tivoli to Avezzano and serving the fertile area of Lake Fucino, has suffered 21 major incidents ^{See} set out in Engineer's report attached.
2. The line is a priority in as much as the produce is essential to Rome and the past summer has seen vast potato traffic passing over mountainous country by trucks which could well be employed on distribution service rather than on long hauls of this kind.
3. It has become necessary to repair two damaged arches between Rome and Tivoli, in order to move electrical transformers by rail to Orte, for military electrification of the line Orte - Ancona.
4. It is recommended that the line be repaired for the whole distance Rome - Avezzano, for steam operation.
5. Estimated cost of the repairs is 65,000,000 (65 million) Lire. Labour under civilian contract is available.

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D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tn. Sub. Comm.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission

APC 394

Tele : 478701

30 September 1944

ACC Tn/86

SUBJECT : Redevelopment of Railways - Mine clearance

TO : Economic Section

1. Transportation Sub-Commission is anxious to take steps for the rehabilitation of railways not of immediate military priority, but paramount for the economic life of the community.

2. The line Sulmona-Avezzano-Tivoli-Rome has been examined and arrangements are in hand for the repair to that portion which carries essential foodstuffs from the fertile areas round Lago Fucino, the transport of which has only been possible over bad mountain roads.

3. An urgent priority is now established to remove railway electrical transformers from the Tivoli area to Rome thence northward, in order to assist in the military electrification of the Orte-Ancona line. It is only possible to move such traffic by rail, and the question of repairs to two bridges would be only a matter of a few weeks.

4. I.S.R. raises the question of clearing the tracks and surround of mines. It is understood MMIA is training Italian units for this work, but it is not thought they will be ready for some months, and no other service of clearance appears to be available.

5. It is therefore desired to obtain a definite guidance as to what steps are to be taken to ensure speedy clearing of this particular line, and to have established a satisfactory source of contact for future rehabilitation work. It will be appreciated that restoration of transportation facilities is a primary step for the development of economies.

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