



The Army at the Service of Citizens: Major Clearance Operations of War Ordnance from North to South

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In recent days, the Italian Army, through the skilled and specialized work of the sappers belonging to the 8th Paratrooper Engineer Regiment "Folgore", the 10th Engineer Regiment of Cremona, and the 4th Engineer Regiment of the Aosta Brigade, has completed essential clearance and destruction operations of war ordnance in various regions of Italy, specifically in Sicily, Lombardy, and Veneto. These public utility interventions highlight the important role of the Army in safeguarding citizens' safety in the event of risks arising from war remnants.

In Santa Ninfa, in the province of Trapani, the technicians managed with extreme precision and professionalism the neutralization of a 600-pound (approximately 272 kg) aerial bomb, with more than 150 kg of explosive material. The ordnance was subsequently moved to a quarry far from inhabited areas for its destruction, thus ensuring the protection of public safety.

In Lombardy, in the municipality of Marcaria (MN), two 500-pound (227 kg) aerial bombs from the Second World War, each containing 144 kg of explosive, were found. The discovery occurred during agricultural work near the Piadena-Mantova railway line. In this case as well, the Army personnel acted with determination and competence, neutralizing the dangerous remnants in full safety.

The city of Verona witnessed a similar intervention with the neutralization of another 100-pound (approximately 45 kg) aerial bomb from the Second World War with high explosive potential. The ordnance was found during the construction of a power plant. The clearance operations required the precautionary evacuation of the surrounding area and a no-fly zone to ensure maximum safety.

These interventions underline the efficiency and readiness of the Italian Armed Forces in responding to emergency situations and actively contributing to the security of the national territory. The Italian Army, thanks to its versatility and operational capability, confirms itself as an indispensable resource not only in military contexts but also in supporting the civilian community, demonstrating a constant commitment to public safety.

The professionalism and effectiveness with which these clearance operations were conducted demonstrate the high level of preparation and dedication of the Army's engineers, fundamental elements in managing risks arising from war remnants on national territory. Such activities are concrete examples of how the commitment of the Armed Forces extends well beyond the battlefield, significantly contributing to the protection and well-being of citizens.