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10 April 1944

SUBJECT: Supervision and Control of Railway Operation in Occupied ITALY.

TO : Commander-in-Chief, Allied Armies in ITALY (Administrative Echelon)

1. A unified system of supervision and control of railway operation will be brought into effect as soon as practicable in such parts of ITALY as are now, or may be in the future, occupied by the Allied Military Forces.
2. This unified system will be based on the Divisional System already in force on those sections of railway in ITALY at present operated by or under the supervision and control of, the United States Military Railway Service.
3. In order to introduce the unified system into those sections of railway in ITALY at present operated by, or under the supervision and control of, the British Transportation Service, the Director of Transportation (British) will be responsible for making the necessary readjustment in the disposition of the British Transportation personnel at his disposal in conformity with the overall requirements of the Director General, Military Railway Service.
4. In order to obtain the necessary flexibility in the future employment of military railway units, both United States and British, the Director General, Military Railway Service, will, in agreement with Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, establish a policy of an early and progressive substitution of civil for military operation of successive sections of the railways. The extent of this substitution, and the times when it should take place, will depend upon the military situation and the degree to which the various sections of railway are vital to Allied requirements.
5. Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, in conjunction with the Director General, Military Railway Service, and the Director of Transportation (British), will arrange the distribution of Movement Control and Military Railway Operating personnel so as to eliminate any overlapping or duplication of functions. This distribution of personnel will be constantly reviewed to insure efficient and economical use of manpower.
6. Arrangements will also be made by Headquarters, Allied Armies in Italy, to ensure that whenever Military Railway Operating units are withdrawn from any specified area, Movement Control personnel are available to maintain staff supervision and control in that area over those sections of the railway operated by the Italian civil railway organization, but still vital to Allied military requirements.

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7. When the retention of successive sections of the railways ceases to be vital to Allied military requirements, the necessary measure of supervision and control will be exercised by the Allied Control Commission as envisaged in General Order No. 60, this headquarters, dated 22 October 1944, and Administrative Memorandum No. 76, this headquarters, dated 9 November 1943.

By command of General WILSON:

[Signature]
M. V. ROBERTS,
Colonel, AGO,
Adjutant General.

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