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¹³⁹
Etc. Since July 15 is only
1 week away should start with
hold this up?

6/11/46
SMD

Chief Commissioner.

Approval is submitted for signature information

MS 657

140. C.S.O. Hold
MS 657

643

To: H. Egan Sec.

Re folio 136 and min 139. Please arrange
to have this followed up on 15 July 46
vide folio 127. *Alley*

To: Dir. Insp. Branch

Please follow up on 136
Follow up sent 19 July on basis?
indicated in 135. *J.H. [Signature]*

C.S.O. Ex Comm. 40.

Please see folio 148 for info. *MS 3017*
This has safe wide distribution. *MS 3017*

MS 3112

C.S.O. MS. 2118 146

Please see folio 144 r 5 for info. *MS 2018*
This has a wide dist.

140. C.S.O. HSD
SS (87)

TOP. Econ Sec.
By folio 136 and min 139. Please arrange
to have this followed up on 15 July 86
vide folio 127. *ADW 2/7/86*

To: Sir Samp Rendle
Please follow up on 136
Followed up on 19 July on ans ?
indicated in 136 *S.H. 2/7/86*

C.S.O. Ex Comm 40.
Please see folio 148 for info. *ADW 3/1/86*
This has left wide distribution. *H.S. 30/7*

C.S.O. H.S. 2118 146
Please see folio 144 + 5 for info. *ADW 2/1/86*
This has a wide dist.

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134.

Exc Comm.

Letter at folio 133 for CC's signature, please
folio 125 + 6 refer. Letter dropped by I.P. Econ Sec.

AutB 20/6

(135)

CCO

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I am not satisfied with this reply. If

as appears the fact, the U.S. troops can get
along without any of the Postal row, why
must the British have? A return of

#2 would ease the Italian position. Try

138/25/6

again in their track.

137.

ESP.

Ref num 135. You spoke to CC's. re this.
Letter at 136 re dropped for signature please.
I will see Econ Sec of the letter has been signed.

AutB 20/6

138

Ex Comm.

Letter at 136 submitted for signature
in reply to P.M.'s letter at 125. (4 127 refers)

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133
 I am not satisfied with this reply. If,
 as of fears the fact, the U.S. troops can get
 along without any of the Postal Law, why
 must the Brits have 7. A return of 1
 A2 would cover the Russian position. Try
 again in this fact. 138/2/2/6

137.

esp. Ref mem 135. You spoke to the A.C. re this.
 Letter at 136 re dropped for expansion, please.
 (will see Escorte of the letter has been rejected.
 138/2/2/6

138.

Ex Comm.

Letter at 136 submitted for signature
 in reply to P.M.'s letter at 125. (4 127 refers)
 This reply is a re-draft of original letter
 submitted at 133. (you re 135 refers) 546
 Com Sec, are writing a further letter to
 G.H.Q. asking for serious consideration of
 the matter. H.S. 317

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CSO: Do you think letter at 127 is a satisfactory reply to the PM's letter, which is at p. 125? Col. Scoggins feels that the CC may want the request referred to a higher ~~level~~ level. Please advise.

WVJ 21/6.

129

Director - Comms S/C

Have you any comments or reply at 127 to P.M.'s request at 125?

L. S. Hood. ^{Am. M.}
Lt. Col.
C.S.O.

22/6

130

TO: EXEC. COMMISSIONER

PROPOSE NO ACTION UNTIL ABOUT JULY 20, 1946

WHEN FOLLOW UP SHOULD BE SENT

14/c/46

EXT 333

W. N. Sandler

Ad. Syc.

Director Comm. S/C

131

V.P. Dean Sec.

Ref 127 and m's 128 + 130.
Please reply to P.M. on lines of 127.
H.S. 25/6.

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a higher ~~staff~~ level. Please advise.

WJG 21/6.

129

Director - Comm S/C

Have you any comments or reply at
127 to P.M.'s request at # 125?

L.S. Hood: ~~Am-He.~~
Lt-Col.
C.S.O.

22/6

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TO: EXEC. COMM ISSUED

PROPOSE NO ACTION UNTIL ABOUT JULY 20, 1946

WHEN FOLLOW UP SHOULD BE SENT

W.D. Sandler
Capt. S/Sgt.
Instructor Comm. S/C

24/6/46

EXT 333

131

V.P. Dean Sec.

Ref # 127 and m's 128 + 130.
Please reply to P.M. on lines of # 127.
H.S. 25/6.

132

C.S.O.
E.O.

Minute 131 Complied with - see attached file
WJG 24/6
C.S.O.

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Ex. Com. 120.
Please see folio 119 for info.
Action in F.S.

Spett H.S. 11/3/46

121.

V.P. Econ Sect.

P. 119
I should like the representative of ECITO in Rome (Brie Fellows) to see the correspondence beginning with our original letter & endear with H.S. I think you will find that he has quite a lot to say in assistance of the Italian case.
H.S. (11/3)

122

TO: Director of Transportation Branch.

Invite attention to minute 121 above. Please prepare a letter to ECITO representative in Rome, outlining the situation reference transfer rolling stock out of Italy.
In this letter request the comments of the ECITO representative.
Include copies of all pertinent correspondence with this letter.

Charles W. Walton
For CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel AC
Acting Vice President

13 March 1946
Economic Section

124

Ex. Com. ML 224
Please see folio 123 which is action taken on 1217/122.
11/21/3

P. 119

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715 (1213)

122

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13 March 1946
Economic Section

John Walker
For CHARLES W. WALTON
Colonel AC
Acting Vice President

124

Encl. ML 2243
CSD. Please see folio 123 which is
action taken on 1217/22.
Feb. 21/3. *[Signature]*

105

From Sec. are preparing a reply to J. 105 100
in Vol I. CC informed that it will be ready in
2 days time.

RF 15/12 15. FM 13/12.
Mention of
with Vol I

106

Major Holmes. Give From Sec. a ring & find out
what is happening to reply referred to in min 105 above
FM 15/12.

108

C 50 Ref 106 above.
The original letter was submitted and withdrawn. The
revised letter (reply) is being typed at present and will
be forwarded as expeditiously as possible
Please see 51075104 for info. SPH 15/12/45

109

Rejor H.
Charles - leave in of. It seems to take
a long time to get these letters
FM 15/12.

110

RF 20/12.
C 50 Ref 109 above, letter will follow in second time
retyped the second time.
Also please see 102 & 103 for info. SPH 21/12/45
Reply sent to CC
21/12/45

111

Reply to F. 100, V. 1 submitted to CC for signature on 10/12/45

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106

Major Holmes. Give Econ Sec. a ring & find out what is happening to reply referred to in memo 105 above
F.1112
15/12

108
CSO Ref 106 above.
The original letter was submitted and withdrawn. The revised letter (reply) is being typed at present and will be forwarded as expeditiously as possible
Please see 51074104 for info
SPH 15/12/45

109
Major H.
Thanks - clear in of. It seems to take a long time to get the letters.
F.1112
15/12

F.1112
110
CSO Ref 109 above, letter will follow as soon as it is retyped the second time.
Also please see 1024103 for info
SPH 21/12/45
Reply sent to CSO.
21/12/45

Reply to F.100, V.1 submitted to cc for signature on 10/Jan/46
B/c file on 10/Jan to see if letter has been signed.
SPH 1/12/46

lx brown
CSO Please see 5117 for info
SPH 1/12/46
1/12/46

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY
(G-4 British Section)

AUG 27 1946

Q 221

Tel: 66504
24 August 46

SUBJECT: 'Q' Movements CHQ CMT Working instruction
No 48 'TORCHLIGHT' Train movements

DISTRIBUTION 'R'

Reference this HQ letter Q 221 dated 16 Aug 46.

1. The following amendments will be made :

- Para. 1. Delete : " every Wednesday commencing 18 August 46. "
- Substitute : " every Sunday commencing 18 August 46. "
- Delete : " every Wednesday commencing 20 August 46. "
- Substitute : " every Wednesday commencing 21 August 46. "

J. Kelly
J. KELLY
Major
DAQMG

EFH/na

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P.A. 27/8/46
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A P O 794
Office of the Executive Commissioner

File 147

Ref: 5835/3C

22 August 1946

SUBJECT: Ligurian Railways.

TO : Director,
Transportation & Shipping Branch.

The attached charts received from the C.L.O. Liguria Liaison Group are forwarded herewith for your information and retention.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL LEMME:

G. McArthur

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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P.A. 22/8/46
[Handwritten initials]

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY
(Genl. British Section)

Q 221

Tel: 66504
19 August 46

SUBJECT: Travel facilities for military personnel
on civilian Passenger Trains

AUG 20 1946

DISTRIBUTION 'R' (British)

1. Effective 1 August 46 a "Rapido Elettromotrice" (1st Class) was introduced daily between ROME and REGGIO with connections to SICILY.
2. Reservations can be arranged by Q (Mov) Liaison Office ROME for officers travelling on duty between ROME and NAPLES. Applications will be submitted to Q (Mov) Liaison Office ROME (Tel ROME 843191 ext 9381) at least 48 hours prior to desired date of travel.
3. Timings are as follows :

ROME (Termini) dep 0620
 NAPLES (Mergellina) Arr 0957
 NAPLES (Mergellina) dep 1852
 ROME (Termini) Arr 2220

W. H. Hughes
 W. H. HUGHES
 Lt-Col
 AA & QMG

EHH/na

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ROME AREA ALLIED COM AND
APO 794, US ARMY
(G-4 British Section)

Q 221

Tel: 66504
16 August 46

SUBJECT: 'Q' Movements GHQ CMF Working Instruction No 47
'TORCHLIGHT' Train Arrangements

DISTRIBUTION 'R'

Reference this HQ Q 221 dated 23 July 46.

1. The following amendments will be made :

Para 1. Delete: " every Monday commencing 22 July 46."
Substitute: " every Wednesday commencing 18 August 46."
Delete: " every Wednesday commencing 24 July 46."
Substitute: " every Wednesday commencing 20 August 46."

Para 3. Delete para entirely.
Substitute new para as follows :

- (a) Applications for accommodation Northbound trips will be made to 'A' Branch 3 District by 1200 hrs each Friday. Berths will be allocated by 1600 hrs each Friday and information will be available from 3 District at 1730 hrs each Friday, telephone : NAPLES 10935 or after 1800 hrs : Duty Officer : NAPLES 10200 Ext. 3.
- (b) Applications for accommodation on Southbound trips will be made to Rear HQ XIII Corps (A Branch) by 1000 hrs each TUESDAY.
- (c) Details of officers, number of batmen, drivers, etc. and number and types of cars will be required.

2. Appendix 'A' attached to this letter shows the revised timings of the train.

W. H. HUGHES
Lt-Col
AA & QMG
Capt

21/8/46
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W.H./na
(copy)

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NORTHBOUND 'A'

SUNDAY	NAPLES	ARR		DEP	2100 hrs
MONDAY	ROME	ARR	0135 hrs	DEP	0200 hrs
	FLORENCE	ARR	1015 hrs	DEP	1025 hrs
	BOLOGNA	ARR	1407 hrs	DEP	1427 hrs
	VERONA	ARR	1645 hrs	DEP	1710 hrs
	PADUA	ARR	1854 hrs	DEP	1859 hrs
	MESTRE	ARR	1934 hrs	DEP	1944 hrs
	UDINE	ARR	2300 hrs	DEP	

SOUTHBOUND

WEDNESDAY	UDINE	ARR		DEP	1700 hrs
	MESTRE	ARR	2010 hrs	DEP	2020 hrs
	PADUA	ARR	2055 hrs	DEP	2100 hrs
	VERONA	ARR	2240 hrs	DEP	2300 hrs
THURSDAY	BOLOGNA	ARR	0145 hrs	DEP	0205 hrs
	FLORENCE	ARR	0540 hrs	DEP	0555 hrs
	ROME-TERMINI	ARR	1400 hrs	DEP	1430 hrs
	NAPLES	ARR	1905 hrs	DEP	

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ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
APO 794, US ARMY
(G-4 British Section)

Q 221

Tel: 66504
23 July 46

JUL 30 1946

SUBJECT: Q (Movements) GHQ COMF Working Instructions No 47
"TORCHLIGHT" Train Arrangements

Distribution 'R'

1. A special "Star" train will run from NAPLES to UDINE every Monday commencing 22 July and from UDINE to NAPLES every Wednesday commencing 24 July.

2. The name of the train will be "TORCHLIGHT" and will consist of the following coaches etc:

- 2 Sleeping Cars
- 1 Restaurant Car
- 1 1st Class Coach
- 1 Baggage Van
- 1 Motor Car Van (for two cars)

Additional motor car van for two cars can be arranged at three days notice. Maximum accommodation is 22 Sleeping Berths and Seating accommodation for batmen.

3. Application for accommodation from AFHQ, GHQ and 3 District will be made to this HQ (A). Details of officers, number of batmen, drivers, etc and number and types of cars will be required.

Applications for accommodation on Southbound trips will be made to Rear HQ XIII Corps (A Branch) giving details as required for Northbound trips.

Bookings for NORTHBOUND trips will close at 1000 hrs each SATURDAY and for SOUTHBOUND trips at 1000 hrs each TUESDAY.

4. Timings of this special train are attached at Appendix "A". *(over)*
MEALS WILL BE SERVED EN ROUTE.

5. Movements NAPLES and Q (Movements) Rear XIII Corps will arrange Berthing details when advised of authorised bookings by Q (Mov) GHQ and A Branch Rear XIII Corps respectively.

6. If train is not booked to capacity when booking closes on Saturday and Tuesday, Womens Services of Officer status and Category A wives may be given accommodation on Torchlight on a "space-available" basis at the discretion of HQ Area concerned.

7. Rations will be provided.

8. Train will be staffed by Wagon Lit Coy personnel on scale of 6 per trip.

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Distribution 'R'

1. A special "Stage" train will run from HAVES to UDINE every Monday commencing 22 July and from UDINE to HAVES every Wednesday commencing 24 July.

2. The name of the train will be "TORCHLIGHT" and will consist of the following coaches etc:

- 2 Sleeping Cars
- 1 Restaurant Cmr
- 1 1st Class Coach
- 1 Baggage Van
- 1 Motor Car Van (for two cars)

Additional motor car van for two cars can be arranged at three days notice. Maximum accommodation is 22 Sleeping Berths and Seating accommodation for batmen.

3. Application for accommodation from AFHQ, GHQ and 3 District will be made to this CWP (AF). Details of officers, number of batmen, drivers, etc and number and types of cars will be required.

Applications for accommodation on Southbound trips will be made to Rear HQ XIII Corps (A Branch) giving details as required for Northbound trips.

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6. If train is not booked to capacity when booking closes on Saturday and Tuesday, Womens Services of Officer status and Category A wives may be given accommodation on Torchlight on a "space-available" basis at the discretion of Mov Area concerned.

7. Rations will be provided.

8. Train will be staffed by Wagon Lit Coy personnel on scale of 6 per trip.

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Chas. P. J. J. (Capt)
W. H. HUGHES
Lt-Col
AA & QIF

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APPENDIX 'A'

MONDAY	NORTHBOND (.) NAPLES DEP 0800 VIA LINE 89 ROME TERMINI ARR 1330 DEP 1350 FLORENCE ARR 2215 DEP 2240
TUESDAY	BOLGONA ARR 0220 DEP 0250 VERONA ARR 0515 DEP 0540 PADUA ARR 0730 DEP 0735 MESTRE ARR 0815 DEP 0820 UDINE ARR 1445 (.) SOUTHBOND (.) UDINE DEP 1720
TUESDAY	MESTRE ARR 2015 DEP 2020 PADUA ARR 2055 DEP 2100 VERONA ARR 2240 DEP 2300
THURSDAY	BOLGONA ARR 0145 DEP 0205 FLORENCE ARR 0540 DEP 0555 ROME TERMINI ARR 1400 DEP 1430 VL. LINE 89
THURSDAY	NAPLES ARR 2000 (.)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
MESSAGE CENTRE.

Staff Officer to C.C.	✓	G - 4 (A)	
Executive Commissioner	✓	G - 4 (B)	
Liaison Division		275 Regt	
Civil Affairs Section	✓	Headquarters Comdt	✓
Disper and Repat	✓	Adjutant A.C.	
Local Govt		Navy S/C	
Public Safety		Land Forces S/C	
Security Div.		Air S/C	
Public Health		Communications	
Legal		C.E.M.	
Education		Public Relations	
Economic Section		Information Div	
Commerce		Archives	
Food & Agric		Microfilm Unit	
Industry & Utilities		O.C. Trnt Detach.	
Transportation		Signal Offr.	
Political Adviser (A)			
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Executive Officer (A)			
Executive Officer (B)			
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Remarks

There are 18 copies of attached letter. Will you please state distribution.

As above

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Ref. : 5805/136/80.

July 1946

My Dear Mr. De Gasperi,

Thank you for your letter No. 6581 of 6 June concerning the return of Italian Railway Postal Vans.

I have looked into this matter and regret to have to inform you that at present it is not possible to release these carriages.

The matter will, however, be reviewed on 15 July and I hope that it will then be possible to release some of these vans.

Yours Very Truly,

Not sent
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HENRY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USCG
Chief Commissioner

Doctor Alcide De Gasperi,
Italian Government,
Rome.

Copy to:- Economic Section.

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Ref: NY/1560

June 1946

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My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

With reference to your letter of 6th June, concerning the return of Italian railway carriages from Allied use. I have been advised that the seven Postal Vans in question are still in use conveying mail for the British Forces in Italy.

It is regretted that at the present time none of the seven carriages can be handed back to your Ministry of Post and Telecommunication. However this matter will be reviewed again by Allied Forces on the 15th of July, at which time I shall inform you of their latest decision.

Yours very truly,

HENRY W. STUBB
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Dottor Alcide De Gasperi
The President of the Council of Ministers
Italian Government
Rome

*Not sent
see 136*

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COPY

Subject :- Italian Postal Vans.

Q (Movements)
GHQ CMF
Tel : Freedom 878

Nov 3/362/1

To :- HQ Allied Commission,
APO 794. CMF

17 Jun 46

JUN 20 1946

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1. Ref your AD/430/Tn.1 dated 13 June 46.
2. D.D.A.P.S. has been advised of the contents of your letter and he pointed that all seven postal vans are at present in use conveying mail for British Forces in ITALY.
3. It is regretted therefore that we cannot at present hand back any of these seven vans for use by the Italians.
4. This matter will be reviewed again on 15 July 1946.

(sgd) C.F. CONSTABLE, Major,
for Brigadier,
DQMG(M)

see M128 + 129 + 131 + 132

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
Transportation and Shipping Branch

13 June 1946

AC/430/Tn.1

JUN 20 1946

Subject: Italian Postal Vans.

To: "Q" Movements
A.F.H.Q.

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1. Reference attached copy of translation of a letter from The President of the Council of Ministers, Italian Government, dated 6 June 1946.
2. Can information be furnished as to the possibility of returning the postal vans to the Director General of Postal Services.

For the Chief Commissioner:

A.H. STREET
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Director.

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TRANSLATION

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

CSBI

Rome, 6 June 1946.

JUN 11 1946

Dear Admiral,

The Minister of Post and Telecommunications is urging me to obtain that some Italian railway carriages, presently being used by Allied Troops, be returned to the General Management of the Postal Services which needs it extremely for its own services on the trains (traveling post offices). More than one half of the postal carriages have been destroyed during the war, and the rest are mostly under repairs. Could you, dear Admiral, consider the possibility of returning to the Post the seven carriages presently used by Allied Troops or at least some of them?

I shall be most grateful, dear Admiral, if you will kindly take an interest in this matter.

With many thanks and kind regards

/s/ De Gasperi

E.C. DIST - 11 June

Action: E.C. (2)

Sup: CC

E.C.

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Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

Talked to Col. Scarpone
20/6.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Ref.: 322/25/TN. 1

20 March 1946

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of Passenger Rolling
Stock from Italy.

TO : Regional Director M.C.I.T.O.-O.R.M.A. Rome

1. The Allied Commission has felt considerable concern about the withdrawal of Italian passenger rolling stock from Italy. Copies of the enclosed correspondence show our efforts to prevent the withdrawal, and afterwards to obtain the return of this stock to Italy.
2. Any advise or comments you have to offer in assistance of the Italian case would be appreciated.

(Signed)
 CHARLES W. WALTON
 Colonel, A.C.
 Acting Vice President.
 CHARLES W. WALTON
 Colonel AC
 Acting Vice President

Enclosures : 322/15/Tn.1 of 15 Nov.
 C.A.O. 246 of 3 Dec.
 322/22/Tn. 1 of 18 Jan.
 C.A.O. 246 of 1 March.

CC : Executive Commissioner

See Memo 124

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9 (MOVEMENTS)
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES

SUBJECT: Minutes of Fourteenth Meeting
of the ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD,
18 FEB 46.

TO : DISTRIBUTION BELOW

AMENDMENT

DELETE - M. para 104 (b) first paragraph only

and

SUBSTITUTE - Lt Col CHAPLIN reported that it had not been possible to obtain any information to assist the ISR on the correct Italian Government long term method of obtaining supplies of POL. The short term method by which the ISR obtain monthly supplies through Italian Ministerial channels at present in force would continue and it was understood this was working to the satisfaction of the ISR. Ing di RAIMONDO stated he was satisfied...

A. T. de RHE PHILIPPE

A. T. de RHE PHILIPPE,
Brigadier,
DQMG(M),
Chairman, Allied Railway Board.

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18 FEB 46

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A Tac R. M. L. Fellowes

A. T. de RHE PHILIPS,
Brigadier,
DQMG(M),
Chairman, Allied Railway Board.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission

SUBJECT : Transfer of Rolling Stock out of ITALY

MAR 11 1946

1. Reference your 322/22/Fn. 1 of 18 Jan 46.

2. I am surprised at the continuance of correspondence on this subject. In my letter CAO/246 of 3 Dec 45 I stated that a thorough investigation into the provision from other countries of rolling stock for MEDLOC and other military services had already been undertaken without success. I said, moreover, that the continued reduction in military requirements would enable Italian rolling stock to be progressively returned to civil use. There is nothing I can usefully add to these statements.

3. The provision of rail transportation facilities for Allied military purposes remains a duty of the Italian Government under the rights reserved to the Supreme Allied Commander. These rights will be maintained, though every effort has been, and will continue to be, made to minimize the effects of military requirements on Italian economy.

4. As regards the more general question of priority for military traffic, I would agree that this priority was no longer absolutely essential if I were satisfied that the Italian State Railways were in a position to guarantee a reasonable transit time for the movement of military traffic. I am not, however, satisfied of this and, in fact, I am convinced that, in the present low state of efficiency of Italian railway operation, unacceptable delays and losses to military traffic would result from the cancellation of the existing priority instructions. Therefore, under existing conditions in which I see little hope for a change in the immediate future, priority for Allied military traffic must continue in order that our military mission in ITALY can be carried out with the least possible delay and interruption.

5. It is relevant to note that the percentage of military traffic to total traffic has already declined from 70% to 30% since June last. The major part of such military traffic results directly from redeployment and the closing down of military installations, both of which operations are vital elements of our mission in ITALY. The speedy accomplishment of these tasks is no less important now than it has been in the past. The restriction of this traffic proposed in the draft directive attached to your letter, would only serve to postpone the reduction of military forces and the closing of military establishments in this country and would prolong for several months military demands on Italian transportation. I consider, therefore, that increased efficiency of railway operation and better control of the acceptance of civil traffic would be more effective in assisting Italian economy than minor reductions in, and further delay to, the rapidly decreasing military traffic requirements.

6. I regret my inability to agree to your proposals which I appreciate are designed to ease the difficult economic situation in this country. I am, however, satisfied that Italian civil interests will be best served by facilitating the fastest possible reduction of Allied military commitments in ITALY. Existing policy on matters of military rail transportation has this reduction as its principal object.

/s/ A. C. Duff
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Major General

Chief Administrative Officer

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Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

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Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission

Tel : 476701

26 February 1946

298/210/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Termination of activities of the Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission, Allied Commission

TO : See Distribution

General

1. In furtherance of the policy of handing over to the Italian authorities responsibility for the movement of civilian traffic by rail and sea, all control previously exercised by the Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, will cease with effect from 1 March 1946.
2. It has been recommended to the Minister of Transport and the Director General, Italian Merchant Marine that the principles contained in the existing directives which have been issued by this Sub-Commission should continue to be followed, with any amendments they may deem necessary to meet changing conditions.
3. In order to clarify the future procedure in relation to the previous functions of this Sub-Commission, the following points are given for information of all concerned.

Rail

1. Movements Division (Rail) - Memorandum No 7 (reference 298/188/Tn 3, dated 20 November 1945) and all previous directives issued by this Headquarters on the movement of civilian traffic by rail, will cease to be effective in so far as the Allied Commission is concerned, with effect from 1 March 1946.
2. Civilian tonnage allocation over the lines Verona-Bologna and Milan-Piacenza-Bologna, will continue to be bid for at the weekly AFHQ Priority of Movement Meetings, in the following way :-
 - (a) By the ISF through the Q(Movements) Liaison Office, Rome.
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Shipping

1. The diversion of all Extra-Mediterranean ships carrying civil supplies, and the disposal of their cargoes, will in future be handled by the Port and Shipping Division, UNRRA Italian Mission, Rome, to whom all enquiries should be addressed. This Division forms a part of the Sub-Bureau of Supply Operations in the Bureau of Requirements and Distribution, UNRRA, (Italy).
2. Italian coastwise and Intra-Mediterranean shipping bids will continue to be dealt with by the Italian Ministries concerned and the Ministry of Marine. The provision of shipping for this theatre will remain a responsibility of UMA Zone 3 Committee, Naples.
3. It has been agreed that the existing Allied Shipping Instructions (Nos 10, 12, 14 and 16) will remain in force for the present, as a basis for future operations in Italian ports and for shipment of civil cargoes to and from Italy, but they may be later amended or cancelled by the Italian Government.

P. D. Buchanan
 P.D.G. BUCHANAN, Col.
 Director.

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Ref. 322/22/Tr.1

18 January 1946

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SUBJECT: Transfer of Rolling Stock out of Italy

TO: Supreme Allied Commander, AFHQ
(Attn: Chief Administrative Officer)

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1. Reference is made to your letter CAO/R46 of 3 December regarding the transfer of passenger rolling stock from Italy to France.

2. It is appreciated that the stock which was transferred from Medice Route B to Route A represented no additional demand on Italian railway facilities. The fact remains, however, that if the stock required for the TOULON/ DIEPPE service had been provided by France, or some country other than Italy, these coaches could have been released for internal use in Italy, where there is dire need for such stock. It is not possible to disregard the fact that Italy is being deprived of urgently required rolling stock for use in other countries by decision of the British War Office.

3. Programs now are being formulated for the restoration of the civilian economy of Italy to be supported by United Nations funds to the extent of several hundred million dollars. These funds have been provided by the respective United Nations Governments for this specific purpose and not for the purpose of maintaining military establishments in this country nor for effecting military movements within it or elsewhere. The programs include the restoration of Italy's rail transport system, damage to which, arising out of the war, has been enormous. The number of railway cars, regardless of state of repair, has been reduced by 55%, passenger coaches by 81% and baggage cars by 75% as compared with 1939 stock. The materials for replacing these must in the main be purchased abroad with the funds mentioned above or out of Italy's exceedingly slim foreign exchange resources or such foreign credits as she may be able to secure. It is submitted that Italy's indigenous resources must be utilized to the full and not diverted to military use before United Nations funds or Italy's foreign credits are used for such purpose.

4. This consideration brings up a larger aspect of this question, namely, whether military requirements in this theater should now enjoy the absolute priority which, under operational conditions, was clearly necessary. At present the movement of military traffic has top priority. It is now suggested for consideration, whether, seven months after the war has finished, such absolute military priority should apply. It would seem that the time has come to give to the restoration of Italian economy at least as much priority as to military requirements.

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5. It is considered by this HQ that the present degree of absolute military priority should be revised in such a way as to give greater freedom of action in the Italian economy and to provide at least equal priority to civilian requirements. If you agree with this point of view you may wish to issue a directive in the lines of the draft attached. Reference is made in this connection to the letters of this Commission of 14 December (ES/EO.00) on the subjects: "Military Exports from Italy, Mainland and Islands" and "Coordination of Military Procurement in Italy with Allied Civilian Supply Program".

6. At the same time, it is requested that this particular question of transfer of rolling stock from Italy to France should be reconsidered on the above lines.

Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner

Enclosure:
Draft Directive.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM)
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January 1946

Priority of Military Railway Movement in Italy

1. While military operations were in progress in this country, it was clearly necessary for military requirements to have absolute priority over all other needs. The time has now come, however, when other factors must be considered and for this principle of absolute military priority to be revised.

2. An objective of Allied policy is to give every assistance to the Italian Government in its task of rehabilitation and reconstruction of Italy. Thus it becomes a duty of all military commanders to ensure that there is the minimum interference with the restoration of the Italian economy. To this end, it should no longer be considered axiomatic that military requirements have absolute priority in territory which has been returned to the Italian Government.

3. In future the movement of all military traffic is no longer to be regarded as necessarily of top priority. Instead, the movement of military traffic will be subjected to careful review and only that traffic essential to operational needs will in future normally be considered of a higher priority than the movement of essential civil supplies. Thus essential civilian supplies would obtain a higher movement priority than those military movements pertaining to normal stock maintenance, troops in transit to home stations, leave trains and other non-operational movements.

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION

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13 December 1945

Tele : Ext. 514

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SUBJECT : Railway Meeting at Budapest

TO : The Office of the Chief Commissioner
(Attn. Dr. Bompasai)

Reference telephone conversation with your office this morning.

1. Herewith returned, as requested, the memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the above subject.
2. As far as this Sub-Commission is concerned there is no objection to an official of the Italian State Railways proceeding to Budapest to attend the a/m meeting as representative for Italy to consider the problem of transporting polish coal to Italy.
3. It will be appreciated that this representative will not have the authority to agree definite arrangements. Any transportation proposals that he may bring back will have to be ratified by AFHQ and other Military Commands concerned.
4. It is understood that you are applying direct for the necessary security documents and air passages. It is assumed that an invitation has been received for an Italian representative to attend this meeting. Your memorandum was the first intimation received by this Sub-Commission that a meeting was being held in Budapest.

P. F. Bunnely
A.D.C. BUCHANAN,
Colonel,
Director

Copy to : Office of the Executive Commissioner
(Attn. Lt. Col. McCleary)
Economic Section
Rail Division (Tn.4.)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Railway Meeting at Budapest. (Coal from Poland).

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4. The Allied Commission is well aware of the coal situation in Italy. It appears therefore needless to underline once more the urgent necessity for Italy of being able to import Polish coal.
5. In view of the above, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs will be very grateful to the Allied Commission if they will kindly consider the possibility that an official of the Italian State Railways be allowed to proceed to Budapest to attend the a/m meeting as representative for Italy, or at least as a technical expert attached to the Allied delegates.
6. Should not even this be possible, it will be greatly appreciated if the Allied Powers' delegates to the meeting could support Italian interests and intervene with the Czechoslovakian Government in order that they consent to the passage in question.
7. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs thank the Allied Commission for their interest in the matter and will be grateful for an early reply on the subject. *A*

Rome, December 11th, 1945



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

Tel: 550

7 December 45

Ref: ES/15.02

DEC 10 1945

SUBJECT: Average Daily Kilometres Run by Civilian and
Military Trains

TO : Chief Commissioner
(Thru: Executive Commissioner)

1. I think you may be interested in the attached figures on the civilian and military load on the Italian railways.
2. "Medloc" is the Mediterranean Line of Communication, which runs trains to the English Channel.

Harlan Cleveland
HARLAN CLEVELAND
Acting Vice President

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
C.M.F.

30 November 45

Tel: 843209
Ref: AC/310/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Average daily kilometres run by civilian and military trains.

TO : Chief Supply Group - Economic Section
(Attn. Colonel Walton)
✓ through Director Tn Sub-Commission

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1. As a matter of information given below is the average daily kilometres run by CIVILIAN passenger trains, and by MILITARY passenger trains for the period 15-24 November inclusive.

Daily average km run by CIVILIAN passenger trains	73,733
Daily average km run by MILITARY passenger trains	12,332

Of the total km run by Military passenger trains broken down as follows :

Medlock	7,809 km
Special leave and troop trains	4,523 km
		<u>12,332 km</u>

Approximate percentage British 80 percent - plus
Americ. 20 " - minus

2. The Acting Vice-President - Economic Section was interested in these figures.

R. P. MOSS
R. P. MOSS,
Chief, Rail Division.

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Subject :- Italian Postal Vans.

Q(Movements)
GHE CIP
Tel : Freedom 878

To :- HQ Allied Commission,
APO 724, C.F.

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17 Jun 46

1. Ref your AG/430/Tn.1 dated 15 June 46.
2. D.D.A.P.S. has been advised of the contents of your letter and he pointed that all seven postal vans are at present in use conveying mail for British Forces in ITALY.
3. It is regretted therefore that we cannot at present hand back any of these seven vans for use by the Italians.
4. This matter will be reviewed again on 15 July 1946.

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C.F. CONSTAN, Major,
for Brigadier,
DML(E)

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Rome, 6 June 1946.

Dear Admiral,

The Minister of Post and Telecommunications is urging me to obtain that some Italian railway carriages, presently being used by Allied Troops, be returned to the General Management of the Postal Services which needs it extremely for its own services on the trains (traveling post offices). More than one half of the postal carriages have been destroyed during the war, and the rest are mostly under repairs. Could you, dear Admiral, consider the possibility of returning to the Post the seven carriages presently used by Allied Troops or at least some of them?

I shall be most grateful, dear Admiral, if you will kindly take an interest in this matter.

With many thanks and kind regards

/s/ De Gasperi

Admiral Ellery W. Stone
Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
Rome.

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*Al Presidente
del Consiglio dei Ministri*
6581

Roma, - 6 GIU. 1946

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Signor Ammiraglio,

il Ministro delle Poste e delle Telecomunicazioni mi rivolge vive premure affinchè alcune carrozze ferroviarie italiane, utilizzate ora dalle Truppe Alleate, vengano restituite alla Direzione Generale delle Poste, che ne ha estremo bisogno per l'esecuzione del proprio servizio sui treni (ambulanti e messaggerie). Più della metà delle carrozze postali sono andate distrutte nel periodo bellico, e le rimanenti sono in buona parte "fuori servizio" per riparazioni. Potrà Lei, Signor Ammiraglio, considerare la possibilità di far restituire alla Posta le sette carrozze - o parte di esse - di cui si valgono attualmente le Truppe Alleate?

Le sarò molto grato, Signor Ammiraglio, per il Suo benevolo interessamento in proposito.

Le invio molti ringraziamenti e cordiali saluti

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Ammiraglio
ELLERY W. STONE
Capo della Commissione Alleata

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