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ROAD & RAIL
JUNE - SEPT. 1944

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FBI INFORMATION ONLY
ENR *29*

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MOV ROME MOV AFHQ
3 DISTRICT 57 AREA 64 GRN PBS +++

~~XXX~~ MOV VAIRANO MOV FOGGIA

N33/25

MOVWIT

IN CLEAR

MOV H 578

IMMEDIATE

SEP251607A

26 SEP Recd

ADDRESS CONTD++++ MOVWIT 103 TC COY 75 TC COY ACC ~~APY~~

ROUTE 6 WASHED AWAY AT MR G899197. ALL NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR
DESTNS NORTH OF MIGNANO MUST TAKE ROUTE 7 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
DURATION OF INTERRUPTION NOT YET KNOWN

ACC DIST

ACTION-HQ COMDT 2

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SEP251646

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

Phone:
478808

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Ref/457/28/CA.

25 Sept. 1944.

SUBJECT: Road Report Bureau.

TO : Admin. Section.

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1. Reference your 10/4.1/AS of 18 Sept. 44.
2. The useful suggestions made by you are being incorporated and the pro forma revised.
3. Regions have not as yet been asked to submit Road Reports. We are suggesting that they set up individually a Roads Bureau of their own to which visiting officers may apply for information.

30/9

pa
encl

encl.
NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.G. SECTION
APC 394

Ref/457/27/GA.

25 September 1944

SUBJECT : Reports on Road Conditions.

TO : Distribution as below.

1. From time to time reports are required as to condition of roads, bridges etc., and as the winter approaches it will be even more necessary to have the latest information covering roads before setting out.
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3. The pro-forma should give information as to route taken, state of roads, bridges and any detours necessary. It need not go into details but should contain enough information to guide others who may be taking the same route.
4. A Road Reports Bureau will be set up by Public Works Sub-Commission where officers may get up-to-date information before proceeding on a journey.
5. A copy of this Memorandum is being forwarded to Regional Commissioners in the expectation that they have or will set up similar Regional arrangements for collection of road information and place one of their headquarters officers in charge. Visiting officers would find information of this nature at Regional headquarters most helpful.
6. Attached are ten copies of the pro-forma for your use. Additional copies may be secured from Road Reports Bureau, Public Works Sub-Commission.

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For Distribution

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Suppl.

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

DISTRIBUTION

" C " Plus Group 2 *1 copy of covering letter*
and 10 copies of the form 2
to group 2

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ROAD CONDITION REPORT

Journey From:

To:

Date:

[illegible]

NOTE: In event of major road block or serious detours, signal Headquarters at once.

Please enter details opposite appropriate section of the journey above.

GENERAL REMARKS:

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ROAD CONDITION REPORT

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Date:

	Route No.	Hours Running Time	Surface	Interruptions or Detours	P.O.L	Repairs	Accommodations
			Good Fair Poor	specify which and give map ref.	Map ref.	Major Minor	Position Capacity Quality (Good Fair Poor)

and blocks on serious detours, signal Headquarters at once.

the appropriate section of the journey above.

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Tel: 550

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

CWA/ml *25*

ES/15

17 September 1944

SUBJECT: Reports on Roads Conditions.

19 SEP Recd

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section *22*

1. Reference your 457/19/CA dated 16 Sep 44 and draft letter attached.
2. The proposal would appear to be a very desirable one and meets with the approval of this Section.

noted
Incl- as above.

pa 17/4
encl

A. G. Antolini
A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Head
Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS
JOINED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

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10/4.1/AS

18 Sep 44

SUBJECT : Road Report Bureau.

19 SEP Recd

TO : RCMG. ✓

- 1 The proposal to form a Road Report Bureau and of collecting information is excellent.
- 2 I have two comments:
 - a The making of redundant reports on roads frequently travelled will entail a lot of work, all reports will have to be checked in case a new fact creeps in; most of this work would be redundant.
 - b The proposed proforma will not be convenient if there is more than one indifferent or bad patch. On some roads there are a number of interruptions it would be difficult to report on many on the suggested form. I was wondering whether a tabulated form such as that attached might be more convenient.
- 3 Presumably Regions are already responsible for notifying this Hq of the conditions of roads in their areas, particularly if any become impassible, and this road report is merely used as a check up.

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Ext. 525
SHW/mt

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G. R. Upjohn
G. R. UPJOHN Brig,
V.P. Admin Section

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ROAD CONDITION REPORT

FROM 1

TO :

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Miscellaneous ,

Please enter details opposite the appropriate section of the journey.

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TO :

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appropriate section of the journey.

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

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REF : 457/19/OA.

16 Sept 1944

SUBJECT : Reports on Roads Conditions.

TO : Economic Sect.
Admin. Sect.

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1. The attached draft has been presented to Public Works Sub-Commission (Lt. Col. Thompson) and has their approval.
 2. Will you please let us have your comments.

encl
NORMAN S. FISKE
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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SUBJECT: Reports on Road Conditions.

TO : DISTRIBUTION as below.

1. From time to time reports are required as to condition of roads, bridges etc., and as the winter approaches it will be even more necessary to have the latest information covering roads before setting out.
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4. A Road Reports Bureau will be set up by Public Works Sub-Commission where officers may get up-to-date information before proceeding on a journey.
5. Forwarded herewith are ten copies of the pro forma for use by your Sub-Commission, Section or Branch. Additional copies may be secured from the above Bureau.

This is a good idea and we shall be glad to co-operate

*A. Thompson O.N.C.
P.W. Sec. P.W. & V. S/c*

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.
5110

DISTRIBUTION:

Draft

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TO: HQ A.C.C. (*Public Works Sub Comm*)
(~~Attention R.O. & M.G. SECTION~~)

SUBJECT: Routine Report on Road Condition.

Route No.....from.....to.....

Suitable for what class of vehicle.....

Surface:

good - from.....to.....

indifferent - from.....to.....

bad - from.....to.....

Interruptions: (map refs).....

State of detours.....

Quantity of traffic.....

Estimate of time for journey.....

POL facilities.....

Repair facilities.....

Accomodation facilities.....

Miscellaneous information.....

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Signature.....

HQ.....*5112*.....

Date.....

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.G. SECTION

Draft

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Subject:- Road Conditions, Reports on

To :- Distribution as below

2178/INFO

13 September 1944

Reference Routine Reports on Road
Condition:

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1. The enclosed proformas are forwarded.
2. It is considered that reports on Road Conditions would, from time to time, and especially soon after first arrival in a new location, be of assistance generally.

3. P.W.V. etc are strongly in favour of this proposal.

Norman E. FISKE
Colonel, Cavalry
Deputy Executive Commissioner

Distribution:-

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Ex, Comm

~~all Sub-Comms~~

~~all Regs~~

~~Admin~~

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P.A. BR. ⁴⁵⁷₂

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EDMT, RA, SIGNALMASTER, "Q", "Q" (MOV), WIS, SAT FEME, PRO, TH, HQ RAO,
HQ INF, AGO(LIAISON)
RE

43/09

NONE

AUG 9/1250



NONE

NONE

CITE: NONE

9 AUG Recd :

ROUTE 2 WAS TEMPORARILY CLOSED 8 AUG 44 AT TORRENTER W005915. GLASS 70
DIVERSION NOW OPEN. ESTIMATED TIME COMPLETION BAILEY BR 1400 HRS 9 AUG

ACS MUST

ACTION HQ COMDT

INFO SIGINT CHY
SA BR ✓
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ARM SIG
C-4(TN)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

ACC Tn/44/

1 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Instructions to Regions in Forward Areas in respect of
Privately owned Standard and Narrow Gauge Railways.

TO : R.C.'s Regions IV, V, VIII, IX & Z.

1. All privately owned railways are the responsibility of the appropriate section of the Ministry of Communications, who acts in accordance with the desires of the Director General of Military Railway Services.

2. In the forward areas, it may be necessary for the Director General of Military Services to cannibalise stock, track etc., of such lines in order to assist in the speedy rebuilding and operation of main routes, but in some cases the private line will be of no use in that respect, and he will so inform the proprietors.

3. Regions concerned with the necessity for restoring such lines to activity, whether cannibalised or undamaged, will submit particulars to the Transportation Sub-Commission, and an expert investigation will then be made. The lines will not be put into operation without ACC assent having been given, as they must be considered jointly in the whole picture, and the obligations as to finance, coal or power consumption, availability of stock, and general usefulness must be assessed.

4. All such privately owned railways desirous of operating, or undertaking any work to put such railways in a condition to operate, will submit their request to the Minister of Communications, who will put the case to Transportation Sub-Commission.

5. Regions will be kept advised as to developments in respect of such railways in their territory.

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NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: SCMO's Fifth & Eighth Armies.
Economic Section (for Transportation
Sub-Commission) (20)
File 457/C4.

Tel: 478701

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Ref : ACC Tn/44/26

Date : 26 July 44

31 JUL Recd

TO : Economic Section
HQ ACC

SUBJECT : Executive Memorandum: Instructions to Region in forward areas in respect of Privately Owned Railways.

See Cover

1. The attached draft Executive Memorandum has been prepared by this Sub-Commission and is submitted herewith for signature and issuance.

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

III
Vols. in the inter
dict: as
authenticated
9/28/17

May 20 copies be returned to The Sub Commission please

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To Executive Commission (CA Brand).

Attached is approved & forwarded 5114

Reynolds

J B Mac Thompson May 1908
Economic Section

30 JUL 44

27 Jul

4-10-98

Fine day. I did not escape JB Mac Thompson
But all children are Eleanore
Wray 3:45 - Benches about 30 J
be informed. The school
with her return. Write Rachel to 8/31/7

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIANCE CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

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Ref/857/15/GA.

6 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Traffic Routes.

TO : R.C. Region III.

1. I refer to telephone conversation today with an officer of Region III Headquarters and Lt.Col. Shipp on the above subject. This was to the effect that Region IV were diverting traffic from Route 6 and putting it onto Route 7 wherever possible.

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2. A further communication has been received from Region IV today since the above conversation took place saying that Route 7 is also getting congested. R.C. Region IV is endeavouring to turn as much civilian traffic as possible off both routes and putting them wherever possible onto side roads. It is realised that it is not possible to keep harvest traffic entirely off the main routes but it is considered that every possible effort should be made to keep both route 6 and route 7 clear.

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NORMAN K. FLECK,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: R.C. Region IV.
Public Safety Sub-Comm.

HEADQUARTERS REGION 4
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT HEADQUARTERS
A. P. O. 394

4 AUG 1944

TO : HQ ACC (RC & MG Section)

3 July 1944

SUBJECT : Traffic Routes.

FILE No.: R4/384.4 (T)

1. Reference your 457/9/CA of 29 June, I am in complete agreement with you as to the necessity of keeping Routes 6 and 7 free of civilian traffic. Steps have already been taken in this direction. Since Friday 30 June, there has been a Carabinieri traffic stop on Route 6 at San Cesario. I have personally inspected the working of this stop on two days, and I am satisfied that it is doing good work in turning civilian traffic from Rome off Route 6 on to the sideroad via Palestrina. Similar action is being taken on Route 7. The Provincial Commissioners of Rome Province, Frosinone and Littoria, are fully aware of the importance of this question.

2. It will probably not be possible to keep local harvest traffic entirely off Route 6, but this will only move along the road for a very limited distance and in general it only consists of one or two carts at a time. While even this may introduce a certain danger of delay, I feel that to keep these local vehicles entirely off the road, would demand more Carabinieri than we possess, and that in any case the villagers must be given a chance to get in their harvest.

Regional Commissioner

JOHN H. TILLOP

BRIGADIER

Copy to:
Public Safety Division.

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

Ref/457/13/CA

3 July 1944

SUBJECT: Bridges.

TO : R.C. Region V.

Reference this Headquarters letter 457/3/CA of 28
June 44 there is forwarded for your information copy of letter
from Economic Section dated 1 July 44.

JPK
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

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1 July 44

SUBJECT: Bailey Bridges

TO : Executive Commissioner,
Civil Affairs Branch.

1. Reference your 457/8/CA dated 28 Jun 44, a preliminary survey of the Sora-Avezzano Road was made by a member of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission and on 27 Jun 44 he travelled over the road from Avezzano to Sora. His Report on the trip indicates that there were about 25 to 30 diversions on this route caused mostly by demolition of small bridges and that there were indications that possibly two Bailey Bridges had been installed but had been removed. The diversions are possible for Army vehicles but it is doubtful if civilian vehicles can make the steep grades.

2. Colonel Jenny is in Rome with some of his assistants and one of his first tasks will be a complete survey to decide which routes should be improved first, in and out of Avezzano. Present indications seem to favor prompt reconstruction of Route 5 leading directly from Rome to Pescara via Avezzano; however, a detailed survey may make some changes in this viewpoint.

J. Bruce Thompson Major R.A.

2 D. S. ADAMS
Colonel, C. E.
Executive Officer
Economic Section

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1 JUL 1944

C.A.B.R.

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FILPOT, PBS, FOWIT, NOIC NAPLES, HQ 214 GP RAP, 3 BASE AREA RAP,
XII AFSC, AMIAN HQ ACC, 55 AREA, 57 AREA, 94 SUB AREA, MOVWIT,
64 BRN, MOV REGGIO, ACC REGION 3

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JUNE 301616

RD N648815 BENEVENTO CLOSED FROM 012300 HRS TO 120700 HRS.
BAILEY BRIDGE B BEING DISMANTLED. NO DIVERSION AVAILABLE.

ACC IN DISTH

ACTION - HQ COMDT

INFO - ADJ (ADV)

ADJ (MAIN)

ADJ (REAR)

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HEADQUARTERS

1 JUL 1944

A. C. C.

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JULY 1/

SUBJECT: Railway Wagons.

457 30 JUN 1944

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HEADQUARTERS

29 JUN 1944

OG Rear Eighth Army.

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26 Jun 44.

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Executive Commissioner's Branch,
HQ Allied Control Commission

Copy to Economic Section, HQ ACC,
(Attn Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.)

1. Transmitted herewith is a list of railway wagons in the steel
mill at TERNI on 15 Jun 44.

[Signature]
Group Captain,
Officer Commanding,
ABG Eighth Army.

ENCL. TO ECON. SEC.

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HERA JARTEN
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & R.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/457/9/CA.

29 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Traffic Routes.

TO : R.C. Region IV.

1. I notice with some concern the Traffic Route 7 is very much congested with civilian traffic, horse, donkey and even oxen drawn. This is causing traffic blocks over a considerable distance making it difficult for military traffic to move quickly over this route. Route 6 is probably as bad.

2. I realise your difficulties what with harvesting and refugees using these routes, but it is up to you to keep these routes clear and I shall be glad if you will try and do so.

JSR/RAC.

N. S. Lush
N. S. LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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

Ref A57/8/CA

26 June 1944

SUBJECT: Bailey Bridges.

TO : R.C. Region V.

Reference your Signal No. 205 of 21 June 44, the matter has been submitted to Economic Section who will be able to render you assistance on this important road. (SORA - AVEZZANO).

J.M.
HERMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

Copy to:
Economic Section (for information)

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MAIN HQ AGC, 57 AREA, AGC REGION 3

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NONE

NONE

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RO POSTING-SCHEDULE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 280800 TO 290800 HRS
JUN P.M. REMOVAL OF BAILEY BR AT N39426. ALL INFORMED.

AGC DISTRICT

HEADQUARTERS
24 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

Action - (HACOMM (M))
Reg 3

Info - Acc ban

- Dep CC

- C.A.B.

- G-As (M)

- Adpt Main

- Adpt (Main)

- File

File 2135

W. H. D. /

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DISPATCH
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JUNE 23 1545

20 POSIWANO-SORIENTO WILL BE CLOSED FROM 280800 TO 290800 HRS
JUN 7-8 REMOVAL OF BAILEY BR AT H39426. ALL INFORMED.

HEADQUARTERS
24 JUN 1944
A. C. C.

ACC DISSEM

Action - { HQ Comdt (M) }
 { Reg 3 }

Info - Sec Gen

- Dep CC

- CA Br

- G-5 (FM)

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MAIN HQ ACC 57 AREA

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NONE

RD EBOLI-AULETTA-LAGONEGRO WILL BE ^{CLOSED} ~~CLOSED~~ FROM 0600 TO 1400 HRS 24 JUNE FOR EXTENDING
RAILEY BRIDGE AT MR 241161 AND PSE ADD ALL INFORMED RPT ALL INFORMED

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ACTION HQ COMDT
INFO SECY GEN
DEP CG
CA HR ✓
ECON SEC
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INFO DIV
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JUNE 22/

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REF: 457/5/CA.

22nd. June 1944.

SUBJECT: Bailey Bridges.

TO : Vice President,
Economic Section.

Please see page 4. We cannot ask AAI to replace bridges. I warned Region V of this probability when I met them on 15th June and told them that the supply of food would be difficult. Can Public Utilities Sub-Commission advise and possibly function on this important road.

(Sgd) M.S. Lushy -

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

MSL/JC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: HQ ACC RPT AMG AQUILA

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 2/22

FROM: HQ AMG REGION 5

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: 205

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 211500 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

205 BAILEY BRIDGES ON SORA AVEZZANO ROAD NOW WITHDRAWN AND ROAD IMPASSABLE. SENDING SUPPLIES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ALL OVER PROVINCE AQUILA. MAY MOST URGENT REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO ARMY AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR REPLACEMENT PENDING DIVERSIONS BEING CONSTRUCTED.

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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No:

FROM: HQ AMG REGION 5

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No: 205

PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: JUNE 211500 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

205 BAILEY BRIDGES ON SOBA AVEZZANO ROAD NOW WITHDRAWN AND ROAD IMPASSABLE. SENDING SUPPLIES EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ALL OVER PROVINCE AQUILA. MAY MOST URGENT REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO ARMY AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR REPLACEMENT PENDING DIVERSIONS BEING CONSTRUCTED.

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

Ref/457/3/CA.

17 June 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Public Works and Utilities Sub-Comm.
(Through Economic Section).

1. I have just completed an automobile trip to the forward Adriatic area, during the course of which I lost a great deal of time because of unmarked, impassable roads shown on map A.M.S. M592 as main highways.

2. At Brigadier Losh's suggestion I submit the following comments for such value as they may have for you:

a. Highway 87 from Caserta to Campobasso via Calazzo, Pontelandolfo, etc. was reported at Guardin as still impassable by reason of the destruction of a bridge near the latter place (a matter concerning which you undoubtedly have full knowledge). I detoured via Benevento.

b. Highway 87 from Campobasso to Termoli via Larino is in quite good condition.

c. Highway 16 from Termoli to Vasto is passable and in very heavy use by convoys, but extremely rough. It is somewhat better between Vasto and Ortona. From Ortona a Mare to Pescara, the road is straight, and predominantly finished macadam, but pitted by a great many dips caused by demolitions at culverts. These in many places occur every hundred yards or so, for considerable distances, necessitating very slow travel.

d. Highway from Pescara to Chieti is smooth, fast and level except for the immediate approach to Chieti itself, which is necessarily curved and steep because of the situation of the city on a high mesa.

e. The road from Chieti to Guardiagrele via Bucchianico and Casacanditella is in good condition except in three or four places where demolitions have rendered it impassable for anything except light transportation.

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f. The highway from Guardagrele to Casoli is in good condition.

g. Highway 84 from Casoli to Lams, Palena, and Castel di Sangro is impassable by reason of live mines and demolitions on both sides of Palena. (There are no signs concerning these mines until a short distance north of Palena and I lost almost two hours exploring Highway 84 to this point, and returning to Casoli.)

h. The road from the highway near Casoli to the south through Bomba and Villa Santa Maria is reported by military units in the vicinity to be impassable for reasons not specified.

i. The road paralleling the one mentioned in the preceding paragraph, through Archi and Tornareccio to Castiglione and Highway 86 is narrow and dusty but unbroken and traversable.

j. Highway 86 from Castiglione to Carovilli is in fair condition but is impassable between Carovilli and Forlì.

k. The small road (uncolored on map A.M.S. M592) leading from Carovilli to Highway 17 near Isernia, through Miranda, is passable, in very good condition, through pleasant countryside, and highly recommended.

WCB Col. Alfred C. Bowman

ALFRED C. BOWMAN, Lt. Col.,
Assistant Director,
Civil Affairs Branch.

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Copy to: PHO
Establishments.

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HEADQUARTERS

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Transportation Sub-Commission

APO 394

-9 JUN 1944

Our Reference : ACC Tn/16/148

Date : 8 June '44

TO : Regional Commissioner,
Region I, ACC.

SUBJECT : Restoration of Rail Service - Sicily - I.S.R.

1. Upon return from recent trips to Sicily, my deputy, Lieut-Colonel C.G. Brown, has told me of progress made in restoration of major rail lines, as well as plans for immediate future.

2. I concur with Lieut-Colonel Brown's opinion that the restoration of service on Palermo-Messina line is most desirable. His idea expressed in conferences with you, of setting up a train service, Palermo-San Stefano and St Agata-Messina, with a motor truck transfer around the 23.5 kilometres break, appears to be possible, and should have many advantages. As soon as this service can be introduced an immediate reduction in number of automobiles and trucks would follow between Palermo and Messina. You will appreciate the necessity for utmost possible conservation of trucks, tyres, gasoline and lubricants. The 'detour', of 23.5 kilometres would make a real saving versus some 250 kilometres by road with heavy grades.

3. I shall be interested to hear what you accomplish in this connection not only from the standpoint of benefit to Sicily but as a guide to the possibility of establishing similar 'detours' elsewhere, and for that reason would like to have full details in due course.

4. The Assistance extended by you and other officers of your Region to Lieut-Colonel Brown and the others who accompanied him during his trip is much appreciated. It is the desire of Transportation Sub-Commission to work with you in closest accord for restoration of efficiency of Sicily's railways. It is hoped that you will advise this Sub-Commission of any matters in which we can be of any assistance.



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