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CIVIL ROAD ORGANIZATION
JAN., FEB. 1944

Re
Subject: Civil Road Organisation.

Exec Sec 2423
AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
CST. *(4)*

78/92.

1 Feb 44.

HQ AME A.C.M.F.
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Reference AME/468/3 dated 28 Jan 44.

1. In this HQ letter 78/92 dated 15 Nov 43, HQ ACC was asked to consider certain proposals which were outlined therein, for the establishment of a Central Road Organisation.
2. This letter went astray and a further copy was sent under cover of same reference, dated 12 Dec 43. Subsequently Lt-Col Jenny of the Public Works and Mines Sub Commission called at this HQ and discussed the question with the DPMC and representatives of the DDW. Following this there was a further meeting at which the whole question of a road organisation in Italy was discussed with Signor Camillo Tizzano.
3. As a result of these meetings, the DDW produced plans shewing the organisation which had been agreed with Lt-Col Jenny, (a copy of this was sent to the Public Works and Mines Sub Commission of the ACC on 10 Jan 44, under this HQ reference 3222/DDW).
4. In view of the operational necessity for maintaining good road communications, and in order that the Allied Military Engineers should be able to contact their opposite numbers in the Civil Road Organisation, the organisation as agreed with Lt-Col Jenny was made the basis of this HQ letter to which you refer.

JAF/AEM

Copy to:- Works

Major General
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

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47 Feb
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Subject: Civil Road Communication.

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A.C.C.,
H.C.,
A.C.M.P.

H.C.A.C.,
A.C.M.P. Adv. Adm. Pch.,
C.J.P.

100/168/5

20, Jan. 44

I am directed by the Chief Commissioner to refer to your letter of 20, Jan. 44, Ref. 78/C.

This is the first intimation that the Chief Commissioner or I have received of the organization described in this letter. May I know with whom the arrangements defined in the letter were made.

sgt. MS-Back

Brigadier,
Deputy Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

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D.C.C.A.O.

I think that the scheme outlined at 1 is a very good one but it seems decidedly strange to me that we have heard nothing about it at the HQ until now.

2. Acc/ARTG is providing the funds and also the engineers - I hope they will let you know before appointing them to the commitments under your control.
3. As you know, ARTG 8 Army has three officers working on nothing but road maintenance and has been for some time.
4. We certainly want elucidation of last sentence of para.3 and you may want to know why you were not consulted on this.

GRB 22/1.

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22 JAN 1944

Subject: Civil Road Organisation.

AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon,
CIT.

78/9.

20 Jan 44.

HQ., ACME.
Fifth Army.
Eighth Army.
No. 2 District.
No. 3 District.
Peninsular Base Section.
AFEC/MEC (Prov)
ACC.

Reply

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3. The Organisation will eventually be responsible for the maintenance, including snow clearance, of all roads in occupied Italy, in accordance with Allied requirements. Forward of Army rear boundaries, the responsibility of the organisation will be limited to specified areas or roads to be agreed from time to time.

4. Arrangements are being made by ACC/AMG to ensure that adequate funds are made available for the payment of all civilian wages and for the purchase of available materials.

5. It will, owing to limited Italian resources, always be necessary to provide some assistance from military sources in the form of transport, plant and materials.

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7. The Organisation has been set up, and is ready to operate to a limited extent, in some Compartments.

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Major General, *W. J. ...*
 Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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