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Sept - Dec. 1943

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MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Transportation Corps
Office of Director General

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Aut. CG Hq Mil Ry Sec
Date: 6 December 1943
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APC 400
6 December 1943

Subject: Equipment Now in Sicily for Italy

To: Commanding Officer, Island Base Section, APC 758 US Army
Chief, AMG, Sicily
Mov & Tr, AFHQ, Adv Adm Ech, APC 400, U.S. Army
Director, British Transportation, building
Commanding Officer, 703rd Railway Grand Div, APC 782,
U.S. Army
Colonel Hosack, AGM-Equipment
Colonel Dougherty, AGM Transportation

1. There is a surplus of steam locomotives and freight cars in Sicily over requirements and there is need for an increase in number of locomotives and freight cars in Italy. The train ferry facilities at Catania are estimated for completion tomorrow and it is desired to move as early as possible, 50 heavy duty road locomotives and 500 freight cars apportioned approximately 250 box cars and the balance be made up of heavy freight cars capable of handling tanks, tank cars and gondolas.

2. Movement and Transportation, Advance Administrative Echelon, AFHQ, has given first priority for use of car ferry for this locomotive and car movement between Catania and Reggio. The Assistant General Manager-Equipment will send a mechanical officer to Palermo to consult with the Commanding Officer, Island Base Section, and for inspection of the power and cars to be sent to Italy. The Class of locomotives to be sent are the 400 Class 2-10-0, 740 Class, 744 Class, 745 Class, and 746 Class, and the ones moved to Catania for transport to Italy should only be in first class condition.

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3. Action in connection with this movement should be started at once and as the locomotives and cars actually reach Reggio, they should be reported to the Director General by number and both locomotives and cars should move under a special train movement immediately from there into the Naples District.

ccx GOC- 15th Army Group
GOC -1st District
GOC- 2nd District

/s/ Carl R. Gray Jr.
Brigadier General USA
Director General

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 60)

DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF ALL ITALIAN RAILWAYS

1. Brigadier General CARL E. GRAY, JR., O-129452, USA, Director General, Military Railway Service, this headquarters, will be responsible for the rehabilitation, technical development and operation of all Italian State and privately owned railways, except for those portions which may from time to time be returned to civilian operation under the supervision of the Transportation Sub-Commission of the Allied Commission.

2. All United States Railway Service Troops, the Railway portion of the British Transportation Service, and Italian Railway personnel and materiel will be at his disposal and will operate under his direction. So far as Italian Railway personnel is concerned, this will be accomplished by having General di Raimondo, together with all of the Italian military railway organization, report to the Director General to carry out the duties prescribed. The command and administration of British Railway Transportation Units referred to above will be exercised through normal British channels.

3. In the reconstruction and operation of the Italian Railways the Director General will be governed by priorities established by this headquarters, presently represented on the mainland of Italy by the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, Advanced Administrative Echelon, AFHQ, who will coordinate and present to the Director General the railway requirements of Allied Forces and of all Italian civilian and military users.

4. The Director General will continue to be governed in the operation of military railways in North Africa by the provisions of General Order Number 19, this headquarters, cs.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

J.F.M. WHITSLEY,
Major General, GS, Acting Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

[Signature]

T.J. DAVIS,
Brigadier General, United States Army,
Adjutant General.

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Copy to Lt. Col. L. D. Densmore, AMOT HQ

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CSO-

Re: Attached M/C # 6393 - a 91301507 sent
 Message relation AMGO supervisor of RP
 in Budy (US sector)

Conference this AM (14 Oct) with
 Chief Transportation Section LBS (Col Barnes)
 Agreed -

1. LBS will loan - as of now
 to AMGO T - 7 office & 16 E M as per
 previous agreement.

2. 727 Ry App Bn to remain on &
 continue its present functions until released

3. In the mean time 7 office & 16 E M
 (TP1) will be placed on job and will be
 in position to take over supervising ^{under Ray's direction} when
 727 moves out.

4. working arrangements AMGO T with LBS
 satisfactory & set up.

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5. This Division will contact No 1 District
 for clarification of British (No 1 District) area.

6. Recommend.

AMGO T concurs in following message

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6. Recommendation.

AM907 concurs in following suggested to be met by AFHQ - by LBS.

" Concurs in joint arrangement 13 Oct Sept 1943 as amended, and approved by General Gray "

Recommendation - LBS.

14 Oct.

Agreed with.

C. P. Smith

14 Oct. 43.

LBS.

4 Oct. 43.

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FROM: G-4, Seventh Army

13 October 1943

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TO: C-IN-C, ALLIED FORCE

Proposal operation Sicilian Railroads in US Section of
Sicily letter 13 September is reference (Patton to Eisenhower
for Gray DGMR Cite D-2116) your message cite FHTPN 390
received and action directed being taken.

Lt. Col. Remmon
Capt. Hensel

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FROM: CINC

TO : CG INS, 7TH ARMY, AMST

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7TH ARMY
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Proposal operation Sicilian railroads United States sector of Sicily letter 13 September 1943 approved and will be put into effect 0001 October 15. Advise Receipt and understanding.

(From Gray. Signed CINC WHITE 390. To CG INS for action rail section- For 7th Army, AMST, 727 BY WPM for info.)

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TO CD 1BS, SEVENTH ARMY, AMGOT

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HEADQUARTERS
ISLAND BASE SECTION
A.P.O. NO. 758

AG 531 (IIBTC)

13 September 1943

SUBJECT: Operation of Sicilian Railroads in United States Sector of Sicily.

TO : Commanding General, MATOUSA (THRU: Commanding General, Fifteenth Army Group)

1. Conference was held this date at this Headquarters with a view to recommending future responsibilities for the operation of the Sicilian railroads in the United States sector of the island.

2. The following officers were present:

Colonel JAMES M. AMESON, Chief of Transportation, Island Base Section,
Lt. Col. E. F. BARNES, Executive Officer, Transportation, Island Base Section,
Lt. Col. H. G. HILL, Chief of Rail Section, Island Base Section,
Lt. Col. P. W. ORR, Commanding Officer, 727th Railway Operating Battalion,
Major E. E. PATTERSON, Chief of Rail Section, Seventh Army,
Captain CLAUDE E. MINARD, Transportation Officer, Civilian Supply Division,
AMSCOT Headquarters.

3. As a result of this conference, the following were mutually agreed upon, subject to approval by higher authority:

a. AMSCOT will supervise the operation of the railroads, which operation will be performed by Sicilian railroad officials and Sicilian labor, commencing October 1, 1943.

b. The ISLAND BASE SECTION will furnish the necessary RTO personnel for the supervision of the movement of military supplies on October 1, 1943.

c. AMSCOT will continue to be responsible for all fiscal and civilian personnel matters pertaining to the railroad.

d. The allocation of railroad equipment, including power and cars, within the American sector will be controlled by the ISLAND BASE SECTION.

e. The movement of all tonnage, both military and civilian, will be controlled by the ISLAND BASE SECTION.

f. During the period of the occupation of the American sector of the Island by the United States Army, the United States Army agrees to furnish fuel and lubricants for the operation of the railroads in the American sector.

g. Effective immediately, AMSCOT will secure such stores as are procurable locally and which are required for railroad operation in the American sector of the island.

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h. Movement of all commercial rail tonnage will be bid by AMCOT and the priority for the movement of such tonnage will be determined by the ISLAND BASE SECTION.

4. Confirmation by higher authority, or such amendments thereto as may be directed, is desired at the earliest practicable date.

Copy to:
727th Railway Operating Bn.

AMCOT
Rail Section, G-4, Seventh Army
Rail Section, Island Base Section
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R. SMITH,
Col., Ord.,
Commanding.

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1 ¹/₂ Sept.

T.D.C.S. & R. Div.

1--instructions with respect to above are requested.

L. D. DETERMINE

Lt. Col., S. C.

COL. DETERMINE:

This conference seems to be at cross-purposes with the committee-minutes at PP 6-7.

Mr. Gen. Gray's recommendations have not yet been seen, but it was agreed that AMOT would take over R.R. as a whole and not piecemeal.

All that Capt. Minard can do therefore until instructions are received from 15 A.G. is to advise, not to accept any responsibility.

15-9.

/s/ C. J. Hayes
Lt. Col.

/s/ C. J. Hayes
Lt. Col.

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EXHIBIT PROPOSAL

DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
AND ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR THE OPERATION AND CONTROL
OF THE ITALIAN STATE RAILROADS IN ITALY

1. Military Railway Service (M.R.S.) is charged with responsibility for maintenance, reconstruction, repair and operation of all railroads which in any manner affect, directly or indirectly, Allied Military effort.
 2. All resources needed to insure movement of military supplies will be placed at disposal of M.R.S., which will alone direct operations.
 3. M.R.S. may provide for transportation of non-military and civilian supplies when such transportation will not adversely affect movement of military supplies.
 4. Allied Military Government (AMG) will cooperate with M.R.S. to accomplish basic objectives of paragraphs 1 to 3 above. A.M.G. will assume full responsibility for execution and supervision of following functions of Italian State Railways:
 - a. Pay of all employees of Italian State Railways. (Exception: All military forces of Allied Armies.)
 - b. Pay of all contractors employed by Italian State Railways on works that are necessary for Allied military effort.
 - c. Local purchases of materials and supplies needed for operation of the railways.
 - d. Auditing and control of fiscal section of Italian State Railways, under policies to be prescribed by Finance Section of A.M.G.
 5. Close liaison will be maintained between MRS and AMG to insure success of this program.
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