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 ECONOMIC DIVISION  
 Transportation Sub - Division

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7 December 46

Subject : Abridged Monthly Report  
 November 46.

To : Economic Division,  
 HQ. AG.

#### 1. General.

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#### 2. Rail.

The chief preoccupation of the railways was the coal strike in the U.S.A. The State Railways after much effort had managed to save a stock of coal sufficient for about two months. No allocation of coal has been made to the I.R.R. for the month of December and it will be necessary to put into effect drastic cuts both in passenger and freight services. This will naturally help to set back the progress in industrial rehabilitation.

No improvement has taken place in the passenger rolling stock situation although arrangements for the return of 80 damaged vehicles from Germany (American zone) have been made.

#### 3. Roads.

Although sufficient vehicles are available to carry a greater % of traffic by road the type and P.O.L. situation does not permit this. Negotiations for the return of the balance of Italian vehicles and drivers from Africa, urgently requested by M.E.L.F. are still being carried on but so far it has not been possible to obtain a definite reply from the Italian Government.

Outstanding accounts, for transport carried out during the control of the Rome Area by Region IV. so far it has not been possible to authenticate these charges.

#### 4. Shipping.

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|---------------|---------|------|
| SARINIAN COAL | 22,488  | Tons |
| PHOSPHATES    | 61,780  | "    |
| BAUXITE       | 11,360  | "    |
| PIRITES       | 17,160  | "    |
| SCRAP IRON    | 6,278   | "    |
| P.O.L.        | 4,849   | "    |
| LEAD          | 400     | "    |
| ZINC          | 2,370   | "    |
| SULPHUR       | 1,965   | "    |
| SALT (EDIBLE) | 8,253   | "    |
| GRAIN & FLOUR | 8,036   | "    |
| VARIOUS       | 22,767  | "    |
| TOTAL         | 174,602 | "    |

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8 October 1946

Subject : Abridged Report for September 46.

To : Economic Section  
Hq. AC.

## 1. Rail.

The wagon situation continued very acute during the month, but eased slightly during the latter part due to new arrival of coal from America due to the strike.

## 2. Roads.

Road transport was not able to be utilized to the full capacity due to shortage of gasoline.  
The tyre situation is also a handicap.

## 3. Shipping.

Coastal shipping received more requests for tonnage than was available.

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Transportation and Shipping Branch

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10 September 45

Subject: Briefed Report for August 1945.

To: Economic Section  
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## 1 - Rail.

Both passenger and freight traffic continued very heavy throughout the month and the shortage of rolling stock was acute.

A Transport committee has been formed consisting of military, UNRRA, state railway representatives and also representatives of the various ministries of the Italian Government, who regulate the transport.

The object of the committee is to coordinate the requests for traffic with the available means of transport, with a view to utilize to the best advantage rail road and coastline shipping.

It is expected that the first Genoa tunnel will be opened during the first week in September, thus giving the first direct line to Paris.

Electrification is being vigorously pursued with a view to reduce coal consumption and overcome shortage of steam locomotives.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE PORTS  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED HARBOR FOR JULY 1946

9 August 1946

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TO: THE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE PORTS

1. Findings  
a) General  
The Commission has been informed in numerous instances during July that there was a heavy increase in passenger traffic especially to coastal and mountain resorts; this was the result of numerous boats still being active. Very few services were introduced and very few of the weekly services introduced to daily service. A new fast service between San Francisco and San Francisco was introduced the morning being found for 12.05 hours.

b) Passenger Traffic  
There was a heavy increase in passenger traffic especially at the ports due to arrival of numerous boats and sail vessels. The average port landings during July was 1,577 passengers of which 565 were sail and 1,012 were motor. During the last fortnight the average daily landings were 3000 passengers of which 800 were sail and 2,200 were motor. The Commission has been

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1. Mail

a) Passenger Service

During July there was a heavy demand for passenger facilities especially to Manila and certain companies were able to supply the necessary number of mail boats.

They put up with the increased and heavy cost of fuel and the weekly services increased to daily service.

A new line service between San and Manila was introduced the journey being fixed for 12.15 hours.

b) Freight Service

There was a serious shortage in freight facilities especially at the ports due to arrival of a number of small and old vessels.

The average port handling during July was 14.7 wagons of which 555 were coal and 111 grain.

During the last fortnight the average daily loadings were 200 wagons of which 150 were coal and 40 grain.

The above mentioned facts

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10 June 1946

Subject: Abridged Repair for May 1946.

To : Economic Section.

1. RAIL.

a. 91% of the total network of the railway system is now in operation. However, the percentage of electric traction is only 84% and that the double track available for service is only 55% compared to the 1938 figures.

b. The locomotive situation for April shows an improvement over March as there are fewer locomotives awaiting repair.

c. Only 59% of the tractive power compared to 1938 is available and only 2,412 steam locomotives are available compared to 4,277 in 1938.

d. A total of 7,235 passengers made use of the international train services during April compared to 6,946 during March.

2. ROAD.

a. A total of 2600 motor vehicles were put in circulation during the month of April 1946.

b. As of 31





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cargoes of 304,127 tons. c Ship repairs are progressing satisfactorily. A total of 28 ships of different kinds were repaired and put back into operation during the month.

d A total of 55 Italian Cargo, tanker and passenger ships of over 500 tons carrying capacity each are now being used for civilian traffic.

e The capacity of ports greatly improved during the month as a result of both increase in number of piers available and repair of quay fittings and tracks as well as additional dredging.

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23 April 1946

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Subject : Abbreviated Monthly Report  
for March 1946.

To : Economic Section.

1. Rail.

- a. Approximately 86% of the lines of the Italian Railway system are now available for traffic, although long stretches of what were double track are being operated as single lines.
- b. On 30 March the Arezzo-Florence line was reopened, thus saving about three hours running time between Rome and Florence.
- c. At the present time only about 40% of the prewar total of steam and electric locomotives are available.

2. Road.

On 31 March a total of approximately 95,541 load carrying vehicles were in operation.

3. Shipping.

- a. A total of 204,146 tons of coastwise shipping were moved during the month.
- b. Three ships have been nominated for the Argentine grain run and will sail for their first trip during the month of April.
- c. Reconstruction and rehabilitation of ports is progressing satisfactorily.

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9 April 1946.

Subject : Abridged Report for  
Month of March 1946.

To : Economic Section.

The rail line from Arezzo to Florence was officially reopened on 30 March after extensive reconstruction of new bridges necessitated by war damage. The reopening of this line will lessen the rail travel time from Rome to Florence by three to three and one half hours.

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1. Movements.

All remaining control over the movement of civilian traffic by rail and road was turned over to the Italian Ministry of Transport during February.

2. Ports and Warehouses.

Repair of damage to Port and Warehouse installations at Torre Annunziata, caused by the explosion in January, progressed faster than was expected during the month.

3. Rail.

a During the month of February, the provision of rail facilities continued to improve, and new lines were reopened, the most notable being the La Spezia-Genoa line, which was reopened to traffic on 16 February. This now provides an alternative rail route between North and South Italy, relieving the Bologna bottleneck.

b The effect of the withdrawal of military supervision in the field, mentioned in last months report, has been increasingly felt, and there has been some deterioration in the movement of traffic. This in turn has affected the availability of wagons for priority loadings.

c To a certain extent, the failure to move traffic has been due to excessive loadings having taken place, and to shortage of engine power.

4. General.

The AC Transportation Liaison Officers at Bologna and Ancona were withdrawn during the month.

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Lt. Col. QMC  
Director.

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To : Economic Section

1. Movements

- a) Comparison of tonnages moved in all Italy by rail between Jan. 45 and Jan 46 shows a considerable increase.
- b) Refugee and salt trains ran satisfactorily - fine trains not.
- c) A total of 97,500 tons was moved by Italian coastwise and intra-Mediterranean shipping - An increase over December.

2. Rail

- a) Bad weather delayed opening of LA Spezia - Genova line which will now open in February.
- b) I.S.A. now responsible for all movement except in Compartiment of Trieste and Venice -

3. Road

- a) All control has now passed to the Italian Government.
- b) MAC officials have now been appointed to the Northern Territory.

4. Shipping

- a) Arrivals from U.S.A. again less than planned.
- b) Some hold up of Swiss ships at Genoa due of bunching.

5. Ports and Warehouses

- a) A system has been agreed upon for civilian authorities to obtain the requisite equipment.
- b) Port and warehouse installations at Torie Ansaldo both badly damaged in the explosion. Hoped that a reasonable measure of working will be restored in February -

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c) work satisfactory at all other ports.

For the Director:

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b. A total of thirty (30) Allied vehicles were transferred to the Italian Government during the month.

4. Port and Warehouse.

a. During the month, pilferage of AC and UNRRA supplies increased greatly at ports and warehouses. A preliminary meeting was held with representatives of UNRRA, NSA, MMT, CIA and Federazione, and plans to remedy this situation were discussed.

b. Issues of supplies from warehouses in general exceeded receipts during the month.

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Colonel,  
Director.

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Colonel,  
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SUBJECT : Abridged Monthly Report for  
November 1945.

TO : Economic Section.

1. GENERAL.

2. Reconstruction and re-electrification have made good headway during the month, when consideration is given to the difficulties involved, such as shortage of materials, floods and

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a. 20,448 trucks, jeeps, trailers, motorcycles and motorcycle sidecars.

b. 320 tons of spare parts.

c. 292 tool sets.

#### 4. PORTS AND WAREHOUSE.

a. A re-organization of the Consorzio Autonomo at Genoa and the Provveditorato at Venice was suggested by the Italian Ministry of Marine to improve administration at both these ports. This proposal is being examined.

b. Thirty three vessels were discharged at Civitavecchia during November.

c. A proposal has been presented to Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari to withdraw all Allied personnel attached to the Federazione warehouses the first part of December. Federazione will then take complete charge of the warehouses.

d. For the second consecutive month, UNRRA issues have exceeded receipts by 1700 tons.

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SUBJECT : Abridged Monthly Report for October 1945.

TO : Economic Section.

1. General.

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(e) Difficulty is still encountered in obtaining cement supplies for reconstruction work.

(f) Bologna has developed into a bottle-neck for traffic between North and South, and I.S.R. have been instructed to make urgent re-arrangement of lay-out of sidings to assist in handling traffic.

3. Roads

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(h) Despite shortages of materials, wagon repair shops have continued to do a splendid job. The Italians have shown commendatory ingenuity in improvising materials and tools.

### 3. Roads







Bids for movement of freight through the roads branch were considerably reduced as E.M.A.C. is assuming more responsibility in accepting direct bids.







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