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MINUTES OF MEETINGS STORES SUB. COMMITTEE

Feb. 1945 - Jan. 1946

Subject: M.R.S. Control of I.S.R. Stores.

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2. Jan. 46.

To: Director General, Italian State Railways.

Copy to: D.D.M.R.S.

D.D.Tn, Trieste.

A.C. Tn. Sub Commission (Rails)

Ing. Bracci, Chief of Stores Sec. ISR.

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Tn. 3 (Mach)

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M.R.S. Milan.

Hq. 3 Tn Stores Group, R.R.

325 TSD

333 TSD

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R.D. Lachord, Brig.
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Belgadier,
Director of Transportation.

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MINUTES OF TWELFTH MEETING OF ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD STORES SUB-COMMITTEE
(INCORPORATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT SUB-COMMITTEES) HELD IN
ROOM 175, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING ON 27th DECEMBER 1945.

PRESENT:

Major L.E. Robson, M.R.S. (Chairman). - - - - -

Lt. Col. W.T. Kelly, M.R.S.
 Ing. Derartini, I.S.R. - - - - -

Equipment.
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Major G.S. Barnes, A.C., Th. Sub-Commission.
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Stores & Equipment.
 Stores. - - - - -

Major P.P. Seaston, M.R.S.
 Ing. B. Renda, I.S.R. - - - - -

Construction.
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In Attendance:

Capt. S.G. Eley, M.R.S.
 Ing. G. Polverari, I.S.R. - - - - -

Stores.
 Interpreter. - - - - -

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STORES CONTROL OF I.S.R.

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The Chairman stated that on representation by the D.G.I.S.R. supported by the A.C., Tn. Sub-Commission the Allied Railway Board held on 20th December 1945 agreed to relinquish the present control of the I.S.R. stores Dept when the D.G.M.R.S. was satisfied that the I.S.R. had a complete understanding and control of the stores situation. The target date for hand over was 1st February 1946.

The present arrangement by which any requirements for Allied military purposes including the Medloc services and Venezia Giulia would be met as a first priority from I.S.R. stocks would remain after the hand over. All stores including the control of Coal, Diesel and Fuel Oil would be included in the hand over.

In order to carry out this declared policy of the Board it would be necessary for the D.G.M.R.S. to be satisfied that the recommendations made by the Stores Sub-Committee Special Meeting held on 1st November 1945 were now being carried out.

With this in view the Chairman stated he would examine the recommendations as they concerned the Stores Dept itself and then deal with them as they concerned the two major user departments - Traction and Works.

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Ing. Randi was asked by the Chairman what action had been taken by his Department on the recommendations of this Special Meeting. He stated the Works Section have made arrangements to allocate and assess the priority of the jobs on each line and designate the specific jobs for which the supplies are to be used. Re-distribution between Compartimenti was also having attention as well as the monthly returns recommended.

Ing. Damartini was asked by the Chairman what action the Traction Department had taken on the recommendations of this Special Meeting.

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After considerable discussion and questions by Lt. Col. Kelly and the Chairman it was apparent only very little progress had been made and it was in the Traction Departments own stores that the least effective control was taking place. It was evident that with the HQ of the Traction Department at Florence divorced from the main HQ here and in spite of every endeavour on the part of the Traction representatives at HQ, Rome, much useful liaison between the Heads of the Departments was being lost.

The Committee were of the opinion, as far as the Stores Department itself was concerned and the Works Department, there appeared to be no obstacle to control passing over to the I.S.R. on 1st February, but as far as the Traction Department was concerned, unless an energetic man with full authority was appointed to control the stores and carry out in the Traction Department the recommendations of the Special Meeting, the Committee could not recommend the handing over to the I.S.R. of complete control of stores.

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LOCAL PURCHASE - NORTHERN ITALY.

Ing. Bracci stated as the delegation in the North-East and North-West Italy are disbanded all local purchase is now controlled by the HQ, I.S.R., Rome.

GLASS.

Chairman stated no particulars yet received and suggested A.C. take up the question for I.S.R. as it would appear some priority must be given to the manufacturing of coloured glass by private factories.

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Ing. Braconi stated Carbide supplies were now satisfactory.

COAL.

129.

Chairman stated the stocks were down to 12 days in Italy, therefore, incumbent upon I.S.R. to exercise utmost economy in use of coal. It is anticipated on the information available of colliers due that the stock position will improve.

The Chairman pointed out there should be no difficulty in the handing over of the control of the coal supply to the I.S.R. on 1st February 1946. Ing. Braconi agreed.

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(103)

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OCCUPATION OF PREMISES OF A TIMBER CREOSOTE IMBIBITION PLANT AT NAPLES.

The Chairman stated he had sent an appreciation of the Timber Creosoting plants in Italy to C.H.Q., C.M.F. asking for certain premises to be vacated at Naples and Mestre, but no reply had yet been received.

P.O.L.

The Chairman stated the channel of supply would remain as at present, that is through the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce. He pointed out that the I.S.R. should include Diesel and Fuel Oil on all future requests and thus enable M.R.S. to hand over the arrangement for all P.O.L. supplies to the I.S.R. by 1st February 1946.

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PRE-WAR CONTRACTS FOR STORES - I.S.R.

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The Chairman stated he had received a list of all uncancelled contracts not yet completed, 1935 - 1942 inclusive and asked Ing. Bracci what had been done to cancel these contracts when the material was no longer required or had a low priority.

Ing. Bracci replied all contracts had been suspended and the contracts were being examined by a competent staff and then either cancelled or if necessary firms instructed to carry on with the work.

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SUPPLY OF STORES TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FROM ALLIED AND C.E.M. DEPS.

(122)

The Chairman requested Ing. Bracci to expedite the I.S.R. report on the matter.

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DISTRIBUTION OF I.S.R. MACHINES TOOL RESOURCES.

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Ing. Desertini promised to expedite the reply to the Chairman's letter of 30th November 1945 to D.G.I.S.R. on this subject.

Date of the next meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee would be Thursday, 10th January 1946.

Leslie G. Robson

L.E. ROBSON, Major,
D.M.D.Ta. (Stores), U.R.S.,
acting Chairman,
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8th December 1945 ¹¹⁷⁶

TO : Director General, I.S.R.

At the last meeting of the Allied Railway Board the matter of the Military Railway Service exercising control of the Stores and Supply Branch of the Italian State Railways was discussed.

Subsequently at a meeting of the Allied Railway Board Stores Sub-Committee this subject was further discussed and a portion of minute 100 par (iv) is quoted.

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This agreement does not bear out the views expressed by the Director General of the I.S.R. which were stated at the last meeting of the Allied Railway Board.

It is hoped to arrange a meeting between representatives from AFHQ, MRS, ISR and the Allied Commission in the near future to discuss the problems which now confront the railways of Italy. It is therefore requested that you submit to this Division a letter stating your position on the Military Railway Service having control of the Stores and Supply Branch of the Italian State Railways. Also, submit an agenda indicating other subjects affecting the operation, maintenance, and reconstruction of the I.S.R. which you would like to have discussed if and when such meeting is scheduled.

Would ask that this letter and agenda be submitted to this Division not later than Wednesday the 12th of December.

R. P. MOSS
Chief of Rail Division

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MINUTES OF ELEVENTH MEETING OF ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD STORES
SUB-COMMITTEE (INCORPORATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT
SUB-COMMITTEES) HELD IN ROOM 175, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
BUILDING ON 23rd NOVEMBER 1945.

PRESENT:

Lt. Col. D.R.H. Chaplin, M.R.S. (Chairman).	
Major C.M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission	Stores.
Ing. G. Bracci, I.S.R.	"
Major P.P. Seaston, M.R.S.	Construction.
Ing. S. Renia, I.S.R.	"
Lt. Col. W.T. Kelly, M.R.S.	Equipment.
Major J.W. Gill, A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission	"
Ing. Demartini, I.S.R.	"

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Director, Military Railway Service.

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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF EQUIPMENT AND STORES TO THE I.S.R.

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The Chairman referred to the Eleventh Meeting of the Allied Railway Board and the question of M.R.S. control of I.S.R. stores and stated he had raised this point again to ascertain the opinion of the members of the Stores Subcommittee in view of the statement made by Mr Moes of the Tn. Sub-Commission that, if the I.S.R. stores remained under military control he did not think the I.S.R. could function efficiently.

The Chairman pointed out that the reason for maintaining this control of policy was based on the following :-

- (i) Until supplies on requisition through Tn. Sub-Commission for the I.S.R. are actually received, there are certain stores in very short supply, which require rigid control.
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The meeting agreed that M.R.S. control was essential under the present circumstances.

112 RECOVERY AND DISTRIBUTION ON DISPERSED I.S.R. STORES IN NORTHERN ITALY

- (101) (a) Ing. Bracci stated compilation of stock lists not yet completed.
- (b) Italian Expedition - Ing. Bracci stated he would report on completion of his analysis of situation as it affected the Stores Department.

Ing. Bracci stated there was no improvement in the control over the North. There was some 3,000 loaded wagons of stores being sorted but he had no details of the progress made.

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There was no report on the progress of the repair of the I.S.R. Storehouses, Workshops or Running Sheds.

The I.S.R. Works Section were asked to furnish this information as expeditiously as possible.

113 LOCAL PURCHASE - NORTHERN ITALY.

The Chairman referred to the disbandment of the delegations in North-East and North-West Italy and asked Ing. Bracci if there had been any developments yet. Ing. Bracci answered in the negative.

114 GLASS.

The Chairman stated :-

The decontrol of the VIETRI factory was being pursued and when the final military demands, which included the Austrian commitment, were formulated and met the production would be recommended as available for civil requirements.

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The Chairman asked for a revised figure of carbide requirements from Ing. Bracci. (This figure to indicate separately requirements in North, Central and Southern Italy).

The Th. Sub-Commission would thus be in a position to ask the Italian Government for a priority allocation for the I.S.R.

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The Chairman stated that there had been 3,000 to 4,000 tons per month increase in coal consumption by the I.S.R. recently which has resulted in the coal stocks falling from 56 days supply in July to 30 days on 10th Nov. '45. Therefore, the D.M.R.S. has ordered a limitation of user of 18,800 tons per week from 1st December 1945. This has been further divided on a rationing basis for each area. These railway figures exclude coal for Venezia Giulia. Lt. Col. Chaplin read out to the meeting and Ing. Folverari translated the instruction on the question of coal economy and rationing issued by the D.M.R.

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Ing. Bracci stated as the timber had not been cut there were no logs available; therefore, any further delivery could not be expected.

A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission are exploring the possibility of an Austrian supply but pointed out the non-acceptance of Italian Lire by the Austrians. The Chairman suggested to A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission that a barter basis of exchange, say glass, cement, or hemp for timber might be arranged.

The Chairman stated he would send an appreciation of the timber situation to the Chairman of the Allied Board and see what could be done to release more timber from Calabria and from P.B.S. stocks, but the I.S.R. must pursue energetically further procurement themselves.

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119 OCCUPATION OF PREMISES OF A TIMBER CREOSOTE IMPREGNATION PLANT AT NAPLES.

Ing. Renda pointed out slow progress was being made in creosoting of sleepers. Could the Military vacate the premises of the Naples firm? The Chairman stated he would examine this point if full details were furnished.

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MINUTES OF TENTH MEETING OF ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD STORES SUB-COMMITTEE
(INCORPORATING THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT SUB-COMMITTEES)
IN ROOM 175, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING, ON 6TH NOV. 1945.

PRESENT:

Lt. Col. D.R.H. Chaplin, M.R.S. (Chairman).	
Major C.M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission	Stores.
Ing. G. Bracci, I.S.R.	"
Lt. Col. A.W. McMurdo, M.R.S.	Construction.
Major S.P. Buckley, A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission	"
Ing. B. Renda, I.S.R.	"
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 Major C.M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission (6 copies)
 Ing. G. Bracci, I.S.R. Stores Department.
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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF EQUIPMENT AND STORES TO THE I.S.R.

The Chairman stated that although A.F.H.Q. Instruction AG. 531 TEN-O dated 17 Oct. 45 handed over the responsibility of operating and maintenance to I.S.R. w.e.f. 1 Nov. 45, the Italian railway stores situation remained the same, and I.S.R. Stores branch continued under I.S.R. control.

Chairman stated that the suspension of emergency issues under T.I. 36 para. 4(e), to I.S.R. Capi Compartimenti, from military stocks will continue until further notice.

Ing. Bracci stated that difficulty had been experienced in obtaining supplies of Carbide and Cement. Chairman stated that should this prejudice movement of military traffic, M.R.S. should be informed to enable suitable action to be taken.

Ing. Bracci reported purchase of 360 tons Carbide - 60 tons from Terni and 300 tons in Northern Italy. The 300 tons had been retained in Northern I.S.R. Compartimenti and was not being made available for Central or Southern Italy. Chairman requested Ing. Bracci to report such instances and he would in emergency authorize withdrawal under M.R.S. arrangements for subsequent distribution to I.S.R. Compartimenti in Central and Southern Italy.

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(ii) Lt. Col. W.T. Kelly referred to I.S.R. Workshops and considered that Fraction Sec. I.S.R. should survey condition of their Workshops and Running Sheds and seek high priority for allocation of materials for repairs. Lt. Col. Kelly stated that workshops at Naples had not been repaired since the Allied occupation and considered I.S.R. Works Section should state what materials were being made available against this priority.

ACTION:-

(a) Ing. Bracci to continue action to obtain information on Stores supplies available in Northern Italy.

(b) Ing. Renda to advise an action being taken in respect of -
(i) Repairs to I.S.R. Storehouses,
(ii) Repairs to I.S.R. Workshops and Running Sheds.

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TIMBER.

Chairman reported that U.S. Army had now decontrolled the Calabria and Bolzano zones, which action should ease the procurement situation for the I.S.R. The British Army had not yet been able to effect any decontrol of the BR. Zone, Calabria, and the facts in this connection were being reported to D.C.M.G. (Nov.). G.H.Q. C.M.F. for consideration. Ing. Bracci reported on the I.S.R. supply position as follows:

Calabria Supplies. I.S.R. had only been successful in obtaining 6/7000 cubic metres for delivery this season. Further contracts were being made for forward deliveries in 1946.

Bolzano. The 20,000 cubic metres promised by firms in this area had not materialised and he had sent a representative to Bolzano to clear up difficulties and ensure release. An Italian Timber Control Committee had been set up in Northern Italy and it was hoped that an allocation would be made to permit movement through A.C. and P.B.S. to take place before winter set in.

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ACTION:-

- (a) A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission to explore possible source of supply for I.S.R. in Austria.
- (b) I.S.R. stores branch to report on supplies obtained in Bolzano area.
- (c) I.S.R. Stores branch to take fullest advantage of new sources open to them since U.S. Army decontrol of areas in Calabria and Bolzano.

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COAL SUPPLIES.

The coal supply situation was reported and in general was considered satisfactory.

Ing. Bracci proposed to arrange redistribution of stocks held in S.E. Italy dumps, which were considerably in excess of local requirements. Chairman stated that under present arrangements very small quantities would be delivered to Taranto/Bari during coming months and stocks now at dumps would be eaten down. For the present no rail movement of coal ex Heel stocks should be undertaken without the prior approval of BR. Stores Sec. M.R.S.

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ACTION:-

(a) I.S.R. would deal with temporary local deficiencies in supplies of P.O.L. all types and refer to M.R.S. only when action needed military support.

(b) (i) M.R.S. to press for definite advice on action necessary to ensure future supplies of P.O.L.

(ii) M.R.S. to ascertain and advise I.S.R. on procedure recognised by Allied Military Authorities.

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I.S.R. LOCAL PURCHASE - NORTHERN ITALY.

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Chairman reported that proposals on responsibilities and procedure affecting the Stores Procurement Commission, Northern Italy had been submitted to him by Chief of Stores Sec. I.S.R. and had been recommended for acceptance to Allied Railway Board, 19 Oct. 45, subject to additional responsibilities in controlling I.S.R. Stores branch stocks in Northern Italy being delegated to the Commission.

Chairman referred to Minute 60 of last Allied Board Meeting and stated that on the instructions of the Board he had met R.G. I.S.R. and Heads of user branches, and had considered the future policy in connection with control of I.S.R. stores, particularly those in short supply. Minutes of this special meeting, held 1 Nov. 45 (At App. A), were read and the recommendations made and accepted by D.G. I.S.R. approved.

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It was agreed that I.S.R. Stores & Equipment Section should submit to the Committee lists of contracts (valued at £500 sterling or 50,000 lire at 90/100 to £1) and still in course of fulfilment from Italian production. The committee would consider such lists and recommend cancellations to enable production facilities and raw materials to be diverted to more useful purposes.

ACTION:- I.S.R. to submit to Stores Sub-Committee details of outstanding contracts as referred to above.

108 CEMENT.

Maj. Buckley, A.C. Construction stated that he was not receiving advices of Cement despatched from factories to I.S.R. Works Sections.

Chairman stated that as Works Capi Sezione of areas where cement was released ex factories is held responsible for arranging despatch **6169** Compartment, on distribution instructions given by Works Sec., H.Q. I.S.R., he should also be made responsible for advising details of despatches to all concerned, and also advise H.Q. I.S.R. when difficulties of any kind arose. A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission stated they were prepared to obtain a higher Rail Movement Priority for cement when I.S.R. experienced difficulty in obtaining wagons under existing priorities, provided they were informed of difficulties and efforts made by I.S.R. to overcome such difficulties.

ACTION:-

I.S.R. to report difficulties and actions already taken to A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission when delays in obtaining supplies of cement occurred.

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L.H. Kelly

D.R.E. KELLY, Lt. Col.,
A.D.P. (Stores) M.R.S.,
Chairman, Stores Sub-Committee.

APPENDIX 'A' 1168

ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD - STORES SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD 1 NOV. 45.

PRESENT:

ITALIAN STATE RAILWAYS.

Gen. Di Reimondo Director General.
 Ins. Belloni Works Section.
 " Renda " "
 " Torni Traction "
 " Bracci Stores "

M.R.S.

Lt. Col. D.R.H. Chaplin, A.D.Tn. (Stores).
 Maj. W.F.R. Mitchell, D.A.D.Tn. (Stores).
 Capt. C.W. Canham, S/Capt. (Stores).
 Maj. C.M. Long, T.C. A.C.

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(i) To provide background to (a) it is necessary to appreciate that the Stores Dept. I.S.R. is in general a bulk holding organisation and that in pre-war days Technical branches of the I.S.R. demanded and received into sub-depots etc. under their own control up to 12 months supply, according to budgeted requirements. Since 1940 demand periods have been reduced to 6 or even 3 months and at present the agreed holding of all technical branches is fixed at 3 months supply. Certain items, e.g. track, although contracted for by the Stores Branch I.S.R., does not go into Stores Depots but direct to Engineer Sub Depots.

(ii) It has been, and is, the responsibility of the I.S.R. Stores Branch to procure stores in bulk by demands on Italian production or by import to replace stocks issued to user branches. It is noted that once I.S.R. Stores branch has issued bulk supplies for 12, 6 or 3 months user, they relinquish all control over such items even though they may, for convenience of the user service, remain on hand in I.S.R. Stores Depots. H.Q. Stores branch are however advised at fixed periods of actual expenditure, but this is for provision purposes only.

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS.

To secure control, restrict holdings and equate distribution to requirements in all areas of the I.S.R. system the following recommendations were made by 1167 Lt. Col. Chaplin and accepted by D.G. I.S.R. and Heads of Technical Branches for more efficient control of stores held by user branches:-

- (a) That stock margin of common user stores to be held by user branches be reduced immediately to a maximum of 6 weeks and a minimum of 4 weeks supply.
- (b) That Capi Sezione of user branches would be instructed to make a monthly return of all common user and specialist stocks held at the commencement of each month, quantities used and purpose for which used, stocks on hand at end of month and purpose for which held.
- (c) Heads of Branches would arrange redistribution of common user or specialist stores as necessary, between Compartimenti, in accordance with known needs for maintenance or works authorised by H.Q. I.S.R.
- (d) Heads of other Branches would provide H.Q. I.S.R. Stores Branch each month with full details of all common user stocks still on hand in all Compartimenti.

It was agreed that reduction in user branch stock holdings should throw up quantities of general user stores for return to Stores Dept. warehouses and restrict extravagant usage where excessive stocks were held. Details to be provided under (d) would, assuming technical branches organised efficiently the speedy provision of information, enable the Stores branch to trace stocks of items in short supply and heavy demand and to propose to D.G. I.S.R. redistribution where competitive demands existed between the various users.

D.G. I.S.R. confirmed that action on these recommendations would be taken but emphasised the continued inability to control action on stores holdings etc. under Delegations in Northern Italy. He strongly recommended the disbanding of these Delegations, when he considered Compartimenti would perform return to the control of the I.S.R. Rome H.Q. Until the Delegations were disbanded he could not definitely undertake to bring the North into line with Central and Southern Italy, which were under centralised control of H.Q. I.S.R., Rome.

This statement is recorded for consideration by the Stores Sub-Committee, Allied Railway Board.

PART II - CONTROL OF STORES IN STORES BRANCH REPORTS.

It was agreed in view of the improbability of early supply of stores demanded through L.C. channels that urgent action is necessary to control issue of items in short supply, due either to limited output in Italy or necessity to import.

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Lt. Col. Chaplin therefore recommended to D.G. I.S.R. and it was agreed that:-

- (a) Head of Stores branch I.S.R. would publish monthly for information of all branches of I.S.R. a list of all items in short supply, whether of local production or import variety.
- (b) Upon publication of list, Heads of all Technical Branches I.S.R. would place these items under stringent control in all Compartimenti and personally accept responsibility for authorisation of use or issue from their holdings.
- (c) Head of Stores branch I.S.R. would block issue of controlled items from Stores Depots or warehouses and issue only on the authority of D.G. or Heads of Technical branches I.S.R.

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- (a) Head of Stores branch would be responsible for referring all demands received for common user items in short supply to Heads of other branches, drawing attention to stocks reported as held in user branches' depots.

PART III - ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Recommendations were also made and accepted in connection with the following:-

- (a) I.S.R. Branches (Technical user and Stores) would reinstitute the system of Travelling Audit Committees to visit Sections / Warehouses and investigate stockholdings and verify stock reports.

(NOTE: This arrangement should overcome the tendency not to disclose full stocks to H.Q. I.S.R.).

- (b) The Head of Works Section would in future not only allocate materials purchased by his section, i.e. Cement, Bricks etc., to lines in various Compartments, but arrange to assess priority of jobs on each line and designate the specific jobs for which supplies would be used.

For J.H. Chaplin

D.P.M. CHAPLIN, Lt. Col.,
A.D.Tr. (Stores) M.R.S.

ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD.STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.

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Tn.A.2/135.MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 2 HELD IN OFFICE OF A.D.TN. (STORES) M.R.S., 27 SEPT. 1945.PRESENT:

Lt. Col. B.R.H. Chaplin, M.R.S. (Chairman).
 Major C.M. Leng, A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission.
 Ing. G. Eracci, I.S.R.

Lt. Col. E.F. de Lisle, M.R.S.
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EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF EQUIPMENT AND STORES TO THE I.S.R.

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Chairman stated that w.e.f. 1st October 1945 the Emergency arrangements for supply of stores from BR. T.S.Ds. to I.S.R. Compartimenti under Technical Instruction No. 33, Part II, para. 4e will be suspended for a trial period of one month. The following I.S.R. Compartimenti would be affected - Bologna, Florence, Rome, Naples, Bari, Ancona and Venice. The improved I.S.R. stores supply position in Southern and Central Italy and the necessity for the I.S.R. H.Q. Stores organization to accept at an early date overall responsibility for provision of supplies necessary for operation of the railways was stated to have occasioned this decision.

It was noted that T.S.Ds. are not cited in the vicinity of other I.S.R. Compartimenti and the emergency supply arrangements have not been in operation in other than those mentioned.

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- (b) Ing. Bracci reported the statement showing the comparative numbers (by grades) of stores personnel employed in 1939 and 1945 had been prepared and was ready for submission to the D.C., I.S.R. whence it would be referred to Stores Sub-Committee, Allied Railway Board for consideration.
- (c) Ing. Bracci reported considerable progress in the compilation of I.S.R. stock summaries for Northern Italy. The Chairman agreed, after discussion, that decentralised stocks should be considered as already included in the summaries already submitted to M.R.S. Stocks dispersed by enemy action and since recovered remained to be listed and must be incorporated in summaries as quickly as possible.

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- (d) Ing. Bracci reported that he had almost completed a list of first priority repairs required to I.S.R. Stores warehouses. The Chairman stated that on receipt of the list he would take up with the Construction Sub-Committee to ensure priority in repair was given wherever possible.

ACTION: (a) Ing. Bracci to submit details of Stores Dept. personnel to Stores Sub-Committee.

(b) Ing. Bracci to expedite check of recovered stores for incorporation in summaries.

(c) Ing. Bracci to provide list of first priority repairs needed to I.S.R. warehouses in Northern Italy.

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BOLZANO Supplies.

The Chairman reported that large quantities of the timber expected to be available from this area for the I.S.R. had needed to be diverted for the military railway construction work on the Ferrara, Brenner, Mont Cenis and Mentone routes, and comparatively small quantities only could be expected for I.S.R. general use.

Ing. Bracci stated they had promises up to 20,000 cu. metres from firms in the Bolzano area, provided release by controlling military authorities could be arranged. Lt. Col. de Lisle undertook to approach P.B.S. for release when I.S.R. produced a list of the firms involved and their addresses.

- ACTION:
- (a) U.S. and M.R.S. Stores Sections to enquire of military services possibility of further decontrol of Calabria forests.
 - (b) U.S. M.R.S. Stores Section to endeavour to obtain release of timber ex Bolzano area.

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93 COAL SUPPLIES.

It was agreed that the coal supply position was at present satisfactory. Ing. Bracci confirmed he was receiving from Agenzia Marittima details of shipments received and that the I.S.R. would shortly be able to undertake to forecast requirements as their distribution and recording procedure had now been set up.

94 P.O.L.

(1) Rail P.O.L. (except Fuel Oil) working satisfactorily on C.I.R. arrangements.

(11) Fuel Oil. The Chairman stated that Fuel Oil allocations for oil burning locomotives had been cut to 160,000 barrels per month during months Oct./Dec. 45 and therefore I.S.R. would need to conserve supplies and be punctilious in their distribution to avoid shortages occurring at the consuming points. It was considered that from 1st Jan. 1946 there might be an increased availability to cover additional services which were being considered, but this provision would, subject to military traffic requirements being met, be a matter for the Italian Government, as from 1st October 1945, military responsibility for supply of P.O.L. ceases. The Chairman read a letter from D.S.T. A.F.H.Q. which referred to an arrangement whereby the Italian Government was to slate for provision of all civil supplies, including fuel oil for the I.S.R., through Foreign Office channels, commencing with forecasts to be submitted on 1 Oct. 45. I.S.R. Stores Sec. were advised to make enquiries through their own Governmental channels to clarify this supply procedure.

ACTION: I.S.R. Stores Section to ascertain future provisioning procedure for P.O.L.

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95 COLLECTION OF SCRAP MATERIALS BY I.S.R.

(32) The Chairman stated the use of the Pisa site had been agreed to by all concerned and I.S.R. had been instructed to proceed with its development.

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(63) The Chairman stated that this matter had been fully discussed at the last Allied Railway Board Meeting and wished to record that representation had been made by the Chief of the Rail Division A.C. Tr. Sub-Commission and himself that they were not yet satisfied with the arrangements made to implement the Board's decision on the establishment of a Stores Procurement Commission in the North.

Ing. Braconi said his proposals on delegation of authority, organisation and procedure were ready and were to be submitted to the D.C., I.S.R. for approval and submission to the Stores Sub-Committee.

ACTION: I.S.R. Stores Section to submit proposals to Stores Sub-Committee.

97 LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS.

(84) Ing. Braconi produced a list of items in stock in Northern I.S.R. depots to enable reductions in demands on Washington to be considered.

The Chairman stated that U.S. and BR, M.R.S. Stores Sections would examine them and agree on reductions which could be effected.

ACTION: U.S. and BR, Stores Sections.

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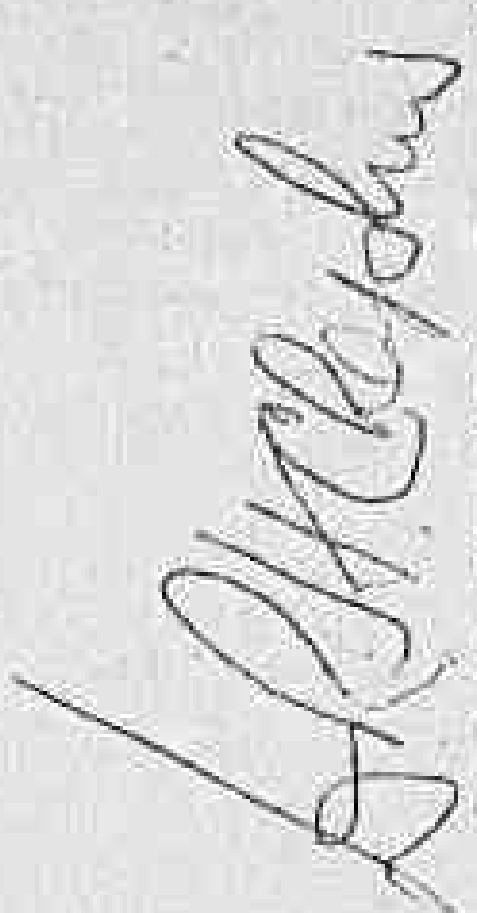
9B INTER DEPOT MOVEMENT OF I.S.R. STORES.

It was agreed that the M.R.S. would no longer require the I.S.R. to seek M.R.S. permission before stores were moved between depot warehouses or between Compartments.

99 FREEZING OF STOCKS.

The Chairman pointed out that the M.R.S. could no longer be responsible for obtaining release of frozen civil stocks of commodities in the North. They were handling the timber as a special case, as the area was under military control, but in future, questions of decontrol should normally be dealt with by the I.S.R. with the civil control authorities direct, with the assistance where necessary of A.G. Th. Sub-Commission.

In the event of U.S. or BR. military interests being involved in control of supplies, the matter should be reported by I.S.R. to U.S. or BR. Stores sections M.R.S. (according to the nationality of the controlling authority).


D.R.H. CHAPLIN, Lt. Col.,
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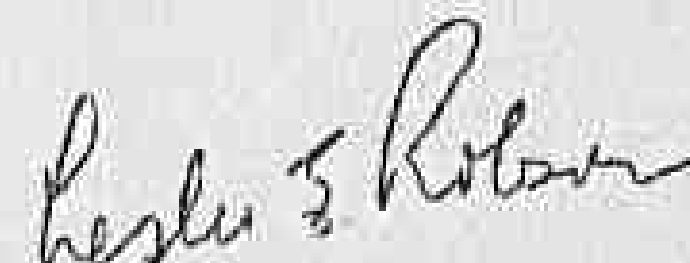
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Tn.A. 2/135.AMENDMENT TO MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 8
HELD IN OFFICE OF A.D. TN. (STORES) M.R.S., 23 AUGUST, 1945.

Referring to Minutes of No. 8 Stores Sub-Committee Meeting held on 23 Aug. 45, please make the following amendment:-

Minute No. 81 - COAL AND P.O.L.

Second sentence to read "From 15 September the Verona and Venezia Compartimenti P.O.L. supplies will be obtained through C.I.P."



L.E. ROBSON, Maj.,
for Lt. Col.,
A.D. Tn. (Stores) M.R.S.,
Chairman, Stores Sub-Committee.

10 Sep. 45.

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Tn. A. 2/135.

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PRESENT :

Lt. Col. D.R.H. Chaplin M.R.S. (Chairman)
Major P.G. Matsen, A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission.
(for Major C.M. Long) (Member)
Ing. G. Bracci, I.S.R.

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73 SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE FOR SUPPLYING SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS OF THE I.S.R.

- (64) Ing. Bracci confirmed that he had issued instructions to all concerned with regard to the method of indenting on Foligno Warehouses.

79 RECOVERY AND DISTRIBUTION OF DISPERSED I.S.R. STORES IN NORTHERN ITALY.

- (65) Ing. Bracci reported that a summary of I.S.R. materials found in warehouses and in wagons left under load at the time of the German surrender in Northern Italy was almost complete. He agreed that the lists were not comprehensive and did not include information on dispersed stocks of I.S.R. stores. Due to shortage of personnel and difficulty in communication very slow progress in obtaining information on these assets was being made.

Chairman enquired whether the application for an allocation of road transport, made by A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission, had proved successful. A.C. representative reported that a number of trucks had been placed at the disposal of the Stores Department but numbers of trucks so disposed were unknown. Ing. Bracci confirmed that trucks had been allocated on a Compartimenti basis but was unable to say whether they were adequate or not. Chairman requested details of trucks so allocated by areas. Ing. Bracci undertook to provide this detail and to say whether he considered they would meet requirements. Chairman considered that the provision of this transport would accelerate the centralization of stocks and ease the problems of physical control and checking. It was essential that the summaries being completed should be brought up to date to enable M.R.S. to have a clear picture of the overall stores position.

In a general discussion of the stores situation in Northern Italy, Ing. Bracci confirmed that he was not fully informed nor in complete control of the stores situation in Northern Italy, due principally to difficulties in communication, and referred to the shortage of Stores Department officials to carry out the work necessary in establishing an organisation to control supply matters. Chairman enquired as to the reasons for the shortage of stores personnel and requested comparative information of the staff employed in stores work in 1939 and at present. The potential seriousness of the supply situation as it would affect the I.S.R. during the coming months, was not, apparently, fully appreciated and action to increase the number of personnel employed in I.S.R. stores operation would be referred to Director General, I.S.R. Chairman considered it essential that a firm control of stocks and issues was established during the present difficult period and that issues should only be made on a priority basis which would ensure that such materials as were available and now in world-wide short supply were not dissipated upon work of low priority. A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission representative concurred in this opinion.

Ing. Bracci reported on projected repairs to I.S.R. Storehouses required to accommodate recovered stocks. It was agreed that this report could not be acted upon until the I.S.R. had decided the priority in which repairs to warehouses should take place and estimates of the materials required to carry out the work obtained.

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- ACTION:
- (a) I.S.R. to advise upon allocation of transport by Compartimenti.
 - (b) I.S.R. to advise upon comparative numbers (by grades) of stores personnel employed in 1939 and 1945.
 - (c) (i) I.S.R. to undertake earliest completion of present summaries of stocks in Northern Italy.
 - (ii) I.S.R. to obtain details of dispersed stocks for incorporation in summaries.
 - (d) I.S.R. to decide priority of repair of storehouses and to present lists showing materials required to the Stores Sub-Committee.

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TIMBER FOR CAR REPAIRS.

(66)

Total quantity supplied during July was:-

(i) By M.R.S.

From T.S.Ds.
From U.S. sources

Tons

860

1250

2110(ii) By I.S.R.1216Total3326

Action taken by U.S. and BR. M.R.S. had resulted in the following arrangements being made for future supplies of timber for I.S.R. use :-

- (1) Milan. Release obtained for 600 cu. metres for wagon/car repair.
- (2) Release negotiated by Lt. Col. de Lisle for direct purchase through U.S.A. sources by I.S.R. of approximately 1,000,000 board ft. measure of timber ex Calabria.
- (3) Bolzano. Release in F.E.S. Area agreed, with purchase by British M.R.S. against I.S.R. account, 2/3,000 cu. metres.

Chairman stated he had asked Allied Forces Local Resources Board to explore the question of relaxation of control of stocks and sources of supply in Northern Italy to enable I.S.R. obtain priority of supply.

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COAL AND P.O.L.

Position satisfactory.

From 15 September the Verona and Venezia Compartimenti supplies will be obtained through C.I.P.

From 1 September the supply at installation of Fuel Oil will be given by C.I.P. and from 15 September the distribution will be made by I.S.R. without military assistance.

This will mean from 15 September that the whole of Italy, as far as the I.S.R. are concerned, will be supplied through C.I.P. or the Italian Government and therefore the M.R.S. responsibility for supply of P.O.L. ceases. The M.R.S. require a copy of each month's request for P.O.L. sent to C.I.P. by I.S.R.

Supplies of P.O.L. for road vehicles are screened by Tn. Sub-Commission and supplies arranged by them through C.I.P. or the Italian Government.

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COLLECTION OF SCRAP MATERIAL BY I.S.R.

Chairman reported no action was possible. He was awaiting report of Traffic Sub-Committee.

83

I.S.R. LOCAL PURCHASE - NORTHERN ITALY.

(74)

Ing. Bracci reported that subsequent to the agreement reached at the last Allied Railway Board Meeting, Director General, I.S.R. had agreed the following proposals which would be confirmed in writing. The salient features of the proposals were as follows:-

- (a) A single Stores Procurement and Co-ordination Commission, to deal with all stores matters, in Northern Italy, was to be established in Milan under the direction of Ing. Bracci, Chief of Stores, I.S.R. H.Q., Rome. This commission would comprise staff necessary to deal with stores matters of both North East and North West Italy.
- (b) Ing. Rolla was to be appointed chief of this organisation and would be assisted by a number of I.S.R. stores officials to be provided from Stores Dept. H.Q. Rome, and various technical officers to be seconded from other departments. All personnel would be solely engaged in stores organisation and control under the direction of Ing. Bracci from Rome.

Ing. Bracci stated that Ing. Rolla was at present a Chief of Purchasing Commission in North West Italy, and had experience in stores organisation.

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It was agreed, in principle, that these proposals were acceptable, subject to the submission, in writing, to the Chairman, Stores Sub-Committee of a fully detailed plan specifying the organisation and functions of the Commission. Chairman stressed that this organisation must not only accept responsibility for procurement of stores for all I.S.R. use as required by Ing. Bracci but also control storehouses and stocks and be empowered to seek priority rulings before issuing critical materials. In view of the shortages of certain classes of stores it was suggested by M.R.S. and A.C. that a firm control should be established over all materials likely to be in short supply and as a basis that the materials listed in the U.S. military requisitions covering July/Oct. 45 and considered essential for military and civil railway operation should be placed in this category and only expended upon approved works.

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LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS.

(72)

Chairman reported that no advice of stocks and suggested reductions had yet reached him and requested Ing. Bracci to report upon the present position. Ing. Bracci stated he had not yet obtained all the information necessary to enable him to advise upon the position except against isolated items but promised urgent action to secure this information. Chairman confirmed, in response to an enquiry from Ing. Bracci, that all the items listed in the two requisitions concerned must be considered.

ACTION: Ing. Bracci to expedite stock lists of critical items.

85

STEEL SUPPLY.

(73)

Ing. Bracci stated the details of the most urgent requirements for July and the bids for round steel for August had been sent to A.C., In. Sub-Commission. Ing. Bianchi had also been advised of steel requirements for Southern Italy to be locally purchased as available in Milan Area.

86

CALCIUM CARBIDE.

(74)

A.C. Representative stated question of coke for Società Terni was in hand.

Ing. Bracci stated no further local purchases of Carbide had been made, but enquiries were being made.

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87 VENICE COMPARTIMENTO.

(76) Ing. Bracci confirmed material was being supplied from Verona to Venice Compartimento.

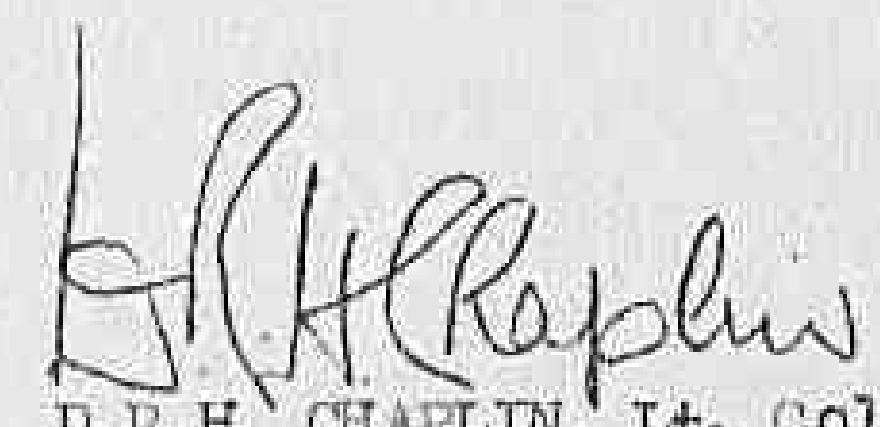
88 ELECTRIFICATION.

(77) Chairman reported Copper Scrap was moving north at a rate of 35 T.P.D. for production of copper wire for repair of electrified systems.

89 VENEZIA GIULIA - SUPPLY OF STORES.

Chairman explained that the I.S.R. Stores Dept. were not now responsible for supplying requirements for the special zone of Venezia Giulia, now under A.M.G. control, and it had been arranged that all requirements not available from local resources within the zone would be reported to M.R.S. H.Q. Stores Sec. who would call upon Ing. Bracci to supply specialist etc. items for the maintenance of Italian type equipment and ensure that credits for all I.S.R. stores thus supplied to the Special Area would be passed to the I.S.R.

Ing. Bracci confirmed that the situation was appreciated and he would endeavour to provide supplies as and when required.



D.R.H. CHAPLIN, Lt. Col.,
A.D.Tn. (Stores) M.R.S.,
Chairman, Stores Sub-Committee.

ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD.STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.

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MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 7 HELD IN OFFICE OF A.D. TN. (STORES) M.R.S., 27 JULY, 1945.PRESENT:

Lt. Col. D.R.H. Chaplin M.R.S. (Chairman).
Maj. C.M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub-Comm. (Member).
Ing. Bracci, I.S.R.

Lt. Col. E.F. de Lisle, M.R.S.
Major D.H. Reynolds, M.R.S.
Capt. G.J. Ellis, M.R.S.

NOTE: The number of the previous minute dealing with the same subject is shown in brackets.

DISTRIBUTION:

D.Q.M.G. (Mov. & Tn.), A.F.H.Q. (Chairman Allied Rly. Board).
Director, Military Railway Service.
Director, Tn. Sub-Comm. A.C.
Director-General, I.S.R.
D.D.M.R.S.
P.D.Tn., B.T.A., Villach.
Maj. C.M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub-Comm. (6)
Ing. G. Bracci, Stores Dept., I.S.R.
Construction Sub-Committee.
Equipment Sub-Committee.
Transportation Sub-Committee.
Finance Sub-Committee.
Lt. Col. E.F. de Lisle.
H.Q. 3 Tn. Stores Group.
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ACTION: Ing. Bracci to:-

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- (a) Provide summaries of I.S.R. stocks in N.E. and N.W. Italy.
- (b) Submit to M.R.S. a plan for repair of warehouses for I.S.R. Stores.
- (c) Ensure maximum effort is made immediately to recover and report upon all I.S.R. dispersed stores.

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TIMBER FOR CAR REPAIRS.

(50)

Total quantity shipped during June was:-

	<u>Tons</u>
(i) <u>By M.R.S.</u>	
From T.S.Ds.	384
" U.S.	1132
	1516
(ii) <u>By I.S.R.</u>	400
	1916
<u>Total</u>	<u>1916</u>

The position in respect of supplies of timber for car repairs in Northern Italy was reported as under:-

	<u>Required monthly</u>	<u>Supplied ex M.R.S. (BR.) stocks.</u>
N.W. Italy	2000 cu. metres	1000 cu. metres
N.E. Italy	600 " "	800 " "

Chairman stated that further considerable assistance from military stocks was unlikely after the end of Aug. (total requirements were known to be approx. 1950 tons monthly) and requested information upon action taken by I.S.R. to arrange supplies. Ing. Bracci reported an offer of 500 cu. metres from a firm in Northern Italy which he was referring to M.R.S. to secure release authority. The Chairman stated that this quantity was insignificant in relation to the total requirement. U.S. Army Engineer Supply Officer, 5 Army had confirmed that the U.S. Army were requisitioning from the Frontino area stocks of sawn timber only, and subject to A.M.G. consent, where necessary, there should be no difficulty in I.S.R. arranging contracts with forests in this and other areas for future supplies, from log or standing timber. Chairman requested Ing. Bracci to inform him urgently the names of contractors in Northern Italy with whom he wished to make contracts when he would take action to secure authority from all concerned for purchase by I.S.R.

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64 SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE FOR SUPPLYING SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS OF THE I.S.R.

(48) Chairman stated that contrary to arrangements made during the visit of Major Robson and Ing. Bracci to Foligno, indents for stores were being submitted direct to Stores Sec. M.R.S. H.Q. by I.S.R. personnel from other Compartimenti. Indents from Compartimenti, other than Ancona, should be submitted to H.Q. I.S.R. Stores Section before being referred to Stores Section M.R.S. If such indents were eventually referred to Stores Section M.R.S. they would be passed to 169 Rly. Workshop Coy. for screening and approval before transmission to the I.S.R. Storekeeper, Foligno. Indents on Foligno Storehouse for materials required for use in the Ancona Compartimento could be submitted direct to 169 Rly. Workshop Coy. R.E. for screening before issue.

ACTION: Ing. Bracci to issue instructions to all concerned.

65 RECOVERY AND DISTRIBUTION OF DISPERSED I.S.R. STORES IN NORTHERN ITALY.

(49) Ing. Bracci reported that representatives of Stores Section, H.Q. I.S.R. had visited Northern Italy and returned with lists of materials recovered from wagons under load and stocks at the principal storehouses. Summaries were in course of preparation and would be submitted to Stores Section M.R.S. as soon as possible.

Due to transport difficulties, little progress had been made in arranging the return or preparing lists of the railway stores dispersed to outstations. Ing. Bracci stated that the Stores Department, I.S.R. had not been given any priority for obtaining the use of road vehicles to assist in this recovery.

It was noted that the acceleration of recovery of dispersed stock was being hampered by lack of transport and it was agreed that A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission would negotiate with I.S.R. for allocation of road vehicles to operate under the supervision of Stores Section, H.Q. I.S.R. to effect the earliest possible recovery and redistribution of dispersed stores.

Ing. Bracci stated that certain Stores buildings in Northern Italy, to which it was intended to return materials, were in need of repairs. Chairman requested details and a statement showing material requirements and stated that M.R.S. would sponsor assistance, if any requirements could not be found from I.S.R. or A.C. sources, but emphasized that as there was undoubtedly covered storage accommodation available in Northern Italy and not in use, the I.S.R. arrangements for recovery of the dispersed stores could not be deferred pending completion of repairs.

ACTION. A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission to arrange allocation of road transport to H.Q. Stores Section, I.S.R.

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who is responsible for alloc.
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Ing. Bracci stated he had received from a contractor to the I.S.R. advice of quantities of specially fashioned sawn timber at Verona awaiting despatch. He enquired whether it could be considered as frozen. Chairman stated I.S.R. should instruct their contractor to despatch to Rly. Workshops, Milan and Venice in the ratio of 4 to 1 respectively and to send M.R.S. a copy of such instructions. Action would then be taken through M.R.S. Liaison Officer, 5 Army in order that he may render assistance as necessary to secure despatch for I.S.R. purposes.

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Ing. Bracci advised that the outstanding accounts from S.A.F.F.A. had been paid in full. Timber continues to be supplied from Cirella for car repairs against rail tonnage provided by M.R.S.

In response to a request made by Ing. Bracci, Lt. Col. de Lisle agreed to reopen with P.B.S. the question of the I.S.R. purchase of timber ex Calabria.

- ACTION:
- (a) Lt. Col. de Lisle to reopen with P.B.S. question I.S.R. purchase 15,000 cu. metres timber ex Calabria.
 - (b) Ing. Bracci to advise Chairman names and addresses of timber contractors in Northern Italy.
 - (c) M.R.S. to obtain P.B.S. and/or A.M.G. approval to I.S.R. contracting for timber for railway reconstruction and car repairs.
 - (d) M.R.S. to advise Stores Liaison Officer, 5 Army of timber at Verona and to arrange movement.

67

LOCOMOTIVE COAL.

(51)

The Chairman stated that the coal position, both in regards existing stocks and advised arrivals, was satisfactory.

Verona stocks are at present being maintained from Trieste but as this entails a long rail haul, Coal Section A.F.H.Q. is investigating the possibility of supplies being made available from colliers discharging at Venice (It has since been advised that this arrangement is to be made).

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P.O.L. FOR I.S.R.

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The Chairman stated that supply arrangements for road vehicles and also for strictly railway purposes had proceeded satisfactorily. M.R.S. wished to disassociate themselves from sponsorship of supplies of petrol and lubricants for road vehicles and also for rail purposes where these can satisfactorily be secured through civilian channels, and had therefore agreed with A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission that they would sponsor as an A.C. responsibility all I.S.R. road vehicle requirements, whilst M.R.S. would arrange with Pet. Sec. AMHQ for supply through civil distribution channels

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of strictly railway lubricants in all Compartimenti except those under M.R.S. control (i.e. Verona, Venice and Trieste). In addition, Petroleum Section would arrange to supply for railway use only Petrol, Diesel Oil and Kerosene in all Compartimenti in Italy.

The Chairman drew the attention of Ing. Bracci to the following letters:-

Ref. Pet 30/A/6, 21 July 45 - Pet. Sec. A.F.H.Q. to C.I.P., and
AC/12/146/TN.5, 23 July 45 - Tn. Sub-Comm. A.C. to Pet. Sec.,
A.F.H.Q.

The contents of these letters are summarised below:-

(a) M.R.S. proposals as agreed in Pet. Sec. Pet 30/A/6, 21 July 45 were as follows:-

(i) Pet. Sec. A.F.H.Q. will arrange issue through C.I.P. of all railway F.O.L. (except Petrol, Diesel Oil and Kerosene) in all I.S.R. Compartimenti except Verona, Venice and Trieste, which will continue at present as military responsibilities. Quantities allocated for Aug. and issuable by C.I.P. on demand by I.S.R. are at App. A.

(ii) Petrol, Diesel Oil and Kerosene for purely railway purposes will be issued:-

(a) In area under Italian Government control through C.I.P. from the bulk allocation made to the Italian Government. I.S.R. to demand their requirements upon Ministry of Fuel and Power.

(b) Pet. Section will make direct allocations to C.I.P. for the I.S.R. in the Northern Provinces not yet under Italian Government control.

(iii) I.S.R. will submit monthly to Petroleum Section a forecast of their next month's requirements, together with details of all stocks on hand.

(b) A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission agreed arrangements as stated in their AC/12/146/TN.5 dated 23 July 45 were as under:-

(i) Pet. Section had released 70,000 galls. petrol and appropriate lubricants for the operation of I.S.R. road vehicles during period ending 31 July.

(ii) I.S.R. have provided details of ultimate location, in both A.C. and A.M.G. territory, of all newly allocated road vehicles. This information will enable Pet. Sec. to distribute supplies through civil channels.

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(iii) Increased allocations by Pet. Sec. will be made for August and after for road vehicle purposes.

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COLLECTION OF SCRAP MATERIALS BY I.S.R.

(53)

The Chairman reported that whilst there was no objection from the Construction Sub-Committee to the I.S.R. proposal to establish a dump for scrap metal at Pisa, the Traffic Sub-Committee had objected and had recommended scrap should be sent direct to the steel mills. Ing. Bracci stated that he had already sent 4000 tons scrap to Piombino Steel Works. The steel mills had however already complained of the large quantities sent and had requested limitation to avoid overloading storage capacity. Ing. Bracci stated the object of the I.S.R. in establishing the Pisa dump was to enable scrap to be sorted before despatch to the mills.

It was agreed the matter should be referred back to the Traffic Sub-Committee for further consideration.

ACTION: Chairman to refer matter for further consideration by Traffic Sub-Committee.

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SLEEPERS.

(54)

Ing. Bracci requested authority to despatch creosoted sleepers from Rome Trastevere to distribution points. This was agreed. Chairman reminded Ing. Bracci that any rail movement must be bid through A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission.

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I.S.R. LOCAL PURCHASE, NORTHERN ITALY.

(56)

The Chairman asked whether the I.S.R. Stores representatives had returned with any information clarifying the situation. Ing. Bracci stated he was informed Purchasing Commissions had been set up, that purchases are being made, but beyond this he had received no further details, although these had been requested.

The Chairman referred to discussions held by D.D.Tn. (Stores) during his recent tour of N.E. and N.W. Italy, with Ing. Bianchi and Ing. Gorelli. It had then been agreed that no arrangements existed in Northern Italy for co-ordination of local procurement or for transfers of material between N.E. and N.W. Italy. Ing. Bianchi had stated he was unable to provide suitable personnel to deal with stores co-ordination or procurement for other areas. Ing. Gorelli was without a competent stores organisation and it was suggested that a branch of the H.Q. Stores Section, I.S.R. Rome could with advantage be set up in Northern Italy (preferably in the Milan area, in view of its considerable local resources) to deal with all matters of local procurement and co-ordination of stores matters for N.E. and N.W. Italy.

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Ing. Bracci stated he believed experienced stores personnel to be available in Milan, but the formation of such a Commission as suggested by D.D.Tn. (Stores) would need higher approval.

The Chairman stated that the proposed organisation was undoubtedly very necessary and would prove invaluable, particularly if it remained under Stores Sec., H.Q. I.S.R. Rome control.

It was agreed by M.R.S. and A.C. to recommend to the ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD that -

"It is considered desirable, and recommended, in view of the lack of a centralised I.S.R. Stores organisation in Northern Italy, the importance of the area as a source of supply, and the M.R.S. responsibility for ensuring supplies were obtained as far as possible from local resources for maintenance of military and essential civil traffic, that an I.S.R. Stores Purchasing and Co-ordinating Commission is set up in Northern Italy (preferably in Milan) to deal with all stores matters under the direction and control of H.Q. Stores Dept., I.S.R. Rome."

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LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS.

(57)

The Chairman stated that since the date of the last meeting, a further U.S. military requisition had been placed covering all remaining items listed under category "A" with the exception of P.W. material, tyres for road vehicles and sundry small items. The Chairman reported that the military authorities in America had stated that many of the items ordered were in short supply or are urgently required in active theatres of war. It was therefore necessary to consider what items could be reduced or cancelled now that the North of Italy had been liberated. The Chairman requested Ing. Bracci to examine urgently the copies of the military requisitions which were in his possession and provide details of stocks in Northern Italy and suggested reductions as early as possible. Ing. Bracci undertook to provide this information but asked if he might be informed as to which items were regarded as critical. The Chairman stated that the position was fluid and any item not critical today might well be tomorrow, and the requisitions should be treated as a whole and the stock position of all the items on order be considered.

ACTION: Ing. Bracci to advise stocks in Northern Italy and suggest reductions in the quantities listed in the U.S. military requisitions.

73

STEEL SUPPLY.

(58)

Ing. Bracci stated no reply had been received from Foggia as to what had happened to the May allocation of steel erroneously sent to that point. The Chairman pointed out that as the I.S.R. were in possession of the wagon numbers no difficulty in providing the information should be experienced.

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Major Long reported that the June allocation of steel to Tn. Sub-Commission had not been received. Further enquiries were in hand through A.C. channels.

Major Long stated A.C. Industry Sub-Commission had advised them that due to a breakdown at Terni steelworks the only steel production for August would be 390 tons of rounds and July demands could be met in part only from stocks at other works. A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission required immediate advice from I.S.R. of their most urgent requirements against lists already submitted for July and a firm bid for round steel against the estimated production for August. Ing. Bracci promised to provide this information.

Ing. Bracci asked whether, in view of the failure at Terni, the I.S.R. could place orders with other steelworks. Chairman considered this would not be possible as far as steelworks in Southern Italy were concerned as these were under A.C. control and would have already been taken into consideration but pointed out that large stocks of steel probably exist in the Milan area. Acquisition by the I.S.R. should be arranged through Ing. Bianchi until a decision on the establishment of a proposed Stores Purchasing and Co-ordination Commission had been reached.

ACTION: Ing. Bracci to:-

- (i) advise details of most urgent requirements for July and bid for round steel for August to A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission,
- (ii) advise Ing. Bianchi of steel requirements for Southern Italy to be locally purchased as available in Milan area.

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CALCIUM CARBIDE.

(59)

Ing. Bracci reported he had asked contractors to tender for supply of the I.S.R. monthly requirement of 300 tons of Carbide. The only reply received was from Societe Terni who are unable at present to undertake production due to lack of coke. The Chairman stated this question should be referred to A.C. to arrange supply.

Ing. Bracci stated that 320 tons of calcium carbide had been purchased ex Venice and Terni stocks and were now in course of collection and were being distributed to meet the needs of the various Compartimenti.

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A.M.G. LOCAL CONTROL OF MATERIALS IN NORTHERN ITALY.

(60)

Chairman stated that a number of complaints had been made in connection with A.M.G. local control of materials and the difficulties in obtaining releases.

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It was explained that A.M.G. control was, in general, in the best interests of Army and essential civilian users and was intended to ensure that such local resources as existed were not diverted to non-essential purposes.

To enable M.R.S. to assist I.S.R. in obtaining local supplies frozen by A.M.G., application for release should in the first instance be made by Capi Compartimenti through the M.R.S./TN. or A.C. local representatives in Northern Italy who would represent the I.S.R. case to A.M.G. If A.M.G. were unable locally to assist, the matter should be referred back by Capi Compartimenti to H.Q. Stores Section I.S.R. who would arrange, if able, to supply from stocks under their control. Where supplies were not available in I.S.R. stocks in Southern Italy, details of requirements, preferably of a bulk character to avoid making frequent applications for release of small quantities, should be referred to Stores Section, M.R.S. to negotiate releases.

Chairman stressed that it was necessary for I.S.R. to conform to the general drill for obtaining supplies whilst control by Allied organisations continued to exist.

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VENICE COMPARTIMENTO.

Ing. Bracci stated he had instructed Verona to take urgent action to supply stores to Venice Compartimento but he had no definite information that Verona had acted. Chairman requested Ing. Bracci to confirm Verona had acted.

ACTION: Ing. Bracci.

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ELECTRIFICATION.

Chairman stated D.M.R.S.(I) had requested D.G. I.S.R. to take action to accelerate repair of electrified railway systems in Italy in view of the growing difficulties in providing coal and oil fuel. It was understood that several contracts were being negotiated by the I.S.R. with firms in the Milan area for drawing wire from copper scrap. Ing. Bracci stated that this matter was being handled personally by Gen. Di Raimondo and that he, Ing. Bracci, had no information on arrangements being made. Chairman stated it would take some time to move the 2/3000 tons copper scrap required by contractors from South to North Italy and suggested that action should be taken to commence movement forthwith, to avoid delay in commencement of work when contracts were let.

Ing. Bracci undertook to put this suggestion to D.G. I.S.R. and to advise tonnage and locations to enable M.R.S. to bid for rail movement as early as possible.

L.R.H. Chaplin
D.R.H. CHAPLIN, Lt. Col.,
A.D.Tn. (Stores) M.R.S.,
Chairman, Stores Sub-Committee.

APPENDIX "A".

P.O.L. ALLOCATION FOR AUGUST 1945 - ITALIAN STATE RAILWAYS.

	GENOA Liters	TURIN Liters	MILAN Liters	ROME	FLORENCE	BOLOGNA	ANCONA	NAPLES	BARI	REGGIO CALABRIA
GASOLINE	7000	12000	50000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KEROSENE	8000	19000	8000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIESEL OIL	22200	20000	33333	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>	<u>Kilos</u>
SATURATED STEAM CYL	980	2666	1700	1000	1000		500	3000	2500	1000
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MT. OIL SAE 30	2400	5500	-	3000	1500		750	4500	2250	3000
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GEAR OIL C 600	-	150	100	100	100		100	100	50	
PETROLATUM LIQUID LIGHT	-	100	80	20	15		15	20		
VV-O-526 GR. 30	-	200	-							
SOL CUTTING	-	100	-							
WESTINGHOUSE BRAKE 1120, OIL				170	70		70	100	100	100
TRANSFORMER	6000	-	90	19500	12500		2500	8500	2000	
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P.O.L. ALLOCATION FOR AUGUST 1945 - ITALIAN STATE RAILWAYS.

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APPENDIX A

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ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD.STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 6 held in
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Tn. A. 21354

M.H.A.

PRESENT:

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Maj. C.M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub Comm. (Member)
Ing. Bracci I.S.R.

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Sec., Allied Railway Board.

48 SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE FOR SUPPLYING SHORE REQUIREMENTS OF THE I.S.R.

(a) The Chairman stated the I.S.R. Storehouse at Poligno was to be handed back to I.S.R. control as from 1 July 45, subject to meeting the I.S.R. requirements as they arise. It was pointed out that stocks must be taken into consideration by the I.S.R. when formulating their two monthly requirements for all Compartimenti.

(b) It was reported that an M.R.S. Stores Officer (Maj. Robson) had visited Poligno and Ancona with Ing. Bracci (Stores Sec. H.Q. I.S.R.) to clear up difficulties in connection with stores matters formerly experienced in this area. The minutes of the meeting at Ancona are at App. #4.

It was agreed, pending further developments, the arrangements made were satisfactory.

49 RECOVERY AND DISTRIBUTION OF ABANDONED I.S.R. STORES IN NORTHERN ITALY.

The Chairman asked Ing. Bracci for details of any stores recovered from:-

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MEMORANDUM FOR OUR RECORDS

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" U.S.	503
" Calabria (U.S. & M.R.)	2144
	511
By I.S.R.	2652

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TIMBER FOR OUR REPAIRS (Cont'd.)

(b) Chairman stated that P.B.S. had confirmed that movement of timber from Calabria could not be approved at present. It was hoped that present heavy military user would diminish and permit movement for I.S.R. to take place in the near future.

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ACTION: Ing. Bracci to explore sources of supply other than Calabria, and arrange payments on account to S.A.T.F.A.

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ACTION: I.S.R. to advise A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission of tonnages required to move and locations.

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SLEEPERS.

(44)

The control of I.S.R. sleepers was no longer considered necessary and would be discontinued forthwith, subject to any M.R.S. requirements which may arise.

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SLEEPERS. (Cont'd).

A proposal by Ing. Bracci that 6/7000 tons of steel billets, the property of the I.S.R. at Pionbino, should be devoted to production of steel sleepers was referred to A.C. The Sub-Commission for consideration and action

55 CAR CLEARANCE IN NORTHERN ITALY.

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ACTION:

Chairman would enquire the status of Category "A" items yet to be ordered. Maj. Long would take up the question of Category "B" items with H.Q. A.C. Ing. Bracci to survey and report on I.S.R. stocks in Northern Italy and possibility of local manufacture.

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STEEL SUPPLY.

Mr. Long stated that all the steel originally bid for by M.R.S. on behalf of I.S.R. workshops and other recently turned over to the Sub-Commission had been sent from Termi to I.S.R. Poggia under instructions of A.C. Commerce Sub-Commission.

Mr. Bracci was unable to give any explanation of this distribution, suggesting it had resulted from action taken by an I.S.R. local purchasing commission.

Chairman stated the position was unsatisfactory but M.R.S. had not any objection to steel being directed to Poggia but reminded the I.S.R. of their responsibility to supply M.R.S. operated I.S.R. workshops.

It was agreed that Mr. Bracci should advise all I.S.R. Purchasing Commissions to refrain from making contracts with steelworks. Stores Sec. H.C. I.S.R. would be the sole contractor for tonnages allocated against A.C. bids. They could also sub allot to private contractors working for the I.S.R. as necessary, subject to military needs.

ACTION: Mr. Long to make further enquiries reference June allocation and to ensure M.R.S. requirements were met by I.S.R.

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CARBIDE.

It was reported that after July Calcium Carbide would no longer be under military control and the I.S.R. would be able to make direct contracts with manufacturers. Over 1000 tons was stated to be available in stocks in the Venice area.

ACTION: Mr. Bracci to arrange purchases for all I.S.R. Workshops.

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A.M.G. LOCAL CONTROL COMMISSION.

Chairman stated that instances of an A.M.G. freeze of local supplies had prevented I.S.R. purchase of commodities essential for railway repair and operation. Examples were timber and carbide required for Venice area. He requested action by A.C. to obtain a blanket agreement to day to day purchase of essential items by the I.S.R.

ACTION: Mr. Long to obtain A.M.G. blanket authority to I.S.R. purchases.

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Chairman replied that this would continue for present but it was hoped that ISR would shortly be able to arrange buying and distribution of all timber required.

M.D. LOCO SPARES.

Agreed that spares for M locomotives should continue to be indented for by 192 Rly. Op. Coy. RE direct.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 5 held in
office of D.D.Tn. (Stores) M.R.S., 24 May 1945.

PRESENT:

Col. R.E. Coward M.R.S. (Chairman)
Maj. C.M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub Comm. (Member)
Ing. Notarloberti I.S.A. (vice Ing. Bracci Member)

Lt. Col. E.W. de Lisle M.R.S.
Lt. Col. D.R.H. Chaplin M.R.S.
Major L.E. Robson M.R.S.

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 Ing. G. Brodie, Stores Dept., I.S.R.
 Construction Sub-Committee.
 Equipment Sub-Committee.
 Traffic Sub-Committee.
 Finance Sub-Committee.
 Lt. Col. E.F. de Lisle.
 H.Q. 3 Tn. Stores Group.
 Major D.M. Howes - D.D.M.R.S. (Secretary).

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38 SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE FOR SUPPLYING SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS OF THE I. S. R.

(31) (a) Chairman stated an addendum to Technical Instruction No. 38 had been published handing back with effect from 1 June 1945 control of all I.S.R. stores et Poggioreale (Naples) and Tiburtina (Rome) to H.Q. I.S.R. subject to meeting any M.R.S. requirements as they arise.

(b) It has not yet been possible owing to pressure of work to send a M.R.S. Stores Officer to Poligno and Ancona, but Chairman stated as soon as circumstances permitted arrangements would be made for the joint visit.

39 RECOVERY OF DISPERSED I. S. R. STORES.

(32) Visits have been completed and no further stores found.

Chairman stated recovery of dispersed I.S.R. stores in North Italy must be performed by I.S.R. If difficulties arose, M.R.S. would assist as far as possible.

40 TIMBER FOR CAR REPAIRS.

(33) Total quantities supplied during April were:-

	(i)	BY M.R.S.	
		From T.S.Ds.	Tons
		" U.S.	450
		" Calabria (U.S. & FR.)	1475
			183
			2108
	(ii)	EX I.S.R.	110
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2218</u>

Chairman emphasised that I.S.R. must provide more timber for car repairs as military demands on local production diminish.

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Chairman stated that D.D. (Mech.) had reported a shortage in N.W. Italy and arrangements had been made to supply 200 tons by sea to Genoa during June, 500 tons in July and diminishing quantities in successive months as I.S.R. took over supply.

Chairman asked Ing. Notarloberti to expedite payment to S.A.T.A. for timber supplied from Cirella. Claims and hirings have received a complaint from the firm regarding non-payment.

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SUPPLY OF LOCO COAL.

(a)

The Chairman stated supplies were being arranged through Genoa and Venice.

(b)

Movements A.F.H.Q. are arranging for permits to be supplied to Agenzia Marittima representatives to enable them to visit the Port areas.

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41 SUPPLY OF LOCO COAL (Cont'd).

- (c) Lt. Col. De Lisle stated that coal referred to in previous minute 34(d) is not railroad coal and therefore a matter for A.C. and not M.R.S.

42 P.O.L. FOR I.S.R.

- (35) European
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- (36) The Chairman stated the I.S.R. proposal for a dump at Santa Severa had been passed to the Construction and Traffic Sub-Committees for approval.

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45 CAR CLEARANCE IN NORTH ITALY

Chairman stated that a Stores Officer (Maj. Bing) had been sent to Verona to assist in the arrangements for clearing cars containing materials and stores captured whilst on the way to Germany.

46 LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS

The Chairman said certain requisitions for supplies to I.S.R. during second half of 1945 had been placed by A.F.H.Q. on Washington for delivery to M.R.S. depots. As it was not known what M.R.S. depots would still be in existence when the materials arrived and as there was no point in double-handling through military depots he was of the opinion that such supplies should be consigned direct to the I.S.R. This will be recommended to A.F.H.Q.

Ing. Notarloberti stated any imports into Italy for I.S.R. could be handled by the Agenzia Marittima at the port of entry.

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STEEL SUPPLY.

Lt. Col. Chaplin explained that the Steel Works operated by the Italian Government Steel Combine would now be under the control of the Allied Commission but bids for allocation of production would continue to be received monthly by A.F.L.R.S. It had been arranged that for July and after Tr. Sub-Commission would sponsor all bids for steel products for the I.S.R. including requirements for M.R.S. operated I.S.R. Workshops. Bids will be submitted by Tr. Sub-Commission through H.A.C.

It was agreed that stores Sect. M.R.S. would advise the I.S.R. each month of steel required for use by M.R.S. units in I.S.R. shops, for inclusion in their bid to Tr. Sub-Commission A.C.

Chairman stated that requirements of M.R.S. units would have prior claim upon any allocation received by I.S.R. and distribution would be undertaken by the I.S.R. under instructions received from M.R.S.

Ing. Nataroberti was requested to refrain in future from submitting demands for steel products to the Italian Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour, as all requirements would be obtained through Tr. Sub-Commission A.C.

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Subject: Cement Fondu.

File: Tn.A.2/50.

27 May 1945.To: Ing. G. Bracci,
Stores Department;
H.Q., I.S.R.Copy to: Tn. Sub-Commission A.C.
(Rail Division).

1. Reference Minute 28 of Meeting N° 3 of the Allied Railway Board Stores Sub-Committee held on 22 March 45.

2. No reply can be traced to our offer to supply 500 tons of the above commodity. Please say whether you have any requirements for cement fondu and if so advise details.

G. J. Ellis
G.J. ELLIS, Capt., (Tn),
for Brigadier,
Director Military Railway Service.

Col Thomas

M.H.

ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD.STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.Tn. A. 2/135.

Minutes of Meeting No. 4 held in
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 HQ. 3 Tn. Stores Group.

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SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE FOR SUPPLYING SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS OF THE I.S.R.

(a) Chairman stated that a directive had been published in the form of a Technical Instruction - No. 38. Copies have been distributed as necessary. It was emphasized that conditions are continually changing, and as military commitments develop farther north, more sections of the railways will be handed back to the I.S.R. and it is therefore essential for the Stores department of the I.S.R. to develop its own resources as far as possible.

(b) As stores matters in the Ancona Compartimento are not satisfactory, the Chairman suggested that Ing. Bracci, in the company of an M.R.S. Stores officer, should visit Ancona, calling at Foligno en route. Ing. Bracci agreed.

ACTION:- D.D.Tn. (Stores) will arrange a joint visit by M.R.S. and I.S.R. representatives.

RECOVERY OF DISPERSED I.S.R. STORES.

Between 14 March and 7 April, thirty more places were visited, only 6 of which contained stores which were of interest. Details of stores found and their disposal are as follows:-

Location	Stores	Disposal
Cancello	Small quantity steel sections	I.S.R. Depot, Foggioneale.
Maenza	Electric locomotive spares	I.S.R. Depot, Foligno.
Stat. di Campiglia	No I.S.R. Stores but approx. 10 tons Light Steel Trestling	331 T.S.D.
Sierra	Loco spares and boiler tubes	I.S.R. Depot, Florence.
Volterra	Loco spares	-do-
Reggio Calabria	Complete inventory taken by I.S.R. Cape	Transfer of selected stores to 326 T.S.D. requested through Tn. Sub Comm. A.O.

TIMBER REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Timber for Car Repairs.

Total quantities supplied during March were:-

(i) By M.R.S.

Tons

agreed.

ACTION:- D.D.Tn. (Stores) will arrange a joint visit by M.R.S. and I.S.R. representatives.

32 RECOVERY OF DISBURSED I.S.R. STORES.

(19)

Between 11 March and 7 April, thirty more places were visited, only 6 of which contained stores which were of interest. Details of stores found and their disposal are as follows:-

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33 TIMBER REQUIREMENTS.

(22) (a) Timber for Car Repairs.

Total quantities supplied during March were:-

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	<u>Tons</u>
From U.S.I.s.	175
" U.S. sources	1250
" Calabria (U.S. & M.R.)	352
	<u>1777</u>
(ii) <u>EX I.S.R.</u>	NIL
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1777</u>

No reply had yet been received from P.B.S. regarding agreement of release to the I.S.R. of the 11,000 tons of timber available in Calabria. Ing. Praeci stated 4500 tons were ready for immediate movement.

ACTION:- Lt. Col. De Lisle will press P.B.S. for agreement.

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33 TIMBER REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd)

(22) (b) Timber at Civitella.

The Chairman reminded Ing. Bracci that no reply had yet been received to our letter dated 15 Apr. 45 in which we requested that a contract be placed with SIFA - (a) for the timber already received and distributed and (b) for the remainder of the timber on site.

ACTION: Ing. Bracci will expedite placing of contract.

(c) The Chairman referred to Minute No. 12 of meeting No. 3 of the Equipment Sub Committee and remarked that it appeared to be a roundabout way of doing business. He suggested that Ing. Bracci should contact Ing. Grandi direct. Ing. Bracci agreed.

34 SUPPLY OF LOCOMOTIVE COAL - LIAISON COMPARTIMENTO.

(23) (a)

Lt. Col. de Lisle stated that similar arrangements had been made as for Bari Compartimento and that the I.S.R. Central Coal Office representative Sig. Fiorini was now arranging distribution and supplying M.R.S. with information on receipts, issues and stocks through the Central Coal Office.

(b)

The chairman said the possibility of similar arrangements being carried out in the Rome and Ancona Compartimenti should be examined. Ing. Bracci stated that no competent official exists in Ancona but that one will shortly be appointed.

(c)

The I.S.R. representative in Civitavecchia will shortly be visiting Rome and a meeting with Lt. Col. de Lisle will be arranged.

(d)

Ing. Bracci asked whether it was necessary for coal discharged at Civitavecchia to be transported by lighter to Fiumicino and thence by rail to Rome. He pointed out that this increased the price of coal to the I.S.R. by 1000 lire per ton and that empty cars had to be supplied to Fiumicino whereas at Civitavecchia the coal would be loaded into empties returning down Line 50. Lt. Col. de Lisle questioned whether this statement was correct.

ACTION:

Lt. Col. de Lisle will investigate and ascertain whether direct rail movement from Civitavecchia can be arranged if not already in progress.

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P.O.L. for I.S.R.

(24)

The Chairman stated that pressure of other work had delayed the preparation of a directive. It was hoped, however, to discuss the proposals with Pet. Sec. and S. & T. prior to the next meeting of the Stores Sub Committee.

Lt. Col. de Lisle raised the question of turning over the stock of lubricants in the I.S.R. depot at Poggioreale to C.I.P. The Chairman stated this would be resolved when the directive is agreed by Pet. Sec.

36

COLLECTION OF SCRAP MATERIALS BY I.S.R.

(29)

The Chairman stated that Director of Engineer Production and Stores A.E.H.Q. had agreed to 150 tons of scrap per week being accepted at Terni Steelworks. None is required elsewhere for the time being and the I.S.R. should therefore take steps to collect and store scrap in convenient dumps. Definite proposals from the I.S.R. are awaited but

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36 COLLECTION OF SCRAP MATERIALS BY I.S.R. (Cont'd).

(29)

the Chairman emphasized that approval of the Transportation Sub-Committee must first be obtained to proposed sites. Ing. Bracci said that adequate depots for storage of scrap formerly existed near Turin, Milan and Verona. The Chairman pointed out that enormous quantities of scrap in the shape of burnt out wagons etc. are still lying scattered over Southern Italy. Movement to northern depots is obviously impracticable and the area harried over at Poggioreale would be quite inadequate.

37

SLEEPERS.

(a)

The Chairman reported that reconnaissance had revealed that removal of sleepers in the Bologna area far exceeded anything yet encountered in Italy and therefore it had become necessary to place all substantial stocks at present in possession of I.S.R. under M.R.S. control.

(b)

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The Chairman reported that D.M.R.S. had instructed that all redundant sleepers and fittings (i.e. in double track not in use) on Line 65 between Orte and Arezzo are to be lifted and concentrated at the nearest stations ready for use if required in N. Italy.

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(d) The Chairman reminded Ing. Bracci that the U.R.S. will not be importing sleepers into Italy after the end of 1945. The I.S.R. should therefore take steps to obtain their requirements for next year. Maj. Long informed that a free timber zone exists in Southern Italy and the I.S.R. should therefore place contracts. Ing. Bracci informed that this was already in hand. Ing. Bracci also stated that there is no timber in N. Italy suitable for railway sleepers.

(e) Ing. Bracci asked whether sleepers either wooden or steel could be included in the supplementary lists of requirements for the second half of 1945 now being prepared. The chairman ruled that this was not possible. Wooden sleepers were being obtained locally or from military stocks and he could not support any application for the import of steel sleepers in this period. Regarding 1946, this was primarily a matter for A.C. In. Sub-Commission but he felt that the shipping position would be such that I.S.R. requirements would have to be met from Italian resources. Maj. Long agreed with this view.

W. C. Long

R.E. COHART, Col.,
D.D.In. (Stores) M.R.S.,
Chairman, Stores Sub-Committee.

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ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD.

STORES SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 3 held in
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Maj. D.R.H. Chaplin M.R.S. (Stores Section)
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SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE FOR SUPPLYING SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS OF THE I.S.R.

Chairman stated that a directive had been drafted and submitted to D.M.R.S. for approval, after which it would be sent to Tn. Sub-Comm. A.C. for their concurrence.

RECOVERY OF DISPERSED I.S.R. STORES

Chairman stated that reports had now been received from 3 Tn. Stores Group.

Quantities of stores found had been small; up to the 10th March 42 places had been visited but only at 14 of these places were there any quantities of stores. Details of stores found and their disposal are as follows:-

<u>Location</u>	<u>Stores</u>	<u>Disposal</u>
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	Cotton waste	330 T.S.D.
Torre del Lago, Viterbo.	Electrical stores	I.S.R. Depot, Florence.
Colleselvette.	Mint, Copper wire, Salomoniac.	334 T.S.D.

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TIMBER REQUIREMENTS.

1. Timber for car repairs.

Chairman stated that total quantities supplied during February were:-

	<u>Tons</u>
1. <u>EX M.R.S. Stocks</u>	
From T. S. D.	210
" U. S. Depots	376
" Calabria (U. S. & Tn.)	362
2. <u>EX I. S. R.</u>	6
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>954</u>

TIMBER REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd).

a Timber for car repairs (Cont'd).

Equipment Sub-Committee Rep. stated that hardwood or softwood, whichever was available, would be accepted for car repairs and that it was estimated that approx. 900 tons of timber would be required monthly.

Major Chaplin stated that an agreed sub-division of responsibility for the supply of timber for car repairs existed between M.R.S. (Br.) and M.R.S. (U.S.) which would prevent duplication of supply.

Ing. Bracci stated that I.S.R. had received an offer of 11,000 tons of timber available in Calabria. It was not yet known what proportion of this amount was immediately available, but it was proposed to place an order for the whole quantity.

Chairman stated that in receipt of details of the name of the firm and location of timber M.R.S. would make enquiries to ensure there is no objection to the I.S.R. obtaining this, i.e. that it does not conflict with military requirements. If the timber becomes available M.R.S. or M. Sub-Commission will bid movement.

Timber at Cirella.

Ing. Bracci stated that payment of labour at Cirella was now satisfactory.

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Construction Sub-Committee Rep. stated that estimates of requirements of round timber for tunnel shores etc. would be submitted as soon as possible.

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P.O.L. for I.S.R.

Chairman stated that it is hoped to discuss the proposals outlined in Minute No. 14 with Pet. Sec. and S. & T. in the near future.

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S.A.C.F.E.M. WORKS, AREZZO.

Chairman stated that A.F.L.R.S. had been informed of our intention to sponsor the reopening of these Works for railway purposes and a request had been made to cancel releases of controlled stores to other services. This request had not been agreed to and reallocation will be considered at the next meeting of the A.F.L.R. Engineering Materials Committee. Meanwhile an application had been made to A.F.H.Q. for action to be taken to ensure that all plant, equipment and stores at the Arezzo Works were blocked on behalf of M.R.S. so that the Works could recommence repairs of cars etc. for the I.S.R.

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Chairman also stated that a detachment of the R. & H. Composite Railway Operating Company were stationed at Arezzo and were assisting the firm in rehabilitation.

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Major Long stated that Tn. Sub-Commission had obtained 50 tons carbide for I.S.R. use.

Chairman agreed to the storage of the carbide at 329 T. S. D. Tiburtina, where it would be frozen for release under Tn. Sub-Commission authority.

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Chairman stated that Mr. Sub-Commission have actively pursued this matter and that the firms of Capola, Roma and Hellesen were preparing to provide batteries to the I.S.R.

Chairman stated that M.R.S. had not received specific details of requirements of batteries from military stocks but merely a request in general terms for all that were available. M.R.S. would therefore advise Ms. Procci of maximum quantities they would release.

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Rapid Hardening Cement.

Chairman stated that this is imported and not produced locally. bids on A.F.L.R.S. excluded R.H. Cement, quantities of which are ordered by M.R.S. for use in priority military projects.

Cement Funds.

Construction Sub-Committee Rep. stated that difficulties occurred in the use of this cement. It was recommended that M.R.S. should maintain a reserve of 100 tons.

Chairman stated that I.S.R. have at present a stock of 600 tons. A balance of 500 tons would therefore be available for Tn. Sub-Commission or I.S.R. use which would be supplied on receipt of notification of their requirements.

COLLECTION OF SCRAP METALS BY I.S.R.

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Chairman stated that Allied Fly. Board had agreed that the clearance of scrap metals by the I.S.R. is desirable. He was prepared to hand back a portion of the area of 326 T.S.D. Poggioreale, Naples for use as a dump but he considered that the I.S.R. should plan to establish dumps away from existing depots. There were many areas on the I.S.R. which could be cleared for this purpose and the I.S.R. should plan scrap recovery dumps on a large scale even although clearance at this stage could only be undertaken in a relatively small way. Ing. Bracci was asked to submit proposals.

It was stressed that M.R.S. would not be in a position to assist I.S.R. with cutting gases required for cutting scrap.

The question was also discussed of the extent to which scrap steel could be sent direct to Terni and other steelworks. Some scrap had already been disposed of in this way but Ing. Bracci stated that Terni Steelworks had raised objections owing to limitations in storage space (M.R.S. has since taken up this question with A.T.L.R.S.).

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ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD.STORES SUB-COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting No. 2 held in
office of A. D. Tn. (Stores) M.R.S., 22 Feb. 1945.

NOTE: Numbers of previous minutes dealing with the same subject are
shown in brackets.

PRESENT:

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Maj. C. M. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub-Comm. (Member)
Ing. G. Bracci, I.E.R. (Member)

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 WD. 3 Tn. Stores Group.

6 (1) SYSTEMATIC PROCEDURE FOR SUPPLYING SHORT TERM REQUIREMENTS OF I.S.R.

The Chairman stated that the drafting of a directive had been deferred in view of:

- (i) the approaching transfer to the I.S.R. of responsibility for operating in the Naples Compartimenti,
 - (ii) The withdrawal of M.R.S. and A.C. screening authorities in the Bari and Naples compartimenti.
 - (iii) need for further discussion by Stores Sub-Committee to achieve the simplest and most effective system of supply.
- The Chairman invited views of those present, bearing in mind the following conditions:
- (i) M.R.S. must continue to control I.S.R. stores at Possibile, Maritima, Polignò etc.
 - (ii) I.S.R. requirements must be co-ordinated, classified and submitted at fixed periods.
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It was AGREED that short term requirements of general stores should be prepared and submitted as follows:-

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Requirements to be listed and submitted by Capi to local military authority for screening and then sent by Capi to H.Q. I.S.R. for similar action as in (i) above. It is proposed that D.D.Tn. (Rlys.) should be the screening authority for the Ancona Compartimenti. In the case of the Rome and Florence, it may prove impracticable for military screening to be done locally, in which case it will be done by H.Q. M.R.S. in conjunction with technical branches and the requirements will be submitted by Capi direct to H.Q. I.S.R. as in (i) above.

- d It was further AGREED that project stores and special requirements e.g. bulk provision for overall I.S.R. requirements should not be dealt with on a compartmento basis but by H.Q. I.S.R. (either stores or technical departments) direct with M.R.S. and/or A.C. Tn. Sub-Comm.
- e Coal and POL will be considered as separate matters.
- f M.R.S. will draft a directive for submission to Allied Hvy. Board.

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RECOVERY OF DISPERSED I.S.R. STORES.

Chairman stated that complete instructions had been issued by M.R.S. and J. Th. Stores Group. Progress of recovery would be reported at the next meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee.

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REPAIRS TO I.S.R. STOREHOUSES.

Arrangements have been made for the supply of glass for repairing the roof of a storehouse at Tiburtina.

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LONG TERM REQUIREMENTS OF STORES FOR I.S.R.

Maj. Long stated that requisitions for the second half of 1945 had been sent to A.F.H.Q. It was agreed to RECOMMEND TO THE ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD that all steps possible should be taken to hasten provision action on the requisitions submitted to A.F.H.Q. in view of the increasing requirements of the I.S.R. for repairs and rehabilitation and to relieve the demands on military stocks which conflict with requirements of military units.

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In addition to the above 100 tons had been supplied from E.S.Ds. during Jan. and Mr. J. De Lisle stated that 150 tons of 1" to 3" damage had been obtained from U.S. depots and sent to I.S.R. shops at Florence, Porto Magliore and Leghorn.

It is recorded that the whole of the M.R.S. bid for steel sections for March, which included the Equipment Sections estimate of plate for car repairs, had been accepted by A.F.I.R.S.

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TIMBER REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd)

a Timber for car repairs (Cont'd)

After discussion it was AGREED that:-

(i) The supply of timber for car repairs is proceeding reasonably satisfactorily.

(ii) Quantities supplied from U.S., BR. and I.S.R. sources during Feb. would be reported at the next meeting of the Stores Sub-Committee.

(iii) Ing. Bracci would investigate at once the report by O. i/c 326 T.S.D. that no payment had been made to I.S.R. labour employed at Cirella as this was likely to prejudice loading.

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It was AGREED that no further action should be taken over the March bid but if serious cuts were made to future bids the effect would be assessed and reported at once to D.M.R.S.

Maj. Williams (Construction Sub-Committee) raised the question of availability of further quantities of long poles over and above the 1000 - 60 ft. piles required for piling. Ing. Bracci stated that I.S.R. were obtaining quantities of telegraph poles, mainly on behalf of the Ministry of Communications (Telephones). Approx. 100,000 poles 20 - 35 ft. long were available.

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11 TIMBER REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd)

b Timber for General Railway Requirements (Cont'd)

It was AGREED that:-

(i) I.S.R. will make enquiries regarding further availabilities.

(ii) CONSTRUCTION SUB COMMITTEE will supply an estimate of requirements for railway construction purposes e.g. shores for tunnelling work etc.

(iii) M.R.S. Stores Section will then discuss with Ing. Notarloberti with a view to obtaining requirements in (ii) from sources known to I.S.R.

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SUPPLY OF LAGO COAL - NAPLES COMPARTIMENTO.

Chairman suggested that, in view of the pending hand-over of operation in Naples Compartimento to I.S.R., a similar procedure should be introduced as in Bari Compartimento, which summarised briefly is:-

- a M.R.S. supply estimates to Coal Section A.F.H.Q.
- b Distribution of shipments arriving at ports is based on recommendations of local representative of Italian Central Coal Office to Movements, and modified as necessary on account of rates of discharge from ship and wagon clearances at dumps.
- c Local rep. of Italian Central Coal Office maintains records of receipts, issues and stocks and transmits weekly returns to M.R.S. through military channels, and others concerned.

It was agreed that a copy of A.R.S. letter Tn. 2/16 dated 15 Dec. 44 dealing with the supply of coal in Bari Compartimento be passed to Maj. De Lisle to investigate the practicability of introducing a similar procedure in Naples Compartimento.

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FOL FOR I.S.R.

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a Chairman stated that the question of supplies of FOI (Petroleum, oils and lubricants) to the I.S.R. had been raised at the last meeting of the Allied Rly. Board and he drew attention to A.F.R.Q. Administrative Memorandum No. 49 dated 24 Nov. 44 on the general question of FOI supplies.

b The application of this Memorandum to railway requirements may be summarised very briefly under three headings as follows:-

(i) Armed Forces Requirements.

With one exception all armed forces, including diluted military units, obtain their requirements in accordance with normal British or U.S. military procedure. The exception is Italian military units rear of Army boundaries and not under direct British or U.S. command. Requirements of these units are bid through M.M.I.A. and supplied through civilian oil organisations.

(ii) Civil Requirements.

(The I.S.R. and their contractors fall under this heading). Such requirements are submitted through Local Govt. and/or A.O. and allocations by Pet. Sec. are distributed through civilian oil organisations rear of Army areas, or from Army sources through A.C. or A.M.G. in Army areas.

(iii) Contractors working on Allied Military Account.

Requirements of contractors, even when working under military instructions, are normally covered by the allotment for civil use as in (ii) above. In certain circumstances additional quantities may be released to contractors working "on Allied Military Account" but the only contractors considered to fall within this category under the terms of Admin. Memo. No. 49 are contractors in Army areas where the work may be deemed "due solely to the needs of the Allied Military Forces".

c Maj. Long stated that all FOI requirements of Reggio Calabria Compartimento were put forward monthly to local A.C. rep. for screening, after which they were passed to H.Q. I.S.R. and by them to Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour where they were consolidated with other civil requirements and forwarded to A.F.R.Q. Pet. Sec. Distribution of FOI is made by C.I.P. (the civil distributing agency) on production of coupons.

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d A.C. slate requirements of petrol and lubricants for I.S.R. road vehicles in Reggio - Calabria and Bari compartmenti and are including Naples Compartmento as from March.

e It was AGREED that proposals be put by A.R.S. to A.F.H.Q. Pet. Sec. that:-

(i) All I.S.R. POL requirements for Bari and Naples Compartmenti, including loco and wagon lubricants, petrol for rail cars and kerosene for signal lamps, be submitted by Capi to local A.O. rep. for screening, thence to R.Q. I.S.R. for transmission to Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour and subsequently to Pet. Sec. Distribution to be effected through C.I.F.

(ii) A similar procedure be introduced in the Rome, Ancona and Florence Compartmenti but excluding loco. fuel and diesel oil, loco and wagon lubricants and kerosene for signal lamps. These latter requirements would be provided through M.R.S. channels.

14. POL FOR I.S.R. (Cont'd)

It was also agreed that Pet. Seo. should be asked to confirm that the system of civilian distribution is sufficiently flexible for I.S.R. to obtain additional requirements for emergencies such as washouts etc. which would have a serious effect on railway communications.

15 ELECTRIC BATTERIES.

I.S.R. had reported that the maintenance and repair of batteries had previously been done by the firm of Partenope at Naples. This firm was the only one in liberated Italy capable of carrying out the work. It had been requisitioned by the military and Ing. Bracci asked whether a part of the plant could be freed to deal with I.S.R. work.

Maj. Long was not present at this stage of the meeting and M.R.S. will discuss the matter with him.

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ALLIED RAILWAY BOARD

STORES SUB-COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 1 HELD ON 1 FEB. 1945.

Present:-

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Maj. C.H. Long, A.C. Tn. Sub Comm. (Member)
Ing. G. Bracci I.S.R. (Member)

Maj. D.R.H. Chaplin M.R.S.
Maj. E.F. De Lisle M.R.S.
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Objectives would be:-

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 - b Assistance to I.S.R. in moving back other stores to their stores depots for safe custody.
- 3 Tn. Stores Group will act on behalf of the M.R.S. Detailed instructions will be issued separately to all concerned.

The question was raised of stores held by construction and equipment departments of I.S.R. of which Ing. Bracci does not possess records. Agreed that appropriate sub-committees would be asked to provide details or locations.

A.C. have procured a list of electrical stores at Reggio and this (at present with Ing. Bracci) will be passed to M.R.S. who are having to meet demands for electrification of Line 87.

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9 Feb. 45.

To:- Chairman, Allied Railway Board.
Director, Military Railway Service.
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.
Director General, Italian State Railways.

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with Minute 3 of the first meeting of the Allied Railway Board and represents decisions made at the first meeting of the Stores Sub-committee:-

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- (iii) Repairs to I.S.R. Storehouses. Agreed that assistance in supplying materials for repairs not available from I.S.R. sources will be rendered by A.C. Tn. Sub-Commission and M.R.S.

W. E. Howard

R. E. HOWARD, Lt. Col.,
for Brigadier,
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4. Stores Sub-Committee.

1. To decide, within the framework of directives on general policy, the respective responsibilities of M.R.S.; Tn. Sub-Commission A.C., and I.S.R. in regard to the supply of stores for railway requirements.
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3. To pool information regarding sources and channels of supply of materials.
4. To co-ordinate and achieve the maximum uniformity practicable in the procedure for supplying stores to the various compartments of the I.S.R.

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