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Docks Clearance - Road Transport

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

25 May 1945

Our Ref :- AC/27/34/Tn.3.

SUBJECT :- Trucks for unloading Coal at CIVITAVECCHIA

TO :- Ports and Warehouse Division

1. Reference your AC/19/25/Tn.6. of 21 May and conversation Mr. J.B. Hurley - Capt Mansfield of this afternoon.

2. It is understood from Mr. Hurley that the SS. "WALTER KEANE" will now be berthed at a quay where discharge will be direct from ship to rail - car, and that the 12 - dump trucks will not be required.

3. The provision of road transport for the off-loading of coal from this ship has therefore been cancelled.

For the Chief:

C. STAIT GARDNER,
Major,
Roads Branch

Copy to Roads Division:

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Tel. 475303

TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

NJH/lr

INTER OFFICE MEMO

23 May 1945

AC/27/33/Tn.3

SUBJECT : Trucks for Unloading Coal at CIVITAVECCHIA.

TO : Roads Division.

1. It is required to off-load 3.000 tons of coal at CIVITAVECCHIA from the SS."WALTER KEANE" during the 10 days (approximately) commencing Saturday May 26. The SS. "WALTER KEANE" has a five-hatch discharge, and the clearance of the coal will be from the ship to dumps in the port area.

2. It is requested that the necessary arrangements be made to provide the trucks required.

For the Chief, Movements Division.

C. STAIT-GARDNER
Major

Copy to : Ports and Whse Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 347
Ref. AC/19/25/Tn6

JBH/lml
21 May 1945

SUBJECT : Dump Trucks for Unloading Coal at Civitavecchia.

TO : Movements Division, Roads Branch
Attention: Major C. Stait-Gardner

1. Reference conversation James B. Hurley/Maj. C. Stait-Gardner, relative to dump trucks to be used for unloading coal at the Port of Civitavecchia.

2. Will you please arrange to supply 12 - five ton dump trucks with drivers for a period of approximately 10 days, beginning Saturday morning May 26. These trucks are to be used for unloading approximately 3,000 tons of coal from the S/S "WALTER KEANE" which will be docked at the Port of Civitavecchia.

3. The "WALTER KEANE" has a five hatch discharge and it is urgent that these trucks be laid-on in order to expedite the turn-round of this ship.

4. Will you kindly notify this Office immediately, if any difficulties arise in filling this request.

R. M. BAZZANELLA
Chief, Ports & Warehouse Division

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

10 May 1945

AC/100/36/TN.5

SUBJECT : Docks Clearance - LEGHORN

TO : Movements Division Roads.

1. Reference your AC/27/28/TN.3 dated 7 May '45.

2. It is understood from the Motor Transport Group that the reasons for 221 General Transport Coy being unable to function fully was due to the fact that accomodation earmarked by the C.O. on his recce had been subsequently taken by a P.B.S. Unit.

3. The 17th and 19th Q.M.Coys of 3 Truck Battalion were despatched to the Livorno and Florence areas 2 to 4 May in order to assist in building up of stores at Livorno.

For the Chief:

G. FERNYHOUGH,
Lt.Col. R.A.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

File: 478303

INTER OFFICE MEMO

AC/27/29/Tn.3

7 May 1945

TO : Road Division.

SUBJECT : Docks Clearance - CIVITAVECCHIA.

1. Enclosed is a copy of letter from Cap Bowes, CIVITAVECCHIA, dated 3 May 45 regarding an application made by the firm of "STAMAR" of 9, PIAZZA SALLUSTION, ROME for the licencing of 3 tractors hauling 3 trailers between CIVITAVECCHIA and ROME. Particulars of vehicles are given in enclosed.

2. Whilst it was indicated in my AC/27/23/Tn.3 of 25 Apr 45 (Add to Cap BOWES, copy to you) that clearance of Wine was proceeding satisfactorily, the rail situation has since deteriorated, and the position further aggravated by bad weather preventing the coal movement by barge.
The Wine Stockpile is now approx 2000 Tons and the need for more clearance by road is evident.
RNAC are not moving to the agreed extent.

3. The 3 tractors and trailers would appear to offer clearance assistance which would be valuable just now.

4. Your views would be appreciated.

For Chief Movements Division

C.N.CHRISTENSEN
Lt.Col.

Encl. P.L.O.C'VECCHIA ltr of 3 May 45.

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Tele :- 470303 CLASSIFICATION SECRET/CONTROL ONO/GO
EXECUTION ONLY

Our Ref :- AG/27/28/En.3. 7 May 1945

ADVANCE :- Book Clearance - LONDON-

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TO :- Reconnaissance (3)

1. Maj. Klein, Port & Harbours Division has reported that serious congestion is developing at LONDON due to lack of U.S.

2. Although 201 U.S. Coy arrived LONDON, 4 May 1945 only 20 trucks had been made available up to 0900 hrs 7 May 1945. The LONDON rep. had been informed that 201 U.S. Coy were having some difficulty in arranging accommodation which accounted for their inability to provide.

3. This waste of effort is unbelievable having in mind the period of waiting before the Coy moved up.

4. Please call you investigate and report.

For the Chief Movements Division:-

T.V. CONNINGHAM
Lt. Col.

Copy to :- [illegible]
Our Ref :- AG/27/28/En.3.

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SUBJECT : - Road TPT

To : ROADS Branch ( 2 )
Movements Division
TN Sub-Commission
Allied Commission , APO 394

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1/. In the early stages of the development of the port, difficulty was experienced in providing enough tpt to clear from port to rail head.

2/. With the advent of rail served berths, the position has been eased and a firm of the name of Stamar, Rome 9 Piazza Sallustion, have applied to E.N.A.C. for the permission to use three tractors to haul trailors from Civitavecchia to Rome.

3/. This will not delay the working in the port, but on the contrary will provide additional tonnage for the Home haul.

4/. May E.N.A.C. be asked to issue these permits at an early date, and if the procedure is a long one, may temporary permits be issued, as these vehs are idle.

5/. The vehs. are all Diesel ones and particulars are as follows :

| Licence No. | Make of Tractor | Tonnage |
|---|---|---|
| RI 179 | 30 HP Dering | Two 8 Ton Trailers |
| RI 293 | 30 HP Fiat | One 8 Ton " |
| RI 297 | 20 HP Dering | One 8 Ton " |

6/. It is only planned to use the first two, but it is desired to licence the third one to act as a reserve, in case of breakdown or during maintenance.

J.N. BOWES Capt.
Port Liason Officer
Tn. Sub-Commission
ALLIED COMMISSION

3 May 1945
CIVITAVECCHIA

Movements Division
TN Sub-Commission
Allied Commission , APO 394

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Port Liason Officer
Tn. Sub-Commission
ALLIED COMMISSION

3 May 1945
CIVITAVECCHIA

Copy to " STAMAR "

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Tel.478303 TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION CWC/lr

INTER OFFICE MEMO

AC/27/25/Tn.3 5 May 1945

TO : Port and Warehouse Division.

SUBJECT : Discharge of Barley at BRINDISI.

1. Ref your AC/24/4/Tn.6 of 2 May 1945.
It is understood that you have not yet replied to AFHQ Ref G-4 (Mov and Tn) 5/215/GDS of 17 March 1945.

2. Whilst AFHQ may well understand and accept the explanation of the incident in March it is felt that your final sentence would alarm them.
Surely one object of their letter was to invite steps to be taken to ensure preventative measures against a recurrence.
Please may your assurance be given that you are taking steps, possibly through Labour Sub-Commission.

For Chief Movements Division

C.W. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Colonel

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APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

21-25.

Tel. 390
Ref. AC/24/4/Tn6

GWEW/lml
2 May 1945

SUBJECT : Port of Brindisi

TO : Movements Division

Band 15

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1. Reference your AC/27/15/Tn3 of 13 April 1945.

2. We are now informed that the difficulties experienced on the occasion of the delay in use of W. D. transport at Brindisi Port on 2-3 March were due to the fact that extra labor (40 men) arranged for by the Italian authorities through DADL failed to materialise because, Movements Eastern Italy report, the Italians found they were not to be paid at Military rates.

3. Extra labor was necessary as the normal capacity of the Warehouse (20 tons per hour) was to be exceeded.

4. The normal arrangements are satisfactory, if the normal capacity of the warehouse is not exceeded. In this particular case, there was congestion on the quays and the Consorzio were handling a wine export ship, in addition. In fact, the case can be regarded as an unusual one, but if a similar congestion and excess of work does occur again it is probable there will be a similar lack of labor unless, the CAP can pay the additional labor required at Military Rates.

R. M. Razzanella

R. M. RAZZANELLA
Chief, Ports & Whse. Division

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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION CNC/lr

INTER OFFICE MEMO

Tele. : 478303 30 April 1945

AC/27/24/Tn.3

TO : Port and Warehouse Division.

SUBJECT : Discharge of Barley At Brindisi.

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1. Your reply is still awaited to my AC/27/8/Tn.3 of 22 March 1945 reference delay to WD vehicles at BRINDISI, 2 and 3 March 1945.

2. See my chaser AC/27/15/Tn.3 of 13 April 1945 and your AC/3.2/28/Tn.6 of 16 April 1945.

For Chief, Movements Division.

C.N.CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Colonel

CWC/fd

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tele : 478303

25 April 1945

Our ref.: AC/27/23/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Docks Clearance - Civitavecchia

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TO : Capt. J.N.Bowes
A.C.Port Liaison Officer
Civitavecchia

Ref your letter addressed to Road Div. dated 23 Apr '45 under heading " Movement of Wine by Road".

Your para 1. so long as you continue to phone each day information in accordance with pro-forma supplied then we are satisfied. The information appears to be coming through reasonably well.

Your para 2. Whilst you continue phoning as above it appears no further action by you will be necessary unless it appears that clearance has snowed up to an extent that congestion may be anticipated.

Your para 3. The first sentence of this paragraph is not understood. As we see the picture here the Italians do appear to have moved quickly. It was only on the 12 April that meeting was held and on 13 April they commenced clearing by Road, certainly by mechanical and animal transport. On night 16 April stockpile was 600 tons on 24 April stockpile was 700 tons. During that period total Wine discharge was 4308 tons of which 2044 tons moved by Rail so that Road transport must have cleared 1564 tons.
Considering that you have estimated stockpile capacity as 5000 tons before it will interfere with dock working the position appears very good.
It is not doubted for one moment that such a situation is due to your efforts.

Please address future letters on this subject to Movements

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SUBJECT : Docks Clearance - Civitavecchia

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Considering that you have estimated stockpile capacity as 3000 tons before it will interfere with dock working the position appears very good.
It is not doubted for one moment that such a situation is due to your efforts.

Please address future letters on this subject to Movements Division - Roads Branch.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

C.N.CHRISTENSEN
Lt.Colonel, R.E.

Copy to :
Roads Division
(with copy of Civitavecchia letter dated 23 April '45).

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SUBJECT: - MOVEMENT OF WINE BY ROAD. -

TO/ TN. SUB-COMMISSION (2)
ROAD DIV.
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

1. It is regretted that it is not possible to supply better information on the movement of the above.

2. It was agreed at the meeting in Rome that it should be moved under Italian arrangements, and until the situation becomes such, that the the working of the Port becomes impeded, I donot propose to take any executive action.

3. I have previously reported on the incapabilities of the Italians to organise themselves to do a job quickly and this is just one more instance. I have no doubt that they will do it, but in their own time, and the importance of keeping the actual quay clear has been pointed out to the local representatives, ever since the Port started working under A.C. The wine has always been the slowest moved from the quay because they will not load direct into road tpt, and so direct to Rail or Rome. This is due to a desire to sort into "Marks", which prejudice had at one time been overcome; when it was agreed to sort it all in the Rome Central Market; this is still the procedure if a ship berth at Nº 11, where only rail facilities exist.

J.N. BOWES CAPT.
A.C. PORT LIAISON OFFICER

23 APRIL 1945
CIVITAVECCHIA

Reply to Para 1 Ltr. 17.

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Tel. 394

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Ref. AC/3.2/28/Tn6

16 April 1945

SUBJECT : Discharge of Barley at BRINDISI

TO : M. J. Sieff, Colonel
Chief, Movements Division

15.

1. Reference your AC/27/15/Tn3 of the 13th instant.

2. It is regretted that owing to the delayed return of our representative Mr. France (usual transport difficulties) who is inspecting ports in Southern Italy and Sicily, we are not yet in a position to give full facts. However, we are in communication with Bari and will advise you as soon as possible the result of our enquiries.

R. M. Bazzanella

R. M. BAZZANELLA
Chief, Ports & Whse. Division

CC: Shipping Branch
Roads Division

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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AC/27/20/Tn.3

16 April 1945

TO : Road Division.

SUBJECT : Docks Clearance - CIVITAVECCHIA.

Ref. your AC/100/26/Tn.5 dated 16 April 1945 for information only, please will you let this Branch have a copy of your AC/28/31/Tn.5 of 11 April 1945.

C.N. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Col.,
Movements Division
Roads Branch

CMC/mi

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APOR 394
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Road Branch)

FILE (17)

Our Ref : AC/27/17/Tn.3 13 April 1945

SUBJECT : Dock Clearance - CIVITAVECCHIA

TO : Food Sub Commission - Maj.Curran
Movements - Rail
" - Shipping
Transportation Officer - Civitavecchia

1. Ref my AC/27/13/Tn.3 dated 13 April 1945 being report of meeting held 12 April 1945.

2. Mr Storoni has called today after his visit to CIVITAVECCHIA and reports the following arrangements made.

(i) Local Store.
A site near LITTORIO Dock has been chosen as suitable and is said to be capable of accomodating up to 5,000 tons wine.

(ii) Priority.
Ref. para 4(a) of the notes.
If any rail wagons are available for wine the following to be the priorities:-
Priority 1. Rationed - Red wine.
" 2. Not rationed wine.
" 3. Marsala, Vermouth etc.
The Director of UFFICIO SORVEGLIANZA will assist in the identification of wines for the purposes of these priorities. He is said to occupy the office adjoining that of Capt Bowes.

3. Please will Capt Bowes confirm that these arrangements are satisfactory.

4. Please will Capt Bowes notify this branch the tonnages of wine moved from ship to warehouse Rome by NWAC.

for H.B.THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

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Copy to : HQ.Movements Rome Area.
(with copy of AC/27/13/Tn.3 of 13 April 1945)

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FILE 15

INTER OFFICE MEMO

Our ref.: AC/27/15/Tn 3 13 April 1945

SUBJECT : Discharge of Barley at BRINDISI

TO : Port and Warehouse Division

1. Your attention is directed to my AC/27/3/Tn 3 dated 22 March 1945 which enclosed AFHQ Ref G-4 (Mov & Tn)5/215/GDM dated 17 March 1945 with copy of report from Movements BRINDISI relative delay in clearing 350 tons Barley and to unreasonable delay to W.D. Vehicles at Brindisi 2 and 3 March 1945. Letter also enclosed copy of Signal 3911 of 20 March 1945.

2. A request was made that you agreed your reply with this Division. Please may this Division be informed if you have completed your enquiries and when you expect to be in a position to make a reply to AFHQ.

M.J.SIEFF, Colonel
Chief, Movements Div.

Copy to : Roads Division
Shipping Branch

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INTER OFFICE MEMO CNC/bm

AC/27/14/TW.3 13 April 1945

TO : Road Division.

SUBJECT: Docks Clearance - CIVITAVECCHIA.

1. Reference conversation (Christensen- Fernyhough).

2. As a result of Military demands the number of railway wagons allotted for clearance of CIVITAVECCHIA is limited to 100 wagons per day. This is a temporary arrangement. It is estimated that this will in effect represent no rail clearance of Wine and in order to keep the quays clear for acceptance of Shipping approx. 400 tons per day must be cleared by road.

3. A meeting was held 12 April 1945 -(see copy of report attached)-when it was arranged that ENAC would move to Warehouse ROME 2/300 tons per day and the Balance would be stored, locally by transport provided under normal dock clearance arrangements. Storage may be in the open and delivery to final destination by road may be necessary.

4. Please will you confirm that arrangements have been made to authorize the carriage of Wine by road from quay CIVITAVECCHIA to ROME and from Warehouse CIVITAVECCHIA direct to destination until such time as rail facilities are again available.

5. Please note also the request from ENAC for supplementary POL ration to perform the additional work. Will you please take action.

6. It is requested that you notify this Branch of the daily tonnages cleared by ENAC to ROME.

C.N. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Col.
Movements Division,
Roads Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

CRC/bm

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AC/27/13/TN.3

13 April 1945

SUBJECT : Docks Clearance - CIVITAVECCHIA.

TO : See Distribution.

1. The following is a report of a meeting held at this HQ. 12 April 45 to consider steps to be taken for the clearance of CIVITAVECCHIA during the period that a shortage of Rail Wagons obtained there.

2. Present

Representing

Mr. STORONI - Vice Commissioner -Inter Regional Trade
Mr. PETRELLA - Regional Food Commissioner(Lazio-Abruzzi Reg).
Mr. BUFFA )
Mr. MUGGIA ) R.M.A.C.
Lt.Col. CHRISTENSEN -Transport. S/C-Nov. Roads.
Maj. Mc CLURE - " " " Shipping
Maj. CURRAN -Food S/C.
Capt. BOWES -Tn. Officer - Civitavecchia.

3. Suggestions.

(a) It was suggested by Mr. STORONI that the S.S."MOTIA" be deverted to PIOMBINO but Maj. Mc Clure stated that this was not possible.

4. Decisions.

(a) All Railway Wagons made available would be loaded with commodities other than Wine. If however the occasion arose where after loading other commodities there was a surplus of Rail Wagons then preference would be given to the loading of Rationed Wine - the only wine which is price controlled. The barrels are marked and can be identified.

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(b) (i) RMAC will load from quay, CIVITAVECCHIA to Whse ROME a minimum of 200 tons wine per day. If essential food movement in ROME permits, this figure may be increased up to 300 tons per day. This movement to commence 13 April 45.

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| Lt.Col. CHRISTENSEN | -Transport. S/C-Nov. Roads. |
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| Maj. CURRAN | -Food S/C. |
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(c) Mr. STORONI would leave ROME 0730 hrs 13 April 45 to inspect possible Wine Whse in CIVITAVECCHIA. Three addresses were supplied by Cap. BOWES. Wine discharged daily in excess of ENAC movement (para b) would be moved from the quay to the Whse decided upon by Mr. STORONI.

for W.B. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director.

DISTRIBUTION : See over.

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DISTRIBUTION :

Mr. STORONI - Vice Commissioner- Inter Regional Trade.
Dr. PETRELLA- Regional Food Commissioner (LAZIO-UMB...)
N.N.A.C.
Food S/C.
Tn. S/C. - Mov. - Rail
" " " Road
" " " Shipping
Tn. Officer - CIVITAVECCHIA
Roads Division.

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SUBJECT : Docks Clearance.

Senior Tn. Officer
c/o MOVEMENTS EASTERN ITALY
Tel. 12205
Ref. G/2/77

7 April 1945.

TO : HQ. AC.,for Tn.Sub-Commission.

Reference AC/27/10/ Tn 3 dated 30 Mar.

1. Reference Paras 2 and 3 of above quoted letter. The question of further use of rail transport for Docks has been investigated by H.Q. Movements Eastern Italy and attached is copy of their letter Mov 3/8 dated 5 April.

With regard to AC Signal 3977 and the suggestion that clearance should be made by rail to BARLETTA,GIOIA,MOLFETTA,MONOPOLI and SANTERAMO this is provided for in Movts letter except for BARLETTA and MOLFETTA which are in the ANDRIA area and can conveniently be served by motor transport based on towns in this area.

The SUD-EST Railway will be employed for the towns mentioned in Signal 3977 with the exception of NOICATTARO which will be served by motor transport at night, used to clear quays.

2. Para 4 of HQ. AC. letter.

The possibility of using the BARI-BARLETTA tramway has been investigated by Movts in the past and found to be impractical for the following reasons:

(a) Very limited line capacity both as regard services and wagon capacity.

(b) Freight is conveyed on mixed trains.

(c) The tramway, for almost its whole length, runs alongside main roads and is unfenced.

(d) Loading at BARI would have to take place in the crowded passenger station.

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3. Para 5 of HQ. AC. letter.

It will be observed from the specimen tonnage breakdown given in Movements letter of 5 April para 4 that out of an 8000 tons

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The possibility of using the BARI-BARLETTA tramway has been investigated by Movts in the past and found to be impractical for the following reasons:

(a) Very limited line capacity both as regard services and wagon capacity.

(b) Freight is conveyed on mixed trains.

(c) The tramway, for almost its whole length, runs alongside main roads and is unfenced.

(d) Loading at BARI would have to take place in the crowded passenger station.

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3. Para 5 of HQ. AC. letter.

It will be observed from the specimen tonnage breakdown given in Movements letter of 5 April para 4 that out of an 8000 tons ship, 1000 tons will be moved by civilian motor transport. Previously, out of a ship of this size, up to 2600 tons has been cleared by this transport.

It is considered that this reduction will enable the motor transport to work within its present capacity.

Major, R.A.,
(C.W.G. TAYLOR)
Senior Tn. Officer, AC.

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(12-A)

Subject :- A.C. Traffic - Docks Clearance - Port of Bari.

H.Q., Movements,
Eastern Italy.
Ref : Mov 3/8.

To :- G-4 (Mov & Tn), A.F.H.Q. — 5 April '45.

Copy to :- Port Commandant, Bari.
Senior A.C. Tn. Officer, Bari Zone.
A.C. Port Liaison Officer, Bari Zone.

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| 1. | Province of BRINDISI, TARANTO, LECCE | Rail. | 4,000 tons | First priority for rail clear |
| 2. | BARI Port Area (15 mile radius of Port). | Road. | 2,000 tons | Under Port arrangements with assist. of 8-10 AC 3-ton lorries (nightly). |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | ANDRIA Area (Bari Prov) | Road | 1,000 tons | AC MT. |
| 4. | ALTAMURA Area (Bari Prov) | Rail (MCL) (Narrow Gauge) | 200 tons | Port MT to BARI SCALO (MCL) |
| 5. | BARI Prov. (excl.BARI Port,ANDRIA & ALTAMURA areas). | Rail | 800 tons | Subject to local arrangement between Mov Bari & AC |

The greater part of tonnages previously moved by road within the BARI Province, and which it is now suggested moves by rail, will be for stations on the Sud-Est,CASAMASSIMA - CONVERSANO - LOCOROTONDO inclusive and the MONOPOLI area.

Traffic for stations MOLFETTA - BARLETTA inclusive will, as far as possible, be handled by A.C. MT based on ANDRIA.

A list of stations under the various sections of the proposed revised A.C. Progralle is appended hereto.

(Sgd) Lt. Col., R.A.,
(J.D.R.R. S-STRANGWAYES)
A.Q.M.G. (M)
H.Q., Movements, Eastern Italy
for Col. Q (M).

FTA/CD.

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APPENDIX "A"

## DOCKS CLEARANCE OF A.C. TRAFFIC - BARI PROVINCE.

### LIST OF RAILWAY STATIONS.

1. BARI PORT AREA (15 miles radius of Port).

(a) Inner Area.

BARI MUNICIPALITY
MODUGNO
NOICATTARO
MUNGIVACCA
TRIGGIANO
CAPURSO
VALENZANO
BITETTO
BITRTTTO
BITONTO
SANTO SPIRITO
CELLAMARE
CARBONARA/CEGLIE

(b) Outer Area.

BINETTO
PALO DEL COLLE
GRUMO
ADELFIA
RUTIGLIANO
MOLA

2. ANDRIA AREA

TERLIZZI
RUVO
CORATO
ANDRIA
MOLFETTA
BISCEGLIE
TRANI
BARLETTA

3. ALTAMURA AREA.

ALTAMURA
GRAVINA

4. BARI PROVINCE.
Excluding above)

POLIGNANO
MONOPOLI
CONVERSANO
CASTELLANA
PUTIGNANO
ALBEROBELLO
LOCOROTONDO
MINERVINO
SPINAZZOLA
GIOIA
ACQUAVIVA
SANTERAMO
TURI
SAN MICHELE
CASAMASSIMA
CANOSA
POGGIORSINI

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27/11

INTER OFFICE MEMO

Ext : 566

REF : AC/100/17/In.5

30 March 1945

SUBJECT : Docks Clearance - BARI.

TO : Movements Division
(Att: Roads Branch)

(2)

1. Ref. letter BA/PL/1/5/ dated 12 Mar 45 from Port Liaison Officer, returned to Roads Branch last week.

2. Both civilian and A.C. W.D. trucks haul grain into area B. All available A.C. trucks are employed in this work but 18 are at present deadlined for tyres. Sufficient tyres to put these on the road have now been released.

3. The majority of the haulage is, however, done by 8 to 20 ton civilian trucks which are expected to become deadline for tyres shortly. Commerce Sub-Commission hold no stocks of civilian tyres. A large shipment of tyres for sale to civilians is expected in the next few months. Manufacture of civilian tyres at the TIVOLI plant is anticipated to commence in the near future.

4. Meanwhile the transfer to rail of 4000 tons per month, now carried by road, into area B will materially improve the situation and enable road transport to compete with the balance of 3500 tons per month.

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G.FERNYHOUGH,
Lt Col. R.A.
Roads Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION CMC/ca
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Our Ref : AC/ 27/10/Tn.3. 30 March 1945

SUBJECT : Docks Clearance
(Civilian Transport - Tyres)

TO : Senior AC. Tn Officer Bari
c/o HQ Movements. East Italy

(2)

1. Ref AC Port Liaison Officer, Bari letter Ref PA/PT/1/5 dated 12 Mar '45, enclosing copy of HQ Mov., Bari ref MT5/26 dated 10 Mar '45.

(1)

Ref also the following Signals

(a) My (4) 3711 to MOVNAT for O'Leary

(b) ALCOM, Bari PA 633. (5)

(c) My 3977 to ALCOM, Bari info AFHQ cite MVNAT and Mov Bari (6)

2. This matter was considered at Conference held in Rome 24 Mar '45 under Chairmanship Brig. Q (M.) AFHQ G-4 (Mov & Tn.), when it was agreed that there had apparently been some lack of use of Rail for Dock Clearance. Matter to be investigated.

3. Please investigate and reply at once to my signal 3977 of 21 March.

(6)

4. Please also investigate and report on possibility of use of PORTO EMPEDOCLE SA II ( BARI, BITONTO, BARLETTA) for clearance of following tonnages :-

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| | Distance (Km) | Tonnage |
|---|---|---|
| AFORIA | 55 | 1477 |
| CORATO | 41 | 430 |
| MOVO | 33 | 907 |
| TWILIGHT | 28 | 305 |

5. Subject to diversions to Rail from road, of traffic

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SECRET

HQ Senior AO. In Officer Bari
c/o HQ Movements. East Italy

1. Ref AO Port Liaison Officer, Bari letter Ref BA/PL/1/5 dated 12 Mar '45, enclosing copy of HQ Mov., Bari ref MT3/26 dated 10 Mar '45.

Ref also the following Signals

(a) My 3712 to MOVBIT for O'Leary

(b) ALCOA, Bari BA 633.

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3. Please investigate and reply at once to my signal 3977 of 21 March.

4. Please also investigate and report on possibility of use of FERRO VIARIA SA IT ( BARI, BITONTO, BARLETTA) for clearance of following tonnages :-

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| | Distance (Kms) | Tonnage |
|---|---|---|
| ANDRIA | 55 | 1177 |
| CORATO | 41 | 490 |
| RUVO | 33 | 97 |
| TERLIZZI | 28 | 588 |

5. Subject to diversions to Rail from road, of traffic referred to in para 3 & 4 please state effect on road transport in BARI

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE

E.J. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

Copy to :- AFHQ G-4 (Mov & Tn)
HQ Movements East Italy
Roads Division

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MINUTE

27/9/Tn.3.

1. The question of Docks Clearance at Bari was raised by Col. Sieff at Movements Conference 24 March '45.

2. Brig. Fellowes, Chairman, agreed it was apperent there had been some misuse of Civil Transport at Bari.

3. Representative of HQ. Movements, East Italy was instructed to investigate and to ensure that maximum clearance was effected by rail. He was referred to this HQ signal 3977 dated 21 Mar '45.

(6)

J.W. BAKER, Lt-Col.
Movements Division - Rail

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Our Ref : AC/27/5/Tn.3.

22 March 1945

SUBJECT :- Discharge of Barley at Brindisi

TO :- Port and Warehouse Division

1. Enclosed is AFHQ Letter ref G-4 (Mov & Tn) 5/215/3 D A dated 17 Mar '45 with copy of report from Movements Brindisi regarding delay in clearance of 350 tons Barley and what appears to be unreasonable delay to U S Transport 2nd & 3rd March.

2. Also enclosed copy of Signal 3911 of 20 March addressed ALCOM Rear rptd AFHQ.

3. The matter is passed to you for investigation and reply to AFHQ. It would be appreciated if you would agree with this Division your final reply before it goes off to AFHQ.

C.W. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Col.
MOVEMENTS DIVISION.
ROADS BRANCH

Copy to : Roads Division
Shipping Branch

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3 ENCL : AFHQ LTR . G-4 (Mov & Tn) 5/215/3DX of 17 Mov Brindisi. LTR.
HQ. ALCOM CABLE No 3911 of 20

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ALCOM BARI MOV BARI AFN. CITE FLIMS FOR INFO

3977 21 MARCH 45 ROUTINE

RESTRICTED FD

PARA ONE FD ALCOM SIGNAL BAKER ABLE SIX THREE THREE OF TWO ZERO MARCH AND MOV BARI LETTER BAKER ABLE SLANT PETER LOVE SLANT ONE SLANT FIVE OF ONE TWO MARCH REFER FD

PAREN TO ALCOM BARI TO MOV BARI TO AFN CITE FLIMS FOR INFO FROM ALCOM CITE ACTNT PAREN

SUGGEST FOLLOWING SHOULD MOVE RAIL FD ITALIAN STATE RLYS LINE BARLETTA VIGLIA BOLFETTA MONOPOLI SANTERANO TOTAL ONE ONE EIGHT TWO TONS FD SUD EST LINE ALBEROBELLO CONVERSANO CASTELLANA LOCOROTONDO NOICATTARO NOCI SAN MICHELE TURI TOTAL TWO NINE SIX SEVEN TONS FD URGENT POSSIBILITY RAIL MOVEMENT FOR SHORT DISTANCE ARMY AND REPORT FD CIVILIAN VEHICLE TYRE SITUATION BEING EXAMINED FD

COPY TO ROADS DIVISION
RAIL BRANCH
SHIPPING BRANCH

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TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS TIGHINO
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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BA633
MAR 201210A

D/5575
MAR 201842A
ROUTINE

ALCOM BARI

HQ ALCOM TRANSPORTATION

RESTRICTED.

Reference your 3712 of 18 March. Following is information requested. All deliveries to mills. These are the depots referred in MOV. BARI letter. Figures in tons.

ANDRIA 1177. ALBEROBELLO 1035 ½. BARLETTA 106. CORATO 480. CONVERSANO 226.
CASTELLANA 249. GIOIA 255. GIOVINAZZO 168. LOCOROTONDO 93. MOLFETTA 280.
MOLA 195. MONOPOLI 403. NOICATTARO 760. NOCI 310. PALO 284. RUVO 407.
RUTIGLIANO 247. SANTERAMO 138. S. MICHELE 156. TERLIZZI 588. TRIGGIANO 475.
TURI 138½. Total 8171 tons.

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ACTION: Tn S/C 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: BA633
Date/Time of Origin: MAR 201210A

Message Centre No: D/5575
Date Time Rec'd: MAR 2018/2A
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM BARI

TO : HQ ALCOM TRANSPORTATION

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HEADQUARTERS
21 MAR 945
A. C.

DIST

ACTION: Tn S/C 2
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
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ACTION

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SOVEIT

3712 17 MARCH 45 ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD REF YOUR BAKER ABLE SLANT PETER LOVE SLANT ONE SLANT FIVE OF ORE TWO PD

PARAS TO SOVIET FOR OLEARY FROM RU ALOOM SITE ACCEPT PAREN

SIGNAL URGENTLY BREAK DOWN IN TONS AND DESTINATIONS OF EIGHT ONE SIX X NINE TONS ALSO LIST OF DEPOTS FED BY CIVIL TRANSPORT AS REFERRED PARAS TWO AND THREE OF MOV BARI MIKE TARE SUGAR SLANT TWO SIX OF ONE ZERO MARCH ADDRESSED AMLY CHARLIE PORT OFFICER PD

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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