

Transportation of Charcoal
Vol II

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

10 October 1945

Tele : 479704

262/85/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Controlled movement of Charcoal

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

1. Attached is original and translation of a letter from SORIANO CARMINI forwarded for your information and action as necessary.
2. Please inform this office of your views on this matter.

For the Director.



C.F. CONSTABLE,
Major, R.E.

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SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE

51/RAIL/509

3 October 1945

Subject: Controlled Movement of Charcoal.

To : Transportation Sub Commission - Movs. Div.
HQ. A.C. A.P.O. 394

262/84

1. Reference is made to our 51/Rail/935 of 6 July 45,
which has not yet been answered.

Follow 75 refers
Follow 77 refers

2. We are forwarding herewith another complaint from
merchants of charcoal of Naples Province for your
examination.

For the Commissioner:



V.R. BOWERS
Major
Senior Tptn Officer?

Copy to: Adjutant's File
S.T.O. File
File.

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AB/as

TRANSLATION

The undersigner merchant dealing with charcoal on account of the province of Naples, and charged by the said province to collect charcoal in all producing places of this commodity would like to submit to your consideration the following:

- 1) the ban of S.E.P.R.A.L. control on the wagons, should be lifted in order to eliminate demourage on wagons caused by this bureaucratic system. This has been already done in Naples for Libertas Cooperative, Consorzio Agrario etc. which are providing coal for the nearest provinces more in need of such commodities.
- 2) To facilitate transports, it is necessary to go back to the system in use before August, when bids were tendered directly to the station Master, who directly forwarder them to the Movement Section without the trouble to go to the S.E.P.R.A.L. - the office of which not only pretend the certificate of the Chamber of Commerce concerning the representative of the community as has been done for the Cooperatives, Consorzi etc. but also the certificate of every producer of charcoal which dealing with lot of customers in the provinces, should produce an enormous quantity of certificates.
- 3) It is therefore important to consider all requests of the charcoal and fuelwood mongers of Naples and Salerno in order that the commodity may reach the above mentioned provinces in quantity enough to assure the quantity necessary for the population, because it is known that on the other side there are people aiming to hamper

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this service in order to facilitate the work of the black market, and the writer can assure that in the nearest provinces of production there is it quite enough, charcoal and fuelwood to assure the necessities of the provinces of Naples and Salerno.

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CRG/alc

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

30 August 1945

Tel : 478704

262/82/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Charcoal for manufacture of Carbon Bisulphide

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

*File 82
refer*

1. Reference your letter AC/5573/IND dated 27 Aug and telephone conversation today.
2. It is confirmed that bids for this movement should be placed with the ISR Compartimento, in which movement originates, in this case the REGGIO (CAL) Compartimento.
3. It is requested that correspondence concerning rail or road movement be addressed to MOVEMENTS Division and NOT to RAIL or ROADS Divisions, and that, where necessary, co-ordination with the former is arranged before despatch.

For the Director

alc

K.C.R. WORTHINGTON,
Major R.E.

alc

CFC/ele

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

22 August 1945

262/80/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Reference conversation (Worthington - Harrit) today.
2. Attached are copies of :-
 - (a) Letter from Director of Forest Services
 - (b) Letter from Industry Sub-Commission
3. In view of the large stocks on hand at MASSA MARITTIMA it is not considered that movement as outlined in (b) would be justified.

For the Director

C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON,
Major R.S.

Copy to : Industry Sub-Commission

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CFC/elo

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

21 August 1945

262/19/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

1. Reference your AC/5646/IND dated 11 Aug.
2. In view of the improved rail wagon availability it is considered that the programme of movement could be achieved well before the end of October and that this could be based on a regular movement of 1000 tons per week.
3. It is recommended, therefore, that bids be submitted for movement by rail of 1000 tons weekly, such bids to reach this office by Wednesday of each week.
4. The importance of the charcoal being available for loading at the time and place where rail wagons have been placed, is stressed in view of the difficulties which have arisen in the past due to non availability, furthermore, the Italian State Railways have now instituted a scale of demurrage charges for wagons placed for loading but not used.

For the Director

Cancelled

C.R. WORTHINGTON,
Major R.E.

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VD/CP/as

262/78

Tel. 543

11 August 1945

Ref. AC/5616/IND

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal.
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn.: Rail Branch).

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. The Carbon Bisulphide Industry of Northern Italy requires a supply of Charcoal to be moved in by RR from Central and Southern Italy.

2. The total tonnage to be moved totals 5,700 tons from the Cosenza, Frosinone, Aquila and Rome areas.

3. If possible, entire train loads should be used in transporting this commodity, owing to the lightness of which as many as 35 railcars per haul could be handled.

4. No definite schedule need be set for this movement, except that it must be effected by the end of October next, because country roads become impassable after that date. However, it is necessary that the first 1,000 tons be shipped within 30 days, in order to meet certain current high priority needs of the Agricultural and Chemical Industries.

5. In consideration of the foregoing, it is impossible to forward as yet the necessary bids.

6. We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience re the prospects of effecting this movement as requested.

7. Bids will be placed later according to such programs as will be agreed upon.

8. Quantities available at present are as follows:

- a) approx. 3,000 tons at Cosenza and other stations on the Cosenza-Paola line;
- b) " 1,400 tons at Tagliacozzo, Oricola-Pereta and other stations of the Avezzano-Rome line;

*Train daily
for 31 days
in first month
of movement
Balance
144 tons*

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c) approx. 600 tons at Zagarolo (Rome prov.) - Wagons needed are as follows:

a)	350	} considering an average capacity of 7 to 10
b)	170	
c)	70	

9. All wagons should be sent to Milan, for further distribution to the consuming centers.

10. Further details re exact location of lots, time of shipment, etc, can be obtained directly from the Agenzia Italiana Solfuro di Carbonio, 15 Via Conservatorio, Milan (Dr. Fausto JEMOLI).

Copy to:
Economic Section.

V. Dorkovich
V. DORKOVICH

for A.H. GLENDINNING
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

CRW/elo

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

14 July 1945

262/75/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Control Movement of Charcoal

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission
(Attn. Mr. J.M. Merritt, Director)

John J. Merritt
Refers

1. Reference conversation of 12 July '45 (Mr. Merritt - Major Worthington) regarding proposals put forward by Major Bowers, AG Senior Transportation Officer, Naples that bids for movement of domestic fuel i.e. firewood and charcoal should be placed through Sepral.
2. In accordance with your request copies of all correspondence on the matter received from AG Senior Transportation Officer, Naples are forwarded for your perusal, in the meantime instructions have been given to Major Bowers that no further action should be taken until a decision is reached by you on the future procedure to be adapted.

For the Director

C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON,
Major

Copy to : AMG Naples Commune

AG Senior Transportation Officer, Naples
(your 51/Rail/935 dated 6 July '45 refers)
Rail Division (Tn 4)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES COMMUNE
A.C. SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER

51/Rail/935

6 July 1945

rel: 53395

SUBJECT : Controlled Movement of Charcoal

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
Movements Division HQ.A.C. APO 394

262/74

1. Correspondence attached herewith will show that back in April of this year, a conference presided over by the Prefect of Naples, resolved upon a method of control of prices and movement of charcoal in this area.

2. The scheme was that only Consorzio Agrario Provinciale and Cooperativa Esercenti Carboni could submit bids for movement from certain areas, i.e.: Provinces of Salerno, Latania and Calabria, Basilicata Zones. Bids from individuals were to be submitted through these organizations.

3. This office was not consulted about the matter at any time, but allowed the arrangement to continue as it seemed to be one that would benefit the general public, particularly in the control of prices.

4. I have received a number of complaints from merchants to the effect that they cannot secure movement of charcoal for themselves but are compelled to buy from one or other of the a/m organizations

5. Investigation proves that the present scheme is not working satisfactorily, and this fact is confirmed by Dr Eminente, High Commissioner for Food's representative, who states the Prefect also is not satisfied.

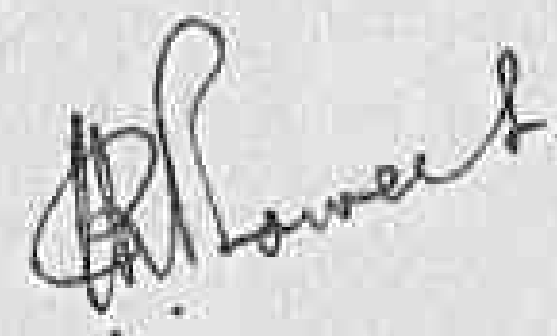
6. The following recommendations are made for re-adjustment of control:-

(1) That all bids for movement of domestic fuel, ie: firewood and charcoal, be submitted to Sepral, as is already done in the case of unrationed foods, wine and empty barrels.

(2) That this arrangement apply to all railroad compartimenti in Italian Government territory, in order to secure uniformity of procedure.

7. May a decision be given and appropriate action taken to secure the desired results as early as possible please; it is furthermore suggested that road transportation of charcoal be included in control.

For the Commissioner:



V.R. BOWERS
Major
Senior Transportation Officer

Copy to: Commissioner- AMG
Naples Commune
Dr. Eminente - Prefettura
H.E. The Prefect, Naples
Adjutant's File
S.T.O.'s File
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TRANSLATION

PREFETTURA DI NAPOLI

Naples 12 April 45

SUBJECT: Charcoal and Firewood.

Reference meeting of 9 April 45 at Prefettura in connection with supply of charcoal for main centres and Communes of this Province.

The situation was considered and sources of production taken into account as well as a desire to prevent continual rise in prices.

The following were resolved:

- (1) Railway waggons for the movement of charcoal for Calabria and Basilicata Zone, Salerno and Idrina provinces will be authorized only to the Consorzio Agrario and Cooperative Esportatori Carboni.
- (2) In the Communes of this province, Cooperative, and free traders must import supplies from other sources than the district referred to in para. 1, if possible. Failing this, application for movement of charcoal by rail from Calabria and Basilicata Zone must be made to Consorzio Agrario and Coop. Esport. Carboni.
- (3) Pending establishment of prices by the ministry, temporary prices are fixed at:
 - 12 Lire per Kg. retail
 - 10,50 Lire per Kg. wholesale to traders
 - 10 Lire per kg to Cooperatives
 - General price 2,000 Lire per Quintal.
- (4) Temporary firewood prices fixed as:
 - 300 Lire per Quintale wholesale
 - 350 Lire per Quintal wholesale to Bakeries.
- (5) Recommendations for collection of the winter supply will be determined between the Consorzio and the Cooperatives and submitted to the Sopral and Amore of the Comune of Naples.

Signed

IL PREFETTO

Recommended by Comm.

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R. PREFETTURA DI NAPOLI

Prot. No. 39653

12/4/1945

MINISTRO COMMISSIONE
UFFICIO TRASPORTI

Piazza Nicola Amore 2 - Napoli.

OGGETTO: Carbone vegetabile e legna da ardere.

ALLA SEPRAL
AL SINDACO DI NAPOLI
ALL' A.C. Piazza Nicola Amore
AL COMANDO R. CORPO DELLA PORTINERIA
ALLA COOPERATIVA ESERCENTI CARBONI
CONSORZIO AGRARIO PROVINCIALENAPOLI

A seguito della riunione del giorno 9 corrente presso questa Prefettura in merito all'approvvigionamento dei combustibili vegetali per il capoluogo e i Comuni della provincia, considerate le condizioni determinatesi sui luoghi di produzione e la necessità di evitare il continuo aumento dei prezzi all'origine, dovuto agli inconvenienti rilevati nel corso della riunione stessa, resta confermato quanto segue:

- 1) I vagoni ferroviari per le zone di Calabria, Basilicata e per la Provincia di Salerno e Latina, per il trasporto di combustibili vegetali, saranno assegnati esclusivamente al Consorzio Agrario e alla Cooperativa Esercenti Carboni.
- 2) I Comuni della Provincia, le Cooperative di consumo e i Liberi esercenti dovranno approvvigionarsi di massa in zone diverse da quelle indicate al No. 1. Tuttavia qualora i Comuni della Provincia desiderino approvvigionarsi su dette zone, a mezzo vagoni ferroviari, debbono rifornirsi presso la Cooperativa esercenti carboni ed il Consorzio Agrario.
- 3) Il prezzo di vendita alla consumo resta determinato in L. 12 al Kg. in via provvisoria ed in attesa delle definitive disposizioni ministeriali, circa i prezzi all'origine. Il prezzo di cessione ai dettaglianti e' determinato in L. 16,50 franco magazzino Napoli e alla Cooperativa di consumo in L. 10 al Kg. franco magazzino Napoli. Il prezzo ai Comuni e' determinato in L. 2,000 al q. le franco stazione per vagone evincolato e per merce fornita dalla Cooperativa e dal Consorzio.
- 4) Il prezzo della legna da ardere e' determinato provvisoriamente in L. 360 al q. le al dettaglio ed in L. 330 al q. le al consumo e al dettaglio dei purificatori.
- 5) Il Consorzio Agrario e la Cooperativa Esercenti Carboni incaricati di provvedere ad un mercato per la stagione invernale dei combustibili vegetali sono invitati a determinare accordi precisi fra i due Enti ed a sottoporre le relative considerazioni alla SEPRAL ed all'Ammon. del Comune di Napoli.

IL PREFETTO.

4701

25 April 1945

FROM : Alto Commissariato per l'Alimentazione (SEPRAL)
TO : A.C. Transportation Section.
SUBJECT: Allotment of rail cars for coal.

Reference note No. 39653, Div. III of 12/4/45 from R. Prefettura of Naples, it is confirmed that the instructions issued with said note will be put into effect immediately and therefore you will not accept any bids for rail cars for civil freight traffic upon allotment previously granted by this Sepral for the loading stations included in the province of Salerno and Iatinia, and the Zone of Calabria and Basilicata.

The Director
(Mr. R. Nguaroso)

A.S.

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PRESIDENZA DEL CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI
ALTO COMMISSARIATO PER L'ALIMENTAZIONE NAPOLE

25 Aprile 1945

Prot. 22046

All'A.C. Sezione Trasporti.

Oggetto: Assegnazione vagoni per carbone vegetale.

In riferimento alla nota n. 39655 Div.III del 12/4/45 della R. Prefettura di Napoli si precisa che le determinazioni contenute nella nota stessa hanno applicazione immediata e quindi non sarà dato corso da parte Vostra ad eventuali richieste di vagoni ferroviari da parte di privati, dei Comuni e degli Enti vari su assegnazioni effettuate precedentemente da questa Sopra per le stazioni di caricamento comprese nelle province di Salerno e Latina e nelle zone di Calabria e Basilicata.

Il Direttore

(Avv. Rumoroso)

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TRANSLATION

Naples 3 July 1945

Major Bowers
Allied Command Provincial Bldg
Naples

The firm Papaccio Vincenzo of Naples dealing in timber commerce, has to furnish wood to burn to the Patronato Scolastico which administrats the Elementary School kitchens of Naples, its food is furnished by the U.M.R.R.A. which statement is here by attached. Such wood the firm received by railwagons. But the Prefect issued on order N° 39653 III Division dated 12/4/45 stopping such concession to the commercial firms of Naples, I'm making application to you sir to obtain Railwagons, in order to hold my agreement furnishing wood to the Patronato Scolastico.

I also wish to inform that the Commercial firms pay taxes and they must live. Surely you will give a benevolent consideration to the present application.

I remain respectfully your

VINCENZO PAPACCIO

Resident at 1 Traversa S. Anna alle
Paludi N° 20 - Napoli
(Commerciante Legnami)

Napoli, 3 luglio 1945

SIG. MAJOR BOWERS

COMANDO ALLEATO - PALAZZO PROVINCIA

N A P O L I

La ditta PAPACCIO VINCENZO di Napoli commercio dei legnami deve fornire legna da ardere al Patronato Scolastico che somministra la refezione alle Scuole Elementari di Napoli con viveri donati dall'U.N.R.R.A. giusta alligata attestazione. Dette legna gli perveniva a mezzo vagone ferroviario, ma siccome S.E. Il Prefetto con circolare N° 39653 Divisione III in data 12.4.45 vietava tale concessione ai commercianti di Napoli, il Papaccio si rivolge a V.S. per ottenere la concessione dei vagoni per fare fronte agli impegni col Patronato Scolastico.

Ha presente che i commercianti pagano le tasse e quindi devono anche vivere.

Sicuro che V.S. voglia benevolmente accogliere tale istanza, resta in attesa dei provvedimenti.

Con osservanza.

Vincenzo Papaccio

Commerciante legnami

Traversa S. Anna alle Paludi 20

iscritto alla C. di Commercio al N° 22912 Napoli

Patronato Scolastico della Città di Napoli
BANCHI NUOVI, 8

Prot. N. 245

Napoli li 19 giugno 1945

Oggetto Attestazione

Si attesta che la ditta PAPACCIO VINCENZO
ha fornito e deve fornire legna da ardere a questo
Patronato Scolastico che cura la somministrazione
della refezione alle scuole elementari di Napoli,
con viveri donati dall' U.N.R.R.A.

IL PRESIDENTE
(Prof. Giuseppe Zito)



[Handwritten signature]

Tele : 464

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

AMMCC/fa

262/73

Our ref.: AC/652/51/Tn 3

6 July 1945

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal from Soverato

TO : Ignazio Pecoraro Cappelli
Palazzo INCIS Catanzaro

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 21 June '45.
2. No shipping has been definitely allocated to move charcoal from Soverato, and therefore you should submit bids in the usual way for movement by rail. No further arrangements will be made to ship by sea.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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Ambrose Clune
A.W. McCLURE *Inf RA*
Major, R.A.

Copy to : Mov Rail ✓
Agriculture S/O

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IFC/elc

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel : 478701

22 June 1945

262/72/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Transportation of Charcoal

TO : Consorzio Nazionale degli Industriali
Produttori di Olio dalle Sasse.
Via Tomacelli 132, Rome

*Idio T.
refers.*

1. Reference your M. 7541 dated 20 June '45 requesting the allocation of 10 wagons weekly for the transportation of Charcoal from Calabria to Catania.
2. Will you please instruct the Consorzio S.P.E.R.O. Gestione l'Insulare to place weekly rail bids in the normal way with the Reggio Compartimento of the I.S.R.

J.W. Baker
J.W. BAKER, Lt.Col.

Copy to : AC Transportation Officer, Reggio Calabria

*Recd Camp
Cdr. Paddy*

JTH/mm

Tel. 396

20 June 1945

Ref. AC/5616/IND.

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
FROM : Industry Sub-Commission

262/71

The increased demand by Dr. Panunze for 10 wagons instead of the 2 wagons per week previously requested for movement of charcoal from Calabria to Catania is approved by Industry Sub-Commission.

Copy to :-
Economic Section

J. J. Wright

J.T. WRIGHT, Captain

for W.J. MASKREY
Lt. Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

*for 262/72/TMS
22/6/45*

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CONSORZIO NAZIONALE DEGLI INDUSTRIALI PRODUTTORI DI OLIO DALLE SANSE

ROMA

TEL. 64-341 (centralino)

VIA TOMACELLI, 132

Prot.N.7541

Roma - 20/6/1945

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Mov. Division - Rail

ROMA

OGGETTO = Trasporto carbone vegetale dalla Calabria
alla Soc. Insulare di Catania =

La nostra Consorziata Soc. S.P.E.R.O. Gestione l'"Insulare" di Catania, dovendo provvedere al ritiro del carbone vegetale indispensabile per la produzione del solfuro di carbonio chiede:

- 1) - che l'assegnazione dei vagoni per il trasporto di detto carbone vegetale dalla Calabria al suo stabilimento di Catania - che attualmente è di solo due vagoni settimanali - venga concessa per dieci vagoni settimanali.
- 2) - detta richiesta viene inoltrata perchè il trasporto di tutto il carbone vegetale possa essere effettuato nei mesi estivi non essendo possibile durante i mesi invernali.
- 3) - Si prega codesta Sub-Commission di voler aderire alla richiesta in considerazione della importante attività svolta dalla ditta S.P.E.R.O. di Catania.

All.N.1

Le 20/2/72 / 403
22/6/45

IL DIRETTORE

A. Panunzi

FD/elc

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

11 May 1945

Tel : 478701

262/70/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Failure to load charcoal

TO : Senior Transportation Officer, AG Rome

1. Reference your Form KB 0237 covering loadings at Albinia Station for the period 30 Apr - 6 May it is noted that A.S.A. failed to load a single wagon against an allotment of 600 tons of charcoal.
2. The reason given "that charcoal available was not up to standard required" is no excuse at all for this very serious waste of carrying capacity. A.S.A. should have satisfied themselves, before bidding for such a large tonnage, that the product was available and ready to load.
3. It is noted that in the periods 7 - 13 May and 14 - 20 May considerable tonnages have again been bid for by A.S.A. from the same station. Please ascertain whether or not the charcoal is available and will be loaded or, if this cannot be confirmed, advise this HQ so that the bids can be cancelled. No further bids should be accepted until this matter has been cleared up.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE

C.H. Worthington
C.H. WORTHINGTON
Major

FD/elc

262/69

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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22 March 1945

Tel : 478701

262/69/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Removal of Charcoal from Calabria

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Reference our 262/67/Tn 3 of 8 March bids accepted for movement of charcoal for week 12 - 18 March were as follows :-

To Grotone	49	wagons
" Vibo Valentia	35	"
" Reggio	10	"
" Melito	1	"
" Sicily	21	"
Total	116	"

2. It is believed that a large proportion of this tonnage moved within the period.

J. W. B. Thomas
L. Col.

M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director
Transportation Sub-Commission

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT: Removal of charcoal from Calabria

REF: MDG. I/8/125

TO:

H.Q. A.C. (FOR TPTN S.C. RAIL MOVEMENTS)

16 MAR 45

1. Ref. your 262/67/TN 3 of 8 Mar. bids are being received and approved weekly for an average of 120 " opens".

2. For example for week of 12-16 Mar. accepted bids were

48	wagons to Crotone
35	" " Vibo V.
10	" " Reggio
1	" " Melito
21	" " Sicily

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3. The proportion for Sicily may not be as high as you would expect but our daily despatches of wagons (all types) to Sicily is ~~planned~~ well up to requirements.

B. B. B. B.

E. W. HODDY

CAPTAIN

DIV. SUPT. IN SUB-COMM. A.C.

2. For example for week of 12-18 Mar. accepted bids were weekly for an average of 120 "opens".

2. For example for week of 12-18 Mar. accepted bids were

48	wagons to Ortona
35	" " Vibbs V.
10	" " Reggio
1	" " Melito
21	" " Sicily

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3. The proportion for Sicily may not be as high as you would expect but our daily despatches of wagons (all types) to Sicily is **MAMA** well up to requirements.

B. W. Boddy

B. W. BODDY

CAPTAIN

DIV. SUPPLY SUB-COMM. A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Transportation Sub-Commission
 (Movements Division - Rail)

Tel : 478704

8 March 1945

262/67/TN 3

SUBJECT : Removal of Charcoal from Calabria

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission
 Forestry Division

1. Reference your AGR/4020 dated 6 March '45 and enclosures.

2. The report on the meeting held on 8 February '45 has been read with interest and it is noted that stocks of charcoal are now available at certain stations awaiting rail movement to ports or direct by Rail Ferry to Sicily.

3. The wagon position in Calabria at the present moment is better than it has been for some time past, in fact additional wagons over and above the areas allotment have been sent into Calabria in order that they may be worked over to Sicily, where there is at present a great shortage. In this connection instructions have already been given to the AC Transportation Officer at Reggio that as many wagons as possible, being returned to Sicily will be loaded with charcoal.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE

J. H. Taylor
 HERRITT H. TAYLOR
 Director, Transportation Sub-Commission

Copy to : Capt. B.W. Boddy,
 Transportation Officer AC (Rail)
 Reggio

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Tel:489081
Ext.277

NCB/ma

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Agriculture Sub Commission

Handwritten initials and date: 11/12/45

6 March 1945

AGR/402.0

SUBJECT: Removal of Charcoal from Calabria.

Handwritten: 262/66

TO : Transportation Sub Commission
Rail Movement Division
(Attn: Major Worthington)

1. The Federazione Consorzio Agrari at Rome is very anxious to have cars provided for the movement of charcoal from various points in Calabria to Sicily. This morning Major Schlich of this organization came in to discuss the matter and I am forwarding a copy of a memorandum left with us by him.

2. I am also submitting herewith the summary of a telephone conversation with Lt. Mazzeo of the Royal Forest Corps who is in charge of the charcoal distribution.

3. Also inclosed herewith is a report of the Legion Commander of Calabria showing the volume of charcoal ready for shipment from various railroad stations in Calabria and to the various ports in Calabria.

4. Anything you can do to help expedite the movement of these materials will be greatly appreciated.

Handwritten signature: Nelson C. Brown
NELSON C. BROWN
Forestry Division.

3 Incls:
Copy of memo left by Schlich.
Summary of tele conversation.
Copy of report of Legion Commander.

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FEDERAZIONE CONSORZIO AGRARI - ROME

5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Removal of Charcoal from Calabria.

TO : Agriculture Sub Commission
(Attn: Col Fuller)

1. Informs this Agriculture Sub Commission that the cars for the transportation of charcoal from the Province of Calabria to the ports of shipment (Reggio Calabria, Vibo Valentia, and Crotona) are not granted by competent local organizations, and as a consequence this Federation, without the absolute certainty that the cars will be assigned for the shipment, will not be able to assume the responsibility of making the contracts with the furnisher at Calabria and for that reason the coal will not go to the said ports of imbarcation.

2. We inform you of the above so that you can intervene through the competent organizations of Calabria until the cars are granted promptly and certainly.

Thank you.

Major Schlich

Telephone Conversation with Lt. Mazzeo

Wishes to inform the Forestry Division that the services are restored in the ports of Reggio Calabria Crotone and Vibo Valentia and are already functioning and first movements of charcoal and fuelwood have taken place.

Il servizio istituito nei porti di Reggio Calabria, Crotone e Vibo Valentia già comunicato funzionamento e noi abbiamo avuto i primi segnalazione di movimento di carbone e legna.

Lt. Mazzeo

Royal Forest Corps - Legion Command - Calabria

Prot No 1247 Pos.III - 5/T/C

Reggio Calabria 20 February 1945

TO : Col Fuller - Agric S/C - Rome

Direction of Forest Services - Rome

High Commissioner for Sicily - Palermo

Inter-regional offices of Consorzi Agrari - Naples
Palermo.

SUBJECT: Transport of Fuels to Sicily.

Report about the meeting held on 8th February 1945
at the Forestry Legion Command of Calabria.

For your information we are sending you copy of the
report about the meeting held on 8th February at this
Command regarding the transportation program and piling
up charcoal in Calabria with relation to the exportation of
charcoal to Sicily according to the distribution plan
prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests.

It Col Commander
/s/ Mangano Dr; Aurelio

ROYAL FOREST CORPS - Legion Command of Calabr--.

Report about the meeting held on 8th February 1945 at the Legion Command of Calabria to decide the transportation program of fuel in Calabria and for exportation to Sicily.

Taking for granted that the transportation S/Commission of AC in Reggio Calabria with note of 30 January 1945 has informed us to be ready and in condition to carry out the transport of charcoal by railway from several stations of the F.F.S.S. Compartment of Calabria to the three ports of shipment: Crotone, Vibo Valentia and Reggio Calabria suggesting how to reduce to the minimum the distances of transport with regard to the said ports, and have found that at the following railway stations remarkable quantities of charcoal are on hand.

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Badolato	"	2.000	"	R. Calabria
S. Andrea Jonio	"	6.000	"	"
Paola	"	2.000	"	Vibo Valentia
Fuscaldo	"	5.000	"	"
Acquappesa	"	5.000	"	"
Cetraro	"	3.000	"	"
Verbicaro	"	6.000	"	"
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The mentioned Forestry Legion Commander has called for a meeting on 8th February 1945 at the Legion Command to discuss the above-mentioned subject.

The following persons attended the meeting:

1. Captain Corby of the Transportation S/C of Reggio Calabria.
2. The Commissioner of the Prov. Consorzi Agrari Provincial of Reggio Calabria and the head of the Commercial Affairs of the Consorzio.
3. The Director of Prov. Cons. Agrari of Catanzaro with the head of Commercial Affairs of the Consorzi.
4. The head of fuelwood and charcoal section of the Prov. Cons. Agrario.
5. The Forestry Legion Commander of Calabria with the Group Commanders of the Provinces of Catanzaro, Cosenza and Reggio Calabria.

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3. In dependence of which was mentioned in paragraph 2, it is necessary to avoid the approval for shipment to private firms.
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3. In consequence the approval by the Forestry Provincial Commands will not only be given to the Consorzi Agrari but also to the firms before mentioned.

When the Consorzi are ready to function fully, we will inform the R. Prefecture to exclude the private firms from their task.

4. Since the legislation governing the supply of fuels is still in effective, it is evident, that if the producers and dealers of charcoal and fuelwood should make an excessive resistance ask for excessive prices, it will be possible to proceed to requisition the above-mentioned fuels. To this end the Forestry Group Commanders in accord with the Consorzio concerned, if they realize the existence of the above-mentioned conditions, will submit to this Legion in due time, proper concrete justified proposals.

After these explanations the representatives of the Consorzi Agrari agreed and assured ~~that~~ their immediate good will for collaboration.

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This information has to reach the Legion of Reggio Calabria in not less than 10 days of anticipation on the date of the beginning of the week in regard to the program and therefore those referring to the week beginning on 26th February to 4 March have to reach the Legion Command not later than the 16th c.m. and so on for the next week.

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Lt. Col. Mangano

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

262/65

D-4450

ES/1352.2

Rome, 27 February 1945

Subject : Rail Bids Woodfuel. Charcoal.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission (Rails)
A.C. HQ.

folio 61

1. Will you please refer to our letter ES/1352.2
6 February 1945.

2. The following bids were included in your pro-
gramme for period 26 February 4 March.

BID No.

6782	RD 346	AC ROME	Charcoal	Frasconi Orvieto
6783	RD 347	" "	Fuelwood	" "
6785	RD 349	" "	"	Allerona
6787	RD 351	" "	"	S.I.F.E.R. Padiglione

why

3. As per the above mentioned letter these bids
must be channeled through ASA and not presented direct to
A.C. Will you please instruct these stray bidders accord-
ingly.

4. We attach herewith copy of letter received from
the Ing. Marzi Marchese - Head of the A.S.A. (Rome Municipal
Administration). This again confirms the danger of loose bids
for woodfuel and charcoal. We must remind you that rail-
cars even for these commodities have a high value and it is
absolutely essential that the Rome Municipal Authority are
able to decide who shall load and at which price the mer-
chandise will be sold. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

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JOHN D. LESTER, Capt. ER.
Econ. & Supply Division
Lazio Umbria Region

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COMUNE DI ROMA

Roma, 27/2/45

AZIENDA SERVIZI ANNONARI

Trasporti Ferroviari

3° Combustibili

SIG. CAPT. JOHN D. LESTER
Econ. & Supply Div. - Roma

Le Ditte SIFER e Frasconi hanno in corso forniture di legna da ardere per conto di questa Azienda, effettuandone i trasporti a mezzo ferrovia.

Se nonchè le nominate Ditte, invece di passare le richieste di carri ferroviari tramite la scrivente, così come disposto in precedenza da codesto Comando, ottengono la diretta assegnazione dei carri stessi, provocando una evidente mancanza di controllo sugli afflussi di detto combustibile nella città di Roma. Da tale impossibilità di controllo da parte dell'ASA deriva una grande indisciplina nella stabilizzazione dei prezzi e non si esclude che possa determinarsi una immissione di altri generi, per esempio di carbone, che andrebbe al consumatore attraverso il mercato nero.

Questa Azienda ha già fatto presente agli interessati la necessità che le richieste in parola vengano qui presentate. Si prega ora codesto Comando di non voler dare corso a quelle richieste che venissero ancora inoltrate direttamente, non tramite questa Azienda.

Con l'occasione si comunica che, mentre per la settimana 19 - 25 febbraio sono stati da codesto Comando assegnati alla Ditta Arrigoni carri ferroviari per 140 Tonn. per trasporto di legna da ardere dalla stazione di Monte S. Biagio, detti carri non sono stati ancora messi a disposizione della Ditta, nè risulta pervenuta regolare autorizzazione alla Stazione ferroviaria. Si chiede pertanto il cortese interessamento in merito da parte di codesto Comando.

F.to L'ASSESSORE
MARZI MARCHESI

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TRANSLATION

From A.S.A.

TO : Capt. J. D. IESHER
Economic & Supply Div. - Rome.

1 fuels

The firms S.I.F.E.R. and Prasconi are contractors for furnishing fuelwood to the A.S.A.

These firms instead of passing the bids to us to be screened they submit them direct to the AC. This proceeding causes lack of control on our part, and consequently indisciplined of which concern the prices of fuelwood on the market of Rome, and the commodity would go to the consumer through black market.

The A.S.A. did not fail to call the attention to the upon mentioned firms that the bids should only be presented through us.

On this occasion we like to communicate that, during the period 19 - 25/2 the AC. has granted to the firm Arrigoni Railway cars transported to Rome from the loading station Monte S. Biagio. The cars have not yet been put at the disposal of the firm nor the authorization, has reached the loading station.

We would be pleased to hear that the AC. should take interest in this matter.

S. de L'ARSENCO
MARZI MARCHESE.

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FROM MATSON REGGIO 17----
TO LINDBERG TRANS SUB COM RAIL SEC ROME
QQX GR61 BT

MOVEMENTS DIVISION REFERENCE 262/59/TN.

3 PROPOSES EXTENSIVE MOVEMENT CHARCOAL TO CALABRIA PORTS
BY RAIL THENCE BY SEA TO SICILY PORTS
PERIOD IT WILL BE NECESSARY MOVE EMPTY WAGONS TO SICILY
~~TO~~ TO PROTECT MILITARY TRAFFIC.

WHY CANNOT BE LOADED IN CALABRIA AND FORWARDED DIRECT TO SICILY
DESTINATION WHICH WILL EXPEDITE MOVEMENT
REDUCE WAGONS REQUIRED AND
AND ILLUMINATE EMPTY HAUL

BT

CT 195 17 61 262 59 TN 3 ILLUMINATE
EAJH : NN:

RD 195 2312 JFW AR

we agree

Pham Mai Blaw
Agree that the signal
state that he has
already been told to
do this
11/10/64



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Done
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R294
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 10/1220A

Message Centre No: D/1402
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 10/1755
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: * AL TH REGGIO
TO : ALCOM FOR IN S/C RAIL MOV DIV, INFO: ALCOM SOUTHERN REGION,
ALCOM CATANZARO ZONE.

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Your RM957 February 1. Stocks charcoal as at 8 February ready to load schooners REGGIO 380 tons GROTONI 50 tons VIBO VALENTIA nil. Loading programme now being received this office to comd Forest Corps REGGIO week 12-18 February 10 wagons ROSARNO to VIBO VALENTIA. Week 19-25 February calls for 99 wagons to supply following tonnage GROTONI 280 VIBO 490 REGGIO 220. Demands for wagons by military may require some curtailment of programme.

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Action: TRANS
Info: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION
APO 394

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262/61

ES/1352.2

Rome, 6 February 1945

SUBJECT : Charcoal and Woodfuel movements by rail

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission (Rails)
A.C. HQ.

1. All bids for charcoal supplies for the city of Rome will be channeled through the Azienda Servizi Annonari (Rome Municipal Administration), Charcoal is a rationed item and it is essential that no private concern be allocated rail cars unless the charcoal is intended for general distribution per the medium of the Azienda to the population.

2. The woodfuel programme is also channeled through the Azienda in order to ensure the municipally subsidized wood-fuel supply for the bread bakeries of the City. Second priority of wood-fuel supplies brought in by rail goes to Hospitals and other institutions. The low transport costs on the movement of charcoal and wood-fuel by rail as against road transport must go to the benefit of the general public.

3. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

FOR THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER

[Signature]

JOHN D. LESTER, Capt. BR.
Economics & Supply Division
Lazio Umbria Region

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Major Dutton

Please note

*His letter & advice call staff
that bids used by General
Carter should placed through
Azienda*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Agriculture Sub Commission

FSF/ht

5 February 1945

Tel.: 277
AGR/402.0

Subject : Movement of charcoal - Calabria to Sicily.

To : Transportation Sub-Commission
Movement Division - Rail.

262/60

1. Reference your letter February 7, 1945 262/59/TN.3.

2. We agree that the schedule for schooner transport from Calabria to Sicily should be temporarily suspended until such a time as charcoal arrives at the ports and is available for shipment to Sicily.

F.S. Fuller

F.S. FULLER
Lt. Colonel
Chief of Forestry Div.

DISTRIBUTION:
Ministry of Agriculture,
Attention of Lt. Col. Gangemi

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
(Movements Division - Rail)

Tele : 478704

262/59/TN.3

3 February 1945.

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal - Calabria to Sicily.

To : Agriculture Sub-Commission (Forestry Division).

1. Reference your AGR/403.7 dated 19 January 45 and to telephone conversation (Col. Fuller-Major Worthington) 3 February 45.

2. A signal has today been received from Transportation Officer Reggio, stating that NO charcoal has so far moved to Ports in accordance with the programme outlined in this Sub-Commission letter AC TN/12/49/HM dated 11 January 45 based on information contained in your AGR/403.7 dated 8 January 45.

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W. J. Taylor
for WERRITT H. TAYLOR,
DIRECTOR

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION.

Copies to :-

Movements Division (Shipping).

Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

(att. Regional Transportation Officer).

Transportation Officer, AC Reggio. (Your R.262, 2 Feb. refers).

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION.

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Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.

(Att. Regional Transportation Officer).

Transportation Officer, AC Reggio. (Your R.269, 2 Feb. refers).

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's reference: R 269
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 02/1100A

Message Centre No: D/376
Date/Time Rec'd: FEB 02/1600
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AG TN REGGIO
TO: ALCOM FOR TN SUB COM RAIL MOVEMENT

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Your RM 967 February 1. No charcoal has been moved under plan outlined your letter 11 January. Schooners not yet at port due to heavy weather. Both comd forest corps and cons agrario have promised to provide loading programme but not yet received. This office letter 30 January refers. 16 wagons charcoal were exported to SICILY via rail ferry during January.

ACTION

DIST

Action: TN S/C
Info: A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
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I have spoken to Col Fuller & explained the position as outlined in above sequel. He is taking up with Ministry here requesting them to send an immediate signal to the Region Commander telling him to make charcoal available for movement. Suitable letter being written to Agricoltura Sub-Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Rail)

Tele : 478704

26 January 1945

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Notes on Meeting held at Ministry of
Agriculture 24 Jan '45 regarding Move-
ment of charcoal to Sicily.

Rail Movement to Ports.

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C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON
Major

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Agriculture Sub Commission

FSF/ht

Tel.: 277
AGR/403.7

19 January 1945

Subject : Charcoal from Calabria.

To : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Rail-Division)
Attention of Lt.Col.Baker.

262/56

1. We are sending you a translation of a letter from the Consorzio Agrario of Catanzaro, Jan.11, 1945 to the Italian Federation of the Consorzi Agrari - Rome regarding the charcoal and fuelwood situation in Calabria.

2. This letter may explain why you are not receiving bids in the proper manner for charcoal to be shipped from Calabria to Sicily. At my suggestion the Consorzi Agrari have been making trips to the various railway stations where known amounts of charcoal are located. They report that large quantities of this charcoal is owned by private firms who are apparently not submitting bids for transport through your office.

3. If this charcoal is moving to Sicily it would be reasonable to assume that it is being moved by "Black Market" schooners and might explain why bids are not being submitted in the normal manner.

F.S. Fuller
F.S.FULLER
Lt.Colonel
Chief of Forestry Div.

*Spoke Col. Fuller. Agreed
no action until Major Blair
has reported*

1 Inclosure:

Translation of the letter from the
Consorzio Agrario - Catanzaro, 11 Jan., 1945.

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TRANSLATION

ITALIAN FEDERATION OF THE CONSORZI AGRARI - Catanzaro

Office of vegetable fuels - Rome Catanzaro, 11 January 1945

and for information:

Interregional Office - Naples
R.F.C - Catanzaro
A.C.att.Major Guj - Catanzaro

Supply of vegetable fuels for Sicily.

We confirm your letter N.105/2 of 19 ult. and solicit in giving you report about the first contacts taken with the competent local organs regarding the work to be unrolled according to your instructions:

C H A R C O A L

SCALO BADOLATO:

Ditta Zoccoli e Versaci	qli.	2000.-
" " Salvatore	"	1600.-
" " Antonio	"	500.-
" " Rocco	"	120.-
" Staiano Salvatore	"	500.-
" Piroso Antonio	"	1500.-
" Battaglia Bruno	"	800.-
		qli.7020.-

SCALO CROPANI :

Ditta Talarico Matteo	qli.	2543.-
" Schipani Francesco	"	842.-
" Pascuzzi Antonio	"	2500.-
" Greco Riccardo	"	1398.-
		qli.7283.-

SCALO GUARDAVALLE:

Ditta Filastò Giuseppe qli. 300.-

SCALO CALABRO LUCANE - Petilia Policastro qli.11000.-

Ditta SO.FO.ME.

SCALO S.ANDREA:

Ditta Zoccoli Paolo qli.6500.-

A RIPOREARE qli.32103.-

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A RIPORTARE

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RIPORTO qli. 32103.-

SCALO S. CATERINA

Ditta Gianni Nicola q/li 2411.-
 " Battaglia Bruno " 950.-

qli. 3350.-

SCALO SOVERATO:

Ditta Zoccoli e Versaci

qli. 3308.-

SCALO CROTONE:

Produzione Provincia Cosenza

qli. 6000.-

T O T A L E qli. 44753.-

F U E L W O O D

SCALO BADOLATO

Ditta Zoccoli Salvatore qli. 10000.-
 " Battaglia Bruno " 4000.-
 " Lampasi Domenico " 3000.-

qli 17000.-

SCALO CATANZARO MARINA:

Ditta Pullega - Borgia

qli 16000.-

T O T A L E: qli 33000.-

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1°) After having asked the firm Zoccoli Salvatore, Zoccoli Antonio, Piroso Antonio, Battaglia Bruno and Filastò Giuseppe for an assignment of vegetable fuels of their production, they told us verbally that they have already sold the quantities above mentioned to the several firms of Sicily and to the Consorzio of Trapani.

2°) In any case they informed us that the price of L.380.- the quintal F.O.B. railway car - price already fixed for the production by the Provincial Commission of Prices, is not remunerative. (without profit)

3°) On the other side they have told us that, if the Central organs will not establish the definite price of assignment, they are not willing to deliver the merchandise.

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As soon as we have taken the necessary contacts with the other firms, we will inform you with readiness about the eventual agreements taken.

Premised that and after having examined this situation, we have had the impression that it is absolutely necessary that also the purchased charcoal from the different firms and from our fellow-members of Sicily has to go through us.

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In this occasion we want also confirm to you the difficulties stated with our letter some days before regarding transportation, which difficulties following the promises by a Colonel of the Allies recently entertained on this subject, we are sure, can be easily surpassed.

This for your information.

The Director
Dr. Vincenzo Faga

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

262/55

Tel: 843238
Our Reference: AC/91/Tn 4

17 January 1945

TO: Tn Sub-Commission
Movements Section,
HQ., AC.

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal - Calabria to Sicily.

1. Reference is your letter 16 January 45, Tn/12/53/RM to Major Blair, Reggio.
2. Reggio Div Supt is under instructions to maintain balance of cars in Sicily and there is no reason why such cars should not be loaded. Such method of movement, would in fact make for more efficient working.

G. H. Lindberg
G. H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section

Copy to: Major W.F. Blair, C/o Mov Reggio.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Economic Section

12/54

Tel.: 277
AGR/403.7

16 January 1945

Subject : Charcoal Petilia Policastro Comune.

To : H.Q. 3 District, attention Lt.Col.E.A.H. GOODWIN.

1. At the timber production conference held at A.C.H.Q. Catanzaro on January 2nd, 1945 it was reported to the Chief of the Forestry Division, Agriculture Sub Commission that a supply of 10,000 quintals of charcoal were available for shipment from Petilia Policastro.

2. Major Holland of 274 Work Section RE Crotone in charge of operations in this area believes that the civilian use of this material is restricted by the memorandum HQ AAI (ADM ECH) C.M.F.2157/Q2, 7 April 1944, subject: timber supply, Calabria. Paragraph 1 of this memorandum states:

"The following arrangements for the control of cut and uncut timber in Calabria will be effective from 1 April 1944:"
and makes no mention of charcoal.

3. This office would like an interpretation of the above memorandum as it regards charcoal for civilian use. Permission is particularly requested for the use of charcoal at Petilia Policastro for civilian purposes.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

L.D.
L.D. DENSMORE
Colonel, F.A.
Acting Deputy Chief of Staff
Economic Section

DISTRIBUTION:

Transportation S./C.(Rail Division)
✓ Transportation S./C.(Movements Division Rail) 2 copies.

APPROVED: *F.S. Fuller*
F.S. FULLER
Lt.Colonel
Chief of Forestry Div.

*If Col Bakw already
has affixed stamp*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Rail)

JWH/mb

16 January 1945

Tels : 578704

AC Tn/12/53/RM

SUBJECT : Movement of Charcoal - Calabria to Sicily.

TO : Maj. W.F. Blair, Tptn. Sub-Commission Rep. AC. Reggio.

1. Reference this HQ. letter AC.Tn/12/49/RM dated 11 Jan.'45.
2. Attached copy letters, enumerated hereunder, have been forwarded by Agriculture Sub-Commission (Forestry Division) :-
 - (a) Prot. No. 8098 - Pos. III - 5/1/C dated 13 Dec.'44.
 - (b) Reg. 1/6 dated 26 Dec.'44.
 - (c) Prot. No. 9271 - Pos. III - 5/1/C dated 30 Dec.'44.
 - (d) Prot. No. 67 - I.S.L. Pos. VII - 3 dated 12 Jan.'45.
3. The movement of this charcoal is of considerable importance and it is desired you contact Lt.Col. Mangano, Legion Commander, Reggio Calabria, with a view to formulating a plan for movement as outlined in this HQ. letter quoted above.
4. Please forward you early report, detailing any difficulties.

M. H. Taylor
Lt. Col.
MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
DIRECTOR

Copy to: Agriculture S/C - Forestry Div. (ACR/402.0 of 15 Jan.'45).
Transportation S/C - Rail Div. (with copies of enclosures -
AC Tn/12/49/RM dated 11 Jan.'45).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Agriculture Sub Commission

15 January 1945

Tel.: 277
AGR/402.0

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Subject : Charcoal from Reggio Calabria.

To : Transportation Sub Commission (Rail Division)
attention of Lt.Col.Baker.

1. We are sending you translations of the following letters:

- a. From the Legion Commander of Reggio Calabria to Major Blair, Movement and Control Office of FF.SS., Reggio Calabria, Dec.13, 1944 - Prot.No 8898 - Pos.III - 5/I/C.
- b. Reply from Major Blair to Legion Command of the R.F.C. Reggio Calabria, 26 December 1944 - ref. Reg.1/6.
- c. Legion Commander's letter to Central Command of the R.F.C. - Rome, 30 December 1944, Prot.No 9271, Pos.III - 5/I/C.
- d. Central Command's letter to Allied Commission, Forestry Division, 12 January 1945, Prot.No 67 - I.S.L. Pos.VII - 3.

2. Although we realize that these letters do not constitute a formal bid, it seems to me that they will serve as a guidance for your Sub-Commission as to railway cars needed.

3. The Legion Commander of Reggio Calabria is considered by this office to be a very competent officer and we also believe that the summary of this situation should be accurate. If there is more information that the Forestry Div.can give to your Sub-Commission, we should be glad to furnish it.

F.S. Fuller
F.S.FULLER
Lt.Colonel
Chief of Forestry Div.

4 Inclosures as above mentioned.

Major Blair

*This connects with folio 49
Follow up closely with Major Blair
what is his programme?*

*Rail Division should have had a copy of folio 49
they must have copy of future correspondence*

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TRANSLATION

12 January 1945

Ministry of Agriculture and Forests
of the R.F.C. -
Lumber Service Inspectorate
Prot.N° 67 - I.S.L. Pos.VII - 3

To : Allied
Commission
Agric.S./C. Forest Div.
R O M E

Subject : Request for railway cars for the transport of fuels.

Enclosed are copies (translations) from the Legion
Command of Reggio Calabria asking you to interest the trans-
portation office of your Commission to assure the transport
of fuels from the provinces of Calabria.

signed: The Director of Forest Services
Dott.G.GANGEMI

TRANSLATION

Ministry of Agriculture and Forests
Royal Forest Corps
Legion Command of Reggio Cal.

Reggio Cal. 30 December 1944

N°9271 Prot.
Pos.III-5/1/C

To : Ministry of Agriculture and Forests
Direction of Forest Services - Rome

Subject : Distribution Plan of charcoal and fuelwood (six months
1 Nov. 44 - 30 April 45) request of railway cars for
transport of fuels.

To effect the distribution plan above mentioned, this
Direction behind indications of the Central Direction with
note N° 8898 of 13 c.m. enclosed in copy, asked the Allied
Officer assigned to the Movement and Control Office of the
local Compartiment of the State Railway (FF.SS) for an assign-
ment of 18 railway cars each day for the three provinces of
Calabria, of which 9 for the internal supply of their own pro-
vinces and 9 for exportation according to the mentioned plan.

In reply to this request the Major of the Div.Sapt.Tn.
Sub-Comm. of Reggio Cal. stated with note 26 c.m. which we
also enclose, that he could not make any assignment of rail-
way cars for this purpose indicated except that in the future
the railway transport situation would become a better one.

Therefore we beg the Central Direction to interest them-
selves kindly near the competent offices, that a certain a-
mount of cars at least be assigned to enable the execution of
the mentioned plan.

signed; The Legion Commander
Lt.Col.Mangano

TRANSLATION

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Province of Reggio Cal.

Subject : Assignment of railway cars,
ref.Reg.1/6

26 December 1944

To : Legion Command of the R.F.C. - Reggio Calabria.

Reference to your letter 8898 of 13 December 44.

This office is very sorry that because of the scarcity of railway cars it is not possible to assign any car for this purpose.

If the situation will become better, we can take up the matter again communicating with this office.

signed: U.F.BLAIR, Major
W.F.BLAIR, Major
Div.Supt.Ten.Sub-Comm.

P.C.C.
L'aiutante Maggiore in la
f:to Cap.Donantone

TRANSLATION

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS
Legion Command of Calabria

Reggio Cal., 13 Dec. 44

Prot. No 8898 - Pos. III - 5/I/C

To : Major Blair
Movement and Control Office of FF.SS. - Reggio Calabria.

Subject: Distribution Plan of charcoal and fuelwood for the civilian population - Assignment of railway cars.

With reference to the new distribution plan for charcoal and fuelwood issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests for the six months Nov. 1944 - April 1945, 250,000 quintals of charcoal and 250,000 quintals of fuelwood should be sent away to the centers of consumption of Calabria. Besides this it has been foreseen that likewise the same amounts of charcoal and fuelwood be exported from the three Calabrian provinces to the deficient regions of Italy (of which 200,000 quintals of charcoal and 200,000 quintals of fuelwood to the provinces of Sicily and 80,000 quintals of charcoal into the provinces of Puglia and Campania.

For the distribution of these quantities of fuels it would be necessary to get an assignment of about 40 railway cars in the three provinces. Considering however the scarcity of cars, we beg you to examine the situation and consent at least 18 railway cars a day for the transport of charcoal and fuelwood destined for the consumption of the civilian population, divided in the 3 provinces of Calabria as follows:

No 7	at the railway station of the province of Cosenza
No 6	" " " " " " " " " Catanzaro
No 5	" " " " " " " " " Reggio Cal.

It has to be taken into consideration that at least 9 cars of the 18 requested are necessary for the minimum essential requirements of their own provinces.

I should like to receive an answer about this matter.

The Forest Legion Commander
Lt. Colonel Mangano

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission
Movements Division - Rail

13 January 1945

Tele : 473701

AC Tn/12/51/181

SUBJECT : Increased tonnage Battipaglia - Salerno

TO : Major Bowers,
Tn. Sub-Commission Rep.
AC. Southern Region

1. Reference your 2/23 of 10 Jan 45, through tonnage originating in Bari Division & Reggio Division has been cut to leave you approximately 700 tons for the period 22-28 Jan for local traffic over the Battipaglia - Salerno line.

FD.
for

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
DIRECTOR.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB - COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE
ALLIED COMMISSION
SOUTHERN REGION
C.M.F.

12/50

SUBJECT : Increased tonnage Battipaglia-
Naples line.

Tele : Naples 50050 Ex 12

Ref : 2 / 23

TO : Transportation Sub Commission
(Railways) A.C.
Care Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

Date : 10 Jan, 1945

1. Many frantic requests for Movement of fuel, such as charcoal, for many points in close proximity to Naples have been received from Prefects at Naples, Salerno Etc, and additional pressure has been put on us by Zone Commissioners for the same thing.

2. Is there any possibility of securing an increase of tonnage, particularly over the bottleneck Battipaglia - Salerno, which prevents us moving very much of this very essential commodity please.

V.R. Bowers

Major
(V.R. Bowers)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 354

Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Rail)

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Tele : 478704

AG RN/12/49/RM

11 January 1945

SUBJECT : Movement of charcoal Calabria to Sicily

TO : Major W.F. Blair,
1ptn S-C. Rep.,
Reggio.

1. A report from Lt.Col. Fuller Chief of the Forestry Division states that the following quantities of charcoal are now available for movement to Sicily:

Location	Quantity	Unit
Crotone	4000	quintals
Gropeni	4000	"
Gariata	4000	"
Rossana	2000	"
Soverato	3000	"
Bufoletto	2000	"
Saint Andrea	3000	"
Guardavalle	2000	"
Paola	2000	"
Puscillo	3000	"
Acquafredda	5000	"
Cetraro	3000	"
Vibicoaro	4000	"

2. Bids are being placed for the necessary shipping to move the undermentioned tonnages per month to Palermo and/or Catania:

From	Tonnage	Destination
From Crotone	1000	Tons
" Vibo Valentia	500	"
" Reggio	500	"

3. From the tonnages immediately available for movement please arrange necessary rail transport to the above named

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 Reggio.

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Gropani	4000	"
Gariste	4000	"
Rossano	2000	"
Soverato	3000	"
Badolato	2000	"
Saint Andrea	3000	"
Guardavalle	2000	"
Paola	2000	"
Fuscaldo	3000	"
Acquappesa	5000	"
Cetraro	3000	"
Whicaro	4000	"

2. Bids are being placed for the necessary shipping to move the undermentioned tonnages per month to Palermo and/or Catania:

From	To	Tonnage	Notes
Crotone	1000	Tons	Levella
Vibo Valentia	500	"	Carroll's
Reggio	500	"	

3. From the tonnages immediately available for movement please arrange necessary Rail transport to the above named ports and advise this HQ weekly Rail tonnage moved.

4. Ships will commence loading within the course of the next two or three weeks.

Copy to: Agricultural Sub-Commission
 Forestry Division
 Tn Sub-Comm (Shipping Div.)
 HQ Movements West Italy
 (for information)

Ch. D. Thompson
 Major
 HERRITT H. TAYLOR
 Director

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Agriculture Sub Commission

RSP/ht

8 January 1945

Tel.: 277
AGR/403.7

12/48

Subject: Charcoal

To : Transportation Sub Commission

1. The following amounts of charcoal have been reported by members of the Royal Forest Corps as available for either rail or schooner shipment at the locations named:

Crotone	4,000 quintals
Gropeni	4,000 quintals
Ceriat	4,000 quintals
Rossana	2,000 quintals
Soverato	3,000 quintals
Badolato	2,000 quintals
Saint Andrea	3,000 quintals
Guardavalle	2,000 quintals
Pacha	2,000 quintals
Fuscaldo	3,000 quintals
Aquappesa	5,000 quintals
Cetraro	3,000 quintals
Verbicaro	4,000 quintals

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2. In addition to the amounts shown below there is reported to be 10,000 of quintals at Petilia Policastro on a narrow gauge rail road that runs from the above location to Crotone. At the present time this charcoal is not available for immediate shipment as it is within the 8th Army restricted areas and according to the local representative, Major Holland of the 274 Works Section RM Crotone, permission will have to be secured from A.I.F.H.Q. before the charcoal can be shipped.

Major Holland also states that although the narrow gauge rail road is controlled by the Army, it is not being used at the present time and he believes if permission can be secured for the release of this material, arrangements can be made to use the railroad for its shipment.

F.S. Fuller
P.S. FULLER
Lt. Col.
Chief of Forestry Div.

DISTRIBUTION:
Rail Movement Section

To

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Schooner Movement Section

P.S. Fuller
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Lt. Col.
Chief of Forestry Div.

