

Short Hauls By Rail

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TRAINING DIVISION SUB-COMMISSION .C.
 SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
 c/o ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

30/RO/73/713
 TEL. 53395

27 April 1945

SUBJECT : Short haul Rail traffic

TO : Tn. S.C. Movements Division (Roads)
 (Rail)

1. Ref. your 46/100/28/Tn 5. 23 April 1945.

2. Your para 2 is incorrect insofar as the statement is concerned that "Short haul traffic is prejudicing clearance of Naples Port."

Experience has shown that the short hauls are loaded and moved immediately without any outside authority being necessary, as this is regarded as "Dock Clearance" for which complete arrangements have been in existence for a year now.

The long hauls over military controlled lines North of Naples have to be approved by A.M.G. before they can be moved and it is the delay in securing this authority which prejudices the clearance of the Port of Naples, very frequently.

3. We have, however, arranged with A.M.G. and Consorzio Agrario to assist us in relieving to some extent, the shortage of box-cars, by hauling all grain ex Castellammare and Torre A. by road within the area bounded by:

Naples - Aversa - Capua - Avellino - Salerno.

4. The amount of tonnage involved is approximately the same every week, if the grain is available; I.E. about 2,000 tons, and as rail bids for movement during week 30 April - 6 May are in hand and authorized, we have arranged with Consorzio Agrario to bid for road tpt for this traffic commencing week 7 - 13 May.

A.M.G. has given it priority and state they are well able to take care of it without any difficulty.

5. I would like to bring to your attention the fact that 350 tons of grain weekly move from Castellammare to Salerno, up to now by rail or truck.

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 with 100 tons per week + May 1945

If this move could be undertaken by sea a saving of
oad or rail tpt could be effected.

Attempts so far to arrange this have not met with
any success.



V.R. BOWERS
Major
Senior Transportation Officer

Copy to : Transportation Sub-Commission
care En. Increment
E.T.O.'s File
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changed. Received at last
and the income.*

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Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/o Mov & Tn.,
H.Q., A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon),
C.M.F.

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Our reference: ACC Tn/147/7.

Date : 11 April 44.

TO : Lt. Irvine-Lynch,
Tn. Sub-Comm. ACC Rep.
C/o Mov E. Italy.

SUBJECT : Civilian Traffic.

1. Reference your M/H/38 dated 4 April 44.
2. Attached copies of D.Q.M.G. (Movements) letter Mov 3/115 dated 3 April and my reply ACC Tn/147/5 dated 5 April 44, which are self explanatory.

S.A. FITCH,
Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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C O P Y

Subject: - Civilian Traffic

Int. Tr. Sub Commission.

Movements,
HQ. AAI (Adm Ech)
MOV 3/115

3 April 44.

1. Ref your ACSTn/147/3 of 31 Mar.
2. It is agreed that Civilian traffic can pass by rail for journeys under 20 miles, provided that
 - (a) the tonnage is within the basic schedule allowed
 - (b) there is no over riding Military objection of an operational or urgent nature
 - (c) the wagon position justifies the haul.
3. The enclosure with your letter quoted an example, Salt from Margherita di Savoia to Barletta. It is pointed out that this journey is not covered by basic schedule of civilian trains. In any case, it is understood that salt will shortly be imported from Sardinia. Please confirm.

/s/ for
Brigadier
D.R.M.G. (Movements)

Copy to:- Mov East Italy

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C O P Y

Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/o Mov & Tn.,
H.Q., A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon),
C.M.F.

Our reference: ACC Tn/147/5/

Date : 5 April 44.

TO : D.Q.M.G. (Movements).

SUBJECT : Civilian Traffic.

1. Reference your Mov 3/115 dated 3 April 44.
2. It is noted that civilian traffic for journeys of less than 20 miles can pass by rail, under conditions set out in sub-
paras (a)(b) and (c) of para2 which are understood.
3. With regard to the question of salt as will be seen from
Minute 39 of Transportation Committee Meeting of 28 March 44 the
question of bringing salt from Sardinia to Naples is in hand.
This will however be for distribution in the Naples and Salerno
provinces, and pending the introduction of this source of supply
endeavour is being made to secure sea transport from Barletta to
Naples and this will require rail movement from Margherita to
Barletta. Further, the East Coast areas will continue to be
served from Margherita and regular weekly consignments will re-
quire to be moved by rail.

/s/ for

S.A. FITCH,
Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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TO :- Col. Fitch,
Tn. Sub-Commission,
HQ.A.A.I. Adm. Bldg.

FROM :- Lt. Irvine-Lynch,
Inter.Tn.Sub-Comm. ACC Bldg.
c/o Movements B. Italy.

SUBJECT :- Short Hauls.

Ref M/H/38

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I am in receipt of your letter of the 31st Mar ACC Tn/147/3.

This question came up again this morning. The
ACMG(M) said that they could not possible do short hauls
by rail at present, but exceptions would be made when
possible.

S/Capt. Q stated that the GT Coy originally
handed over to ACC was now been regrouped and will be
handed back shortly.

This no doubt will ease the situation as I
understand they have 110 Motor-Trucks.

Date 4/4/44

Signed



cc. Capt

Irvine Lynch

Sub-Commission

4/4/44

M/H/38

ACMG (M)

GT Coy

Motor-Trucks

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Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.,
 C/o Gov & Tn.,
 HQ AAI (Adm Echelon),
 C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Tn/147/3

Date : 31 Mar 44.

TO : DARG(S)
 HQ AAI (Adm Echelon),
 C.M.F.

SUBJECT: Short Hauls by Rail - East Italy.

1. Reference enclosed copy of letter A/H/34 dated 24 Mar 44 from this Sub-Commission's representative attached to Gov. East Italy.
2. Road transport is not and can not be made available for all movements under 20 miles.
3. It is suggested that no rigid restriction on length of rail haul should be imposed. The system which is now in operation on the East side should ensure that only essential traffic is accepted for movement up to the tonnage available for civil purposes and according to the motive power and wagon position.
4. Will you please advise me of your decision.



J.A. FITCH,
 Colonel,

Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to: Capt. A.H. Street, Tn. S.C. rep., C/o Gov East Italy.
 Lieut. Irvine Lynch, Tn.S.C. rep., C/o Gov East Italy.

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Intr. In. Sub-commission
A.O.C. Representative
c/o Movements E. Italy
C.M.F.

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Ref M/H/34

TO:-

Col. Fitch
Intr. In. Sub-comm.
c/o Mov & TN.,
H.C., A.C.R.F. (Adm. Bahelon)
C.M.F.

SUBJECT:-

Short Hauls.

At a meeting of the Mov & TN this morning it was stated that no haul would be considered under 20 Miles.

We have always discouraged short hauls, but we have to arrange Rail Transport from Places like Bisceglie, Molfetta, Giovinazzo, principally Vegetables for Bari and there is no alternative Transport.

The same applies to Margherita di Savoia, where we are called upon to move salt for Shipment from Barletta. This is a spur off the Main Line and can be carried off out by a shunting engine. The Distance is about 10 or 12 miles. Unless Road Transport cannot be arranged this rule will have to be relaxed.

Please let me have your remarks.

Frederick Lynch fr

Date 28/3/44

Signed



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