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P.41.220/CS

Subject: Civilian Postal Facilities on Military Trains.

To : Transportation Sub-Commission.

Reference your A.C./36/Tn 4 of 14th July to G-4. Mov and Tn A.P.H.Q.

1. The interest taken in this matter is much appreciated.
2. As some indication of the present volume of postal traffic from the south to Emilia, Lombardia and Venetia Regions details are given of the returns recently taken of correspondence received in the postal van on the Rome-Ferli' military train: -

Arrival at Ferli'	Number of bags of mail
5 July	145
7 July	157
10 July	162

3. It will be seen that the traffic is increasing as was anticipated when the service commenced, and the volume and weight of mail will still further increase when the Italian Government can take advantage of authorities already given by C.G.S. and A.P.H.Q. for increases in the letter post weight limit and the restoration of services now suspended such as printed paper post, packets and a general parcel post service.

W.H. Green
Major
for H.H. Boudier
Lt. Colonel, Sig.C.
Director.

Copy to:

G-4. Mov and Tn A.P.H.Q.
H.R.S. - Bldg
Movements (Rail) Tn Sub-Commission
G-4. Mov and Tn A.P.H.Q. Liaison Officer O/o H.R.S.

18th July 1945

Communications Sub-Commission
Extn. 444.

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14 May 1945

P.41.146.CS

SUBJECT: Civil Mails on trains.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Authority has now been received for the opening of normal postal services in Apuania, Ravenna and Forli Provinces. There is moreover good grounds for assuming that postal services between North and South Italy will very shortly be permitted and that the Armies will assist in the matter of providing some road transport for services northwards from railheads.

2. In these circumstances there will shortly be pressing need for increasing the frequency of postal vans on all the lines northwards from Rome, and of a connection into Florence.

3. It is also desired to have a daily service in each direction on the Ancona-Bari line as soon as this becomes practicable. In the latter case stops at Portocivitanova, Pescara, Termoli and near Foggia. The use of any local trains on this line would also be of advantage.

4. Would you please consider these general requirements in the light of train services available.

A. d. c. Routh
J. L. HENDERSON
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:

Undersecretary of State for PP.TT.
Regional Commissioner Toscana Region (Postal Officer)
Regional Commissioner Emilia Region (Postal Officer)

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COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMISSION
Ext: 444

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tele : 478704

8 April 1945

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SUBJECT : Postal Van - Rome/Rimini Train.

TO : Rail Division, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. The attached correspondence from Communications Sub-Commission is forwarded for your information and necessary action.
2. Please let Movements Division, Rail have a copy of your reply to Communications Sub-Commission.

CR Woolbright
M.B. THOMAS, Colonel

Deputy Director,

Transportation Sub-Commission.

Copy to : Communications Sub-Commission.
HQ. Movements Sub-Area, Rome.

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Subject:- Movement by Rail of AC Mail

Tn Sub-Commission Rep (Railways)
AC Southern Region

Copy to: HQ 701 RV Gd Div (TC)
HQ AC Tn Sub-Commission (Railways) LPO 394

HQ Movements
West Italy
CMF

Q(M)R/16
21 Jan 1945

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1. Reference your 7P/73 of 20 Jan.
2. A civilian mail van is already included on each of the following services:-
(a) Naples Central to Brindisi via Bari,
(b) Naples Central to Bari via Taranto,
(c) Naples Central to Reggio,
and it is suggested that you make arrangements with the Italian Postal Authorities for AC mail to be conveyed in these vans with civilian mail.
3. The following schedules apply in respect of the train services referred to in para 2 above:-

Allied Military Passenger Train Services

Naples Central to Brindisi via Bari - daily except Saturdays.

Naples Central	dep 1705	Brindisi	dep 1320
Bari Central	arr 0645	Bari Central	arr 1550
Brindisi	dep 0705		dep 1620
	arr 0922	Naples Central	arr 0545

Naples Central to Bari via Taranto - Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

Naples Central	dep 1600	Bari	dep 1200
Taranto	arr 0704	Brindisi	arr 1411
Brindisi	dep 0735		dep 1501
	arr 0923	Taranto	arr 1742
Bari	dep 1015		dep 1825
	arr 1400	Naples Central	arr 1000

Civilian Passenger Services

Naples Central to Bari via Taranto - Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Naples Central	dep 1645	Bari	dep ?
Taranto	arr ?	Taranto	dep ?
Bari	arr ?	Naples Central	arr 0920

Naples Central to Reggio - Daily

Naples Central	dep 2030	Reggio	dep 1255
Reggio	arr 1730	Naples Central	arr 0800

AC mail van operates

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- Ø It is understood that a connecting service with civilian mail van operates between Reggio and Cetanzaro whereas no similar facilities exist on the trains which operate between San Eufemia (the West Coast route junction on the Naples-Reggio line) and Reggio.

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(C. AYERS)
MAJOR.
FOR LT. COL.
A. Q. M. C. (N).

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Original - Richardson
with Mr. [unclear]

Frank M. [unclear] 56/1
10 December 1944

In reply
ref's to : 1. [unclear]

Subject : Civil parcel post from U.S. mail transport
requirements.

To : Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. On 16th November there was indicated in the U.S. . . .
the posting of gift parcels containing food, clothing etc.
to residents in the cities of Rome, Vatican, Naples and
Palermo.

2. These parcels will be forwarded in separate mails
as requested to the four cities concerned.

3. The amount of such traffic is uncertain but the
U.S. postal authorities estimate that it will average 1000
bags (say 20 lbs) per week. several weeks' postponement
of course, be received together dependent on the incidence
of shipping movements. The date of the first arrival is
not known, but will possibly be about the third week in
December.

4. The actual cost of arrival of these mails is
indefinite but it is probable that in the majority of
cases final disembarkation and transfer to the civil post
office will be at Naples, in which case the problem is
for the post authority to unload and deliver to the Italian
central post office.

5. The Italian post office will then be faced with the
problem of forwarding the food, Vatican and Palermo mails
to destination and, as there will be no office of this
Sub-Commission presently stationed in Naples, it is desired
to have a system that will enable the post office to make
request direct to the local authority competent to provide
necessary railway waggons of a suitable type, both for Rome
and Palermo.

6. Apart from the normal consideration of avoiding
delay in transmission it is particularly desirable in this
case that the transit mails should be forwarded from Naples
as quickly as possible because of lack of suitable storage

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Subject : Civil Post from U.S. : Mail Transport
 Requirements.

To : Transportation sub-Commission.

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3. The amount of such traffic is uncertain but the U.S. postal authorities estimate that it will average 1000 bags (say 20 tons) per week. Several weeks' postmark may, of course, be received together dependent on the incidence of shipping movements. The date of the first arrival is not known, but will possibly be about the third week in December.

4. The actual port of arrival of these mails is indefinite but it is probable that in the majority of cases final disembarkation and transfer to the Civil Post Office will be at Naples, in which case the proposal is for the Post Substation to unload and deliver to the Italian central Post Office.

5. The Italian Post Office will then be faced with the problem of forwarding the Rome, Vatican and Palermo mails to destination and, as there will be no officer of this sub-commission permanently stationed in Naples, it is desired to have a system that will enable the Post Office to make request direct to the local authority competent to provide necessary railway waggons of a suitable type, both for Rome and Palermo.

6. Apart from the normal consideration of avoiding delay in transmission it is particularly desirable in this case that the transit mails should be forwarded from Naples as quickly as possible because of lack of suitable storage

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Since at that office resulting from the destruction of the Port Post Office and the continued requirement of the station sorting office.

7. As this type of mail is very susceptible to theft, it is essential that railway vehicles used for the service should be in good conditions and preferably the Post Office owned vehicles, some of which are apparently being used for other purposes.

8. If a regular service by sea from Naples to Palermo becomes available, and the vessels are suitable, it might be preferable to send to Palermo mails by that means, in which case the same question arises of making it possible for the Italian Post Office at Naples to make requests direct to the authority controlling the service.

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For Director, Communications Sub-Commission

Copy to: Postal Officer Lazio-Umbria Region.

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