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Wagons - Sealing Wire

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1 Apr 44

EXTRACT FROM REPORT FROM CAPT. SMITH
TN. S.C. REP., ANCONA - MONTH OF NOV/44.

5. Sealing of Vans.

This matter already has been reported to you, and Movements are not now becoming more concerned. They point out that Alcom traffic is more susceptible to pilferage than any other and yet we fail to guard against it. The R.T.O. Chiaravalle has told me that the time is near approaching when some day he will refuse to accept wagons unsealed and have every justification in doing so.

Will you please say if there is any likelihood of the necessary implements being provided.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

20 June 1945

Tel : 476704

392/33/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Unsealed Railway Cars

TO : HQ, WFOUSA

1. Reference your letter AG 400.73/294 P-0 dated 19 May '45.

2. AFHQ G-4 (Mov & Tn) have already drawn the attention of this HQ to the question of sealing of wagons containing civilian traffic and a copy of our letter 392/28/Tn 3 dated 22 Apr '45 on this subject, is attached for information.

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For the Chief Commissioner

TO : HQ, SEC/ISA

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For the Chief Commissioner

WPS.

M.J. SIEFF, Colonel

Copy to : Economic Section
Rail Division (Tn 4)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
ECONOMIC SECTION

ROUTING AND WORK SHEET

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SUBJECT:

FILE COPIES OF COMMUNICATIONS IN THE
one page under each note.

Unseated Railway Cars

No	Date	To	REMARKS	From
1	16/6/45	T/S/c	In appropriate action and acknowledgment of attached, please, to M/O. James M. Greenberg 2nd St. St.	Supply Div. E/S
2	19/6/45	Ec. Sec. Supply Div.	See covering letter 392/31/Tn. 3. dated 19 June 45. See Folio 33. on 20/6.	Tn. 2/C

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HEADQUARTERS
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UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 512

RVB/ab *31*

Supply 75-60 3117

19 May 1945

In reply
refer to AG 400.73/254 D-0

SUBJECT: Unsealed Railway Cars

TO: Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
APO 394

1. There follows a breakdown of the reports made by the Military Railway Service, pertaining to railway cars found unsealed at the point of origin during the period 17 March 1945 to 28 April 1945:

Service Concerned	Number unsealed cars by weeks						Total	Remarks
	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th		
See note.	13	11	4	22	8	28	86	Contents were not noted.

2. This breakdown indicates that a large number of railway cars have not been sealed by the responsible agency in accordance with the instructions contained in AFHQ G-4 (Mov and Tr) Working Instruction No. 3 (Mov 3/18 G), 13 February 1945, and the Supply Security Guide, prepared by the Provost Marshal General, dated 9 March 1945.

3. It is desired that necessary action be taken to insure compliance with existing instructions.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL MCNARNEY:

MTD

C. W. Christenberry
C. W. CHRISTENBERRY
Colonel, AGD
Adjutant General

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
C.M.F.

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Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/ 74/Tn 4

17 May 1945

SUBJECT : Freight Car Seals.

TO : Movements Rail
In Sub-Comm. HQ AC

1. ISR hope to have available within the next 14 days about 1 million seals as per attached sample.
2. There will be some alteration in the lettering, but the sample is indicative of the style.

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1- Chief
Rail Division

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Subject: Railway Seals

Allied Force Headquarters
G-4 (Mov & Tn)
Tel: Freedom 320

Mov 3/376/6

To : HQ Allied Commission, ✓
Transportation Sub Commission

1 May 45

392/29

Copy to: HQ Train Guard Control

Your 392/28/Tn.3 of 22 Apr 45 has been received.

1. Train guards have been instructed that when wagons of civil supplies are included in a train which they are guarding, they will take normal precautions to ensure the safety of the contents.
2. Investigations will not however be made into losses from wagons of civilian stores, nor will they be refused movement.

W. Boswell
WSC BOSWELL, Major,
for Brigadier,
DQMG (Mov & Tn).

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Feb 28 1945

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

JWB/mb

22 April 1945

Tele : 478704

392/28/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Railway Seals

TO : C-4 (Mov & Tn)
A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your Mov.3/226 and Mov.3/376/6, dated 8 and 19 April '45 respectively.
2. It was agreed at the last meeting of the Traffic Sub-Committee that everything possible was being done to prevent pilferage of supplies and stores whilst in transit by rail.
3. As a result of discussions at the last meeting of the Allied Railway Board, I.S.R. are drawing the attention of all Railway employees to their responsibilities in connection with anti-pilferage activities.
4. In view of the fact that all loading and consigning of Civilian traffic in Italian Government Territory is now in the hands of Civilian organisations and Traders, it is not considered practicable to enforce the sealing regulations as laid down for Military Stores. It will have been noted from this HQ. letter 293/24/Tn.3. dated 4 April '45, Seals have been issued to the main users. To enforce their use, however, is a difficult problem.
5. It is considered only reasonable that Military Train Guards cannot be held entirely responsible for civilian traffic, which is conveyed in wagons not properly sealed, but it cannot be agreed that civilian traffic by rail can be refused movement because of the absence of seals.
6. It is submitted it is the responsibility of Consignors to ensure security of all wagons and should they elect to despatch without sealing wagons, the liability for losses can only rest with Consignors.
7. It is requested that even though Military enquiries in connection with pilferage of civilian supplies or stores may be reduced or cancelled, Military Train Guards should continue to watch all civilian wagons, sealed or unsealed, marshalled in trains of military traffic.

For the Chief Commissioner.

W. B. Thomas, Colonel.

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For the Chief Commissioner.

M. E. Thomas
M.E. THOMAS, Colonel,
Deputy Director.

Copy to : G-5 AFHQ (2)
Economic Section
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Accounts & Statistics Branch
Rail Division (Tn.4)
Ports & Warehouse Division (Tn.6)

HEADQUARTERS

10 APR 1945

Subject: Railway Seals.Allied Force Headquarters
G-4 Mov & Tn
Tel: Freedom 320

Mov 3/225 226

To : HQ Allied Commission / 8 Apr 45
(Movements Div - Rail)

392/26

1. The contents of your 392/24/Tn3 of 4 Apr 45 has been noted. At the present time military train guards are responsible for guarding AC traffic marshalled in trains of military traffic and extensive enquiries are also made when it is reported that wagons of AC stores are pilfered or without seals.
2. We have recently issued an instruction that guards will not accept wagons of military stores for movement unless they are sealed.
3. We feel justified therefore in extending this instruction to include AC traffic but if seals cannot be guaranteed in the case of this traffic then we cannot reasonably continue to hold Military Train Guards responsible for its safe custody en route.
4. In view of the foregoing your further comments will be appreciated.

*Gepard Nothing done for
don't increase
proportion of pilferage*

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*W.S.C. BCSWELL*W.S.C. BCSWELL, Major,
for Brigadier.
DQMG(Mov & Tn)

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see file 28.

Allied Force Headquarters
G-4 Mov & Tn
Tel: Freedom 320

Mov 3/226

7 Apr 45

Subject: Wagon Seals

To : Movements Fifth Army (Br Inc)
Movements Eighth Army
Movements East Italy
Movements West Italy
Movements Central Italy
Movements Sub Area Rome
HQ Train and Railway Guards Italy

1. Owing to a shortage of Acme wagon seals in Italy the provisions of paras 9 and 10 of G-4(Mov & Tn) Working Instruction No 3 so far as this type of seal is concerned are temporarily suspended pending further issues becoming available.
2. 5mm wire seals or the new type "Shackles - wagon sealing" shortly to be issued will, however, continue to be used and wagons will not be accepted for movement unless one or other of these types of seal is used.
3. RTO staffs when checking Trains will look at the wagon label to see if an Acme Seal has been used and check that the seal number on the label corresponds with that on the seal itself.

Copy to: Movements 15 Army Gp.
Mov LO MFLA
Mov LO HRS
AC Tn Sub Commission
Q(Maint)

W. S. C. BOSWELL, Major,
for Brigadier.
DGMC(Mov & Tn)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Rail)

4 April 1945

Tel : 473704

392/24/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Railway seals

TO : G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ

1. Reference your Mov 3/225 dated 1 April '45.

2. In January '45 the following sealing materials were acquired from No 076 Depot, Naples

31 Rolls heavy wagon sealing wire
 6 Croppers
 13 Tommy bars

3. The Distribution of stock received was as follows :-

(a) To Alcom Warehouses, Leghorn

1 Roll Wire
 1 Tommy bar

(b) To Food S.C, Ancona area Wheat Loadings
(att. Maj. Hardley)

5 Rolls Wire
 3 Tommy Bars
 3 Croppers

(c) To Grain Elevators, Castellammare and Torre
Annunziata

5 Bundles wire
 2 Tommy Bars
 2 Croppers

4. The balance of stocks on hand after the distribution of the 18 January '45

17 Rolls Wire
 6 Tommy Bars

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SUBJECT : Railway seals

TO : G-4 (Mov & In) AFHQ

1. Reference your Nov 3/225 dated 1 April '45.
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- 31 Rolls heavy wagon sealing wire
 - 6 Croppers
 - 13 Tommy bars

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 - 1 Tommy bar
- (b) To Food S.O, Ancona area Wheat Loadings (att. Maj. Eardley)
 - 5 Rolls Wire
 - 3 Tommy Bars
 - 3 Croppers
- (c) To Grain Elevators, Castellammare and Torre Annunziata 6660
 - 5 Bundles wire
 - 2 Tommy Bars
 - 2 Croppers

4. The balance of stocks on hand after the distribution of the 18 January '45

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have since been issued against demand.

5. In addition to sealing wire a large number of lead seals have been issued and stocks of these are still available.

6.

In view of the present policy of handing back as much control as possible to the Italians, within the territory of liberated Italy, it becomes increasingly difficult to enforce the question of sealing of AO and civilian wagons. It can be stated however, from inquiries made from the Sub-Commissions concerned, that everything possible is being done to see that wagons of pilferable traffic are properly sealed.

For the Chief Commissioner

W. B. Thomas

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

Copy to : Ports & Warehouse Division

Rail Division, Transportation Sub-Comm;

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Subject: Railway Seals

Allied Force Headquarters
G-4 Mov & Tn
Tel: Freedom 320

Nov 3/225

To : Tn Sub Commission AC

1 Apr 45

392/23

Can you say what steps are being taken to obtain seals for AC traffic. It is understood that efforts were being made to obtain supplies from USA. Are these likely to arrive soon?

Boswell

W.S.C. BOSWELL, Major.
for Brigadier.
DMG(Mov & Tn).

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

22 March 1945

Tel : 478701

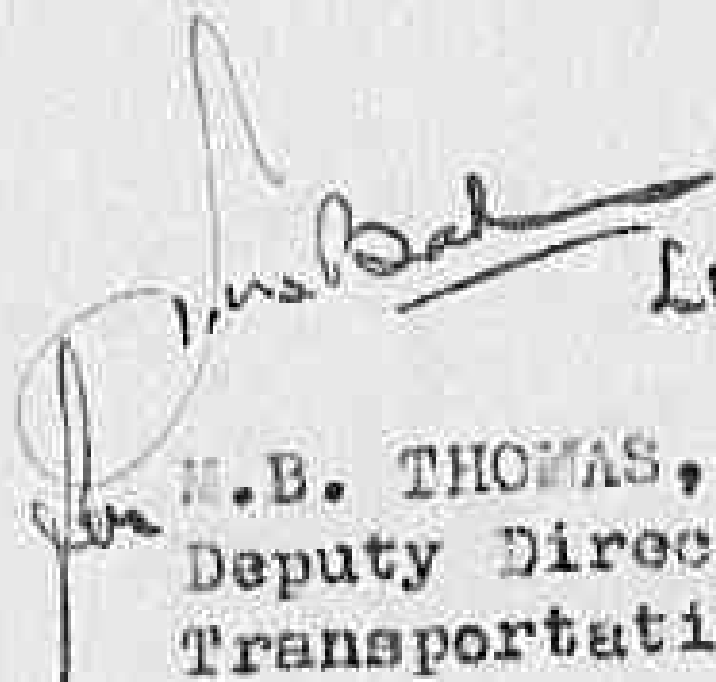
392/22/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Wagon Seals

TO : Regional Commissioner, Abruzzi-Marche Region
(Attn. AC Transportation Officer Ancona)

Reference your AC/Tn 34/78 of 13 March it is believed that all stations are supplied with the implement required for sealing wagons with the seals mentioned. Any station which has not the necessary tool should indent on his railway stores in the usual way.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE


Lt. Col

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

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG/AC
ABRUZZI MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.
CHIEF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

392/21

16 March 1945.

R5/517/D/1.

SUBJECT : Wagon Seals.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, Rail Section Hq.AC.

The attached copy of a letter received this date
is forwarded for your information and reply to first para-
graph please.

For the Regional Commissioner:



D.P. Richardson
D.P. RICHARDSON
Capt. Inf.,
Chief Transportation
Officer.

Copy to; R5/517/D/1.

*Wagon Seals.**Your attn. please.**19/3.*

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ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
ANCONA

TO : HQ. AMG/EC
Abruzzi-Marche Region, C.M.F. (Civil Transportation).
FROM : Transportation Sub-Commission Rep. ANCONA
c/o DD. Tn (Rlys) C.M.F.
SUBJECT : Wagon Seals.
REF. : A.C/Tn 3d/78

March 13th 1945.

Reference your R5/517/D/1 of March 2nd; the sack of seals has been received.

Will you please say if it is proposed to issue sets of special pincers for closing the seals.

My own opinion is that the seals are absolutely useless. They may serve a useful purpose in peace times to indicate to the receiver of a consignment that he has received the full quantity as loaded by the senders in a particular wagon by reason of seals being intact, but out here we want something to prevent thieves getting into wagons and a piece of thin string will not stop them.

I will distribute to the various AMG/EC loading stations.

(Signed)

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Capt. R.E.
W. Stanley SmithVia Calatafimi 1
II Floor.

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Handwritten: 100-100-100-100

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Port & Warehouse Division

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392/20

Ref : 7/1.1/397/386

28 Feb 45

SUBJECT : Distribution of Wagon Seals

TO : Transportation Officer, Sicilian Region - Palermo
" " Southern Region - Naples
" " Abruzzi-Marche Region
" " Lazio-Umbria Region

1. On 12 Feb 45, by letter Ref. 7/1.1/247/386 you were notified that certain rail wagon seals had been forwarded to you.

2. Requested acknowledgment of receipt of seals has not been received.

3. Have seals been received?

For the Chief Commissioner :

ROBERT H. ELKIN
Maj. Gen. Adm. S.
Port & Warehouse Div.

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For
DENNITT H. TAYLOR
Director In. S/C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

TRANSPORTATION SUP-COMMISSION

Port & Warehouse Division

RHK/er

Ref: #1.1/247/TN6

12 Feb 45

SUBJECT: Distribution of Wagon Seals

TO : See distribution

1. Reference conversation (Maj. Klein-Maj. Worthington) the issuance of wagon seals has been made to the following Regions:

- a) Sicilia Region-Palermo - 15000 seals
Registry Nos. 855-856-857 - 3 sacks
- b) Southern Region-Naples - 15000 seals
Registry Nos. 861-863 - 2 sacks
- c) Abruzzi-Marche Region - Aquila - 15000 seals ✓
Registry Nos. 858-859 - 2 sacks
- d) Lazio-Umbria Region - Rome - 5000 seals
Registry No. 862 - 1 sack
- e) Toscana Region - Montecatini - 5000 seals ✓
Registry No. 860 - 1 sack
- f) Emilia Region - HQ ALCON - 5000 seals 6853
Internal distribution - 1 sack

2. It is suggested that Regions concerned arrange final distribution in conjunction with their Rail Transportation Officers so that the best possible use can be made of the seals.

3. An acknowledgment to this office is requested upon receipt of seals.

For the Chief Commissioner:

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For the Chief Commissioner :

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Maj. Med. Adm. C.
Port & Whse. Div.
for
HERBERT H. TAYLOR
Director En. S. C.

DISTRIBUTION:

Sicilia Region
Southern Region
Abruzzi Marche Region

Lazio - Umbria Region
Toscana Region
Emilia Region

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

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

9 February 1945

Tele : 478704

392/19/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Distribution of Seals.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission,
Port Shipments and Warehouse Div.

1. Reference conversation (Maj. Klein - Maj. Worthington) regarding arrangements for the distribution of 60,000 seals.

2. In order that the best possible use can be made of the Seals it is suggested that the following issue be made to Regions who should arrange final distribution in conjunction with their Rail Transportation Officers.

1 -	Sicilia Region	15,000
2 -	Southern Region	15,000
3 -	Abruzzi-Marche Region	15,000
4 -	Lazio-Umbria Region	5,000
5 -	Toscana Region	5,000
6 -	Emilia Region	5,000

3. Please advise Movements Division - Rail, when the issue has been made.

for C.K. Worthington
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission

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Notes on Wagon Seals position.

TO : Lt.Col. J.W. Baker

1. It is understood that the sealing wire, Croppers and Tommy Bars referred to in the attached Correspondence have been obtained on Indent from the British at Naples.
2. It is the intention to hold stocks of seals for AC purposes at this HQ under control of Major Klein Port & Warehouse Division.
3. Distribution to Leghorn, Ancona, Castellammare, Torre Annunziata and Civitavecchia is now being effected.
4. Further stocks of seals are being indented for by Major Klein.
5. The order for 75,000 seals from the States still holds good but it is not likely that delivery will be made inside two-three months.
6. No general ^{distribution} supply of sealing equipment will be made as stocks are insufficient to meet all needs. Special attention is being given to sealing of wagons containing wheat, sugar supplies etc. Ports & Warehouses.

20 JAN 45

C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON
Major

May Dutton / Please note.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

RHK/er

Phone : 478700

Ref : W/1/90/TN6

18 Jan 45.

SUBJECT : Wagon Closures

FROM : Port & Whse. Division

TO : Movements Division (Att. Lt.Col. Sieff)

1. The following has been received at Depot 676, Naples:

31 rolls heavy wagon sealing wire
 6 Croppers
 13 Tommy bars.

2. Following distribution has been made:

(a) To ALCOM Warehouses, Leghorn

1 Roll Wire
 1 Tommy Bar

(b) To Food S:C, Ancona area Wheat Loadings
 (Att. Maj. Eardley)

5 Rolls Wire
 3 Tommy Bars
 3 Croppers

(c) To Grain Elevators, Castellamare & Torre Annunziata

5 Bundles wire
 2 Tommy Bars
 2 Croppers

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3. Balance on hand, awaiting disposition.

17 Rolls wire
 0 Cropper
 6 Tommy Bars

4. It is believed additional supplies can be secured from the same source in Naples on proper indent.

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(Att. Maj. Bardley)

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ROBERT H. KLEIN
Maj. Med.Adm.C.
Port & Whse.Div.

P.S. To Civitavecchia (Capt.Bowes)

3 Rolls Wire
1 Tommy Bar
1 Cropper

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

RHK/er

Phone : 478700

Ref : W/1/88/TN6

18 Jan 45.

SUBJECT : Wagon Seals

392/16

FROM : Port & Warehouse Division

TO : Movements Division (Att.Lt.Col.Sieff)

1. 75,200 Wagon Seals have been received, and are in the possession of this office, less the following disbursements:

500	to	ALCOM	Depots	Leghorn
500	"	"	"	Ancona
1500	"	Food S/C	Wheat Loading Program	
			(Ancona area - Att. Maj. Eardley).	

2. The balance are on hand available for distribution, subject to the orders of Movements Division.

3. It is believed additional seals may be secured on request.

4. Sample attached.

Robert H. Klein
ROBERT H. KLEIN
Med. Adm. C.
Port & Whse. Div.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED COMMISSION
 720 324
 Transportation Sub-Commission
 (Movements Division - Rail)

Tel : 478704

14 January 1945

RE 78/137/14/RM

Subject : Sealing wire

TO : Food Sub-Commission

1. Reference your 51-2/108. Food dated 13 January 45.
2. The general question of provision of suitable sealing material is constantly under review.
3. At the present time there is a general shortage of sealing wire to meet both Military and AC needs, but it is understood that a release has been granted to provide seals from the United States for AC needs. As to when these seals will be available no date is yet given.
4. In order to try and meet the immediate needs in the Ancone Area Capt. Smith En. Sub-Commission Representative has again been asked to explore the possibility of improvisation from any old stocks of wire that may be available in the area.

for *CD Doughton*
 WERRITT E. TAYLOR
 Director 6648

Copies to : AC Ancone Major Sardley
 AC Tptn Rep., Ancone, Capt. Smith

INTER OFFICE MEMO
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KJC/au

Tel : 466

13 January 1945

Ref : 51-2/195/FOOD

137/13

SUBJECT : Sealing wire

TO : HQ. AC Transportation S/C, Rail Section

1. Major Eardley at Ancona is having difficulty sealing the grain car doors in making his heavy wheat shipments at Ancona because of inability to obtain sealing wire.

2. Can you help him in any way ?


W.J. KING
Colonel

Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copies for Info to:
AC Ancona, Maj. Eardley.

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SUBJECT: - RAIL HEAD - CIVITAVECCHIA PORT.-

TO/ S.P.&W. DIV.

TN. SUB - COMMISSION

H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

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1).

In order to ensure security of rail cars it is necessary for strong wire and wire cutters to be made available.

2).

In order to open and close rail car doors, many of which are in bad working order, it is requested that the railways provide two men for day and two at night, equipped with crowbars and hammers. This will save further damaged to doors by unskilled workers. These men could also carry out small repairs to box cars and High sides if hammers nails and some material be provided.

J.N. Bowes

J.N. BOWES CAPT.

A.C. PORT LIAISON OFFICER

5 JAN. 1945

CIVITAVECCHIA

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Copy for Mr. Rail for attention.

Major above has been

*looking into rail position & will report
to date no rails available in this area*

*CHS
2/11*

CONFIDENTIAL

T-2

SEALS, doorlock, railroad.

137/10

7 G-5 TPN(A) 23.12
thru 44
G-4

Attached requisition is forwarded for placing on the Military Railway Service, 701 Army Grand Division in accordance with TPN(A) minute 5 of 21/12 and G-4 minutes 4 of 17/12 and 6 of 22/12.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

R. V. GRADY
Captain, TC
Economics & Supply Div.

RVG/eb

Incl: Reqn. MGS-246-ENG of 23/12

8. G-4 MRS
Rep. 25 Dec
1944

1. Request that 75,000 car seals (Italian) be made available to AC in attached requisition MGS-246-ENG.

2. Since this is a 6 months supply, shipment may be phased in 3 lots of 25,000 each if desired.

For the AC/S, G-4:

D.M. LIBBY
Colonel, G-5
Civil & Procurement.

cc-G-5
Hq AC

DML/hk

I agree
G-4

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I suggest that NO
disposal arrangements
for these seals are given
until we nearer the time
of arrival. See US which
will probably be in 3 months
time. On arrival suggest
they be issued to Requisition Division

3 JAN 45

HQ Movements
West Italy
CMF

Q(M)R/17
24 Dec 1944

137/9

Subject:- WAGON SEALS

HQ 14 CRASC (Sup Units)
CRASC 12 Pet Installations
15 BAPO
HQ EFI
53 BCD
8 ESD
557 BOD
16 BAD

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HQ 94 Sub Area
HQ 204 Sub Area
CO Train and Railway Guards, Italy
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LTC/RF

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

to Camp.

137/9

BWB/mb

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

Tele : 478701

20 December 1944

AC Tn/137/8/RM

SUBJECT : Sealing of rail cars*Capt*TO

: W.S. Smith, Tptn. S.C. Rep. AC. c/o Nov. 61 Area.

1. Reference your report month of Nov. para 5 note there is a Military shortage as well as AC. and any RTO threatening to refuse unsealed cars should be reported to this office at once.

2. No R.T.O. is authorized to refuse such a car.



Ceptain

for

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

6643

HOME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
ORDNANCE (BRITISH)

Subject: Materials for sealing
Railway Wagons

Ref.: OS/1000/920

Tel.: 66606

Date: 15 Dec. '44

To: Director
Transportation Sub Commission
HQ. A.C.

Reference your AC Tn/137/7/RM dated 10 December '44.

1. Your indent has been passed to base for supply but it is known that at present materials for sealing railway wagons are not available.
2. "To Follows" will be maintained on your indent for 2 months.

[Signature]
Lt Col
A.D.C.

0430

13A2/nb

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
AFO 324
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tele : 475701

10 December 1944

AC Tn/137/7/PM

SUBJECT : Materials for sealing rail cars.

TO : A.I.O.S.. Rome

Attached is AF G 994 in duplicate requesting above.
If supply can be hastened it will be appreciated AC. traffic is
mostly valuable and highly susceptible to pilferage.

BW

Lt. Colonel
for
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

6641

12 Dec 44
Capt Baker AFHQ states 'no known
wire available'. Also request
Igarichini names of 2 civil firms
whom they have stock
in Naples
that army could requisition or buy.
P. B.

Tele : 473701

16 December 1944

AC Tn/137/7/RM

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TO : A.L.O.S., Rome

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W.C. 37448/341-30m Dtdy 1/43 CHIG&CoLdL 51-5966

INDENT FOR ORDNANCE STORES.

ARMY FORM G. 950

UNIT'S No. 117 0000	DATE - - - - -	* NORMAL SPECIAL	DATE STORES REQUIRED	A.D.O.S. No.	* CONTROL No.
UNIT (Show address for correspondence) Tptn. Sub-Commission Allied Commission APO 394			ADDRESS FOR STORES Tptn. Sub-Commission Allied Commission APO 394		

Part or Catalogue No.	VOCABULARY SECTION:— Designation of articles required	Quantity required	Rate	Establishment or authorized proportions	In possession		Quantities received & date	
					Specified	Unspecified		
	Bers. Tommy	6			Nil	Nil		
	Croppers	6			Nil	Nil		
	Wire 5 mm	see below			Nil	Nil		
All above is required for sealing loaded rail cars of A.C. Traffic sufficient 5 mm wire is needed for 1000 rail cars, which is the average number loaded per month.								

Explain that the following articles are actually required to complete to authorized scale:—
 (a) As a first supply; (b) To replace others lost through the exigencies of the campaign;
 (c) To replace others rendered unserviceable through the exigencies of the campaign.

Approved for issue:—

* See A.C. 1000 etc.
 * To be issued on
 requisition or other
 orders. If no
 order for supply.

Signed:—

Commanding:—

WL 37463/341 30m Page 1/17 CHG&C/LDL 51-5700

INDENT FOR ORDNANCE STORES

ARMY FORM G, 74

UNIT'S No. Tn/Mov.	DATE 8 Dec. 44	* FORMAL SPECIAL	+ DATE STORES REQUIRED At once	A.D.O.S. No.	* CONTROL No.
UNIT (Show address for correspondence) Tptn. Sub-Commission Allied Commission APO 394			ADDRESS FOR STORES Tptn. Sub-Commission Allied Commission APO 394		

Part or Catalogue No.	VOCABULARY SECTION:— Designation of articles required	Quantity required	Rate	Establishment or authorized proportions	In possession		Quantities received & date
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	Croppers	6			N11	N11	
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 (3) To replace others rendered unserviceable through the exigencies of the campaign.

Approved for issue:—

* By A.D.O.S. only
 To be bonded, as
 indicated or agreed
 between the parties
 named in the indent

Signed

Commanding

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TO: TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION HQ ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 74/8
FROM: SMITH ANCONA CLASSIFICATION: IN CLEAR
REFERENCE No: 6/25 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 081245A OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

Required immediately for sealing freight cars wheat. 2 sets seals railway
complete with tommy bars cutters and seals. Movements state these are unit
issue and we must supply our own.

ACTION

DIST

ACTION: Th S/C 2
INFO: A/CC
Econ Sec
File 2
Float



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DATE and Time of RECEIPT NOV 081706A

Distribution:

4761 request 6

AC TM/230/3

TO : Capt. W.S. Smith, TN. S.C. Rep. AC. Jucoona

1. Ref. your signal 6/25 calling for 2 sets of above we have been trying for months without success to obtain these.
2. We are still trying. Meantime it will be dangerous to use them your end without the necessary tools for unsealing are at receiving end.

for D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tn. SC.

14 Nov. 44
Brooklyn
H. C. Con

2697



BWB/mb

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

Tele : 478701

7 December 1944

AC Tn/137/5/RM

SUBJECT : Tommy Bars, Croppers and 5 mm wire (seals Rly)TO : o/c. 557 B.O.D.

1. Supply of the above is urgently required for use at AC. warehouses, at Leghorn, Ancone, Naples, Bari, Taranto and Brindisi, where rail cars are loaded daily with valuable AC. stores.
2. Request that 6 of each Tommy Bars and Croppers be supplied and 5 mm wire sufficient for 1000 rail cars, which is the average number of rail cars loaded monthly.

BWB
 B.W. Duddy
 Captain

for

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
 DIRECTOR

6636

DWB/mb

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

File

Tele : 478701

16 November 1944

AC Tn/RM/137/4

SUBJECT : Seals for AC. Rail carsTO : A.D.O.S., Rome Area Allied Command.

1. Due to continual complaints of pilferage from AC. railcars of foodstuffs, clothing etc. it is highly desirable that AC. officers responsible for loading and unloading railcars be provided with means of locking and unlocking such cars.

2. Will you please advise me if indent for these should be made to you ?

for

D.S.
Lt. Col.

D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tn. S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub-Commission
A.P.O. 394

KJC/sl

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8 April 1944

ACC/51-2/FOOD

SUBJECT: Sealing wire for freight cars.

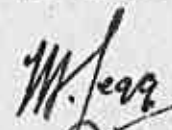
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Under the dates of 4 and 25 March we requested the ADOS, HQ 57 Area to supply us with the following:

Sealing Wire	100 LBS
Tommy Bars	3
Wire Croppers	3

2. We requested the above supplies on the strength of Memorandum dated 2 March from the D.A.Q.M.G.(M) which said they could be secured from the Ordnance Services at Area Headquarters.

3. We have not received a reply from the ADOS. Anything you can do to assist us to secure the supplies will be greatly appreciated as we have frequent complaints of losses, apparently due to pilferage. We are sealing the rail cars with the heaviest wire we possess but it is not adequate.



W. J. LEGG
Colonel

Chief, Food Sub-Commission

6634

Spoke to Capt Lewis of ADOS 57 Area - Extra
He promised to look into matter & if incident has been received a
no order will expedite material

EGM

9/4

Capt Coleman letter

Ord 1 Flank

Colonel Gregg

10470

18 April Present position No stocks available
Ordnance notified and necessary signals
sent to all parties concerned EGM

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