

Future Requirements - Locomotive & Rolling Stock

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Subject: Future Requirements
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Stock.

Military Railway Service.

Italy.

Tel: Firebox - 49
Outside Line 843332.

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4 March 1945.

To : C.A.U.

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Allied Commission.

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Asst. D.D.M.R.S., A.F.H.Q.

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Of these, 130 locomotives are coming forward from U.S. on a previous requisition and delivery should be completed by about the end of June.

7. In the above I have not taken into consideration requirements for Greece and Yugoslavia necessary to meet essential civil needs. These requirements are not yet firm, though a preliminary estimate has already been received from Greece amounting to some 60 locomotives and 500 cars.

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It is anticipated tha these can be partially met from locomotives and cars now coming available for transfer from Mideast.

8. It is recommended therefore that a requisition should be placed forthwith on United States and a suggested draft signal for dispatch to AGWAR is attached.

signed: R.D.WAGHORN
Brigadier .
Director of Transportation .

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From : Freedom

To : AGWAR

Reptd : BAS Washington
Tn Inc

Subject is Locomotives and railroad cars required this theatre for period July - December 1945.

Estimate require following

100 locomotives 2-8-0
2500 Box Cars - 20 tons
1850 Gondolas High Sided 20 ton
150 Flat Cars - 50 ton
350 Gondolas Low Side 20 ton
150 Rail Tank Cars 10,000 gallon

Justification for above requirements is based on following

- (1) Estimate that will require to move in northern Italy 10,000 - 15,000 tons of freight per day in addition present commitments of which 80% estimated military operational and 20% essential civil.
- (2) Based on present turnaround of cars of 10 days and average tons of freight per car of 12 tons this requires minimum of 10,000 cars and 330 locomotives over present total holdings.
- (3) In view indication from recent CX reports that Germans have evacuated 1000 of best steam locos and thousands of wagons from N. Italy do not anticipate recovering more than 100 locos and 5000 wagons in running condition including results of work on recovery still in hand in occupied Italy.
- (4) Of balance of 230 locos 130 already covered by dues coming in on previous requisition.
- (5) Above excludes requirements for Greece and Yugoslavia which not yet firm and will partially met from expected transfers from Mideast theatre.

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