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Rail Line - Terni / Aquila

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Chambre of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture

L'Aquila 15 March 1945

L'AQUILA

Ref.: N°1430

TO: Transportation S/Commission AC
Rail Division.

- 1) I take the liberty to call your attention to the urgent necessity that rehabilitation works of ISR line Terni-L'Aquila be resumed also on the section Antrodoto-L'Aquila. Said works were commenced on 18 Oct. 1944 but they were successively suspended on 12 Dec. 1944 by order of Allied Authorities. Presently rehabilitation works are on hand on the section Rieti-Terni, while the section Antrodoto-Rieti, was always in operating condition. Only the section Antrodoto-L'Aquila remains to be repaired in order to have the entire line in operating condition again. The works to be repaired are included in the section btw. Km. 155 and L'Aquila and they are: Three viaducts to be completely reconstructed, four arches of a fourth viaduct to be reconstructed, five small one-span bridges to be reconstructed. All above works have been commenced, except for two viaducts, and to carry out them till completion it is necessary to revoke the suspension order issued by Allied Authorities.
- 2) As said order has already been revoked for the section Rieti-Terni, I am of the opinion that a similar decision ought to be expected very soon also for the section Antrodoto-L'Aquila, so that the entire line may be reopened thus enabling the provincial Capital of Abruzzo and the most important centers of this region to be again connected by rail with Rome and with liberated Italy.
- 3) The season is so advanced that above works can be fully re-started with, and also from the military operational point of view the re-operation would bear great advantages because, besides helping to solve paramount economical problems of concerned area, it would release many trucks which could be usefully employed for other military purposes.
- 4) A separate Section of the Military of Transports has already been established at L'Aquila with the specific charge to project and to carry out above reconstruction works, and they await but your approval to accomplish their task.
- 5) Trusting that the requests of these populations be granted, I thank you in advance and I remain.

Yours faithfully

The Vice President
Sgd. Luigi SANTINI

Copy to Lt Col Baker
Rail Movement
Our recent letter
repro. Rail Div 20/2

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ACP/1cTRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation Increment
C.M.F.Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/100/277 E/Tn 4

24 March 1945

TO : Movements Division, Rail Section
Tn Sub-Commission, ACSUBJECT : Rail Services for Passengers, opening of lines for
freight traffic.

1. An application from ISR for authority to reconstruct line from ANTRODOCO to AQUILA has already been submitted, and you have been asked as to the usefulness of the line by letter AC Tn (100/277E of 10 March 1945). ①

2. If the work is to be carried out, it is desirable to do so whilst materials and contractors are in the District and your recommendation early would assist this.

A.C. PING, Major

for O.H. Lumbering & Co.
Unit Rail Div.

Copy to: Major A.H. Street, Tn Sub-Comm. (Rails)

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tele : 478704

28 March 1945

420/3/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of Railway Line Terni - AquilaTO : Rail Division, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your AC/100/277/E. dated 10 March '45.
2. It is highly desirable that line 277 should be reconstructed between Antrodoco and Aquila. This would effect considerable saving in M.T. and would permit the movement by rail of a considerable tonnage of grain from Macerata area, loading on line 37. 438
3. It may even be necessary to give this work a definite priority and this question is now being studied.
4. Can you please give completion date for the Section Terni - Rieti ?

M. J. SIEFF
M.J. SIEFF, Colonel,
Chief Movements Division.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Ref. AC/69/2/Tn.3

17 March 45

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation Rail Line TERNI-AQUILA

TO : Operations Branch
Roads Division.

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1. Reference letter AC/100/277/E attached.
2. Will you please say what haulage by M.T. (distance and tonnage) will be saved per month if the proposed reconstruction is proceeded with.

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C.N. CHRISTENSEN
Lt. Col. RE
Movements Division
Roads Branch.

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*This has been submitted to
Abbruzzi - Marche Region for
further particulars - meantime
it is estimated that a fair proportion
of train Macerata to Ancona (5,000 tons per day) could move by
rail and some bad road have some mountains*

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

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/100/277/E

10 March 1945

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

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation Rail Line Terni-Aquila.

1. The section of this line between Antrodoco and Rieti has been in operation since August of last year, and work is on hand for the repair of the section Terni-Rieti.
2. A request has now been received from ISR for authority to proceed with the rebuilding of the section Antrodoco-Aquila, in order to reach the chief town of the Province.
3. It is appreciated that Aquila is extremely difficult to reach by road, and that it has no means of access other than routes over mountain passes.
4. Your report as to the desirability of the reconstruction of the line, (without immediate priority owing to cement shortage), is requested.

O.H. Lindberg
O.H. LINDBERG
Lieut.Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Division.

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