

Joint Railway Control - minutes of meetings

AL - minutes of meetings

10000/148/1116

Ext. 376

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

MST/eh

Phone 489081

A30/56/Tn 1

16 July 1945

Major V.R. Dowers,
Sr. Transportation Officer,
AMG, Naples Commune.

Dear Dowers:

Since our discussion in Rome I have been thinking over the question of your attendance at the Naples Joint Railway Control weekly meeting and have discussed it further with those concerned here. On the whole, I think you should attend the meeting regularly and should be glad if you will arrange to do so.

Yours very truly,

*M. S. Thomas*M. S. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

cc: Movements Division, Tn S/C

ACP/10

434/11

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

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/334/Tn 4

19 June 45

SUBJECT : Meetings of Joint Railway Control Committee.

TO : Major Bowers
Transportation Officer
N a p l e s

1. - It is noted from recent Minutes of the Meetings of the Naples Joint Railway Control that AC has not been represented.
2. - Many of the subjects discussed-concerns AC very much, and some of the items in fact appear to be matters which are rightly for the attention of AC only.
3. Please arrange to attend these meetings in future so that the AC viewpoint is fully expressed.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

W. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
for. Director

✓ Copy to: Rail (Movements) Tn S/C HQ AC.

20/6.
De

666

In S.C. Movements Div

H.Q. A.C.

MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE
NAPLES, THURSDAY 7 JUNE 1945

Present: Major R.S.C. Pithouse, DAQMG(M), Movements Sub Area NAPLES, in the Chair.

HQ Mov Sub Area Naples - Lt.Col. J. MILLAN

Joint Railway Control - Capt G.H. CHAPMAN
Capt N. CLAIGUE
Lieut M. FRIPT

ISR

- Ing. MARINELLI
Sig. GIORDANO
Sig. NAVORELLI
Sig. LACHEZZA

77. Loading of POL for Ancona at AGIP and NAFTA Installations

Chairman drew attention to the fact that POL loadings for Ancona from AGIP and NAFTA Installations have not been combined and forwarded as one train from Naples Yard as requested. ISR stated that arrangements have now been made for both Installations to be shunted at approximately 1800 hrs each evening and gave assurance that provided loadings are completed by this time traffic will be forwarded as one train in future.
(Action ISR)

78. Shunting at Marcello and Viscoosa Sidings

Chairman informed the meeting that shunting of Marcello and Viscoosa Sidings has recently been most unsatisfactory. Wagons arriving at Naples Yard for these sidings have stood for as long as 10 days before being placed for offloading. Chairman stated that RTO Naples has been instructed to report such cases more promptly, but asked that the ISR pay more attention to the shunting of these sidings in future. Full details of inward and outwards traffic for these sidings are held by RTO Naples and Chairman requested that ISR issue suitable instructions on the matter to the Cape Stazione Naples Central.

79. ISR responsibilities in connection with

Ferrovia Esercitate Perrotta (Cancello - Benevento Railway)

ISR asked whether they were to produce locomotive power, rolling stock, staff etc for the Ferrovia Esercitate Perrotta when it is opened to

HQ Mov Sub Area Naples - Lt. Col. J. MILMAN
 Joint Railway Control - Capt G.E. CHAPMAN
 Capt N. CLAGUE
 Lieut M. FRIFT
 ISR
 Ing. MARINELLI
 Sig. GIORDANO
 Sig. NAVORELLI
 Sig. LAGHEZZA

77. Loading of POL for Ancona at AGIF and NAFTA Installations

Chairman drew attention to the fact that POL loadings for Ancona from AGIF and NAFTA Installations have not been combined and forwarded as one train from Naples Yard as requested. ISR stated that arrangements have now been made for both Installations to be shunted at approximately 1800 hrs each evening and gave assurance that provided loadings are completed by this time traffic will be forwarded as one train in future.

(Action ISR)

78. Shunting at Marcello and Viscoosa Sidings

Chairman informed the meeting that shunting of Marcello and Viscoosa Sidings has recently been most unsatisfactory. Wagons arriving at Naples Yard for these sidings have stood for as long as 10 days before being placed for offloading. Chairman stated that RTO Naples has been instructed to report such cases more promptly, but asked that the ISR pay more attention to the shunting of these sidings in future.

Full details of inward and outwards traffic for these sidings are held by RTO Naples and Chairman requested that ISR issue suitable instructions on the matter to the Capo Stazione Naples Central.

79. ISR responsibilities in connection with Ferrovie Esorcitate Perrotta (Cancello - Benevento Railway)

ISR asked whether they were to produce locomotive power, rolling stock, staff etc for the Ferrovie Esorcitate Perrotta when it is opened to traffic.

Joint Railway Control pointed out that an instruction had already been issued by DMRS to Director General ISR stating that the ISR were to contact the owner of the Ferrovie Esorcitate Perrotta and agree all necessities for the operation of the line. ISR are responsible for the provision of any locos, rolling stock staff etc that the Ferrovie Esorcitate Perrotta are unable to provide from their own sources.

(Action ISR)

-2-

80. Ferrovia Esercitata Perrotta (Cancello - Benevento Railway)

ISR asked what type of traffic is expected to be conveyed on this railway when opened.
 Chairman stated that it is to be used solely for Military traffic and such traffic will consist mainly of troop trains to CERVINARA.
 Date of opening line CANCELLO to CERVINARA is estimated to be 20 June 45.
 (Information)

81. Operation of line to Carinola - Troop Concentration Area

ISR confirmed that the necessary staff for the operation of the line between Sparanise and Carinola are now available.
 This line is being re-opened for the movement of troops to the Carinola concentration area.
 (Information)

82. Movement of USA 2-8-0 Class oil burning locomotives NAPLES - ROME

Joint Railway Control stated that the 8 USA 2-8-0 Class oil burning locos which recently arrived at NAPLES are to be moved to ROME, and wished to know if they could pass over the Carigliano Bridge.
 ISR will investigate and advise Joint Railway Control.
 (Action ISR)

Next Conference

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES
 1500 hrs Thursday 14 June 45.

(R. PITHOUSE).
 Major.
 for Lt. Col.
 AQMG(M).

RP/RSH.DISTRIBUTION:

Joint Railway Control Naples	(4)	RTO Caserta
Joint Railway Control Rome	(4)	RTO Capua
Capo Sezione Movimento c/o		RTO Casoria
Joint Railway Control Naples	(6)	RTO Eboli
PBS Southern District (Rail Div)	(2)	RTO Naples Central
Tn Officer (Rail AMG Naples)	(3)	RTO Nola
Major General 3 District (attn Lt Col Brown)		RTO Pontecagnano

Chairman stated that it is to be used solely for military purposes. Such traffic will consist mainly of troop trains to CERVINARA. Date of opening line CANCELLO to CERVINARA is estimated to be 20 June 45. (Information)

81. Operation of line to Carinola - Troop Concentration Area

ISR confirmed that the necessary staff for the operation of the line between Speranise and Carinola are now available. This line is being re-opened for the movement of troops to the Carinola concentration area. (Information)

82. Movement of USA 2-8-0 Class oil burning locomotives NAPLES - ROME

Joint Railway Control stated that the 8 USA 2-8-0 Class oil burning locos which recently arrived at NAPLES are to be moved to ROME, and wished to know if they could pass over the Carigliano Bridge. ISR will investigate and advise Joint Railway Control. (Action ISR)

Next Conference

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES 1500 hrs Thursday 14 June 45.

(R. PITHOUSE),
Major.
for Lt. Col.
AQM(M).

RP/RSB.

DISTRIBUTION:

Joint Railway Control Naples	(4)	RTO Caserta
Joint Railway Control Rome	(4)	RTO Capua
Capo Sezione Movimento o/o		RTO Casoria
Joint Railway Control Naples	(6)	RTO Eboli
PBS Southern District (Rail Div)	(2)	RTO Naples Central
Tn Officer (Rail AMG Naples)	(3)	RTO Nola
Movements 3 District (attn LtCol Brown)		RTO Pontecagnano
HQ Mov Sub Area Rome		RTO Roccasecca
Joint Opg Office Bari		RTO Salerno
Mov LO 'A' Sec SIB Rome		RTO San Giovanni
RTO Benevento		RTO Torre Annunziata
RTO Cancellio		RTO Br Naples Port

INTERNAL:

AQM(M)
DAQM(M) (Rail)
S/Capt Q(M) (Rail)
MCO Stores
O i/c Traffic Office

In S.C. Movements Dis

H.Q. AC

Joint Railway Control Office
Naples, 1 June 45



Present: Major J.C. Pithouse, Deputy (A), Movements Sub Area, in the chair.

Joint Railway Control

Capt G.H. Chapman
Capt N. Clague
Lieut M. Prip

Ing. Marinelli
Sig. Giordano
Sig. Navorelli
Sig. Laghezza

L.S.R.

18/6 434/9

Consideration of Previous Minutes.

Minute 44 - Baggage Van on Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train.

Joint Railway Control reported that the larger baggage wagon originally intended for use on the Military Passenger Train had been placed on the Civilian Passenger train which runs between Naples and Reggio. Chairman asked L.S.R. for explanation and they stated that extra baggage space was also required on the civilian passenger train and that to meet both demands they had placed one large wagon on the civilian train and have now available a pool of smaller wagons which enables them to place two baggage wagons on the Military trains. As this will give the required increased baggage accommodation Chairman agreed that the matter need not be pursued further.

Minute 41 - Railway Telephone Facilities.

Chairman informed L.S.R. that Military Signals Officer is in a position to fulfill five requests made by L.S.R. and if L.S.R. Signals Officer will contact him, the necessary details will be arranged.
(Action - L.S.R.)

Minute 69 - Reconstruction of Station at Eboli.

Chairman informed the meeting that this question had been investigated during the week and that it has been possible to meet L.S.R. demands.

Minute 70 - Removal of empties intended for Military loading.

L.S.R. reported that, contrary to statement made by R.L.O. E Annunziata that Capo Stazione at Angri took empty wagons intended for loading at Torre Annunziata, it was the R.L.O. Torre Annunziata who interfered with wagon distribution orders given by the L.S.R. Wagon Distribution Office. A report to this effect was rendered by L.S.R. and details

I.S.R.

Lieut. M. Fripe

Ing. Marinelli
Sig. Giordano
Sig. Navorelli
Sig. Laghezza

Consideration of Previous Minutes.

Minute 64 - Baggage Van on Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train.

Joint Railway Control reported that the larger baggage wagon originally intended for use on the Military Passenger Train had been placed on the Civilian Passenger train which runs between Naples and Reggio. Chairman asked I.S.R. for explanation and they stated that extra baggage space was also required on the civilian passenger train and that to meet both demands they had placed one large wagon on the civilian train and have now available a pool of smaller wagons which enables them to place two baggage wagons on the Military trains. as this will give the required increased baggage accommodation Chairman agreed that the matter need not be pursued further.

Minute 41 - Railway Telephone Facilities.

Chairman informed I.S.R. that Military Signals Officer is in a position to fulfill five requests made by I.S.R. and if I.S.R. Signals Officer will contact him, the necessary details will be arranged.
(action - I.S.R.)

Minute 62 - Reconstruction of Station at Eboli.

Chairman informed the meeting that this question had been investigated during the week and that it has been possible to meet I.S.R. demands.

Minute 70 - Removal of empties intended for Military loading.

I.S.R. reported that, contrary to statement made by R.L.O. T Annunziata that Capo Stazione at Angri took empty wagons intended for loading at Torre Annunziata, it was the R.L.O. Torre Annunziata who interfered with wagon distribution orders given by the I.S.R. Wagon Distribution Office. A report to this effect was rendered by I.S.R. and details of other instances where the R.L.O. is purported to have given Movement Orders for empty wagons were cited. Chairman stated it was clearly understood by RLOs that distribution of empty wagons to meet all commitments is the responsibility of the I.S.R. but agreed to investigate the whole matter with R.L.O. T Annunziata.
(action - Mov Naples).

Minute 72 - Provision of Office for R.L.O. Staff in Naples East Yard.

I.S.R. reported that satisfactory arrangements had been made with the R.L.O. in regard to accommodation for the R.L.O. and staff at Naples East Yard.

Cont'd /2

667

-2-

Minute 74 - Military Representation in I.S.R. Wagon Distribution Office.

The meeting was informed of the failure to supply box wagons to cover the entrainment of US Troops at Caserta at 0800 hrs 1 June.

Joint Railway Control explained that in their present position instructions could only be passed to the representative of the Dirigente in their building who in turn telephones the Wagon Control Office. There is no means of confirming that orders have been acted upon and much time is lost when priority demands entail last minute alterations to wagon distribution.

It was therefore agreed that 1 Officer and 1 OR from the Joint Railway Control Staff will in future be located in the Wagon Control Office. This staff will transmit all orders for Military loadings direct to the I.S.R. Wagon Control and will be in a position to advise priorities as and where necessary.

(Info)

Next Conference.

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, Naples, 1500 hours Thursday 7 June 45.

(R. Pithouse) Maj.
for Lt Col.
A. G. G. (M).

RP/AM

Distribution

Joint Railway Control Naples (4)
Joint Railway Control Rome (4)
Capo Sezione Movimento e/o
Joint Railway Control Naples (6)
P.D.S. Southern District (Rail Div) (2)
The Officer (Rail) A.M.G. Naples (3)
Movements South Italy
Mov Sub Area Rome
Joint Op. Office Bari
Mov LO 4. Sec SIB Rome
RTO Benevento
RTO Cancello

RTO Caserta
RTO Capua
RTO Caserta
RTO Eboli
RTO Naples Central
RTO Nola
RTO Pontepagnano
RTO Roccasecca
RTO Salerno
RTO San Giovanni
RTO Torre Annunziata
RTO Br Naples Port

Internal

Agents (M)
Drawing (M) (Rail)

There is no means of confirming that orders have been received. Much time is lost when priority demands entail last minute alterations to wagon distribution. It was therefore agreed that 1 Officer and 1 OR from the Joint Railway Control Staff will in future be located in the Wagon Control Office. This staff will transmit all orders for Military loadings direct to the L.M.S. Wagon Control and will be in a position to advise priorities as and where necessary.

(Info)

Next Conference.

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES, 1500 hours Thursday 7 June 45.

[Signature]

(R. Pithouse) Maj.
for Lt Col.
A.M.G. (M).

RP/ML

Distribution

Joint Railway Control Naples (4)
Joint Railway Control Rome (4)

Cape Sezion Movimento c/o

Joint Railway Control Naples (6)
P.B.S. Southern District (Rail Div) (2)

The Officer (Rail) A.M.G. Naples (3)

Hq Movements South Italy

Hq Mov Sub Area Rome

Joint Op. Office Bari

Mov 10 'a' See SLD Rome

MO Benevento

MO Canello

MO Caserta

MO Capua

MO Castria

MO Eboli

MO Naples Central

MO Nola

MO Pontecagnano

MO Roccasecca

MO Salerno

MO San Giovanni

MO Torre Annunziata

MO Br Naples Port

Internal

4.4.45 (M)

Ding (M) (Rail)

S/Capt 4 (M) (Rail)

M.C.O. Stores

O i/c Traffic Office

T.S.C

Movements Die

H.Q. A.C

A.P.O 394

MINUTES OF THE TENH RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE
NAPLES, THURSDAY 24 MAY 45.

Present: Major R.S.C. Pithouse, D.M.G.(14), Movements Sub Area NAPLES
in the chair.

Joint Railway Control

- Capt S.S. EDWARDS
Capt G.H. CHAPMAN
Lieut M. PRIPI

H.Q. Sub Area Naples

- Lieut P.C. ALLMATT

ISR

Ing MARINELLI
Sig GIORDANO
Sig MAYORELLI
Sig LACHEZZA



Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 30 - Authorised Military Traffic loaded by Civilian Contractors and consigned to Civilian Contractors for unloading.

ISR informed Chairman that no written reply has yet been received from Commercial Secretary although they understood that a mistake had been made in ISR documentation. Chairman agreed that the matter be dropped on the assurance from ISR that future consignments will be dealt with correctly.

Minute 44 - Baggage Van on Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train.

ISR stated that a larger baggage van had been under repair at Salerno but on completion of repairs had been utilised by the Allies for another train. Chairman requested investigation by Joint Railway Control and report at subsequent meeting.
(Action - Joint Railway Control)

Minute 55 - Hygiene Arrangements at Naples Central Station

ISR informed Chairman that authority has now been received from Rome to place a contract with a local firm for the cleaning of the station. Agreement has been reached with a contractor and work will start immediately.
(Action ISR)

Minute 41 - Railway Telephone Facilities

Chairman informed ISR that matter had been taken up with Military



Joint Railway Committee
Capt. G.H. CHAPMAN
Lieut. N. FRIPP

HQ 10v Sub Area Naples

ISR

Lieut. P.G. ALLMATT

ING MARINELLI
SIS GIORDANO
SIS NAVONELLI
SIS LACHEZZA

Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 60 - Authorized Military Traffic loaded by Civilian Contractors and consigned to Civilian Contractors for unloading.

ISR informed Chairman that no written reply has yet been received from Commercial Secretary although they understood that a mistake had been made in ISR documentation. Chairman agreed that the matter be dropped on the assurance from ISR that future consignments will be dealt with correctly.

Minute 44 - Baggage Van on Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train.

ISR stated that a larger baggage van had been under repair at Salerno but on completion of repairs had been utilised by the Allies for another train. Chairman requested investigation by Joint Railway Control and report at subsequent meeting.
(Action - Joint Railway Control)

Minute 55 - Hygiene Arrangements at Naples Central Station

ISR informed Chairman that authority has now been received from Rome to place a contract with a local firm for the cleaning of the station. Agreement has been reached with a contractor and work will start immediately.
(Action ISR)

Minute 41 - Railway Telephone Facilities

Chairman informed ISR that matter had been taken up with Military Signals Officer and his report was awaited.

Minute 56 - Doubling of Track between San Giovanni and Torre Annunziata

ISR stated that the Line Naples - Torre del Greco would be completed in 2 months but that for the section Torre del Greco - Torre Annunziata certain materials were still required. On receipt of these materials, a further months work would be necessary before this section of the Line could be completed.

Minute 68 - Movement of Fruit and Vegetables from Campi Flegrei to Rome

ISR stated that this movement is now proceeding satisfactorily.

663

-2-

69. Reconstruction of Station at Eboli.

Chairman stated that application had been received by RTO Eboli from ISR Railway Construction Department for certain work to be carried out at Eboli Station. This work apparently necessitates the removal of a Military Signals Line.

Chairman instructed ISR to make full investigation and report requirements at next meeting so that the project may be followed up with the appropriate Military Authorities.
(Action ISR)

70. Removal of Empties intended for Military Loading.

Chairman referred to report from RTO Torre Annunziata which stated that empties en route from Salerno to Torre Annunziata for Military loading were being detached by C.S. at Angri. Matter had been taken up in correspondence by Joint Railway Control and reply by ISR is awaited.

(Action ISR)

71. Interchange of Cars at Battipaglia.

Joint Railway Control stated complaints were being made by DMRS of the interchange of cars with Calabria as more wagons were being sent to that district than were being received. It was explained that the system was worked on a 48 hour basis, the No. of wagons received from Calabria on one day being balanced by the same No. being returned the following day. ISR promised to instruct C.S. Battipaglia to watch the matter and to ensure that the interchange is equalised.

72. Provision of Office for RTO Staff in Naples East Yard.

Provisional arrangements had been made by ISR to provide an office for the RTO staff at Naples East Yard but subsequently only a small office capable of accommodating 3 persons had been made available. This was separated from a larger office by a brick wall which if removed, would give satisfactory accommodation for the staff of 12 as required. It was agreed that Ing. Marinelli meet RTO (US), East Yard, on 25 May to discuss requirements and agree suitable accommodation. Results will be advised at next meeting.
(Action ISR)

73. Handling of Supply Trains from Port to Marcianise and Casoria.

The Chairman tendered his appreciation to ISR on the efficient way in which they had handled recent trains of Supplies loaded in open stock from Naples Port to Marcianise and Casoria.
(Information)

74. Interference with Railway Operating by MF Officials.

Chairman instructed ISR to make full investigation and report requirements at next meeting so that the project may be followed up with the appropriate Military Authorities.
(Action ISR)

70. Removal of Emptyies intended for Military Loading.

Chairman referred to report from RTO Torre Annunziata which stated that emptyies en route from Salerno to Torre Annunziata for Military loading were being detached by C.S. at Angri. Matter had been taken up in correspondence by Joint Railway Control and reply by ISR is awaited.

(Action ISR)

71. Interchange of Cars at Battipaglia.

Joint Railway Control stated complaints were being made by DARS of the interchange of cars with Calabria as more wagons were being sent to that district than were being received. It was explained that the system was worked on a 48 hour basis, the No. of wagons received from Calabria on one day being balanced by the same No. being returned the following day. ISR promised to instruct C.S. Battipaglia to watch the matter and to ensure that the interchange is equalised.

72. Provision of Office for RTO Staff in Naples East Yard.

Provisional arrangements had been made by ISR to provide an office for the RTO staff at Naples East Yard but subsequently only a small office capable of accommodating 3 persons had been made available. This was separated from a larger office by a brick wall which if removed, would give satisfactory accommodation for the staff of 12 as required. It was agreed that Ing. Marinelli meet RTO (US), East Yard, on 25 May to discuss requirements and agree suitable accommodation. Results will be advised at next meeting.

(Action ISR)

73. Handling of Supply Trains from Port to Marcianise and Casoria.

The Chairman tendered his appreciation to ISR on the efficient way in which they had handled recent trains of Supplies loaded in open stock from Naples Port to Marcianise and Casoria.

(Information)

74. Interference with Railway Operating by MP Officials.

ISR reported an instance at Naples Yard where verbal instructions had been received from a MP Officer that trains should not be switched without the permission of RTO. Joint Railway Control explained that they were aware of the instance and that it had been taken up with the persons responsible and that there would be no further recurrence.

75. Disposal of Surplus Empty in Naples Compartimento.

ISR raised the question of disposal for surplus open wagons and flats in the Naples Compartimento. Chairman pointed out that this was the responsibility of DMRS.

It was not considered that there would be any appreciable surplus of high side open wagons, in view of the fact that the acute shortage of box wagons is necessitating heavy usage of high sides for the conveyance of stores which would normally be loaded into box wagons.

Chairman instructed Joint Railway Control to pursue question of disposal of surplus low side wagons and flats with DMRS.

(Action Joint Railway Control)

Next Conference.

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES, 1500 hrs Thursday 31 May 45.

RP/RSE.

DISTRIBUTION:

Joint Railway Control, Naples
 Joint Railway Control, Rome
 Capo Sezione Movimento
 c/o Joint Railway Control, Naples
 PBS Southern District (Rail Div)
 Tn Officer (Rail) AMG Naples
 HQ Movements South Italy
 HQ Mov Sub Area Rome
 Joint Operating Office Bari
 Mov LO 1A Sec SIB Roma
 RTO Benevento
 RTO Cancello

(4) RTO Caserta
 (4) RTO Capua
 (6) RTO Casoria
 (2) RTO Eboli
 (3) RTO Naples Central
 RTO Nola
 RTO Pontecagnano
 RTO Roccasecca
 RTO Salerno
 RTO San Giovanni
 RTO Torro Annunziata
 RTO Br Naples Port

(R. PLTHOUSE).
 Major.
 for Lt. Col.
 AQIG(M).

INTERNAL:

It was not considered that there would be any shortage of high side open wagons, in view of the fact that the acute shortage of box wagons is necessitating heavy usage of high sides for the conveyance of stores which would normally be loaded into box wagons. Chairman instructed Joint Railway Control to pursue question of disposal of surplus low side wagons and flats with DMS.

(Action Joint Railway Control)

Next Conference.

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES, 1500 hrs Thursday 31 May 45.

A. P. Pithouse

(A. PITHOUSE).

Major.

For Lt. Col.

ACMG(M).

RP/ASH.

DISTRIBUTION:

Joint Railway Control, Naples
Joint Railway Control, Rome
Capo Serrone Movimento
c/o Joint Railway Control, Naples
PES Southern District (Rail Div)
In Officer (Rail) ACMG Naples
HQ Movements South Italy
HQ Mov Sub Area Rome
Joint Operating Office Bari
Mov LO 'A' See SIB Roma
RTO Benevento
RTO Cansello

(4) RTO Caserta
(4) RTO Capua
RTO Casoria
(6) RTO Eboli
(2) RTO Naples Central
(3) RTO Nola
RTO Pontecagnano
RTO Roccasecca
RTO Salerno
RTO San Giovanni
RTO Torre Annunziata
RTO Br Naples Port

INTERNAL:

ACMG(M)
DACMG(M) (Rail)
S/Capt Q(M) (Rail)
MCO Stores
O i/c Traffic Office

669

In S.C. Movements Division

MINUTES OF THE NINTH RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE
NAPLES, THURSDAY 17 MAY 45.

134/2

Present: Major R.S.C. Pithouse, DAQMG(M), Movements Sub Area NAPLES
in the chair.

Joint Railway Control - Capt S.S. Edwards

HQ Mov Sub Area Naples - Capt L.T. Cox

ISR
- Sig Giordano
Sig Favorelli
Sig Laghezza

In Attendance: 8th Port HQ - Major Tumlin

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
DATE *19/5*
FILE *G3/237*
A.M.G. NAPLES

65. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 60 - Authorised Military Traffic loaded by Civilian Contractors and Consigned to Civilian Contractors for unloading

ISR informed Chairman that the circumstances previously reported are still being investigated and it is hoped to be able to provide a definite reply at next week's Conference.
(Action ISR)

Minute 44 - Baggage Van on Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train

Replying to a question made by the Chairman as to the present position regarding the application for a larger baggage van on the above train ISR rep stated that instructions were given to Salerno to arrange this but could not confirm that this had in fact been done. Chairman said he would have enquiries made into the matter and if necessary raise it at a subsequent meeting.
(Action HQ Mov Naples)

Minute 35 - Hygiene Arrangements at Naples Central Station

Chairman stated that little or no effort has been made to introduce satisfactory cleaning arrangements at Naples Central Station since the subject was discussed several weeks ago. He again emphasised to the ISR the urgent need for introducing suitable measures to ensure that the station area is thoroughly cleaned each day. In reply ISR stated that Ing Marinelli is at present in Rome and intends to discuss this matter with his HQ as certain difficulties have so far prevented their introducing a suitable scheme. Chairman instructed the ISR to give the matter special attention and report progress next week.

HQ Mov Sub Area Naples - Capt L.T. Cox

ISR

- Sig Giordano
- Sig Navarrelli
- Sig Laghezza

In Attendance: 8th Port HQ

- Major Tumlin

-----0-----

SENIOR

TRANSPORTATION

OFFICER

DATE

FILE

A.M.G. NAPLES

65. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 60 - Authorized Military Traffic loaded by Civilian Contractors
and Consigned to Civilian Contractors for unloading

ISR informed Chairman that the circumstances previously reported are still being investigated and it is hoped to be able to provide a definite reply at next week's Conference.
(Action ISR)

Minute 44 - Baggage Van on Naples to Bari via
Taranto Military Passenger Train

Replying to a question made by the Chairman as to the present position regarding the application for a larger baggage van on the above train ISR rep stated that instructions were given to Salerno to arrange this but could not confirm that this had in fact been done. Chairman said he would have enquiries made into the matter and if necessary raise it at a subsequent meeting.
(Action HQ Mov Naples)

Minute 35 - Hygiene Arrangements at Naples Central Station

Chairman stated that little or no effort has been made to introduce satisfactory cleaning arrangements at Naples Central Station since the subject was discussed several weeks ago. He again emphasised to the ISR the urgent need for introducing suitable measures to ensure that the station area is thoroughly cleaned each day. In reply ISR stated that Ing Marinelli is at present in Rome and intends to discuss this matter with his HQ as certain difficulties have so far prevented their introducing a suitable scheme. Chairman instructed the ISR to give the matter special attention and report progress next week.
(Action ISR)

Minute 41 - Railway Telephone Facilities

ISR stated that telephone facilities to Salerno have not yet been provided. Chairman undertook to speak to the Military Signals Officer but pointed out that the ISR should also enquire of their Signals Officer the result of his negotiations with the Military Signals Officer. Subject to be raised again at next week's Conference.
(Action HQ Mov Naples - ISR)

-2-

66. Doubling of Track between San Giovanni and Torre Annunziata

Chairman instructed ISR to ascertain and inform Joint Railway Control as quickly as possible whether it is intended to complete construction of the second running track between San Giovanni and Torre Annunziata and if so when the work will be completed.
(Action ISR)

67. Transfer of empty wagons to Calabria via Battipaglia

Joint Railway Control rep stated that DMRS have requested that special attention be given by ISR to the transfer of 35 mixed empty High and Low Sided wagons each day from the Naples Compartmento to Calabria via Battipaglia. Chairman emphasised to the ISR the importance of ensuring that this stock is supplied to Calabria each day in addition to the train of 35 empty box cars from Rome.

68. Movement of Fruit and Vegetables from Campi Plegrei to Rome

ISR referred to difficulties recently experienced in moving Fresh Fruit and Vegetables from Campi Plegrei to Rome. Joint Railway Control rep explained that originally this traffic was scheduled to move by special train but owing to difficulties experienced by PBS in arranging for a train guard this proposal had to be postponed and the traffic was worked to Naples Yard for subsequent re-forwarding under normal arrangements; the question of special train working for future consignments is still under review and will be introduced as soon as the train guard problem has been solved. ISR stated that they were conversant with the proposed arrangements for handling this traffic but it was the method actually adopted in this particular instance of which they had cause to complain: reference was made to orders being given for the traffic to be cleared in small lots on specific services instead of allowing the ISR to move the traffic under their arrangements in bulk lots on the quickest and most suitable services. It was not possible to investigate this complaint in detail as there was no PBS rep at the meeting, but Chairman said he would investigate the matter with a view to rectifying what appears to be a misunderstanding on the part of the ISR.
(Action HQ Mov Naples)

Next Conference

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES
1500 hours Thursday 24 May 48.

H. P. Pithouse
(R. PITHOUSE).
Major.
for Lt. Col.
AQM(M).

LTO/RSR.

DISTRIBUTION :

Joint Railway Control, Naples (4) RTO Caserta

Movement of Fruit and Vegetables from Campi Flegrei to Rome

(Action HQ Mov Naples)

Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES
1500 hours Thursday 24 May 46.

LTC/RSH.

Joint Railway Control, Naples	(4)	RTO Caserta
Joint Railway Control, Rome	(4)	RTO Capua
Capo Sezione Movimento		RTO Casoria
o/c Joint Railway Control, Naples	(6)	RTO Eboli
PBS Southern District (Rail Div)	(2)	RTO Naples Central
Tn Officer (Rail) AMG Naples	(3)	RTO Nola
HQ Movements South Italy		RTO Pontecagnano
HQ Mov Sub Area Rome		RTO Salerno
Joint Operating Office Bari		RTO San Giovanni
Mov LO 'A' Sec SID		RTO Torre Annunziata
RTO Benevento		RTO Br Naples Port
RTO Cancellò		RTO Roccasecca
INTERNAL : AQMG(M)		(Rail) : S/Capt Q(M) (Rail)
O i/c Traffic Office : MCO Storie		

0740

TR S.C.
Rome

MINUTES ON THE SHORT HAUL TRAFFIC
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE,
NAPLES, THURSDAY 5 MAY 45.

Present: Maj R.S.C. FITHOUSE DAQ.G(14) Movement Sub Area Naples in the chair.

Joint Railway Control

Capt G.C. P. AM.
Capt S.S. WARD.
Lieut

Tn Officer (Rail) AMG

Lieut I.S. RAND.

ISR

SIG GIORDANO
SIG RAVOZZELLI
SIG LAGHETTA

Attendance. 8th Port HQ

Maj TULLIN
Lieut KEMLER

---000---

56. Consideration of Previous Minutes.

Minute 54 - Short Haul Traffic - Allied Commission.
Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Transportation Sub Commission (Movements Division) HQ AC ROME which stated that wheat from CASTELLANUOVE will be cleared by road instead of rail for destinations within a 20 mile radius. AC TR rep confirmed that this instruction had been received and that Road transport is now performing many of the short hauls previously undertaken by the railways.
(information)

57. Communications - Delay in replies to correspondence.
Joint Railway Control drew attention to the fact that ISR have, on occasions taken a long time to reply to letters written to them by Joint Railway Control and in some instances replies to letters written over three weeks ago, had not yet been received.
ISR stated that information called for in these letters had not been obtained because of difficulty in telephone communications.
Chairman instructed ISR to furnish details of points between which had communications were continually encumbered and submit to Joint Railway Control for further action with DERS Italy.
(Action ISR - Joint Railway Control).

58. Joint Railway Control Staff.
Joint Railway Control stated that work in the office has greatly increased since the control was formed and wished to know if additional staff could be supplied.
Chairman stated that as far as Movements were concerned it will not be possible to allocate additional staff in view of the many postings of personnel from this area. PES and PMS will be requested to investigate the matter in so far as their representations are concerned.
(Action PES South Rail Div - Joint Railway Control).

---000---

Attendance, 2nd Port Hq

Maj TULLIN
Lieut REIDER

56. Consideration of Previous Minutes.

Minute 54 - Short Haul Traffic - Allied Commission.
Chairman reported that a letter had been received from Transportation Sub Commission (Movements Division) HQ AC ROME which stated that wheat from CASTELLAMARE will be cleared by road instead of rail for destinations within a 20 mile radius. AC TR rep confirmed that this instruction had been received and that Road transport is now performing many of the short hauls previously undertaken by the railways.
(information)

57. Communications - Delay in replies to correspondence.
Joint Railway Control drew attention to the fact that ISR have, on occasions taken a long time to reply to letters written to them by Joint Railway Control and in some instances replies to letters written over three weeks ago, had not yet been received.
ISR stated that information called for in these letters had not been obtained because of difficulty in telephone communications.
Chairman instructed ISR to furnish details of points between which bad communications were continually encountered and submit to Joint Railway Control for further action with DMRS Italy.
(Action ISR - Joint Railway Control).

58. Joint Railway Control Staff.
Joint Railway Control stated that work in the office has greatly increased since the control was formed and wished to know if additional staff could be supplied.
Chairman stated that as far as Movements were concerned it will not be possible to allocate additional staff in view of the many postings of personnel from this area. PES and DMRS will be requested to investigate the matter in so far as their representations are concerned.
(Action PES South Rail Div - Joint Railway Control).

---000---

Next Conference.
Next Conference will be held in Joint Railway Control Office, NAPLES 1500 hrs
THURSDAY 10 May 1946.

5 May 46.
RSCF/ART.

SENIOR
TRANSPORTATION
OFFICER
DATE 10/5/46
FILE 11086
A.M.G. - NAPLES

A. Pittman,
(R.S.C. PITHOUSE).
Lt. Col.
for LT. COL.
AQM(GM).

DISTRIBUTION.
As for minutes of Sixth Rail Conference plus,
HQ Movements South Italy.
Joint Operating Office Bari.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES

63/RAIL/628

TEL. 52030

23 April 1945

SUBJECT : Minutes - Rail Conference

TO : Transportation S.C. Rail A.C.
care Tn. Increment - C.M.F.

1. For your information we are enclosing copy of minutes of rail conference held in office of Joint Railway Control, Naples, on 19 April.

For Senior Transportation Officer :

*Irving Strand*IRVING STRAND
1st Lt., CAC
Rail Transportation OfficerCopy to : Transportation Sub-Commission
Movements Division-HQ. A.C.
APO 394 - C.M.F.
Adjutant's File
S.T.O.'s File
File

659

AB/og

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE
NAPLES, THURSDAY 19 APRIL 1945

Present: Lt Col G.W.Brown, AOC(M),
 HQ Movements West Italy in the Chair.

Joint Railway Control: Capt G Chapman
 Capt H Walbank
 Lieut J Priest

Tn Officer (Rail) A.G.: Lieut I Strand

HQ Movements West Italy: Capt L T Cox

ISR: Ing Marinelli
 Sig Giordano
 Sig Navorelli
 Sig Laghezza

In Attendance: 8th Port HQ Major Tunlin
 Lieut Shields

--000--

43. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 22 - Military Traffic Working. Joint Railway Control reported that Northbound Ordnance traffic ex San Giovanni was now scheduled to combine at Naples Yard with military traffic ex AGIP, NAFTA and SIAP Installations, also Tn stores ex Foggiorale for despatch 2359 hours daily viaversa and Line 89, and not 1000 hrs daily as previously minuted.
 (Information)

Minute 41 - Railway Telephone Facilities

Chairman reported that the Allied Military authorities could release to the ISR one direct circuit between Naples and Salerno and another direct circuit between Torre Annunziata and Salerno. ISR confirmed that this proposal was acceptable. Military Signals officer will contact ISR Signals Section to arrange details.
 (Action : HQ Mov West Italy)

Minute 29 - ISR Officials Travelling on Military Passenger Trains.

Chairman drew attention of ISR to recent instance where ISR personnel travelling as passengers on the Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train, were found at Eboli to be occupying coaches and corridors, thus causing congestion and delaying the entrainment

838

Joint Railway Control: Capt G Chapman
Capt H Walbank
Lieut H Frost

Tn Officer (Rail) A.C.: Lieut I Strand

HQ Movements West Italy: Capt L T Cox

ISR: Ing Marinelli
Sig Giordano
Sig Navarrelli
Sig Laghezza

In Attendance: 8th Port B3 Major Tunlin
Lieut Saizida

--o0o--

43. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 22 - Military Traffic Working. Joint Railway Control reported that Northbound Ordnance traffic ex San Giovanni was now scheduled to combine at Naples Yard with military traffic ex ASIP, NATA and SIAP Installations, also in stores ex Foggiorale for despatch 2359 hours daily via Aversa and Line 83, and not 1000 hrs daily as previously minuted.

(Information)

Minute 41 - Railway Telephone Facilities

Chairman reported that the Allied Military Authorities could release to the ISR one direct circuit between Naples and Salerno and another direct circuit between Torre Annunziata and Salerno. ISR confirmed that this proposal was acceptable. Military Signals officer will contact ISR Signals Section to arrange details.
(Action : HQ Mov West Italy)

858

Minute 29 - ISR Officials Travelling on Military Passenger Trains.

Chairman drew attention of ISR to recent instances where ISR personnel travelling as passengers on the Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train, were found at Eboli to be occupying coaches and corridors, thus causing congestion and delaying the entrainment of military personnel. It was stressed that ISR personnel of 'officer' status only are permitted to travel in coaches of military passenger trains, providing space being available, but that all other ISR employees must travel in the brake van. ISR stated that they were aware of the difficulties which were arising on the Salerno/Pattipaglia/Potenza Sections in connection with the movement of ISR personnel and suggested that if certain amendments could be made to existing civilian train schedules, it would be possible to divert to these trains ISR employees who at present are travelling on the military passenger train. Chairman instructed the A.C. in Rep to obtain from ISR full particulars of the suggested civilian train requirements and submit them to HQ AC Rome, for investigation and report.
(Action : AC Tn Rep with ISR)

-2-

44. Baggage Van on Naples to Bari via Taranto Military Passenger Train.

Chairman instructed ISR to investigate the possibility of providing a larger baggage van on the above train. Joint Railway Control to follow up with ISR and arrange accordingly.
(Action : ISR - Joint Railway Control)

45. Shunting at Caserta

Chairman stated that instances had been reported of shunting operations at Caserta being performed in such a manner so as to foul the level crossing on route 67 for unnecessarily long periods with resulting inconvenience to military road traffic. ISR were instructed to ensure that strict attention was paid to this point and that Capo Stazione Caserta be advised to give particular attention during the following 'peak' periods of road movement :-

0800 hours to 0930 hours	)	
1200 hours to 1430 hours	)	daily
1800 hours to 1930 hours	)	

(Action : ISR)

46. Inefficient ISR Train Crew at Montecorvino

Chairman stated that a certain shunting crew at Beach Factory, Montecorvino, were alleged negligent in the performance of their duties. The names of the individual personnel concerned were recorded by ISR who were instructed to investigate and report.
(Action : ISR)

47. Sulphuric Acid Tank Cars Operating Between Portici and Egnoli.

ISR stated that there are 7 rail cars in service for the conveyance of AC Sulphuric Acid on civilian account between Portici and Egnoli, and that frequently these rail cars could be used to a greater extent if it were not necessary to wait for labels in respect of the following week's authorised traffic. Chairman stated that an adjustment to the AC tonnage bid would eliminate this difficulty and requested AC In Rep to arrange details with ISR direct.
(Action : AC In with ISR)

48. ISR Signal Store at Campi Flegrei.

ISR reported that American military guards of a QM Depot at Campi Flegrei were preventing ISR personnel from entering an adjacent ISR Signal Store. Chairman instructed ISR to introduce a 'pass' system for these employees authorised to enter the railway Signal Store and furnish specimens in order that the appropriate military authority maybe notified accordingly.
(Action : ISR)

(G.W.Brown) Lt Col.

Chairman stated that instances had been reported of shunting operations at Caserta being performed in such a manner so as to foul the level crossing on route 97 for unnecessarily long periods with resulting inconvenience to military road traffic. ISR were instructed to ensure that strict attention was paid to this point and that Capo Stazione Caserta be advised to give particular attention during the following 'peak' periods of road movement :-

0300 hours to 0930 hours	)
1200 hours to 1430 hours	) daily
1800 hours to 1930 hours	)

(Action : ISR)

46. Inefficient ISR Train Crew at Montecorvino

Chairman stated that a certain shunting crew at Beach Factory, Montecorvino, were alleged negligent in the performance of their duties. The names of the individual personnel concerned were recorded by ISR who were instructed to investigate and report.

(Action : ISR)

47. Sulphuric Acid Tank Cars Operating Between Portici and Bagnoli.

ISR stated that there are 7 rail cars in service for the conveyance of AC Sulphuric Acid on civilian account between Portici and Bagnoli, and that frequently these rail cars could be used to a greater extent if it were not necessary to wait for labels in respect of the following week's authorised traffic. Chairman stated that an adjustment to the AC tonnage bid would eliminate this difficulty and requested AC Tn Rep to arrange details with ISR direct.

(Action : AC Tn with ISR)

48. ISR Signal Store at Campi Flegrei.

ISR reported that American military guards of a QM Depot at Campi Flegrei were preventing ISR personnel from entering an adjacent ISR Signal Store. Chairman instructed ISR to introduce a 'pass' system for these employees authorised to enter the railway Signal Store and furnish specimens in order that the appropriate military authority maybe notified accordingly.

(Action : ISR)

LTC/MM

20 Apr 45

Distribution

Joint Railway Control, Naples (4)
 Joint Railway Control, Rome (4)
 Capo Sezione Movimento
 c/o Joint Railway Control (6)
 PBS Southern District (Rail Div) (2)
 Tn Officer Rail AMG Naples (3)
 HQ Mov Sub Area Rome
 HQ Mov Sub Area Reggio
 Mov LO 'A' Section SIB

Internal : Col Q(M) : AQMF(M) Rail
 DAQMF(M) Rail : S/C Q(M) Rail
 MCO Stores : O i/c Tfc Office

ATO Benevento
 ATO Cancello
 ATO Caserta
 ATO Capua
 ATO Casoria
 ATO Eboli
 ATO Naples Central
 ATO Nola
 ATO Pontecagnano
 ATO Roccasecca
 ATO Salerno
 ATO San Giovanni
 ATO T Annunziata
 ATO Br Naples Pt

(G.W.Brown) Lt Col.
HQ MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES

434/4

63/RAIL/434

16 April 1945.

SUBJECT: Minutes - Rail Conference

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission Rail A.C.
care Transportation Increment C.A.F.
Transportation Sub-Commission - Movements Division -
Headquarters - Allied Commission - APO 394 - C.A.F.

434/4

1. For your information we are enclosing copies of minutes of rail conferences held in office of Joint Railway Control, Naples, on 5 and 12 April.

For the Senior Transportation Officer:

Irving Strand

IRVING STRAND
1st Lt., C.A.C.
Rail Transportation Officer.

IS/al.

Copy to: Adjutant's File.
S.T.O.'s File.
File.

656

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE, NAPLES,
THURSDAY 12 APRIL 1945

Present: Lt.Col G.W. BROWN, A.M.B.(M), HQ Movements WEST ITALY
in the chair.

Joint Railway Control -

Capt G. CHAPMAN
Capt H. WILKINSON
Lieut M. PRIEST

Tn Officer (Rail) AC -

Lieut I. STRAND

HQ Movements West Italy -

Major F.S.C. PITHOUSE
Capt L.T. COX

ISR -

Ing. MARINELLI
Sig. GIORDANO
Sig. NAVARELLI
Sig. LACHEZZA

In Attendance: 8th Port HQ -

Major TUNLIN
Lieut SHIELDS

---oOo---

38. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 2 - AC/Civilian Traffic. Chairman drew attention to the large percentage of bids not loaded during period 26 Mar - 1 Apr owing to no application being made by consignors to load. AC Tn rep confirmed that necessary action was being taken to rectify this.
(Action : AC Tn rep)

Minute 22 - Military Traffic Working. ISR stated that instructions have been issued for Northbound Ordnance traffic ex SAN GIOVANNI to combine at NAPLES Yard with military traffic ex AGIP, NAPTA and SIAP Installations and Tn Stores ex POGGIOREALE for despatch on the 1000 hours daily Northbound train via AVERSA and Line 89.
(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY)

Minute 31 - Facilities at Stations for Allied Female Personnel. ISR confirmed that they will execute all necessary work entailed in renovating the accommodation at NAPLES Central Station required for use as rest rooms for allied female personnel. It is estimated that the work will take approx two months to complete. Chairman instructed ISR to contact RTO NAPLES Central and arrange for the work to commence earliest.

Joint Railway Control -

Capt G. CHAPMAN
Capt H. WILBANK
Lieut R. PRIEST

Tn Officer (Rail) AC -

Lieut I. STRAND

HQ Movements West Italy -

Major R.S.C. PITHOUSE
Capt L.T. COX

ISR -

Ing. MARINELLI
Sig. GIORDANO
Sig. NAVARELLI
Sig. LACHEZZA

In Attendance: Sth Port HQ -

Major TOMLIN
Lieut SHIELDS

--oOo--

38. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 2 - AC/Civilian Traffic. Chairman drew attention to the large percentage of bids not loaded during period 26 Mar - 1 Apr owing to no application being made by consignors to load. AC Tn rep confirmed that necessary action was being taken to rectify this.
(Action : AC Tn rep)

Minute 22 - Military Traffic Working. ISR stated that instructions have been issued for Northbound Ordnance traffic ex SAN GIOVANNI to combine at NAPLES Yard with military traffic ex AGIF, MARTA and SIAP Installations and Tn Stores ex FOGGIOREALE for despatch on the 1000 hours daily Northbound train via AVERSA and Lino 89.
(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY)

Minute 31 - Facilities at Stations for Allied Female Personnel. ISR confirmed that they will execute all necessary work entailed in renovating the accommodation at NAPLES Central Station required for use as rest rooms for Allied female personnel. It is estimated that the work will take approx two months to complete. Chairman instructed ISR to contact RTO NAPLES Central and arrange for the work to commence earliest.
(Action : ISR)

Minute 35 - Hygiene Arrangements at NAPLES Central Station. ISR confirmed that the labour contract has now been completed and that work will commence about 10 April.
(Information)

Minute 36 - Shunting at CMI Sidings, CASTELLAMARE. ISR were informed that one CMI shunting locomotive normally meets all shunting requirements at CMI Works Sidings daily except Sundays. It is only when this locomotive is not available i.e. Sundays, that the ISR are called upon to perform any shunting at CMI. It will be necessary for power to continue to be supplied by ISR when the CMI engine is not available.
(Action : ISR)

/2.....

-2-

39. Military Traffic Working - NAPLES/ROME

Chairman drew attention to the power shortage resulting in a large number of loaded wagons on hand in the NAPLES Compartimento awaiting movement to ROME and beyond. Joint Railway Control stated that this had already been referred to HQ Military Railway Service ROME who are taking necessary remedial action to increase locomotive availability in the NAPLES Division, and that an improvement could be looked for within the next 24/48 hours. Chairman requested that Joint Railway Control and ISR exercise a close watch on this position. (Action : Joint Railway Control - ISR)

40. Forms XR

AC Tn rep stated that delays were being experienced in the receipt of completed forms XR. Also that in some instances the Cape Stations was failing to state the reason for failure to load. Chairman instructed ISR to ensure that both the above conditions were complied with, and that AC Tn rep take up any future serious omissions with ISR direct.

(Action : AC Tn rep - ISR)

41. Railway Telephone Facilities

ISR enquired if improved telephone facilities could be made available to them by the release from military use of existing telephone communications between NAPLES and SALERNO. Chairman agreed to investigate and report at the next Conference.

(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY)

42. Functions of Joint Railway Control, NAPLES

Joint Railway Control reported that some outside mis-apprehension still existed as to their actual responsibilities and functions as a Joint Railway Control. Chairman stated that the directive issued under HQ Mov WEST ITALY reference Q(M)R/14 dated 28 Feb 45 clearly defined their functions and responsibilities, but undertook to issue a further reminder to those concerned.

(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY)

LTC/RF

13 April 1945.

DISTRIBUTION

Joint Railway Control, Naples (4)

Capo Sezione Movimento (6)

c/o Joint Railway Control (2)

HQ S. Italy District (Rail Div)

RTC Benevento

" Cancello

" Caserta

" Capua

(G.M. BROWN) LT. COL.

HQ MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY.

654

40. Forms X2

AC Tr rep stated that delays were being experienced in the receipt of completed forms X2. Also that in some instances the Capo Stazione was failing to state the reason for failure to lead. Chairman instructed ISR to ensure that both the above conditions were complied with, and that AC Tr rep take up any future serious omissions with ISR direct.

(Action : AC Tr rep - ISR)

41. Railway Telephone Facilities

ISR enquired if improved telephone facilities could be made available to them by the release from military use of existing telephone communications between NAPLES and SALERNO. Chairman agreed to investigate and report at the next Conference.

(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY)

42. Functions of Joint Railway Control, NAPLES

Joint Railway Control reported that some outside mis-apprehension still existed as to their actual responsibilities and functions as a Joint Railway Control. Chairman stated that the directive issued under HQ Mov WEST ITALY reference Q(M)R/14 dated 23 Feb 45 clearly defined their functions and responsibilities, but undertook to issue a further reminder to those concerned.

(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY)

LTC/RF

13 April 1945.

DISTRIBUTION

Joint Railway Control, Naples

Capo Sezione Movimento

c/o Joint Railway Control

PBS Southern District (Rail Div)

Tn Officer Rail AMG Naples

HQ Mov Sub Area Rome

HQ Mov Sub Area Reggio

Mov LO 'A' Section SIB

INTERNAL

Col Q(M)

ACMG(M) Rail

DAQMG(H) Rail

S/C Q(M) Rail

MCC (Stores)

O i/c Traffic Office

RTG Benevento

" Canale

" Caserta

" Capua

" Casoria

" Eboli

" Naples Central

" Nola

" Pontecagnano

" Roccasecca

" Salerno

" San Giovanni

" Torre Annunziata

" Br Naples Port

(G.M. BROWN) LT.COL.

HQ MOVEMENTS WEST ITALY.

654

MINUTES OF THE THIRD RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE, NAPLES,
THURSDAY 5 APRIL 1945

PRESENT: Capt L.T. COX S/C Q(M) Rail, HQ Movements WEST ITALY
in the chair.

Joint Railway Control - Capt J. ROELI
Capt G. CHAPMAN
Capt H. WALBANK
Lieut M. TRIPT

Rail Div PBS South - Major FORBES

AC In Naples - Lieut STWARD

ISR -
INC. MARINELLI
SIG. GIORDANO
SIG. NAVARELLI
SIG. LACCHETTA

--000--

27. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 2 - AC/Civilian Traffic. AC In rep reported that for the first period under revised procedure 53% of accepted bids in the Naples Compartimento were loaded. He stated that no discussion was necessary on any particular feature concerning loadings in this period.

Minute 3 - Unauthorised Civilian Travel. Two reports were referred to by the Chairman illustrating further irregularities. It was agreed that HQ Mov WEST ITALY would submit details to Joint Railway Control for submission to ISR who promised to take the necessary action.
(Action: HQ Mov WEST ITALY - Joint Railway Control - ISR)

Minute 12 - Line Construction and Electrification. Chairman stated that DARS were fully conversant with the position in connection with the proposed electrification of the VILLA LITERNO/AVERSA Section but that at present it was not possible to allocate the necessary materials for this work to be done.
(Information)

Minute 15 - Warehouse Accommodation - CAMPI FLEGREI. PBS rep stated that it was not at present possible for the US Unit using the warehouse at CAMPI FLEGREI to allocate any of the accommodation to the ISR.
(Information)

Minute 21 - AC Wagon Requirements TORRE ANNUNZIATA/CASTELLANARE. Chairman reported that a strike amongst the civilian workers had been

Capt G. CHAPMAN
Capt R. WALDMAN
Lieut M. FRIPT

Rail Div FBS South -

Major FORBES

AC In Naples -

Lieut STEND

ISR -

Ing. MARINELLI
Sig. GIORDANO
Sig. MAVORRELLI
Sig. LACHEZZA

--000--

27. Consideration of Previous Minutes

Minute 2 - AC/Civilian Traffic. AC In rep reported that for the first period under revised procedure 53% of accepted bids in the Naples Compartimento were loaded. He stated that no discussion was necessary on any particular feature concerning loadings in this period.

Minute 3 - Unauthorized Civilian Travel. Two reports were referred to by the Chairman illustrating further irregularities. It was agreed that HQ Nov WEST ITALY would submit details to Joint Railway Control for submission to ISR was promised to take the necessary action.
(Action : HQ Nov WEST ITALY - Joint Railway Control - ISR)

Minute 12 - Line Construction and Electrification. Chairman stated that DPR3 were fully conversant with the position in connection with the proposed electrification of the VILLA LITerno/ANERSA Section but that at present it was not possible to allocate the necessary materials for this work to be done.
(Information)

Minute 15 - Warehouse Accommodation - CAMPI FLIGRI. PBS rep stated that it was not at present possible for the US OM Unit using the warehouse at CAMPI FLIGRI to allocate any of the accommodation to the ISR.
(Information)

Minute 21 - AC Wagon Requirements TORO ARUNDELATA/CASTELLANARE. Chairman reported that a strike amongst the civilian workers has been the cause of the recent drop in the AC grain loadings but that 13 wagons were loaded on 4 Apr and it is expected that normal loadings will soon be resumed. ISR complained of interference on the part of the RTO in allocation of wagons amongst different civilians; Chairman promised to investigate this complaint.
(Action : HQ Nov WEST ITALY)

Minute 22 - Military Traffic Working. ISR reported that efforts are being made to improve the service for Warbound Ordnance traffic on PONTEGGIANO/MONTECORVINO but in many cases delays arise owing to shortage of braked wagons to take trains over the G.M. Bank between SALERNO and NOCERA.

-2-

Chairman asked ISR to investigate the possibility of combining Northbound Oranance traffic on SAs GIOVANNI with similar traffic on AGIF, NAPOLI and SIAP Installations and Transportation Stores on POCIGRABLE, and including all this on the train which leaves NAFLES yard at 1000 hours daily via AVERSA and Line 89.

Chairman referred to a Military Troop Train on 20 4 April destined for NAPLES CENTRAL which was held at VILLANO 5 April for one hour to wait for a Northbound Civilian Passenger Train. ISR undertook to investigate this occurrence and take suitable action to ensure that priority is given in future to Allied Military Trains.

(Action: ISR)

Minute 25 - Use of Brake Wagons at NOCERA. ISR reported that they are investigating the possibility of making arrangements to ensure an adequate and constant supply at all times of brake wagons at NOCERA. Chairman stated that trains with Line 90 traffic frequently arrive at CANCELLO partly marshalled with braked wagons consigned to East Italy. ISR stated in reply that the yard accommodation at NOCERA does not permit of extensive marshalling and that CANCELLO is better equipped for doing this work.

(Information)

28. Marshalling of Northbound Traffic - Lines 89 and 90

Chairman asked ISR whether arrangements could be made for Northbound traffic moving over Lines 89 and 90 to be marshalled in the following combinations.

- (a) Line 50 and ROME TUSCOLANA.
- (b) Lines 66, 87 and 88.

Capt CHAFFIN, Joint Railway Control pointed out that the number of trains dealt with at C. SERRA did not permit this (insofar as Line 90 traffic is concerned) without causing delay and congestion at C. SERRA and also other yards in the NAPLES area.

ISR stated that at present this is not possible for traffic moving over Line 89 but it is hoped to be able to forward trains in marshalled order when suitable facilities have been provided at VILLA LITerno.

(Information)

29. ISR Officials Travelling on Military Passenger Trains

Chairman informed ISR of recent decision given by AFHQ that ISR officials on duty may travel in the brake vans (not coaching stock) of Military Passenger Trains on production of the IRS Pink Pass.

(Information)

30. Provision of Latrines at SAN GIOVANNI for ISR Personnel

Chairman instructed ISR to arrange provision of latrine accommodation for ISR personnel at SAN GIOVANNI. It was stated that an application was submitted through Joint Railway Control nearly a month ago for this and has been taken.

investigate this occurrence and take suitable action to ensure that priority is given in future to Allied Military trains.
(Action : ISR)

Minute 28 - Use of Brake Wagons at NOCERA. ISR reported that they are investigating the possibility of making arrangements to ensure an adequate and constant supply at all times of brake wagons at NOCERA. Chairman stated that trains with Line 90 traffic frequently arrive at CANDELE partly marshalled with brake wagons consigned to East Italy. ISR stated in reply that the yard accommodation at NOCERA does not permit of extensive marshalling and that CANDELE is better equipped for doing this work.
(Information)

28. Marshalling of Northbound Traffic - Lines 88 and 89

Chairman asked ISR whether arrangements could be made for Northbound traffic moving over Lines 88 and 89 to be marshalled in the following combinations.

- (a) Line 89 and ROME FUSCOLLA.
- (b) Lines 88, 87 and 86.

Capt CHAPMAN, Joint Railway Control pointed out that the number of trains dealt with at CASERTA did not permit this (insofar as Line 89 traffic is concerned) without causing delay and congestion at CASERTA and also other yards in the NAPLES Area.

ISR stated that at present this is not possible for traffic moving over Line 89 but it is hoped to be able to forward trains in marshalled order when suitable facilities have been provided at VILLA LITerno.
(Information)

29. ISR Officials Travelling on Military Passenger Trains

Chairman informed ISR of recent decision given by AFHQ that ISR officials on duty may travel in the brake vans (not coaching stock) of Military Passenger Trains on production of the IRS Pink Pass.
(Information)

30. Provision of Latrines at SAN GIOVANNI for ISR Personnel

Chairman instructed ISR to arrange provision of latrine accommodation for ISR personnel at SAN GIOVANNI. It was stated that an application was submitted through Joint Railway Control nearly a month ago for this accommodation to be provided and so far no action has been taken. ISR promised to take up the matter at once.
(Action : ISR)

31. Facilities at Stations for Allied Female Personnel

Chairman advised ISR that there are some rooms at NAPLES CENTRAL Station which the AFHQ considers to be suitable for use as rest rooms for Allied female personnel. ISR will ascertain from the AFHQ where the rooms are actually located and will advise at next week's conference whether arrangements can be made with the Capo Sezione Lavori for the accommodation to be renovated.
(Action : ISR)

32. Issue of Orders to Capos Stations by Allied Military Personnel

ISR stated that difficulties are still arising at stations as a result of conflicting orders being given to Capos by different Allied Officers. They requested that a list be supplied of the names of all RTOs so that Capos will know whether orders they receive do in fact emanate from the RTO. It was pointed out to ISR that Capos should accept no orders from any Allied personnel at stations other than the RTOs or their staffs. The list of RTOs names will be supplied as requested.

(Action : HQ NOV WEST ITALY - PBS Rail Div)

33. Southbound Train Advices given by Joint Railway Control to PBS Rail Div

Joint Railway Control undertook to advise PBS Rail Div upon request the departure times from ROME of any US Southbound Personnel Trains but that expected arrival times at NAPLES CENTRAL could not be given until trains arrive at ROME. SSSA on line 30 or FORMIA on line 89.

(Action : Joint Railway Control)

34. ISR Wagon Position Reports

Joint Railway Control stated that the ISR Daily Wagon Position Reports do not convey a true picture because in many instances no provision is made by Capos for wagons in sidings and dumps used by Allied personnel. It was agreed that RTOs should co-operate with their Capos and give them Wagon Position Reports in respect of dumps etc where ISR checkers are not permitted admission.

(Action : HQ NOV WEST ITALY - PBS Rail Div)

35. Hygiene arrangements at NAPLES CENTRAL Station

AS IR rep informed ISR that a complaint has been received concerning the low standard of hygiene and cleanliness at NAPLES CENTRAL Station. This report stated that no labour is available to carry out daily cleaning of the station. ISR explained that a contract has been placed for this work and will come into force W.O.F. 9 Apr. Matter to be reviewed at next week's conference.

(Action : HQ NOV WEST ITALY)

36. Shunting at CMI Sidings, CASTELLANUS

651

ISR stated that ISR engines are performing all shunting operations at CMI Sidings, CASTELLANUS. This is not in accordance with ISR rules and it was suggested that CMI should use their own locomotives. Chairman said enquiries would be made to ascertain whether there were any CMI private locomotives available at CASTELLANUS to shunt the sidings but if not it would be necessary for ISR locomotives to continue to do the work, as the works were being extensively used by a British Engineering Unit.

(Action : HQ NOV WEST ITALY)

37. Civilian Scrap under load at IDVA Stockpiles, BIGNOLI

33. Southbound Train Services given by Joint Railway Control to PBS Rail Div

Joint Railway Control undertook to advise PBS Rail Div upon request the departure times from ROBE of any US Southbound Personnel Trains but that expected arrival times at MARLES CENTRAL could not be given until trains arrive at ROCCASIDGON on line 80 or FORMIA on line 89.
(Action : Joint Railway Control)

34. ISR Wagon Position Reports

Joint Railway Control stated that the ISR daily Wagon Position Reports do not convey a true picture because in many instances no provision is made by Capes for wagons in sidings and humps used by allied personnel. It was agreed that ISRs should be submitted with their Capes and give them Wagon Position Reports in respect of Reports etc where ISR checkers are not permitted admission.
(Action : HQ New West ILLY - PBS Rail Div)

35. Hygiene arrangements at MARLES CENTRAL Station

As Mr rep informed ISR that a complaint has been received concerning the low standard of hygiene and cleanliness at MARLES CENTRAL Station. This report stated that no labour is available to carry out daily cleaning of the station. ISR explained that a contract has been placed for this work and will come into force w.e.f. 3 Apr.
Matter to be reviewed at next week's conference.
(Action : HQ New West ILLY)

36. Shunting at CHI Sidings, CASTELLUM

ISR stated that ISR engines are performing all shunting operations at CHI Sidings, CASTELLUM. This is not in accordance with ISR rules and it was suggested that CHI should use their own locomotives. Chairman said enquiries would be made to ascertain whether there were any CHI private locomotives available at CASTELLUM to shunt the sidings but if not it would be necessary for ISR locomotives to continue to do the work, as the works were being extensively used by a British Engineering Unit.
(Action : HQ New West ILLY)

37. Civilian Scrap under Load at ILVA Steelworks, BIGNOLI

Joint Railway Control reported that 18 wagons scrap have been underload at ILVA Steelworks, BIGNOLI, for some days and consignees did not appear to be taking any steps to unload the traffic. ISR said they would look into this matter at once and press for prompt clearance of the wagons.
(Action : ISR)

LTC/IF
6 April 1945

DISTRIBUTION: As for Minutes dated 30 Mar 45.

(L. J. COX)
C.I.T.
FOR COL Q(M).

651

MINUTES OF THE SECOND RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE, NAPLES,
THURSDAY 29 MARCH 1945

PRESENT: Major C. AYERS, DQMS(M) HQ Movements West Italy
in the Chair.

Joint Railway Control

Capt J. KOELL
Capt G. CHILPANI
Capt H. WALBANK
Lieut M. DRIPT

AC Southern Region

Lieut STRAND

Movements West Italy

Capt L.T. COX

ISR

Ing. MARINELLI }
Sig. GIORDANO } Sezione Movimento
Sig. RAVARRELLI }

Sig. NOISIO - Sezione Trattione

--000--

17. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minute 2 - AC Civilian Traffic. Chairman stated that full statistics were not yet available in regard to AC/Civilian loadings for first period under revised procedure and it was not possible to make complete examination of actual loadings against programmed tonnages. Latter to be brought up again at the next conference.
(Information)

Minute 3 - Unauthorized Civilian Travel. ISR said that the train crew personnel in question were attached to the Traction Department, Rome Compartimento, who have been notified of the incident in order that the necessary action may be taken.
(Action: ISR to inform Joint Railway Control when a reply is received from Rome Compartimento).

Minute 4 - Traffic ex NAPLES sent to PONTICAGNANO and MONTECORVINO. ISR reported that v.c.f. 1 Apr 45 a daily train will leave NAPLES 0800 hours and is due to arrive at PONTICAGNANO 0800 hours the following day. When there is insufficient Ordnance traffic to make a complete train load the spare tonnage will be taken up with other traffic to be attached under arrangements of ISR.
(Information)

Minute 5 - Wagon Exchange - REGGIO Compartimento. Joint Railway Control stated that in view of the present wagon shortage in the NAPLES area, it is proposed to transfer 31 March the

Mc 7
p. 11

850

434/2

0758

Joint Railway Control -

Capt J. ROELL
Capt C. CHIPMAN
Capt H. WALKER
Lieut M. BRIGHT

AC Southern Region -

Lieut STRAND

Movements West Italy -

Capt L.T. COX

ISR -

Ing. MARINELLI)
Sig. GIOVANNI) Sezione Movimenti
Sig. MURARELLI)

Sig. BOISIO - Sezione Tractione

---000---

17. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minute 2 - AC Civilian Traffic. Chairman stated that full statistics were not yet available in regard to AC/Civilian loadings for first period under revised procedure and it was not possible to make complete examination of actual loadings against programmed tonnages. Matter to be brought up again at the next conference.
(Information)

Minute 3 - Unauthorized Italian Travel. ISR said that the train crew personnel in question were returned to the Traction Department, Rome Compartiments, who have been notified of the incident in order that the necessary action may be taken.
(Action : ISR to inform Joint Railway Control when a reply is received from Rome Compartiments).

Minute 4 - Train ex NAPLES Port to PONTICAGNANO and MONTECORVINO. ISR reported that w.s.i. 1 Apr 48 a daily train will leave NAPLES 8.15 a.m. and is due to arrive at PONTICAGNANO 0300 hours the following day. When there is insufficient Ordnance traffic to make a complete train load the spare tonnage will be taken up with other traffic to be attached under arrangements of ISR.
(Information)

Minute 5 - Wagon Exchange - REGGIO Compartiments. Joint Railway Control stated that in view of the present wagon shortage in the NAPLES area, instructions have been issued to ISR cancelling until 31 March the movement of empties from the NAPLES Compartiments to the REGGIO Compartiments.
(Information)

Minute 6 - Application from ISR for part use of siding at ANSILDO Works, PONTICAGNANO. ISR reported that it will be necessary for this application to be referred back to ROME for further information.
(Action : ISR)

M 7
M 10

-2-

Minute 7 - Siding Facilities at PISTOIA. Reps from HQ Movements West Italy, Joint Railway Control and ISR visited the site on 24 March when it was agreed that a siding could be constructed if the depot undertakes to carry out the work to the requirements of the ISR who will provide the necessary railway materials.
(Action: HQ Mov West Italy to notify Joint Railway Control when the depot is prepared to commence work)

Minute 8 - Daily Workers Train - NAPLES/CASERTA. JO in rep said this matter has been submitted to Joint Railway Control.
(Information)

Minute 9 - Deliberate slowing down or stopping of trains. ISR confirmed that instructions have been issued to all ISR staff. Chairman reported that trains are being stopped at S. MARIA LA BRUNO and for no apparent reason the Cape there is interfering with through traffic destined for TORRE ANNUNZIATA and South. ISR will investigate this and confirmed that through Southbound trains need not stop at S. MARIA LA BRUNO for purposes other than awaiting "line clear".
(Action: ISR)

Minute 10 - Rail Intelligence and Incident Reports. Joint Railway Control reported an improvement but pointed out that the position is not yet entirely satisfactory.
(Action: ISR)

Minute 11 - Train Schedules. ISR stated that a time-table for Line 90 should be ready by 10 Apr 45. They will supply 12 copies of this to Joint Railway Control for distribution. Requests for train timings in respect of freight or personnel movements will be submitted to Joint Railway Control who will obtain the information from the ISR.
(Information)

Minute 12 - Line Construction and Electrification. Chairman reported that DMRS have been approached and confirm that diesel locos will be withdrawn from Line 89 on 1 May: they also state that the first priority for electrifying this line is the section ROSE/FORMIA, after which the section AVERSA/VILL. LITerno will be electrified. ISR pointed out that the sections NAPLES/CASERTA/VILL. LITerno and NAPLES/AVERSA are already electrified and it would simplify train and loco working if the section AVERSA/VILL. LITerno could be electrified. They are in a position to carry out the necessary work for this at once if the materials could be released. Chairman said further representations will be made to DMRS.
(Action: HQ Mov West Italy)

Minute 13 - Bad Order Wagons. Joint Railway Control reported that they are receiving advice more promptly from the ISR regarding bad order wagons: but consider that when a 'bad order' wagon is detached at a station on route the ISR should immediately arrange either for prompt repair or for another empty wagon to be made available at that station in case it should be necessary to effect transshipment. Also Joint Railway Control require to be informed when any 'bad order' wagon has been sent forward.

649

(Information)

Minute 9 - Deliberate slowing down or stopping of trains. ISR confirmed that instructions have been issued to all ISR staff. Chairman reported that trains are being stopped at S.MARIA LA BRUNO and for no apparent reason the Cape there is interfering with through traffic destined for TORRE ANNUZZI and South. ISR will investigate this and confirmed that through Southbound trains need not stop at S.MARIA LA BRUNO for purposes other than awaiting "line clear".
(Action: ISR)

Minute 10 - Rail Intelligence and Incident Reports. Joint Railway Control reported an improvement but pointed out that the position is not yet entirely satisfactory.
(Action: ISR)

Minute 11 - Train Schedules. ISR stated that a time-table for Line 90 should be ready by 10 Apr 46. They will supply 12 copies of this to Joint Railway Control for distribution. Requests for train timings in respect of freight or personnel movements will be submitted to Joint Railway Control who will obtain the information from the ISR.
(Information)

Minute 12 - Line Construction and Electrification. Chairman reported that DMS have been approached and confirm that diesel locos will be withdrawn from Line 89 on 1 May: they also state that the first priority for electrifying this line is the section ROSE/TOMIA, after which the section AVERSA/VILLA LITERNO will be electrified. ISR pointed out that the sections NAPLES/CAMP FLACREI/VILLA LITERNO and NAPLES/AVERSA are already electrified and it would simplify train and loco working if the section AVERSA/VILLA LITERNO could be electrified. They are in a position to carry out the necessary work for this at once if the materials could be released. Chairman said further representations will be made to DMS.
(Action: HQ New West Italy)

Minute 13 - Bad Order Wagons. Joint Railway Control reported that they are receiving advices more promptly from the ISR regarding bad order wagons: but consider that when a 'bad order' wagon is detached at a station on route the ISR should immediately arrange either for prompt repair or for another empty wagon to be made available at that station in case it should be necessary to effect transhipment. Also Joint Railway Control require to be informed when any 'bad order' wagon has been repaired or transhipped and sent forward.
(Action: ISR)

Minute 14 - Indents for Rolling Stock. Chairman stated that all RTOs have been instructed accordingly.

Minute 15 - Warehouse Accommodation - CAMP FLACREI. It was not yet possible to give a reply in this case. PMS rep will advise Joint Railway Control (for ISR) as soon as possible.

Minute 16 - Liaison with ISR through Joint Railway Control. Joint Railway Control stated that no further difficulties have been experienced.
(Information)

• Harold Kuntze went down to Edwardsville in

19. Vlacon Station.

20. Return of Territory to ISH Control.

40. Wagon Requirements TORRE ANNUNZI. E. C. STELLARD.

22. Military Training Working.

(a) The introduction of improved train services for the movement of Ordnance for ROME and North headed at SAN GIOVANNI, PONTICAGNANO and MONTECORVINO.

(b) Arranging an earlier departure from C.S.M. of the daily local train to VILLANO which calls at C.P.M. for local shunting. It is essential that this train arrives at C.P.M. not later than 0800 hours each day.

(c) arranging for trains from GWSOLin Supply Depots to run through to AVARSA with no intermediate stops. ISR explained that w.e.f. 1 Apr, a scheduled service will be introduced for this traffic and this should overcome the difficulties previously experienced where trains have been held at stations for extensive periods.

19. Wagon Statistics.

ISR stated that w.e.f. 3 Apr 45 they will prepare daily wagon statistics showing complete wagon availability by types in the NAFLIS Division. These statistics will be rendered to Joint Railway Control.
(Information)

20. Return of Territory to ISR Control.

Chairman reported that w.e.f. 15 Apr 45 it is intended to hand back to the ISR the responsibility for operating the ROME Compartments, and also at a later date the ANCONA and FLORENCE Compartments.
(Information)

21. AC Wagon Requirements TORRE ANNUNZIATA/CASTELLARE.

Chairman stated that 35 box cars are required daily for AC loadings at TORRE ANNUNZIATA and CASTELLARE. Arrangements should be made for these wagons to be worked daily to TORRE ANNUNZIATA for this traffic and RTO TORRE ANNUNZIATA will arrange locally the allocation of empties as between CASTELLARE and TORRE ANNUNZIATA.
(Action: Joint Railway Control - ISR)

22. Military Traffic Working.

Chairman requested Joint Railway Control to investigate (in conjunction with ISR) the following:-

(a) The introduction of improved train services for the movement of Ordnance for ROME and North loaded at SAN GIOVANNI, PONTECAONANO and MONTECORVINO.

(b) Arranging an earlier departure from CASERTA of the daily local train to VILLANO which calls at CAPUA for local shunting. It is essential that this train arrives at CAPUA not later than 0800 hours each day.

(c) Arranging for trains from CASERTA Supply Depots to run through to AVERSA with no intermediate stops. ISR explained that w.e.f. 1 Apr, a scheduled service will be introduced for this traffic and this should overcome the difficulties previously experienced where trains have been held at stations for extensive periods, thus increasing the risk of pilferage.

23. Italian Military Personnel: NAPLES to ROME.

PBS Rail Div have received a suggestion from their staff at NAPLES that the four wagons per day of Italian Military personnel from NAPLES to ROME should be kept off trains of Allied military stores in view of the risk of pilferage, and that this movement should consist of one complete train once per week in preference to the present daily arrangement. It was agreed that the matter be raised by PBS Rail Div with Dn(A), AFHQ, for investigation with MILA.
(Action: PBS Rail Div)

-4-

24. Availability of ISR Personnel over the Easter Holiday.

ISR gave an assurance that there will be sufficient ISR personnel on duty over the Easter Holiday period to ensure normal movement of Allied traffic.
(Information)

25. Use of Brake Wagons at NOCERA.

Joint Railway Control reported that there are occasions when the ISR use brake wagons loaded with traffic consigned to destinations North of NOCERA for the purpose of providing brakes on trains proceeding South from NOCERA. ISR were instructed to see that this practice is stopped.
(Action : ISR)

26. ISR Workers Trains on Line 30.

ISR stated that arrangements were made for one Workers Train to run daily in each direction between ROME and CASERTA for their employees working at stations etc on Line 30. These trains were scheduled to run up to the end of March, but it will be necessary to extend the arrangement as sufficient accommodation is not yet available for these workers. Joint Railway Control undertook to apply to DMS for the services to continue for a further period.
(Action : Joint Railway Control)

20 March 1945.
LTC/RF.

DISTRIBUTION

Joint Railway Control
Cape Sezione Movimento
C/O Joint Railway Control
PES Southern District (Rail Div)
Tn Officer AC Southern Region
HQ Mor Sub Area ROME
HQ Mor Sub Area REGGIO

(4)
(5)
(2)
(3)

ITO Benevento
" Cancello
" Caserta
" Capua
" Casoria
" Eboli
" Naples Central
" Nola
" Pontecagnano
" Roccasecca
" Salerno
" San Giovanni
" Torre Annunziata
" Br Naples Port

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

647

Joint Railway Control reported that there are occasions when the ISR use brake wagons loaded with traffic assigned to destinations North of ROME for the purpose of providing brakes on trains proceeding South from NOCERA. ISR were instructed to see that this practice is stopped.

(Action : ISR)

26. ISR Workers Trains on Line 90.

ISR stated that arrangements were made for one Workers Train to run daily in each direction between NOCERA and CASSINARA for their employees working at stations etc on Line 90. These trains were scheduled to run up to the end of March, but it will be necessary to extend the arrangement as sufficient accommodation is not yet available for these workers. Joint Railway Control undertook to apply to DMRS for the services to continue for a further period.

(Action : Joint Railway Control)

30 March 1945.

LTC/RF.

L. Campbell

(C. AYERS)

Major.

FOR COL Q(M).

DISTRIBUTION

Joint Railway Control
 Capo Stazione Movimento
 c/o Joint Railway Control
 PES Southern District (Rail Div)
 TA Officer LC Southern Region
 HQ Mov Sub Area ROME
 HQ Mov Sub Area REGGIO

(4)
 (3)
 (2)
 (3)

HTO Benevento
 " Cannello
 " Caserta
 " Capua
 " Casoria
 " Eboli
 " Naples Central
 " Nola
 " Pontecagnano
 " Roccasecca
 " Salerno
 " San Giovanni
 " Torre Annunziata
 " Br Naples Port

647

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
ARMED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
NAPLES

63 RAIL/145

H34/1

SUBJECT : Minutes; Rail Conference.

7 April; 1945

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
Rail A.C.care En.Increment C.M.F.Transportation Sub-Commission-
Movements Division-HQ.A.C. APO 394-C.M.F. ✓

1. For your information we are enclosing copies of minutes of rail conferences held in offices of Joint Railway Control, Naples, on 22 March and 29 March.
2. These conferences are held each Thursday and copy of minutes will be forwarded to you weekly.

For the Senior Transportation Officer:

Irving Strand

IRVING STRAND

1st Lt., CAC

Rail Transportation Officer

IS/og

Copy to : Adjutant's File
S.T.O.'s File
File

646

Send to AC (Rly) Southern Region

MINUTES OF THE FIRST RAIL CONFERENCE
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE, NAPLES,
THURSDAY 22 MARCH 1945

2 Copies

PRESENT: Lt. Col. G.W. BROWN, AQMG(M) HQ Movements West Italy
in the chair.

Joint Railway Control -

Capt. J. ROUELL (MRS)
Capt. H. WALKER (Morwit)
Lieut. M. FRIST (PBS Tr)

PBS Southern Dist (Rail Div) -

Major J.H. FORBES

AC Southern Region -

Major V.C. BOWERS

Movements West Italy -

Major C. AYERS
Capt. L.T. COX

ISR -

Ing. MARIN
Sig. LACERZA



--ooc--

1. Object of Conference

Chairman explained that the object of these weekly conferences would be to examine all major problems arising during day to day railway working in the NAPLES Compartimento with a view to determining action, or where necessary, dictating policy to be adopted.
(Information)

2. AC Civilian Traffic

ISR confirmed that they are fully conversant with the revised procedure and are employing a full time traffic inspector for the purpose of visiting stations and executing spot checks on loadings and documentation. Chairman stated that position would be examined in detail on receipt of the first returns giving details of actual loadings against programmed tonnages.
(Information)

3. Unauthorized Civilian Travel

Attention was drawn to an instance of unauthorized civilian personnel travelling in the locomotive cab of a Northbound train at CAPUA. Chairman stressed the seriousness of this offence to the ISR and directed that they report action taken against the train crew concerned at the next conference.
(Action : ISR)

4. Traffic ex NAPLES Port to PONTECACCINO and MONTECORVINO

Chairman instructed ISR to examine the possibility of working this traffic forward in special train loads daily, in order to maintain

645

PES Southern Dist (Rail Div) - Major J.H. FORBES

AC Southern Region - Major V.O. BOWERS

Movements West Italy -

Major C. AYERS
Capt. L.T. COX

ISR -

Ing. MARINO
Sig. LACERZA



---000---

1. Object of Conference

Chairman explained that the object of these weekly conferences would be to examine all major problems arising during day to day railway working in the NAPLES Compartimento with a view to determining action, or where necessary, dictating policy to be adopted.
(Information)

2. AC Civilian Traffic

ISR confirmed that they are fully conversant with the revised procedure and are employing a full time traffic inspector for the purpose of visiting stations and executing spot checks on loadings and documentation. Chairman stated that position would be examined in detail on receipt of the first returns giving details of actual loadings against programmed tonnages.
(Information)

3. Unauthorized Civilian Travel

Attention was drawn to an instance of unauthorized civilian personnel travelling in the locomotive cab of a Northbound train at C.F.U.A. Chairman stressed the seriousness of this offence to the ISR and directed that they report action taken against the train crew concerned at the next conference.
(Action : ISR)

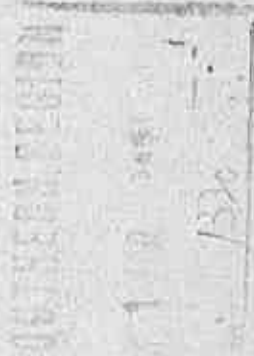
645

4. Traffic ex NAPLES Port to PONTICCHIO and MONTECORVINO

Chairman instructed ISR to examine the possibility of working this traffic forward in special train loads daily, in order to maintain an even flow of traffic, facilitate depot working, and reduce wagon turnaround. Result to be reported next conference.
(Action : ISR)

5. Wagon Exchange - REGIONE Compartimento

ISR stated that 50 empty cars daily were being worked into CALABRIA via POTENZA and METAPONTO, any further balance which may be required being worked via the WEST Coast route.
(Information)



-2-

6. Application from ISR for part use of siding at ANSALDO WORKS, POZZUOLI

Chairman referred to an application made by Ing. Pomeroy for part use by ANSALDO of existing siding facilities at ANSALDO Works and instructed ISR to furnish details of the volume of traffic anticipated under this proposal, before a decision could be made.
(Action : ISR)

7. Siding Facilities at PIETRARSA Halt

HQ Mov WEST ITALY asked whether it would be possible to construct a siding off the second main running line (estimated to be completed within next 2/3 months) for serving the new transit shed now in course of construction for the use of 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD.
It was agreed that reps from HQ Mov WEST ITALY, Joint Control, and ISR visit the site 1000 hours 24 Mar for the purpose of inspection and report.
(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY - Joint Railway Control - ISR)

8. Daily Workers Train - NAPLES/CASERTA

AG rep asked whether or not it would be possible to extend above daily service to CIPUA. Chairman directed that IS submit request direct to ISR through Joint Railway Control.
(Action : AG - Joint Railway Control)

9. Deliberate slowing down or stopping of trains

PBS rep stated that incidents continued to be reported of trains being slowed down or stopped at intermediary points to facilitate pilferage. ISR were instructed to again issue instructions to all their staff that this practice will cease.
(Action : ISR)

10. Rail Intelligence and Incident Reports

Delays were reported by Joint Railway Control in receiving these reports. ISR were directed to ensure such reports were rendered promptly in future and that their staff be so instructed.
(Action : ISR)

11. Train Schedules

ISR reported that train working in the Compartimento (with the exception of line 90) was now operating to a time table and that line 90 should also be working to a time table by end March. ISR to furnish 25 copies to Joint Railway Control for distribution.
(Action : ISR - Joint Railway Control)

12. Line Construction and Electrification

ISR reported that within next few days there would be one line electrified between SALERNO and BATTIPAGLIA, and that work on electrification of the

644

7. Siding Facilities at PIETRARSA Halt

HQ Mov WEST ITALY asked whether it would be possible to construct a siding off the second main running line (estimated to be completed within next 2/3 months) for serving the new transit shed now in course of construction for the use of 2 Sub Depot 557 BOD.

It was agreed that reps from HQ Mov WEST ITALY, Joint Control, and ISR visit the site 1000 hours 24 Mar for the purpose of inspection and report.

(Action : HQ Mov WEST ITALY - Joint Railway Control - ISR)

8. Daily Workers Train - NAPLES/CHIARETI

AC rep asked whether or not it would be possible to extend above daily service to CAPUA. Chairman directed that AC submit request direct to ISR through Joint Railway Control.

(Action : AC - Joint Railway Control)

9. Deliberate slowing down or stopping of trains

PBS rep stated that incidents continued to be reported of trains being slowed down or stopped at intermediary points to facilitate pilferage. ISR were instructed to again issue instructions to all their staff that this practice will cease.

(Action : ISR)

10. Rail Intelligence and Incident Reports

Delays were reported by Joint Railway Control in receiving these reports. ISR were directed to ensure such reports were rendered promptly in future and that their staff be so instructed.

(Action : ISR)

11. Train Schedules

ISR reported that train working in the Compartimento (with the exception of line 90) was now operating to a time table and that line 90 should also be working to a time table by end March. ISR to furnish 25 copies to Joint Railway Control for distribution.

(Action : ISR - Joint Railway Control)

644

12. Line Construction and Electrification

ISR reported that within next few days there would be one line electrified between SALERNO and RAFFIPAGLIA, and that work on electrification of the remaining second line would follow at a later date when the requisite materials had been released. Work was also progressing on construction of the second main running line between SAN GIOVANNI and TORRE ANNUNZIATA.

ISR also reported that IRS intended to withdraw all diesel locomotives from line 89 approx end April and that under the circumstances it would be desirable to extend the existing electrification of line 89 from AVERSA to VILLA LITERNO.

(Action : Chairman to discuss latter point with IRS and report next conference)

-5-

13. Bad Order Wagons

ISR were instructed to ensure that label details of all bad order wagons be transmitted to the Joint Railway Control by the quickest possible means who will advise the responsible HQ concerned. Transshipment should only be resorted to when the nature of the repairs preclude the wagon being quickly restored to service by local repairs on the spot.
(Action: ISR - Joint Railway Control)

14. Indents for Rolling Stock

ISR reported that instances were arising where RTCs were making demands for cars on local Capes which were not included on consolidated car indent submitted through Joint Railway Control. Chairman directed that necessary measures be taken by all concerned to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding by including all local requirements of RTCs in the consolidated car indent submitted daily through Joint Railway Control.
(Action: All concerned)

15. Warehouse Accommodation - CAMPI FLEGREI

ISR reported that they were short of accommodation at CAMPI FLEGREI for the storage of "smalls" pending their despatch by rail and asked if part of the accommodation adjacent the station at present occupied by a US QM unit could be made available. FBS rep undertook to investigate and report at the next conference.
(Action: FBS)

16. Liaison with ISR through Joint Railway Control

Joint Railway Control reported that difficulties had arisen on occasions in obtaining executive action through ISR channels. Chairman directed that any further instances be reported direct to Ing. Marinelli for necessary action with those concerned.
(Action: Joint Railway Control - ISR)

GWE/RF

DISTRIBUTION

Joint Railway Control (4)
Cape Sections Moviments
c/o Joint Railway Control (5)
PBS Southern Dist (Rail Div) (2)
The Officer AC Southern Region (2)
HQ Mov Sub Area HOME
HQ Mov Sub Area REGGIO

RTC Benevento
" Canale
" Caserta
" Capua
" Casoria
" Castellammare
" Eboli
" Naples Central
" Nola
" Pontecagnano
" Roccaraso

(G.W.DRAM) Lt. Col.
AQM(M)
HQ Mov WEST ITALY

643

on the spot.

(Action: ISR - Joint Railway Control)

14. Incidents for Rolling Stock

ISR reported that instances were arising where RTOs were making demands for cars ex local Capes which were not included in consolidated car incident submitted through Joint Railway Control. Chairman directed that necessary measures be taken by all concerned to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding by including all local requirements of RTOs in the consolidated car incident submitted daily through Joint Railway Control.

(Action: All concerned)

15. Warehouse Accommodation - CAMPI FLEGREI

ISR reported that they were short of accommodation at CAMPI FLEGREI for the storage of "smalls" pending their despatch by rail and asked if part of the accommodation adjacent the station at present occupied by a US OH unit could be made available. PBS rep undertook to investigate and report at the next conference.

(Action: PBS)

16. Liaison with ISR through Joint Railway Control

Joint Railway Control reported that difficulties had arisen on occasions in obtaining executive action through ISR channels. Chairman directed that any further instances be reported direct to Ing. Marinelli for necessary action with those concerned.

(Action: Joint Railway Control - ISR)

GWE/RF

DISTRIBUTION

Joint Railway Control (4)
Cape Station Movimento (6)
o/o Joint Railway Control (2)
PBS Southern Dist (Rail Div) (2)
In Officer AG Southern Region (2)
HQ Mov Sub Area ROME
HQ Mov Sub Area REGGIO

RTO Benevento
" Cancello
" Caserta
" Capua
" Casoria
" Castellammare
" Eboli
" Naples Central
" Nola
" Portocannone
" Roccasecca
" Salerno
" San Giovanni
" Torre Annunziata
" Br Naples Port

643

(G.W. IR(WN) Lt. Col.
AGMG(M)
HQ Mov WEST ITALY

0 7 7 3