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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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22 June 1945

Tel : 478704

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TO : Lt.Col. J.W. Baker; M.B.E.

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3. Movement of Refugees ex Switzerland

A meeting is being held at Chiasso on 26 June to make final arrangement.

4. Movement Southbound Grain Line 86

During period 18 - 20 June inc. 82 wagons loaded 1394 Tons out of total for movement of 3700 Tons for the week.

5. Off loading at Florence

Position today bad. 148 wagons under load. 82 coal
46 Medical 20 sups. Matter taken up with Lt.Col. Giles.

6. Movement of Copper sulphate

Signal received from Italian source indicates that
movements ex ship Naples by rail are progressing smoothly.
Agriculture Sub-Commission are satisfied with position.

7. Opening of line 86

Date now given as 27 June '45.

C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON
Major

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TO : Lt.Col; J.W. Baker

SUBJECT : Items for Staff Conference 26 May '45.

1. Wagon Position

- (a) General position not satisfactory.
 (b) Naples Area wagon shortage acute particularly Box cars.
 (c) Calabria wagon position healthier.
 (d) General position taken up with D.M.R.S.

2. Refugees

- (a) Movements proceeding according to programme.
 (b) About 700 now in Rome Camp for South.
 (c) Movements from Arezzo no longer required.
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 (b) Future movements 250 TPD.

4. Line 86 Traffic

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- | | Received | Offloaded | Loaded | Empty |
|--|----------|-----------|--------|-------|
| Osimo | 22 | 7 | | |
| Porto Civitanova | NIL | NIL | | 9 |
| Porto Recanati | NIL | NIL | | 6 |
| (b) Arrangements made with Movements Ancona to give daily yard state to this HQ. | | | | |

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Bread	11040 tons	38 days
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6. Coal Reserves

Gas		Electric	
Coal	Lignite	Coal	Lignite
23	28½	44½	7

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Wagon Position

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TO : Lt.Col. J.W. BAKER.

1. Wagon Position

- (a) General position not satisfactory.
- (b) Reggio report position bad but orders have been given to work in box cars which are very short.
- (c) Coad Division report tonnages loaded fall short of allocations.

2. Refugees and P.O.Ws

- (a) Meeting being held with all concerned at 1500 hrs 11 May 45 to get details of all movement from the North.
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 - (i) Rolling stock shortage
 - (ii) Line capacity fully taken up
- (c) Brig. Lush communicating with A.F.H.Q. G-5 for train 300 per day Florence to South.
- (d) Large programme comprising leave personnel. Train asked for in period 21-28 May 45.
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6. Civitavecchia Port Clearance

- (a) Shortage wagons for 9 and 10 May '45.
- (b) Position 11 May '45 bad. Only 9 bow 20 HS empties supplied to start work 11 May.

- (c) M.R.S. despatching at 1400 hrs 11 May 50 Box - 15 H.S.
- (d) U.N.R.R.A.)
Coal) ships held up
Salts)
Fruits)
- (e) Renuchi will discharge to quay and transport by hand to Town Depot.


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4 May 1945

444/3/Tn 3

TO : Lt. Col. J.W. Baker.

1. Forward Area Build-up.
Period 7-13 May 45, 480 tons allocated for movement Ancona to Cesen a and Forli.
2. Wagon Position Calabria.
(a) Normal loadings resumed according to programme w.e.f. 29 April 45. Wagon position still very much on the border line.
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Civitavecchia Port Clearance.

Every endeavour is being made to keep Civitavecchia supplied with necessary empty wagons to meet Port Clearance programme. It is pointed out however by MRS, that position is difficult and shortages may occur.

5. Cased Vehicles.

Flats requested for movement from Portonocciolo siding to A.T.L.G. assembly Plant; this has been turned down, and it is understood road transport has been arranged.

7. Grain Reserves - Rome.
As on 3 May 45 Grain reserves were:-

(a) Bread 44
(b) Pasta 32

8. Coal Reserves - Rome.
As on 3 May 45 Coal reserves were:-

	Gas	Electric	Bakeries
<u>Lignite Coal</u>	<u>Lignite Coal</u>		
43	37	54	49
			8

9. Grain Movement from Ancona Area to Rome.
All movement cancelled for period 7-13 May 45 and no bids placed for period 14-21 May 45.

10. Ortona-Ancona Line 86.
Due to subsidence of tunnel south of Ancona, delay to opening of line for through traffic approx. three weeks w.e.f. 10 May 45 which was to have been the opening date.

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Major.

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30 April 1945

TO : Lt. Col. J.V. Baker

1. Forward Area build up
Period 30 April to 7 May '45 only 231 tons agreed by AFHQ. Additional tonnage asked for but turned down on operational grounds.

2. Wagon position Calabria
AFHQ agreed that available wagons in Calabria to be proportioned 1/3rd for civilian traffic, 2/3rd for military traffic. Capt. Duddy informed by signal and told to prepare programmes accordingly. In 4 in conjunction with D.M.R.S. are doing everything possible to improve the position.

3. Sulphur programmes
A revised programme for M.E. territory has been prepared and sent to all concerned today. All movement of Black Sulphur has been cancelled until further notice. 50 tons Ground Sulphur per week is basis of new programme which comes into operation w.e.f. 30 April '45.

4. Grain Reserves Rome
As on 26 April '45 grain reserves Rome
(a) Bread 44
(b) Fats 29.

5. Coal Reserves Rome as on 25 April '45

Gas	Mlec	Bakeries
Coal Lign.	Coal Lign.	Hospitals
43 48	49 54	5

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6. Solvay Plant - Posignano
(a) Limestone moving at rate of 1500 tons per week S. Vincenzo to Posignano under works own arrangements in conjunction with P.R.S.
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