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Minutes of Meetings

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 MINUTES OF THE 30TH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
 HELD IN HQ MOVEMENTS ROME  
 THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 1946

Chairman :- Major W.E. BRIDGES, D.A.Q.M.G. (M). : HQ Movements Rome  
 Traffic Officer : Capt L.V. Norman  
 D.A.Q. ROME Termini : Capt J. Bradley  
 I.S.R. Movimento Section : Ing. Pelizza

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(W.E. BRIDGES) Major R.E.,  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).

MINUTES OF THE 29TH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN HQ MOVEMENTS ROME  
THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 1946

Chairman :- Capt. W.E. BRIDGES, S/Capt. 'Q' (M) : HQ Movements ROME

HQ Movements ROME  
Traffic Office

: Capt. A.W.T. Watt  
: Lt. J. Dover

R.T.O. ROME TERMINI

: Capt. R.C. Anderson

I.S.R. Movimento Section

: Ing. Pelizza

159.

Points arising from previous meeting.

(a) Ref Minute No. 155. Chairman noted instances of lengthy delays to Military Stores Traffic at Tiburtina i.e. Trip working - Tuscolana - Smaistamento 2 hrs delay : Northbound traffic 6/12 hrs delay : Southbound Traffic ex ORTE 7/12 hrs delay. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Trips would not be despatched from Tuscolana or Smaistamento until receiving station was in a position to accept the train. As far as possible only one trip should operate in each direction every 24 hours. Traffic ex ORTE to be sent to Smaistamento and not to Tiburtina. I.S.R. to instruct all concerned and repeat instructions that Tiburtina is not to be used as a holding station for Military Traffic.

(b) Ref Minute No. 157. Traffic Officer stated he had no further cause for complaint.

(c) Ref Minute No. 148 (c). Ing. Pelizza stated that although Line 20 ROME TERMINI was still incomplete (Shortage of Ground Signals) if necessary it could be used by Allied Military Trains.

(d) Ref Minute No. 145 (c). Ing. Pelizza stated repairs to Turn-table at OSTIENSE Station have been completed.

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*W.E. Bridges*

(W.E. BRIDGES) Capt. R.E.,  
S/Capt. Q(M)

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Distribution as per Mov 205 of 24 Jan 46.

MINUTES OF THE 28TH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
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THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 1946

Chairman - Major E.H.S. BAKER, D.A.Q.M.G. (M)

HQ Movements ROME  
Traffic Office

R.T.O. ROME TERMINI

I.S.R. Movimento Section

Train Guard Control

: HQ Movements ROME

: Capt. A.W.T. Watt

: Lt. J. J. J. J.

: Capt. S.L. Clara

: Ing. Pelizza

: Lt. Col. T.S. Eney G.M.R.

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(b) Ref Minute No. 142. I.S.R. have been unable to trace any delays to Military Passenger Trains between ROME TIBURTINA and TERMINI on Train Graphs. In reply to Capt. Clarke, Ing. Pelizza stated Capo Dirigente Termini must have been giving R.T.C. Staff wrong information regarding arrivals of trains at Tiburtina. Chairman stated as there had been an improvement recently matter would be allowed to drop.

(c) Ref. Minute No. 150. Chairman stated daily number of wagons ex SMISTAMENTO to the North had now dropped from 55 to 33.

(d) Ref. Minute No. 151. Capt. Clarke stated lighting on Military Portion of Rome - Bari train is now satisfactory. 985

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Traffic Office

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157.

Replies to Correspondence. Traffic Officer stated I.S.R. were tardy in replying to correspondence regarding wagon tracing. I.S.R. to investigate and expedite replies.

158.

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'Q' Movements GHQ  
 HQ Movements NORTH ITALY  
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 HQ Movements FLORENCE  
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 Tn AC ROME Region I.S.R. Building  
 I.S.R. Movimento Section  
 M.F.O. ROME  
 Tn Sub-Commission (2)  
 R.O.O. BARI  
 Tn P.B.S. c/o R.T.O. ROME TERMINI  
 R.T.O. ROME TERMINI  
 R.T.O. ROME SMISTAMENTO  
 R.T.O. ROME TUSCOLANA

## Internal

:- D.A.Q.L.G. (M)  
 S/Capt. Q (M)  
 Traffic Office  
 M/File  
 File

*1415 Baker*  
 (M.H.S. BAKER) Major R.E.,  
 D.A.Q.L.G. (M)

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MINUTES OF THE 27TH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN HQ MOVEMENTS ROME AREA  
THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 1946

Chairman : Major H.H.S. BAKER, D.A.Q.M.G. (M)

HQ Movements ROME AREA  
Traffic Officer

R.T.O. ROME TERMINI

R.T.O. ROME SMISTAMENTO

I.S.R. Movimento Section

: HQ ~~Movements~~ ~~Rome~~ Area

: Capt AWT Watt  
: Lt. J. Dover

: Capt. S.L. Clarke

: Capt. R.C. Anderson

: Ing. Pelizza

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Freight Traffic - NAPLES to the NORTH. Ing. Pelizza stated that as a result of recent instructions issued for routing through traffic from NAPLES Area to RIFREDI and MONDOLFO there was already a decrease in the number of wagons handled in Rome Area.

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Capt. Clarke stated it was most noticeable that the lighting in Civilian portion of this train was far better than that in Military portion. After discussion Ing. Pelizza agreed to have this matter investigated and put right.

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: Lt. J. Dover

R.T.O. ROME TERMINI

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Major Baker stated that commencing 16 JAN 46, one BOX VAN M.F.O Traffic would be attached to MEDLOC Feeder Train at ROME TERMINI each Wednesday morning. In the event of the MEDLOC Feeder Programme making no provision for a departure from ROME on a Wednesday, Traffic Office, ROME, will advise R.T.O. ROME TERMINI alternative service which has been arranged. R.T.O. ROME TERMINI to arrange loading of BOX VAN, on day previous to departure at ROME TERMINI with M.F.O. ROME and I.S.R. to make necessary arrangements to have BOX VAN attached to MEDLOC Feeder Service.

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153. Next Meeting.

The next Meeting will be held in HQ Movements ROME on Thursday 23 January 1946 at 1500 hrs.

*H.H.S. Baker*  
(H.H.S. BAKER) Major R.E.,  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M)

ATTN/EP

- Distribution :- 'Q' Movements CHQ  
HQ Movements NORTH ITALY  
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I.S.R. Movimento Section  
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R.O.O. BARI  
Tn P.D.S. c/o RTO ROME TERMINI  
R.T.O. ROME TERMINI  
R.T.O. ROME SAINTERMENTO  
R.T.O. ROME TUSCOLANA

- Internal :- D.A.Q.M.G. (M)  
S/Capt. Q (M)  
Traffic Office  
H/File  
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MINUTES OF THE 26th RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN HQ MOVEMENTS ROME AREA  
THURSDAY 20th DECEMBER 1945

Chairman :- Major H.H.S. BAKER, D.A.Q.M.C. (M)

HQ Movements ROME AREA  
Traffic Officer

R.T.O. ROME TERMINI

R.T.O. SMISTAMENTO

I.S.R. Movimento Section

: HQ Movements Rome Area

: Capt. AMT Watt

: Lt. J. Dover

: Capt. R.G. Anderson

: Capt. S.L. Clarke

: Ing. Pelizza

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*M.B.*  
(H.H.S. BAKER) Major R.E.,  
D.A.Q.M.C. (M)

R.T.O. ROME TERMINI  
: Capt. R.O. Anderson  
  
R.T.O. SMISTANETO  
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HHSB/CD

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S/Capt. Q (M)  
Traffic Office - M/File - File.

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- R.O.O. BARI  
- Th.P.B.S. o/o RTO ROME AREA  
- R.T.O. ROME TERMINI  
- R.T.O. ROME TUSCOLANA  
- R.T.O. ROME SMISTANETO

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 SUMMARY OF THE 25th RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
 HELD IN HQ MOVEMENTS ROOM AREA  
 THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER 1944.

Chairman : - Capt H.H.S. Baker., S/Capt Q (M).

HQ Movements Rome Area  
 Traffic Office

WTO Rome Termini

RTO Tuscolana

Trans. Corps P.D.

ISR Mov. Sec.

: HQ Movements Rome Area

: Capt J.W. Watt

: QMS Goodenough J.A.

: Capt L.B. Anderson

: Sgt. England J.P.

: T/Sgt. Pipozar J.

: Ing. Astrologo

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137. Train Despatches - Tuscolana. RTO Tuscolana stated that Cape Stazione Tuscolana was giving AC Traffic preference over Allied Military TFC at this station when complete trains were marshalled for despatch. Although two trains of military stores traffic were standing marshalled in yard it 1500 hours on 30 Nov. 45, when engine arrived Cape despatched trainload of AC Traffic which was also in yard, I ISR to take matter up with Cape Stazione.

138. Empty Box Vans for Train Guards. Chairman stated this matter was being taken up by HQ Train Guard Control, and a ruling was expected shortly.

139. Marshalling of Long Distance Traffic at Smitamento. In reply to question from Chairman, Ing. Astrologo stated there is not sufficient traffic in ROME area to warrant the despatch of full train loads for MILAN - VERONA and AUSTRIA, but such traffic is black - marshalled in complete train loads for DELICATA for onward routing. 900

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143. Advices from ISR regarding arrivals of trains at ROM Termini. After discussion it was agreed that Capo Dirigente Rome Termini will advise ITO Termini the time of departure of all Personnel Trains from COLLETTAIO (Line 90), CIVIT. VECCHIA (Line 50) and LITTONI. (Line 89) to enable adequate notice to be given to ITO Termini local halt.

144. Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held in HQ Movements, ROM on Thursday 20 Dec 45 at 1500 hours.

*H. B. Baker*  
(H.B.S. Baker)  
Staff Capt O (M).

: Sgt. Englem JF  
: T/Sgt. Pipozar J  
: Ing. Astrologo

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TO Rome Termini  
RTO Tuscolana  
Tran. Corps PLS  
PBR Mov. Sec.

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HQ IC ROME Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, ROME  
Tn Sub-Commission (2) -  
Mov L.O. 3 District  
P.C.C. RAI  
Tn. P.E.S. c/o RTO ROME (Termini) (2)  
R.T.O. ROME Termini  
R.T.O. ROME Tuscolana  
R.T.O. ROME S. Stefano

Internal :-

D... M.C. (M).  
S/Capt Q(M).  
Traffic Office  
R/Tile  
File.

MINUTES OF THE 24th RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN HQ MOVEMENTS ROME AREA.  
THURSDAY 24th NOVEMBER 1945

Chairman:- Capt H.H.S. Baker, S/Capt Q (14). : HQ Movements Rome Area

HQ Mov. Rome Area  
Traffic Office

: Capt J.M. WATTS  
: Lt. J. DOWLER

R.T.O. Rome Terminal

: Lt. W. CHURCH

I.S.R. Mov. Sec.

: Ing. PILLER

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130. Points arising from previous meetings.

(a) Ref. Minute No. 123. Lt. Dover said that the new system for marshalling ROME local traffic at SMISTAMATO was working satisfactorily.

(Info:)

(b) Ref. Minute No. 127. Chairman asked ISR to state in future on their advices of bad order cars whether or not allied personnel were required to be present at the transhipment.

(Action - ISR).

(c) Ref. Minute No. 128. Lt. Cairns stated that the Sanitary state of ROME (Terminal) had improved and there were now fewer civilians sleeping in the station at night.

(Info:)

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: Ing. M. M. M. M.

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130. Points arising from previous meetings.

(a) Ref. Minute No. 123. Lt. Dover said that the new system for marshalling ROME local traffic at SMISTAMENPO was working satisfactorily.

(Info:)

(b) Ref. Minute No. 127. Chairman asked ISK to state in future on their advices of bad order cars whether or not Allied personnel were required to be present at the transshipment.

(Action - ISK).

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Lt. Cairns asked whose responsibility it was to supply Coal for heating the Offices at TERMINI Station. Ing. PELLIZZA said it was an I.S.R. responsibility, but he didn't think sufficient coal would be available for this purpose. Chairman said he would look into this, but in any case heating was not allowed officially till late Dec and arrangements had already been made for the RTO's Offices to be heated.

133. Loudspeakers - Rome (Termini) Station.

Lieut. Cairns asked if it was possible for the ISR to supply more loudspeakers for Termini Station. ISK said this could probably be arranged. Chairman asked the ISR to send an electrician to see Lieut. Cairns as soon as possible.

(Action - I.S.R.)

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134.

Trn in Guards - TUSCOLANA

Ing. Polizza said that delay had been caused to trains at TUSCOLANA because the American train Guards refused to put a guard on a train unless it had at least 10 military wagons on it. Chairman said he was not aware of this, but arranged to meet Ing. Polizza at Tuscolana in the near future to discuss the matter.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in HQ Movements, Room on Thursday 6 Dec. at 1500 hours.

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MINUTES OF THE 23rd RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN HQ MOVEMENTS AREA ROME  
THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1945

Chairman :- Capt. F.J. ASPREY R.E., S/Gapt. Q(M) Hq Movements Rome Area

Traffic Officer

: Lt. J. DOWER

R.T.C. ROME TERMINI

: Lt. W. CLINTON

I.S.R. Movement Section

: Ing. ASTROLOGO  
: Ing. PELLIZZA

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125. Termination of Freight Trains at ROME TIBURTINA instead of SMISTARENTO.

Chairman reported that certain cases had come to notice whereby main line freight trains had terminated at TIBURTINA and not SMISTARENTO. There is no K.T.O. staff now at TIBURTINA. I.S.R. representatives promised that Traffic Office would be advised of any such cases currently but that they should normally be limited to complete special trains passing through ROME.

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126. Pilferage with special reference to TIBURTINA.

The attention of the I.S.R. representatives was called to the following points with special reference to TIBURTINA station in connection with the prevention of pilferage.

- (a) Presence at the station of refugees, hawkers and gangs of children.
- (b) Scattering of Allied wagons throughout the yard.

127. Transshipment of Bad Order Cars.

Arrangements were made for copies of all I.S.R. advices respecting Bad Order Cars on Allied L/c to be repeated to NOV ROME Traffic Office. The arrangements were reported to be generally satisfactory.

128. Station Sanitation.

Chairman complained regarding the insanitary state of TIBURTINA station also civilian conveniences at ROME TERMINI and requested that available action be taken with a view to preventing disease.

129. Bridge restriction Km. 62 CIVITA CASTELLANA.

Traffic Officer reported station master at ORTE was reducing the size of southbound trains owing to alleged bridge restriction. I.S.R. representatives had no knowledge of the restriction and promised to investigate.

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MINUTES OF THE 22nd RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
ROME

THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 1945

Chairman :- Major J.L. Gillibrand RAC D.A.Q.M.G.(M). HQ Movements Rome Area

I.S.R. Movements Section

: Ing. Astrologo  
: Ing. Polizza

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116. Points arising out of the previous meeting - NIL

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(Action ISR).

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(Action ISR)

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Ing. Astrologo asked for particulars of the cases which were not admitted.

(Action Mov. Rome - ISR).

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MINUTES OF THE 21st MEETING  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 45

Chairman: Major J.L. CHILDRAND RAO D.A.Q.M.G. (M). HQ Movements Rome Area

: Capt. K. Matheson  
: Ing. Franzl  
: Ing. Tenti  
: Ing. Astrologo

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: Capt. [illegible]

JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL

Minutes of previous Meeting.

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(Action - I.S.R.)

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(Info)

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(Action - I.S.R.)

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(Action - I.S.R.)

Pilferage - TIBURTUM.

Chairman stated that since movements Control staff had left TIBURTUM a complaint had been made by the Train Guard Company that pilferable wagons were being scattered throughout the yard.

Ing. Fanti promised to investigate.

(Action I.S.R.)

Delay to MEDLOC feeder trains.

113. Chairman reported an instance on the night 7/8 Oct when the UP MEDLOC was delayed

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because batteries were not ready at ROME. He said that it seemed that other instances of delay had occurred, and asked I.S.R. to ensure that these were avoided. Ing. Franzini said that this would be done.

(Action - I.S.R.)

Closing of J.R.C.

114.

Chairman thanked Ing. Franzini, Tenti and Astrologo for the cooperation and assistance which the I.S.R. had given during the period of operation of the J.R.C.

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MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 45

Chairman :- Major J.L. GILLIBRAND RAC D.A.Q.M.G. (M). HQ Movements Rome Area

Joint Railway Control

: Capt. K. Matheson  
: Lieut. L.F. Ho Groaty  
: Ing. Fusco  
: Ing. Tenti  
: Ing. Astrologo

A.C. Tn ROME

: Capt. Hall

101. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minutes No. 99. Capt. Matheson confirmed that this position has improved.

(Info)

102. Siding at TOR SAPIENZA.

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(Action - I.S.R.)

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(Action - I.S.R.)

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(Action - Mov ROME - I.S.R.)

105.

Arc Lighting at SMISTAMENTO.

Chairman asked if some or all of the arc lighting in use at TIBURTINA could be transferred to SMISTAMENTO where the lighting is bad.

I.S.R. stated that some lighting was still required at TIBURTINA, but that some of the bulbs could be transferred. Ing. Fusco said that they could not obtain bulbs. Chairman asked that I.S.R. should take further steps to get bulbs and asked Capt Matheson to approach M.R.S. for assistance.

(Action J.R.C. - I.S.R.)

106. Railway Telephone - Line 82.

Capt. Matheson said that the telephone line between PRIVIMO - FORILL was constantly out of service, on one occasion for 3 days, and asked that the Capo Compartimento's notice be drawn to this unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Ing. Tenti said that this line was constantly being repaired but that thieves were removing the wire.

Chairman asked I.S.R. to speed repairs particularly by night.

(Action - I.S.R.)

107. Washing of cars - Ostiense.

Capt. Matheson complained that cars requiring washing were being held out of service unduly long.

I.S.R. stated that washing was done by contract and that they would take steps to improve the output.

(Action - I.S.R.)

108. Transshipment of load-bad order cars.

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(Action - Mov ROME - I.R.C. - I.S.R.)

109. I.S.R. indents for civil wagons.

Capt. Matheson said that Capos had been indenting every day for their entire weeks allotment instead of dividing the number of wagons over the weeks loading.

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(Action - I.S.R.)

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(Action - I.S.R.)

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I.S.R. asked if more space could be left for offloading under the new "Feeding H&L" construction plan.

Chairman stated that in view of the lack of space available this was unlikely but that he would approach the D.C.R.E.

(Action - Mov ROME)

*J. L. Gillibrand*

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MINUTES OF THE KENNEDY RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
THURSDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 45

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Chairman : Major J.L. GILLIARD RAC D.A.Q.M.G. (M). HQ Movements Rome Area

Joint Railway Control

- : Capt K. Mathieson
- : Lieut LF McCroarty
- : Ing. Moscatello
- : Ing. Tenti
- : Ing. Astrologo

Tn A.C. ROME

: Capt Hall

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: Capt HES Baker

95. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reference Minutes No. 24. Chairman said that it now appeared that J.R.C. would not close down for some time yet, and be therefore proposed that in future meetings were held once a fortnight. This was agreed unanimously.

(Info)

Reference Minute 86. Capt Mathieson said that 557 BOD were now loading 20 to 25 wagons per day at OSTIENSE. Joint Railway Control will ensure adequate supply of empties.

(Action - J.R.C.).

96. Delays to traffic between ROME and NAPLES

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Chairman stated that he had received complaints from H.Q. Train Guard Control that freight trains were taking an excessive time between Rome and Naples. In one specific instance a train had taken 4 days 4 1/2 hours between Rome and Teverola, necessitating three reliefs for the train guards. Capt Mathieson had checked on this and all the delay had occurred in Naples Compartmento. It was agreed Mov Rome would write to Mov Naples about it.

(Action - Mov Rome).

97. Smistamento - Yard - Civilian Travel.

Chairman told I.S.R. that increasing numbers of refugees and casual travellers were appearing at Smistamento Yard now that the marshalling was concentrated there. It was not possible to provide British Police and in any case it was on I.S.R. responsibility to keep the Yard clear.

: Lieut LF McGroarty  
: Ing. Moscatello  
: Ing. Tenti  
: Ing. Astrologo  
  
: Capt Hall  
: Capt HES Baker

Tn A.C. ROME

H.Q. Mov ROME

95.

Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minutes No. 94. Chairman said that it now appeared that J.R.C. would not close down for some time yet, and be therefore proposed that in future meetings were held once a fortnight. This was agreed unanimously.

(Info)

Reference Minute 86. Capt Mathieson said that 557 BOD were now loading 20 to 25 Wagons per day at OSTIENSE. Joint Railway Control will ensure adequate supply of empties.

(Action - J.R.C.).

96.

Delays to traffic between ROME and NAPLES

Chairman stated that he had received complaints from H.Q. Train Guard Control that freight trains were taking an excessive time between Rome and Naples. In one specific instance a train had taken 4 days 4½ hours between Rome and Teverola, necessitating three reliefs for the train Guards. Capt Mathieson had checked on this and all the delay had occurred in Naples Compartmento. It was agreed Mov Rome would write to Mov Naples about it.

(Action - Mov Rome).

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(Action - I.S.R.)

98.

Italian Military Traffic or hand - San Lorenzo.

Capt Mathieson said he had found that there were 117 wagons Italian Military wagons underload at San Lorenzo. Some of these wagons had been for 10 days. Capt Baker promised to take this matter up strongly with M.M.I.A. This was the first intimation we had received, as

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there was no Movements personnel at San Lorenzo. Chairman asked the I.S.R. to instruct their Capo's to inform J.R.C. of all cases where traffic of any kind was held underload for a long time, as with the present staff it was impossible to watch every station.

(Action - Mov Rome &, I.S.R.).

99 Smistamento Yard - New Marshalling Arrangements.

Ing. Moscatello asked if Movements were satisfied with the new marshalling arrangements at Smistamento, which had come into operation on 1 Sept. Capt. Baker replied that so far the new arrangements were working very satisfactorily and he had no complaints to make.

100 Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be at 1500 hrs on Thursday 27 Sept. in J.R.C. Office.

HESE/JS

(J.L. GILLIBRAND) Major RAC  
D.A.Q.M.G.(M).

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D.A.Q.M.G.(M).  
S/Capt Q(M)  
Traffic Office  
M/File  
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(J.L. GILLIBRAND) Major RAC  
D.A.Q.M.G.(M).

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTEENTH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
THURSDAY 24 AUGUST 45.

Chairman : Capt H.M.S. Baker S/Capt C (M). Movements Rome Area

Joint Railway Control

: Capt E.L. Parks  
: Lieut M. Matheson  
: Ing Ostrologo

In A.C. Rome

: Capt Bell

I.S.R. Cavo Compartimento

: Ing Moscatello

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91. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reference Minute No. 86. Arrangements have now been made to load 10 to 15 wagons per day at OSTIESE, commencing Monday 28 August. J.R.C. will arrange wagon supply.

(Action : J.R.C.)

Reference Minute No. 91. Chairman asked Capt Parks what was the position in regard to I.S.R. wagons underload in the Area. Capt. Parks said the report from one or two isolated cases the position had greatly improved.

(Info).

92. Labelling of wagons by I.S.R.

Chairmen drew attention to a complaint from Mov 19 Caves re the labelling of I.S.R. traffic. 48 flats containing Chevrolet trucks had arrived at VENICE without labels, and it was only after considerable trouble that it has been ascertained that the consignor was I.S.R. ROMI, and the consignee I.S.R. VERICE. Chairman told I.S.R. this must not occur again. I.S.R. stated this programme was now finished except for a consignments to PALERMO.

(Action - I.S.R.).

93. Re-organisation of Mov Areas.

Chairman said that Mov ROMI now controlled the areas of AREZZO, FLORENCE and LEGHORN. The supply of empties at AREZZO was very satisfactory.

(Info)

94.

Closing of Joint Railway Control ROMI.

Capt. Parks confirmed that it was expected that J.R.C. ROMI would shortly be closing the full instructions, Chairman said that no more

Mr. C. Rome

I.S.R. Capo Compartimento

: Capt. M

: Mr. Montatello

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91. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reference Minute No. 86. Arrangements have now been made to load 10 to 15 wagons per day at OSTIENSE, commencing Monday 25 August. J.R.C. will arrange wagon supply.

(Action : J.R.C.)

Reference Minute No. 91. Chairman asked Capt Parks what was the position in regard to I.S.R. wagons underload in the Area. Capt. Parks said the report from one or two isolated cases the position had greatly improved.

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Chairman drew attention to a complaint from Mov 15 Corps re the labelling of I.S.R. traffic. 48 flats containing Chevrolet trucks had arrived at VENICE without labels, and it was only after considerable trouble that it has been ascertained that the consignor was I.S.R. ROME, and the consignee I.S.R. VENICE. I.S.R. stated this must not occur again. Chairman told I.S.R. this must not occur again. I.S.R. stated this programme was now finished except for a consignment to PALERMO.

(Action - I.S.R.).

93. Re-organisation of Mov Areas.

Chairman said that Mov ROME now controlled the areas of AREZZO, FLORENCE and LIVORNO. The supply of empties at AREZZO was very satisfactory.

(Info)

94. Closing of Joint Railway Control ROME.

Capt. Parks confirmed that it was expected that J.R.C. ROME would shortly be closed down. Pending full instructions, Chairman said that no more weekly meetings would be held unless specially requested. If any representative desired a meeting to be called to discuss important matters he would approach Mov ROME with the request.

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Distribution :- See Over.

(JRS BAKER) Capt R.C.  
S/Capt 3 (M).

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MINUTES OF THE SUBAREA RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

R O M E  
THURSDAY 9 AUGUST 45

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G.(10). H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME.

Joint Railway Control

: Capt E.L. Parks  
: Capt G.R.G. Tonks  
: Lieut M. Matheson  
: Ing Tent  
: Ing Astral

Tn A.C. ROME

: Capt Hall

H.Q. Mov ROME

: Capt H.H.S. Baker

I.S.R. Cargo Compartments

: Ing Moscatello

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Reference Minute No. 84. Chairman said it had been ascertained that a cart from 2,00 tons of RE Stores to be moved from AREZZO, there was not much else left. At present there was a stop on loading R.E. Stores. Daily wagon requirements were 35 box and 15 H.S. Wagon supply was satisfactory.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 59. I.S.R. submitted a progress report. They stated that arrangements had been made for all through traffic to be handled at SASSUOLO commencing 31 August. TRAFFIC would only be used for local traffic.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 86. Chairman said that I.R. had agreed with 537 DOD. for all loading to be done at CEMIN, in preference to AREZZO. A.H.S.Q. had not yet authorised the move, but everything was ready as soon as the agreement came through.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 87. Capt Hall said that a four-day stop had been put on A.C. traffic at CERRANO. The number of wagons on hand this morning was 26. This would be cleared tomorrow.

90 I.S.R. Materials understood.

Capt. Tonks stated that the position was bad and had lately grown worse. At present 181 wagons of ISR material were underload in the Area and ISR were unable to keep pace with the traffic.

Chairman told ISR that they must issue orders that all wagons must be unloaded within 24 hrs of arrival. Capt Tonks had put a stop on loadings as the position was cleared up.

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En A.C. ROME

H.Q. NOV ROME

I.S.R. C-10 Compartimento

: Ing Astralino

: Capt Hall

: Capt E.H.S. Baker

: Ing Moscatello

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Reference Minute No. 84. Chairman said it had been ascertained that a lift from 2,00 tons of RE Stores to be moved from SPEZZO, there was not much else left. At present there was a stop on loading R.E. Stores. Daily wagon requirements were 35 box and 15 H.S. Wagon supply was satisfactory.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 59. I.S.R. submitted a progress report. They stated that arrangements had been made for all through traffic to be marshalled at SMISTALTO commencing 31 August. TREVATTA would only be used for local traffic.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 86. Chairman said that IRS had agreed with 557 DOD for all loading to be done at OSTIEST, in preference to SMISTALTO. A.H.S.O. had not yet authorised the move, but everything was ready as soon as the agreement came through.

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(Action : I.S.R. J.R.C.).

HHSB/GS

Distribution :- See Over.

(CO. OLIVER) Major M.E.  
D.A. Gall.G.(M).

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Mov L.O. 3 District  
Mov L.O. M.R.S.

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D.A.C.M.G.(M).  
S/Capt (M).  
Traffic Office.  
M File  
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# MINUTES OF SIXTEENTH RAILWAY OCCUPANCE

HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

ROME

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST 45

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.A.G.(14) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME.

## Joint Railway Control

: Capt E.L. Parles  
: Capt G.R.G. Tonks  
: Major K. Ingheson  
: Ing Benti  
: Ing Ombrolo

## TH A.C. ROME

: Capt Hill

## H.Q. Mov ROME

: Capt H.H.S. Baker

## I.S.R. Capo Compartimento

: Ing Mocattello

## 85. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minute No. 81. I.S.R. replied that the Capo at SAN MARINELLA had sent the train out without finding on the instructions of an Italian Policeman.

Chairman did not accept this reply and told I.S.R. they must get a full explanation from the Capo Stazione. I.S.R. must see that this does not occur again and that any alteration to timing arrangements must be agreed with J.R.C.

(Action - I.S.R.).

Reference Minute No. 83. Chairman asked I.S.R. to platform the MILLOC trains at TERMINI on platforms where there is good lighting. R.T.O. RO-E (Termini) will arrange this direct with Capo Stazione.

(Action - I.S.R. and R.T.O. RO-E (Termini)).

Reference Minute No. 84. It had now been confirmed that a supply of wagon sheets was available at AREZZO and these could be used with open wagons for the loading of Tibben, thus saving on Box Cars.

Joint Railway Control said that they would supply empties as indented for, bearing this in mind.

(Action - J.R.C.).

Reference Minute No. 59. Chairman asked I.S.R. for a progress report on the repair work being done at SENSAMENTO. I.S.R. said they would furnish a report on Saturday.

(Action - I.S.R.).

T.A.C. ROME : Capt Hill  
H.Q. Mov ROME : Capt H.H.S. Baker  
I.S.R. Capo Comertimento : Ing Moscatello

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85. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

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(Action - I.S.R.).

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(Action - I.S.R. and R.T.O. ROME (Termini)).

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(Action - J.R.C.).

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(Action - I.S.R.).

86. Move of 557 B.O.D. Main Gun Parts.

Mov ROME said that the move of the above Depot from ROME to MONTE CORVINO would be taking place soon. It involved the move of approximately 3,000 guns and 2,000 tons of gun barrels (all varieties).

Chairman said that as soon as this was agreed by M.T. at the P.C.C. Conference, details would be worked out and rate of loading etc agreed.

(Info).

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87. A.C. Traffic at CERRANO.

Joint Railway Control said there was approximately 60 wagons of A.C. traffic on hand at CERRANO and asked A.C. representative how many wagons could be offloaded per day. Capt Hall replied that the maximum was 15 wagons.

Difficulties had been caused by lack of shunting power, but J.R.C. had made special arrangements to overcome this, and it was suggested the trucks would soon be cleared.

(Action - In A.C.)

88. A.C. Traffic at ROME (SAN LORENZO).

Capt Paris said that on a recent check at SAN LORENZO it appeared that a number of wagons of different commodities were arriving with A.C. labels which he did not consider was programmed traffic. Capt Hall disagreed with this, but it was agreed that Capt Paris would take another check at SAN LORENZO in the near future and compare the traffic with the A.C. Programme. The trouble was that there was no A.C. or Military representative at SAN LORENZO to keep a watch on this traffic.

(Action - J.R.C.)

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 (GO. OLIVER) Major R.E.,  
 D.A.Q.M.G. (HQ).

(Action - In A.C.)

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(Action - J.R.C.)

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(G.D. OLIVER) Major R.E.,  
D.A.C.M.C. (10)

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- Mov L.O. 3 District
- Mov L.O. M.R.S.

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- S/Capt Q(M).
- Traffic Office.
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APO 394  
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Tele : 478704

30 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Minutes of weekly Railway Conferences held  
in Joint Railway Control Office, Rome

TO : HQ. Movements Sub-Area Rome.

1. Will you please arrange to send 2 copies of minute of all future conferences instead of the one copy now supplied by you.

For the Chief Commissioner

*C.R. Worthington*  
C.R. WORTHINGTON,  
Major.

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MINUTES OF THE FIFTEENTH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

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THURSDAY 26 JULY 45

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G. (M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME

Joint Railway Control

: Capt D.J. Parks  
: Capt G.C. Tonks  
: Lieut K. Matheson  
: Ing Tenti  
: Ing Ostrologo

Tn A.C. ROME

: Capt Hall

H.Q. Mov ROME

: Capt H.H.S. Baker

I.S.R. Capo Compartimento

: Ing Franzl

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CO. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minute No. 73. A.C. have now been able to advise J.R.C. of the scheduled sailings of the "LANGANO" due to arrive CIVITAVECCHIA 1400 hrs Thursdays and Mondays.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 72. H.Q. Train Guard Control are investigating these complaints and will reply in due course.

A suggestion that lists of brakemen should be made out by the Capos for each train was accepted by H.Q. Train Guard Control and the I.S.R. An instruction will be issued to all concerned by Mov ROME and the I.S.R.

(Action - Mov ROME and I.S.R.).

81. Feeding of Refugee Trains at SAN MARINELLA.

Mov ROME said that a refugee train from LECHORN to the SOUTH was due to stop at SAN MARINELLA for 2 hours at 1200 hrs on 24 July. The train ran early and the Capo Treno refused to allow the train to stop for feeding resulting in food wastage. A complaint had been received from A.C.

Chairman asked I.S.R. to investigate and give reply as soon as possible.

(Action - I.S.R.).

82. Calling forward of Train Guards.

J.R.C. complained that I.S.R. at ROME (TUSCOLANA) were not keeping the R.T.O. currently informed of the calling forward of trains, so that the R.T.O. could not be kept fully advised.

: Ing Penti  
: Ing Ostrologo

Tn A.C. ROME

: Capt Hall

H.Q. Mov ROME

: Capt H.E.S. Baker

I.S.R. Capo Compartimento

: Ing Franzl

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(Info).

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(Action - Mov ROME and I.S.R.).

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Chairman asked I.S.R. to investigate and give reply as soon as possible.

(Action - I.S.R.).

## 82. Calling forward of Train Guards.

J.R.C. complained that I.S.R. at ROME (TUSCOLANA) were not keeping the R.T.C. currently informed of the calling forward of trains, so that the R.T.C. had difficulty in keeping the Train Guards fully advised.

Chairman asked I.S.R. to give this matter more attention.

(Action - I.S.R.).

## 83. MEDLOC Trains.

Mov ROME advised J.R.C. that the MEDLOC Trains from CERVINARA (passing through ROME nights 26/27, 27/28, 28/29 July) need not be stopped at ONE (Termini). J.R.C. confirmed that they would pass through TIFUMINA.

(Action - J.R.C.).

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34. AREZZO - Supply of Empties.

For information received from Mov POLIGNO there still remained approximately 2,500 tons of R.E. Stores and 2,500 tons Sups (including 1,000 tons Tibben) to be moved from AREZZO.

Mov POLIGNO considered the supply of empties satisfactory, but pointed out that a large proportion of box cars would be required to convey the tibben (average 4 - 5 tons per wagon).

(Info).

RESD/UCS.

(G.C. OLIVER) Major R.E.  
D.A.A.G. (M).

Distribution :

G-4 (Mov & Tn), A.F.H.Q.  
H.Q. Movements NORTH EAST ITALY.  
H.Q. Movements NAPLES.  
H.Q. Movements POLIGNO.  
Joint Railway Control ROME.  
Joint Railway Control NAPLES.  
H.Q. Train Guard Control ROME.  
H.Q. ROME Termini.  
R.T.O. GENOVA.  
R.T.O. TUSCANY.  
R.T.O. TIBURINA.  
A/R.T.O. TOR SAPIENZA.  
Tn P.B.3. c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2).  
Lieut Hayward, c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2).  
Tn A.C. ROME Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, ROME.  
Tn Sub-Commission A.C. (for Lt. Col. J.W. Baker).  
R.O.O. BERL.  
Mov L.O. 3 District.  
Mov L.O. M.R.S.

Internal.

D.A.A.G. (M).  
S/Capt Q(M).  
Traffic Office.

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## HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

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Tel : 478704

25 July 1945

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SUBJECT : Minutes of the fourteenth Railway Conference,  
held in Joint Railway Control Office Rome,  
Thursday 19 July '45.

TO : HQ Movements Sub-Area, Rome

*Info 14 refer*

1. Reference Joint Railway Control Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 19 July '45, minute 78.
2. The "Langano" is now on a scheduled sailing as follows :-

Olbia depart 2000 hrs Wednesdays and Sundays;  
Civitavecchia arrive 1400 hrs Thursdays and  
Sundays.

This service will be maintained until further orders.

For the Chief Commissioner

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*P.R. Worthington*  
C.R. WORTHINGTON,  
Major

Copy to : Joint Railway Control, Rome  
Shipping Branch  
Rail Division (Tn 4)

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MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL NAPLES HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SARDINIA  
INFO AFHQ CITE FHGDM FHGEG

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5 JUNE 45

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD IT IS CONFIRMED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM WEDNESDAY ONE THREE  
JUNE LANGANO WILL SAIL ON WEEKLY SCHEDULE AS IN PARA TWO UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE PD

PAREN TO MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL NAPLES TO HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SARDINIA  
INFO TO AFHQ CITE FHGDM FHGEG FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACTPT PAREN

PARA TWO PD SAILING OLBIA TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO HRS WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS  
ARRIVING CIVITAVECCHIA ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO HRS THURSDAYS AND MONDAYS CMA  
SAILING CIVITAVECCHIA ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO HRS SATURDAYS AND TUESDAYS CMA  
ARRIVING OLBIA ZERO EIGHT ZERO ZERO HRS SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS PD

PARA THREE PD THIS SCHEDULE HAS BEEN AGREED HIGH COMMISSIONER SARDINIA  
WHO ~~HAS~~ GIVEN ASSURANCE THERE WILL BE NO DELAYS IN FUTURE LIVESTOCK  
LOADING OLBIA PD

COPY TO : FOOD S.C. - W.S.A. Rome - M.W.T. Rome -

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO  
CWO U.S.A.  
Asst. Adjutant

See Memo 78  
JRC meeting 19 July 45

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MINUTES OF THE FOURTEENTH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

R O M E

THURSDAY 19 JULY 45

Chairman : Capt H.K.S. Baker, S/Capt Q(M), H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME.

Joint Railway Control : Capt E.L. Parks.  
: Capt G.A.C. Parks.  
: Lieut A. Lathson.

In A.C. ROME : Capt Hall.

I.S.R. Capo Compartimento : Ing Franzl.  
: Ing Ostrologo.

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75. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minute No. 59. I.S.R. confirmed that the repair work to SMISTA-  
MENTO Yard would be finished by the end of August.

Chairman said a check had been made on traffic passing through SMISTAMENTO  
to the ROME. The average transit time for line 87 was 8 1/4 hrs - this was a  
big improvement on previous estimates. The figure for line 65 was 14 hrs,  
the reason being that there was very little traffic now and wagons had to be  
accumulated before being despatched.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 48. Joint Railway Control confirmed that the plant at  
OSTIESE for disinfecting wagons was now in operation.

(Info).

76. MEDLOC Trains.

Chairman asked I.S.R. to give special attention to the punctual running of  
these trains. J.R.C. confirmed that the trains would go through ROME  
(Termini) as personnel would be joining the train at ROME.

(Action - I.S.R. and J.R.C.).

77. Refugee Trains.

Capt Hall complained of the delay (12 hrs approximately) to an important  
refugee train, when 4 wagons were derailed at CAMPO LEONE on 16 July. He  
thought the delay excessive.

Capt Parks said he had investigated this and considered that, owing to opera-  
ting difficulties, it was not possible to have cleared this train any quicker.

In A.C. POPE : Cont all.  
 I.S.R. Capo Compartimento : Ing Franzl.  
 : Ing Ostrologo.

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# 75. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minute No. 59. I.S.R. confirmed that the repair work to EMISTA-LEONE Yard would be finished by the end of August.

Chairman said a check had been made on traffic passing through SMISTAMENTO to the NORTH. The average transit time for line 87 was 8 1/4 hrs - this was a big improvement on previous estimates. The figure for line 65 was 14 hrs, the reason being that there was very little traffic now and wagons had to be accumulated before being despatched.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 48. Joint Railway Control confirmed that the plant at OSTIENSE for disinfecting wagons was now in operation.

(Info).

# 76. MEDLOC Trains.

Chairman asked I.S.R. to give special attention to the punctual running of these trains. J.R.C. confirmed that the trains would go through ROME (Termini) as personnel would be joining the train at ROME.

(Action - I.S.R. and J.R.C).

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Capt Hall complained of the delay (12 hrs approximately) to an important refugee train, when 4 wagons were derailed at CAMPO LEONE on 16 July. He thought the delay excessive.

Capt Parks said he had investigated this and considered that, owing to operating difficulties, it was not possible to have cleared this train any quicker.

Capt Tonks said that odd wagons of unauthorised refugees were still arriving in the rec. I.S.R. stated that these were not originating in the ROME Compartimento. Capt Tonks told I.S.R. that if any future cases arose when Capo's sent unauthorised refugees, disciplinary action would be taken.

(Action - (para 3) I.S.R.).

# 78. Arrival of Livestock at CIVITAVECCHIA.

Capt Parks complained that ships loaded with livestock were arriving at CIVITAVECCHIA without prior advice. This resulted in sudden large requests by A.C. for empties and upset the pre-arranged stock working.

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*Copy to be sent to the following:*  
 I.S.R.  
 J.R.C.  
 A.C.  
 (to be sent to the following)

Sgt Rasthwell

Please obtain  
copies of "Langans"  
Sailing Schedule  
from Sheppards,  
May McClure  
has in hand,  
and let papers

to her  
Sgt Rasthwell  
Hawaii  
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Capt Hall said he would investigate, and endeavour to give better information to J.R.C.

(Action - In A.C.).

79. Incidents between Train Guards and I.S.R. Staff.

Capt Torles said he had written a letter to Major Oliver in regard to several incidents between Train Guards and I.S.R. Staff.

Chairman said that these incidents would be discussed with H.Q. Train Guard Control and a reply given at the next meeting.

(Action - Mov ROME).

HESE/CES.

*H.B. Baker*  
(HIS. BAKER) Capt R.E.,  
for Major R.E.,  
D.I.C. (H).

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A.T.O. ROME Termini.  
R.T.O. SUSTAMENTO.  
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R.T.O. TIVERTINA.  
A.T.O. TOR SAPIENZA.  
Tr F.D.A. c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Lieut Maynard, c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Tr A.C. ROME Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, ROME.  
Tr Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.W. Baker).  
R.O.C. MRI.  
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Chairman said that these incidents would be discussed with H.Q. Train Guard Control and a reply given at the next meeting.

(Action - Mov ROME).

HESE/OWS.

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H.Q. Movements NAPLES.  
H.Q. Movements POLIGNO.  
Joint Railway Control ROME.  
Joint Railway Control NAPLES.  
H.Q. Train Guard Control ROME.  
A.T.O. ROME Termini.  
R.T.O. SUSTAMENTO.  
R.T.O. TUSCOLANA.  
P.T.O. FLURTINA.  
A/R.T.O. TOR SUPREZZA.  
Tn P.D.S. c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Lieut Maynard, c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Tn A.C. ROME Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, ROME.  
Tn Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.N. Baker).  
R.O.C. DARI.  
Mov L.O. 3 District.  
Mov L.O. M.R.S.

Internal

D.O.M.C. (M).  
Capt Q(M).  
Traffic Office,

*W.B. Baker*  
(HES. BAKER) Capt R.E.,  
for Major R.E.,  
D.O.M.C. (M).

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

R O M E

THURSDAY 12 JULY 45

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G.(M), H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME.

Joint Railway Control

: Capt F.L. Parks  
: Capt G.R.G. Toms  
: Lieut K. Matheson

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME

: Capt H.M.S. Baker

P.D.S.

: Cpl Eisenberg

T.A.C. ROME

: Capt Hall

I.S.R. Cape Compartmento

: Ing Franzini  
: Ing Ontrologo

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73. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minute No. 52. Chairman said that the new marshalling arrangements at LESTER were working satisfactorily. A check would be taken on the transit time of wagons passing through ROME and advised at the next meeting. It was hoped to reduce the transit time for NORTHBOUND traffic through ROME by approximately 6 hours.

In regard to SOUTHBOUND traffic, Ing Franzini said that the repair work at COMPARTAMENTO would not now be finished until the middle of October. Chairman said this was twice as long as originally promised by the I.S.R. I.S.R. must speed up the work and render proper progress reports to Joint Railway Control.

(Action - I.S.R. and J.R.C.).

Reference Minute No. 53. Chairman said the supply of empties to AREZZO had greatly improved. The Ann Loading had almost finished. It was ascertained from Mov POLIGNO that approximately 3,000 tons Supps and E.F.I. and 2,500 tons R.E. Stores still remained to be back-loaded. The loading of empty vehicles had finished.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 43. I.S.R. stated that the work at OSTIENSE had now been completed and the plant would be ready for use in a day or so. Chairman asked Joint Railway Control to find out exactly when the plant could be used.

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H.C. Movements Sub-Area ROE : Capt H.H.H. Baker  
 P.D.S. : Cpl Eisenberg  
 D.A.C. ROE : Capt Foll  
 I.S.P. Capc Compartimento : Ing Franzl  
 : Ing Ostrologo

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## 73. Minutes of Previous Meetings.

Reference Minute No. 52. Chairman said that the new marshalling arrangements at SAISTAMENTO were working satisfactorily. A check would be taken on the transit time of wagons passing through ROE and advised at the next meeting. It was hoped to reduce the transit time for NORTHBOUND traffic through ROE by approximately 6 hours.

In regard to SOUTHBOUND traffic, Ing Franzl said that the repair work at SAISTAMENTO would not now be finished until the middle of October. Chairman said this was twice as long as originally promised by the I.S.R. I.S.R. must speed up the work and render proper progress reports to Joint Railway Control.

(Action - I.S.R. and J.R.C.).

Reference Minute No. 55. Chairman said the supply of empties to AREZZO had greatly improved. The Ann loading had almost finished. It was ascertained from Mov POLIGNO that approximately 3,000 tons Sups and E.F.I. and 2,500 tons R.E. Stores still remained to be back-loaded. The loading of "D" vehicles had finished.

(Info).

Reference Minute No. 48. I.S.R. stated that the work at OSTENSE had now been completed and the plant would be ready for use in a day or so. Chairman asked Joint Railway Control to find out exactly when the plant could be used.

(Action - J.R.C.).

Reference Minute No. 66. Chairman said that telephone facilities now existed between ORTE and POLIGNO.

(Info).

## 74. Italian Military and Civilian Travel NAPLES to NORTH.

Mov ROE stated that a daily train was arriving at SAISTAMENTO from NAPLES with Italian Military and civilians. Some of this movement was authorised.

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but a lot of it consisted of civilians and families of Italian troops on leave, who travelled in empty stock coming from NAPLES.

As R.T.O. SASSIMANETO had difficulty in dealing with these personnel, it was suggested that the train be stopped at TIBURTINA for sorting and checking. The former agreed and told the I.C.R. that instructions must be given to the Capo Stazione at TIBURTINA that trains would be stopped there on request of the A.T.O.

(Action - I.C.R. and R.T.O. TIBURTINA).

HSS/JCS.

*Chapman*  
(CC. OLIVER) Major R.M.,  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).

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H.Q. Movements NORTH EAST ITALY  
H.Q. Movements NAPLES  
H.Q. Movements FOLLIGNO.  
Joint Railway Control ROME  
Joint Railway Control NAPLES  
H.Q. Train Guard Control ROME  
R.T.O. ROME Termini  
R.T.O. SMISTARENTO  
R.T.O. TUSCOLANA  
R.T.O. TIBURTINA  
A/R.T.O. TOR SAPIENZA  
Tr R.E.S. c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Lieut Maynard, c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Tr A.C. ROME Region, ISR Building, Via Regim Elena, ROME  
Tr Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.M. Baker).  
R.O.O. DARI.  
Mov L.O. 3 District  
Mov L.O., M.R.C.

Internal

D.A.Q.M.G. (M).  
C/Capt. G(M).

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of the R.T.O.

(Action - I.T.R. and R.T.O. TIURINA).

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H.C. Movements NORTH EAST ITALY  
H.C. Movements NAPLES  
H.C. Movements FOLIGNO.  
Joint Railway Control ROME  
Joint Railway Control NAPLES  
R.G. Train Guard Control ROME  
R.T.O. ROME Termini  
R.T.O. SMISTAFATO  
R.T.O. TUSCOLANA  
R.T.O. TIURINA  
A/R.T.O. TOR SAPIENZA  
Tn P.E.S. c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Lieut Hayward, c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2)  
Tn A.C. ROME Region, ISE Building, Via Regia Elena, ROME  
Tn Sub-Commission, H.C. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.N. Baker).  
R.O.O. MARI.  
Mov L.O. 3 District  
Mov L.O., M.T.O.

Internal

D.A.G.M.G.(M).  
J/Capt G(M).  
Traffic Office.

*Nothing*  
(GC. OLIVIERI) Major R.T.,  
D.A.G.M.G.(M).

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MINUTES OF THE TIRATH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

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THURSDAY 05 JULY 45

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.C.M.G. (R), H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROE

Joint Railway Control

: Capt E.L. Parks  
: Capt G.E.G. Jones  
: Lieut M. Thomson  
: Ing Tuli  
: Dott Lifford

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROE

: Lieut A.C. Scott

P.S.S.

: Cpl. Mearns

T.A.C. RMS

: Capt Hall

I.S.R. Capo Compartimento

: Ing Pusco  
: Ing Castrolago

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68. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reference Minute No. 48. ISR stated that disinfecting plant at OSTIENNE will not be ready for use for a further ten days due to difficulty in securing necessary material.

Reference Minute No. 59. Chairman stated that the ISR proposal for marshalling at SMISTALENTO was acceptable to MRS. It was understood that the scheme would come into operation, for NORTHBOUND traffic v.c.f. 10 July and for SOUTHBOUND, when the necessary construction work had been completed, in approximately six weeks' time. ISR to keep JRC informed.

(Action - ISR).

Reference Minute No. 61. Chairman stated that MRS have no objection to traffic for BOLOGNA and NORTH going either via line 65 or via line 50 from ROE. It was therefore agreed to leave the matter in the hands of MRS.

Reference Minute No. 63. Chairman stated that AMHQ had not agreed to the cancellation of the Friday Box Car service for troops to AREZZO.

70. POW Trains via Line 50.

Mov ROE complained that POW trains ex NORTH EAST ITALY to CASERTA, moving under PIS arrangements, are arriving without advice and short of rations. Two instances were quoted. PIS stated that advices were received by US HQ, by MRS and Joint Railway Control. PIS representative agreed to ask senders to include the appropriate Movements Areas on future signals.

(Action - PIS).

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Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reference Minute No. 48. ISR stated that disassembling plant at OBERLIN will not be ready for use for a further ten days due to difficulty in securing necessary material.

(Motion - I-11)

Reference Minute No. 60. Chairmen stated that AFHQ had not agreed to the cancellation of the Friday Box Car service for troops to AREZZO.

Now Rome complained that POW trains ex NORTH EAST ITALY to CASCENALI, moving under PBS arrangements, are arriving without advice and short of rations. Two instances were quoted. PBS stated that advices were received by US RTO, by MRS and Joint Railway Control, PBS representative agreed to ask senders to include the appropriate Movements Areas on future signals.

72. Marshallin: at SUSTABENTO.

Major ROME stated that a complaint had been received from Major FOLIGNO regarding marshalling at ESTIVAMENTO. It appeared that considerable re-marshalling had to take place at FOLIGNO. Capt Tonks pointed out that traffic for line 87 had decreased so much recently that it was now not always practicable to make up complete trains for particular sections of the line, without holding back wagons for an unreasonable time.

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Now ROSE gave a statement from RTO SMISTAMENTO which confirmed this and added that wagons were still being marshalled in consecutive rakes for the various stations. ISR were asked to see that wagons for each station were marshalled together and that wherever possible train makeup should comply with current instructions.

(Action - ISR).

## 72. Unauthorized Civilian Travel.

Mr ROSE stated that civilians were using the workers' trains from ROME TERMINO to SMISTAMENTO for the purpose of proceeding thence by unauthorized use of freight trains. Capt Perks pointed out that it is the responsibility of ISR to see that only properly authorized workers use these trains.

## 73. ISR Material Underload.

Capt Tonks stated that a recent count showed 100 cars in the Compartimento underload with ISR material, 32 of them having been underload more than 48 hours. Ing Fenti stated that he had already issued instructions on this matter but that he would take further action to improve the situation.

(Action - ISR).

ACS/JOWS.

(G.C. OLIVER) Major RE,  
D.A.Q.H.G.(M).

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Joint Railway Control NAPLES.  
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R.T.O. SMISTAMENTO.  
R.T.O. TUSCOLANA.  
R.T.O. TIURIN.  
A/R.T.O. TOX SAPIENZA.  
Tr. F.D.S. c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2).  
Lieut Maynard, c/o R.T.O. ROME Termini (2).  
Tr. A.C. ROME Region, I.S.A. Building, Via Regina Elena, ROME.  
Tr. Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.W. Baker).  
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Internal.

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(Action - ISR).

ACS/JCWS.

#### Distribution:

C- (Mov & Trn), A.P.H. 2.  
H.O. Movements NORTH EAST ITALY.  
H.O. Movements NAPLES.  
H.O. Movements FOLLIGNO.  
Joint Railway Control ROME.  
Joint Railway Control NAPLES.  
R.T.O. ROME Terminal.  
R.T.O. SUSTEMENO.  
R.T.O. TUSCOLANA.  
R.T.O. TIRRENIA.  
A/R.T.O. TOR SAPIENZA.  
Tr. F.D.S. c/o R.T.O. ROME Terminal (2).  
Lieut Maynard, c/o R.T.O. ROME Terminal (2).  
Tr. A.C. ROME Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, ROME.  
Tr. Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.N. Baker).  
R.O.O. ROME.  
Mov L.O. 3 District.  
Mov L.O. M.A.S.

#### Internal.

D.A.C.M.G. (M).  
S/Capt G(M).  
Traffic Office.

(G.C. OLIVER) Major RE,  
D.I.Q.M.G. (M).

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MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH RAILWAY CO. MEETING  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

R O M  
THURSDAY 28 JUNE 45.

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.C.M.G. (M), H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME.

Joint Railway Control : Capt L.H. Parks  
: Capt G.A.G. Tonks  
: Ing Tenti  
: Dott Alieri

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME : Capt H.H.S. Baker

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area POLIGNO : Lieut D.A. Barlow

P.E.S. : Cpl Eisenberg

Tn A.C. ROME : Capt Hall

I.S.R. Capo Compartimento : Ing Franzl

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63. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reference Minute No. 52. I.S.R. have now submitted a plan. This will be examined at a meeting to be held at Joint Railway Control office 1000 hrs 30 June. I.S.R. representatives, M.T.Os. SMISTAMENTO and TIBURTINA are asked to be present.

Reference Minute No. 61. The number of I.S.R. wagons on hand at SAN LORENZO was now 90 (154 total including civilian traffic). Chairman told I.S.R. that better arrangements must be made to unload this traffic.

(Action - I.S.R.).

64. Routing of Traffic to BOLOGNA and North of BOLOGNA.

Chairman stated that there was some confusion amongst the I.S.R. Capos and R.T.Os. as to whether this traffic should go via line 87 or line 50.

A.F.H.Q. P.O.M. Minutes do not indicate which route traffic is to take. It was agreed that Mov ROME will ask A.F.H.Q. for a ruling. In the meantime I.S.R. and Joint Railway Control agree that all traffic for BOLOGNA from North of BOLOGNA will go via line 50.

(Action - Mov ROME).

65. Empty Wagon Supply to AREZZO.

Chairman said that a complaint had been made by A.F.H.Q. that AREZZO indents for empties were not being fully met.

Joint Railway Control said that there was a general shortage of empties and

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROAE : Capt R.H.S. Baker  
 H.Q. Movements Sub-Area POLIGNO : Lieut R.A. Barlow  
 P.E.S. : Col Eisenberg  
 Tn A.O. ROME : Capt Hall  
 I.S.R. Capo Compartimento : Ing Franzini

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(Action - I.S.R.)

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A.P.H.Q. P.O.M. Minutes do not indicate which route traffic is to take. It was agreed that Mov ROAE will ask A.P.H.Q. for a ruling. In the time I.S.R. and Joint Railway Control agree that all traffic for BOLOGNA North of BOLOGNA will go via line 50.

(Action - Mov ROAE).

### 65. Empty Wagon Supply to AREZZO.

Chairman said that a complaint had been made by A.P.H.Q. that AREZZO indents for empties were not being fully met.

Joint Railway Control said that there was a general shortage of empties and it had to be decided who was to receive priority, as CIVITAVECCHIA and PIGNANO were also short. At the same time, AREZZO and CIVITAVECCHIA were over-indenting on the basis that their bids would automatically be cut down. Lieut Barlow, R.T.O. AREZZO agreed this was the case.

It was decided that Joint Railway Control would ask Mov L.O. D.M.R.S. daily for priorities. Chairman said that Joint Railway Control would make efforts to supply AREZZO with 100 mixed empties per day. Lieut Barlow said that in the circumstances, this would be satisfactory. It must be borne in mind that normally ports would receive priority, as the discharge of ships was considered to be of prior importance.

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Chairman said Mov POLIGNO were to continue to augment dispatch on J.R.E. arriving any assignments to Mov ROME.

(Action - J.R.C. and I.S.R.).

# 66. Communications between ONTE and TERMI.

Chairman said that it was very necessary to have telephone facilities between ONTE and TERMI, so that R.T.O.s could advise each other of troops requiring feeding etc. At present no reasonable communications existed, and ROME Traffic Office had difficulty in speaking to Mov POLIGNO. Chairman asked about Barlow to take up question with H.Q. Mov EAST ITALY. For information line ONTE - TERMI is in ANCONA Compartmento.

(Action - Mov POLIGNO).

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Chairman said that this was agreed, providing Mov ROME obtained permission from L.F.H.Q. to the cancellation.

(Action - Mov ROME and J.R.C.).

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MINUTES OF THE Tenth RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
ROME  
THURSDAY 21 JUNE 45

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.S.M.C. ( ), M.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROE

- Joint Railway Control
- : Capt F.L. Parks
  - : Capt A.D.C. Tonks
  - : Capt A. Pickering
  - : Ing Tenti
  - : Dott. Alinari
- M.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROE
- : Capt M.H.S. Baker
- P.D.S.
- : Cpl A. Eisenberg
- Tn. A.C. ROE
- : Capt Hall
- I.S.R. Capo Compartimento
- : Ing Franz

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56. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Reference Minute No. 44. M.R.S. are still investigating. A reply is awaited.

Reference Minute No. 55. M.R.S. have already placed an order for headlights and generators for locos. It is not known when, or if, they will be supplied.

57. P.A. Traffic at TIEURINA.

Chairman said that despite requests to P.D.S. to regulate this traffic (see Minute No. 47) it was still arriving in large quantities. For instance 26 wagons were received on 19 June. Unloading rate was 5 wagons per day.

Chairman asked P.D.S. representative to investigate and take further steps to regulate despatches.

(Action - P.D.S.).

58. Break in Line near CIVITA CASTELLANA (Line 65).

I.S.R. said the bridge would now be repaired and open to traffic late p.m. 22 June.

Capt Tonks said that the E.T.C.'s given by the I.S.R. for the re-opening of lines to traffic had recently been very inaccurate. This caused a lot of unnecessary work and speculation.

Chairman asked Ing Franz to try and give more accurate forecasts in future.

(Action - I.S.R.).

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ing Tenti stated that a plan was being prepared to Marshall both North and South bound freight traffic at SLISTAMENTO. This would mean that TRIMMING would only be used for passing on stabling traffic and feeding odd parcels of personnel.

MOV ROME envisaged a possible saving of Movement's Staff, which would be welcomed.

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10. Cancellation of Trains.

Capt Pickering said that another case had arisen where the Capo Stazione had cancelled the power for a train from MISTRETO owing to alleged lack of traffic, when in fact there was sufficient traffic for 3 trains.

Chairman said that I.S.R. must arrange for Capes to check with Joint Railway Control in future before they cancelled trains.

(Action - I.S.R.)

11. Material - SAN LORENZO.

Capt Torrie said that there were 73 wagons of I.S.R. material on hand at SAN LORENZO. 30 of these wagons contained wheels for which there was no destination. The Joint said destination had not been found for these wagons. Chairman stressed the necessity of either unloading or reconsigning this traffic as soon as possible.

(Action - I.S.R.)

12. Unauthorized Movement of Refugees.

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Chairman said Mr ROE will investigate with A.C. Tn Sub-Commission, but at the same time I.S.R. must arrange that when unauthorized wagons of refugees arrived in the area, they must advise Joint Railway Control of the originating points, so that action can be taken through official channels.

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HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

R O M E

THURSDAY 14 JUNE 45

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.C.(M) H.Q. Movements Sub-area ROME

Joint Railway Control : Capt E. J. Parks  
: Capt G. G. G. Ponks  
: Ing Tenti

H.Q. Movements Sub-area ROME : Capt H. J. Baker

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(Action - I.S.R.).

53. Accident near BASCHI.

I.S.R. said the line would be cleared at 0200 hrs 15 June. Mov ROME will inform A.T.H.Q.

(Action - Mov ROME).

54. Train Advice.

Capt Tonks said that trains conveying troops that required meals at ROME TERMINI were frequently being delayed at TUDRINA in order to change engines. It was also very difficult to get correct information from I.S.R. as to the times of arrival of troop trains.

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Chairman asked I.S.R. to investigate and make contact with more accurate information was given in future.

(Action - I.S.R.).

55. Headlights for engines.

Capt Parks said that it would be very useful if headlights and general information could be obtained for American locos. This would probably have prevented the accident at BASCHI.

Chairman said Mov ROME would take this matter up with ...

(Action - Mov ROME).

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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

R O M E

THURSDAY 7 JUNE 45.

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G. (M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME.

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: Capt B. Pickering  
: Ing Tenti

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME : Capt H.H.S. Baker

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: Capt C. H. G. Jones  
: Capt B. Pickering  
: Ing Tenti

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME : Capt H.H.S. Baker  
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Chairman asked I.S.R. to look into this and arrange for facilities to be available for disinfecting cars in ROME.

(Action - I.S.R.).

49. A.C. Traffic.

Chairman introduced Capt Hall to the meeting. Capt Hall having taken over Capt Dean's duties.

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A.C. Traffic (Contd.).

Chairman said that the unloading of POL, Grain and Coal at TRASTAVERE and OSTIESE had been very slow recently. Capt Hall has already investigated this and it is expected the position will soon be normal.

50. Incident at FIGULLE Station on 2nd June.

Capt Donks said that on 2nd June an incident occurred at FIGULLE Station involving Capo Station and an S.L.I. Train Guard.

This matter was already being investigated and result would be advised at next meeting.

*W.B. Baker*  
*C. J. Baker*  
 Major RE,  
 D.I.C.M.G. (M).

CCO/JCWS.

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL TICE

R O M E

THURSDAY 31 MAY 1945.

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G.(M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area ROME.

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|                            | : | Capt C.R.G. Tonks. |
|                            | : | Capt B. Pickering  |
|                            | : | Ing Tenti          |
| HQ Movements Sub-Area ROME | : | Capt H.H.S. Baker  |
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| I.S.R. Capo Compartimento  | : | Ing Pezio.         |

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40. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

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(Action - I.S.R.).

41. Wagons of Bricks underload - PARA SABINA.

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(Action - J.R.C.).

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(Action - I.S.R.).

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Chairman said that there were three wagons of snowploughs on hand at CIVITA CASTELLANA and one wagon at PRENESTINA. All these were out of gauge loads and could not possibly go forward by rail.

Capt TOMKS said that arrangements were being made for 137 ME Coy (the consignee) to unload at CIVITA CASTELLANA. He will report completion to MOV ROME. Similar action would be taken for the one at PRENESTINA.

(Action - J.R.C. and MOV ROME).

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44. Installation of Teletype machines.

Capt PARKS asked if it could be arranged for teletype machines to be installed at CASERTA, ROCCASECCO, AVERSA, FORMIA and ROME Control, as present communications were unsatisfactory.

Chairman said Mov ROME will write to M.R.S.

(Action - Mov ROME).

45. Bad Order Cars at TIBURTINA.

Ing FAZIO said that there were 149 bad order cars at TIBURTINA. Could arrangements be made for repairs.

Capt PARKS said these were being taken into workshops as soon as possible, but they must be kept at TIBURTINA until the shops could accept them.

GOO/JCWS.

Major RE,  
DAQMG(M).

Distribution :

H.Q. Movements South Italy.  
H.Q. Movements North East Italy.  
Joint Railway Control ROME.  
Joint Railway Control NAPLES.  
R.T.O. ROME Terrini.  
R.T.O. SMISTAMENTO.  
R.T.O. TUSCOLANA.  
R.T.O. TIBURTINA.  
A/R.T.O. TOR SAPIENZA.  
Tn. P.B.S. c/o R.T.O. ROME TERRINI. (2)  
Lieut Maynard c/o R.T.O. ROME TERRINI (2).  
Tn. A.C. ROME Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, ROME.  
Tn Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.W. Baker).  
ROO BARI.  
Mov L.C. 'A' Section, S.I.B.

Internal.

D.A.Q.M.C. (M).  
Staff Capt Q(M).  
Traffic Office.

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MINUTES OF SIXTH RAILWAY CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

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THURSDAY 24 MAY 1945

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G.(M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome

Joint Railway Control : Capt E.L. Parkes  
Capt G.M.G. Tonks  
Capt B. Pickering  
Ing. Tenti  
Ing. Ostrologe

HQ. Movements Sub-Area, Rome : Capt H. Walbank

Tn A.C. Rome Region : Capt E.W. Dean

P.B.S. : Cpl. A. Eisenberg

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(Action I.S.R.)

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Capt Dean reported a shortage of empties on line 65 earlier in the week. Capt Pickering explained that the position was now rectified but that, during the past few days, a large number of empties had to be used for braking as sufficient braked vehicles had not been loaded.

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Ing. Tenti  
Ing. Ostrologo

HQ. Movements Sub-Area, Rome : Capt H. Walbank  
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(A.C. & I.S.R. Action)

38.

Loading of Machinery.

Capt Parkes asked if loading services and R.T.Os could again be warned about loading out of gauge as several instances had recently occurred of out of gauge loads fouling bridges.

It was pointed out that all known cases were immediately reported to the despatching area concerned but that the ultimate responsibility rested with the I.S.R. in accepting the load. In this connection the I.S.R. were informed that Capi Stations were in order in holding any out of gauge loads but an immediate report must be submitted.

(Info)

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39.

Responsibility of Safeguarding Wagons of Military Stores detached in Transit.

The I.S.R. were asked to instruct all Capi Stazione that they were responsible for safeguarding any wagons of Military stores detached in transit at their stations, unless there was a Military Police guard at that station, and where necessary to appoint a man to guard the wagon.

The I.S.R. rep undertook to circularise all stations in the Compartimento to this effect.

(I.S.R. Action).

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Major R.E.,  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).

Distribution :

H.Q. Movements South Italy  
H.Q. Movements North East Italy  
Joint Railway Control, Rome  
Joint Railway Control, Naples  
R.T.O. Rome Termini  
R.T.O. Smistamento  
R.T.O. Tuscolana  
R.T.O. Tiburtina  
A/R.T.O. Tor Sapienza  
A/R.T.O. Civitavecchia  
Tn. P.B.S. c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2)  
Lieut Maynard c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2)  
Tn. A.C. Rome Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, Rome  
Tn Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt.Col. J.W. Baker).

Internal.

D.A.Q.M.G. (M).  
Staff Capt Q(M).  
Traffic Office.

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MINUTES OF FIFTH RAIL CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
ROME

FRIDAY 18 MAY 1945

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G. (M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome

Joint Railway Control : Capt. E.L. Parkes  
Capt. G.M.A. Toles  
Capt. E. Pickering  
Ing. Tenti

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt. H. Walbank  
: Capt. E.W. Dean  
Tn. A.C. Rome Region : Lt. E.A. Maynard  
P.B.S. : Ing. Marin  
I.S.R.

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(Info).

30. Attendance at Conference

Chairman asked for Capo Compartimento or a reliable representative to attend the weekly conference.

(Action : I.S.R.)

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Capt. Parkes raised the question of turn round of road engines at Termini Station, pointing out that engines bringing in trains frequently stood in the platform up to 4 hours waiting for the train to work out. I.S.R. will arrange to release road engines as soon as possible after arrival in Rome Termini.

(Action : I.S.R.)

32. Civitavecchia, daily returns

I.S.R. were asked if it was possible for the daily returns covering personnel in view of the involved

Capt. B. Pickering  
Ing. Tenti

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt. H. Walbank

Tn. A.C. Rome Region : Capt. E.W. Dean

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(Action : I.S.R.)

## 32. Civitavecchia, daily returns

I.S.R. were asked if it was possible for the daily returns covering Civitavecchia to be rendered by I.S.R. personnel. In view of the involved nature of the returns this was not considered possible.

(Info)

## 33. Co-ordination of information

Capt. Pickering drew attention to the lack of co-ordination between Tiburtina and Smitamento yards and gave an instance of Smitamento cancelling a northbound train for lack of traffic whilst Tiburtina had 153 loads on hand.

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It was agreed that in future no trains would be cancelled without JRC authority.

(I.S.R. : Action)

### 34. I.S.R. Material Underload

Capt. Tonks pointed out that wagons of material were being detained underload particularly at Pionestina.

I.S.R. were instructed that all wagons must be offloaded within 24 hrs of arrival at destination and the empties returned to traffic.

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Major R.E.  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M)

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H.Q. Movements North East Italy  
Joint Railway Control, Rome.  
Joint Railway Control, Naples  
R.T.O. Rome Termini  
RTO . Bristamento  
R.T.O. Tuscolana  
R.T.O. Tiburtina  
A/ETO. For Sapienza  
A/ETO. Civitavecchia  
Tn. P.D.S. c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2)  
Lieut Maynard c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2)  
Tn. A.C. Rome Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Roma Elena, Rome.  
Tn. Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C. (For Lt. Col. J.M. Deber).

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D.A.Q.M.G. (M)  
S/Capt Q(M)  
Traffic Office.

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MINUTES OF FOURTH RAIL CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

ROME

THURSDAY 10 MAY 1945.

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G. (M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome.

Joint Railway Control : Capt G.A. Jones  
Capt. P. Fisher,  
Ing Tenti  
Ing Ostrologio

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt H. Walbank

The A.C. Rome Region : Capt E.W. Dean

F.R.S. : Cpl A. Eisenberg

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22. Minutes of Previous Conference.

Chairman referred to Minute 17 of previous conference. The directive issued by I.S.R. confirming the authority of Ing. Tenti was not in order. It has been returned for correction.

(Action : I.S.R.).

Referring to Minute 21, the Chairman asked if sufficient labour was now available for transshipping the loads of crippled wagons. The I.S.R. representative stated that disposition of personnel was being made to cope with this work.

23. Meal Halt - Rome Termini.

Chairman informed the meeting that the meal halt at Termini station was open w.e.f. 1900 hrs 10 May for coaching stock trains and special trains carrying personnel, small parties would continue to feed at Tiburtina. Meals would not be served between 2200 hrs and 0600 hrs.

(Info)

24. Wagon Supply - Viterbo line (257).

A.C. representative had received complaints of wagon shortage on line 257. Joint Railway Control and I.S.R. had no knowledge of any shortage and will investigate any specific complaint.

(Action : A.C. - J.R.C. and I.S.R.).

Joint Railway Control

: Capt G.L.M. Morris  
 Capt. P. Morrell  
 Eng. Tenti  
 Eng. Ostrologio

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt H. Walbank  
 Tn A.C. Rome Region : Capt E.W. Dean  
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23. Meal Halt - Pese Ferrini.

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(Info)

24. Wagon Supply - Vitorbo line (257).

A.C. representative had received complaints of wagon shortages on line 257. Joint Railway Control and I.S.R. had no knowledge of any shortage and will investigate any specific complaint.

(Action : A.C. - J.R.C. and I.S.R.).

25. I.S.R. Circulation of Advice and Information.

F.R.S. representative complained that I.S.R. advice regarding movement of special troop trains were not being circulated to the operating staffs concerned and quoted instance of a train, Florence to Bari. I.S.R. were instructed to ensure that in future all concerned personnel are fully advised of train movements.

(Action : I.S.R.).

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26. Control of Empties.

Capt Pickering, J.R.C., suggested a daily meeting at 1700 hrs between J.R.C. and I.S.R. to effect a better control and distribution of empties. This was agreed.

(Action : J.R.C. and I.S.R.).

27. Accident at Tiburtina.

The I.S.R. was asked for a report on the accident at Tiburtina on 5 May in which 4 persons were injured. It was emphasized that all incidents and accidents must be reported at once to J.R.C. by phone, followed by a full written report within 24 hours.

(Action : I.S.R.).

28. Marshalling of Trains at Smistamento.

Complaint had been received by J.R.C. that trains on line 37 were not being correctly marshalled at Smistamento. I.S.R. were again instructed to ensure that traffic for Mondolfo and North on line 86 was not despatched on trains conveying traffic for Ancona, or vice versa.

(Action : I.S.R.).

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H.Q. Movements North East Italy.  
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Joint Railway Control, Naples.  
R.T.O. Rome Termini.  
R.T.O. Smistamento.  
R.T.O. Tuscolana.  
R.T.O. Tiburtina.  
A/RTO Tor Sapienza.  
A/RTO Civitavecchia.  
Th. P.3.S. c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2).  
Lieut Maynard c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2).  
Th A.C. Rome Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, Rome.  
Th Sub-Commission, E.Q., A.C. (for Lt. Col. J.W. Baker).

Internal.

D.A.Q.M.G. (M).

Major RE,  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).

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The I.S.R. were asked for a report on the accident at Montelupo on 5 May in which 11 persons were injured. It was emphasized that all accidents and accidents must be reported at once to J.R.C. by memo, followed by a full written report within 24 hours.

(Action : I.S.R.).

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Complaint had been received by J.R.C. that trains on line 87 were not being correctly marshalled at Smistamento. I.S.R. were again instructed to ensure that traffic for Mondolfo and North on line 86 was not despatched on trains conveying traffic for Ancona, or vice versa.

(Action : I.S.R.).

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F.Q. Movements North East Italy.  
Joint Railway Control, Rome.  
Joint Railway Control, Naples.  
R.T.O. Rome Termini.  
R.T.O. Smistamento.  
R.T.O. Tuscolana.  
R.T.O. Tiburtina.  
A/RTO Tor Sapienza.  
A/RTO Civitavecchia.  
Th. P.B.S. c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2).  
Lieut Maynard c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2).  
Th A.C. Rome Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, Rome.  
Th Sub-Commission, E.Q., A.C. (for Lt. Col. J.W. Baker).

Internal.  
D.A.Q.M.G.(M).  
S/Capt Q(M).  
Traffic Office.

Major RE,  
DAQMG(M).

MINUTES OF FIREBOX ROAD CONTROL  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

ROME

THURSDAY 3 MAY 1945

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G. (M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome

Joint Railway Control : Capt. Parkes  
Capt. Tonks  
Lt. Pickering  
Inr. Tenti  
Ing. Ostrologio

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt. Black  
Capt. Wallbank

Tn. A.C. Rome Region : Capt. Dean

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(Info)

Referring to minute 11, Capt. Parkes will arrange for I.S.R. to make a spot check on daily yard states and report at next meeting.

(Action : J.R.C. - I.S.R.)

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18. Movements Staff - Civitavecchia

Chairman pointed out that, with the exception of one N.C.O., Movements Staff would shortly be withdrawn from Civitavecchia.

The N.C.O. would remain for one or two weeks to advise the I.S.R. staff regarding the Port requirements and compilation of the necessary returns.

(Info)

19. Joint Railway Control Working Rome - Naples

Capt. Parkes reported that liaison was being maintained and train advices etc being received from Naples.

(Info)

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt. Black  
Capt. Wallbank

Tn. A.C. Rome Region : Capt. Dean

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# 20. Supply of empties for Civitavecchia

Chairman explained that 50 mixed empties daily were allocated to Civitavecchia and this figure must not be exceeded. D.M.R.S. Signal dated 30 Apr refers

(Action : J.R.C., I.S.R.).

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21. Transportation of military stores

Capt. Black pointed out that it was the responsibility of I.S.R. to transport stores from wagons crippled en route. Any assistance re heavy lifts etc should be asked from R.T.O. or J.R.C.

Ing. Tenti will look into the question of labour for this work, average requirements at Smlstamento being 2 to 3 wagons per day.

*[Signature]*  
Major R.  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M)

Distribution

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H.Q. Movements North East Italy  
Joint Railway Control, Rome  
Joint Railway Control, Naples  
R.T.O. Rome Termini  
R.T.O. Smlstamento  
R.T.O. Tuscolana  
R.T.O. Tiburtina  
A/RTO. Tor Sapienza  
A/RTO. Civitavecchia  
Tn. P.B.S. c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2)  
Lieut Maynard c/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2)  
Tn. A.C. Rome Region, I.S.R. Building, Via Regina Elena, Rome.  
Tn. Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C. (for Lt. Col. J.W. Baker)

Internal

D.A.Q.M.G. (M)  
S/Capt. Q(M)  
Traffic Office.

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HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE  
ROME  
THURSDAY 26 APRIL 1945

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G.(M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome

Joint Railway Control : Capt. Parkes  
Capt. Tonks  
Lt. Pickering  
Ing. Tenti  
Ing. Ostrologio

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt. Black

Tn. P.B.S. Rome : Cpl. Issing

Tn. A.C. Rome Region : Capt. Newby

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10. Minutes of Previous Conference

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(Info)

11. Alleged inaccuracy of yard statistics

Chairman stated that complaints were being made that some of the information supplied by I.S.R. Capos to J.R.C. was inaccurate. To check this, he requested I.S.R. rep to arrange spot checks at the various yards. Ing. Tenti undertook to do this job personally.

(Action : J.R.C.)

12. Advice to consignees of A.C. Stores arrivals

Tn. A.C. rep. requested whether it would be practicable for I.S.R. Capos, on the arrival of A.C. Stores for civilian consignees, to telephone the civilians concerned and advise them to off-load. Ing. Tenti replied that it was already the duty of the Capo Stazione to notify Civil consignees, in writing, of traffic arrived, but as this sometimes involved delay, he undertook to issue instructions that such advices would be telephoned where possible.

(Action : J.R.C., I.S.R.)

13. Telephone Communication with J.R.C. Naples

It was requested that to facilitate the work a direct telephone

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(Action : J.R.C., I.S.R.)

# 13. Telephone Communication with J.R.C. Naples

I.S.R. rep requested that to facilitate the work a direct telephone line be installed between the offices of the Rome and Naples J.R.C.s. Chairman agreed this would be desirable and undertook to investigate the possibility, but pointed out that in the meantime, the military telephone facilities were available to I.S.R. reps of J.R.C. Capt. Tonks undertook to explain to I.S.R. reps how to obtain communication with J.R.C. Naples on the Military telephone system.

# 14. Even Flow of Traffic

Chairman called the attention of I.S.R. reps to the necessity of maintaining an even flow of traffic to the north. He referred to the recent accumulation of traffic at Naples, and pointed out that there had been a tendency to concentrate all power on lines 89/90,

14. Even Flow of Traffic (Cont'd)

and to starve lines 65 and 87 of power, thus creating a block of traffic in Rome. It was emphasized that a balance of power must be maintained.

(Action : J.R.C., I.S.R.)

15. Control of Locomotive Power

Capt. Parker stated that it was found that 37 engines of the Rome Link were being detained in the Naples - Caserta area instead of working trains back to Rome. Chairman requested I.S.R. to take the necessary action to ensure the return of these locomotives, and undertook to place the matter before J.R.C. Naples through H.Q. Movements West Italy

(Action : I.S.R., Mov Rome).

Distribution.

H.Q. Movements West Italy  
H.Q. Movements Central Italy  
Joint Railway Control, Rome  
Joint Railway Control, Naples  
R.T.O. Termini  
R.T.O. Smistamento  
R.T.O. Tuscolani  
R.T.O. Tiburtina  
A/RTO. Tor Sapienza  
A/RTO. Civitavecchia  
Tn. P.D.S. o/o R.T.O. Rome Termini (2)  
Tn. A.C. Rome Region, I.S.R. Building  
Via Regina Elena, Rome.  
Tn. Sub-Commission, H.Q. A.C.  
(for Lt. Col. J.W. Baker).

Internal

D.A.Q.M.G. (M)  
S/Capt. Q(M).  
Traffic Office.

Major R.E.  
D.A.Q.M.G. (M)

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MINUTES OF FIRST RAIL CONFERENCE  
HELD IN JOINT RAILWAY CONTROL OFFICE

ROME

THURSDAY 19 APRIL 1945

Chairman : Major G.C. Oliver D.A.Q.M.G.(M) H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome

Joint Railway Control : Capt. Parkes

Capt. G.R.G. Dodds

Lt. Pickering

Eng. Tenti

H.Q. Movements Sub-Area Rome : Capt. A.I. Black

H.Q. Movements Central Italy : Capt. E.S. Trussler

Tn. P.B.S. Rome

: Lt. E.A. Maynard

Tn. A.C. Rome Region

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