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SUBJECT : Conference at HQ Fifth Army.
11 July.

TO : Chief Movements Division.

Attached are notes of the above Conference.

C. F. Constable
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Notes on Conference of Regional Transportation
and other officers held at HQ Fifth Army
Transportation Section 11 July 1942

1. The following officers were present : -

Lt. Col. M. Harris (Chairman)	G-5 Section HQUSPA
Lt. Col. P.S. Toscani	G-5 Section Fifth Army
Lt. Col. P.M. Krenl	Tn. Section " "
Major A.E. Forster	" " " "
Major G.T. Hensch	HQ Fifth Army
Major J.L. Gillibrand	Nov Liaison Fifth Army
Capt. R.E. Richert	G-5 Section " "
Mr. G.E. Gross	Roads Division Tn. SC. AC.
Major C.F. Constable	Movements Div. " " "
Col. C.B. Findlay	D.P.R.S.C. A.C.
Major J. Black	" " " "
Major H.G. Fry	Tn. Liaison Officer AC
Major H.C. Talbot	Tn. SC. AC. (Adv. HQ.)
Major C.W. Lockwood-Tatham	AMG 13 Corps
Col. J.S. Woodger	Tn. Officer Venezia Reg.
Lt. Col. J.M. Fitzgerald	Tn. Officer Lombardia Reg.
Major R.N. Saunders	Tn. Officer Piemonte Reg.
Capt. J.O. Dodds	Tn. Officer Emilia Reg.
Capt. R.X. Harper	Tn. Officer Liguria Reg.
Lt. Col. A.T. Ashton	26 Truck Group

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It was further stated that rail communications were improving in the North and given adequate wagons would relieve the strain on MT.

It was agreed by Fifth Army that the trucks would be handed over with equipment complete to the same scale as when received from Alcom. With regard to the method of hand over, Alcom Roads Division would inform Fifth Army dates and locations for redeployment, it being understood that this would have to be a gradual process especially as the present military personnel would be relieved by Italian civilian personnel, the latter being supervised by truck pool officers through Regions. Major Saunders suggested that the military personnel be held as long as possible in order to instruct the Italian personnel in regard to maintenance and other duties. Mr. Gross replied that there was a dead line date for the disbandment of the present QM Truck Bus and AF Coys and it might not be possible to arrange this in all cases.

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Total 380

Grand Total 1260

+ 240 of these to be available for shuttle service
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The present civilian truck pools are, generally speaking able to meet their commitments except that Emilia and Piemonte have local shortage. All Regions agreed that the POL allocation was insufficient and should be increased.

5. Lt. Col. Harris stated that Movement Control in phase II was important and he recommended that a Movement Officer be located at Padua in addition to the present one at Milan. Major Constable said that he would recommend this and that each officer should have a zone of responsibility and allocate priority of movement to Regions, such officers would assist Regions in arranging large scale moves and would request assistance from HQ AC En. SC when necessary, he further stated that En. Officers should exercise over all supervision of the new trucks pools to be formed, but that as much responsibility as possible be delegated to the Italian organization (ENAC). It was agreed by all that EN movement should always have first priority.

6. Col. Woodger raised a point about bus services as he felt they were using POL to the prejudice of essential movement of foodstuffs. Major Constable replied that bus services were approved by the Ministry of Transport and finally by AC and AMG, and that authority for operation was granted only on the understanding that no increased POL allocation was made.

7. A discussion on rail movement during phase II took place. Regions were not clear on what the policy would be and asked Maj. Constable for guidance. The latter stated that there would probably be a block tonnage allocation but he would ask Lt. Col. Baker for a directive to be sent to Regions.

8. Major Constable requested that the 50 German ambulances and 30 domestic vehicles be earmarked in connection with the movement of DP ambulance trains from SHAEF to Bolzano for Merano following the Wiesbaden Conference on 12 July.

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