

Movement of Food = North Italy

North Italy

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APC 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tele : Ext. 318

13 August 1945

485/5/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Estimate of Rail Movement for Food in North Italy.

TO : Office of Representative of Chief Commissioner, AC.,
16, Via Bonaparte, Milan.
(Attn. Transportation Officer)

1. Food Sub-Commission were asked to provide Transportation Sub-Commission with an estimate of Rail movement required for food in North Italy.
2. The Ministry of Food has prepared such estimate and their summaries together with copy of Food Sub-Commission's letter 51-2/FOOD, dated 7 August '45 are attached hereto for your information.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE

J.W. Baker
J.W. BAKER, Lt. Col.

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

KJC/et

7 Aug 45

Tel : 466

Ref : 51-2/ /FOOD

SUBJECT : Estimate of rail movements in Northern Italy

FROM : Food Sub Commission

TO : Transportation Sub Commission
(Attn: Lt.Col. Baker)

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(2) Ditto for vegetables.

(3-a) Movement of almonds South to north July - December 1945.

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W.J. LERG, Colonel,
Director,
Food Sub Commission.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

2 August 1945

485/4/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Movement of Fruit - Northern Italy
TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission

1. Reference conversation (Mr. Merritt - Major Worthington) of 31 July '45.
2. Attached letter and translation received from the Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari is forwarded for your attention.
3. As already stated in previous conversations, movement in Northern Italy is handled through HQ. AC. Transportation Sub-Commission (Adv. Ech) at Milan, who are already dealing with general questions of distribution of fruit in the North.

For the Director,

C.R. Worthington
C.R. WORTHINGTON
Major.

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Tel. 489081,
Ext. 262

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/833

25 July 1945

SUBJECT: Movement of Fruit

TO : Regional Commissioner, Lombardia Region
Attention: Major Sutherland

1. Lt. Col. Andrews has called my attention to the fact that large surpluses of fruit will be available in the Bolzano area for some weeks to come, as previously discussed. However, the absence of adequate transportation south from Verona makes it desirable to move as much as possible to Milan and other such cities.
2. Transportation Sub-Commission (Major Worthington) is doing everything possible to expedite the program, but further suggests that you establish contact with Major Talbot, their representative in Milan, so as to utilize to the maximum such surplus of transportation from Bolzano to Verona and Milan as can be located. This can best be handled by close cooperation between Major Talbot and yourself, since the production and loading set-up in Venezia Region is reported to be entirely satisfactory, and the movement to market is the big obstacle.
3. Accordingly, I am passing this information on to you for such action as may be practicable, with information copy to Lt. Col. Riddell with whom, I am sure, you will coordinate such program as may be practicable.
4. As soon as apples and pears become available, it is hoped to arrange for some coastwise shipping to help move the surpluses out of the Bolzano area. This will be taken up at a later date, upon receipt of more exact information from Venezia Region.

By Command of Rear Admiral Stone:

Distribution:

RC, Venezia Region,
Attn: Lt. Col. Riddell
Transportation Sub-Commission,
Attn: Major Worthington

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

*Major Coast Table,
has matter in hand
and has already
associated proposed
movement program to
all Reg. offices 6/29/7.*

Subject :- Transport of dried fruit for the Bari Garrison.

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To Transportation Sub Com.
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Land Forces Sub Commission. AC,
(MMIA) Tel: ROME 478206.
Ref: Mov. IT.2/6.
17 Jul 45.

The enclosed correspondence is passed to you for information.


Capt. RE.
S/Capt Q(M).
(The Lord Westbury)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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Translation.

From : Dir. Gen., Service Commissariat.

To : MILA.

Subject: Transport of dried fruit for the Bari Garrison.

Ref.: 78/IC/Rp.
10/7/45.

Ref., to letter Q/2/13-21 dated 11/3/45 of the MILA., and further to note 32/IC/RP and 56/IC/RF, dated 27/5/45 and 22/5/45 respectively, from this ministry.

The Bari Mil., Terr., Commandant, Gen., BOSELLI has concluded the investigations regarding the transport of dried fruit for the requirements of the Bari Garrison.

The wagons requested by the Bari Commissariat Directorate from the 16/11/45, to the 26/2/45, for the transport of the said fruit, amounted to 274.

According to the a/m request, during that period, 259 rail wagons were assigned, to which must also be added another 70 rail wagons assigned for the reorganising of the transport program, which were not allowed in answer to the original request.

In all, the firm supplying dried fruit to the Bari Garrison; (Unioncopa) obtained during that period the assignment of 329 wagons. Regarding this it is pointed out that the wagons would not have been assigned if the firm concerned had revealed the fact that they had obtained the release of a further 60 wagons not authorised by the Mil., Admin., to whom the wagons were directed.

The fresh fruit for Bari, which arrived by rail, did not meet satisfactorily the requirements of the a/m Garrison, because the fruit was perishable had to be stocked in stores, for several days (Loading and unloading points), was transported in bulk and was liable to frequent theft during the journey.

In certain cases the loss due to spoiling alone, was 40 % to 50 %. Moreover, on checking the wagons with the quantity which arrived, three wagons of onions and lemons, approx 500 quintals destined for the hospitals, were missing.

Examining the question from this point of view, the discrepancy between the quantity of fruit arriving and the quantity distributed to the troops, does not appear to be so great as at first sight.

However, in respect of the lack of vigilance and control on the part of the officers in charge of the service, the Bari Mil., Terr., Commandant has proposed the following disciplinary measures, which have been readily approved.

Col., (Subsistence) Reg., Army, LA ZARA Angelo, reprimanded for the following reasons.

Whilst holding the post of Commissariat Director, he caused and permitted others to delay checking on the functioning of a special service carried out by a private firm under contract. to the extent that it was possible for the said firm to function for many months in a manner damaging to the Mil., Administration.

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Whilst Section Chief of the Bari Commissariat Directorate, he did not with diligence and care, attend to the functioning of the service in so far as concerned the firm in charge of the supplying of fresh fruit and vegetables, he failed to issue precise orders to his subordinates, thus making it possible for the firm itself

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Lt., (Subsistence) Reg., Army, MINUTI Sebastiano, 10 days open arrest for the following reasons.

Whilst specially entrusted with the service of supplying fresh fruit and vegetables to the Bari Garrison in accordance with contract (for that purpose). Although he experienced repeated but justified interruptions in the carrying out of this duty, he did not show the necessary diligence, and vigilance, in seeing that the contract was fulfilled.

Regarding the "Unioncopa" the firm is considered at fault for not informing the competent authorities of the use of the 60 wagons (unauthorised) and for putting on the market surplus fruit, without the previous authorisation of the Mil., Administration. The State Legal Department have been consulted with a view to ascertaining if (because of the unauthorised use of 60 rail wagons, and putting fruit on the market without the necessary approval,) the firm has violated special regulations of the law.

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Furthermore, the Ministry of Transport, Gen., Directorate of Railways, has been asked to ascertain the circumstances whereby it was possible for the "Unioncopa" to make use of the 60 wagons without the necessary authorisation, and also to point out the responsible parties so that the necessary action can be taken.

Sgt. (Pelligra)

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N. 78/IC/Rp.

Roma, li' 10 luglio 1945

ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A.)

= R O M A =

OGGETTO: Trasporto di frutta fresca per le necessita' del Presidio di Bari.-

Si fa riferimento alla lettera n. Q/2/13-21 - data 11/3/1945 di codesta Missione e seguito alle note n. 32/IC/Rp. e n. 56/IC/Rp., rispettivamente in data 27/3/1945 e 22/5/1945 di questo Ministero.

Il Comandante Militare Territoriale di Bari - Gen BOSELLI - ha concluso le note indagini relative ai trasporti di frutta fresca per le necessita' del Presidio di Bari. I vagoni richiesti dalla Direzione di Commissariato di Bari dal 16 novembre 1944 al 26 febbraio 1945 per il trasporto di detta frutta sono risultati ammontanti a n. 274.

In relazione all'anzidetta richiesta venivano, nello stesso periodo, assegnati n. 259 vagoni ferroviari, ai quali sono da aggiungersi altri n. 70 vagoni ferroviari assegnati per riprogrammazione di trasporti che non risultavano concessi in seguito alla primitiva richiesta.

In totale la ditta assuntrice del servizio di rifornimento di frutta fresca per il presidio di Bari (Unioncopa) ha ottenuto nel periodo considerato la concessione di n. 329 vagoni. Al riguardo si fa presente che i vagoni non sarebbero stati assegnati nel numero sopra indicato, qualora la ditta avesse notificato lo svincolo di n. 60 vagoni effettuati abusivamente senza il benestare dell'Amministrazione Militare, alla quale i vagoni stessi risultavano diretti.

Un confronto fra arrivi di vagoni contenenti frutta fresca destinati al presidio di Bari e fabbisogno dello stesso presidio non ha potuto dare che risultati molto relativi, in quanto trattasi di generi deperibili, destinati a giacere per piu' giorni nei magazzini (localita' di carico e scarico), a viaggiare "alla rinfusa" ed a subire continue sottrazioni lungo il viaggio.

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In certi casi, la perdita per sole avarie e' stata circa del 40 - 50 %.

Inoltre, dal computo dei vagoni e quindi dei quantitativi giunti vanno detratti altri n. 3 vagoni di cipolle e limoni destinati agli ospedali per complessivi 500 quintali circa.

Esaminata la questione sotto tale aspetto, la discrepanza tra quantitativi di frutta arrivata e quantitativi distribuiti alla truppa non appare rilevante come a prima vista.

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Comunque, in relazione alle manchevolezze riscontrate nell'azione di vigilanza e di controllo da parte degli ufficiali incaricati di regolare il servizio, il Comandante Militare Territoriale di Bari ha proposto i seguenti provvedimenti disciplinari che sono stati senz'altro approvati:

- Colonnello Comm.rio in s.p.e. LA ZARA Angelo - rimprovero con la seguente motivazione:
 "Direttore di Commissariato esercitava e faceva esercitare tardiva azione di controllo sul funzionamento di un particolare servizio vincolato da contratto con ditta privata, talche' e' stato possibile a quest'ultima perpetrare per piu' mesi rilevanti abusi a danno dell'A.M.".
- Ten.Col.comm.rio s.p.e. REALE Agostino - giorni 10 A.R. con la seguente motivazione:
 "Capo Sezione della Direzione Commissariato di Bari non seguiva con diligenza ed assiduita' l'andamento del servizio relativo alla fornitura di frutta e verdura fresca affidata a ditta privata, ne' dava precise istruzioni al personale in sottordine, rendendo in tal modo possibile alla ditta stessa notevoli abusi nella concessione di carri ferroviari da parte dell'A.M.".
- Tenente commissario s.p.e. MINNITI Sebastiano - giorni 10 A.S. con la seguente motivazione:
 "Particolarmente incaricato del servizio di approvvigionamento verdura e frutta fresca per i reparti del presidio militare di Bari in applicazione di apposito contratto - pur avendo avuto giustificate e ripetute interruzioni di servizio - non dimostrava la necessaria diligenza nella vigilanza dell'esecuzione del contratto stesso".

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Inoltre, e' stato interessato il Ministero dei Trasporti - Direzione Generale Delle Ferrovie - perche' siano accertate le circostanze che hanno consentito lo svincolo abusivo da parte dell'Unioncopa dei 60 vagoni diretti dall'A.M. e siano precisate le eventuali responsabilita' per i provvedimenti del caso.

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Per il MINISTRO
F.to Pelligra.

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