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Tel. 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION MPI/lmr  
APO 394  
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/651/87/Tn.3

12 February 1946

SUBJECT : Movement of 2 Motors from Trieste to  
Ancona by rail.

TO : AMG 13 Corps.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine has requested permission to move 2 motors required for Marine Construction from Trieste to Ancona. This Sub-Commission supports this request as it will assist the shipping situation in this theatre.

2. The information submitted is as follows : -

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6 Cylinders 120 tons weight.

Future use : Installation on tankers.

Ordered by AGIP on 3 Sep. 1941

Required for tankers No. 175 and 176, now under construction  
by Cantieri Navali  
Riuniti - Ancona.

Payment has already been made.

Present location : Trieste (C.R.D.A. S. Andrea)

Consignee : Cantieri Navali Riuniti - Ancona

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5. Please advise Movements 13 Corps when permission is given for despatch to Ancona in order that the necessary rail wagons may be provided.

6. Movements 13 Corps are asked to notify Movements Liaison Office, Rome, when motors are despatched.

For the Director :

  
M.P. LARAHAN  
Major R.S.

Encl: AGIF ltr of 9 Feb. 46  
Copy to : Q (Movements) 13 Corps

T R A N S L A T I O N

AS/fl

Ref: U.T./2/8

Rome 11 Jan. 46

SUBJECT : Transferring by Rail of 2 Motors from  
Triest to Ancona.

TO : Transportation S/C  
(Att.Capt. Tosi)

Two combustion motors, type M.S. 456 A, of 1700 H.P.  
and relative auxiliary machinery, ordered by the "Azienda Genera-  
le Italiana Petroli" at the "Cantieri Riuniti dell'Adriatico"  
and meant for constructions N° 175 and 176, are presently at  
"Fabbrica Macchine S.Andrea" in Triest ready to be delivered.

The total weight of each motor is about 120-130 tons.

Since it is of great importance both for the "Marina  
Mercantile" and for the "Azienda G. I. P." that the ships for  
which the motors are meant be ready at the earliest, we beg you  
to courteously take concern to obtain permission for the transfer  
of the motors from Triest to Ancona.

For the Minister  
sgd Baldi

Capt Tosi

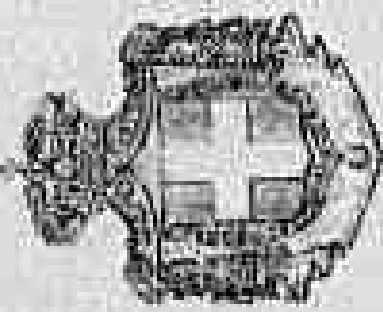
Is the movement by Rail or  
Sea. If possible they should go  
by Rail, as ships are unlikely.  
Are within 120-130 tons. Each  
What is heavier 177, dimensions etc.?

Is this the H.S.C.

? Crane?  
? Rail

the super col. Bando, will inform  
as to the motor will be  
forward from Trieste to Ancona  
(may be by ship)

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*Ministero della Marina*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

*Cap. Rinaldi*

*Divisione U.T. 12*

*Prot. N. 8*

*Allegati*

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*Risposta al Foglio del  
Dir. N. 12*

*Roma 11 GENNAIO 1946 19*

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
Transp. Sub-Commission  
(Capit. Tosi)

• R O M A

OGGETTO Trasferimento di 2 motori da Trieste ad Ancona.

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IL MINISTRO

*V. Ballo*

*pleas translate  
MT*

Transp. Sub-Commission  
(Capit. Tosi)

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Risposta al Tuglio del  
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651/11/3  
Roma 9 febbraio 1946

On.  
MINISTERO DELLA MARINA  
Direzione Generale della  
Marina Mercantile  
Ufficio Tecnico  
R O M A  
Piazza della M. nerva

Trasporto due motori a combustione interna  
tipo MS 456A. della potenza di 1200 Cav. e  
relativi ausiliari da Trieste ad Ancona.

Con riferimento alla nostra No. 305/71 del 29/12 u;s;  
ed alla richiesta verbale di codesta Direzione Generale, si  
comunicano i dati richiesti riguardanti i motori in  
oggetto :

- i motori di propulsione Fiat Diesel sono del tipo MS 456 A.  
ad iniezione diretta, 2 tempi, semplice effetto, aventi le  
seguenti caratteristiche principali : No. 6 cilindri -  
Ø dei cilindri mm. 450 - corsa mm. 740 - potenza in navi-  
gazione normale Cav. asse 1200;
- peso di un motore completo di ausiliari Tonn. 150 circa

I due motori si trovano presso i Cantieri Riuniti  
dell'Adriatico-Fabbrica Macchine S. Andrea di Trieste ed devono  
essere trasportati ad Ancona per essere consegnati ai Cantieri  
Navali Riuniti ai quali la nostra Azienda ha ordinato le due  
costruzioni distinte con i numeri 175 e 176 (motocisterne da  
2000 tonn. di portata lorda), come da contratto di appalto  
3/9/1941.

Le navi hanno le seguenti caratteristiche principali:  
lunghezza fuori tutto mt. 84,60 ca.

lunghezza fra le perpendicolari mt. 79,15 ca.  
larghezza massima fuori ossatura mt. 12,80 ca.  
altezza di costruzione mt. 5,80  
dislocamento corrispondente non inferiore a tonn. 3485.

Per i due motori sono state pagate, al C.R.D.A. Fabbrica Macchine S.Andrea, tutte le rate contrattuali; per gli scafi sono state pagate, al C.N.R. di Ancona, tutte le rate contrattuali già maturate.

Il trasporto dei due motori da Trieste ad Ancona dovrebbe essere effettuato con la massima urgenza per non ritardare i lavori in corso.

Il prelevamento dei motori deve essere fatto dai Cantieri Riuniti dell'Adriatico - Fabbrica Macchine S.Andrea di Trieste - Corso Cavour 1; la consegna deve essere fatta ai Cantieri Navali Riuniti di Ancona.

Per le considerazioni già esposte, questa Azienda chiede che il trasporto venga effettuato via terra a mezzo carri ferroviari e prega codesta Direzione Generale di volersi cortesemente interessare per ottenere, con l'urgenza del caso, l'assegnazione dei carri necessari.

Con osservanza

AZIENDA GENERALE ITALIANA PETROLI  
Direzione Generale.

T R A N S L A T I O N

AS/fl

Ref: 340/B

Rome 17 Jan 1946

Subject : Lack of wagons for the movement of  
discharged commodities.

To : All Port Commanders.

It has been noticed that the unloading operations in the various ports are frequently slowed down because of the lack of wagons for delivery of the discharged goods.

Since the continuation of such conditions would endanger the intensification of movements, foreseen in our ports for the coming months, we beg the Port Commanders to be in close contact and make arrangements with the concerned authorities in order to avoid the a/m inconveniences and intervene for each case as necessary.

In regard the above, anytime said circumstance might arise, the Port Commanders will cable to this Ministry - "Ispettorato Funzionamento Porti-" using the conventional telegraphic address: Maristat per "Ispettorato Porti, making present to which offices the requests for railway wagons has been forwarded without result.

For the Minister  
sgd Matteini

Copy to:

Transportation S/C  
(Att. Maj. Laraman)

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Roma 17 Gennaio 1946

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA  
DIREZ. GEN. MARINA MERCANTILE  
Ispettorato Funzionamento Porti

A TUTTI I COMANDANTI DI PORTO

Prot. N° 340/B

C I R C O L A R E

ARGOMENTO: Inefficienza di vagoni per lo smistamento dei carichi in arrivo.

Si è notato che frequentemente le operazioni di scarica delle merci nei vari porti sono rallentate dalla mancanza o della insufficienza dei vagoni ferroviari occorrenti per l'incollaggio delle merci stesse.

Poiché il perdurare di una tale deficienza pregiudicherebbe gravemente l'intensificazione dei traffici, prevista per i prossimi mesi nei nostri scali marittimi, si pregano i comandanti di porto di prendere il riguardo con gli enti interessati tutti gli accordi opportuni per provvedere il verificarsi del predetto inconveniente, intervenendo caso per caso presso i dirigenti del servizio ferroviario.

Ad ogni modo, ogni qual volta la deprecata circostanza si manifesti, i comandanti di porto ne informeranno telegraficamente questo Ministero - Ispettorato Funzionamento Porti - col seguente indirizzo telegrafico convenzionale (Maristat per Ispettorato Porti), segnalando con precisione a quali uffici siano state tempestivamente ed infruttuosamente rivolte le richieste di materiale ferroviario.

*per conoscenza: A.C.  
Transportation and Shipping Sub Committee.  
Risks and War Risks Div. Off. Mr. Laraman*

D. IL MINISTRO  
F. DE C. MATTEINI

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IL COLONNELO DI PORTO

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IL COLONNELLO DI PORTO

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A.M./A.C. Port Liaison Office  
Port Headquarters  
Ponte dei Mille  
Genoa

Ref. 1/79/G

FF/vm

Subject : Rail clearance  
in Genoa/Savona.

18 Dec 45

To : H.Q. ALCON  
Trans. Sub/Com.  
(Att: Major Laramen)

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1. Reference your letter A.C./651/79/Th.3. of 27th.  
Nov. - whilst your figures give a total of 6679 wagons  
supplied to the port of Genoa between 9th and 22nd Nov.  
only 4582 wagons were loaded direct from steamers.

2. The remaining wagons were loaded from cargo which  
had been landed on the quays or deposit, <sup>(2)</sup> this work being  
necessary to keep the quays and deposits clear so as to be  
able to deposit on shore when the shortage of wagons is  
acute.

(2) This is likely  
in view of  
backlog of  
wagons.

From this it will be understood that the number  
of wagons allotted to the port is not always used entirely  
for loading goods direct from ship but at times must be in  
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5. Furthermore even if there were an unlimited number of wagons it would not be possible to make full use of same as the facilities for shunting, making up of trains etc. and railway connections between the port and the main lines are not yet adequate to allow of the handling

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(2) - likely  
this is likely  
in view of  
packing of  
wagons etc.

(1) <sup>offered</sup>  
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of such a number of wagons.

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Therefore steps to expedite the repairs to means of communication between the port and the marshalling yards outside the port should be taken and thus ensure greater celerity in movements.

7.

In any case the rail problem has been discussed several times with the Transportation Officer and recently with Major Symon A.C. Transportation, Milan. The agreement has been such that for the future the Compartments of Milan and Turin back to Genoa as many empty wagons as those they receive loaded.

*[Signature]*  
Lt. F. FERRARO. (IRI)  
Port Liaison Officer.  
GENOA.

Distribution :

Trans. Sub/Com. H.Q. ALCOM  
(Att: Mr. Crooks)

A.M.G. Trans. Office  
Liguria Region  
(Att: Capt. Davies)

A.C. Trans. Sub/Com., Milan  
(Att: Col. Harris)

A.C. Depot, Genoa  
(Att: Capt. Calvese)

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*Report  
on the  
Says problem*

# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

*Tru 80*

Originator's Reference: 1397

Message Centre No: G/4475

Date/Time of Origin: NOV. 28 1150A

Date Time Rec'd: NOV. 28 1455A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: AMG LIGURIA REGION

TO : ALCOM CITE ACTPT INFO: AMG LOMBARDIA REGION FOR ALCOM TPTN MILAN

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*Shipping 78*

*FL 3238  
Mji Malone*

Reference your 8735 of 26 November 45 wagons loaded as follows.  
20th 178 closed 262 open Total 440. 21st 342 closed 388 open  
Total 630. 22st 141 closed 394 open. Total 535.  
Daily average 535.

*This confirms my statement  
dtk*

AC DIST

ACTION : TN SC (2)  
INFO : Chief Commissioner  
Econ. Sec. (2)  
File (2)  
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HEADQUARTERS  
78 NOV 1945

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| 20.   | 21    | 22    |
| 178 c | 242 c | 141 c |
| 262 o | 388 o | 394   |
| 440   | 630   | 535   |

*Capt Gering to acc 1-15-47  
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Tel. 5 M HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Our Ref: 1- 10/65 (79/En. 1).

27 November 1945

SUBJECT: 1- Rail clearance in Genoa/Savona.

2- A.O. 110 Genoa

1. The slightly shortage from Genoa have recently reported shortage of rail wagons and clearances on several days have been low.

2. The following information has been obtained in order to discover the regularity with which demands for rail clearance are maintained. These figures include Swiss wagons or those provided for Austria.

| DATE   | WAGONS SUPPLIED TO |                  | TOTAL NO WAGONS IN |      |
|--------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------|
|        | PORT OF GENOA      | TO PORT OF GENOA | GENOA COMPARTMENT  |      |
| 9 NOV. | 444                | 96               | 782                |      |
| 10 "   | 457                | 76               | 850                |      |
| 11 "   | 446                | 27               | 740                |      |
| 12 "   | 426                | 79               | 848                |      |
| 13 "   | 431                | 90               | 971                |      |
| 14 "   | 493                | 42               | 1094               |      |
| 15 "   | 491                | 44               | 1095               |      |
| 16 "   | 529                | 73               | 1059               |      |
| 17 "   | 562                | 103              | 1126               |      |
| 18 "   | 403                | 11               | 619                |      |
| 19 "   | 379                | 99               | 591                |      |
| 20 "   | 542                | 86               | 1059               | 4169 |
| 21 "   | 544                | 90               | 915                |      |
| 22 "   | 502                | 46               | 1130               |      |

3. This question should be discussed with the in station in Genoa and your accounts are omitted. You should indicate the minimum daily clearance.

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|--------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 9 Nov. | 444                                  | 94                                   | 782                                     |
| 10 "   | 457                                  | 76                                   | 800                                     |
| 11 "   | 446                                  | 27                                   | 740                                     |
| 12 "   | 426                                  | 79                                   | 348                                     |
| 13 "   | 451                                  | 90                                   | 371                                     |
| 14 "   | 493                                  | 42                                   | 1004                                    |
| 15 "   | 491                                  | 44                                   | 1005                                    |
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| 17 "   | 562                                  | 103                                  | 1126                                    |
| 18 "   | 403                                  | 11                                   | 625                                     |
| 19 "   | 373                                  | 99                                   | 331                                     |
| 20 "   | 542                                  | 55                                   | 1059                                    |
| 21 "   | 544                                  | 60                                   | 915                                     |
| 22 "   | 502                                  | 45                                   | 1130                                    |
|        |                                      |                                      | 4169                                    |

3. This question should be discussed with the W Officer in Geneva and your comments are awaited. You should indicate the minimum daily clearance by rail that is needed.

For the Director :-

*W. L. L. L.*  
W. L. L. L.  
Major R. R.

Copy to :- NOV Div. (Rail Branch)  
Rail Div.

AND LIGURIA REGION FOR FLO GENOA

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26 NOVEMBER 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD PORT NITREX TWO TWO NOVEMBER REPORTS PERSISTENT  
SHORTAGE OF RAILWAY WAGONS PD

PARA TWO AND LIGURIA REGION FOR FLO GENOA FROM NO ALONE DUE ACUTE  
RARE

UNDERSTAND ON TWO ZERO/ONE ONE/ONE TWO TWO NOVEMBER AVERAGE FIVE ZERO  
ZERO WAGONS DAILY WERE PROVIDED PD PLEASE DISCUSS WITH THE OFFICER  
AND CLARIFY PD

COPY TO : MOV BRANCH (MAIL)  
MAIL DIVISION  
PORT & SHIP DIVISION

TRANS AND SHIP 2/0

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O.J. LEONE  
CWO U.S.A.  
ASST. ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Our Ref :- 10/699/28/Tn.1.

23 November 19

SUBJECT :- Clearance of Civilian Cargoes.

TO :- Gov. Div. (Rail Branch)  
Rail Div.

1. Information has been received from Washington that it is proposed to load 43 ships in USA ports in December with bulk grain. This will mean a total of 365,000 tons of bulk grain. In addition it is expected several wheat cargoes will be loaded in the River Plate. Assuming loading commences during the first days of the month, vessels should arrive in Italian ports from the latter part of December onwards.

2. The choice of ports and the possibility of accepting this grain programme in full is now being considered. Owing, however, to the heavy tonnages of coal for the same month (700,000 tons is planned) clearance by rail is bound to present a problem.

3. It is certain that bids made for port tonnage allocations for December and January, which have already been submitted to Import Programming & Port Reception Committee, will have to be amended in view of the information just received.

R.F.LARSEN

Major R.F.

Copy to Food & Agriculture S/O

Secretary

Import P & PR Comm.

Room 75, 3rd Floor

ISA Building

Via S. Nicolo da Tolentino - ROMA.

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Tel. 514

HEAD UNITED STATES COMMISSION

Wm/ga

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

Our Ref :- AG/698/25/TA.1.

21 November 1945

SUBJECT :- December loadings of bulk grain for Italy.

TO :- Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission.

1. Reference Washington's TRIS 7-7 of 16 Nov. made to the Naples.

2. It is understood this signal indicates that the November grain programme will total 170,000 tons. It also states that it is proposed to load 43 ships in November with a lift of 169,500 tons. These cargoes will be bulk ones and in addition several cargoes will be loaded in the River State.

3. The possibility of these cargoes being cleared through Italian ports is now being gone into.

4. It is requested that you give immediate consideration to the provision of barge in all ports likely to receive cargoes of bulk grain, and to the question of warehouse accommodation. Numerous coal ships are planned for December and exceeding months and Rail Clearances will be taxed by simultaneous arrivals of large tonnages of coal and grain.

M. P. L. R. W. H.  
Major R. S.

Copy to :- the Naples

Economic Section (Supply Group)  
Ports & Warehouse Div.

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AFEL (ACTION) ALCON PLO GENOA USA PAPERS (INFO)

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20 OCT 45

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT RAILWAY CLEARANCE PROVIDED FOR CARGO BY MIRABAU BAKER LAMAR AND NORMAN GORE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ARE DESTINED FOR AND AUSTRIA PD

PARA TWO AFEL FOR ROY AND RE THE ACTION TO ALCON PLO GENOA TO  
USA PAPERS FOR INFO FROM RE ALCON PLO GENOA ACTION PARA

REQUEST FORWARD ADVISE OF SIMILAR SHIPMENTS IN FUTURE AS NECESSARY ADVISE ITALIAN AUTHORITIES OF ARRIVAL IN CIVILIAN CONTROLLED PORTS OF SHIPS CARRYING CARGOES FOR WHICH MILITARY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARANCE PD

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Rail Div.  
 Navy Div. (Rail Branch)  
 Food S/C  
 Ministry of Marine  
 Finance S/C  
 USA Rome  
 Admin. Div. (Account Branch.)

TRANSPORTATION S/C

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G.J. LEONE 4166  
 CWO USA  
 Asst. Adjutant

651/11.3.

Subject : Shipment of Diesel Car -  
SARDINIA to Mainland.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(MOV & TH) 5/85-GEM

18 Jul 45

To : Headquarters Allied Commission,  
The Sub-Commission, ROME.

Tel: FREEDOM 316

(63)

Further to your letter, AC/651/63/Th 3 of 1 June 1945.

The diesel car in question was shipped on the "JOSEPH G.  
CARSON" arriving in NAPLES area late 11 July 1945.

*J. M. Hayes*

J.M. HAYES, Lt.,  
for Brigadier,  
D.Q.M.G. (MOV & TH).

JMH/DWC

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HIGH COMMISSIONER SARDINIA CAGLIARI INFO PORT COMMANDANT CAGLIARI  
RI COMPARTIMENTAL DIRECTION OF ISR CAGLIARI

1200

5 JULY 45

PRIORITY

IN CLEAR PD

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR ONEEIGHT FOUR ONE TWO OF TWO THREE JUNE  
ESSENTIAL SHIP DIESEL CAR PER GEORGE VANWEN AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED PD  
PAREN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER SARDINIA CAGLIARI INFO PORT COMMANDANT  
CAGLIARI TO COMPARTIMENTAL DIRECTION OF ITALIAN STATE RAILWAYS CAGLIARI  
FROM HQ ALCON SITE ACTPT PAREN

THIS VESSEL HAS NECESSARY LOADING EQUIPMENT PD

*Cap. Sasso -*

*HT*

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TRANSPORTATION 30

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*FILE - 651*

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

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS  
ISR DIRECTION GENERAL

Rome, 2 July 45

Ref. TV.NR.216.3

Equipment and Traction Service  
Liaison Group - Rome -

SUBJECT: Portable gasogenes and equipment  
destined to Sardinia

TO : Tn Sub-Commission A.C.,  
Shipment Branch

R o m e

1. Following our TV.NR.216.3 of 26/5/45 concerning above mentioned subject, we are still awaiting for your information about the date of embarking and the regular authorization for shipment of materials and travel of escorting agent.

2. Shipments, repeatedly requested by Sardinia plants, are ready for delivery in our Florence Warehouse. Please let us know to which station they have to be delivered.

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL  
signed: DI RAIMONDO

From Prof. C. Vecchia to Allie

*Minister of Transport, requested to put in a bid.*  
*17/7/45*  
*af.*

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI  
MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

FERROVIE DELLO STATO - DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Materiale e Trazione

Nucleo di Roma

OGGETTO. Cassogeni portatili e materiali per la Sardegna.

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COMANDO SOTTO COMMISSIONE TRASPORTI  
A.C. - RAMO SPEDIZIONI

R O M A

- 1) - A seguito della nostra nota TV.NR.216.3 del 26/5/45 con l'oggetto a margine.  
Si resta ancora in attesa della comunicazione della data d'imbarco e regolare autorizzazione sia per l'inoltro dei materiali come per il viaggio dell'agente di scorta.
- 2) - Il Magazzino Approvvigionamenti di Firenze ha pronte spedizioni di materiali per Impianti della Sardegna, che hanno più volte sollecitato tale invio.  
Si prega voler indicare a quale stazione devono essere appoggiate le spedizioni di tali materiali.

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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

*Adolfo Rossi*

PG.

# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 01310  
Date/Time of Origin: JUNE 231400

Message Centre No: E/6431  
Date Time Rec'd: JUNE 231900  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: MASS. PREC. ASS. ROMA CAGLIARI  
TO: HQ ALCOM FOR ACTPT (MOVEMENTS) ROME.

INCCLEAR.

NR 18412 RIFERIMENTO 9474 DEL 9/6/1945 PUNTO DELEGAZIONE FERROVIE  
STATO SU CONFORME PARERE AUTORITA PORTO SEGNALE CON POSSIBILITA CARICO  
AUTOMOTRICE DIESEL CAUSA MANCANZA MEZZI TECNICI ADEGUATI FINE.

ALTO COMMISSARIO CLE PINNA

DIST

ACTION - TH SC 2  
INFO - FILE



NR. 18412 - Ref. 9474 of 9/6-45 - @ Delegation  
I. S. R. according advise Port Authority, signal  
with possibility loading Diesel engine, due  
to lack of technical means adequate to be.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER BARDINIA NEW/THS CAGLIARI (ACTION)  
ALMA CITY BUREAU PER INFO

5474

3 JUNE 45

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED TO

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS WHEEL CAR FOR DISMANT TO MAINLAND PD  
PARA TWO HIGH COMMISSIONER BARDINIA TO MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT BLANK  
WILLIAM SUGAR ABL CAGLIARI FOR ACTION TO ALMA CITY BUREAU FOR INFO  
FROM PD ALMA CITY ASSET FIRM

PARA THREE PD VESSEL JIS GEORGE GANNON BUS CAGLIARI TWO ZERO JUNE  
TO DISMANT SIX NINE FIVE FIVE FIVE FIVE BARLEY HAS BEEN DISMANTLED  
FOR TRANSPORT OF LOGS TO

PARA FOUR PD ITALIAN STATE ELKS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INVESTIGATE  
POSSIBILITY OF DISMANTLING WHEEL CAR TO MAINLAND FOR THIS CASE PD

COPIES TO : IN. SO RAIL DIV  
IN. SO NOV DIV RAIL BRANCH  
USA BUREAU  
RVT BUREAU

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TRANSPORTATION CO

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NICHOLAS FIORINO  
CWO, U.S.A.  
Asst. Adjutant

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INTER-OFFICE MINUTE

Ref. AC/295/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Shipment of Diesel Car  
Sardinia to Mainland

TO : Shipping Branch  
Tn Sub-Comm. HQ AC

- all.
1. Reference attached.
  2. Further copy of one minute dated 31 May is forwarded to enable reply to be given.

*Follow (61) refers - flagged*

*Almonson*  
For Chief  
Rail Division

Transportation Sub-Commission, AC  
Tel. 843402 843411  
2 June 1945

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INTER-OFFICE MINUTE

Ref. AC/295/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Shipment of Diesel Car  
Sardinia to Mainland

TO : Shipping Branch  
Tn Sub-Comm. HQ AC

1. Reference AC/651/61/Tn 3 of 28 May.

2. The Diesel Car can be broken down by removing the bogie trucks, the two engines are attached to the trucks, so the weight would be approximately divided by three, namely ten tons per truck and 13 tons for the body total weight approximately 33 tons.

3. This would not materially reduce the dimensions of the body, the dimensions of the two trucks are approximately 5x8x12 feet each.

4. We are not in favour of breaking down the diesel for shipment.

5. Suggest the subject be held in abeyance until a ferry is available to handle the shipment.

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*Alfredson Major*  
Chief,  
Dev Rail Division.

Transportation Sub-Comm. (Rails)

31 May 1945

Tel: 843238

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Tel. 454

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

AMSC/lr

AG/651/63/In.3

1 June 1945

SUBJECT : Shipment of Diesel Car Gardinia to Mainland. *see 71*TO : G-4 (Mov and In) AFHQ. *60*

1. Reference your 5/35/GDM dated 26 May 45 to G-5.
2. The Diesel Car could be broken down by removing the bogie trucks. The two engines are attached to the trucks, so that the weight would be approximately divided by three, that is 10 tons per truck and 13 tons for the body, making a total weight of approximately 33 tons.
3. This would not materially reduce the dimensions of the body; the dimensions of the trucks are 5 x 8 x 12 feet each.
4. Rail Division say they are not in favour of breaking down the car for shipment, and suggest that the subject be held in abeyance until a ferry is available to handle the shipment.

For the Chief Commissioner :

*Arthur Clune*  
A.M. Mc CLUNE, *major RA*  
Major R.A.

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Copy to : Rail Division  
Mov Rail  
Shipping Sub-Commission  
H.W.I.  
W.S.A.  
G-5 AFHQ

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INTER-OFFICE MINUTE

Ref. AC/295/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Shipment of Diesel Car  
Sardinia to Mainland

TO : Shipping Branch  
Tn Sub-Comm. HQ AC

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3. This would not materially reduce the dimensions of the body, the dimensions of the two trucks are approximately 5x8x12 feet each.
4. We are not in favour of breaking down the diesel for shipment.
5. Suggest the subject be held in abeyance until a ferry is available to handle the shipment.

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*Pratim Dasgupta*  
Chief,  
For Rail Division.

Transportation Sub-Comm. (Rails)  
31 May 1945  
Tel: 843238

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

AMC/MDP

Ref. : AC/631/51/Tn 3

28 May 1945

SUBJECT : Shipment of Diesel Car  
Sardinia to Mainland.

TO : Rail Division, Tn. Sub-Commission.

see 64  
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1. Reference your AC/235/Tn 4 dated 16 April on the subject of shipment of a Diesel car from Sardinia to the Mainland, G-4 (Nov & Tn) A.F.H.Q. now state that all possibilities of shipping this car have been examined and it is regretted that there is no opportunity which can at present be foreseen.

2. Will you please inform us whether the Diesel car can be broken down to dimensions and weights suitable for shipment on a Liberty or other returning cargo vessel.

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For the Director :

*G. B. Godfrey*  
G. B. GODFREY,  
Major I.C.

Copy to : Nov. Rail.  
G-4 (Nov & Tn) A.F.H.Q.  
G-5 A.F.H.Q.  
Shipping Sub-Commission.  
M.W.T.  
S.S.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

ECON. SEC.

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Ref. G-8

27 May 1945

SUBJECT: Shipment of Diesel Car, SARDINIA to MAINLAND

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394  
(Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission)

Reference 5/85/GDM dated 26 May from G-4, M & TN addressed  
G-5, copy to you, will you please inform this section of the reply to  
paragraph 2.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



*J. Richardson*

J. RICHARDSON  
J. Comd ATS  
Economics & Supply Division

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS  
I.S.R.

Rome, 26 May 1945

T.V. N.R.216.3

Rolling stock and  
Traction Service  
Liaison Nucleus-Rome

TO: HQ Tn.Sub-Commission A.C.,  
Dispatch Branch

ROME

SUBJECT: Mobiles gas generators  
for Sardinia.

1) Ref. Letter N° Tn.A(3)M.49 dated May 10, 1945 from Direction  
M.R.S. which required informations on account of that Sub-Commission,  
about the shipment of two gas generators for breakdown cars of  
Cagliari and Sassari locos roundhouse.

- a) weight: 150 Kgs. each
- b) Measures of the requested space: mts.0,80 x 1 x 1,50.
- c) Date of the possible coaching = The second fortnight of  
the next June.
- d) Escort employee = Subsidiary labourer (S 14854) SCACCHI  
Adolfo of Roma S.Lorenzo locos roundhouse, Nr.of his  
railway card. 129330.

2) We beg to inform us the day of the loading and the regular  
authorization, either for materials shipment as for escort agent  
travel.

THE GENERAL DIRECTOR  
SGD. DI RAIMONDO

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MINISTERO TRASPORTI  
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

FERROVIE DELLO STATO  
DIREZIONE GENERALE

Servizio Materiale e Trazione

Nucleo di Collegamento - Roma

Roma,

28 MAG. 1945

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N. TV.NR.216.3

Al N

del

OGGETTO

RAMO SPEDIZIONI

Gassogeni portatili  
per la Sardegna

R O M A

ALLEGATI N.

1°)- Si fa riferimento alla nota N. Tn.A (3) M 49 del 10.5.1945 della Direzione del Military Railway Service con la quale si pregava di fornire a questo Comando le informazioni seguenti in merito all'invio dei due gassogeni per i carri soccorso dei Depositi locomotive di Cagliari e Sassari:

- a) Peso: Kg.150 ciascuno
- b) Dimensioni d'ingombro: m. 0,80 x 1 x 1,50
- c) Data in cui potranno essere imbarcati  
seconda quindicina del prossimo mese di giugno.
- d) Agente di scorta: manovale sussidiario (S 14854) SCACCHI Adolfo del Deposito Locomotive Roma S.Lorenzo; numero della tessera ferroviaria 129338.

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2°)- Si prega volere comunicare la data dell'imbarco e regolare autorizzazione sia per l'inoltro dei materiali come per il viaggio dell'agente di scorta.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

*Luigi Raimondo*

Subject : Shipment of Diesel Car  
SARDINIA to MAINLAND.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4 (MOV & TR) 5/85/GM

To : G-5,  
A.F.H.Q.

26 May 45

Tel: FREDDQ 302

*N.R.*

Reference your memo G-8 of 19th May.

*See 63*  
*See 61A*

1. All possibilities of shipping this Diesel Car from SARDINIA to Mainland have been examined, and it is regretted that there is no opportunity which can at present be foreseen.
2. Will you please say whether the Diesel Car can be broken down to dimensions and weights suitable for shipment on a Liberty, or other returning cargo vessel.

GS/EW

*[Signature]*  
C.F. RUSSELL, Lt. Col.,  
for Brigadier,  
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tr).

Copy to: HQ Allied Commission,  
Tn Sub Commission.  
D.M.R.S.  
Tn (D).

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: .....  
Date/Time of Origin: MAY 18

Message Centre No: E/1278  
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 18 1640  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: W S A CAGLIARI  
TO: W S A CASERTA, INFO ALCOM ROME.

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Gauge of S J. car is 1.445 metres. Written authority to ship car will be necessary.

INFO - ACTION

### DIST

INFO-ACTION - TN S/C 2  
INFO - A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
ECON SEC  
WSA  
MWTR  
FILE 2  
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### M/C NOTE:

Corrected copy of cable E/1210.

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## RESTRICTED



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

Tel.: 843230

14 May 1945

Ref.: AC/14/Tn.4

SUBJECT: Shipment of 530 tons scrap material  
from Sardinia

TO : Movements Tn.Sub-Comm.(Shipping)  
attention Capt.Hoyle.

1. Reference is to telephone conversation Major Ping-Capt Hoyle.
2. Enquiry has been made of ISR in respect of the proposed shipment of scrap material from Sardinia to the mainland, and ISR report they have not officially requested that this material be shipped.
3. However, it appears that a vessel was sunk some time ago in a Sardinian harbour, and it has now been salvaged, but further work on repair would have to be carried out in Naples. In order to ensure that the vessel was in floating condition, some ballast was needed, and ISR in Sardinia were apparently asked if they had available any scrap material which could be used as ballast.
4. ISR Sardinia made available certain scrap material which it was not possible to use in the Island, and it is hoped that this will be conveyed to Naples by the vessel.
5. There is no bid submitted by ISR for movement. Such movement was not essential to them, and they have only co-operated in the provision of the material for ballasting purposes.

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*Robert May*  
Chief,  
Rail Division.

Copy to:- Major Long  
M.R.S.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785021

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HIGH COMMISSIONER SARDINIA

7508

13 MAY 45

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD REF YOUR SIGNAL SIX SIX UNDATED REGARDING SHIPMENT OF FIVE  
THREE ZERO TONS OF SCRAP RAIL MATERIAL FROM PORTO TORRES PD

PARAF TO HIGH COMMISSIONER SARDINIA FROM HQ ALCON CITE ADPT PARAF

PARA TWO PD STATE RAILWAYS ADVISE IT IS IN ORDER TO SHIP THE MATERIAL  
TO MAINLAND PD

PARA THREE PD SO LONG AS SALVAGE AUTHORITIES AGREE TO THE MATERIAL  
BEING LOADED IN LUIGI RAZZA THE MATERIAL CAN BE SHIPPED PD

PLEASE PARA FOUR PD PLEASE STATE DESTINATION OF LUIGI RAZZA AND  
ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL PD

OPY TO TM SC RAIL DIV (ATTN MAJOR PING)

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TRANSPORTATION SC

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

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

ADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 06  
Date/Time of Origin: MAY HET

Message Centre No: D/222  
Date Time Rec'd: MAY 10 1430H  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: CAGLIARI SIGNED ABTO COMMISSARIO GENERALE PINNA  
TO: HQ ALCON SITE ACTPT (MOVEMENT ROMA)

IN CLEAR

Ferrovie Stato chiedono trasferimento continente tonnellate  
530 materiali ferroviari da imbarcare come ZAVORRA su piroscafo  
recuperato LUIGI RAZZA partente at rimorchio da PORTO TORRES.  
Pregasi autorizzare carico.

## ACTION

Dist

Action - Tn SC 2  
Info - Econ Sec  
File



TRANSLATION: State Railway are asking for transfer to Mainland of  
530 tons of rail material to be loaded as ballast on the ship LUIGI  
RAZZA (recuperated) being toad from PORTO TORRES.  
Please authorize shipment.

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INTER-OFFICE MINUTE

PGM/af

SUBJECT: Movement special Diesel coach  
Sardinia to Mainland.

File N°AC/295/Tn 4

TO : Movements Div., (Shipping)

16 April 1945

1. Reference your File AC/651/51/Tn 3 dated 9 April.
2. It is very important that this Diesel Coach be moved to the Mainland as it is required to replace the ~~are~~ ONE which we refitted in Sicily for A.C. and was subsequently appropriated by M.R.S. in Rome.
3. Considering the vast amount of Reconstruction work going on at this time it is necessary that our engineer have at his disposal a coach of this type in order to facilitate frequent trips of inspection.
4. M.R.S. has requested us to obtain another Diesel Coach, so they also can use it on occasions; the Coach will be housed and serviced by them at their Littoria Shops.

*Phonetic Major T.S.*

*For* Chief,  
Rail Division. 4146

Transportation Sub-Commission (Rail Division),  
16 April 1945  
Telephone n°. 843230

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 334  
Transportation Sub-Commission

Our Ref. : AC/651/52/TN3 18 April 1945

SUBJECT : Shipment of Diesel Car -  
Sardinia to Mainland.

TO : G-5 Section A.P.H.Q. 51A

1. Reference your O-8 dated 9 April 1945.
2. It is considered of great importance that this Diesel Coach should be moved to the Mainland, as it is required to replace the coach which was refitted for A.C. in Sicily and which was subsequently appropriated by M.R.S. in Rome.  
In view of the ~~great~~ amount of reconstruction work going on at the present time it is considered essential for the railway engineer to have at his disposal a coach of this type, so that he can carry out frequent inspection trips.

3. The following information is forwarded from Sardinia:-

|     |        |              |
|-----|--------|--------------|
| (a) | Weight | 32 tons      |
|     | Length | 21.70 metres |
|     | Height | 3.20 "       |
|     | Width  | 2.80 "       |

(b) There is no crane in the island capable of lifting the coach. The 20 ton floating crane is at present under repair at Carloforte, and is likely to be away about 3 to 5 weeks.

(c) A ship with exceptionally large clear deck space will be required, and a ferry boat at Olbia would be the ideal way of getting the coach to the Mainland.

For the Chief Commission : *W.B.H.*

SUBJECT : Shipment of Diesel Car -  
Sardinia to Mainland.

TO : G-5 Section A.F.H.Q.

1. Reference your C-6 dated 9 April 1945.

2. It is considered of great importance that this Diesel Coach should be moved to the Mainland, as it is required to replace the coach which was refitted for A.C. in Sicily and which was subsequently appropriated by M.R.S. in Rome.

In view of the ~~great~~ amount of reconstruction work going on at the present time it is considered essential for the railway engineer to have at his disposal a coach of this type, so that he can carry out frequent inspection trips.

3. The following information is forwarded from Sardinia:-

|     |        |              |
|-----|--------|--------------|
| (a) | Weight | 32 tone      |
|     | Length | 23.70 metres |
|     | Height | 3.20 "       |
|     | Width  | 2.80 "       |

(b) There is no crane in the island capable of lifting the coach. The 20 ton floating crane is at present under repair at Carloforte, and is likely to be away about 3 to 5 weeks.

(c) A ship with exceptionally large clear deck space will be required, and a ferry boat at Olbia would be the ideal way of getting the coach to the Mainland.

For the Chief Commissioner :

*M.B.*

M.B. THOMAS  
Colonel,  
Deputy Director.

Copy to: G-4 (Mov & Trn) AFHQ.

Rail Division, Transportation Sub-Commission.

AMMOC/ccg

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

Our Ref. : AC/651/51/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Movement of Special Diesel Coach  
Sardinia to Mainland.

see 53

TO : Rail Division, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter AC/295/Tn 4 dated 4 April,  
The following is an extract from a letter dated 9 April  
received from C-5 Section, A.F.H.Q.:-

" Shipment of a Diesel car of the weight and dimensions  
given presents considerable difficulty. Will you please  
inform this Headquarters whether the projected use of the  
car on the Mainland warrants the special arrangements  
which will have to be made to move it."

2. Please put us in a position to reply.

*J.A. Balfour*  
J.A. BALFOUR,  
Lt. Colonel RE  
Movements Division, (Shipping)  
Transportation Sub-Commission.

4146

*Lee*

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

9 April 1945

Ref. C-8

SUBJECT: Shipment of Diesel Car - Sardinia to Mainland

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394  
(Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission) *NT*

1. Reference your AC/651/47/Tn.3 of 5 April which has been passed to this Division for screening.

*X* 2. Shipment of a diesel car of the weight and dimensions given presents considerable difficulty. Will you please inform this Headquarters whether the projected use of the car on the Mainland warrants the special arrangements which will have to be made to move it. *X*

3. Should the movement be a necessity, information is requested as to ports of loading and discharge and port gear available in the loading port, capable of handling this lift.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

*J. Richardson*  
J. RICHARDSON,  
Jr Com., ATS,  
Economics & Supply.

Copy to:

M&TN AFHQ

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*400h*  
*TN S/C*  
*see 52*

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

Tel. 843238  
Ref. AC/295/Tn 4

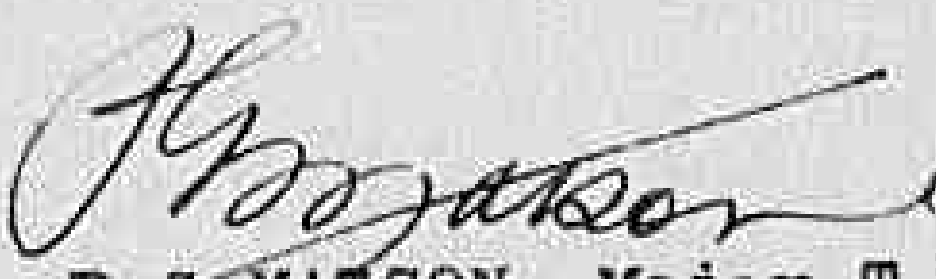
4 April 1945

TO : Movements Shipping Branch Tn Sub-Comm. HQ AC

SUBJECT : Movement of special Diesel Coach Sardinia to Mainland.

1. Attached is a copy of letter received from the Regional Transportation Officer Sardinia regarding above subject passed to you for any information it may contain that will be of value in the Movement of this coach.

2. The measurements and weight quoted in my letter dated 29 March 45, file AC/295/Tn 4 are slightly more than quoted in attached letter, however our weights and measurements should be used as they were taken from Charts of ISR available in this office.

  
P.G. MATSON, Major T.C.

4142

65/Tn 3

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
SARDEGNA REGION

29 March 1945

Reference: RPTV/1606

Subject : Transfer of Inspection Diesel Car.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,  
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in your cable 4053 dated 22 March 1945 "ALLIED COMMISSION" is being painted on each side of the Inspection Diesel Car.

2. It is assumed that a shipping bid for the transfer of the Coach will be made by Transportation Sub-Commission.

3. The following information is forwarded.

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| (a) Weight ..... | 32 Tons.      |
| (b) Length ..... | 23.70 Metres. |
| (c) Height ..... | 3.20 Metres.  |
| (d) Width .....  | 2.80 Metres.  |

4. (a) There is no crane capable of lifting the Coach in the Island.  
The 20 Ton Floating Crane is at present under repair at Carleforte and is likely to be away about 6 to 8 weeks.

(b) A ship with exceptionally large clear deck space will be necessary to load the Coach.

(c) A Ferry Ship at Olbia would be the ideal way of getting the Coach to the Mainland.

5. The crew of the Coach are interested in accompanying the Coach if they are desired by the Transportation Sub-Commission.

For the Regional Commissioner.

JOHN H. JEMBY 4141  
Captain-  
Regional Transportation Officer.

JHM/chs.

CONFIDENTIAL

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

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file 4317

Ref. B-28

30 March 1945

SUBJECT: Shipment of Railway Sleepers from BRAZIL.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394  
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Reference your AG/651/63/Tn.3 of 27 March 1945 advising of an offer through the Italian Embassy, LONDON, of railway sleepers in BRAZIL.

2. There are no sleepers included in a part of your current requisitions for Italian railway equipment.

3. It is to be further noted that export trade between individuals is not presently authorized. All imports into ITALY must be arranged on a government to government basis.

4. No action is being taken regarding the provision of the subject supplies.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



J. E. BUTTERWORTH  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief, Economic & Supply Division

Copy to: G-4, B & Tn  
Shipping Sub-Commission, A.C.  
Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.  
LMT  
SSA

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
SARDEGNA REGION

29 March 1945

Reference : TPTM/I606

Subject : Transfer of Inspection Diesel Car.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,  
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in your cable 4035 dated 23 March 1945 "ALLIED COMMISSION" is being painted on each side of the Inspection Diesel Car.

2. It is assumed that a shipping bid for the transfer of the Coach will be made by Transportation Sub-Commission.

3. The following information is forwarded.

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| (a) Weight ..... | 32 Tons.      |
| (b) Length ..... | 23.70 Metres. |
| (c) Height ..... | 3.20 Metres.  |
| (d) Width .....  | 2.80 Metres.  |

4. (a) There is no crane capable of lifting the Coach in the Island.

The 20 Ton Floating Crane is at present under repair at Carleforte and is likely to be away about 5 to 8 weeks.

(b) A ship with exceptionally large clear deck space will be necessary to load the Coach.

(c) A Ferry Ship at Olbia would be the ideal way of getting the Coach to the Mainland.

5. The crew of the Coach are interested in accompanying the Coach if they are desired by the Transportation Sub-Commission.

For the Regional Commissioner.

*Sub-Commission*

1. In accordance with the Instructions contained in your cable 4035 dated 22 March 1945 "ALLIED COMMISSION" is being painted on each side of the Inspection Diesel Car.
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(c) A Ferry Ship at Olbia would be the ideal way of getting the Coach to the Mainland.
5. The crew of the Coach are interested in accompanying the Coach if they are desired by the Transportation Sub-Commission.

For the Regional Commissioner.

JHN/ghs

*John H. Mundy*  
JOHN H. MUNDY,  
Captain,  
Regional Transportation Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

5 April 1945

AG/651/47/TN.3

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SUBJECT: Shipment Diesel Car. Sardinia/Mainland

TO : G-4 (Mov & Trn), AFHQ.

1. May arrangements be made please to ship an Equipped Diesel Car from Sardinia to Mainland on or after 10 April '45.

2. Weight and dimensions are as follows :-

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Weight | 33 tons |
| Height | 11 feet |
| Width  | 10 "    |
| Length | 80 "    |

For the Chief Commissioner :

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*W. E. Thomas*  
W. E. THOMAS, Colonel,  
Deputy Director.

1. May arrangements be made please to ship an Equipped Diesel Car from Sardinia to Mainland on or after 10 April '45.

2. Weight and dimensions are as follows :-

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Weight | 33 tons |
| Height | 11 feet |
| Width  | 10 "    |
| Length | 30 "    |

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For the Chief Commissioner :

*[Signature]*  
 H.E. THOMAS, Colonel,  
 Deputy Director.

Copy to :- High Commissioner of Sicily.  
 Transportation Sub-Comm. (Rail Div.).

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

842228  
Tel. 843191-11  
Ref. AC/295/Tn 4

29 March 1945

TO : Movements Division  
Tn Sub-Commission, AC

SUBJECT : Transfer of "Special equipped Diesel Car Sardinia to Mainland".

1. When Regional Commissioner leaves Sardinia this Division is anxious to transfer the equipped Diesel Car Sardinia to the Mainland for use of AC.
2. It is understood the Diesel Car will be ready for shipment by 10 April.
3. May arrangements be put in hand for conveyance of this car to the Mainland while our Officers are still in Sardinia.
4. Weight and dimensions are as follows :

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| Weight | 33 tons |
| Highth | 11 feet |
| Width  | 10 "    |
| Length | 80 "    |

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*P.G. Matson*  
P.G. MATSON, Major T.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

Our ref.: AC/651/46/Tn 3

4 April 1945

SUBJECT : Shipment of Railway Sleepers  
from Brazil

TO : Rail Division (Tn 4)  
Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference your Minute AC/74/Tn 4 dated 21 March '45  
addressed to the Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission,  
and this Division's letter AC/631/63/Tn 3 dated 27 March '45  
to G-5 A.F.H.Q.

2. Attached is copy of reply from G-5 dated 30 March '45.

E.B. THOMAS, Colonel  
Deputy Director

Copy to : Shipping Sub-Commission  
E.A.F.  
E.B.A.

Encl.: Copy of letter

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

11a 467

Ref. R-28

30 March 1945

SUBJECT : Shipment of Railway Sleepers  
from BRAZIL

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394  
(Attn: Economic Section)

1. Reference your AG/651/63/Tn 3 of 27 March 1945 advising of an offer through the Italian Embassy, LONDON, of railway sleepers in BRAZIL/

2. There are no sleepers included as a part of your current requisitions for Italian railway equipment.

3. It is to be further noted that export trade between individuals is not presently authorized. All imports into ITALY must be arranged on a government to government basis.

4. No action is being taken regarding the provision of the subject supplies.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J.E. BUTTERWORTH  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Chief, Economics & Supply Div.

Copy to : G-4 M & Tn  
Shipping Sub-Comm., A.C.  
Transportation Sub-Comm., A.C.  
MWT  
WGA

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IDENTITY

22 March 1945

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CONFIDENTIAL TO

1. ALICE ONE TO IMMEDIATELY RETURN CAR TO

ALICE TO ALICE CAROLINA RICHIE FOR NATIONAL COMMISSION FROM

TO ALICE ACTING ALICE

1. ALICE TWO TO ADVANCE FOR THIS CAR TO BE PLACED ALL THE COMMISSION

AND FILE 12 BY THE COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION

1. ALICE TO

U.S. Transportation Sub-Commission (Shipping)

*W. J. McCarver*

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Transportation Sub-Commission

4015

RICHARD L. RICHIE

CHS. 100.

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ICE

4035

22 March 1945

SECURITY

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A-2

CONFIDENTIAL TO

ALFA ONE TO INDUCTION BRIGADE CAS PD

FROM DE ALICE MARSHALL DIVISION FOR FOLLOWING COMMISSIONED FROM

IN ALICE ACTIVITY

PARA TWO TO ADDRESS FOR THIS CASE TO BE DATED ALLIED COMMISSION

AND FIX UP FOR THIS SUBJECT TO BE DATED WITH NATIONAL COMMISSION

LEAVES PD

o.o. Transportation sub-commission (Shipping)

*Maj. McClave.*

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Transcription sub-commission

213402

NICHOLAS HICKLING.

CAS. USA.

ASST. ADJUTANT

*21/1/45*

(44) FILE  
AMH/12

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

Our ref.: AO/661/63/Tn 3

27 March 1943

SUBJECT: Shipment of railway sleepers from Brazil

TO: G-4 (Rev & Tn) A.F.H.C.  
G-5 A.F.H.C.

see 46  
see 40A

1. The firm of J.C. GILBERT Ltd. in London have offered, through the Italian Embassy in London, to supply the I.S.R. with a total of 450,000 Brazilian new wooden railway sleepers.

Measurements are: 2.59 m. x 0.25 m. x 0.120 m.

Delivery would be 180,000 this year at the rate of about 15,000 per month, and 270,000 in 1946 at the rate of about 25,000 per month.

2. Before going any further in the matter the I.S.R. have asked about the possibilities of shipment of these sleepers from Brazil to Italy. Will you please let this Headquarters have your views.

For the Chief Commissioners

*Amherst*  
H.B. THOMAS, Colonel,  
Deputy Director

4133

Copy to: Shipping Sub-Commission

M.F.T.

V.S.A.

Transportation Sub-Commission, Rail Division

651/TN. 3

Ministry of Transports  
I.S.R.-Supply and Stores Service

(Rome 16 March 1945

N.A.2 /1118/569



Subject:  
Ties for tracks

To Transports Sub Commission A.C.

R o m e

1. Through the R. Italian Embassy in London we got an offer of Brazilian timber ties made by J.C. Gilbert Ltd Co of London.
2. Before begin contacting the a/m Firm we beg you to let us know if it is possible or not to transport ties to one of the Italian harbours.

The Chief of Service

Signed: Eng. Gino Bracci

Go.17.cb.

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MINISTERO  
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

FERROVIE DELLO STATO  
DIREZIONE GENERALE

SERVIZIO APPROVVIGIONAMENTI

Roma 16 marzo 194 5 A.

N.A.246/1118/569

Al N. \_\_\_\_\_ del \_\_\_\_\_

OGGETTO

Traverse per binario

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
SOTTO-COMMISSIONE TRASPORTI

ALLEGATI N. 1

R O M A

- 1°) Per mezzo della R.Ambasciata Italiana in Londra ci è pervenuta l'unita offerta di traverse di legno del Brasile, fatta dalla Ditta J.C.Gilbert Ltd. di Londra.
- 2°) Prima di entrare in concrete trattative con la Ditta offerente, preghiamo comunicare se è o meno possibile effettuare il trasporto in un porto italiano delle traverse in parola.

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

*[Handwritten signature]*

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Copy

J. GILBERT LTD.

Columbia House,  
Aldwych,  
London, W.C.2.

31st January, 1945.

Office of the Italian Representative,  
14, Three Kings' Yard,  
Davies Street, W.1.

Dear Sirs,

RAILWAY SLEEPERS.

We can offer, subject unsold, for delivery by our  
own Agency in Brazil:

Quantity &  
Material:

A total of 455,000 Brazilian new wooden  
Railway Sleepers, from best Brazilian hard  
woods, same quality of sleepers as used by  
the Brazilian Central Railways.

Measurements:

8 1/2 ft. x 10 ins. x 5 ins.

Delivery:

180,000 during this year at the rate of about  
15,000 per month and about 275,000 during 1946  
at the rate of about 25,000 per month.

Price:

18/6d. (eighteen shillings and sixpence)  
per one sleeper, delivery free along steamer  
at Victoria, Brazil.

Terms of  
payments:

To be agreed in accordance with your  
requirements. The sale need not necessarily  
be made in English currency. We would be willing  
to discuss with you any other mutually convenient  
currency.

There is no need for you to take the entire  
quantity. As you will probably be interested in early deliveries  
we would be quite willing to enter into contract with you for  
deliveries during this year only, provided of course you can  
make the necessary arrangements for shipping space.

Unrra, London, (Mr. J. F. Summersgill, Assistant  
Director Industrial Rehabilitation Division) and Unrra,  
Washington, have been informed of our offer. Unrra, London, have  
requested us to inform you of the offer direct.

We shall be very glad to hear from you, and

remain,

Yours faithfully,

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Yours faithfully,  
J.C. GILBERT LTD.

MANAGER.

C O P Y

FX 38678

MAR 061700A

FREEDOM SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE ZH1PN

ALCOM INFO MRS.

D/4458

MAR 081000A

PRIORITY

SECRET.

Balance of railway stock between ITALY and SICILY referred to in ACRPT -  
5 March cannot be facilitated by LST because intention to load railway  
equipment now possible through greater depth of REGGIO hard also vehicles  
are being carried on main deck and personnel transported NORTH AFRICA to  
ITALY. Recommended at MEDBO today that both MESSINA car ferries be permitted  
to operate until sufficient railway stock obtained.

PLST

ACTION: Tn S/C  
INFO: A/President

Chief Commissioner  
Econ Sec  
MSTR  
WSA  
File

(Cipher note:

Original message was routine but  
check had to be obtained and caused  
delay)

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FREEDOM SIGNED CG MTOUSA CITE 7H17PN

ALCOM INFO MRS.

SECRET.

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DIST

ACTION: Tn S/C  
INFO: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
Econ Sec  
MWTR  
NSA  
File

(Cipher note:

Original message was routine but  
check had to be obtained and caused  
delay)

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FREEDOM CITE FHGGM ALCOM SICILIA REGION ALCOM REGGIO CALABRIA  
ALCOM SOUTHERN REGION FOR INFO FREEDOM CITE FHGGG

2931

5 MARCH 45

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT IS RAIL CARS EX NORTH AFRICA FOR ITALY PD  
PAREN TO FREEDOM CITE FHGGM TO ALCOM SICILIA REGION FOR LUNCH TO  
ALCOM REGGIO CALABRIA FOR BODY TO ALCOM SOUTHERN REGION FOR INFO TO  
FREEDOM CITE FHGGG FROM ALCOM CITE ACTPE PAREN

REFERENCE CONVERSATION DANAGHAR WORTHINGTON FOUR MARCH PD BALANCED  
ROLLING STOCK WORKING BETWEEN MAINLAND AND SICILY NOW BEING MAINTAINED  
BUT DEFICIT WAGONS STILL OWING TO SICILY STILL VERY LARGE PD TO MAKE  
GOOD THE BALANCE TO SICILY REQUEST EXAMINATION FOLLOWING PROPOSALS PD  
ONE PD WAGON FROM NORTH AFRICA IF EMPTY BE DISCHARGED AT CATANIA AND  
USED FOR LOADING OF TRAFFIC TO MAINLAND ONLY PD TWO PD IF WAGONS  
ARE LOADED FROM NORTH AFRICA THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE DISCHARGED  
REGGIO AND RETURNING EMPTY CRAFT FROM REGGIO BE USED FOR EXTRA FERRY  
LEFT OF ITALIAN STATE RAILWAYS WAGONS TO CATANIA PD THREE PD CAN  
FERRY STEAMER REGGIO TO MESSINA DUE TO UNDER GO REPAIRS WHEN SECOND  
CRAFT IS RETURNED TO SERVICE BE RETAINED FOR APPROX ONE MONTH TO INCRE-  
ASE WAGON MOVEMENT MAINLAND TO SICILY PD MEMS ARE AGREEABLE TO ANY OF  
THE ABOVE PROPOSAL PROVIDING IN CASE OF ONE THAT WAGONS ARE EXAMINED  
IMMEDIATELY ON DISCHARGE AT CATANIA AND ARE DEFINITELY USED FOR  
MAINLAND TRAFFIC ONLY PD

TRANSPORTATION SO

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*Alfred H. Houghton*

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

By Hand : Rail Division - Shipping Branch  
D.M.R.S.

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651/113

# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

(38)

Originator's Reference: FX 35299  
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 282022

Message Centre No: D/3756  
Date Time Rec'd: MAR 010850  
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: SIGNED SIGNED CITE PAGDM FMSUP FHTPN  
TO: AICOM INFO AICOM SARDINIA REGION

## SECRET

SECRET.

SARDINIA 582 of 27 February.

Regret urgent requirement for SAMILEY and SAMPERRIN precludes loading of fireclay. This will be loaded on next collier for NAPLES discharge. Nomination follows. Agreed PSTO and MWT

DIST

ACTION TN SC  
INFO A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
ECON SEC  
INDUSTRY SC (2)  
FILE

## ACTION

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## SECRET

# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

(37)

Originator's Reference: FX 36076  
Date Time of Origin: MAR 02/1052

Message Centre No: D/3915  
Date Time Rec'd: MAR 02/1500  
Precedence: OP-PRIORITY

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE: NHGDM, PHAIR  
TO : ALCOM SARDINIA, INFO: ALCOM: PENBASE: PENSOUTH: MOV NAPLES.

## SECRET

SECRET.

Our FX 31713 of 22 February refers. —

Load 50 tons RAF assemblies bid for movement to NORTH AFRICA our 5/553 GDM 12 February providing rolling stock not shut out. Above cargo will be transhipped at NAPLES to NORTH AFRICA. Agreed.

INFO - ACTION

DIST  
Info-Action: TN S/C  
Info: A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
ECON SEC  
INDUSTRY 2  
FILE



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## SECRET

651/TN.3.

INCOMING MESSAGE  
HQ QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TN (36)

Originator's Reference: 582  
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 27  
Message Centre No: D/3595  
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 27/1100  
Precedence: PRIORITY  
FROM: ALCOM SARDINIA REGION  
TO: AMHQ CITE FHGEG, FHGEG, FHORB RITD HQ ALCOM CITE ACTET.

SECRET

SECRET.

My cable 471 dated 3 February and your FX 31713 dated 22 February both refer.

Request permission load 500 tons fireclay in SAMLEYTE or SAMSPWRIN (?).

see (38)

DIST

Info-Action: TN S/C  
Info: A/PRESIDENT  
CHIEF COMMISSIONER  
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HEADQUARTERS  
28 FEB 1945  
A. C.

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INFO - ACTION

SECRET

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## INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

33

Originator's Reference: 570

Message Centre No: D/3056

Date/Time of Origin: FEB 23

Date Time Rec'd: FEB 23 2142A

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM SARDINIA REGION

TO: HQ ALCOM CITE ACTPT

Copy at (31)  
CONFIDENTIAL.

CONFIDENTIAL

Your 2076 dated 19 February. All arrangements made. No ship here with instructions to load. What is name of ship.

ACTION

Dist

Action - Tn  
Info - A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
Econ  
File (2)  
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HEADQUARTERS

FEB 24 1945

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Message passed  
to Rail Div.  
1640 / 24 Feb

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TN 90

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Originator's Reference: F 32919  
Date/Time of Origin: FEB 23 1944

Message Centre No: D/3066  
Date Time Rec'd: FEB 24 0830A  
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHCIN, FHCIN  
TO: ACTION ALCOM

## SECRET

SECRET.

Your 1944 of 17 February.

1 LET on shuttle service, first arrival expected end of February, thereafter approx 6 trips per month. 15 to 20 wagons carried each trip.

## ACTION

### LIST

ACTION: Trans  
INFO: A/President  
Chief Commissioner  
Econ  
File

HEADQUARTERS  
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A. C.

## SECRET

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FREEDOM CITY FREEDOM FREEDOM

ROUTINE

18 FEB 45

1944

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD ARE YOU ABLE TO ADVISE DETAILS OF ARRIVAL OF FOUR ZERO  
ZERO RAILWAY WAGONS AT REGGIO EMILIA PD  
PAUSE TO FREEDOM CITY FROM THE PD FROM ALCON CITY AGENT PAREN  
BY LOVE SUGAR PARS PD

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CONF. MOVEMENT (RAIL)

TRANSPORTATION SO

NICHOLAS FILIBINO  
CNO U.S.A.  
Asst. Adjutant

ROUTINE

10 FEB 45

1944

RESTRICTED PD

PANA ONE PD ARE YOU ABLE TO ADVISE DETAILS OF ARRIVAL OF FOUR ZERO  
ZERO RAILWAY WAGONS AT REGGIO EX BILIBETA PD  
PANA TO PUNEDON CITY THREE THREE TWO FROM ALCON CITY ACTIV PANA  
BY LOVE SUGAR TARS PD

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GOVT MOVEMENT (RAIL)

4123

TRANSPORTATION SO

NICHOLAS PIERINO  
CFO U.S.A.  
Asst. Adjutant

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

*Tom S/c.*

Ref. C-8

7 February 1945

SUBJECT: Mov of Rly Constn Gear, S. ANTIOCO to ANCONA.

TO : HQ ALCOM Rome, APO 394  
For Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference telephone conversation today (HOYLE/RICHARDSON) here is a copy of your letter AC/12/82/Tn/S dated 13 January 1945 with a list of rly constn gear to be moved, as requested.

2. Please confirm that these stores will be ready for movement from CAGLIARI during 15-24 February period, as arranged by telephone on 29th January.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:



*J. Richardson*

J. RICHARDSON,  
Jr. Com., ATS,  
Economics & Supply.

Incl:

letter and listing as above.

*Mr. Greer - Tel. 390097.*

*CWP Tel 64957 Mr. Morsello  
683801  
Pizzo Auguste Imperatore 32.*

*Cop. Borden  
Mc Sargent*

*[Handwritten signature]*

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**CONFIDENTIAL**

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C O P Y

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

(296)

13 January 1945

Tele: 478701

Our ref : AC/12/62/Tn/S

SUBJECT: Railway Reconstruction gear S. Antioco/Ancona.

TO : G - 5 Section A.F.H.Q.

Attached is a list of equipment which is urgently required to be moved from S. Antioco (Sardinia) to Ancona, for railway reconstruction work, on the line between Civitanova and Ancona.

Some of it could be put on deck of the next colliers out of S. Antioco for the East Coast, but most of it will have to have special shipping set up.

Will you please treat this as an emergency bid to be moved as soon as possible.

Consigner is Soc. Opere Idrauliche e Lavori Pubblici (O.P.I.D.) Carbonia.

Consignee is Costruzioni Industriali e Lavori Pubblici (C.I.L.P.) Ancona. This firm will pay freight.

For the Chief Commissioner:

(Sgd) ?

MERRITT H. TAYLOR  
DIRECTOR

Enclosure : 1 (List)

Copy to: G-4 (Mov & Tn) AFHQ

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651/703

COSTRUZIONI INDUSTRIALI E LAVORI PUBBLICI

(29c)

EQUIPMENT TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM S. ANTIOCO PORT  
(SARDINIA) TO ANCONA

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

| <u>Tons</u> | <u>C. metres</u> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 6           | 60               | - Truck and trailer Fiat 634:<br>Target n. CA 34610<br>Chassis n. 6467<br>Engine n. 7697<br>Trailer - Target n. CA 99                                                                                                  |
| 4           | 30               | - Truck Fiat 632:<br>Target n. CA 4988                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1           | 8                | - Small Truck Fiat 1100:<br>Target n. CA 4180<br>Chassis n. 2028-78<br>Engine n. 241040                                                                                                                                |
| 99          | 50               | ( - Decauville railway: Km. 3,5<br>( - Decauville waggons:<br>( n. 50 of normal type<br>( n. 10 of special type for concrete pouring                                                                                   |
| 6           | 15               | ( - n. 2 oil moved air compressor ("La Motomeccanica type 364<br>( with engine MAH 914)                                                                                                                                |
| 1-2         | 9                | ( - n. 1 petrol moved air compressor ("Alfa Romeo)<br>( - n. 1 concrete mixer ("Loro and Parisini with Engine Diesel<br>Deutz MAH 916)                                                                                 |
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Tele:  
Our ref: AG/651/28/Tn.3

9 February 1945

SUBJECT : Movement of Railway Construction  
Gear, S. Antioeo to Ancona

TO : Engineer Ghella  
(C.I.L.P.)  
Via Ronciglione 12 - Rome

Confirming conversation with you at this HQ,  
8 Feb. 1945.

Will you please arrange for the consignment of  
Railway construction material required at Ancona, to be  
moved by rail from S. Antioeo to Cagliari, for shipment  
from that port.

*[Signature]*  
MERRITT E. TAYLOR  
Director.

Copy to:

Soc. Opere Idrauliche e Lavori Pubblici  
(O.P.I.D.)  
Via Giorgio Asprori 107 - Carbonia  
A/C Sardinia Region  
Tn. Officer.

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20 January 1945

Report on visit to Palermo, Reggio Calabria, Bari and Naples 30 Dec. 44 to 19 Jan. 45 made by Capt. B.W. BODDY, Tptn. S.O.A.C.

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(c) Daily signals to Tptn S.C. Hq.

All three divisions were advised of what is wanted but in view of para (b) above it is not yet possible to comply.

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These vary in all three divisions but in all three they are slow.

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Tptn S.O. Reps in the 3 divs. have received new form for compilation of weekly reports. As this form calls for considerable information obtainable only from the I.S.R. it has been given to the I.S.R. to prepare but I gather that little progress has been made so far.

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|                            |             |
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| Bids received by Reggio    | 99,470 tons |
| " rejected                 | 34,210 "    |
| Balance authorized to move | 65,260 "    |
| " actually moved           | 26,900 "    |
| which did not move         | 38,360 "    |

Thus 27% of total bids were moved and 41% of bids authorized to move did in fact move. Judging by weekly lists of bids received in Reggio "agrumi" (oranges, lemons, etc.) position in Reggio seems to show that there are at least 10 tons requested to be moved for every 1 ton that can be moved by rail.

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(iii) Weekly Wine Special Train Lecce to Naples I mentioned complaints re marshalling this train. Maj. Jeffery said he had recommended cancellation of it and adding wine cars to existing freight trains. I stated this could only be done at the expense of other (probably more vital) traffic. He agreed. In absence of specific details of the complaint re working of the train he is continuing normal publication of a loading prog. for the train each week until further notice.

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4 GENERAL ITEMS OF INTEREST COMMON TO THE THREE DIVISIONS  
(BARI, REGGIO AND NAPLES)

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(iii) Of rail traffic (AG/Civilian) offered for movement in the three Divs. in minimums of 1 wagonload present position seems to be approximately:

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- (b) Traffic accepted for movement 25%
- (c) Traffic actually moved anything from 10% to 15%

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Captain  
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ALLIED COMMISSION  
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS  
APO 394

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Ref : RS/T/44  
Date: 5 Dec 44.

SUBJECT: Sicilian Rail Schedules.

TO : HQ AC for att Trans Sub-Commission.

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13. Building Materials other than above (9)
14. Any other products.

(Normal excluding special cases such as e.g. Ragusa Asphalt Mines or any special movement sponsored by AC)

*W. G. Taylor*

Copies to: HQ AC Tn Sub-Comm. ✓  
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# INCOMING MESSAGE

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Message Centre No: 111  
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Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: AICOM SARDINIA REGION FROM KIMBETHICK  
TO: HQ AICOM TC TRANSPORTATION (BR) DEIDOCKS BARI (AICOM PLEASE PASS)

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Issuer expected here 21 January. Available to commence rolling stock loading  
probably Friday

**ACTION**

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*Leadacre to notify.*

HEADQUARTERS

22 JAN 1945

A. C.

ACTN:

INFO:

*Jpt  
a/pres  
C/Comm  
to com  
file*

*843/1021*

*sent to Alal L. hugh*  
**CONFIDENTIAL**

*651/11.3.*

(14)  
SUBJECT: - RAIL HEAD - CIVITAVECCHIA PORT.-

TO/ S.P.&M. DIV.

TH. SUB - COMMISSION

H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION

A.P.O. 394

1).

In order to ensure security of rail cars it is necessary for strong wire and wire cutters to be made available.

2).

In order to open and close rail car doors, many of which are in bad working order, it is requested that the railways provide two men for day and two at night, equipped with crowbars and hammers. This will save further damaged to doors by unskilled workers. These men could also carry out small repairs to box cars and High sides if hammers nails and some material be provided..

*J.N. Bowes Capt*

J.N. BOWES CAPT.

A.C. PORT LIAISON OFFICER

5 JAN. 1945

CIVITAVECCHIA

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*Copy handed to Inter. Rail for act  
FHM only*

*3/36.*

Subject : Movement of Railway Wagons  
SARDINIA to NAPLES.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4 (MOV & TN) 5/85/GM

To : Transportation Sub-Commission,  
HQ, A.C. APO 391.

24 Dec 44

Tel: FREEDOM 229

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1. Reference our 5/85/GM of 10 Dec 44, addressed to  
PSPO Med, copy to you.
  2. P.S.T.O. has advised that Lieut J.E. Thomas, R.N.R. has  
been appointed for temporary duty to Cagliari.

VK/EM

*V. King*  
V. KING, Major,  
for Brigadier,  
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn).

Copy to: G-3  
G-5  
Tn (B)  
File 2/89

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
SARDEGNA REGION

15th December 1944.

Reference : Tptn/1606

Subject : Rolling Stock from CAGLIARI  
Headquarters, Allied Commission. For attention of  
To : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, Headquarters,  
Allied Commission.

With reference to your letter AC/8/85/Tn/S dated 11th  
December 1944 (copy to this Region).

The Technical Rail Officer, Captain P.G. MATSON, has been  
recalled. Captain J.H. NEWBY is about to go to hospital. There is  
no one to supervise Railways.

Captain MATSON has done first rate work and we should like  
to have him for a further period if possible.

*J.A.C. Pennyquick*

J.A.C. PENNYQUICK,  
Colonel.  
Regional Commissioner.

JACP/sjs.

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5/36

Subject : Movement of Railway Wagons  
SARDINIA to NAPLES.

TO: 5/c  
SECRET  
AL 3D FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4 (MOV & TN) 2/89/GDM

9 Dec 44

To : G-3

Ref: MEMORANDUM 318

1. Ref communication of G-5 G 27 of 20 Nov. It has now been established that the 208 railway wagons are required for supplementing the present inadequate pool of wagons in ITALY, and will not be utilised for the sole purpose of carrying civilian supplies.
2. Consideration is being given to the positioning of a crane ship at CAGLIARI which would considerably accelerate the rate of shipment. In the meantime it is proposed, subject to your agreement, to load wagons in hatches Nos. 2 and 4 of ME ships and vehicles in the remainder of available space. By loading in this manner it is estimated that 120 vehicles and 20 wagons would be loaded in each vessel. During the month of Dec it is hoped to load 6 vessels in CAGLIARI of which at least 3 will carry vehicles only.
3. In view of the serious shortage of wagons and the need for using shipping economically it is requested that they be allotted the highest priority.

OWPD/EN

Copy to: PSTO Med  
G-5  
HQ, AC BOMB.  
Tn (B).  
File 5/85

HEADQUARTERS  
7 DEC 44

H.D. PHILIP, Lt.Col.,  
for Brigadier,  
D.A.M.C. (Mov & Tn).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tele : 478704

11 December 1944

Ref. : AC/8/85/Tn/S

TO : G - 4 (Mov & Tn)  
AFHQ

SUBJECT: Rolling Stock from Cagliari

Ref. your G - 4 (Mov & Tn) 8/86/4/GDM dated 4 December.

We are informed that the technical Rail officer in Sardinia has been recalled for other important work, but that Capt. Newby, Transportation Officer in Sardinia will be available to supervise the loading of the rolling stock.

EF.  
MERRITT H. TAYLOR  
DIRECTOR

Copy to : G - 5  
Sardinia Region  
Rail Section (your AC 25/2/Tn of 8 Dec refers)

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ACP/1c

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION (AC)  
( Rail Section )  
C/o Transportation Increment,  
C. M. F.

Tel: 843807

Our Reference: AC 25/2/Tn

8 December 44.

TO : Ports & Warehousing Division  
HQ. Tn. Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Rolling Stock from Cagliari.

1. Reference is to your letter AC 8/63/Tn/S.
2. Capt. Newby will be present as Transportation Officer in Sardinia, and it is understood a Port Officer is also available.
3. Owing to the delay in providing shipping, our Technical Officer has had to be recalled for other important work.

*Acting Capt*  
C.H. LINDBERG  
Lt. Col. R.E.,  
Chief, Rail Section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APC 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

Our Reference : AC/Tn  
Date : 3/12

Tn. S.C. Shipm. Port & Warehouse Div. AC. Main

SUBJECT :

Your bids detailed below accepted by Transportation Sub-Committee for rail movement in weekly period 11/12 to  
Contact local "Movements" and/or Transportation Sub-Commission representative to arrange placing of wagons, day  
TWO OFFICIALS AC WAGON LABELS TO BE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF EACH WAGON.

| YOUR<br>Bid<br>No. | FROM         | CONSIGNOR                            | TO        | CONSIGNEE       | COMMODITY                       | Weight | SEAL  |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------|
| WS 28              | Cava Tirreni | Stab. Caricamento<br>Proiettili Glen | Agrigento | AC. Mining Div. | Explosives                      | 70     | 10 t. |
| " 29               | Naples S.G.  | AC. Depot 676                        | Palermo   | " " "           | Steel cables<br>Rubber cov.wire | 5      | 5 "   |

Copy to : AC. Tn. Rep. c/o Southern Reg. (Maj. Bowers)  
Tn. Section, " (Sig. Novelli)  
AC. Depot 676, Naples

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for  
D. S. A  
Colonel  
Director

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

Our Reference : AC/Tn/5/159/RM  
Date : 3/12/44

Warehouse Div. AC. Main

Accepted by Transportation Sub-Committee for rail movement in weekly period 11/12 to 17/12  
and/or Transportation Sub-Commission representative to arrange placing of wagons, day & time of loading.  
LABELS TO BE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF EACH WAGON.

| CONSIGNOR                                                                                                            | TO               | CONSIGNEE       | COMMODITY                       | Weight | SPACE OR WAGONS PER DAY | COMMENCE LOADING | REMARKS |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------|---------|
| Tricamento<br>Lli Glen                                                                                               | <b>Agrigento</b> | AC. Mining Div. | Explosives                      | 70     | 10 t. f. 7 days         | 11/12            | 12116   |
| ot 676                                                                                                               | Palermo          | " " "           | Steel cables<br>Rubber cov.wire | 5      | 5 " " 1 "               | 11/12            | 12117   |
| <p>to : AC. Tn. Rep. c/o Southern Reg. (Maj. Bowers)<br/>Tn. Section, " (Sig. Novelli)<br/>AC. Depot 676, Naples</p> |                  |                 |                                 |        |                         |                  |         |

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for

*for Betty*  
D. S. ADAMS  
Colonel, C.E.  
Director, Tn. S.C.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commissioner

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Tel : 478701

6 December 1944

AC TN/33/2/RM

SUBJECT : Rejected Rail Bids.

TO : Port, Shipment & Warehouse Division,  
In. Sub-Commission H.Q. A.C.

1. The following bids were rejected for movement by rail  
in period 11th to 17th Dec. '44:-

| Bid No       | Bid made by  | From       | To         | Commodity        | Tonnage |
|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------------|---------|
| 12135        | A.C. Sicily  | Messina    | Rome Ost.  | Foodstuffs       | 20      |
| 12136        | "            | "          | "          | Salted Anchovies | 12      |
| 12137        | "            | "          | "          | Olives           | 7       |
| 12301, 12695 | Ind. S.C.    | Spina      | Rome Tusc. | Rock Salt        | 100     |
| 12327        | Labor S.C.   | Siracusa   | "          | Furniture        | 4       |
| 12581        | Agric. S.C.  | Naples     | "          | Shoes            | 20      |
| 12639        | AC. Southern | "          | "          | Domestic soda    | 15      |
| 12601        | AC. Ancona   | Ancona     | Taranto    | Furniture        | 5       |
| 12602        | "            | "          | Reggio     | "                | 5       |
| 12298        | AC. Rome     | Rome Tusc. | Taranto    | Barrels          | 26      |

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*B. W. Boddy*  
Capt.  
for  
MERRITT H. TAYLOR  
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel: 478704  
Our Ref: AC/8/63/Tn/S

6 December 1944

SUBJECT: Rolling Stock from Cagliari

TO : Rail Section

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Further to our letter AC/8/47/Tn/S of 28 November, subject as above, attached is copy of letter from AFHQ., G-4 (Mov. & Tn.) 5/86/4/GDM, dated 4 December for your information and necessary action on the final paragraph, please.

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MERRITT H. TAYLOR  
Director

Enclosure: 1.  
(copy of letter from AFHQ)

See (84)

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Subject : Rolling Stock from CAGLIARI.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4 (MOV & TN) 5/86/4/GDM

To : HQ Allied Commission,  
Transportation Sub-Commission.

4 Dec 44

Tel: FREEDOM 302

1. Ref your AC/8/47/TN/S of 28 Nov, it is noted from your rep and by conversation with your HQ on 4 Dec that gear is available from your own resources for the loading of railway wagons to be undertaken providing ship's derricks can lift.
2. It is also noted that the rep to be withdrawn from SARDINIA is not the officer who will deal with the normal import and export of supplies.
3. It is, however, strongly recommended that arrangements be made for your railway rep to be in attendance during the loading of wagons. Detailed advices of the ships nominated for this purpose will be sent to you.

VK/EW

Copy to: G-5  
Mov 2.  
Mov 3.

*M. J. Stieff*  
for M.J. STIEFF, Lt.Col.,  
for Brigadier,  
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn).

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
SARDEGNA REGION

22nd November 1944.

Subject: Export Rolling Stock.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission, Director Transportation  
Sub-Commission

Reference my letter 31 October 1944 Tptn/1606.

1. The large port "Lima Crane" is being dismantled and prepared for shipment from the port of Cagliari, therefore, no port equipment is now available that can load the Rolling Stock.
2. Any ship that comes in here for the rolling Stock will have to be equipped with the necessary gear to load this cargo.
3. The heaviest car to be loaded is the "bogie flat" which weighs 18 tons and is fifty feet long.

PGM/cjm.

*Peter G. Matson*  
PETER G. MATSON

Captain T. C.

Tn. Sub-Commission A. C.

Rep. at H. Q. Region 6.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

28 November 1944

Tel: 478704  
Our Ref: AC/8/47/Tn/S

SUBJECT: Rolling Stock from Cagliari

TO : A.F.H.Q. (Nov. & Tn.)

Further to our signal 6346 of 11 November, giving particulars of the rolling stock awaiting shipment to the Mainland from Cagliari, (Bid A 31) and your letter, ..... informing this HQ that these vehicles were to be allotted to Priority List 7.

Attached is a copy of a letter received from our representative in Sardinia. It is therefore requested that G-2 A.F.H.Q. be given this information and that the necessary action be taken to ensure that the trucks can be loaded and that adequate supervision of this loading is given by the Military, in the absence of our representative who is shortly to be withdrawn from the Island.

D.S. ADAMS  
Colonel, C.E.  
Director, Tn. Sub. Comm.

Copy to : Rail Sec.  
(your AC/Tn/25 of  
10 Nov. refers)

Enclosure: 1  
(copy of letter from  
Sardinia)

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SUBJECT: Rolling Stock from Sardinia

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(your AC/Tn/25 of  
10 Nov. refers)

Enclosure: 1  
(copy of letter from  
Sardinia)

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D.J. ADAMS  
Colonel, C.E.  
Director, Tn. Sub. Comm.

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ACP/hl

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

10 November 1944

Tel: 478701  
Our Ref: AC.Tn/25/

INTER - OFFICE MEMO

TO : Shipping Section

1. Reference is to application attached and subsequent copy of communication from our representative at present in Sicily.
2. This rolling stock is urgently wanted on the mainland. Can early arrangements be made, please ?

See (6)

*acting Capt*  
*f. O. H. Kuntz*  
Colonel, R.E.  
Director, Tn.Sub.Comm.

Application attached

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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

ACP/lr

MEMO TO : Shipping Section

ACC Tn/24/1

We are advised by our representative at present in Sardinia that there is a surplus of rolling stock in the Island as under:

|     |                    |
|-----|--------------------|
| 6   | 40 ton bogie flats |
| 50  | Box cars           |
| 100 | Gondolas           |
| 50  | Flats              |

Military Railway Services are urgently in need of this equipment in the priority order set out above.

Easy arrangements please be made for earliest possible shipment to mainland. Captain Watson is available in Sardinia to supervise forwarding.

*L.E. VINING*  
L.E. VINING

Lt. Col.

Deputy Director

Tptn. S.C.

x Dead Weight : of each vehicle (approx)

x Width  
x Height  
x Length

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED COMMISSION  
SARDEGNA REGION

31st October 1944

To : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission  
Headquarters, Allied Commission

Subject : Export of Rolling Stock

Reference : Tptn/1606

1. Reference your Cables 5508/5560 dated 27th October 1944.

2. Following is information requested on Vehicles to be exported.

a) 50 Ordinary Flat Cars

| Height    | Width - Bumper to Bumper | Total Length | Deadweight Long Tons |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 5 ft 4ins | 9ft 10ins                | 30ft         | 407,90               |

includes (16ins low side folded up)

100 Gondolas  
10ft

9ft 10ins 26ft 6ins

831,05

50 Box Cars  
12ft

9ft 5ins 31ft

579,40

6 Bogie Flats  
4ft 6ins

8ft 6ins 50ft

100,89

GRAND TOTAL DEADWEIGHT TONS 1919,24

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a) 25 of these Flats have a Cupalo on one end. Measures 3 ft 7 inches long and 3 ft 2 inches wide and 5 ft 7 inches high above flat car sides or a total height that Cupalo from top of Rail 10 ft.11 ins

b) The Bogie Flat has a cupalo on one and 3 1/2 ft long, 4ft wide and 6 1/2 ft high, total height at cupalo from top of rail 10 ft 8 ins opposite end has an end gate the width of the flat and 2 ft high, total

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| includes (16ins low side folded up) |                          |           |                      |
| <u>100 Gondolas</u>                 |                          |           |                      |
| 10ft                                | 9ft 10ins                | 26ft 6ins | 831,05               |
| <u>50 Box Cars</u>                  |                          |           |                      |
| 12ft                                | 9ft 5ins                 | 31ft      | 579,40               |
| <u>6 Bogie Flats</u>                |                          |           |                      |
| 4ft 6ins                            | 8ft 6ins                 | 50ft      | 100,89               |

GRAND TOTAL DEADWEIGHT TONS 1919,24

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- b) The Bogie Flat has a cupalo on one and 3½ ft long, 4ft wide and 6½ ft high, total height at cupalo from top of rail 10 ft 8 ins opposite end has an end gate the width of the flat and 2 ft high, total height from top of Rail on end gate end is 5 ft 8 ins.

3. The Port Authorities here were shown this list today and the specification were viewed and it was agreed that the loading equipment at the port of Cagliari could load this rolling stock on a vessel without additional assistance.

PETER G. MATSON  
Captain T.C.  
Tn. Sub-Commission  
Rep. at H.Q. Region 6

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785021

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SARDINIA REGION

ADD FROM ADAMS  
9508

PRIORITY

27 OCT 44

EPTN 60

SHORTLY TO MILITARY RAILWAYS SERVICE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF STANDARD  
GAUGE HOLDING STOCK IN FOLLOWING ORDER SIX BOXES PLATES ONE FIVE ZERO  
BOX CAR ONE ONE ZERO ZERO BOXES ONE FIVE ZERO PLATES TO PARISH TO  
SARDINIA REGION FOR MATCH FROM ADD FROM ADAMS EIGHTY EIGHT PAGES  
AM ENDEAVOURING TO ARRANGE VESSEL FOR SHIPMENT TO MAINLAND ONE  
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE CONFIRMATION VIA POL ON PD

Capt. Hoyle to sec.

4095

NICHOLAS BERNING  
CWO, U.S.A.  
Asst. Adjutant

MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE (by hand)  
IN OUR OWN SHIPMENT SECTION (by hand) ✓

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