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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
A.P.O. 394,  
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

REF: AG/777/13/Tn.3.

15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Transport.

TO: Headquarters Commandant,

This Sub-Commission has been instructed by the Economic Section to reply direct to your HQ/10 dated 3rd April 1945.

2. It is believed that the statement to which you refer in paragraph 1 of your letter is the reply given to questions raised by the Vice President of the Economic Section at his Staff Meeting, asking whether all Sub-Commissions represented at the Staff Meeting were now satisfied with the provision of transport from the Headquarters Pool. Representatives from several Sub-Commissions, including the representative of the Transportation Sub-Commission, stated that they were not.

3. Attached is a copy of a letter to the Economic Section, reference 200/42/Tn.1. dated 21st March 1945, giving details of a definite case of inefficiency in the running of the Motor Transport Pool. In addition the car allocated to the Movements Rail Branch, on Sunday 1st April, to lift representative from H.Q., A.C. to attend a Priority of Movement Meeting at A.F.H.Q. broke down continually on route and finally was abandoned some 25 miles from its goal. The representative of this Sub-Commission 'hitch-hiked' the remaining miles to A.F.H.Q. and 'hitch-hiked' back to Rome.

The following week a car allocated to the Shipping Branch of this Sub-Commission to take a representative to Mediterranean Shipping Board Meeting, had three punctures, developed trouble with its gears on route. The journey from Rome to Caserta took over 3-hours.

4. Reference paragraphs 4 and 5 of your letter, the conditions under which you are operating are appreciated but, at the same time, you should clearly understand that the statements made are by no means 'wild', but are a statement of fact; it is not felt that any good will come by covering up inefficiency which, no doubt, is due to conditions beyond your control.

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H. B. THOMAS,  
Colonel,  
Deputy Director.

Copy to: Economic Section - Your MS/15.03 dated 9 April refers. 982



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

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ES/15.03

9 April 1945

SUBJECT: Requests for Transport  
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. It is believed that paragraph one of the attached letter from the HQ Commandant refers to the statement mentioned in paragraph 6 of minutes of Economic Section Staff meeting 2 April 1945.

2. It is requested that you answer direct to the HQ Commandant (see paragraph 3 of his letter), with a copy to this section.

3. It is not known how the statement mentioned in paragraph one above, was communicated to the HQ Commandant.

*L. D. Denmore*  
L. D. DENSMORE,  
Colonel, F.A.  
Chief Staff Officer

Enc. 1 Hq Commandant letter  
HQC/10

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Headquarters Commandant  
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3 April 1945

HQC/10

SUBJECT: Requests for Transport.

TO : Vice President, Economic Section.

1. It is understood that one officer of Transportation Sub-Commission has made a statement that applications for transport have been delayed by the Despatch Office, and that the applicant has been either delayed for some days or has not received any transportation.

2. An examination of the applications (attached list) would show that every one was met on the day asked for, and it is not, therefore, clear on what grounds the accusation is based.

3. May we accordingly request that there be obtained from the officer of the Transportation Sub-Commission a definite statement with proof that the Despatch Office failed to provide transport without sufficiently good reasons.

4. The Despatch Office has always endeavored to meet the requirements of the numerous Sub-Commissions in the best possible manner, and it would seem unfair that they should be always put on the defensive because some person or other makes a statement not backed by definite facts. Naturally, it is impossible to operate transport without error and it is appreciated that there may be, at times, reasonable grounds for complaint, in which case personal contact between the would-be passenger and the despatcher of the vehicle would normally result in the matter being put right immediately.

5. It is felt that the interest of this Headquarters would be better served by personal contact rather than by wild statements made to a third party, which can only result in friction instead of efficient working.

  
R. H. ROBERTSON  
Hq. Commandant.

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ALLIED COMMISSION  
DISPATCH OFFICE  
APO 394

3 April 1945

TRIPS REQUESTED BY TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

|                     | <u>Requested for</u> | <u>Completed</u>   |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Lt. Col. Balfour    | 2 April              | 2 April            |
| Lt. Warley          | 2 April              | 2 April            |
| Capt. Hoyle         | 1 April              | 1 April            |
| Major Baister       | 26 March             | Went by air.       |
| Major Duthie        | 26 March             | Cancelled (24 Mar) |
| Maj. Stait-Gardiner | 19 March             | 19 March           |
| Maj. Buckley        | 19 March             | 19 March           |
| Mr. Crooks          | 19 March             | Cancelled (19 Mar) |
| Lt. Col. Balfour    | 19 March             | 19 March           |



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission  
(Movements Division)

MJS/vb

Tel: Ext. 318

9th March, 1945.

774/6/Tn.3.

SUBJECT: Roadworthy Motor Transportation.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference your Memorandum ES/15.03, dated 7th March, 1945.

2. On the 3rd March it was desired to send Mr. S.P. France, a representative of this Sub-Commission, on a tour of the ports of Southern Italy and Sicily, where delays to shipping are occurring.

3. Mr. France interviewed a representative of the Headquarters Commandant and asked him for a car to make this trip as early as possible. He was told to return on Monday, the 5th. On Monday, the 5th March, he was told to return again on Wednesday, the 7th, and that there would be no car available before that date. On Wednesday, the 7th, he was informed in the late afternoon that a PU would be available as from the following day.

4. In the meantime certain work had been allocated to Mr. France, and he is commencing his journey on Saturday, the 10th.

5. There was no question of a request for transport not having been received. The Chief of the Movements Division spoke to the Transport Officer and made arrangements for Mr. France to go and see him on the 3rd March, as it was desired that he should get away as soon as possible.

6. With regard to the list of transport requested and received by the Transportation Sub-Commission, given in para 1 of the Deputy Executive Commissioner's letter, considerable difficulty has been experienced in making arrangements to provide a normal transport service from Headquarters Allied

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Commission, Rome, to A.F.H.Q. to attend regular meetings at which A.F.H.Q. had instructed a representative of the Transportation Sub-Commission to be present. It is as a result of the presence of the Transportation Sub-Commission representatives at these meetings that it has been possible to obtain additional capacity for the movement of civilian traffic by sea and by rail in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia. A certain number of somewhat abortive discussions took place, and attached for your information are copies of correspondence between this Sub-Commission and the Headquarters Commandant on this matter during the month of February.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,  
Director,  
Transportation Sub-Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
ECONOMIC SECTION

ES/15-03

7 March 1945


MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION S.C:

Subject: Road worthy motor transportation

1. On 6 March 1945 Mr. Taylor complained to me that he had two parties desiring road worthy motor vehicles for official trips who were not able to be supplied by the motor pool. It was stated that one had been delayed for over a week and one for a period of three days. Acting upon this information, Colonel Fiske was asked to remedy the situation.

2. Attached is a report furnished by Colonel Fiske, which is not consistent with the information in the preceding paragraph.

3. It is requested that explanation be furnished that will reconcile these inconsistencies.

  
E. B. McKINLEY  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.  
Acting Vice President  
Economic Section

Incl - Ltr Est Sec 6 Mar, Ref 90/Est

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Establishment Section

15.03

Ref/90/Est

NEF/mrd  
6 March 1945

Memo

To : Brig. Gen. McKinley, Economic Section, A.C.

1. Reference our conversation about the difficulty of supplying road worthy passenger transport for out of town trips for the Transportation Subcommittee, I am enclosing, for your information, a list of the trips requested, showing the date of the request and the date on which the request was filled. This for the period beginning 1 February 1945.

|                  | <u>Requested for</u> | <u>Received</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Maj. Klein       | 1 Feb. 45            | 1 Feb. 45       |
| Lt. Bowie        | 1 Feb.               | 1 Feb.          |
| Maj. Duthie      | 3 Feb.               | 4 Feb.          |
| Capt. Hoyle      | 10 Feb.              | 10 Feb.         |
| Maj. Duthie      | 11 Feb.              | 11 Feb.         |
| Lt. Bowie        | 12 Feb.              | 12 Feb.         |
| Capt. Peterson   | 13 Feb.              | 13 Feb.         |
| Maj. McClure     | 15 Feb.              | 15 Feb.         |
| Maj. Buckley     | 15 Feb.              | 15 Feb.         |
| Maj. Klein       | 17 Feb.              | 17 Feb.         |
| Maj. Duthie      | 18 Feb.              | 18 Feb.         |
| Lt. Bowie        | 19 Feb.              | 19 Feb.         |
| Capt. Hoyle      | 20 Feb.              | 20 Feb.         |
| Capt. Warley     | 21 Feb.              | 21 Feb.         |
| Maj. Duthie      | 25 Feb.              | 25 Feb.         |
| Maj. Klein       | 26 Feb.              | 26 Feb.         |
| Maj. Buckley     | 28 Feb.              | 28 Feb.         |
| Maj. Wickens     | 2 Mar.               | 2 Mar.          |
| Maj. Duthie      | 4 Mar.               | 4 Mar.          |
| Lt. Col. Balfour | 5 Mar.               | 5 Mar.          |
| Capt. Mansfield  | 4 Mar.               | 7 Mar.          |

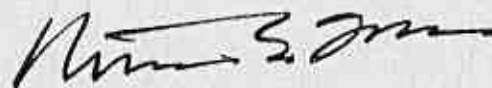
The last item appears to be the only one on which there is an appreciable delay and this delay was occasioned by the fact that by waiting a few days we could send a full car load.

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2. In addition to the above, Transportation Sub-Commission has a daily despatch of two cars, also Lt. Bowie has had, in this period, 23 all day trips and other officers have had all day trips totaling 23 and short runs totaling 19.

3. While we are extremely short of road worthy transport for out of town trips and it is only with great difficulty that we have been able to maintain adequate service to the Commission as a whole, it does not appear from this record that the Transportation Subcommittee has suffered unduly.

4. I am informed that with reference to the Sicily trip, no request, either for travel orders or transport, has been received. That, in fact, the officer only discussed the matter informally with the dispatcher. Since he is to be away approximately four weeks on a 1500 mile trip, it is essential that he have a vehicle in first class condition and in addition, that the driver be supplied with complete information as to where he may be able to draw gasoline and oil. The motor transport officer is desirous to give the best service possible in the circumstances and I am, therefore, only too glad to be informed whenever that service falls short of the requirements of your Section.



NORMAN E. FISKE  
Colonel  
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

MJS/vb

24th February, 1945.

Tel. Ex. 318

777/4/Tn.3.

SUBJECT: Transport to and from AFHQ.

TO : H.Q. Commandant.

1. Reference your letter HQC/10, dated 19th February, 1945.
2. This is to confirm the result of the discussion which took place with Major Birch. That is, whenever possible Movements Section will try to provide transport through outside sources for attending the MEDCO meetings. If transport cannot be guaranteed from outside sources 48 hours in advance of the time when required, that is each Tuesday morning at approximately 0600 hours, a demand will then be made to the H.Q. Commandant for transport in the normal manner, and such transport will be supplied by the H.Q. Commandant, providing a vehicle is available.

3. I should like to point out that, generally speaking, the roads from here to Caserta are first class, and that the accomplishment of a journey of 120 miles in approximately 4 hours is not excessive. It is agreed that many vehicles are not in their prime, but from our representatives' experience this also applies to many of the vehicles in the AFHQ pool.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,  
Director,  
Transportation Sub-Commission.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Office of the Headquarters Commandant  
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RHR/ejb

19 February 45

HQC/10

SUBJECT: Transport.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. With reference to your letter 777/2/Tn.3, dated 12 Feb 45, on the question of transport to and from AFHQ, I do not wish to enter into a lengthy correspondence on this subject and I suggest that there might be a meeting held between a representative of your Sub-Commission and my Dispatch Officer, Major Birch.

2. While fully appreciating that it is a responsibility of this Section to provide transport for personnel of this Headquarters so that they may carry out their duties efficiently, I do think that it is a bit unreasonable to expect a vehicle to carry out a journey of 120 miles between 0600 hrs and 1000 hrs over roads which can hardly be called first-class. In my opinion it is unfair to impose such a strain on any drivers or any vehicles which are not by any means in their prime.

3. However, as already stated, these difficulties can easily be satisfactorily arranged if such a meeting as I have suggested is held. Major Birch is available at any time to discuss this matter with your representative.

*R. H. Robertson*  
R. H. ROBERTSON Colonel  
Hq. Commandant.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

MJS/vb

Tel: 318

12th February, 1945.

777/2/Tn.3.

SUBJECT: Transport to and from AFHQ.

TO : H.Q. Commandant.

1. Reference your letter HQC/10/15, dated 6th February, 1945.

2. Experience over a considerable period proves that an officer leaving Rome at 0600 hours and arriving at AFHQ at approximately 1000 hours is in a much fitter condition to attend to business than an officer who travels 12 hours over night in a third class compartment in a train.

3. It is not convenient for an officer to travel down the previous day to the weekly meeting because he must on occasion stay in AFHQ to discuss certain problems which arise at the MTDBO meeting. He must then return to this Headquarters as soon as possible. The officers of the Movements Division of this Sub-Commission have to be away a considerable time both at AFHQ and on visits to the field, and they cannot afford to go down to AFHQ a day earlier than is necessary, especially as it is a senior representative who attends these meetings.

4. Your help is much appreciated but it is not understood why other officers who wish to visit AFHQ, or the Naples area, cannot be ready at 0600 hours thus making up a full car load.

*Merritt H. Taylor*

MERRITT H. TAYLOR,  
Director,  
Transportation Sub-Commission.



**HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION**  
OFFICE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMMANDANT  
APO 394

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HJB/ejb

6 February 1945

HQC/10/15

SUBJECT: Night Train Schedule, ROME-NAPLES.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission  
(ATTN: Col. M.B. Thomas).

1. Above-mentioned train schedule has been received for the files of this office. Thank you for the information contained therein.

2. Since my conversation, the conditions have changed slightly and it is desired to book a seat on the NAPLES night train only at certain intervals.

3. In a telephone conversation with my Dispatch Officer, Lt. Col. Sieff stated that he did not consider the offer of a seat on the night train was suitable as the officer after such a lengthy and uncomfortable journey was not in a fit state to attend a meeting where, to get good bids in for tonnage, he must be at his best. This point of view is understandable but when as an alternative it is suggested by Col. Sieff that this office should provide a car to leave ROME at 0600 hrs and transport his officer a distance of a hundred and ten miles, to arrive in time for a meeting at 1100 hrs and, in a condition of mind to conduct business, it is difficult to decide which method of conveyance is the better from the point of view of the officer.

4. As you know, my staff has been instructed to be as helpful as possible and it is suggested that officers should proceed to CASERTA on the day previous to the meeting and return immediately after the meeting. For this a vehicle would be provided and a full load on the outward journey would be arranged by the Dispatch Office.

*R. H. Robertson*  
R. H. ROBERTSON  
Hq. Commandant.

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