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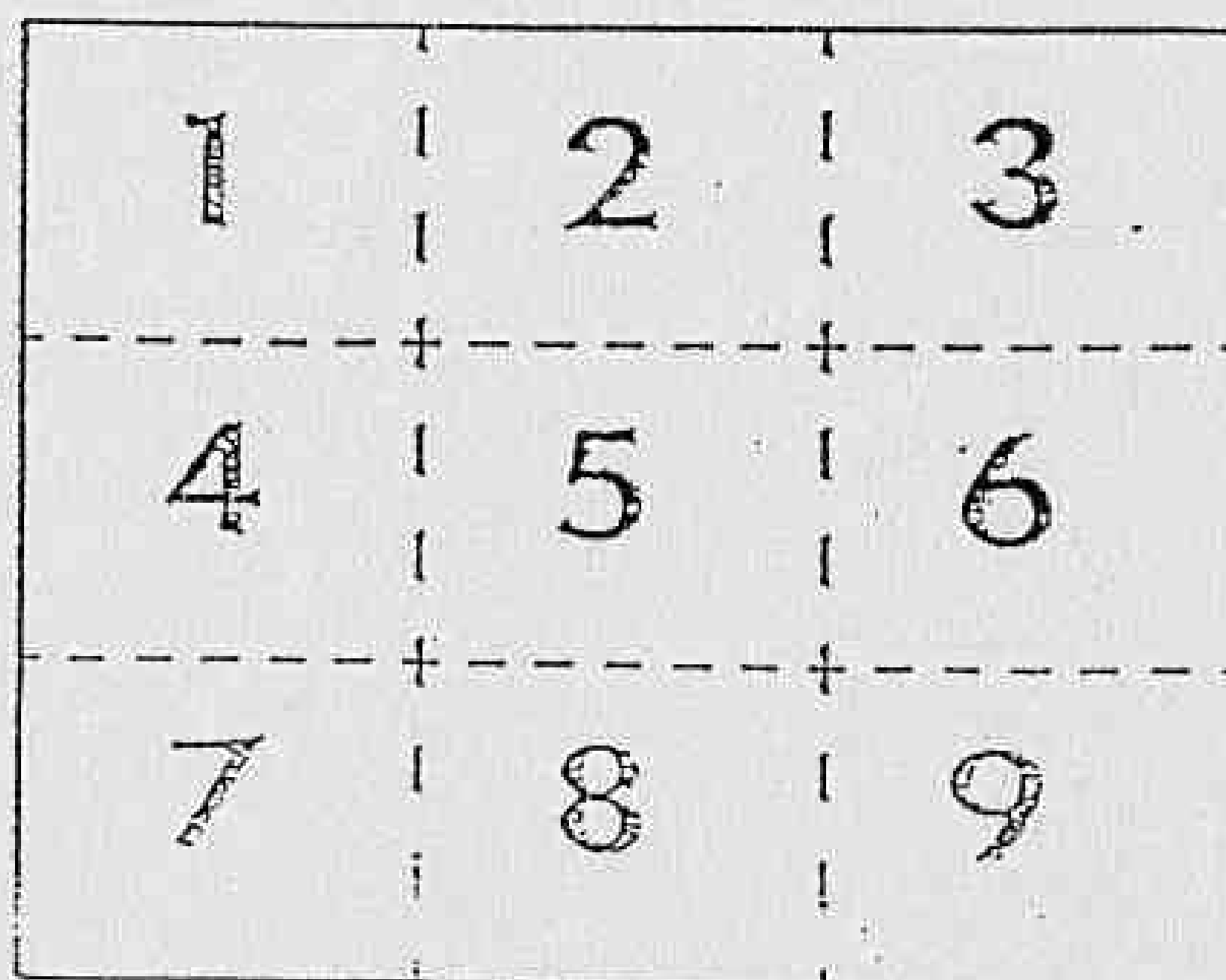
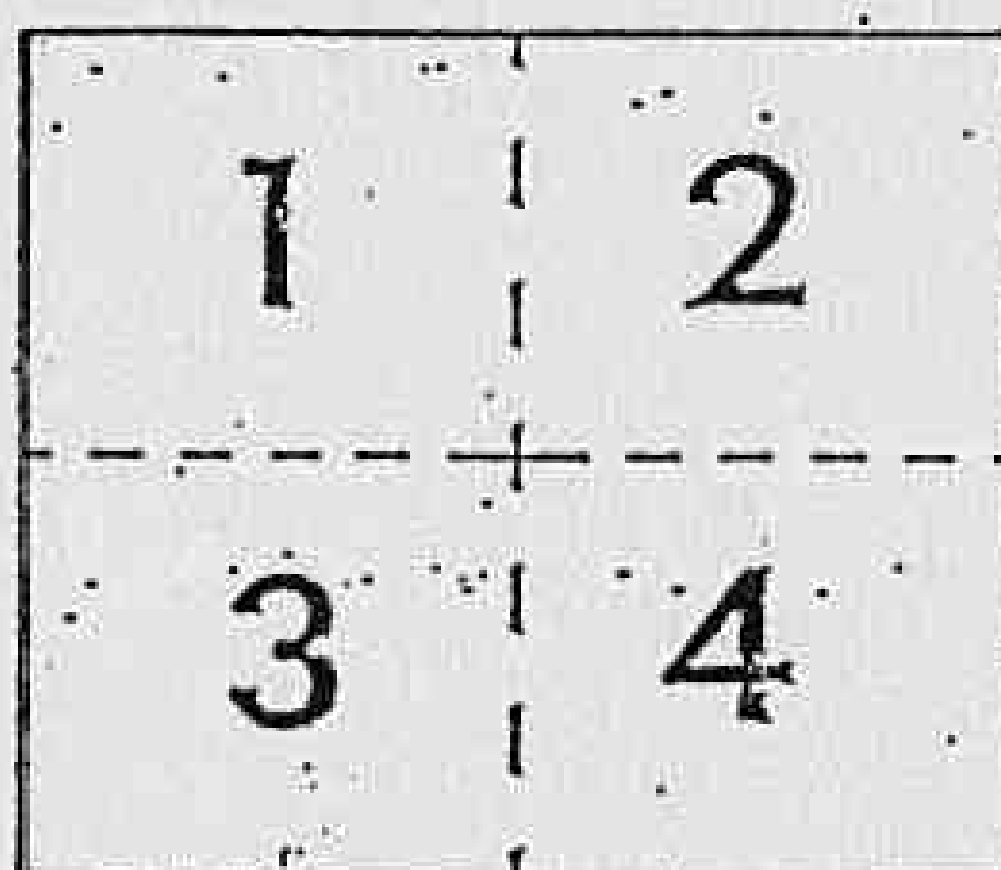
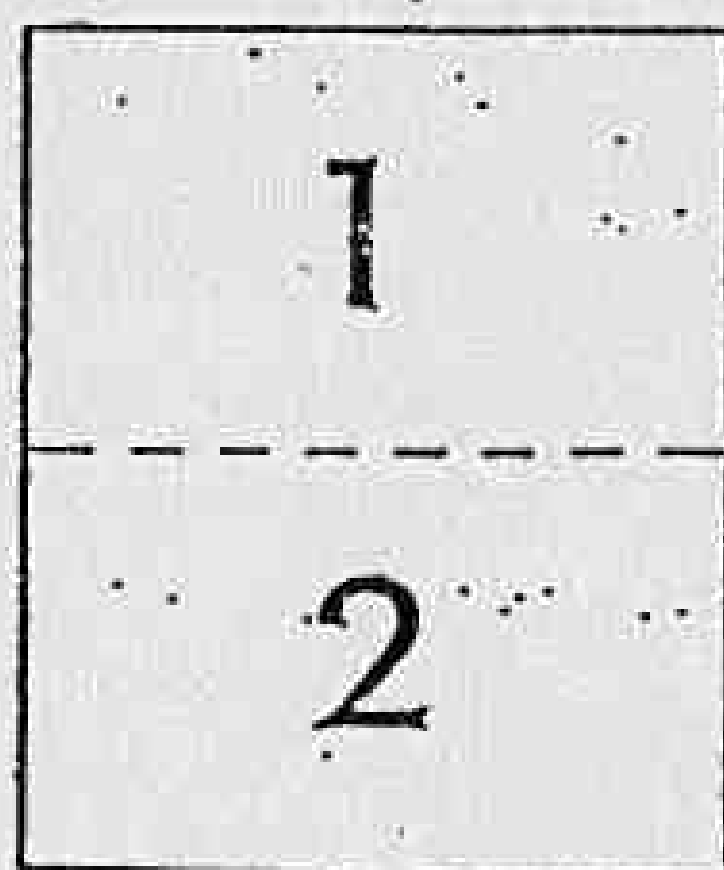
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PETRACE RIVER BRIDGE
(APR. 1944 - APR. 1945)
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LINEA BATTIPAGLIA REGGIO C.

PONTE A 3 CAMPATE
SUL FIUME PETRACE PRESSO GIOIA TAURO
AL KM 350+113

*Sistemazione provvisoria mediante riutilizzazione
di una campata dalla travata già in opera e adat-
tamento di due travate già destinate al ponte
sul Fiume Po a Borgoforte della linea Modena
Mantova*

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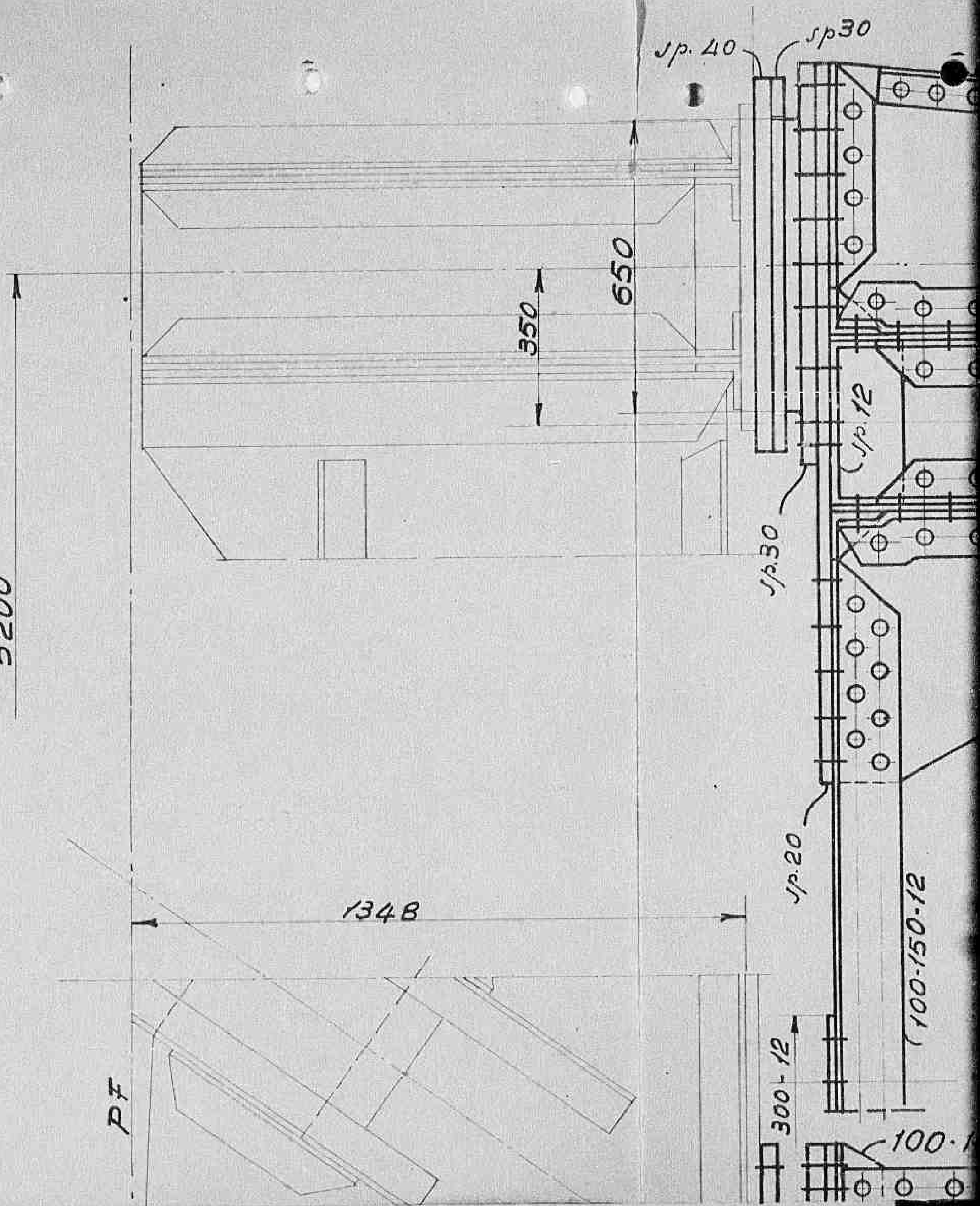
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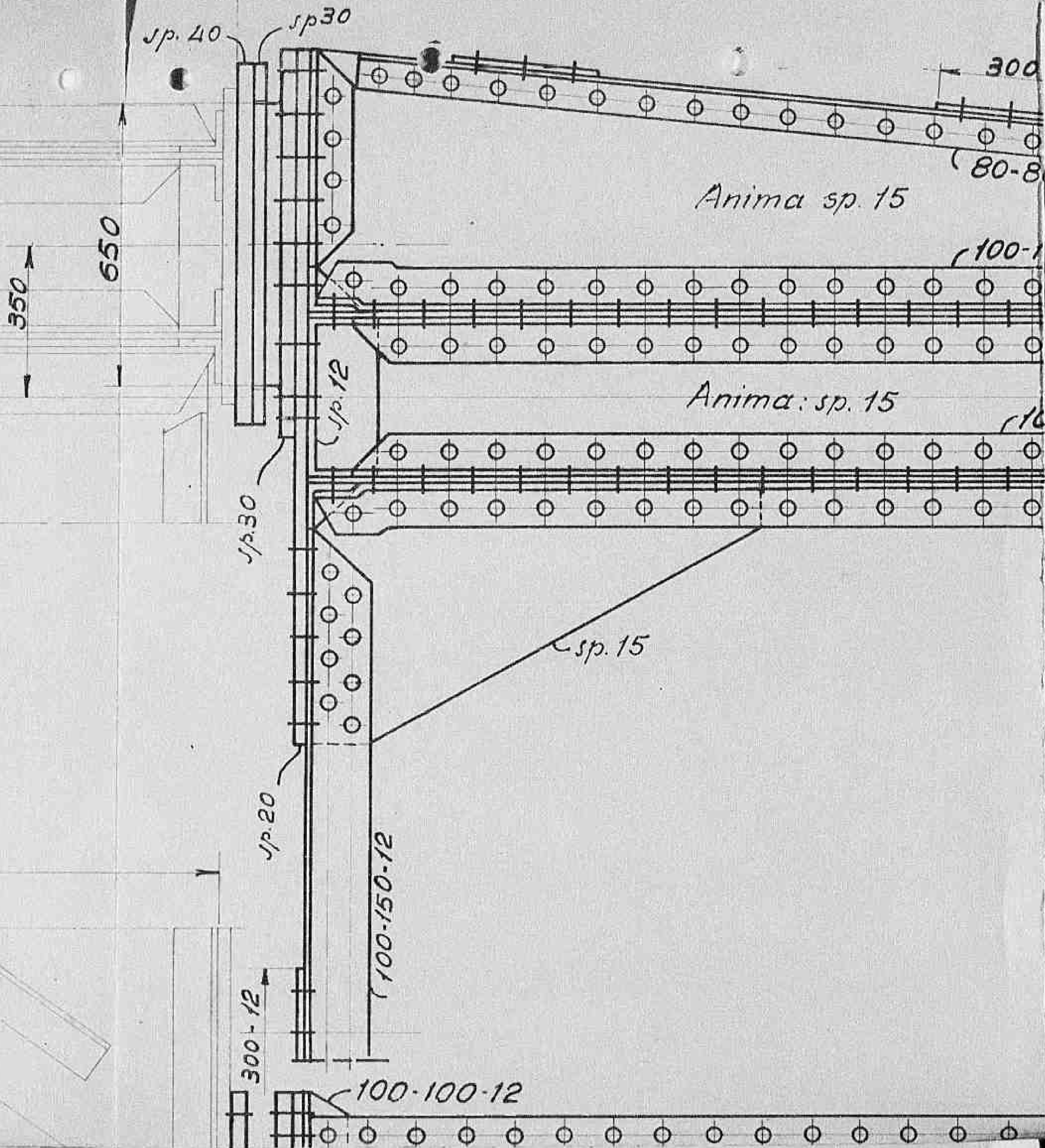
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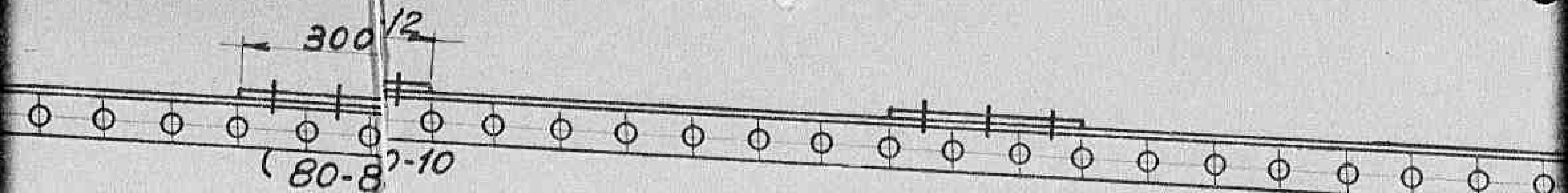
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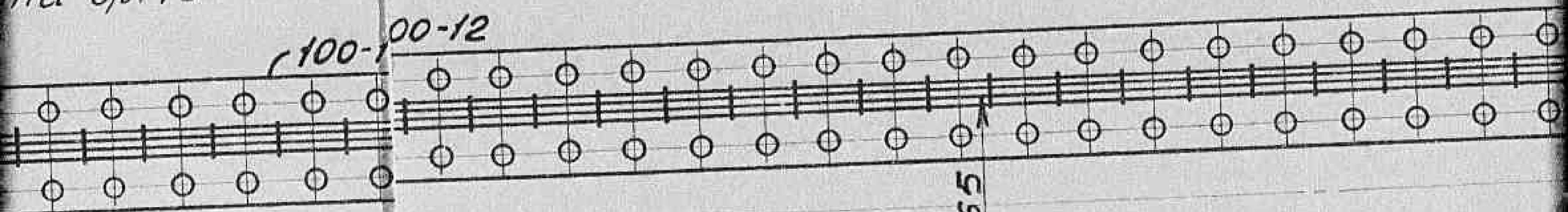


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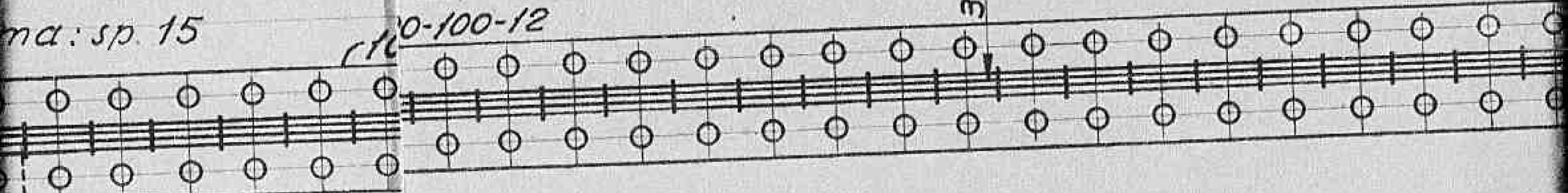
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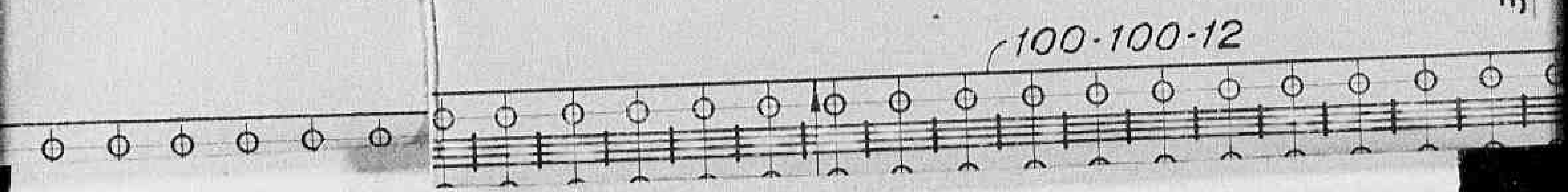
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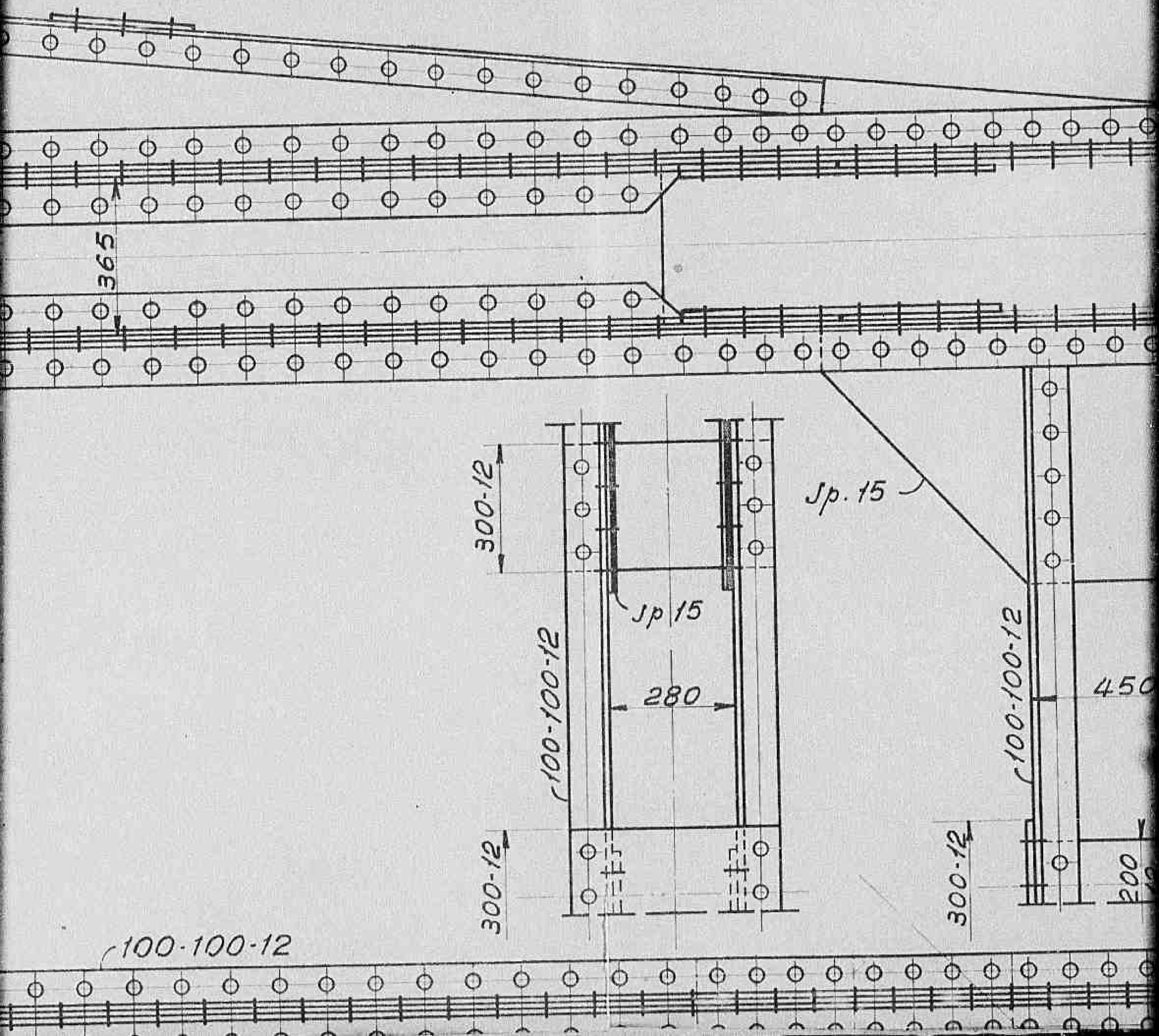
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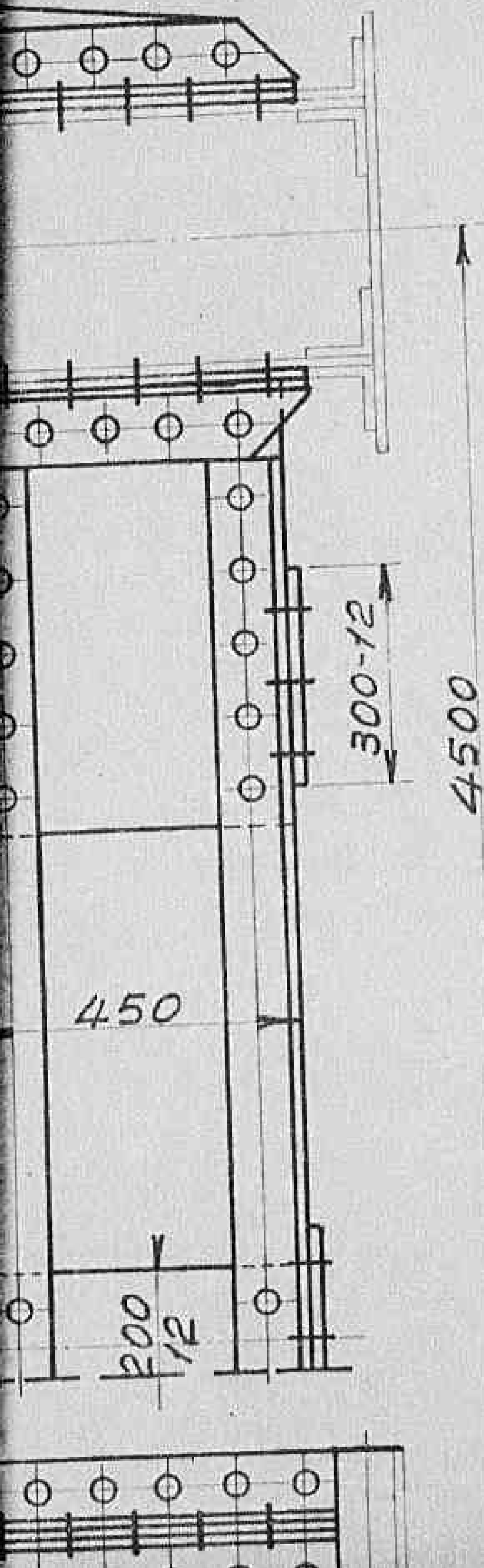
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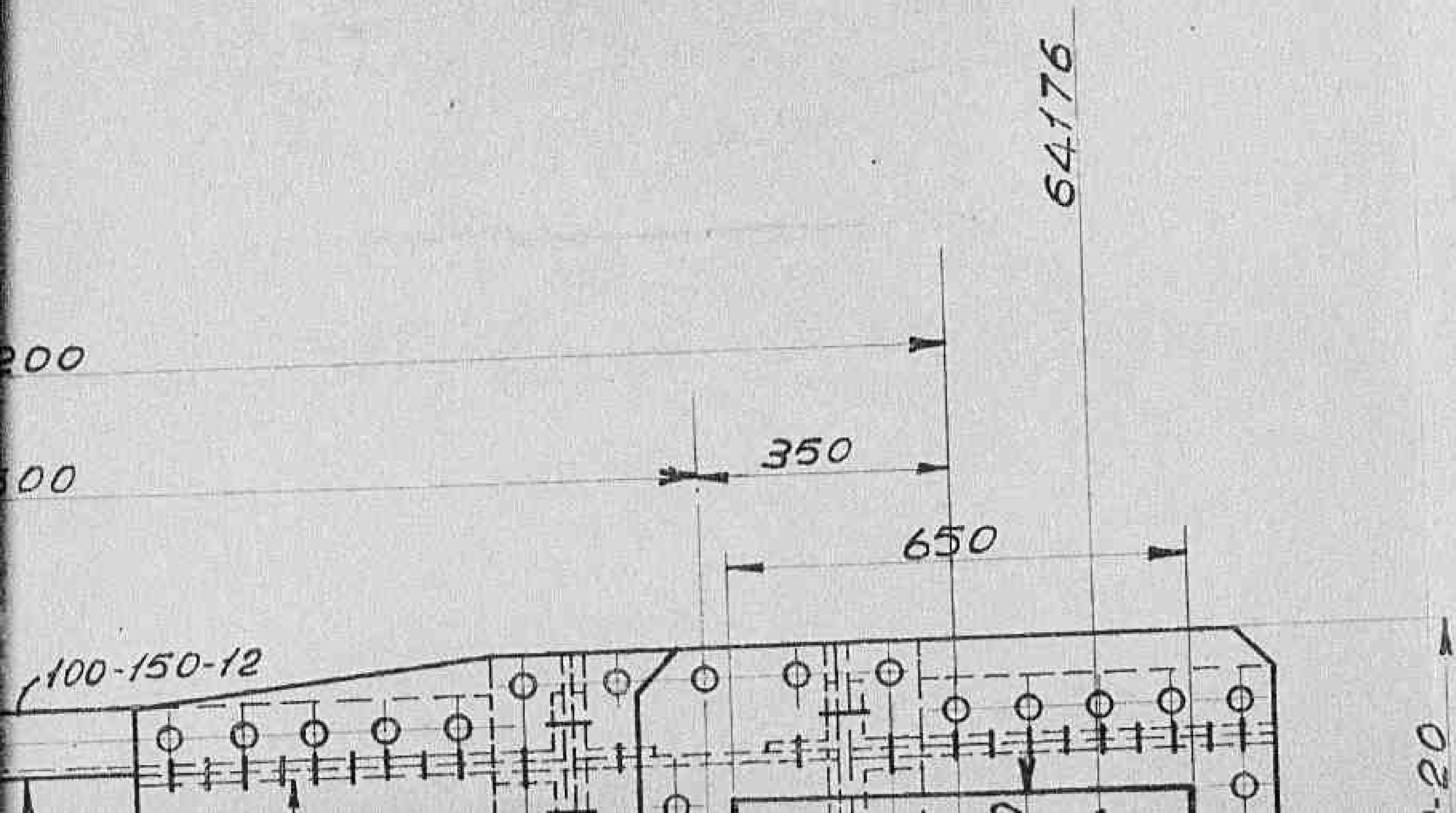
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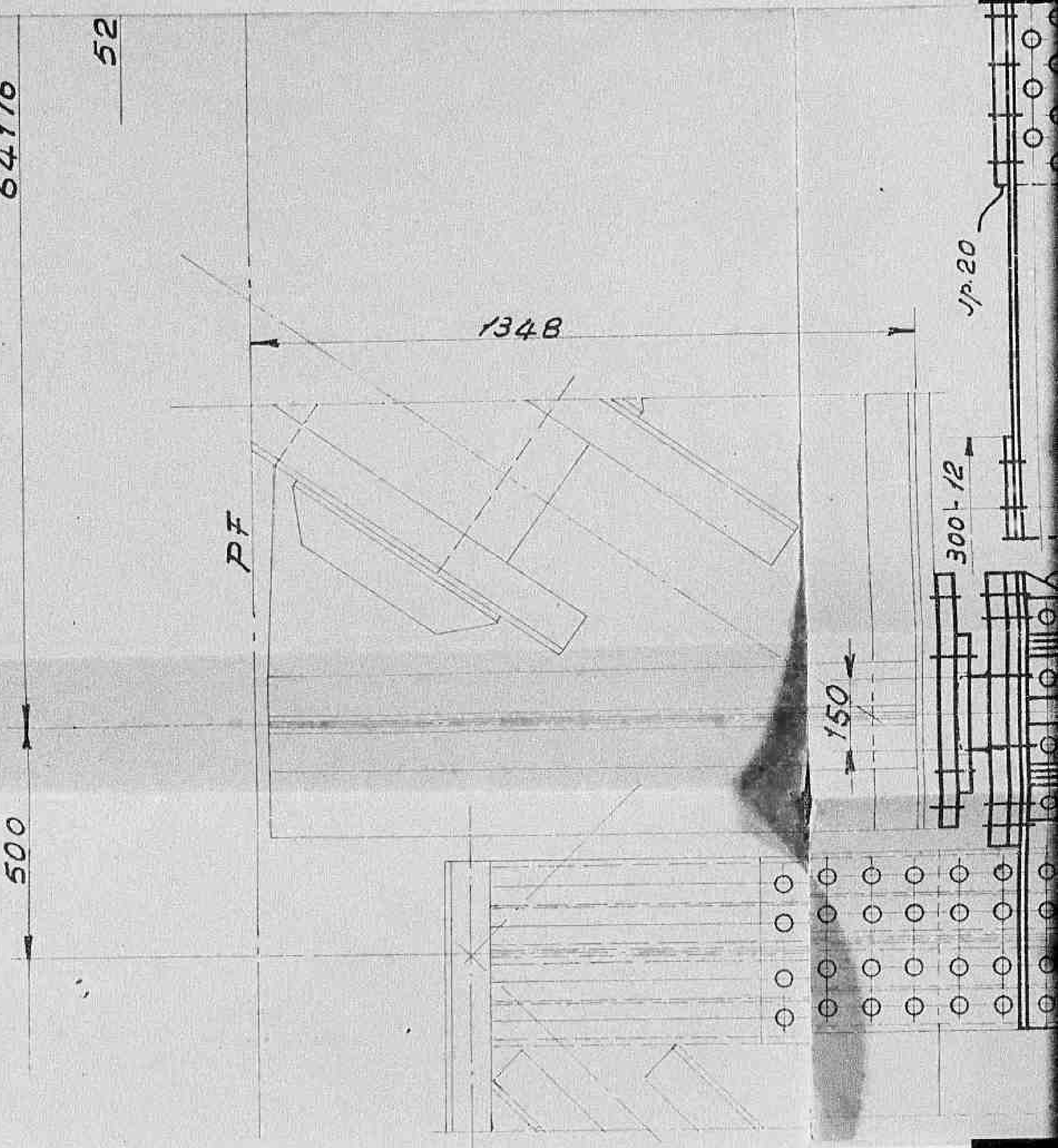
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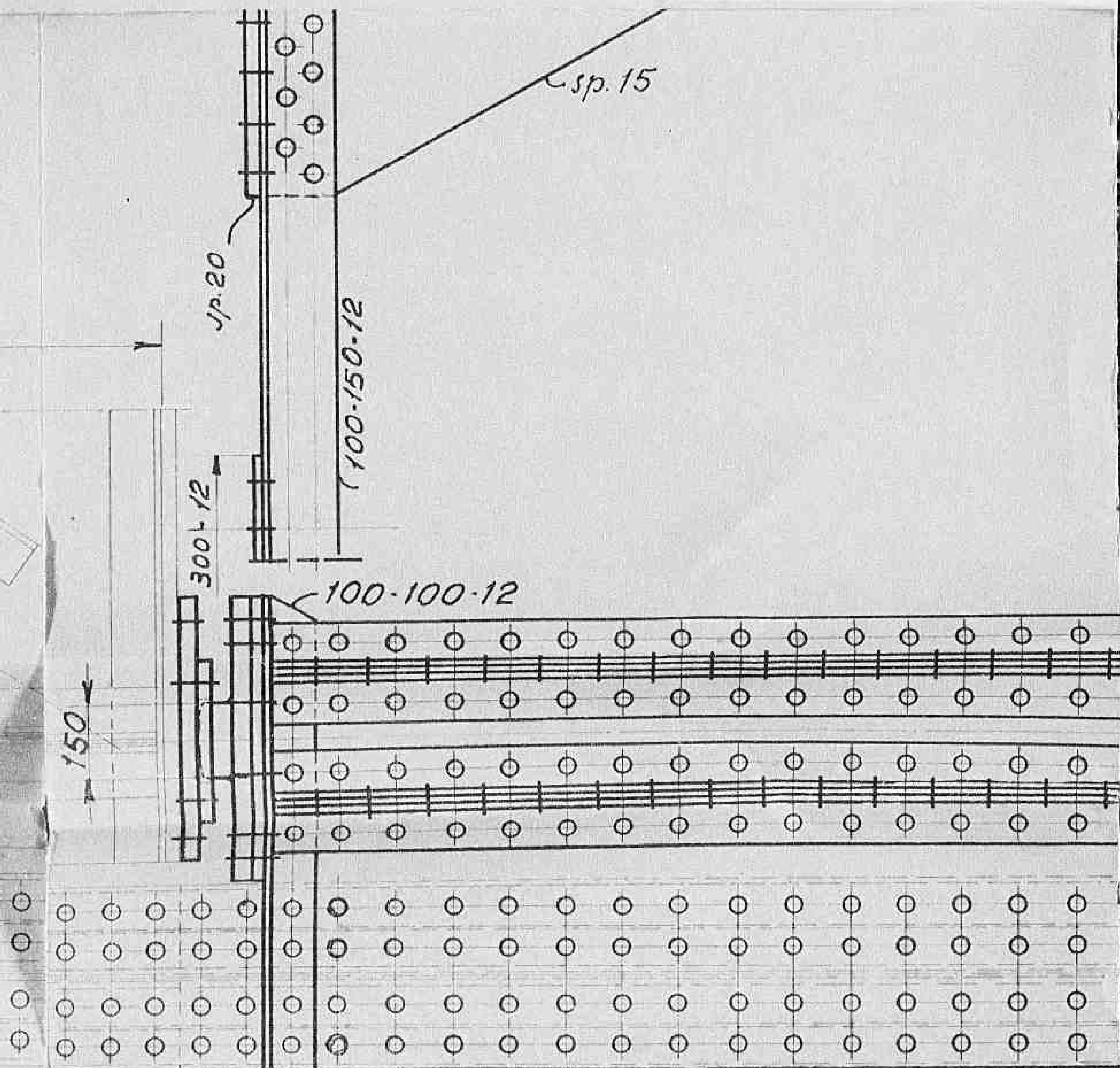
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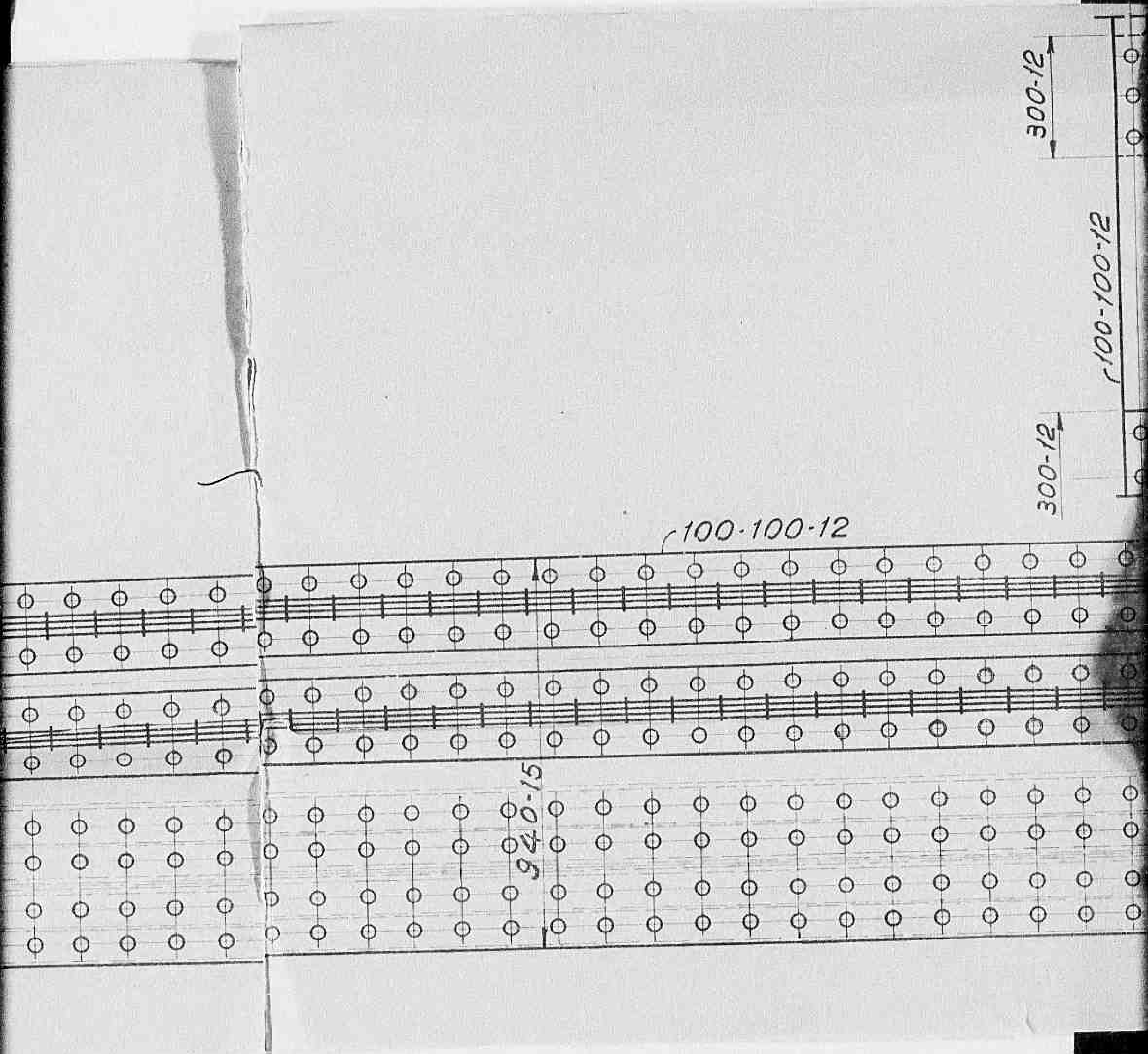
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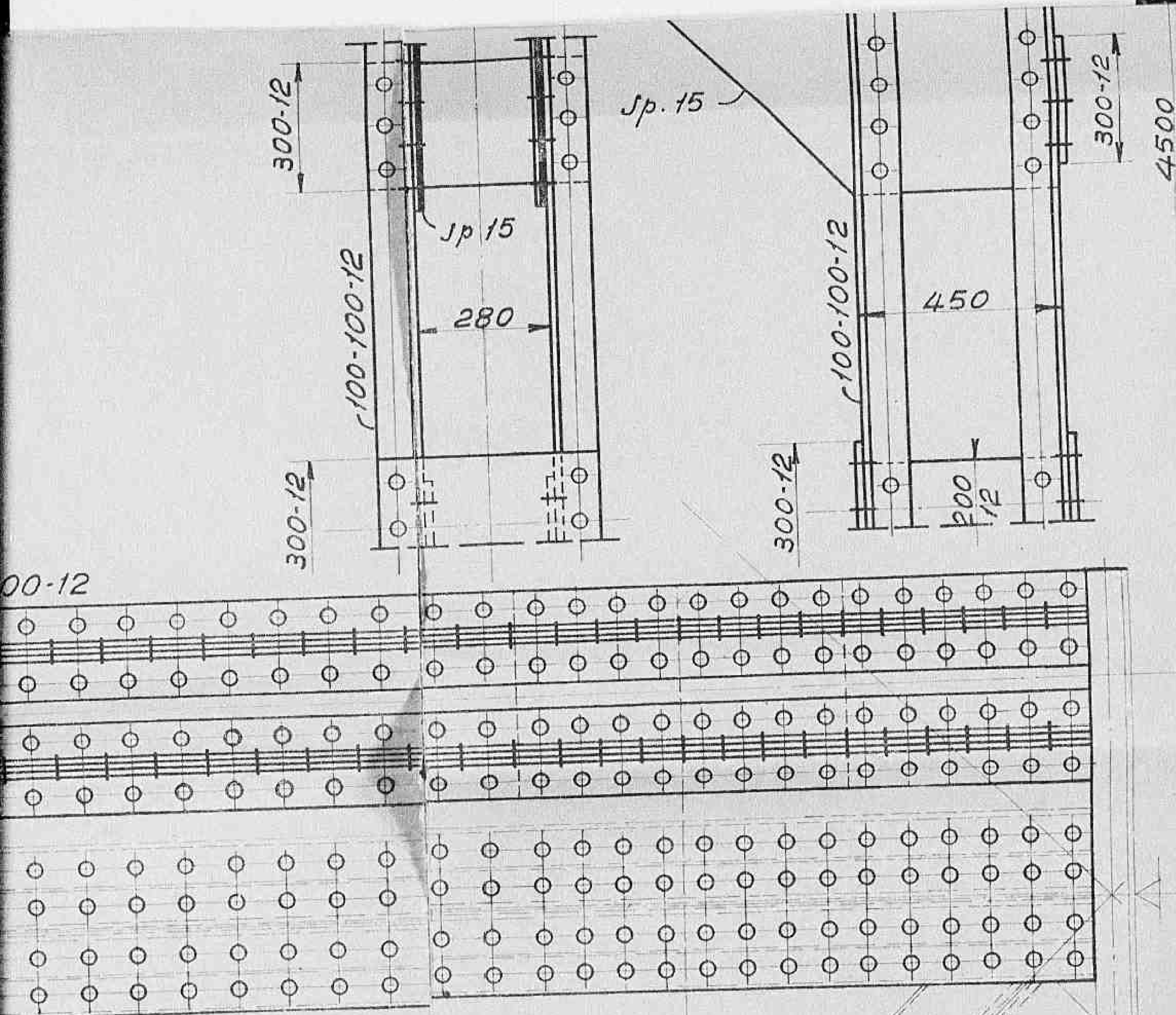
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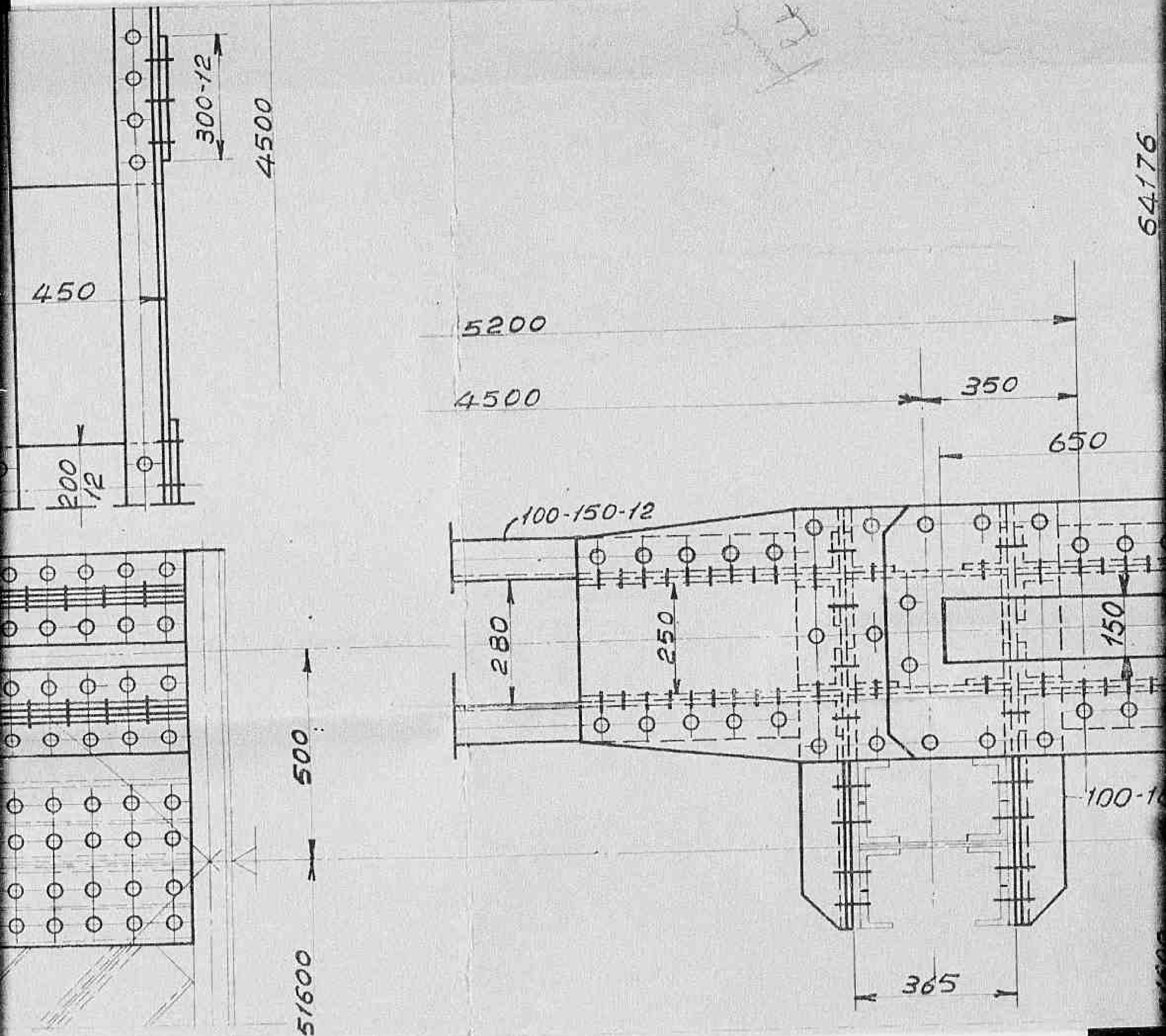
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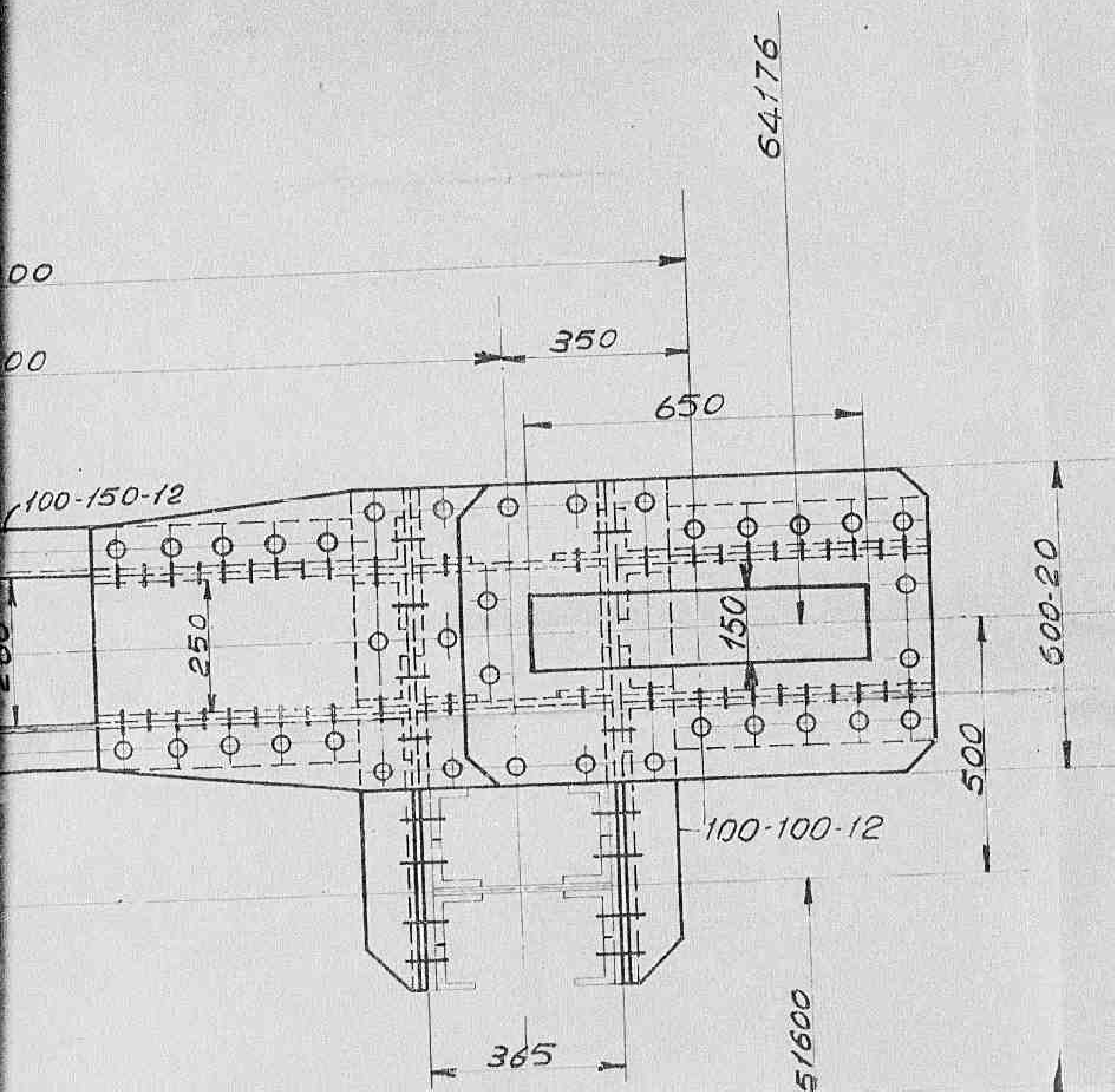
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION A.C.
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT: Petrol for work on Petrace Bridge
TO: Major STREET,
C/O TN. S.C.
C/O TN/ INC. C.M.E.

REF: R 10
30 APR 45

1. Phone conversation Capt. Cook/ Gonen of today refers.
2. On the verbal authorization received, I have, given I.S.R. attached authority to draw immediately from C.I.P. 4.000 Kg. of petrol for use on the compressor on above job.
3. The I.S.R. will be responsible for the payment in due course.

B. *B. Bodily*
B. BODILY

CAPTAIN

DIVR. SUPT. TERN. S.C.A.C.
REGGIO CAL.

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ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT: Prelevamento benzina

TO:

C. I. P.

Reggio Calabria Archi

REF: R IO

Reggio Calabria

30 Aprile 45

Il Comando della Commissione Alleata di Roma ha disposto la consegna a questa Sotto-Commissione Trasporti di Kg.4000 di benzina per conto delle Ferrovie dello Stato.

Poichè detta benzina urge per il completamento dei lavori del Ponte Petrace prego disporre per la consegna alle FF.SS. nel più breve tempo possibile.

B. W. BODDY, CAPT.
DIV. SUPT. TN. SUB/COMM/.

MABA V MBAY NR25/6 IMMEDIATE QIM A/MBAY

FROM ALCOM REGGIO

TO ALCOM CITE ACTPT

TN INC KOR TPTN SC AC

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BT

G/34. RESTRICTED. PETRACE BRIDGE COMPLETE AND OPEN FOR TRAFFIC FROM 0800
HRS 31 MAY. ISR REGGIO HAVE ADVISED GENERAL DIRECTIONS ISR ROME

BT

SENT NR25/6 OP 1358B RG AR K

28A8 RD TOR 1400B MITCHELL AR .

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MITCHELL TKS AR



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO - DIREZIONE GENERALE
(1) SERVIZIO LAVORI E COSTR.

Roma 27-5-945 194 * A
N. C.S. 288
Al N. del

OGGETTO. Ponte sul Petrace

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SIG. MAGGIORE STREET

Il 29 corrente verrà eseguita la prova di carico delle travate sul Ponte Petrace, dopo di che la linea può essere riattivata .-

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO LAVORI

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MABA V MBAY NR79 A MBEC
FROM ALCON REGGIO 211530B
TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM ROME.

GR50 QGX

R624. RESTD. PROGRESS REPORT PETRACE BRIDGE WEEK ONE FOUR DASH TWO ~~ZERO~~
~~W~~ ZERO MAY. STEEL STAGING CENTRE SPAN COMPLETED. ERECTING ~~W~~
MISSING PARTS SOUTH SPAN 80 PER CENT. BRACKETS FOR CENTRE SPAN SUPPORT
95 PER CENT ON NORTH PIER 90 PER CENT ON SOUTH PIER. ERECTING CENTRE
SPAN 65 PER CENT. AVERAGE WORKMEN 221

BT

EAJH : D1

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: **B 606**
Date/Time of Origin: **MAY 14/1615H**

Message Centre No: **E/976**
Date/Time Rec'd: **MAY 16/0930B**
Precedence: **ROUTINE**

FROM: **ALCOM REGGIO**
TO: **TN INC FOR TN SUB COMMISSION ROME**

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED.

Progress REGNORACE Bridge week 7-13 May steel staging center span 99 percent
south span completed dismantling center span completed erecting missing parts center
span 65 percent brackets for center span support 75 percent on north pier 50 percent
on south pier erecting center span 40 percent average workmen 263

DIST

ACTION : TN SC (2)

INFO : A/PRESIDENT
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECOM SEC
FILE (2)
FLOAT

ACTION

RESTRICTED

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R 589
 Date/Time of Origin: MAY

Message Centre No: E/297
 Date Time Rec'd: MAY 11 1000B
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM REGGIO
 TO: TN INC FOR TN SUBCOMM ROME

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED.

Progress report PETRAGE Bridge week April 30 May 6 steel staging centre span
 85% south span 98% dismantling centre span 98% erecting missing parts south span
 55% erecting centre span 22% brackets for centre span support 22% average workman
 266.

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ACTION: Tn S/C 2
 INFO: A/President
 Chief Commissioner
 Econ Sec
 File 2
 Float

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.,
(RAIL DIVISION)

C/o. Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

MEMO

27th April 1945

Our Ref. : AG/Tn/10/C.E.

TO : Major A.H. SPRENT, D.S.O.

SUBJECT : Use of crane for clearing canal.

1. To clear rock of train that is blocking the main drainage canal from Indicatore Km. 231+72, also see copies of letters from Regional Eng., Region VIII, Florence, and enable the I.S.R. to commence the bridge there.

2. See your letter AG/Tn/16/C.E. of 17 Jan. 45, and AC/Tn/16/75/C.E. of 12th April 45.

3. On arrival at S.A.C.F.E.M., Arezzo, I was informed by their manager that the crane in question had never been in their charge, but was in charge of No. 156 Tn. Stores, Detachment, who are using the yard belonging to the above firm.

4. I saw the N.C.O. i/c. (R.E.) 16th Apr., who stated that the crane had loaded the parts for Petrace and Pescara bridges (small light steel excepted), and that he had received a signal to use this crane to load 60 feet piles and then heavy square bulks, for a front line bridge job. Time required approx. 3 weeks from date.

5. He gave the crane as Fiorentina Crawler Crane P.B.40 No.403, short jib 7 tons, sent to them on Tn.Stores voucher No. H.100 G. Tn.A.2/9/6.

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5. He gave the crane as Fiorentina Crawler Crane F.B.40 No.403, short jib 7 tons, sent to them on Tn.Stores voucher No. H.100 G. Tn.A.2/2/6.

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S.P. BUCKLEY, Major, R.E.

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

MEMO

27th April 1945

Our Ref. : AC/Tn/10/C.E.

TO : Major A.H. STREER, D.S.O.

SUBJECT : Use of crane for clearing canal.

1. To clear track of train that is blocking the main drainage canal from Indicatore Km. 231+72, also see copies of letters from Regional Eng., Region VIII, Florence, and enable the I.S.R. to commence the bridge there.
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J.P. Buckley

TO : Major A.H. STREET, D.S.O.

SUBJECT : Use of crane for clearing canal.

1. To clear wreck of train that is blocking the main drainage canal from Indicatore Km. 231+72, also see copies of letters from Regional Eng., Region VIII, Florence, and enable the I.S.R. to commence the bridge there.

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[Signature]

S.P. BUCKLEY, Major, R.E.

AHS/em

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(RAIL DIVISION)

C.O. Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

Tel. 243239

Our Ref. : AC/Tn/16/75/C.E.

12th April 1945

TO : S.A.C.F.E.M.,
Arezzo.

Ing. IO CIGNO,
Chief of the Work Service,
Building.

SUBJECT : Crane on loan.

OGGETTO : Gru in prestito.

1. Reference letter
AC/Tn/16/C.E. of 17th January.

2. As the loading of
the Petrace and Pescara
bridges is now complete, it
is necessary to withdraw this
crane from the S.A.C.F.E.M.

3. This crane will be
withdrawn under the orders
of Major Buckley, and will be
used to clear the debris on
the Vignone bridge.

4. This authorizes
Major Buckley, R.E., A.C. Tn.,
Rails, to withdraw the crane.

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16/C.E. del 17 gennaio.

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te i ponti sul Petrace e sul Pesca-
ra è finito, è necessario ritirare
tale gru dalla S.A.C.F.E.M.

3. La gru verrà ritirata
secondo gli ordini del maggiore
Buckley e verrà usata per lo sgom-
bero delle macerie sul ponte sul
Vagnone.

4. Ciò vale come autorizzazi-
one per il Maggiore Buckley a riti-
rare la gru.

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All Steel and

Petrace Bay / Parts to be

Pescara Bay

Loaded up first. Attached

[Signature]
O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Chief of Rail Div.

TA. A2/9/6

Crane FB 40. No 214

of 1942 Jan 1945

7TA 214/9/6

214/9/6

71 grana (Cauder Crane)
which is 100 ft - T.M. Stores -

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Major Martin

January 15

TO : S.A.C.F.E.H.,
Arezzo.- Ing. LO GIACO,
Chief of the Work Service,
Building.

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Loaded up first. Operates

Crane & I.S.R

Miller Equipment under Charge of
Ing. Ricci

Sp. Ing. M. ARUCERU.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Chief of Rail Div.156 Tn Storm
Attendant
Porting

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

28th April 1945

Our Ref.: AC/Tn/10/86/C.E.

TO : Major A.H. STREET, D.S.O.

SUBJECT : Petrace Bridge.

1. Under instructions this H.Q. proceeded to Reggio Calabria and contacted Ing. Vitolo, Chief of Work Section.

2. From an examination of the project on site it was obvious that the work was proceeding far too slow, and doubtful whether it would be completed by contract date, 30th June 1945.

3. I requested all concerned to say all their problems before me, and that I would endeavour to overcome them as soon as possible.

4. The representative of the firm of Innocenti main concern was that this area was highly malarious, and no equipment or remedies to combat same were available. I gave instructions for labourers to be engaged and to start work on the breeding pools. I then proceeded to Sicily and arranged with 204 Sub-area for a supply of Mepacrine and antimosquito lotion to be delivered immediately and followed up with weekly supplies. To date, no action has been taken by I.S.R. or the contractor to carry out the preventative measures to the breeding pools. The medical supplies have been handed over to I.S.R.

5. The next point was that all demands for timber were blocked by H.Q. 500 Eng. Forestry U.S. Army at Caminello. I proceeded there forthwith and found that two previous releases of this timber had been made to the sub-contractor, it never appeared on site! The Americans were loath to make a further release, but eventually agreed to, and I personally arranged the loading and delivery of the bridge.

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6. The question of night shifts was discussed but numerous reasons and excuses were put forward against this, eventually it was agreed to commence night work on the 23rd of April, subject to my obtaining power, cable, lamps and fittings. These have all be procured, and night work is in progress.

7. All the materials necessary for completion of the bridge to schedule are on site and the main fault appears to be the lack of labour employed plus the necessary drive to keep them at it when they are there. On Sunday 22nd approx. 25 men only were working on the south span and not one on the north. The excuses for this state of affairs were trivial and unacceptable. From personal observations on 5 occasions only approx. 75 to 100 workmen were on the job and on two occasions a far less number. At the present stage at least 250 men could be usefully employed and would ensure the completion of the work for the date scheduled or before.

8. Only 12 riggers are working on the scaffolding and this number should be increased to at least 50. Enquiries have shown that this type of skilled workers are available at Tarranto and Brindisi. Unless the numbers are increased, when the south span is completed work will be held up pending the completion of scaffolding for major work on the centre span.

9. Unfortunately I have been instructed to proceed to Florence forthwith, and would suggest that Capt. Cook now at Reggio should be detailed to keep a watching brief on this project, and to visit the work at least twice a week.

L. Conway
Capt.

L.A. CONWAY, Capt., R. Signals,
Tn.S.C., A.C. (Rail), C.E. Branch

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MADA V MBAY NR 122 IMMEDIATE A/MBDB
FROM ALCON REGGIO 241530B
TO TW INC FOR SUBB COMM ROME
RDX CR 61 BT

R234 REDTRICTED . PROGRESS REPORT PETRACE BRIDGE ~~BY~~ WEEK

16 - 22 APRIL . STEEL STAGING CENTRE SPAN 65 PER CENT .

SOUTH SPAN 92 PER CENT . DISMANTLING CENTRE SPAN 90 PER CENT .

RAISING SOUTH SPAN COMPLETED . RECONSTRUCTION DESTROYED PARTS

SOUTH SPAN 95 PER CENT . ERECTING MISSING PARTS SOUTH SPAN 20 PER CENT

ERECTING CENTRE SPAN 2 PER CENT . ALL MATERIALS FOR CENTRE SPAN INCLUDING

FOUR BRACKETS NOW AT SITE . AVERAGE WORKMEN 191

BT THI 1940B

SENT NR 122 2050B LF BDB OP K

NR122 RD TOR 2052B MITCHELL AR .

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

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AHS/ef

24th April 1945

Tel : 843239
Our ref: AC/Tn/16/84/C.E.

TO : The Chief
Movements Division
AC Tn Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Railway reconstruction
Petrae bridge.

1. Your letter 817/10/Tn 3 of 19th April refers.

2. The rail division had been in communication with A.F.H.Q. with regard to measures to be taken to expedite the reconstruction of above bridge.

3. As soon as an officer of the engineering branch was available he was sent to Reggio to inspect, coordinate, and hasten the work in all ways possible.

4. Based on the information received, a report was duly submitted to the Allied Railway Board at their last meeting.

5. An officer was not sent before due to the shortage of officers in the engineering branch, and the necessity for the presence of officers on works of higher priority.

6. I am sure you will agree, that reports sent in by non technical officers, on works of a technical nature, are liable to be confusing and may lead to arrangements being made that will in no way hasten the completion of the works.

7. It is universal railway practice, that when reports on technical subjects are required, that they are submitted by technical officers, therefore my suggestion that a technical officer should have accompanied the party cannot be considered as an obvious nonsense.

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9. I trust that the foregoing will clarify my point of view.

TO : The Chief
Movements Division
AC Tn Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Railway reconstruction
Petraze bridge.

1. Your letter 817/10/Tn 3 of 19th April refers.

2. The rail division had been in communication with A.F.H.Q. with regard to measures to be taken to expedite the reconstruction of above bridge.

3. As soon as an officer of the engineering branch was available he was sent to Reggio to inspect, coordinate, and hasten the work in all ways possible.

4. Based on the information received, a report was duly submitted to the Allied Railway Board at their last meeting.

5. An officer was not sent before due to the shortage of officers in the engineering branch, and the necessity for the presence of officers on works of higher priority.

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O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel.

AHS/ef

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

Tel : 843289

Our ref: AC/Tn/80/C.E.

17th April 1945

TO : Chief of
 Movements Division

SUBJECT : Movements Monthly conference.

1. Reference Para.3 of letter AC/817/9/Tn 3 of
 5th April.

2. I note that one of the objects of this trip was to inspect the Petrace bridge, report firm date for completion, and at the same time to ensure that final construction is carried out with the least possible delay.

3. As this work is an A.C. commitment and under the direction of the engineering branch of the rail division, I regret that I was not requested to detail an officer of the branch to accompany the party.

4. If an officer of the engineering branch, had been with the party, up to date information as to the supply of materials, rate of progress, difficulties encountered, etc. would have been available at first hand.

5. Since the meeting of 24th March an A.C. Tn engineer is on the site.

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O.H. LINDBERG,
 Lieut-Colonel,
 Tn-Sub.Comm.A.C.

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MABA V MBAY NR108 IMMEDIATE A/MBDD GR44
FROM ALCON REGGIO 181600E
TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM ROME
BT

R509. RESTRICTED. PROGRESS REPORT PETRACE BRIDGE WEEK 9-15 APRIL.

STEEL STAGING CENTRE SPAN 48 PER CENT. SOUTH SPAN 90 PER CENT. ~~DISMANTLING~~
DISMANTLING NORTH SPAN COMPLETED CENTRE SPAN 80 PER CENT. RAISING
SOUTH SPAN 75 PER CENT. RECONSTRUCTION DESTROYED PARTS SOUTH SPAN
55 PER CENT. AVERAGE WORKMEN 132

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RD 108 CARTURIGHT 182211B JC AR KK "

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IMPORTANT

NORTHERN SECTION 80 LBW SABC DUGL

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STEEL SECTION C/O HAAC, HQ AG ROME

RESTRICTED.

Cty 14 April 45 RE plate wagon No 32932 16 M/M 6.480 tons 13 M/M 7.620 tons MS
angle 15 M/M 3.000 tons. Release voucher F 6749 refers. Voucher now complete. Labels
addressed to GIOIA TAURO CALABRIA. Included in wagon 4 brackets fabricated for Petrace
bridge

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17 APR 1945

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

MEMOPETRACE BRIDGE

1. Weekly report 7th April 1945.

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centre span 25% complete.
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Men working 110.

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A.H. STREET, Major.

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ALCON REGGIO CALABRIA

INFO ~~ALCON~~ SITE FROM

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14 APRIL 43

ROUTINE

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD EMERGENCY WIP ONE ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN ACCEPTED FOR
RAIL MOVEMENT PD

PARA TWO PD MOVING TO ALCON REGGIO CALABRIA FOR BOMB INFO TO AVEH
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PARA TWO PD REFERENCE CONVERSATION ^{JA} ~~EDGER~~ DORNINGTON TWO ZERO TONS
STEEL PLATE WILL MOVE FROM TERNI TO GIOIA TAURUS DURING PERIOD WINS
TO ONE FIVE APRIL PD CONSIGNOR TERNI STEEL WORKS PD

COPY BY HAND TO

NOV HOME
BEN MORE (MAJOR LONDON)
AS TRANSPORTATION OFFICER HOME
ACCOUNTS BRANCH (STATS BRG)
RAIL DIVISION (MAJOR STREET) ✓

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NICHOLAS P. CORRINO
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

AES/ef

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

Tel : 843239

14 April 1945

Our ref: AC/Tn/16/77/C.E.

TO : Director Transportation
Sub - Commission.

SUBJECT : Brackets for Petrace bridge.

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O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn-Sub.Comm.A.C.

MABA V MPAY NR 46 IMMEDIATE A/MBDB

FROM ALCON REGGIO 121200B

TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM ROME

QQX GR 47 BT

R 484 . RESTD . PROGRESS REPORT PETRACE BRIDGE WEEK 2-7 APRIL .
STEEL STAGING CENTRE SPAN 25 PER CENT . SOUTH SPAN 35 PER CENT
. DISMANTLING NORTH SPAN 65 PER CENT . CENTRE SPAN 60 PER CENT .
RAISING SOUTH SPAN 60 PER CENT . TWO OTHER WAGONS WITH NEW CENTRE
SPAN MATERIALS ARRIVED GIOIA TAURO AVERAGE WORKMEN 110

BT121320

SENT NR 46 JN BBB K

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DEI TRASPORTI
MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
 FERROVIE DELLO STATO - DIREZIONE GENERALE
 (1) SERVIZIO LAVORI E COSTRUZIONI

ROME, li 10 Aprile 1945 * A

N. C.S. 194

Al N. del

OGGETTO. Ripristino ponte sul Petrace

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 SIG. MAGGIORE STREET

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Acciaieria Terni non ha sino ad oggi ricevuto ordine sbloc-
 co quattro mensoloni sostegno ^{tramite} centrale ponte sul Petrace.

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

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ENGINEER SECTION (BR).
A.F.E.Q.
C.M.F.

Subject : Brackets
TO : Northern Section, 80.

4 April 45

Ref. your signal 80/NS/50/224.

You are authorized to release the 4 brackets fabricated
for the PETRACE BRIDGE to Tn Sub-Commission A.C. who
will arrange movement.

G.D. HENKS
Capt. R.E.
for Brigadier
Director of Engineer Production &
Stores.

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FROM MONTGOMERY SCOT AND SUE C A E C 111332A
TO TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION C/O TH/END GKF
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OR 34 34

12/12/1957/11/1956 RESTRICTED REFER YOUR AAC/NAT/1/22/1954 OF 7
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VOUCHER 1/5715 IS NOW COMPLETE AND READY FOR DISPATCH (.)
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BT 111332A

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*Steel for
repair of
not 603272*

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(RAIL DIVISION)
C.O. Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

Tel. 243239

Our Ref. : AC/Tn/16/75/C.E.

TO : S.A.C.F.F.M.,
Arezzo.

-- Ing. LO CIGNO,
Chief of the Work Service,
Building.

SUBJECT : Crane on loan.

OGGETTO : Gru in prestito.

12th April 1945

1. Reference letter
AC/Tn/16/C.E. of 17th January.

1. Riferimento lettera AC/Tn/
16/C.E. del 17 gennaio.

2. As the loading of
the Petrace and Pescara
bridges is now complete, it
is necessary to withdraw this
crane from the S.A.C.F.F.M.

2. Poichè il carico riguarda-
te i ponti sul Petrace e sul Pesca-
ra è finito, è necessario ritirare
tale gru dalla S.A.C.F.F.M.

3. This crane will be
withdrawn under the orders
of Major Buckley, and will be
used to clear the debris on
the Vignone bridge.

3. La gru verrà ritirata
secondo gli ordini del maggiore
Buckley e verrà usata per lo sgom-
bero delle macerie sul ponte sul
Vignone.

4. This authorizes
Major Buckley, R.E., A.C. Tn.,
Raills, to withdraw the crane.

4. Ciò vale come autorizzazio-
ne per il Maggiore Buckley a riti-
rare la gru.

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O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Chief of Rail Div.

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

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Tel : 843239
Our ref: AC/Tn/16/74/C.E.

11th April 1945

TO : The Director General
Italian State Railways
SUBJECT : Loan of a crane for
Petrace bridge.

1. Reference is made to our letter AC/Tn/16/C.E. of 17th January 1945, re loan of a crane .
2. From the weekly report the steel girders have all been dispatched to the Petrace bridge, therefore please return this crane.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn-Sub.Com_m.A.C.

Copy to : Eng. Lo Cigno

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Subject: Steel for Petrace Bridge -
GIOIA TAURO.

To : Col. M. B. Thomas,
Deputy Director.
AC Tn Sub Commission.

Allied Force Headquarters
G-4(Mov & Tn)
Tel: Freedom 320

Mov 3/153

2 Apr 45

Dear Maurice,

I have your letter 430/14/Tn, of 29 Mar 45 and have asked DEP&S to take urgent action on the release of the 4 brackets said to be ready for delivery at TERNI. I may add DEP&S are in some doubt as to whether these brackets really have been manufactured yet, but special enquiry is being made.

As you say we are very anxious to see this bridge repaired and it occurs to me there may be other material than these 4 brackets which the ISR will require from Military Services.

I should be glad if you would have some enquiry made and let me know whether you are quite happy about the rest of the bridging material

Yours ever

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Brig Phillips
D.R.M.G. (Mov & Tn)
A.F.H.Q.

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

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6th April 1945

Tel: 843239

Our ref: AC/Tn/16/72/C.E.

TO : Eng. Lo Cigno
Chief of Works Service

SUBJECT : Release of brackets
for Petrace bridge.

1. Herewith copy of letter
DEPS/5359 of 4th April, received
from Director of Engineer Production
and Stores.

2. Please arrange for the dispatch
of these brackets. If you have any
difficulties in obtaining wagons let
me know at once.

1. Qui acclusa copia
della lettera DEPS/5359
del 4 Aprile, dal Direttore
"Engineer Production and
Stores".

2. Vi prego di provvedere
per l'invio di dette mensole.
Nel caso che incontraste
delle difficoltà per i
carri ferroviari, vi prego
di darmene subito communi-
cazione.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn-Sub.Comm.A.C.

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NABA V MEAY NR88 : OP : A MEDB
FROM ALCOM REGGIO 031400B
TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM ROME
QQX GR43

R450. RESTD. PROGRESS REPORT PETRACE BRIDGE.

STEEL STAGING CENTRE SPAN 16 PER CENT. SOUTH SPAN 81 PER CENT.

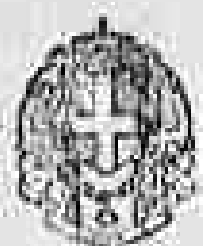
DISMANTLING NORTH SPAN 55 PER CENT. CENTRE SPAN 60 PER CENT.

RAISING SOUTH SPAN 60 PER CENT. ONE WAGON WITH NEW CENTRE SPAN MATERIALS
ARRIVED GIOIA TAURO . AVERAGE WORKMEN 107

BT

EAJH : NN





MINISTERO
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
DEI TRASPORTI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE

SERVIZIO LAVORI E COSTRUZIONI

OGGETTO

Sblocco materiali ponte
sul Petrace

Roma, 3 /4/ 1945

N. C.S./174

Alla lettera

~~N. A.C.~~/Mat./I/28/del 26 /3/ 1945
In.4

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

SIG. MAGGIORE LONG

ALLEGATI N. ---

- 1) Si prende atto delle disposizioni impartite da codesto On.Co-
mando, disposizioni che verranno d'ora innanzi sempre
rispettate da questa Sede.
- 2) Il benestare per la costruzione dei 4 mensoloni di appoggio
della travata centrale per il Petrace fu richiesto con
lettera L.C.6/16/5097 del 28 febbraio u.s.
- 3) Nel frattempo la Terni ha costruito i mensoloni data l'urgenza
prospettata da questa Sede, anche in considerazione del
limitato quantitativo di materiale occorrente.- In se-
guito non verranno più presi accordi del genere senza
la preventiva autorizzazione di codesta Sotto Commissio-
ne.
- 4) In relazione al paragrafo 4° della lettera L.C.6/16/10797 del
21 marzo, significo che questo Servizio non ha ritenu-
to in modo assoluto di dare istruzioni, e che in ogni
modo nessun'altra domanda del genere verrà inoltrata.

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

Bozzetti

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

Tel : 843239
Our ref: AC/Tn/16/69/C.E.

31st March 1945

TO : Director General
Italian State Railways
Gen. Di Raimondo

SUBJECT : Petrace Bridge.

1. Reference is made to your letter L.C.6/16/10866/C.III, dated 28th March 1945, on above line.
- 2.. This matter has been taken up with D.E.P.S. and it is hoped to obtain release in a few days.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn-Sub.Comm.A.C.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS
ISR GENERAL DIRECTION
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.

Roma, 28 March 1945

L.C.6/16/10866/C.III

SUBJECT: Reggio-Battipaglia line;
rehabilitation of Petrace
bridge Km.350+113,50

TO: LT.COL.LINDBERG
CHIEF RAIL DIVISION
T.M.S/COMMISSION A.C.
BLDG.

1. With letter L.C.6/16/18002/C.III dated 14 March 1945 the state of repair of the Petrace bridge Km.350+113,50 on Reggio-Battipaglia line was ~~was~~ submitted to that S/Commission.
2. In the same letter the programme was laid out for further execution of the works, whose completion is expected by the end of June.
3. To establish a support for the new girder on either lateral girders, 4 steel brackets weighing abt.17 tons have been planned and their manufacture has been ordered to Terni Steelworks.
4. The despatch from Terni ought to have been effected on 20 March ult. but this was not possible as 80 E.B.W. Office c/o Terni Steelworks has not received, yet, release order for above material.
5. Therefore, with further reference to our letters; L.C.6/16/5097 dated 28 February ult. from this Works Dept. to that S/Commission, seeking for above release order; and L.C.6/16/10797 dated 21 March, as well as to our verbal requests to Maj. Street, we beg to ask that S/Commission to kindly intervene with HQ. D.E.P.S.A.F.H.Q. in order that said release be soonest possible granted.
6. We want to point out that a further delay in despatching above materials could prejudice the completion of the bridge within pre-established terms.

Sgd.G.DI RAIMONDO
DIRECTOR GENERAL

MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO

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- Il Direttore Generale -

Roma, li- 28 MAR 1945

Nº-L.C.6/16/10866/C.III-

= OGGETTO =

Linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
Ripristino ponte sul fiume Pe-
trace al km-350+113,50-

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SIG. TEN. COL. O.H. LINDBERG
CHIEF. RAIL DIVISION

-Transportation Sub Commission A.O.-

S E D E

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1º - Con lettera nº-L.C.6/16/18002/C.III del 14 corrente ho
prospettato alla S.V. lo stato di avanzamento dei lavo-
ri relativi al ripristino del ponte sul fiume Petrace
al km-350+113,50 della linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.

2º - Ho pure segnalate le previsioni circa la ultimazione dei
lavori che salvo difficoltà impreviste potrebbe avveni-
re verso la fine del giugno p.v.;

3º - Per costituire l'appoggio della travata centrale nuova
sulle travate laterali sono stati progettati ed ordina-
ti alle Acciaierie di Terni nº-4 mensoloni del peso di
circa tonnellate 17;

4º - La Società Terni avrebbe dovuto effettuare la spedizio-
ne fin dal 20 corrente, ma ciò non è stato possibile
perchè finora l'Ufficio 80.E.B.W. del Comando Alleato
presso lo Stabilimento di Terni non ha ancora avuta la
autorizzazione di svincolo;

5º - Richiamando pertanto la lettera nº-L.C.6/16/5097 del 28
febbraio con la quale detta autorizzazione è stata chie-
sta dal Servizio Lavori a codesta Sottocommissione Tra-
sporti e con riferimento alla successiva lettera nº-L.
C.6/16/10797 del 21 corrente, nonché alle varie solleciti-
tatorie verbali fatte al Sig. Maggiore STREET, si prega
di voler sollecitare il Comando D.E.P.S.A.F.H.Q. a com-
piacersi dare la richiesta autorizzaziente.

6º - Eventuale ritardo nella spedizione dei suddetti menso-
loni potrebbe pregiudicare il compimento di ripristino
del ponte nei termini di tempe previsti.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Luigi Raimondo

S E D E
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- 1° - Con lettera n°-L.C.6/16/18002/C.III del 14 corrente ho prospettato alla S.V. lo stato di avanzamento dei lavori relativi al ripristino del ponte sul fiume Petrace al km-350+113,50 della linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
- 2° - Ho pure segnalato le previsioni circa la ultimazione dei lavori che salvo difficoltà impreviste potrebbe avvenire verso la fine del giugno p.v.;
- 3° - Per costituire l'appoggio della travata centrale nuova sulle travate laterali sono stati progettati ed ordinati alle Acciaierie di Terni n°-4 mensoloni del peso di circa tonnellate 17;
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- 5° - Richiamando pertanto la lettera n°-L.C.6/16/5097 del 28 febbraio con la quale detta autorizzazione è stata chiesta dal Servizio Lavori a codesta Sottocommissione Trasporti e con riferimento alla successiva lettera n°-L.C.6/16/10797 del 21 corrente, nonchè alle varie sollecitazioni verbali fatte al Sig. Maggiore STREET, si prega di voler sollecitare il Comando D.E.P.S.A.F.H.Q. a compiacersi dare la richiesta autorizzazione.
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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Luigi A. Ciurlo

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Ext. 376

MBT/en

Phone 489081

430/14/Tn 1

29 March 1945

Brigadier A. T. de Kere Phillips
DGMC (M)
G-4, Mov & Tn, AFHQ

Dear Brigadier:

The attached memorandum about the Petrace Bridge speaks for itself. You are, of course, well aware how anxious we are to get this bridge completed and I wonder if you could help us by getting someone to hurry the release from BEPS. Paragraph 7 of the memorandum refers.

Yours very truly,



M. B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director

1 Incl:
Ltr 28 Mar 45,
ref: 43/Tn 4/16/45/C.W.

cc: Rail Division

AHS/ef

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

Tel : 843239
 Our ref: AC/Tn/16/68/C.E.

28th March 1945

TO : Director Transportation
 Sub - Commission

SUBJECT : Petrace Bridge.

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8. All efforts so far have failed to obtain the release of this material and I shall be glad of your assistance in obtaining same, as the completion of the Petrace bridge will be delayed if early release is not obtained.

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TO TN INC FOR TN COM ROME
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STEEL STAGING SOUTH SPAN 50 PER CENT.
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FOUR STEEL BEAMS AND FOUR CRANES PLACED FOR SOUTH SPAN RISING.
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ARMED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION
AMHQPostal Address:
AFIRS (RANC), APO 512.

Telephone: ROME 66277.

20 March 1945.

IRS/333/100

SUBJECT: Release of Steel for Petrace Bridge - Gioia Tauro.

TO : Director of Engineer Production & Stores, AMHQ.

1. Steel in following dimensions and quantities is required for completion of brackets to be used on subject bridge:

Quantity	Size	Weight
6	Plates 240 m/m X 15 m/m X 5.5 meters	4.871 Tons
4	" 620 m/m X 15 m/m X 5.5 "	1.603 "
4	" 600 m/m X 15 m/m X 5.0 "	1.413 "
8	" 365 m/m X 15 m/m X 4.0 "	1.376 "
1	" 500 m/m X 15 m/m X 6.5 "	0.383 "
1	" 600 m/m X 30 m/m X 3.6 "	0.509 "
1	" 600 m/m X 20 m/m X 6.5 "	0.612 "
4	" 300 m/m X 12 m/m X 5.5 "	0.623 "
1	" 150 m/m X 70 m/m X 2.8 "	0.230 "
8	Angles 150 m/m X 150 m/m X 2 1/2 m/m X 4.0 meters	0.870 "
32	" 100 m/m X 100 m/m X 10 m/m X 5.5 "	2.640 "
34	" 100 m/m X 100 m/m X 10 m/m X 5.5 "	2.950 "
8	" 90 m/m X 90 m/m X 9 m/m X 4.3 "	0.420 "

2. Transportation Sub-Commission of A.C. states that the material is believed to have been fabricated and is now on hand at the Terni Steel Works.

3. If this steel is ready for collection can proper release please be made in favor of:

Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C. (Rail Division),
c/o Transportation Increment, C.M.F.

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THOMAS R. GIBSON, Col., AMB,
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A.F.L.R.S.

Copy to: Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C. (Rail Division),
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SEMPRE

Servizio Lavori e Costruzioni

Linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
Ripristino ponte sul fiume Pe-
tracce al km-350+113,50.-

Roma, 11-21 marzo 1945-

L.C.6/16/10797-

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALIBATA
-Sottocommissione Trasporti-

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- 1° - Con lettera n°-L.C.6/16/5097 del 28 febbraio 1945 fu chiesto a co-
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materiale costituente n°-4 menzolini destinati al ponte sul fiume
Petracce della linea Battipaglia-Reggio Calabria;
- 2° - In base agli accordi intervenuti con la Società Terni i detti men-
zolini avrebbero dovuto essere pronti per la spedizione il giorno
20 corrente;
- 3° - Non essendo ancora stata data l'autorizzazione di sblocco la spedi-
zione non può essere effettuata;
- 4° - Ad evitare ritardi nei lavori di ripristino di detto ponte, da ese-
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con la lettera n°-L.C.6/16/18002/C.III. del 14 corrente, si prega di
sollecitare la richiesta autorizzazione di evincolo.-

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

M. Caporali

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From "IL TEMPO" of Reggio Calabria, 7 March 1945.

"BETTERMENT OF TRANSPORTS" is the problem which most interests
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The works will be carried out in such a way as to make it possible to adopt either one solution or the other, according to the actual proceeding of the transports of the bridging material in respect to the schedule.

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It is anticipated that the works will be completed in about four months' time; a further delay of some weeks would be required if the utilization of present central girder should become necessary.

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We want to publicly express from this column our thankfulness to H.E. Mr Rizzo and to H.E. Gen. di Raimondo for their activity at the favour of our region. Their Italian and Sicilian hearts are close to our hearts. We are sure that we shall see the effects of their affectionate intervention.

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Ministry of Transports
General Direction IS2
Office of the Director General.

Rome, 17 March 1945

L.C. 6/16/18002/C. III

TO: TRANSPORTATION S/COMMISSION AC
RAIL DIVISION

SUBJECT: Battipaglia-Reggio line;
rehabilitation of Petrace br.
Km. 350+113,50.

1. Reference is made to your letter AC 100/92 E/Tn 4 dated 9 March 1945.
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4. The utilization of above metallic structures was authorized by that S/Commission in October 1944, but it was not possible to start at once with the erection of said structures because of the difficulties we had to meet with for the purchase and the transportation of the small quantities of timber required for the foundation works of the metallic piers.
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7. As a matter of fact, it was not possible, however, to immediately start with the despatch of the bridging material, as priority was granted to the material destined to the Pescara bridge on Ortona-Ancona line and the conditions of SACREM Shops did not consent that both girders were contemporaneously loaded on account of war damages to the equipment.
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10. As to the utilization of the new girders, we want to point out that, on account of the forced delay in the deliveries and to save both time and transports, it has been decided to replace only the central 64,176-mt span girder, as in the meantime we found that it was possible to disassemble and to re-put on place the second damaged girder (toward Reggio); it will be necessary however to reconstruct some sections of latter girder.

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11. During my second visit effected on 2 March ult. I ascertained that the works for lifting said girder are well on hand, while the organization and the erection of the scaffolding destined to support the central girder during its assembly, are under way.
12. Assuming that the deliveries from Arezzo might be completed within 10 April next and that the adjustment of the upper longitudinal beams, being effected at Demiani Workshops, might be completed by the middle of April, we anticipate that the bridge could be ready, for service towards the end of June, as abt. 70 days are required to complete the erection and the assembly.

Sgt. G. DI RAIMONDO
Director General

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO

- Il Direttore Generale -

Roma, li- 17 Marzo 1945

N°-L.C.6/16/18002/C.III-

al n°-AC/100/92 E/Tn 4 del 9 marzo
1945-

= OGGETTO =

Linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
Ripristino ponte sul fiume Petrace
al km-350+113,50-

SIG.TEN.COL. O.H. LINDBERG
CHIEF. RAIL DIVISION
TRANSPORTATION SUB.COMMISSION,A.C.

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del 9 corrente;

2° - Un primo progetto che prevedeva il ripristino del
ponte sul fiume Petrace al km-350+113,50 della li-
nea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal. mediante il solleva-
mento delle due travate abbattute con argani da im-
postarsi su incastellature in legname alte 36 me-
tri non fu potuto attuare non essendo stato possi-
bile ottenere lo sblocco del legname occorrente;

3° - Nell'agosto dello scorso anno si escogitò allora
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lari "Innocenti";

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zioni delle stilate metalliche si incontrarono se-
rie difficoltà di acquisto e di trasporto;

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Po presso Borgoforte e disponibili presso le Offi-
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7° - Purtroppo però la spedizione non fu possibile effettuare subito essendosi dovuto dare la precedenza alla spedizione della travata destinata al ponte sul Pescara della linea Ortona-Ancona, non consentendo le condizioni dello Stabilimento di Arezzo;

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zo, devastato da azioni belliche, il carico contemporaneo delle travate;

- 8° - Il carico della travata pel Pescara fu iniziato verso i primi dello scorso febbraio in seguito all'invio di gru semovente disposto da codesta Sottocommissione, e viene ultimato in questi giorni;
- 9° - Nella scorsa settimana è stato possibile iniziare anche la spedizione di elementi della travata centrale destinata al Petrace, di cui una parte è precisamente quella costituente le briglie superiori, viene inviata alla Ditta DAMIANI di Napoli per il completamento della lavorazione in officina;
- 10° - Circa l'impiego delle nuove travate si fa presente che dato il ritardo forzato nelle spedizioni si è creduto opportuno, a guadagno di tempo ed allo scopo di ridurre i trasporti, di limitarlo alla sostituzione della sola travata centrale di luce m.64,176 essendo risultato possibile eseguire nel frattempo lo smontaggio e il ricollocamento in opera della travata lato Reggio, previa ricostruzione degli scomparti danneggiati;
- 11° - Nella seconda visita da me effettuata sopralluogo il 2 corrente ho potuto constatare che i lavori di ricupero di detta travata lato Reggio Cal. procedono bene e che è in corso la organizzazione e la costruzione dei ponteggi per il montaggio della travata centrale.
- 12° - Allo stato delle cose, prevedendosi che le spedizioni da Arezzo possono essere ultimate nella prima decade di Aprile p.v. e che presso le Officine della Ditta Ing. DAMIANI di Napoli possa essere completata verso la metà anche di aprile la lavorazione delle briglie superiori della travata, si può prevedere che il ripristino del ponte possa avvenire verso la fine di giugno p.v., essendo necessario per il montaggio in opera un termine di circa giorni settanta.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Luigi Barucorda

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FROM ALCOM REGGIO 11 1200A
TO ACTION TNINC FOR TN SUB COMM ROME
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BRICKWORK COMPLETED . STEEL STAYING ~~617~~ CENTRE OPAN 1 0 PRECENT
WORK NOW SUSPENDED SOUTH SPAN 50 PERCENT
DISMANTLING NORTH SPAN 30 PRECENT CENTRE SPAN 50 PRECENT SOUTH
SPAN
100 PERCENT AVERAGE WORK MEN 129
TIME LOST 2 HRS

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INTER OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Tel. Firebox-11
Our Ref: AC/Met/1/20/Tn 4

6 March 1945

SUBJECT : Material for Petrace Bridge.

TO : Major Street, Engineering Branch Bldg.

1. Reference your AC/Tn/16/58/C.3 even date, with list of material attached for repairs to Petrace bridge (Linn Mattina-glia - Reggio Calabria).
2. Major Mole ordered approximately 70 tons of steel for the repairs of the e/m bridge in Dec. 1944. This steel is now ready for delivery at the steel plants:

3. Following is list of steel released:

Equal angles	50 x 50 x 6 to 10 M.	13 cwt.
"	60 x 80 x 9	163 "
"	70 x 70 x 10	18 "
"	120 x 120 x 15	60 "
Steel Plate	13 mm. x 1250 x 12000	149 "
"	16 mm. x 1250 x 12000	131 "

The steel plates will normally be cut in **two** for delivery.

4. The Chief of the works section should furnish a revised list taking into account the above material.

5. Engineer Bracci, Chief of the Stores Section is furnished with lists of uncontrolled material and will be able to purchase the remainder of the requirements.

6. Please advise shipping instruction for e/m steel.

Approved and sent
Quilley

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Tel. Wirebox-11

Our Ref: AC/Mat/1/20/Tn 4

6 March 1945

SUBJECT: Material for Petrace Bridge.

TO: Major Street, Engineering Branch Bldg.

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2. Major Mole ordered approximately 70 tons of steel for the repairs of the a/m bridge in Dec. 1944. This steel is now ready for delivery at the steel plants.
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4. The Chief of the works section should furnish a revised list taking into account the above material.

5. Engineer Bracci, Chief of the Stores Section is furnished with lists of uncontrolled material and will be able to purchase the remainder of the requirements.

6. Please advise shipping instruction for a/m steel.

Carlini
C.M. LONG, Major C.E.
Stores Branch

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DEI TRASPORTI

MINISTERO ~~DEI~~ COMUNICAZIONI

FERROVIE DELLO STATO - DIREZIONE GENERALE

(1) Servizio Lavori e Costruzioni

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OGGETTO. Linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
Ripristino ponte sul Petrace.

-Alleg.1

Roma, 11-28 febbraio 1945-

L.O.6/16/5097-

Al N. _____ del _____

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
-Sottocommissione Trasporti-

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- 1) Per i lavori di ripristino del ponte sul Petrace occorre far costruire 4 mensole in ferro destinate a sorreggere in corrispondenza degli appoggi sulle pile la nuova travata di 64 metri che verrà utilizzata in detto attraversamento;
- 2) La costruzione di dette mensole, del peso complessivo di circa 20 ton. ed il cui particolare costruttivo risulta dal disegno allegato, viene affidata alla Soc. Terni che oltre a provvedere alla lavorazione è in grado di fornire il materiale occorrente;
- 3) Si prega pertanto codesta Commissione di autorizzare l'Ufficio Militare Alleato che controlla l'attività e la produzione dello stabilimento della Società Terni (80° E.B.W) a concedere il dovuto benestare sia per la lavorazione che per lo sblocco dei materiali.-

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

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(1) Servizio.

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

Tel. 843239

7th March 1945

REFERENCE: AC.Tn/16/59

TO : ALLIED AUTHORITIES
i/c ACCIAIERIE TERNI

SUBJECT : RELEASE OF MATERIALS

1. The use of the materials as per attached list is urgently required by the Acciaierie Terni. The materials are held in stock.
2. The materials are necessary for the manufacture of brackets for the rehabilitation of the Pescara Railway bridge I.S.R.
3. We shall be glad if you will please release this material.

O.H. LINDBERG
Lieut. Colonel
Tn.S.C., A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
(Railway Division)

Tel : 843239

6th March 1945

Our reference: AC/Tn/16/58/C.E.

TO : Major Long
Stores Officer

SUBJECT : List of material
Petrace bridge.

1. Attached please find a list of material necessary for carrying out the reconstruction of the Petrace bridge (Line Battipaglia - Reggio Calabria.

2. Will you please obtain the release of said material.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn-Sub.Comm.A.C.

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RIPRISTINO PONTE SUL FIUME PETRAGE AL KM-
350+113,50 DELLA LINEA RATTIPALIA-REGGIO CAL.
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Distinta dei materiali occorrenti per la
costruzione di n°-4 mensoloni presso le
Acciaierie di Terni.

=====3000=====

Largo piatto	940 x 15	lunghez:	5.500	N°-8	KG.	4871
"	620 x 15	"	5.500	" 4	"	1603
"	600 x 15	"	5.000	" 4	"	1413
"	365 x 15	"	4.000	" 8	"	1376
"	500 x 15	"	6.500	" 1	"	383
"	600 x 30	"	3.600	" 1	"	509
"	600 x 20	"	6.500	" 1	"	612
"	300 x 12	"	5.500	" 4	"	623
"	150 x 70	"	2.800	" 1	"	230
L	130 x 130	"	4.000	" 8	"	870
	14					
L	100 x 100	"	5.500	" 32	"	2640
	10					
"	"	"	4.000	" 34	"	2050
L	90 x 90	"	4.300	" 8	"	420
	9					

Chiodi assortiti ø 22 N°- 4500 " 1400

Totale.....kg. 19000-

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DEI TRASPORTI
MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO - DIREZIONE GENERALE
Servizio Lavori e Costruzioni
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Roma, 11-5 marzo 1945-

N. L.C.6/16/10778-

Al N. _____ del _____

OGGETTO Costruzione mensole pel ponte
sul Petrace.-

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-Alleg.1

SIG. MAGGIORE STREET

-Sottocommissione Trasporti-

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A soddisfacimento della sua richiesta invio la distinta dei materiali occorrenti per la costruzione delle mensole da applicarsi alle travate laterali del ponte sul Petrace.

Il lavoro, come già comunicato, sarà eseguito dalle Acciaierie di Terni.

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

Volpe

Mappe Longe
Base carta

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R359
Time of Origin: MAR 041200A

Message Centre No: D/4113
Date Time Rec'd: MAR 041856A
Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: BLAIR REGGIO
TO: TN INC FOR TN SC ROME

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Progress report PETRACE bridge. Brick work 99 per cent. Steel staging centre span 10 per cent. South span 35 per cent. Dismantling north span 30 per cent. Centre span 30 per cent; South span 50 per cent. Average workmen 114. No time lost.

Dist

Action - Trans
Info - A/President
Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
File (2)
Float

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No. 785021

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Coordinator's Reference: R343
 Date/Time of Origin: FEB 26/1000

Message Centre No: D/3436
 Date/Time Rec'd: FEB 26/2300
 Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: BLAIR REGGIO
 TO: TN INC FOR TN S/C ROME.

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Progress report PETRACE bridge. Brickwork 98%. Centre span scaffold 5%. Dismantling - north span 30%. Centre span 3%. South span 10%. Time lost 3 1/2 hours. Number workers 125.

ACTION

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Action: TN S/C
 Info: A/PRESIDENT
 CHIEF COMMISSIONER
 ECON SEC
 FILE 2
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MABA VOLAEE NR 6 IMMEDIATE QIM

FROM BLAIR REGGIO 11130 A

TO TNING TN SUB COMM . ROME

QQX GR 65 BT

R 297 . RESTD . PROGRESS PETRACE BRIDGE BRICKWORK

COMPLETED 96 PER CENT PILING . 70 PER CENT PLATFORM

ON PILING 70 PER CENT . STEEL TUBING FIRST SPAN

COMPLETED SECOND SPAN 20 PER CENT . THIRD SPAN

80 PER CENT DISMANTLING SPAN 4 PER CENT TIME LOST

5 HOURS NUMBER WORKERS 60 .

NEED MORE UP TO DATE METHOD OF DISMANTLING OPD PANS

BT 111300 A

IMI DTG 11130

SENT HA 1818 AR TX K

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APC 394
 Transportation Sub-Commission
 (Rail Division)

Tel. 843238
 Ref. AC/238/1/Tn 4

10 February 1945

TO : H.E. Cerabona
 Minister of Transport

SUBJECT : Works at Petrace Bridge.

Dear Mr Minister,

In reply to your letter dated 4 inst., in regard to the bridge over the "Petrace", I hope the following comments will be helpful to you.

1. FINISHING OF TRUSSES (or joists) in THE WORKSHOPS.

On 5th January 1945 a request was received by Rail Section from the Chief of Works Section Ing. Lo Cigno, for the return of certain tools removed from the SACFEM plant.

This question was taken up with MRS who regretted that the tools could not be returned, as they were being employed in Rome for constructing temporary bridge spans.

2. LOADING AND TRANSPORT -

A request was received from the Director General Italian State Railways Generale di Raimondo on 17th December 1944.

The loan of a crane was obtained from the MRS and sent to Arezzo on 17th January.

No request has been received for another crane.

3. TRANSPORT -

Arrangements have been made with Rail Movements to supply wagons as and when ordered for loading.
 There have been no reports of any delay in placing wagons.

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I will be pleased to give you any further assistance possible.

Yours very truly,

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director.

Copy to: Major A.H. Street
Tn Sub-Comm. (Rail Div.)

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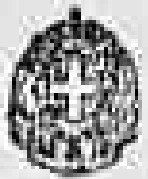
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FROM BLAIR REGGIO 01 300
TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM ROME
QQX GR 63 BT
R276 RESTD (.) PROGRESS ~~REPORT~~ REPORT PETRACE
BRIDGE MASONRY ARCHES 95 PER CWNT
COMPLETED (.) DISMANTLING OLD SPANE 2 PER CENT FIRST STEEL
TOWER TO SUPPORT OLD SPAN FOR DISMANTLING COMPLETED
FOR SUPPORT WHILE CHANGING SEATING 25 PER CENT EIGHTY
WORKMEN EMPLOYED TWO DAYS LOST BAD WEATHER SUGGEST
ENGINEER VISIT SITE WITH OBJECT SPEEDING UP WORK
OF DISMANTLING OLD SPANS
BT 051300
SENT NR59 1629A GWB1
RD NR59 16/29-A SLW (AR) KK

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DEI TRASPORTI
 MINISTERO ~~DEI~~ **MUNICAZIONI**
 FERROVIE DELLO STATO - DIREZIONE GENERALE
 (1) Servizio Lavori e Costruzioni

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OGGETTO Prelievo presso la S.A.C.F.E.M.
 di Arezzo di travate per i ponti
 sul Petrace e sul Pescara.-

Roma, 11-22 gennaio 1945- 52

N.L.C.6/16/1185-

Al N. del

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
 -Sottocommissione Trasporti-

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1°- A seguito della precedente nota n°-L.C.6/16/1096 del 9 gennaio u.s. si comunica che per il carico e la spedizione a destinazione delle tre travate disponibili presso le Officine della S.A.C.F.E.M. ad Arezzo e da utilizzarsi nei ponti sul Pescara presso la città anonima e sul Petrace presso Gioia Tauro, occorre siano date disposizioni alla stazione di Arezzo per l'approntamento e la consegna alla Ditta stessa dei seguenti carri:

PER IL PONTE SUL PESCARA-

N°-2 carri chiusi (carri F e G) 29th
 " 4 " pianali (carri P) 29th 2
 " 7 " PoZ di n°-2 muniti di carro scudo.

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Sub. Tip. Puccini - Ancona - Ord. 35 - 3 642-XX - 1761500/34

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PER IL PONTE SUL PETRACE-

N°-4 carri chiusi (carri F e G)

" 6 pianali (carri P)

" 13 carri PoZ di cui n°-3 muniti di carri scudo.

2°- Questi carri verranno richiesti successivamente, di mano in mano che si presenterà il bisogno in relazione allo svolgimento delle operazioni del carico e dovranno essere immessi nel raccordo che unisce le Officine della Ditta alla stazione.

3° - Le operazioni di carico della travata per il Pescara avranno inizio il giorno 29 prossimo venente e per questa data dovranno essere messi a disposizione i primi due carri chiusi.-

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

Al. Bellini

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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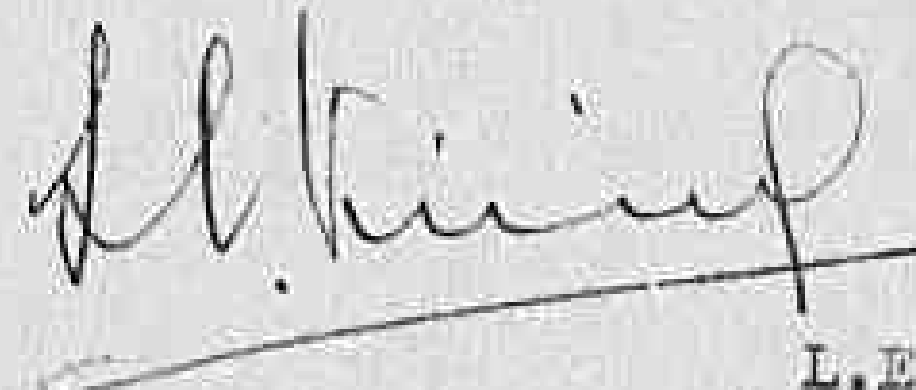
Our Reference : ACC Tn/238/1

Date : 6 June 44

TO : Major. A.H. Street,
Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC., Representative.
Reggio Calabria, Italy.

SUBJECT : Bridges - Reggio Calabria Division, I.S.R.

1. During recent brief contact with Deputy Director, Lt. Col. Brown, you referred to certain material shortages existing on Calabrian railways.
2. Later in his tour of Sicily, Lt. Col. Brown located at Palermo Navy Yard, now operated by U.S. Navy, some considerable quantities of rivets, steel plate and steel "bulb" angles. Rivets were badly mixed by bombing, but stocks are being moved to I.S.R. Palermo storehouse, at Lolli, and will be sorted by sizes. Plate is in thicknesses $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and upwards, bulb angles are of wide variety of commercial sizes.
3. Some of this material may prove very helpful for steel bridge reconstruction in your area. It is suggested that you prepare list of your requirements, with size alternatives or ranges, and forward to Lt. Col. Lindberg, who can explore possibilities of obtaining.
4. Please keep this office advised as to what you are able to accomplish. Efforts will be made to obtain any items not available in Sicily from mainland stocks.



L.E. VINING,
Lieut-Colonel.
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:- Lt. Col. O.H. Lindberg, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC. Rep.
Palermo, Sicily.

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

Tel: 843191/11
Ref: AC/Mat/5/11/Tn

16 January 1945

TO : Major Street
Transportation Sub-Commission
Building

SUBJECT : Repair of Girders for Petrace Bridge.

1. Reference request for oxygen and acetylene required to repair two girders at Arezzo which are to be shipped to Gioia Tauro for use on the Petrace bridge.
2. Attached are AC. Release Orders Nos. AC.2186 and AC.2189 for 12 cylinders of Oxygen and 12 cylinders of acetylene.
3. The ISR ~~180~~ to present the release to D.A.D.O.S., furnish the gas cylinders and make payment against delivery.

C. M. Long

C.M. LONG
Major C.E.
Tn. Sub-Commission

Enclosures: 2 Releases

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TRANSPORTATION SUB -- COMMISSION, A.C.
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o. Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.

17th January 1945

Tel : 843339

Our reference: AC/Tn/16/C.E.

TO : Eng. Lo Cigno
Chief of Works Service.

SUBJECT : Petrace River Bridge.

1. Herewith release orders for oxygen and acetylene for above work.
2. The Railway is to furnish the gas cylinders and make payment against delivery.
3. The release order will be presented to D.A.D.O.S.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn-Sub.Comm.A.C.

Enclosures: 2 releases.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION

APO 394

A-211

Date: 4 January 1945

1. DEMAND FOR CONTROLLED MATERIALS.

2. AMG/ACC FORMATION Transportation Sub-Commission AC. (Rail Section)

3. COMMODITY DEMANDED Oxygen

(Give particulars of specification on back of Form)

4. QUANTITY REQUIRED: (In metric tons or other suitable unit)

(a) Single lot demand: 12 cylinders

(b) Next Month

(c) Second Month

(d) Third Month

5. JUSTIFICATION: (Detail this information on back of Form).

6. SOURCES OF SUPPLY (if known). Give particulars:

(a) Has Material been located?

(b) If locally - Where? Release from Arezzo

(c) If anywhere in Liberated Italy (including Sicily & Sardinia) - Where?

(d) If blocked, give names of establishment and Military Unit concerned, quantities available, etc.:

7. ADDRESS FOR DELIVERY:

The I.S.R. will furnish the
cylinders

Consignee: Italian State Railways

Address: Rome

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8. It is certified that these supplies and stores are required for (URGENT), (NORMAL), (STOCK-PILING) purposes. (Strike out words not applicable).

Date: 4 January 1945

Signature:

Enfing. Capt. T.C.
Rank, Title, Office.

9. REGIONAL APPROVAL

Title

For Chief of Rail Section
Date:

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Date: 4 January 1945Signature: Curfy: Capt. T.C

Rank, Title, Office

For Chief of Rail Section

Title

Date

9. REGIONAL APPROVAL

FOR USE OF LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION (Commerce Sub-Commission)

AFLR (1) B Release Order No.

Our Release Order No. 2186

Date:

Date: 11 January

REMARKS:

Form ACC-MAT No. 14.

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5. This material is urgently needed at Arezzo to repair two girders which are to be shipped to Gioia Tauro for use on the Petrace bridge. It is necessary that this bridge be completed promptly to open this line and thereby save fuel and time due to present circuitous route.

Ministry of Transport
I S R Director General

Rome 9 January 1945

Subject:

Battipaglia - Reggio Calabria line
Resumption of Petrace bridge

L. C. 6/16/1100

Allied Commission

Transportation Sub Commission

Building

- 1) Reference letter dated 4 January 1945, file 100A/1236/9
- 2) We are unable to say which Allied Unit ~~used~~ the self propelling crane at the Shops of the Società Anonima Costruzioni Ferroviarie e Meccaniche (Railway and Mechanic Constructions Joint Stock Company), Arezzo, as the Company's representatives could not give any information on this matter. At present the crane is no more at Arezzo.
- 3) Due to the conditions of said Establishment at Arezzo, the crane is needed not only for loading materials concerning the girders of Pescara and Petrace bridges, but also to proceed in clearing the heavy iron materials which prevent removal and loading of materials to be shipped.
- 4) It is understood that, if the crane could not be available, the shipment of materials should be probably delayed, due to the remarkable weight of most of the frames and the scarce availability of labour.

Director General

signed Di Raimondo

Ca ng16/1

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MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO

- Il Direttore Generale -

M.R.S.
12/11
Roma li-9 gennaio 1945-48
N°-L.C.o/10/1100-

= OGGETTO =

Linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
Ripristino del ponte Petrace-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione Trasporti -

S E D E

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1° Si fa riferimento alla lettera n°-Icca/1986/9 del
4 corrente;

2° Non si è in grado di comunicare l'Unità Alleata che
ha usato la gru semovente nelle Officine della So-
cietà Anonima Costruzioni Ferroviarie e Meccaniche
di Arezzo non avendo al riguardo saputo dare indi-
cazioni i rappresentanti della Società. Ora la gru
non si trova più ad Arezzo.

3° Date le condizioni dello Stabilimento di Arezzo la
gru è necessaria non solo per il carico dei materia-
li costituenti la travata destinate al Pescara ed al
Petrace, ma altresì per procedere allo sgombero dei
pesanti materiali in ferro che impediscono lo spo-
stamento ed il carico dei materiali da spedire.

4° E' bene avvertire che qualora non si potesse dispor-
re della gru la spedizione dei materiali potrebbe
subire con molta probabilità notevole ritardo dato
il peso rilevante della maggior parte delle membra-
ture e le scarse possibilità di reclutamento della
manovalanza.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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TRANSPORTATION SUB - COMMISSION, A.C.
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o. Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.

Tel: 843239

Our reference: AC/Tn/16.3.1.
17th January 1943TO : The Director General
Italian State Railways

SUBJECT : Repair to Petrace Bridge.

1. Reference your letter L.C.8/4.3;23321 of Dec.30th and 6/16/1100 of Jan.9th.
2. Arrangements have been made with the Director Militar Railways for the loan of a crane similar to that formerly in the shops of S.A.U.F.R.M. at Arezzo.
3. The crane will be sent to the Tn Stores depot at Arezzo and will be consigned to the I.S.R.
4. It must be understood that this crane is on loan to the I.S.R. who will be responsible for its proper use.
5. The I.S.R. will provide a competent driver.
6. This crane is on loan for a period of 50 days.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn-Sub-Comm.A.C.

Copy to Eng. Io Cigno
Reference letter C.S.7 of 11th Jan.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO - DIREZIONE GENERALE
 (1) **Servizio Lavori e Costruzioni**

Roma 14-1-945 194

N. C.S. 12

Al N. del

OGGETTO. Gru semovente ad Arezzo

SIG. MAGGIORE STREET

Sarei vivamente a pregarla di volere concedere l'uso di una gru semovente da 6 Tonn. , già richiesta con lettere in data 30 Dicembre s.a. e 9 corrente , per effettuare il carico delle membrature delle travate destinate al ponte sul Pescara e sul Petrace , senza di che ogni lavoro resta fermo .-

Ringraziando .

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO LAVORI

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

FERROVIE DELLO STATO

Al Direttore Generale -

Roma, li-20-12-1944

Nº-L.C.6/16/23621-

= OGGETTO =

Linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
Ripristino ponte sul fiume Pe-
trace al km-350+113,50-

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

-Sottocommissione Trasporti -

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1° - In relazione alla autorizzazione concessa verbalmen-
te di impiegare per il ripristino del ponte sul fiume
Petrace al km-350+113,50 della linea Battipaglia-Reg-
gio Cal. una travata di portata di m.64,00 ed una di
m.54,00 circa disponibile presso gli stabilimenti del-
la Società S.A.C.F.E.M. ad Arezzo significativo quanto se-
gue:

- 2° - Occorre anzitutto che siano date disposizioni perchè
da parte del Comando Alleato non siano asportate per
altro impiego tutte le membrature lavorate ed i chio-
di occorrenti per la composizione di dette travate.
- 3° - Analoga disposizione è necessario sia impartita per la
travata anche di m.64,00 destinata al ponte sul fiume
Pescara;
- 4° - Per il carico dei materiali lavorati sui carri ferro-
viari è necessario che a cura di codesta Sottocommis-
sione sia assegnata allo Stabilimento S.A.C.F.E.M.per
un periodo di circa 50 giorni (sia per il carico del-
le travate del ponte Petrace che per quella del Pesca-
ra) una gru semovente con braccio da m.8 a m.10 e di
portata non inferiore a tonnellate 6, simile a quella
già impiegata nello stesso stabilimento del Comando
Alleato;
- 5° - I carri ferroviari occorrenti saranno subito richiesti
in base al programma di spedizione che si è disposto
di concordare con la Ditta tenendo conto anche di al-
cuni adattamenti da eseguire alla travata della porta-
ta di m.54,00;
- 6° - Per i citati lavori di adattamento è altresì necessa-
rio che siano fornite Nº-12 bombole di ossigeno e nu-
mero 12 di acetilene;

- 1° - In relazione alla autorizzazione concessa verbalmente di impiegare per il ripristino del ponte sul fiume Petrace al km-350+113,50 della linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal. una travata di portata di m.64,00 ed una di m.54,00 circa disponibile presso gli stabilimenti della Società S.A.C.F.E.M. ad Arezzo significativo quanto segue:
- 2° - Occorre anzitutto che siano date disposizioni perchè da parte del Comando Alleato non siano asportate per altro impiego tutte le membrature lavorate ed i chiodi occorrenti per la composizione di dette travate.
- 3° - Analoga disposizione è necessario sia impartita per la travata anche di m.64,00 destinata al ponte sul fiume Pescara;
- 4° - Per il carico dei materiali lavorati sui carri ferroviari è necessario che a cura di codesta Sottocommissione sia assegnata allo Stabilimento S.A.C.F.E.M. per un periodo di circa 50 giorni (sia per il carico delle travate del ponte Petrace che per quella del Pesca- ra) una gru semovente con braccio da m.8 a m.10 e di portata non inferiore a tonnellate 6, simile a quella già impiegata nello stesso stabilimento del Comando Alleato;
- 5° - I carri ferroviari occorrenti saranno subito richiesti in base al programma di spedizione che si è disposto di concordare con la Ditta tenendo conto anche di alcuni adattamenti da eseguire alla travata della porta- ta di m.54,00;
- 6° - Per i citati lavori di adattamento è altresì neces- sario che siano fornite №-12 bombole di ossigeno e nu- mero 12 di acetilene;
- 7° - Per gli accordi con il Servizio Lavori delle Ferrovie dello Stato e per la ricerca del personale specializ- zato e dei mezzi d'opera, occorre che ai seguenti fun-

Società S.A.C.F.E.M. Arezzo
Fornitura e adattamento

zionari della Società S.A.C.F.E.M. sia rilasciata l'autorizzazione a viaggiare sui treni ed a circolare nel territorio a sud della linea di controllo:

a) Dott. Ing. ROGAI Leopoldo fu Giovanni provvisto della carta di identità N°-2290 rilasciata dal Comune di Arezzo.

b) Dott. Ing. RICCI Corrado fu Achille provvisto della carta di identità N°-2.210693 rilasciata dal Comune di Cascina.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Ind. X. Amadori

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o. Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.

Tel/
Our reference:

Date, 4th January 1945

TO : The Director General
I.S.R.

SUBJECT : Reconstruction of Petrace Bridge.

1. Reference your L.C.6/10/23621 of Dec. 30th 1944.
2. Definitive authority has now been given for the use of two of the spans lying at Arezzo, see our letter of 30th Dec.
3. Reference para 4. Please say which Allied unit are using a crane in the works so that arrangements can be made for this to be used for loading the girders.
4. Reference para 6. Arrangements must be made for the supply of cylinders as none are available from the military.
5. Notice will be given as to where the oxygen and acetylene can be drawn.
6. Ref. Para 7. Permits are being obtained and will be issued shortly.

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O.E. LINDBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn. Sub-Comm, A.C.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o. Transportation Increment
C.M.F.

Tel/

Date, 30 December 1944

Our reference:

TO :The Director General
Italian State Railways.

SUBJECT :Reconstruction Petrace
Bridge.

1. Reference your letter L.C.6/16/23610 of 23rd
December.

2. The Director Military Railway Service is agreeable
to the use of two spans, one of 64mts and one of 54 mts,
now lying at Arezzo.

3. It is understood that one complete span of 64mts
must be kept for the Pescara Bridge on the Ortona-Ancona
line.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lieut Colonel,
Tn. Sub; Comm. A.C.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION (SAIL SEC)
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

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SUBJECT: PETRACE BRIDGE

REF: REG I/19/3
REGGIO CAL.
29 DEC 44

TO: TN SUB-COMM A.C.
RAIL SECTION
C/O TN INCREMENT
C.M.F.

ATTENTION MAJOR STREET

1. In accordance with your telephoned request am enclosing all correspondence in connection with the Petrace Bridge up to 24 July 44.
2. There does not seem to be much except attempts to release cement and timber and requests for progress reports.

W. F. Blair, Major
W.F. BLAIR, MAJOR
DIV. SUPT. TN SUB-COMM

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
IT CONTROL COMMISSION
 PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT: CEMENT PETRACE BRIDGE

REF: REG 1/5/5

TO:

LT. COL. HAMILTINE
 U.S.A. CATANIA
 SICILY

24 JUL 44

1. Repairs to the Petrace Bridge of the Italian State Railway at Gioia Tauro is delayed awaiting cement.
2. It is stated that there is a supply at Villafranca di Stabia but which is frozen.
3. It is imperative that this bridge be repaired as soon as possible to save coal and time. It now is necessary to route all RTT traffic from Reggio to Naples via Catanzaro which uses steam locomotives. Reggio to San Lufemia - a distance of 227 kilometers.
4. When the direct route is restored by the repair of this bridge the locomotives are all electric and the distance lessened by 80 kilometers.
5. Will you please authorize release of this cement for a very worthy cause

100 tons

W F Blair.

W. F. BLAIR, MAJOR
 DIV. SUPT. TN SUB-COMM

C/C H.Q. ACC TN SUB-COMM

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(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions

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Originator's No

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
REGGIO CAL.REF.-REG I/5/4
Date 4 Jul 44

Subject: Petrace Bridge

To : Capo Compartimento
Ferrovie dello Stato
REGGIOCAL.

1. Information has been received from Allied Military Railway Services that the lumber needed to repair the Petrace bridge is to be procured from

FRAT FULCRINELLI BRUNO

who is represented by Bruno PARLASSINIA of REGGIO.

2. It is stated that this firm has mills at Reggio and Villa San Giovanni.

*W. F. Blair*W. F. BLAIR, MAJOR
Div Capt TN S/C

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Refer to your letters of 12 and 13 June
 To Sig Manno regarding release and
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 and Muccione for use in reconstruction
 of Petrache bridge stop Commanding
 Officer Scott Engineers Forestry Co APO
 782 has not been advised by IBS HQ
 to release this timber and shipment
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 give him proper instructions at
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once ends

*Plenty
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TELEGRAMMA

Spedito il		19		ora		del circuito N.		Circuito sul quale si deve fare Piazzetta del telegramma	
all'Ufficio di		Transmissione							
Qualifica	DESTINATARIO	PROVENIENZA	NUM.	PAROLE	Data di presentazione Giorno e mese Ore e minuti		Via d'istruimento o indicazioni eventuali d'Ufficio		

DA MOVEMENT CONTROL, REGGIO CAL.

AL MOVEMENT CONTROL, CROTONE.

Comando Americano

~~COMANDO INGLESE~~~~CAPO STAZIONE~~

R. T. O. INGLESE,

Cosenza

STAZIONE DELLE

FERROVIE

Cosenza - Stazione Delle Ferrovie

(TESTO) Beginning first of July arrange to have
 @ L M place one flat car per day at Congliatelli
 and Muccone for loading bridge timber to
 be forwarded by narrow gauge to Catanzaro
 Marina transshipment there from to Gioia Taro
 Advising when movement begins 322 Regan

June 19 = 44

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To The Director
Transportation Sub-Commission

Subject Railway Repairs
Reggio Division

- 1 Reference your A.C.C. Tn/238/3 of 13th June.
- 2 A complete list of all material required for the Petrace Bridge was forwarded to D.C. M. R. S. by the Italian State Railways on April 3-44
- 3 A duplicate copy of this list was forwarded to your office under date June 17.
- 4 Since my letter of June 17 advice has been received that the necessary timber has been released.

A. H. STREET MAJOR
Divisional Supply A.C.C.
Transportation Sub-Commission
Reggio Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our reference : ACC Tn/238/3

Date : 13 June 44.

Ref 1/5/3
TO : Major A.H. Street,
Sezione Movimento, I.S.R.
Via Antonio Gimino, Reggio.

SUBJECT : Railway Repairs - Reggio Division.

1. Reference your report dated 4 June ACC/TN/RG/1, para 3.
2. It is noted that the reconstruction of the bridge over the River Petrace near Gioia-Tauro has been commenced but work is held up due to no steel and timber being available, but no details of what is required are given.
3. It is essential that if material is to be obtained from any other source than can be met from local stocks that proper drawings and a bill of quantities be prepared and forwarded to this office so that steps can be taken to obtain what is really necessary.
4. Will you therefore please arrange accordingly for the bridge in question.

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L.E. VINING,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.,
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o. Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.

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Tel/ 843239

December 28th 1944

REF. :

TO : The Director
Military Railway Services

SUBJECT : Petrace bridge.

1. A request has been received from the Director General Italian State Railways for permission to modify the plans for the repairs to the above bridge.

2. The new scheme envisages the use of 3 new lattice girders, 2 of 64 metres and one of 54 metres at present lying at "Officine Ferroviarie e Meccaniche di Arezzo".

3. Will you please say if the above girders can be released for use on the Petrace bridge.

G.H. LIMBERG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Tn. Sub-Comm., A.C.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE
SERVIZIO LAVORI E COSTRUZIONI

Roma, 11-14 Dicembre 1944-

N°-L.C.6/16/23590-

OGGETTO =

Linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.
Ripristino ponte sul Petrace-

SIG. MAGGIORE M O L E
-Sotto commissione Trasporti -

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1) Comunico lo stato di avanzamento dei lavori di ripristino del ponte sul fiume Petrace sl km-350+113,50 della linea Battipaglia-Reggio Cal.

2) Ricostruzione della parte muraria:
Continuano i lavori per la ricostruzione dei volti in mattoni che si prevede saranno ultimati per la fine del mese, salvo interruzione per il maltempo. Prosegue anche la muratura del rifianco tra le arcate.

3) Costruzione delle stilate:
E' stata ultimata l'infissione dei pali per la costruzione della piattaforma d'appoggio della I° torre di sollevamento nella luce lato Reggio C.
Prosegue l'infissione dei pali anche per la 2° torre, e alla data del 3 corrente mese erano stato infissi N°446 pali.

E' stata completata la fornitura delle puntazze. N°-450 sono già pervenute in cantiere; le altre 450 sono pronte per essere spedite quando occorreranno.
Dei 700 pali ordinati alla Ditta GIUNTA, già 180 sono giunti in cantiere, oltre i 192 dell'Amministrazione.
Il trasporto degli altri pali prosegue regolarmente secondo le esigenze dell'impiego.

4) Riparazione della travata:
Il giorno 20 scorso, la Ditta LA SPADA ha firmato il verbale di consegna dei lavori. Non ha però eseguito i versamenti ed è stata nuovamente invitata a provvedervi.
Non ha iniziato ancora il taglio delle lamiere per ricavarle i larghi piatti occorrenti per le anime delle briglie. Si è provveduto a dare alla Ditta il termine perentorio di iniziare la lavorazione entro il 10 corrente.
Scaduto tale termine, sarà necessario fare intervenire alla Ditta.

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sblocco anche per i materiali presso le Acciaierie di Terni e S. Giovanni Valdarno essendo pervenuto soltanto quello dei materiali presso le Acciaierie di Torre Annunziata.

Le dette autorizzazioni sono state chieste con la lettera n°-L.C.6/16/23558 del 13 novembre scorso.

5) Costruzione delle intelaiature delle piattaforme:

La fornitura dei legnami squadrati occorrenti per la costruzione delle piattaforme in fondazione sulle palafitte, ed in elevazione sopra le stilate, è stata affidata in seguito a trattativa privata all'Impresa GIUNTA.

IL CAPO DEL SERVIZIO

Polignone

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

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SUBJECT: WEEKLY BRIDGE REPORT

TO: CAPO SEZIONE LAVORI
I.S.R. REGGIO

REF: REG I/19/2
REGGIO CAL.
13 DEC 44

1. A further request has been received from H.Q. this Sub-Commission for a weekly report of progress of the repairs to the Petrace Bridge.
2. This should include a brief summary of the work carried out since the last report, the percentage of work finished and any remarks as to delay or difficulties.

W. F. Blair

W.F. BLAIR, MAJOR
DIV. SUPP. TN SUB-COMM

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
RAILS

Ref. AC. Tn. 62/S
Date Dec. 9th 1944

TO : Major W.F. Blair
Divisional Supt.
Reggio Division.

1. Please obtain from the Divisional Engineer I.S.R. a brief report on the Petrace bridge and forward same by signal to reach this office every Monday.
2. This report should contain a brief summary of the work carried out since the last report, the % of work finished and any remarks as delay or difficulties.

A.H. STREET, Major
Tn Sub Commission
Rails.

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Rails.

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
WORK AND CONSTRUCTION SECTION

Rome, 29th Nov. 1944

SUBJECT: Line Battipaglia-Reggio C.
Reconstruction of bridge over Petrace
river near Gioia Tauro.

To Major Mole
Transportation Sub Commission

1/ Reconstruction of 2 arches and of the collapsed pier.

The construction of the 2 centres and of the relative lagging is completed. The construction of the brick arches is already started, and it is foreseen that they will be completed by the end of December.

2/ Construction of the pile foundations supporting the scaffolding of the Innocenti tubes.

900 shoes have been constructed, 360 of which are already on the site and 540 at the workshop of the "Squadra Ponti" Reggio Calabria, in order to be dispatched to the site as soon as they are necessary.

192 poles are on the site. 700 poles have been purchased at Caltanovola by the firm GIUNTA, who are providing the transport.

The driving in of the poles has already been started with two pile drivers, one a steam pile driver and the other a hand pile driver. Till the 18th November, 67 poles have been driven in.

3/ Construction of the platform over the pile foundations.

Regarding the supply of timber, practices are in course with the firm RIZZUTO in Cosenza, in order to obtain same at good conditions from Sila.

4/ Repair to the girder.

On the site are : plates 15mm and 16 mm thick, from which a part of the traps can be recovered, as well as the angle iron for the same. Practices are course for the supply of other iron which can be supplied by the "Ferriere S. Giovanni Valdarso and Torre Annunziata and Acciaieri Terni. The Allied Subcommission has already been informed about the release of same iron.

5/ Lifting of the girder.

Some firm in Naples and Bari declared to carry out the work. We are awaiting some news concerning the damaged of the hoist of the substation Scalea, due to the recent fire. It was foreseen to use same for lifting the girder.

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THE CHIEF OF THE SERVICE
s/s Io Cigno

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