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857 SECTIONS OF LINE BOLOGNA-PADOVA
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MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE ITALY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (DMRS)

MS. 1/29.

13 July 45.

Subject: Reconstruction Line 85.
San Pietro - Padua.

W.H.H.

S E C R E T.

To : G-4 (Mov & Tn),
A.F.H.Q.

1. A proposal to employ German Railway Troops on the reconstruction of the above line was put forward verably (refer conversation Brig. Philipe - Brig. Waghorn) some days ago and the scheme has I understood received the sanction of the C.A.O.
2. To have any chance of completing this project before the winter it will be necessary to use a considerable quantity of Military Bridging; a rough estimate places this at 2000 ft run.
3. Recent War Office Directives have stressed the need of economy in the use of all types of Military Stores except on projects to cover Military requirements or civil requirements necessary to prevent disease and unrest.
4. It would be difficult to justify the project on a Military basis as far as future plans are known to this office, but on the basis of disease and unrest the provision of a direct connection between BOLOGNA and PADUA will undoubtedly greatly facilitate traffic movement in N.E. Italy and should produce a much more economical and efficient use of the limited resources of rolling stock available in the country.
5. It will moreover provide an alternative crossing of the PO should trouble occur to the temporary bridge at OSTIGLIA on the line from BOLOGNA - VERONA.

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6. It is requested therefore that the use of Military Bridging be confirmed. As it is hoped to start work at the end of July or beginning of August, an early reply is requested.

(Signed)

(R.D. WAHHORN).
Brigadier.
Director, Military Railway Service.
Italy.

Copy to: Tn. Sub-Commission, A.C.

Copy to: Tn.4. - your TN.A.4/211
dated 11 July '45 refers.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
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Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/164/Tn 4

8 May 1945

SUBJECT : Railways of Northern Italy.

TO : Movements (Rails)
Planning Division Tn Sub-Comm. HQ AC

1. Anticipated date of completion of lines 65 and 86 into Bologna 31 May 45.
2. Line chosen for reconstruction to Verona is N° 69 Via Ostiglia.
3. Line 85 Bologna-Ferrara-Padua is severely damaged in region of Ferrara and Pontelagoscuro Bridge is demolished. It is not anticipated that any work will be done beyond Army Railheads at S. Giorgio station by military units.
4. Damage to Bologna-Modena-Piacenza line is mainly 8 bridges, and track damage and removal between Bologna-Modena. Except for bridges 1 single track is intact between Modena and Piacenza.

Chief, Rail Division.

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