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APR. 1944 - FEB. 1945

0 1148/1975 REHABILITATION OF RAILWAYS - SIOUX
APR. 1944 - FEB. 1945

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SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
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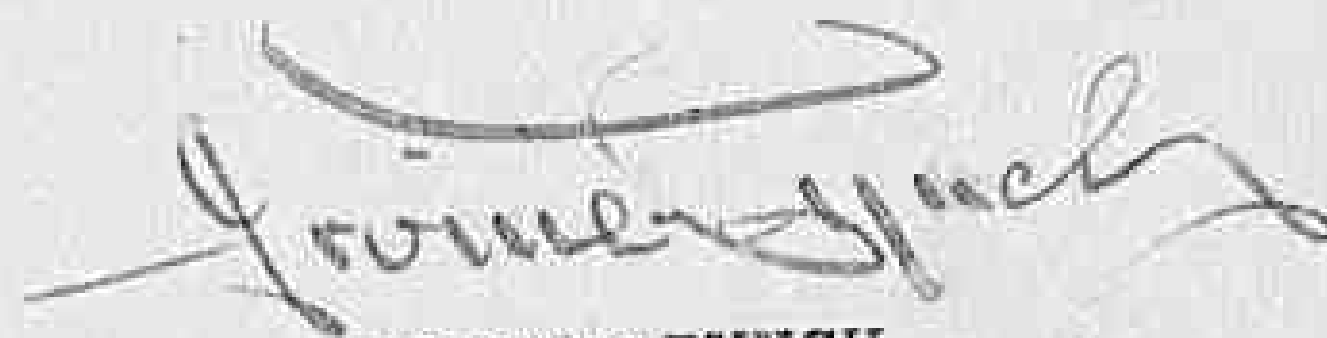
SUBJECT: P.O.L. Installation.

TO : Trans Sub-Commission AC (Rail Section)
c/o Trans Increment C.M.F.

1. I have had a request from Comd 204 Sub-Area to repair & put into operation the Railway line into the P.O.L. Installation at Massina to enable them to fill rail cisterns for re-distribution.

2. The R.N. have also been requested to raise a sunken wreck lying off the tank berth.

3. I think if the Navy agree to do their part, we should put this work in hands. Kindly let me have your views on this matter.



IRVINE-LYNCH
Capt RE's(M.C.Sec)
Chief Trans Officer.

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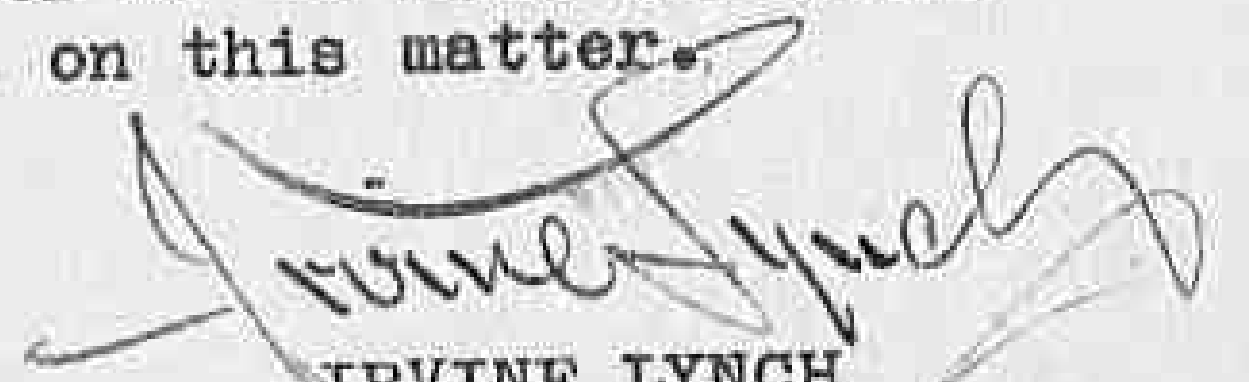
SUBJECT: Extension of Line.

TO : AC Trans Sub-Commission (Rail Section)
c/o Trans Increment C.M.F. Rome

1. We have at present a project to run a track off the mainline extending from Pier 1 to Pier 6 this would insure a much quicker turn round of wagons as at present they have to cart off loads from the end of Pier 6 to the mainline adjoining Pier 1. See Appendix A marked in red.

2. The Railway wanted spurs extended along Pier 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 but that is too big a job. The length of the permanent way would be 2,000 meters with a short loop on Pier 6 & could be completed by the end of March. The proposal has been approved by all concerned.

3. Material is available if you can get us the release of the timber for ties or as we call sleepers. Kindly let me have your views on this matter.


IRVINE LYNCH
Capt RE's (M.C. Sec)
Trans Sub-Commission.

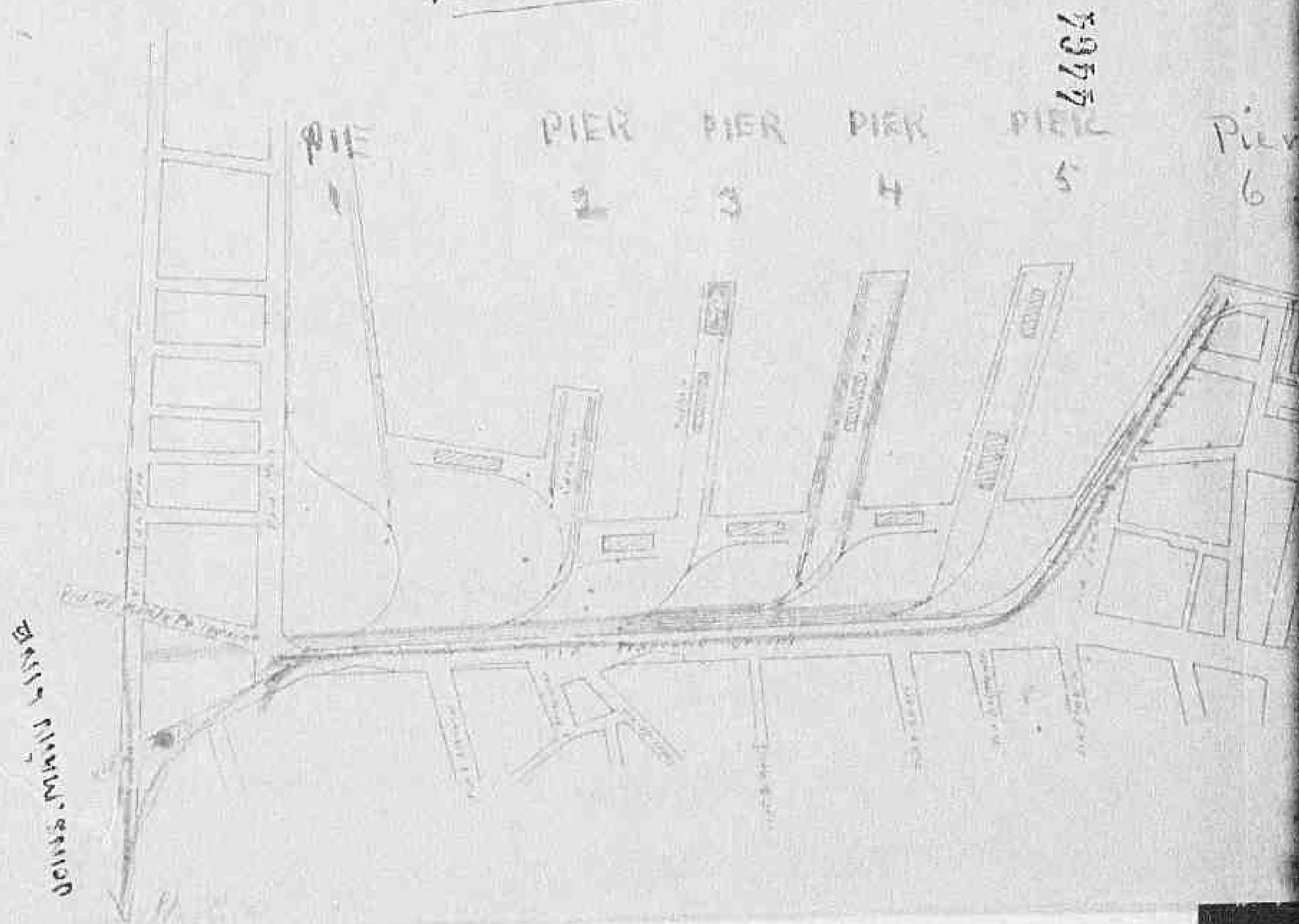
Enclosure.

*Major Watson -
Can the idea be justified?
Can we release the timber?
A.L.*

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PORT PALERMO



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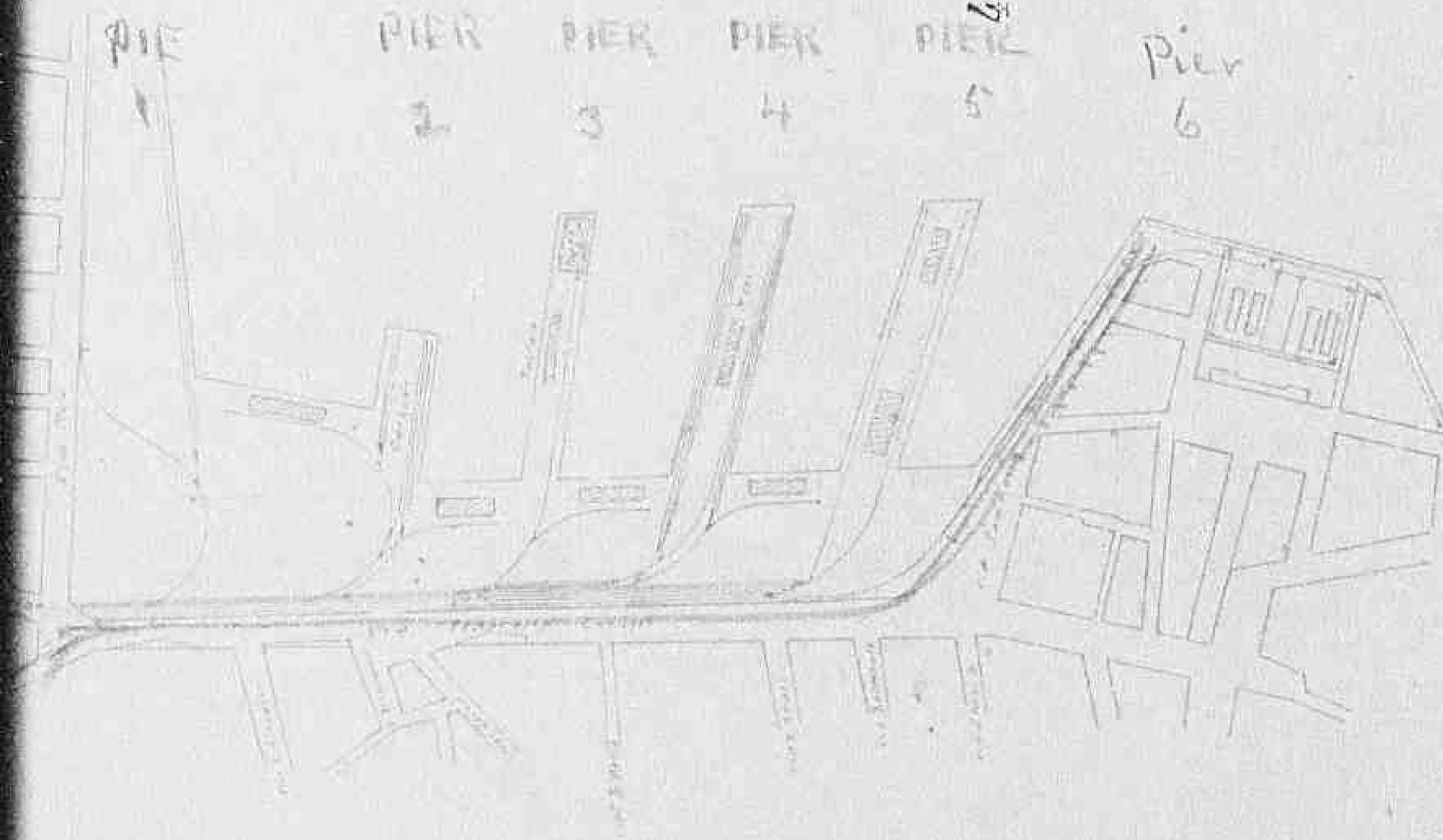
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

OHL/cc
Ref : SR/OHL/16
Date: 5 Aug.1944.

SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Further to my letter dated 18th July.
2. I now enclose another "percentage completed" form made up to 30th July, showing the eight remaining bridge jobs to be completed. (One of these since completed).
3. Some good progress has been made, & it is now expected to open the Palermo-Messina line by the end of August, and the Simeto bridge should be completed by the 25th August.

(1 Enclos)
A. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG, R.E.
Lt. Col. Trans. Sub-Comm. A.C.C.
Rep. at HQ. Region 1.



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BRIDGE & TUNNEL SITUATIONPalermo - Messina

Name of Br. or Tunnel	Description	Km. Location	%				
			COMPLETE				
			30/7				
Ponte Gronia	Steel 1 Sp. 45 m.	105 + 182	75				
" Buzza	Mas. Arch. 5 Sp. 11 m. ea.	110 + 833	75				
" Furiano	" " 7 " 11 m.	117 + 645	75				

Messina - Catania

Tunnel S. Alessio	Tunnel - 642 m.	298 + 642	75				
" Capo S. Antonio	" - 179 m.	291 + 483	65				
" " Taormina	" - 362 m.	289 + 528	90				
Ponte Alcantara	Steel 2 Sp. 20 m. ea.	283 + 331	100				

Trapani - C. Vetrano

Ponte Mazzara	Masonry 3 arches 10 m.	140 + 401	75				
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Palermo - Catania

Ponte Simeto	Steel 4 spans. m. 1-10.20 m., 1-20.20m.	220 + 925	70				
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" " 7 " 11 m.	117 + 645	75						30 - 8 - 44

Messina - Catania

Tunnel - 642 m.	298 + 642	75						30 - 8 - 44
" - 179 m.	291 + 483	65						30 - 9 - 44
" - 362 m.	289 + 528	90						30 - 8 - 44
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Palermo - Catania

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Com. Sec. (Lns. Sec.)

HEADQUARTERS *5441*
17 LUG 1944
A. C. C.
OHL/cc

Ref : BR/OHL/14
Date: 12 July, 1944

SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

1. Further to my letter dated 4th inst.
2. The "percentage completed" figures for week ending 9th July are as under:

Date - Week ended 9th July.

Sec. 1. - 70, 40, 60, 100
" 2. - 100, 100, 100, 100, 30, 100, 30, 45, 100, 90, 100
" 3. - 100, 72, 100, 100
" 4. - 35,

Your representations travelled by ordinary Diesel car service to SIMETO BRIDGE on the 4th July to see for themselves what progress is being made. It was found that the contractor had been compelled to make some alterations in the construction of the bridge, involving additional piling. The BAILEY bridge has been removed and passengers only can get across the gap.

The materials are all on the site, and it is still expected that the new bridge will be completed by the date fore-casted, viz. 15th August.

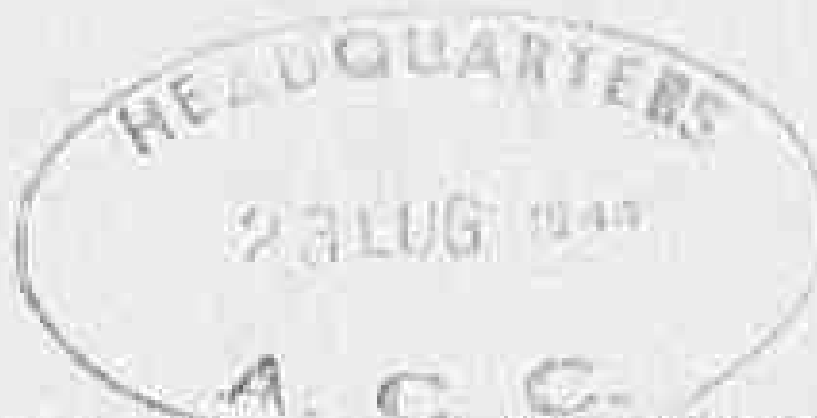
O. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O. H. LINDBERG, R. E.,
Lt. Col. Trans. Sub-Comm. ACC,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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OHL/cc
Ref : RR/OHL/15
Date: 18 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

1. Further to my letter dated 12th inst.
2. The "percentage completed" figures for week ended 16th July are as under:

Date = Week-ended 16th July.

Sec.1. - 75,45,65,100
" 2. - 100,100,100,100,35,100,35,50,100,95,100
" 3. - 100,74,100,100
" 4. - 40,

✓ It will be observed that steady progress is being made; we are not getting all the cement we require, and at the Regional Commissioner's Conference yesterday, I pointed out that the Regional Engineering officer allocates all the cement he requires for his road bridges, some of which may not be so vitally important as Railway bridges. The Regional Commissioner said that he would look into the matter with Lt. Col. Bolick and see that we get our fair allotment. I added that we are using cement for bridges only and ~~not~~^{now} is being allowed for station building repairs etc.

O. H. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O. H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt. Col. Trans. Sub-Comm. ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 14460

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

OHL/er
Ref : Br/OHL/13
Date: 28 June 1944

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. I am pleased to report that the Railway line from Trapani to Marsala was opened yesterday, 27 inst.

Your Representatives in Palermo travelled over the line in a Diesel Rail-car.

2. The opening of this line will considerably help the farmers to dispatch their crops.

3. The local population along the route turned out to see this first train running on this line since the occupation, and they waved their hands in appreciation.

4. Col. Jordan, the Regional Executive Officer, accompanied us on the trip, as the Regional Commissioner was unable to do so.

5. The distance from Trapani to Marsala is 30 kilometers.

O. H. Lindberg, Lt. Col.

O. H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt. Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

Copy to Regional Commissioner

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

OHL/er
Ref: Br/OHL/12
Date: 28 June 1944

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Further to my letter dated 20 inst.

2. The "percentage completed" figures to be filled in on the form which I sent to you are as follows:

Date. 25/6
Sec.1. 60,30,45,-
" 2. 100,100, --,50,22,--\$,37,93,70,82.
" 3. 95,65,15,90.
" 4. \$

\$. Figures not yet available.

3. It will be observed that further good progress has been made. Actually the jobs at ATENA and BUZI (Sec3) were completed on 26 inst, and the first train travelled from Trapani to Marsala on 27 inst.

Out of a total of 20 jobs on the list, five have been completed, before the fore-casted dates.

C. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
C.H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt.Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

Ref : Br/OHL/10
Date: 20 June 1944

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. ~~Reference is made to your letter.~~
Further to my letter dated 14 inst., in reply to yours dated 6 inst. (ACC Tn/16).

2. The "percentage completed" figures, to be filled in on the Form which I sent to you, are as follows:

Date 18/6

Sec. 1	50, 35, 40, -
" 2	90, 60, - , 40, 20, -, 23, 35, 90, 50, 75.
" 3	85, 62, 10, 65.
" 4	20.

3. It will be observed that good progress has been made.

4. As regards the Simeto bridge, the Contractor has obtained some timber from Etna District. The timbers from the narrow gauge bridge at Siculiana have arrived, and will be used for the piers. Two piling apparatus are now in operation and another has arrived. The piling should now be completed by the middle of July, and trains will run over the bridge on, but possibly before, the 15 Aug.

5. Out of the 17 jobs to be completed, I have got the Railway Engineer to advance the approximate dates of completion of 7 of them.

O. H. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O. H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt. Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

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SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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Com. Sec (Trans)
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[Signature]
OHL/er
Ref: Br/OHL/13
Date: 4 July 1944

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Further to my letter 28 June.
2. The "percentage completed" figures are as under:

Date

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Sec.1 -	65,35,50,100
" 2 -	100,100,100,100,24,100,27,40,100,75,100
" 3 -	100,67,100,100
" 4 -	30

3. Further progress has been made, and out of the 20 jobs on the list, eleven, of them have been completed.

O. Lindberg. Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt.Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

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7 July
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Reference : ACC Tn/16/ ~~16~~

Date : 6 June 44

TO : Lt. Col. O.H. Lindberg,
Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC., Representative,
Palermo, Sicily.

SUBJECT : Rehabilitation of Sicilian Railways.

1. Deputy Director, Lt. Col. Brown, upon return to Headquarters, reports encouraging progress on task of rehabilitation, especially of the important Palermo-Messina line.
2. In conversation with Regional Commissioner, Col. Hancock, idea was expressed that, by establishment of a motor truck convey route between San Stefano and San Agate, with supporting train service to each side of the break, it would be possible to institute service quickly.
3. Unfortunately, you could not be present at conference between Col. Hancock and Lieut. Col. Brown, due to your absence on work incident to repairs to Catania-Messina line. It is assumed that, on your return, Col. Hancock will have discussed matter with you. Please advise this office what you are able to accomplish.
4. Progress of work on Simeto bridge was, no doubt, observed by you on your trip. It is believed that, with materials arranged for in conjunction with Lt. Col. Brown and others to be furnished by I.A.H. there should be no delays incident to materials. Any special problems which may arise should have prompt attention for local supply, after which this office will attempt to obtain any special items from mainland.
5. Please keep this office currently informed of progress of work on the four major line restoration projects.


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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

CPB/ce *16/17*

27 March 1944 *16/17*

In reply
refer to : RTC 531
Subject : Sicilian Railways Rehabilitation
To : Director Internal Transportation
Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
Through : Executive Commissioner

1. Reference A.C.C. Tn/16/79 Mar.44 subject Sicilian Railway Rehabilitation.

2. Paragraph 2 has been borne in mind in all construction work. It was felt by all concerned that the sections of railroad between Palermo-Messina and Messina-Catania should be started, as much work could be done with non-essential materials. Messina is cut off from the remainder of the island by rail and we have to depend on truck transport to this Province. We have already begun to lose trucks for lack of tires and before the summer ends this condition will be acute. It is therefore essential to the welfare of Messina Province that these two sections be put into operation before the summer ends. Where critical materials such as steel, cement, and lumber are involved, they will be submitted to the Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicilian) Board.

3. Paragraph 3 Captain Di Bella was a bit previous in his arrival as he did not have proper authority from the Italian Government as the Italian Government was not yet operating in Sicily, and no funds were placed to his credit or to the Sicilian Railways to carry out any works. He did not receive the allocation of any materials through this office. All construction work was authorized by Region 1 and funds approved up until March 16 at which time instructions were received to the effect that all expenditures would be submitted to the proper Italian Government agency for approval and would be paid out of Italian Government funds. Capt. Di Bella has not been seen since he returned and if he has made any local arrangements to secure steel he has not contacted either this office or the Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicilian) Board. The 2000 tons referred to was Navy stock and is not available for Railway Construction. It is understood that Capt. Di Bella has now left the island.

4. Paragraph 5 your letter requested information on the status of timber requirements requisitioned from Allied Forces Local Resources (Sicilian) Board. To date the Board has not acted on this matter and no timber has been released. Timber is urgently needed as three Bailey Bridges will be removed shortly, two by May 1, 1944 and the other by June 1, 1944.

5. Paragraph 6 your letter, Dr. Tuccio has on deposit to his credit in the Bank of Italy 97,000,000 lire. He has used about 20,000,000 lire of this. It is Allied money and is being used to pay bills as rendered. No work has been approved by the T.C.U. and P.W. Div. since March 16, 1944.

A.N. Hancock
A.N. HANCOCK
Lt. Colonel,
Regional Commissioner

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16/4/46
Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/O AGV # 12.,
HQ AAI (Adm Echelon),
C.M.F.

Our reference : XND PM/16/44.

Date : 14 April 44.

TO : HQ AAI (Adm Echelon),
C.M.F.

SUBJECT: Railway situation in Sicily.

1. Reference your letter Nov 3/44 dated 8 April 44.
2. Statement that railway transport is paralysed is an exaggeration.

3. While it is true that there are breaks in the railway network, these are limited to four sections of standard gauge line as listed below, together with the nature of the obstruction:-

LINE	SECTION	OBSTRUCTION
A. Messina-Tatania	Mazzeleto to Ioria	12 bridges and 5 tunnels damaged.
B. Palermo-Messina	Stefano to Ratti	11 bridges and 1 tunnel damaged.
C. Trapani-Palermo	Castelvetro to Trapani	4 bridges damaged.
D. Reccapallumba - P. Spedocle	Campofranco to P. Spedocle	1 tunnel damaged.

In all cases repair work to the damaged structures is in hand either by staff of the Italian State Railways or by contractors. There are difficulties regarding the supply of materials which cannot be produced locally or which are vital to the war effort and in short supply. This matter is in hand. You will be fully aware of the necessity to ensure that vital materials are only used for the direct benefit of the Allied war effort.

4. The narrow gauge lines, being of lesser import, have not yet been fully opened but two major lines, Palermo-Mazzeleto and Messina-Cataglorone are operating.

5. The coal situation during the first two months of the year was particularly serious, causing the cancelling of nearly all civil passenger and freight services as the allotment of coal shipped to the situation has not

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LINE	DIRECTION	OBSTRUCTION
A. Messina-Catania	Catania to Messina	12 bridges and 3 tunnels damaged.
B. Palermo-Mazara	Mazara to Palermo	11 bridges and 1 tunnel damaged.
C. Trapani-Palermo	Castellvetrano to Trapani	4 bridges damaged.
D. Roccapalumba - Marsala	Marsala to Roccapalumba	1 tunnel damaged.

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5. The coal situation during the first two months of the year was particularly serious, causing the cancelling of nearly all civil passenger and freight services as the allotment of coal shipped to the island was used for military moves. The situation has now improved and increased civil movement is being carried out.

6. There has been marked increase in civil gross tonnages moved vide contrast weeks ending 29 Feb 44 and 2 Apr 44, 3817 tons versus 14,327 tons. (An increase of over 300%).

W.A. PITCH

W.A. PITCH,
Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.

16/4/5
Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.
c/o Gov & Tn.,
H.Q., A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon),
C. M. T.

Our Reference : ACC Tn/15/98

Date : 13 April 44

TO : H.Q., ACC., Region I.
(for Lt. Col. Lindberg = Tn. Sub-Comm. Rep)

SUBJECT: Repairs to Damaged Railways = Sicily.

1. Gen. DI Raimondo was informed of Capt. DI Bella's activities and claims, and request made for definition of his (DI Bella) authority in matters concerning Sicilian Railways.

2. In response thereto, this Sub-Commission has been informed that Capt. DI Bella has no authority in the premises and that he has been instructed that only the Capo Compartimenti of Palermo, and the Ministry of Communications (Gen. DI Raimondo) have any authority to act in the matter of procurement of materials for Sicilian Railways.

(Sew)
for S.A. FITCH
Colonel
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC

MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO

FERROVIE - MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE
TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

16/4/44
Napoli, Bari, 11 aprile 1944

N. 1724/1.3/1.1 leg.

al N. _____ del _____

Oggetto:

Ripristino interruzioni ferrovie della Sicilia.

All. _____

Al Col. S.A. Fitch
Direttore Sottocommissione Trasporti Interni

NAPOLI

- 1.- Riferimento Vostra lettera ACC/TN/16/92 del 7 corrente.
- 2.- Sono state date istruzioni al Capitano DI BELLA circa la procedura regolare per l'approvvigionamento dei materiali occorrenti per le Ferrovie Siciliane, nel senso che gli enti competenti a trattare le questioni relative sono il Capo Compartimento di Palermo e questo Ministero. =

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

Aditamarini

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TRANSLATION:

Naples - 11 April 1944

REF: 1724/ 1./1.1. Segr.

Minister of Communications
Undersecretary of State.

Subject: Renewal Interruptions of the Sicilian Railways.

To : Col. S.A. Fitch
Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Reference your letter ACC/TN/16/92 of the 7 April.

2. Instructions have been given to CAPT. DI BELLA about the regular procedure for the victualing of the materials necessary for the Sicilian Railways, in the understanding that the Head of these Compartimento of Palermo and this Minister being competent of treating these questions relatively. *all Capo Compartimento di Palermo and this Ministry*

Undersecretary of State
di Raimondo

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HQ.
APO 394

OHL/mm

7 April 1944

In reply
refer to : RTC 531

Subject : Repairs to Damaged Railways - Sicily.

To : Director, Transportation Sub - Commission, A.C.C.
c/o Movement and Transportation.
H.Q. A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon) C.M.F.

1. Further reference is made to my letter dated 3rd April (in reply to your A.C.C. Tn/16/86 dated 27th March).

2. Dr. Tuccio informed me this morning that Capt. DI BELLA has just returned from Naples to Palermo.

3. Capt. DI BELLA has told Dr. Tuccio that he has been sent to Palermo by Gen. Di Raimondo.

4. Capt. DI BELLA also informed Dr. Tuccio that Gen. Di Raimondo will visit Palermo next week, and that he, Capt. DI BELLA, is to remain in Palermo for this visit.

5. Capt. DI BELLA, in addition to his railway activities, has informed Dr. Tuccio that he is now trying to organize the formation of a Volunteer Corps of 10,000 Sicilians.

6. I would be obliged if you would advise me what official authority this Capt. DI BELLA holds. He wears the uniform of the Italian Air Force, but I do not know what his official position is, and perhaps you would be able to confirm that he is known by General Di Raimondo.

O. H. Lindberg
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col.
Tn. Sub-Com. Rep.
at H.Q. Reg. I.

SUBJECT:- Railway situation
in Sicily.

A.C.C. Transport Sub-
Commission (2 copies).

Copy to D.G.M.R.S.

Rev. M.M.I.A.

Rev. No.1 District.

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Movements,
H.Q. A.A.I. (Adm Bch)
C.M.F.
MOV 3/111

8 Apr 14.

1. The attached letter from the Italian S.M.R.E. Sicily is forwarded.
2. Is there any truth in the allegations that the railway transport is paralysed or that the rail communications at present existing are, in fact, a severe handicap to the functioning of the civil life of the community. The transport of the 600 tons of timber from CALABRIA would not appear an insurmountable problem but it seems unlikely that the Navy will release the steel.
3. M.M.I.A. are not taking any direct action in the matter.

R. W. Helmes

Brigadier
D.G.M.G. (Movements).

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From Stato Maggiore Regio Esercito (Ufficio Trasporti)

To M.M.I.A.

SUBJECT:- State of Railways in SICILY.

Ref: 2008/TF.

Further to our 1189/TF dated 16.2.44.

The position of railway transport in SICILY is still very serious. Only short stretches are working and links between the main centres are missing. This paralyzation of railway transport is causing a grave setback in all branches of economic life of the island. In addition any attempt at encouraging or promoting renewal or re-organization of activities is seriously handicapped.

Furthermore it even has a damaging effect on the army particularly as regards discipline.

This standstill is due chiefly to breaks in the lines and also lack of coal, but the most urgent problem is caused by the breaks.

H.Q. 12th Army Corps reports that there are 54 breaks in the Sicilian railway network. These breaks could be repaired between now and the month of July according to the railway authorities provided they could be assured of a regular supply of the materials required for the repairs.

Among other materials required, the following are important:-

2000 tons of iron which could be reduced to 1500 tons by the combined use of wood and brickwork. This quantity is available at the Naval Ship-building yards, but the Allied authorities have refused issue.

500 tons (approx) of wood. The C.E.F. contractors established at PALERMO could have found the necessary quantity of wood in CALABRIA, but the Calabria Allied Authorities have refused transport to SICILY.

M.M.I.A. is requested to consider the matter of obtaining release of the materials required, bearing in mind the vital importance that railway transport has in the economic life in the island and also as regards military reorganisation.

(Sgd) Gen OATILLA.

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(Translated from Italian).

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ON 11/11/11

REASON: 25XCFR 171.16(a)(1)

10/1/11 10:00 AM

Further to our 11/09/11 dated 16.2.11.

The position of railway transport in New Zealand is still very serious. Only short stretches are working and links between the main centres are missing. This penalises the railway transport in carrying a great weight in all branches of economic life of the island. In addition any attempt at recovering or remedying current or re-organisation of activities is seriously handicapped.

Furthermore it even has a damaging effect on the way particularly on transport development.

This situation is due chiefly to breaks in the lines and also lack of coal, but the most urgent problem is caused by the lack of

U.S. 1000 tons of coal reported that there are 24 breaks in the New Zealand railway network. These breaks will be repaired between now and the month of July according to the railway authorities provided they could be secured of a regular supply of the materials required for the repairs.

Among other materials required, the following are important:-

1000 tons of iron which could be valued at 1500 tons by the continued use of coal and timber. This quantity is available at the United States Steel Works, but the Allied authorities have refused to supply.

100 tons (approx.) of wood. The U.S. authorities estimated at 1000 tons (approx.) the necessary quantity of wood in New Zealand, but the United States authorities have refused to supply.

N.Z.R. is requested to consider the matter of obtaining release of the materials required, bearing in mind the vital importance that railway transport has in the economic life of the island and also on matters relating to reconstruction.

11/11

(100) New Zealand.

(Translated from Russian)

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SICILY REGION HQ.
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3 April 1944

Subject : Repairs to Damages Railways - Sicily
To : Director, Transportation Sub.Commission, A.C.C.
c/o. Mov. & Tr.
H.Q. A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon). C.M.F.

1. Your letter dated 27th March 1944 (your reference A.C.C. Tn./16/86) was received here to-day.

2. Nothing has resulted from the activities of Captain DI BELLA to date, and no materials were made available for his purposes.

3. I informed Capt. DI BELLA at the time that it would be necessary for me to submit the matter to you, and since I received your letter dated 11th Feb. (your ref. A.C.C. Tr./16/69), I have not seen Capt. Di Bella again.

4. I might say that Dr. Tuccio was a little suspicious of Capt. Di Bella from the first; and no action was taken on any of his requests.

5. The 1000 tons cement (referred to in my letter of 22nd Jan) which was allocated, was never handed over, neither did he obtain any of the 2.000 tons steel which he required.

O.H. Lindberg

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