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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 994

Our Reference : ACC Tn/18/8

Date : 16 July '44

TO : D.G.M.P.S..

SUBJECT : Surplus Rolling Stock - Sicily.

1. Reference is to your letter of 27 June '44 on this subject.
2. I am able to offer transfer of the following freightcars Sicily to the mainland as and when desired.

Box Refrigerator	Box	High Sided Gondolas	Gondolas	Flats	Tank Cars
50	70	300	200	380	40

3. This, coupled with the 542 vehicles and 40 gondola cars already sent, totals 1622 vehicles, and it may be possible to repair others to follow.

4. If you will advise me what are required from Sicily, the necessary arrangements for transfer to the mainland will be made.

[Signature]
D.S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E..
Director, Transportation Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
AFC 394

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Ref : EST/OHL/5

Date: 6 July 1944

SUBJECT : Sicily - Rolling Stock Position.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Further to telephone conversation with Deputy-Director Lt.Col.Brown and in reply to your letter dated 24 June (Rep. A.C.C. Tn/18/1).

2. I have made a careful survey of rolling stock in Sicily, and I am satisfied that a considerable number of rail-cars can be spared for the Mainland, without causing any serious shortage in Sicily.

3. The position is as follows: -

On 31st May we had 4,962 rail-cars available for traffic and 1563 rail-cars under repairs or repairable.

Up to that date, we had sent 542 rail-cars and in my letter to you dated 21st June, we offered a further 600 vehicles, (made up of 70 box, 200 gondolas, and 330 flats).

We also sent 40 gondolas, on 29 June.

We now offer a further 440 vehicles made up as follows:-
50 box cars (refrigerator), 300 high sided gondolas, 50 flat and 40 tank cars.

Summary of above, already sent	542 vehicles
"	40 gondolas
offered in letter 29 June	600 vehicles
now offered	440
Total	1622

4. By the time the vehicles can be shipped over, we shall be in a position to offer more, as repairs to damaged rail-cars have been speeded-up, and we are suggesting to Dr. Tuccio that still further efforts be made, in that direction.

Against this, we must remember that when the permanent way, connecting Messina to the rest of the Island is laid, as is expected in the near future, then the demand for rolling stock in the Island will be greater than at present.

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5. As regards the ownership of Rail-cars to be transferred is concerned, I am not altogether in favour of sending all the German cars. It is agreed the German vehicles are better than the Italian and if you require them, you must have them. Looking ahead; however, I feel that all vehicles now transferred to the Mainland will eventually be worked into France and other Countries, and I think it would be a little hard on the Sicilian Railways if all the German vehicles were taken away from them, in view of the fact that the Germans ~~re-~~ ^{used} or destroyed such quantities of the best Italian Stock.

■ However, in conclusion, I am safe in saying we will be in a position to meet your future demands. My records satisfy me that the increased rate of repairs will more than balance your demands.

It will interest you to know that during June, a total of 750 rail-cars were repaired and put into traffic, but against this should be deducted a number of wagons damaged and labelled for shops during the month.

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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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General
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A.P.O. 400
27 June 1944

Subject: Railway Cars in Sicily

To: ✓ Commanding General Allied Control Commission, Internal Transportation
Sub-Committee, A.P.O. 394, U. S. Army.
DQMG (M) AAI

1. Freight car situation in Italy is increasingly acute, especially with recent reopening of rail lines, and every expedient must be utilized to obtain additional cars.
2. It is understood there are in Sicily some 6,525 freight cars, serviceable or readily repairable with available facilities. This appears to be more than required for current, or immediately prospective traffic.
3. It is suggested that accurate survey be made of Sicilian equipment as outlined on attached form. Upon completion of form, the Sicilian railway management should be requested to advise minimum quantities of each type of car which they believe should be retained on the island. All other cars to be considered for movement to the mainland as required.
4. Importance of obtaining accurate information as to cars which may be considered for transfer, at earliest possible date, cannot be too highly emphasized.

Carl R. Gray, Jr.
CARL R. GRAY, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Director General

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Freight Car Situation Form

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SICILY - FREIGHT CAR SITUATION STANDARD GAUGE

Report as of _____

4 WHEEL CARS					
Type of Car	OWNERSHIP				
	F.S. Italia	German	French	Czecho-Slov	Others
Box	:	:	:	:	:
Refrigerator	:	:	:	:	:
Gondola, high side	:	:	:	:	:
Gondola, low side	:	:	:	:	:
Flat	:	:	:	:	:
Tank	:	:	:	:	:
TOTAL					

8 (OR MORE) WHEEL CARS					
Type of Car	OWNERSHIP				
	F.S. Italia	German	French	Czecho-Slov	Others
Box	:	:	:	:	:
Refrigerator	:	:	:	:	:
Gondola, high side	:	:	:	:	:
Gondola, low side	:	:	:	:	:
Flat	:	:	:	:	:
Tank	:	:	:	:	:
TOTAL					

Note:-Include all cars in service, under repairs or readily repairable with shop facilities available.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our reference : AOC Ta/18/1.

Date : 24 June 44.

TO : Lieut-Colonel O.H. Lindberg, Ta.S.C. Rep..
C/o HQ. AOC, Region I, Sicily.

SUBJECT : Sicily - Rolling Stock Position.

1. Further in connection telephone conversation with Lieut-Colonel Brown, yesterday.
2. Records indicate that there were in Sicily on 31 May - 4,962 box, gondola, flat and tank cars, with 1,563 more under repairs or repairable. This, it would seem, is considerably more rolling stock than will be required for many months to come in Sicily.
3. In view of the impending requirements for rolling stock on mainland, it is desired that, in conjunction with Dr. Tuccio, you make careful survey of number of cars which may be transferred, advising this office promptly.
4. It is possible that you may have some ideas as to which equipment may be transferred, for example, all German cars.


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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Our Reference : ACC Tn/16/158

Date : 19 June 44

TO : Lt. Col. O.H. Lindberg,
c/o H.Q., ACC., Region I,
Sicily.

SUBJECT : Illegal Charge for Wagon Supply.

1. Agent. Reference is to your letter Min/CHL/lm 12 June 44.
2. There is no refutation of the statement that the local station is unable to provide wagons unless Danzas Agency is used. The information submitted is incomplete, and is based on limited detail.
3. Please investigate on the spot and let me have your full report. At the moment I see no reason at all why the railway should not be able to handle its own business and make wagons available on demand without recourse to agencies.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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Ref: MG/OHL/3
Date: 5 May 1944

SUBJECT : Cross haulage of ACC Traffic.

TO : H.Q. Movements, No. 1 District.
(Attention: Major Baldwin)

1. Reference your letter Mov/826 dated 4 May 44.
2. The information submitted about cross haulage of A.C.C. traffic is valuable to us and we appreciate very much that you have called this to our attention.
3. We are objecting very much to hauling A.C.C. Traffic by rail from Palermo to Catania and then the cross haulage that you mention makes the situation doubly worse so the condition is being put before the responsible parties for correction.

[Signature]
O.H. LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt. Col., Tn. Sub-Comm. ACC.,
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

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Ref: MG/OHL/3
Date: 5 May 1944

SUBJECT : Cross haulage of ACC Traffic.

TO : Regional Commissioner, ACC, Region No.1
(Attention: Major Chayton).

1. It has been brought to our attention by "Q" Movements, Catania, that on April 30 there occurred a cross haul of ACC traffic when 16 wagons of flour from Palermo were forwarded from Syracuse to Catania and crossed enroute 5 wagons of flour from Catania consigned to Ragusa.

2. This appears to us to be a case where a slight re-adjustment in distribution would effect considerable economics in coal consumption and train capacity.

3. We are not in favor of moving traffic from port to port across the island, due to our limited coal allotment, and then to cross traffic, as stated in par.1 makes the situation still worse.

4. It is absolutely essential that ACC take into consideration our limited coal supply when making their distribution to the various provinces.


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

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