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TH INC (In. Sub-Comm)

261800



BOBBY REGGIO ALCON

021 (.) DISCONTINUE FORWARDING EMPTY WAGONS TO SICILY UNTIL WAGON POSITION
IMPROVES (.)

261800 to Jnd
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IMPORTANT.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM: TH INC (Tr Sub-Comm)

201600

TO : Lynch Transportation Officer A.C. Palazzo
Ferrovie Palermo.

INFO: Taylor Transportation Officer A.C. Bari
Buddy " " Alcom Reggio.

015 (.)
PAGE ONE: SICILY FORWARD FOLLOWING SEVEN FIVE FIVE FIVE LOCOMOTIVE
TO TARANTO ADVISING DEPARTURE
ZERO THREE TWO
ZERO THREE FIVE
ZERO ZERO THREE
ZERO TWO EIGHT (.)
PAGE TWO: REGGIO SIGNAL PASSING (.)
PAGE THREE: BARI SIGNAL ARRIVAL (.)

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WIRE

19 April 1945

FROM: DMRI

TO : Trans.Sub-Comm, AC, Bldg.

Locomotives 745032, 745035 and 745003 on hand Catania, Sicily and 745028 on hand Messina, Sicily. Allied Commission arrange dispatch these four (4) locomotives to Taranto immediately. Signal departure and arrival. CS 227 Signed London

cc - DAD Tn 3 (O) Bldg.
AD Tn 3 (M) Bldg.
Equip. Sec., 774 RGD
Ing. Corbellini
Sgt. Temple

H. H. Headlee

H. H. HEADLEE
Captain, TC
774 RGD
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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IL/oc
Ref : Rst/35
Date: 15 Apr.45

SUBJECT: Wagon Interchange

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

1. The wagon interchange during period 26 to 1st April is as follows.

TYPE	RECEIVED		DESPATCHED		WEEKLY BALANCE		RUNNING BALANCE	
	Loaded	Empty	Loaded	Empty	PLUS	MINUS	PLUS	MINUS
BOX	127	-	91	-	36	-	-	1265
HIGH SI	37	-	43	-	-	6	-	896
FLAT W)	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	245
GON	(	-	-	-	-	-	-	215
OTHERS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2621
TOTAL								2621

Irvine Lynch

IRVINE-LYNCH, S/Capt.R.E.,
Transportation Officer
Sicily.

Copy to: Trans Sub-Comm.AC.Reggio Cal.(For att.Capt.Boddy.)

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.D.,
(RAIL DIVISION)
C/o Transportation Department
C.M.P.

25 April 1945

Ref. # 841212
Ref. # 80/16/Ch.4

SUBJECT: W.T. Rogers - 57371 - 51650

TO : W.T. Rogers, M.D.

1. Reference to A.2/38 of 24 March 45. *See 16/*
2. Due and diligent search has been made in files for the above mentioned Rogers and no file was able to locate same.
- For the Chief Commissioner:

F.B. WATSON,
Major F.B.

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MESSAGE FORM

FROM : TH INC (TH Sub Comm)

191600

TO : LYNCH TH SUB COMM. AC. PALAZZO FERROVIA - PALERMO

INFO TO : BOBBY ALCON REGGIO
" TO : BOBBER ALCON NAPLES

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CONFIDENTIAL URGENT (.) NICELY FORWARD IMMEDIATELY THREE
TYPE SEVEN FOUR SIX LOCOMOTIVES NUMBER ZERO THREE FOUR ZERO
THREE EIGHT ZERO ONE SIX NOW AT CATANIA TO SAN LORENZO MOUND
HOUSE HOME SIGNAL DEPARTURE FROM CATANIA REGGIO AND NAPLES
SIGNAL PASSING (.)

COPY TO: MAJ. BAISTER - H166
DMRI - H166 - LONDON

WIRE

18 April 1945

FROM: DMRI

TO : Trans. Sub-Comm, AC, Bldg.
Capt. Chapman, 774 Naples
Joint Railway Control, Rome

CONFIDENTIAL. Italian Coal Burner locomotives 746016, 746034 and 746038 on hand at Catania, Sicily. Allied Commission - ISR arrange dispatch these three (3) locomotives to San Lorenzo roundhouse Rome Thursday 19 April. Signal this headquarters departure Catania, Reggio, Naples and arrival Rome. Important. CS 200 Signed London

cc - Ing. Corbellini
DAD Tn 3 (O) Bldg.
AD Tn 3 (M) Bldg.
Equip. Sec., 774 RGD
Sgt. Temple

H. H. Headlee
H. H. HEADLEE
Captain, TC
774 RGD
1625

MESSAGE FORM

FROM : TH INC (TH Sub Comm)

191800

TO : LYNCH TH SUB COMM. AG. PALAZZO FERROVIA - PALERMO

INFO TO : BOBBY ALCOM REGGIO

" TO : BOWERS ALCOM NAPLES

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SIGNAL PASSING (.)

COPY TO: MAJ. BAISTER - B16g.
DMRI -- B16g - LONDON



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

18 April 1945

Ref.: AC/19/Tn.4

Tel.: 843238

SUBJECT: Refrigerator Cars to Mainland.

TO : Transportation Officer A.C. Palermo
Transportation Officer A.C. Reggio

1. Confirming my signal date 17 April 45. Arrange to load surplus Refrigerator Cars and also those being used in box car Service to the mainland.
2. Reggio will advise date passing contents and destination.

Chief Rail Division.

Copy to:- D.M.R.S. - C.S.182(Fer London)

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WIRE

16 April 1945

FROM: DMRI

TO : Capt. Boddy, AG Sub-Comm, Reggio
 Capt. Chapman, 774 Naples
 Joint Control Board, Rome Terminal

CONFIDENTIAL. Eighty-nine (89) refrigerators reported in box car service in Sicily. Allied Commission arrange to transfer surplus refrigerators now in Sicily to Italy either empty or under load advising this headquarters individual car numbers and date of departure from Reggio including contents and destination. Cars included in this transfer must enter work shop for general inspection and repairs. CS 182 Signed London

cc - Maj. Watson, AG, Bldg.
 DAD Tn 3 (O) Bldg.
 AD Tn 3 (M) Bldg.
 Equip. Sec., 774 RPD

H. H. HEADLEE
 Captain, TC
 774 RPD
 1625

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BEST COPY POSSIBLE

wire

16 April 1948

FROM: UNPI

TO : Capt. Boddy, AC Sub-Comm, Reggio
Capt. Chapman, 774 Naples

CONFIDENTIAL. Eighteen (18) recovered rail tank cars have been ordered moved from Sicily to Bari for repairs which are in addition to seventeen (17) tank cars recovered and repaired in Sicily and are now enroute to 753 Shops, Naples. Capt. Boddy signal individual car numbers and capacity in gallons to this headquarters including destination and date of departure from Reggio. CB 151 Signed London

CC : DAB Tn 8 (6) Bldg.
AD Tn 8 (6) Bldg.
Equip. Sec., 774 BOD
Lt. Raymond, Fuel Agt.
Maj. Mateen, AC, Bldg.

R. H. HEADLEE
Capt., TC
774 BOD
1518

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IL/oo
Ref : Rst/34
Date: 2 Apr.45.

SUBJECT: Wagon Interchange.

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

1. The wagon interchange during period 19 to 25
March is as follows:

TYPE	RECEIVED		DESPATCHED		WEEKLY BALANCE		RUNNING BALANCE	
	Loaded	Empty	Loaded	Empty	PLUS	MINUS	PLUS	MINUS
BOX	139	-	122	4	13	-	-	1302
HIGH	91	-	48	3	40	-	-	890
FLAT)	1	2	4	4	-	5	-	244
GON (	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	215
OTHERS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2650
TOTAL.....								

Irvine Lynch
IRVINE-LYNCH, S/Capt.R.E.,
Transportation Officer
Sicily.

Copy to: Trans Sub-Commission AC.Reggio Cal.(For att Capt.Boddy)

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IL/cc
Ref : Rst/33
Date: 29 Mar.45.

SUBJECT: Wagon Interchange.

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

1. The wagon interchange during period 12 to 18 March is as follows.

TYPE!	RECEIVED		DESPATCHED		WEEKLY BALANCE		RUNNING BALANCE	
	Loaded	Empty	Loaded	Empty	PLUS	MINUS	PLUS	MINUS
BOX	182	-	106	-	76	-	-	1314
HIGH	37	-	82	-	-	45	-	930
FLAT)								
GON (	1	-	10	-	-	9	-	239
OTHERS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	215
TOTAL								2698

Irvine Lynch
IRVINE-LYNCH, S/Capt.R.E.,
Transportation Officer
Sicily

Copy to: Tn.Sub-Comm.AC.Reggio Cal.(For att Capt.Boddy) 97

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

10 April 1945

Tel. 543238
Ref. AC/19/Tn 4

TO : Transportation Officer AC Reggio

SUBJECT : Interchange of Wagons Reggio - Sicily.

1. Reference yours of 3 April 1945, R 37.

2. A mutual agreement between Reggio and Palermo on the Sicily interchange would be satisfactory if we could be assured that Calabria would not take advantage of the situation.

3. The car situation in Sicily has eased considerably and Rail transportation Officer Palermo will advise if an interchange balance at Reggio will be satisfactory in the future.

P.G. WATSON, Major T.C.

Copy to: Rail Transport Officer Sicily
" " DTRI Bldg (Maj. London)

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION A.C.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT: SICILY INTERCHANGE.

TO:

TPIN. S.C. A.C.
C/O TN. INC. C.M.F.

Copy to TPIN S.C. REF. A.C. Palermo

" " D M R I

REF: R 31
3 APRIL 45

1. Reference your AC/19/Tn 4. of 26 March is this a reply to my ref. 1/3/2/1 of 21 March to D M R I (Copy to you) please?
2. In regard to para. 1 of your letter I have been receiving, about 7 days after publication, a "Car Interchange Report Calabria Divn" from Maj. London and I agree that for a long time this has shown over 2000 cars in Calabria. (The last one, dated 23 March, shows 2207 cars in the Divn.)
I do not know how Maj. London arrives at his figures but there is a serious discrepancy between his figures and those of the I.S.K. here for example, at 1700 hrs on 20 March I.S.K. show as on hand in the Division 1810 wagons of various types.
Maj. London's report of 20 March shows 2154 wagons, a difference of 336.
3. If I could be told
 - (a) the numbers of wagons all types which Sicily must always have on the island.
 - (b) information weekly from Palermo of the number of wagons all types actually in Sicily.it will not be difficult for me, assuming present wagon position in Calabria remains fairly stable, to ensure that Sicily's requirements are met.
4. In the event of a surplus of wagons in Sicily it would, of course, be up to Sicily to return wagons to mainland.

B.W. Boddy

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CAPTAIN
DIV. SUPT. TPIN. S.C.A.C.
REGGIO CAL.

1. Reference your AC/19/In 4. of 20 March is this a reply to my RGR. 1/3/2/1 of 21 March to D M R I (Copy to you) please?
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CAPTAIN
DIV. SUPPL. TPTM S.O.C.A.C.
REGGIO CAL.

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

Tel: 843191-11
Ref. AC/16/Tn 4

28 March 1945

TO : Regional Transportation Officer, Palermo

SUBJECT : War Department open top wagons 57371-51650.

1. The Military Railway Service request the above cars to be forwarded to Naples as soon as possible.
2. Check made on 24 March indicated that these were still in Sicily.

for P.G. MATSON, Major
O.H. LINDBERG
Lieut. Col. R.E.
Chief, Rail Division.

5094

Subject : R.D. wagons in Sicily.

Military Railway Service,

() N.F.

Tel. Firebox 45.

Tn.A.2/53.

24 Mar 45.

To :- M.R. Tn. Sub-Commission A.C.

Copy to:- D.D. Ops.

Tn.3 (Mech).

1. Further to our letter of even reference dated 9 Mar 45.
2. Two of the four open high sided British R.D. wagons stated to be in Sicily have now been reported received at Reggio.
3. This leaves two still remaining in Sicily, the numbers of which are WD.51371 and WD.51650.

W. Soward 5093

R. S. SOWARD, Lt. Col.,
For Brigadier,

Director Military Railway Service.

Subject: W.D. wagons in Sicily.

Military Railway Service,
C.M.F.

Tel: Firebox 45.

Tn.A.2/38.

9 Mar. 45.

To:- H.Q. Tn. Sub-Commission A.C.

Copy to:- D.D. Ops.
Tn.3 (Mech.).

1. 100 - 13 tons open high sided British W.D. cars were supplied to Sicily from Middle East in the summer of 1943.
2. 96 were subsequently transferred to Italy but for some reason unknown 4 still remain in Sicily.
3. May arrangements please be made for these 4 cars to be transferred to Italy.

R.E. Coward
R.E. COWARD, Lt. Col.,
for Brigadier,
Director, Military Railway Service.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation Increment
G.M.F.

Tel. 843191-11
Ref. AC/19/Tn 4

28 March 1945.

TO : Transportation Officer AC. Reggio.

SUBJECT : Sicily Interchange .

1. According to interchange figures as of 22 March, there were over 2000 cars on the Calabria Division.
2. The Sicily Box car balance is still unfavourable, therefore it is necessary to continue to give Sicily 22 Box wagons daily.
3. The wagons going into Sicily should be loaded with any type of traffic available in preference to empty wagon movement.
4. It may be possible to reduce this number later on but at present the Sicily box wagon situation will not permit a reduction.

For F.G. Matson, Major
O.H. LINDBERG
Lieut. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Division.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION A.C. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT: WAGON INTERCHANGE WITH SICILY.

REF REG. L/3/2/1
21 MAR 45

TO:

D. M. R. I.
(COPY to TPTW S.C. REF. A.C. PALERMO)
" " TPTW S.C. C/O IN INC. C.N.E.) ✓

1. Since your signal 10 Dec. last (requesting daily signal from this office showing interchange between Sicily and Reggio in both directions for each preceeding 24 hours), up to and including 19 March the net result has been : -

Box Cars	-	11 in favour of Reggio
H.E.; H.G.,		"
and L.S.	-	229
R.T.C.	-	12

2. At the moment we are doing our utmost to conform to your request of 22 Feb to send 22 box cars daily to Sicily to enable them to meet their military needs. This has not been easy during the past few days, due to box car shortage.
3. Is the state of wagons in Sicily such now that this 22 cars daily can be cancelled ? If so, it should not be difficult for Capt. Lynch and myself to maintain Sicily's balance by mutual agreement, as was the system between Maj. Blair (Reggio) and Maj. Taylor (Palermo).

B. W. Boddy

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CAPTAIN
DIV. SUPT. IN SUB-COMM. A.C.

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Dr. Goodby

E. W. BODDY
CAPTAIN
DIV. SUPP. TN SUB-COMM. A.C.

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director - Italy

SEL/cd

A.P.O. 512
7 March 1945

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SUBJECT: Rail Stock, Calabria - Sicily

TO: Commanding Officer, 701 Ry Grand Divn
DAD Tn 3 (O), Building
AC Tn Sub/Comm, Rail Division, Building
Capo Compartimento, ISR, Naples
Capo Compartimento, ISR, Reggio

1. Reference various conversations and telephonic communications regarding car supply in Calabria and Sicily.

2. In order to work cars into Calabria in sufficient quantity to permit the Calabria Division to acquire an excess for transfer to Sicily, the following arrangement has been agreed to and will become effective at once.

a. Naples Compartimento will deliver a minimum of fifty (50) box cars per day at Potenza, to be moved from Potenza to Metaponto, and there delivered to the Calabria Division, for forward movement via line 95 to loading points in Calabria and surplus to Sicily.

b. Owing to restricted operating conditions on lines Paola to Sibari and San Eufemia to Catanzaro, the delivery of empty cars at Battipaglia for southward movement over line 92 will be limited to such numbers only as will equalize the interchange of types at Battipaglia.

c. In addition to the delivery of 50 empty box cars per day to Calabria as referred to in sub-paragraph (a), East Italy will equalize the interchange with Calabria at Metaponto.

d. It will be the responsibility of the Calabria Division to deliver surplus cars to Sicily as rapidly as possible to build up the Sicily pool to normal requirements. With the present volume of equipment in Calabria, (reports indicate approximately 1800 cars all types) and with equalized interchange at Battipaglia and Metaponto, plus daily surplus delivery of 50 box cars per day at Metaponto, the number of cars available for transfer to Sicily will be considerable and special effort should be made to expedite the transfer all possible.

505 T
7 Mar 45

3. Approach of good weather will make possible more extensive loading of open top cars in lieu of box cars and Calabria Division is urged to load as many open cars as possible to northern destination.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

S. E. London

S. E. LONDON
Major, T.C.

Superintendent Transportation

DISTRIBUTION:

ADDMRI
DD-Operations
Major Howes, LO, Room 38
AC Tn Sub/Comm Representative, Reggio
AC Tn Sub/Comm Representative, Palermo

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION RAIL SECTION	
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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS *TN*

Originator's Reference: R4 01
Date Time of Origin: MAR 171800

Message Centre No: D/5371
Date Time Rec'd: MAR 181000
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AC TN REGGIO
TO: DEMRI ROME INFO COPY FOR ALCOM FOR TPTN SC

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Interchange with SICILY 17th March. Received CV 24 HS 9 delivered CV 26 HS 24

ACTION

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ACTION TN SC (2)
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FROM AC TN REGGIO 15.1800A

TO DDMRI ROME

INFO ALCOM FOR TPTN SUB COMMITTEE

BR 394 . RESTRICTED .

INTERCHANGE WITH SICILY 15TH MARCH .

RECEIVED CV 10 HS 16 . DELIVERED CV 23 HS 12

- 15.1800A

SNT 118 OP 2137A RG-B

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ALCON SICILIA REGION ALCON REGGIO CALABRIA

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13 MARCH 49

PRIORITY

RESTRICTED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT YOUR SIGNAL ROGER TAKE CHARLIE ONE NINE EIGHT DE-
TWO NINE MARCH NOT REPEATED TO ALCON REGGIO FOR BOBBY PD
PARAN TO ALCON SICILIA REGION FOR LYNCH TO ALCON REGGIO CALABRIA FOR
BOBBY FROM ALCON WITH ACCT PARAN

PARA TWO PD PARA TWO NOT UNDERSTOOD TWO ZERO WAGONS SULPHUR THREE ZERO
ZERO ZERO TONS TONNAGE MOVED IN TWO ZERO WAGONS APPEARS EXCESSIVE PD
PARA THREE PD PARA ONE ONE ALCON REGGIO WAGON INTERCHANGE RETURN FOR
PERIOD ENDING TWO FIVE MARCH DIVE TO SICILIA THREE EIGHT NOT SUGAR ONE
ONE FOUR EIGHT CV ONE NINE ROGER TAKE ~~XXXX~~ PD TO KENLAND THREE EIGHT
NOT SUGAR ONE ONE ONE ONE CHARLIE VICTOR ONE TWO ROGER TAKE ~~XXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXX~~ ONE TWO LOVE SUGAR ONE ONE PRISON VAN TOTAL ON FIVE FOUR PD

PARA FOUR PD BALANCE IN FAVOUR SICILIA FOUR ONE WAGONS ALL TYPES PD
PARA FIVE PD STATE HOW YOU ARRIVE AT BALANCE OF ONLY ONE EIGHT WAGONS
IN FAVOUR SICILIA PD

PARA SIX PD IN FUTURE REPEAT YOUR SIGNALS OF WAGON INTERCHANGE TO
ALCON REGGIO PD

COPY TO TREN S.O. RAIL DIV ✓

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TRANSPORTATION CO

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Ch. W. Hollingsworth

NICHOLAS FIDELING
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R 386
Date/Time of Origin: MAR 141000

Message Centre No: 1/5016
Date/Time Recd: MAR 141550
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AC TN REGGIO
TO: DDMRI ROME INFO COPY FOR ALCOM FOR TPTN SC

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INFO - ACTION

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Interchange with SICILY 13th March received CV 4 HS 22 delivered CV 15

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COM A.C.
RAIL SECTION
TRANSPORTATION INCREMENT
C.M.F.

SUBJECT : Loco's for Reggio

REGGIO CALABRIA 27 FEB. 45

TO : Chief Rail Section
In Sub-Com A.C.

1. Four 625 type locos were moved from Sicily to Calabria in December two in February and there are now two more on the way and another two undergoing light repairs that will also be sent to Sicily soon which will make a delivered of four during march or a grand total of ten.

2. Recently MRS asked this Division for two 625 type locos for Central Italy, but they were notified that they could not be spared.

3. It must be definitely understood that we can not spare any 625 type loco's until the Petrace bridge is in operation. These are the only type loco that can be used in general steam road service on the Calabria Division. They are generally in poor condition, hard to maintain and very inefficient but due to line conditions, use of other types are not advisable.

P. G. MATSON
P. G. MATSON

MAJOR T.C.

P. G. MATSON

MAJOR T.C.

5083

WADA V MAY NR 83 IMMEDIATE A NEDB GR 39
FROM BLAIR REGGIO 281200A
TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COM ROME
BT

R242. RESTRICTED. YOUR 030 OF 26 JAN
ALSO DUTIES NR583. UNLESS
YOU INSTRUCT OTHERWISE AM LOADING
THE 200 BOX CARS AT CROTONE WITH
WHEAT FOR REGGIO PROV

~~BT~~

WHEN EMPTY THESE ARE TO GO TO SICILY

BT

REPT NR83 GR39 281200A R242

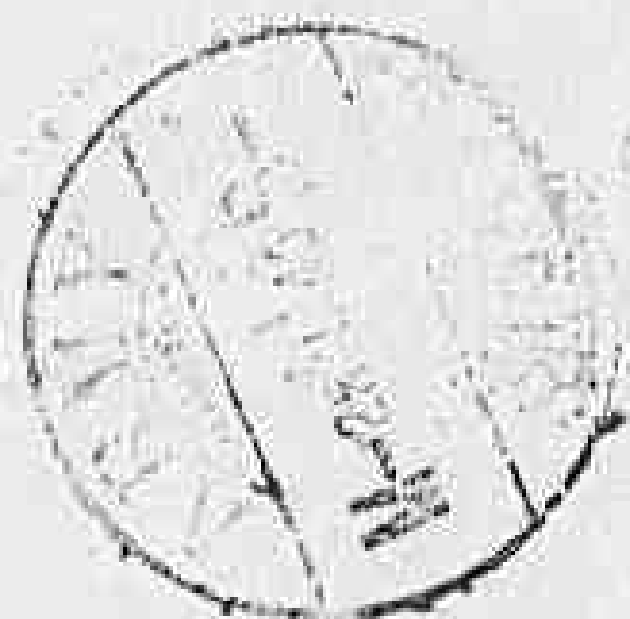
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FROM AC TN RGCIO 09 1830A
TO ACTION DEMRI ROME
INFO ALCON FOR TP TN SCE
QGX GR 17 BT

R 374 . RESTD . INTERCHANGE WITH SICILY 9TH MARCH .
RECEIVED CV 12 NS4 .
DELIVERED CV38 HS11
BT

SENT 0110A JLD B OP K
RD184 100110JC AR KKKK

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

IL/cc
Ref : RST/30
Date: 13 Feb 45.

SUBJECT: Wagon Shortage.

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

1. We are very much concerned here about this question of Box Cars as up to the time of writing I have had no response to my request except promises.

2. I can only repeat that to meet dock clearance, Military commitments, AC demands & to maintain the economic life of the island we must have 1,000 box cars into this island as soon as possible. ||

3. If you refer to my reports you will note we are loosing at the rate of 90 to 100 box cars per week to the military for the mainland.

4. We do feel we should have a little more consideration & co-operation from Movements who insist on box cars to move fodder & tables, also thousands of tons of oranges & almonds & other commodities which can be obtained from the principal producing centres on the mainland.

5. It has frequently happened that RTO's have seized and held wagons in anticipation that they will not be allocated with the result that they disorganize our plans & tons of grain is left under the weather on the quay side.

6. Movement of Exports has had to be abandoned & ships held up. We have had similar difficulties with A.C. who refuse to load in open cars for short hauls, for example I spotted 32 open cars to load citrus fruit for export & the shippers refused to load in open cars with the result I recalled them for dock clearance where they were urgently needed. ||

7. Last week I spotted 60 box cars to convey Citrus fruit to Messina, these cars arrived at Messina & lay there for 5 days on the dock side. ||

8. The call up of Italians & Mule trains have made big demands on our box wagons. In view of the wagon situation I see no reason why these call up Italian soldiers cannot detrain at Messina or even Reggio & return box cars to Sicily or Movements Reggio send box cars down for them, or exchange. Also it is not understood why mules must be moved in Box Cars when cattle are moved in open cars. ||

9. A thousand Box cars on this island is not an unreasonable demand in view of the fact that at present we cover 18,000 kilometers, the largest Division in Italy and in addition we should balance the interchange by only allocating a tonnage out of the island equivalent to what comes in. Let Movements Mainland provide wagons for all special Military moves. ||

10. We have given 2,929 wagons to the mainland & it is estimated you have about 7,000 in Bari & 6,000 Box cars in Naples & hope you will let us have these cars. BACK. ||

Irvine Lynch

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

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ALCOM SICILIA REGION FREEDOM CITE FHGDM FOR INFO

PRIORITY

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PARAMONE PD CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO DAY PD

PARAM TO ALOOM SICILIA REGION FOR IRVINE LYNCH TO FREEDOM CITE FHGDM

FROM ALOOM PAREN

ARRANGE TO SUPPLY ON PRIORITY BASIS BOX CARS FOR MOVEMENT OF CITRUS
FRUIT FROM PACKING STATIONS TO PORTS OF LOADING FOR EXPORT PD SPECIAL
INVESTIGATION OF BOX CAR POSITION SICILY IS BEING CARRIED OUT PD EVERY
EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF BOX CARS IN SICILY FORTHWITH
PD AGREED MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE AND MOV AND TN PD

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COPY TO TRANSPORTATION SC RAIL DIV ✓
COMMERCE SUB COMM (MAJ GEN)

TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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TN INC (Tn Sub-Commission)

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WOT REGGIO FOR BOBBY

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MRS HAVE AGREED TO INCREASE INPUT OF REPTILES
THROUGH METAPONTO AND DECREASE THROUGH BATTIPAGLIA (.)
ENSURE MAXIMUM TRANSFER TO SICILY TO MEET HEAVY DEMANDS IN
ISLAND (.)

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UNDA V MAY 1965 F P A HEDD
FROM BLADE RESCIC 631136A
TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COM HOME
BOX 3834

RESCIC HEDD. YOUR SIGNAL 642 OF 2 MAR AM
LOADING IMPORTED BOX CARS NORTH.
HAVE BEEN CENSURING AN AVERAGE OF 22 BOX CARS PER DAY
TO SICILY SINCE 13 FEB

BT

EACH :

HD NR 50 1223 HD VA K

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TN INC (En. Sub-Comm.)

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MOV. REGGIO for MATSON

040 SAY IF YOU ARE LOADING INFORMED BOX CARS WITH TRAFFIC NORTHBOUND
AND INCREASING SUPPLY OF EMPLOYEES TO SICILY ACCORDINGLY(.) SICILY
POSITION STILL SERIOUS(.)

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IMPORTANT

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMM A.C.
(Rail Section)
TRANSPORTATION INCREMENT
C.M.F.

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TO : Chief Rail Section Th. Sub-Comm A.C.
FROM : MAJOR F.C. MATSON, T.C.
SUBJECT : WAGON SHORTAGE

Reggio Cal. 15 Feb. 45

1. I called on the Regional Commissioner at Palermo Feb. 12 and also attended the regular Monday Regional meeting.

2. The box wagon situation in Sicily is very acute. Grain-ships are being delayed and grain is being piled on keys. Grain is moving in open wagons without covers. Considerable damage has been done to export lemons because they have been moved in open equipment during wet weather. All these difficulties were discussed at the meeting. The only bright spot in the picture is that empty box wagons are now beginning to arrive from the north. I am doing all possible to encourage shipments into Sicily. Blair has agreed and is going to piece wagons for any Sicily traffic that may develop.

3. There is still a large number of military moving up the west coast and this requires two sets of rolling stock, one on each side of the Petreco bridge.

4. The R.T.O. and the A.C. Supply Officer at Catania have been most autocratic, the R.T.O. will seize a wagon and hold it for days because he is afraid that a wagon will not be available when it is wanted, the A.C. Supply Officer is just as bad, because he prevails upon the R.T.O. to do the same for him. I told Capt. Lynch to make a special trip to Catania to see Colonel Goodwin O.C. troops and have this abuse stopped and this he did yesterday. The military refuse to load fodder in high sides, it is not unusual to do this especially when it moves short distances in fact the military do not seem to realize that the railways in Sicily are operated by the Italians, so I hope Capt. Lynch will put the movements people straight because it will enable the railways to do a better job if they are not interfered with.

5. A.C. is not entirely into clear on the wagon situation, either, this last week there were sixty box wagons under load at Messina with A.C. traffic, from 5 to 7 days. This has been cleared up.

6. The Catanzaro-S. Rufina bottle neck causes much delay to traffic. Today there are 122 loads on one side and 45 on the other to move. Mrs. took two of the 625 type locos away so we are short of light power for this line, due to the condition of the line heavier power is not permitted to operate over this section. I am trying to locate suitable additional power, however, in the

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P. G. MATSON
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MAJOR U.S.

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MAJOR U.S.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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15 MAR 1951
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION C.C.
RAIL SECTION
TRANSPORTATION INCREMENT
C.M.F.

From : P.G. MATSON
MAJOR T.C.

Reggio Calabria 8/2/45

To : MAJOR BLAIR TN.SUB-COMM REP at REGGIO

Subject: Wagon Distribution

1. Due to the shortage of closed wagons suggest that you protect your military box wagon requirement first and second send Sicily twenty two box wagons daily for protection of their Military Traffic.

2. After this requirement is full filled it will be necessary to divide any remaining box wagons equally between the Calabria Division and Sicily. Interchange should be kept balanced on other types of freight equipment.

3. At any time that a surplus plus of any type of freight equipment exists on your Division it should be forwarded to Sicily, your car inventory should be kept at a minimum keeping in mind that your Division is a bridge between the northern gateways and Sicily.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
RAIL SECTION
TRANSPORTATION INCREMENT
C.M.F.

FROM : F.G. MATSON
MAJOR TC.
TO : CHIEF RAIL SECTION
IN. SUB. COMM. AC.
SUBJECT : WAGON SHORTAGE
CALABRIA DIVISION

REGGIO CALABRIA 6 FEB. 1945

1. I am attaching a copy of the daily empty wagon position for 6 Feb. to show the location of the available wagons on that date.
2. The Box wagons at Crotone are for moving Grain and those at Cosenza are held for Military shipments.
3. Our total available Box wagons on that date was only 20, which is a mere drop in the bucket for a Division of this size.
4. A Grain ship now discharging is being delayed due to wagon shortage and much of the Grain is being piled on the pier, AT REGGIO.
5. This is merely submitted to show that the surplus we thought existed is not here and there was dozens of requests for each wagon on hand. Our daily box wagon requirement for Military shipments is 41 on the Calabria Division-Alone.

F.G. Matson
F.G. MATSON
MAJOR TC.

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Date Feb 6 - 1945
DAILY EMPTY WAGON POSIT. N

STN NAME IN CLEAR	CV	HS	LS	FT	OTHER	R.T.C.	REMARKS
Reggio Cal. Centrale .	3						
" " Marittima							
" " Archi							
" " Gallico							
" " Catona							
Villa S. Giovanni	1	2					
" Cannitello							
Scilla .							
Favazzina							
Bagnara .							
Palmi .							
Gioia Tauro							
Rosarno .							
Nicotera .							
Joppolo .							
Ricadi .							
Tropea .							
Parghelia .							
Briatico .							
Vibo Valentia							
Pizzo .							
Francavilla A. .							
Curinga .							
S. Pietro M. .							
S. Eufemia Lamezia .							
S. Eufemia Mar.							
Falerna .							
Nocera Tirinese							
Campora S. Giovanni .							
Amantea .							
Belmonte Cal. .							
Forzabardi							

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Date July 6 **DAILY EMPTY WAGON POSITION**

STN NAME IN CLEAR	CV	HS	LS	FT	OTHER	R.T.C.	REMARKS
Bovalino .							
Ardore .							
S. Ilario .							
Locri .							
Siderno .							
Gioiosa Jonica .							
Roccella .							
Caulonia .							
Riace .							
Monasterace .							
Guardavalle .							
S. Caterina J. .							
Badolato .							
S. Andrea J. .							
S. Sostene .							
Soverato .							
Montauro .							
Squillace .							
Catanzaro Mar. .	2	3		3		22	
Simeri .							
Sellia .							
Cropani .							
Botricello .							
Roccamarnarda .							
S. Leonardo .							
Cutro .							
Isola C. R. .							
Crotone .	30	35		34	5		
Strongoli .							
Torre Melissa .							
Cirò .							
Crucoli .							
Cariati .							

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Date

DAILY EMPTY WAGON POSITION

STN NAME IN CLEAR	CV	HS	LS	FT	OTHER	R.T.C.	REMARKS
Sibari . . .	1	1		10			
Torre Cerchiara . . .							
Trebisacce . . .	1	2					
Amendolara . . .							
Roseto . . .							
Montegiordano . . .							
Rocca Imperiale . . .							
Nova Siri . . .							
Tursi Policoro . . .							
Montalbano . . .	2	1					
S. Basilio P. . .							
TRANSVERSE LINES							
S. Lucido . . .		2		2			
Falconara . . .							
S. Fili . . .							
Rende . . .							
Castiglione C. . .				2			
Cosenza . . .	10	10		15	4		
Montalto R. . .							
Acri B. . .	2						
Torano L. . .							
Mongrassano . . .							
S. Marco R. . .							
Tarsia . . .							
Spezzano Alb. . .	1	1					
Cassano I. . .							
Sambiase . . .							
Nicastro . . .							
Feroleto . . .							

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TR INC (An Sub-Commission)

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NOV 19510 FOR BLAIR FOR WATSON

031 (.)

AGREE WITH YOUR SIGNAL OF 17TH LOAD CHARGED
THROUGH TO SICILY IN FREIGHT CARS TO AVOID EMPTY HAUL & TO GET
THE CARS WHERE MOST NEEDED (.) UNDERSTAND MOVEMENTS ARE
CONFORMING TO YOU (.)

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KAMA V EDAY M193 A MERE
FROM CATSON ECCIO 17-11-11
TO LINDBERG TRAMS SUB CON RAIL SEC SOME
RCK 1761 BT

MOVEMENTS DIVISION REFERENCE 282/59/TV.
3 PROPOSES EXTENSIVE MOVEMENT CHARCOAL TO CALABRIA PORTS
BY RAIL THENCE BY SEA TO SICILY PORT
PERIOD IT WILL BE NECESSARY MOVE EMPTY WAGONS TO SICILY
~~WAGONS~~ TO PROTECT MILITARY TRAFFIC.
CITY CANNOT BE LOADED IN CALABRIA AND FORWARDED DIRECT TO SICILY
DESTINATION WHICH WILL EXPEDITE MOVEMENTS
REDUCE WAGONS REQUIRED AND
AND ILLUMINATE EMPTY HAUL
BT
CT 195 17 61 262 59 TH 3 ILLUMINATE
EACH : NNA

RD 195 2812 JFJ AR

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

Tel. 64323E

Ref. AG/292/1/Tn 4

12 February 45

TO : Col. W.P. Wilson DDMRS
Chairman, Traffic Sub-Committee
Allied Military Board

SUBJECT : Shortage of Freight Cars - Calabria & Sicily.

1. Attached hereto is a copy of a report from Major Matson of this Headquarters, who has been sent specially to Calabria to look in to the difficulties in freight car supply.
2. May the matter be tabled for discussion at next meeting of Traffic Sub-Committee please?
3. In view of the importance of the matter both in respect of military and civilian movement, it is hoped that the subject may be discussed at an early date.

AL
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Division.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION RAIL SECTION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA
 TRANSPORTATION INCREMENT

SUBJECT: Shortage of Box wagons
 Sicily-Calabria

C. M. F.

REF:

REGGIO FEB.6-1945

TO: CHIEF RAIL SECTION TN SUB-COMM AC.
 A.P.O. 324.

FROM: P.G. MATSON MAJOR T.C.

1. Our difficulty on the Calabria and Sicily Divisions is the Shortage of Box wagons, other types of freight cars are not plentiful but sufficient for the present.
2. During January 332 Box cars were lost thru the gateways of Metaponto and Battipaglia.
3. 159 Box wagons were lost thru the Metaponto gateway since the line was opened thru this gateway on January 26.
4. An additional hundred box wagons have been lost since February 1st which makes a total of 432 Box wagons lost thru northern gateways since 1 January.
5. The military requirements at present are sixty three Box wagons daily for shipment of goods thru northern gateways from Sicily and Calabria. My signal requests that seventy five Box Wagons be returned to Calabria daily which is an absolute minimum requirement.
6. With the continual northward movement of traffic there is no mystery as to why we have a shortage of Box wagons in Calabria and Sicily; any civilian or Military Box wagon loaded thru the northern gateways go onto the military controlled portion of the lines and we have no control over the return of this wagon.
7. Since January 21 st. eight empty box wagons have been delivered to us at Metaponto and Battipaglia. There will have to be a definite system of empty southward Box wagon movement due to the continual northward loaded movement.
8. The Railway has produced figures showing seven thousand serviceable wagons on the Bari Division, according to available tonnage figures the Bari Division handles twice as much tonnage as Sicily and has more than three times as many wagons to do the job.
9. I have ^{HAD} a conference with Major Blair and the Capo Compartimento here and stressed the importance of keeping every box wagon in useful service.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT:

REF:

TO:

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10. The Box wagon situation here is most acute, today we were unable to furnish twelve Box wagons for grain loading from ship side thereby delaying shipping.
11. The movement of traffic for the military will now commence to suffer and the military themselves will be responsible due to the fact that they have not returned the Box wagons that they have appropriated from the Sicily-Calabria Divisions.
12. There is no Relief in sight for Sicily until the Calabria situation is improved.
13. The situation here is entitled to immediate attention and my suggestion in my signal of 5 February should be acted upon without delay, the longer the delay, the more serious the condition will become.
14. The movement of Civilian traffic requiring Box wagons is now practically at a standstill.
15. The requirement stated in my signal of Feb: 5 was seventy five Box wagons be delivered us daily at the northern gateways and interchanges balanced on open top equipment.



F.S. WATSON

MAJOR T.C.

TRAFFIC OFFICER H.Q. ROME

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MABA V MBAY NR 189 QVR 2 A/ MBDB

FROM REGGIO MATSON

TO LINGBERGH RAIL SECTION TN SUB COMM ROME APO 394

INFO DMRI FOR LONDON - 701 RLY GD DIV APO 394 ROME

QQX GR 35 BT

JUST RECEIVED MILITARY LOADING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK

COMMENCING 12 FEB CALLS FOR 43 BOX DAILY SICILY

50 BOX AND 70 OPEN DAILY CALABRIA VERY URGENT WGNB

BEEN DELIVERED AS PER LONDON SIGNAL REF CS93

BT

RPTN 189 2 MATSON LINGBERGH TN APO 394 DMRI LONDON

701 GD DIV APO 394 35

FOR WEEK 12 FEB 43 50 70 REFC93

SENTNR 189 JN B1

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FROM REGGIO MATSON

TO LINGERGH RAIL SECTION TN SUB COMM ROME APO 394

INFO EMRI FOR LONDON - 721 RLY GD DIV APO 394 ROME

QOX GR 35 BT

JUST RECEIVED MILITARY LOADING PROGRAMME FOR WEEK

COMMENCING 12 FEB CALLS FOR 43 BOX DAILY SICILY 50 BOX AND

72 OPEN DAILY CALABRIA VERY URGENT UGNS BEEN DELIVERED AS PER LONDON

SIGNAL REF CS93

BT

SENT NR166 2316A JAP BB KK

RD 2316A F A AR KKKK



TN INC (Tn Sub-Comm.)

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MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR FOR MATSON

MRS

Tn Sub-Commission Mov.

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APPEARS TO BE LOSS OF WAGONS INTO REGGIO OVER LAST FEW DAYS (.) SIGNAL YOUR REQUIREMENTS ON DAILY BASIS TO KEEP SICILY & REGGIO ADEQUATELY SUPPLIED (.) ARRANGE FOR PROMPT SIGNAL OF ALL FREIGHT CARS ^{from} AND NORTH AFRICA LARDED ~~SSSSSSSS~~ AT REGGIO (.) THESE WAGONS MAY BE LOADED IN CALABRIAN DIVISION FOR DESTINATION NORTH, BUT MUST NOT REPEAT NOT BE PASSED TO SICILY (.) CONFIRM WITH LETTER GIVING TYPES & NUMBERS (.) ARRIVALS SHOULD BEGIN ABOUT 7 FEBRUARY (.)

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

1st February 1945

Tel. 843238

Our Reference: AG/19/Tn 4

TO : General di Reimondo
Director General, ISR

SUBJECT : Additional Passenger Services.

1. It might be possible to make further progress in passenger services if passenger coaches were available.
2. It is suggested a careful survey be made of passenger stock in Sicily and Reggio, and if you will advise me of coaches which might be made available for services on the mainland, consideration can be given to some of the requests already made.

O. H. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section.

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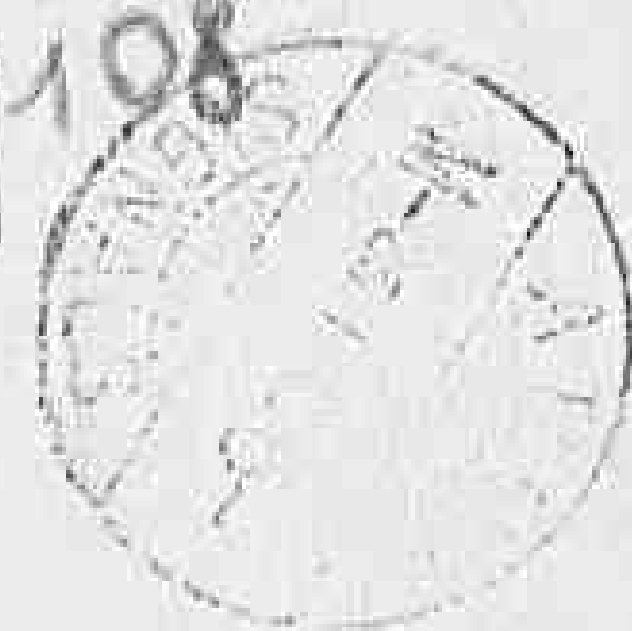
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 TYPE PASSENGER COACHES AT ONCE TO MAINLAND (.) ACK (.) BLAIR
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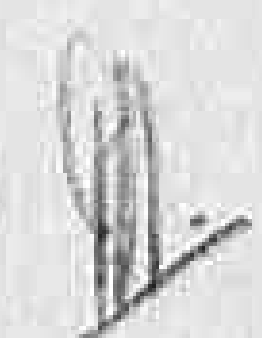
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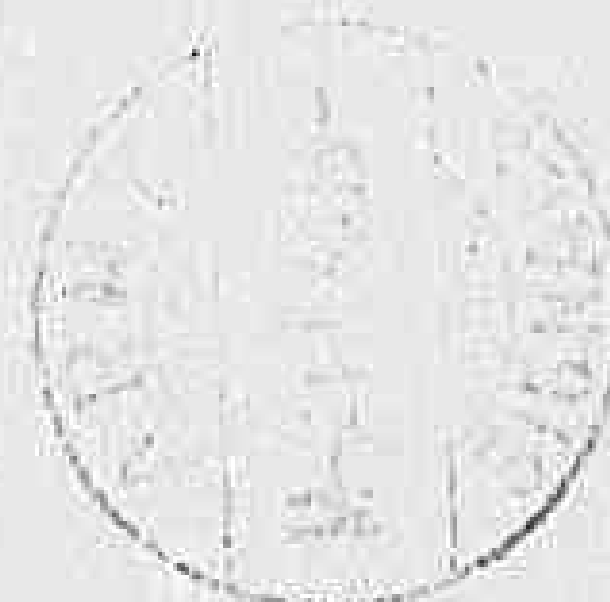
030 MILITARY REQUIRE TWO HUNDRED BOX TAGONS SICILY NEXT
WEEK COMMENCE FORWARDING IMMEDIATELY SHORTING YOUR AG AND CIVIL
REQUIREMENTS IF NECESSARY VERY URGENT ACTION REQUIRED ADVISE (.)

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TN IBC (Tn Sub-Comm.)

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Brigadier CARR SICILY REGION PALERMO

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CONSIDERABLE LINE DIFFICULTY PREVENTS HEAVY DELIVERY
BOX WAGONS TO SICILY IMMEDIATELY (.) SUBJECT BEING HANDED FOR
GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT SO INTERCHANGE BALANCE WILL FAVOR SICILY (.)

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TN INC (In Sub-Commission) 231800

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032 REPORT AT ONCE ON IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITY ^{TRANSFER} THREE
PASSENGER COACHES BOGIE TYPE TO MAINLAND (.)

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ROUTINE

FROM : ALCOM SICILIA REGION FOR LYNCH
TO : TN INCREMENT FOR TN SUB COM HQ ALCOM

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. My signal RTC 136 and phone conversation.
2. We require 2000 or at least 1500 box cars in this Island to fulfill our military ALCOM demands and maintain the economic life of the Island.
3. We have lost 151 box cars in few days leaving us a balance of 759.
4. Our committments are as following POM 28861 internal movements.
5. ALCOM docks clearance grain 350.
6. Lemon export 135.
7. Fertilizera 100 per week.
8. Only 1 answer replace wagon amounting to 1000 box cars and establish a regular interchange. Interchange also applies to open cars.
9. Charcoal is badly youranted (?) over here and export to this Island should be encouraged.

DIST

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ACTION : Tn S/C

INFO : A/President

Chief Commissioner

Econ Sec

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HABA V MBAY NR108/9 IMPORTANT OVR ~~19~~ A HDBB
FROM BLAIR REGIO 201240A
TO DMRI ROME ~~IN~~ INC FOR TN
SUB ~~CONF~~ CONF ROME

BT

QOX GR26
R214 RESTD. ERROR IN MY R199 OF 16 JAN

ONLY FOUR LOCOS RECEIVED
FROM SICILY NUMBER 625067 SHOWN TWICE IN ~~ED~~ ERROR

BT

CT 1080++
~~1089 P 1 2 201240 26 R214 199 16 625067~~
EACH + NN+

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TM IMC (Tn Sub-Comm.)

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MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR

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SICILY REPORTS LOSS FIRST WEEK JANUARY EIGHTY EIGHT BOX
WAGONS VIA FERRY POSITION BECOMING SERIOUS INTERCHANGE MUST BE STARTED
IN FAVOUR SICILY WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY ADVISE ACTION TAKEN (.)

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CITE RTC-134

C/8454

JAN 181015A

JAN 190700A

ALCOM SICILIA REGION (CARR)

ROUTINE

HQ ALCOM FOR TPTN SC

RESTRICTED.

1. We have lost 110 box cars between 8 to 14 January.
2. It will be impossible to fulfil our military or ALCOM commitments if we do not receive sufficient wagons to build up reserve to meet our present demands.
3. Please take immediate action.

Dist.

Action - Tn SC
Info - A/Pres
Chief Commissiner
Econ
File

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CITE WTC 136

JAN 191150A

C/8689

JAN 201415A

ROUTINE

FROM ALCOM SICILIA REGION PALERMO

TO HQ ALCOM FOR TPTN SC ROME

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. F.O.M. acceptance for period amounts to 228 box wagons for military in addition to 40 box wagons required at SIRACUSA 40 more required for unloading of grain.

2. For normal working this island requires 2000 or a minimum of at least 1800 box cars.

3. We have been loading on an average of 70 per week to the mainland we are unable to accept responsibility for movement of military and ALCOM traffic if this interchange is not adjusted and box cars despatched at once.

Dist.

Action	- Tn SC
Info	- A/Pres
	Chief Commissioner
	Econ Sec
	File (2)
	File

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785021INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS

19/101

Originator's Reference: R199
Date Time of Origin: JAN 161230AMessage Centre No: C/8185
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 161842A
Precedence: PRIORITYFROM: BLAIR REGGIO
TO: DMRI CO 701 RY GD DIV, TN INC FOR TN SUBCOMM INFO ALCOM FOR TN SUBCOMM

RESTRICTED

INFO - ACTION

RESTRICTED.

Locos 625534 and 625507 received from SALETNO 10th and 11th January
625067/625067 625164 625062 and 625126 received from SICILY from 1 th (10th?)
to 16th January.

DISTINFO-ACTION: Trans S/C
INFO: A/President
Chief Commissioner
Econ
File 2
Float625-534 Naples
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625067
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062
126
Sicily

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HEADQUARTERS
17 JAN 1945
A. C

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMM. ION

Originator's Reference: H 107
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 151240

Message Centre No: C/4228
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 151634
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: BLAIR REGO
TO: DDMRI: ALCOM FOR ADAMS

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ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL.

Only 200 cars all types loads and empties received in last 10 days impossible to meet military programme grain distribution at a standstill necessary to unload coalship N QUAY 200 box cars needed for troop move next week timber sections programme not met please supply at once 100 empties pre day



DIST

ACTION
INFO

TN SC (2)
CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC
FOOD SC (2)
FHE

*Shower to beph
10/15 to 16/12
[Signature]*

CONFIDENTIAL

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: CITE HTC-145
Date Time of Origin: JAN 281335A

Message Centre No: C/9773
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 281906A
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ALCOM SICILIA (CARR)
TO : HQ ALCOM TN INC TN SUB-COMM INFO TO ALLIED COMMISSION REGGIO C ALABRIA FOR
BLAIR

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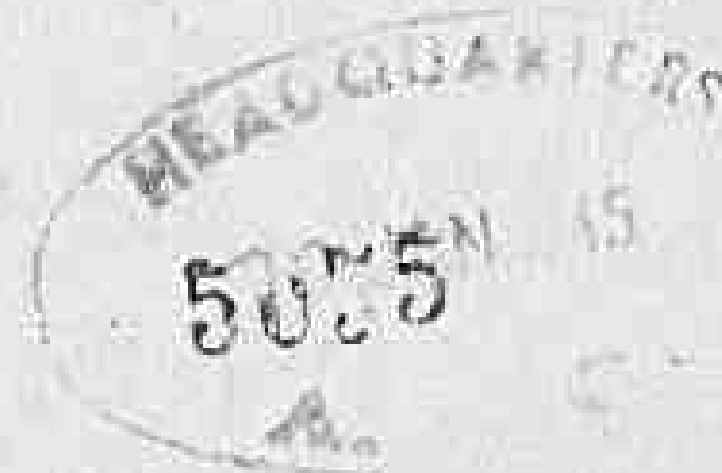
1. Your reference 032 and 043.
2. 3 passenger coaches will move January 28 MESSINA to REGGIO CALABRIA
billed BLAIR REGGIO ALCOM.

ACTION

DIST

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

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19/98

FM INC (To Sub-Comm.)

251800

MOV XIR REGGIO FOR BLAIR

030 MILITARY REQUIRE TWO HUNDRED BOX TRUCKS SOCIETY NEXT
WEEK COMMENCE FORWARDING IMMEDIATELY SHORTING YOUR AG AND CIVIL
REQUIREMENTS IF NECESSARY VERY URGENT ACTION REQUIRED ADVISE (.)

Copy by hand to movements, HQ LUSC.

IMPORTANT

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISS

Originator's Reference: RTC 141
Date Time of Origin: JAN 23/1845

Message Centre No: C/9151
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 24/0845
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ALCOM SICILIA REGION (CARR)
TO: HQ ALCOM TRANS INCREMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION.

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RESTRICTED.

1. Owing to clerical error in para 4 column 6 in the NEI form of weekly report 8 to 14 January, should obviously be minus.
2. Showing loss of 110 box cars 17 high sides 131 total 140.

ACTION

AC DIST

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

*Telephoned Sgt Green
1615 of 24 Jan
[Signature]*

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File 19/96

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

Tel. 843191/11
Our Ref. AC/19/Ta 4

24 January 1945

TO : Supt. Transp. MRS Building

SUBJECT : Withdrawal of box cars from Sicily.

1. For your information attached is a copy of signal received from Blair Reggio in regard to return of box cars to Sicily.

O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section.

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MABA V MBAY NR90 IMPORTANTE A MBDB GR 53

FROM BLAIR REGGIO 221230A

TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM

BT

R221. RESTRICTED. YOUR 027 OF 21 JAN

32 BOX CARS ENT SICILY LAST WEEK

HAVE ISSUED ORDERS TO SEND 70 THIS WEEK

RECEIVED ONLY 72 EMPTY BOX CARS AT BATTIPAGLIA

IN LAST 10 DAYS. IF MOVEMENT TO

SICLY IS TO CONTINUE MUST

RECEIVED THEM FROM THE NORTH

BT

RNPT NR0/90 PIP GR 53 WQWEPA R222I 027 21

32 READ AS ENT RPT ENT SICILY 70 72

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SENT NR90 PIP VG BII

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File 19/95

PGM/lc

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

Tel. 843191/11
Our Ref. AC/19/Tn 4

25 January 1945

TO : The Director General Ferrovie dello Stato
(attention Gen di Raimondo)

SUBJECT : Box wagons for Sicily.

1. With reference to your letter File M.312/9/Segr 20/2247/28 dated 23 January 1945 relative to the shortage of box wagons in Sicily.

2. The shortage has been brought about by continual northward traffic from Sicily to the mainland and also the washouts on certain lines has slowed up traffic so that considerable more cars are used to handle normal business.

3. We understand the seriousness of the situation and assure you that every effort is being made to return the wagons to Sicily that have been overdrawn.

O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.
Chief, Rail Section.

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Translation

Ministry of Transports
General Direction

Rome **23** January 1945
M 312/9/Seg. 2°/2247/28

Allied Commission
Transportation Sub Commission
Rail Section Building

f.i. Undersecretary for Transports
Building

The I.S.R. Capo Compartimento at Palermo represents the increasing shortage of box cars on the lines of Sicily, due to the excessive disproportion between the number of cars daily sent into the mainland and those sent into Sicily. As of 11th January, there was already a shortage of 135 box cars.

Please arrange for a quick replacement of the cars sent in surplus into the mainland, maintaining an average availability in the future, to meet the requirements of the orange and lemon harvest, that is now fully developing.

Director General
signed Di Raimondo

Ca ng23/1

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Roma, 11 ⁵ 28 GEN 1945 194 - A.

n. M. 312/9 / Seg. 20/2247/28

Al N. _____ del _____

11/DA 
MINISTERO
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DEI TRASPORTI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE

SOTTO COMMISSIONE TRASPORTI A.C.

-- Sezione Ferroviaria --

S E D E

OGGETTO

↗
e, per conoscenza

A S.E. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO PER I TRASPORTI

S E D E

ALLEGATE N. _____

Il Capo Compartimento di Palermo segnala la crescente deficienza di carri chiusi sulle linee della Sicilia, a causa dell'eccessivo squilibrio fra il quantitativo di detti carri giornalmente in uscita dall'isola e di quelli in entrata. Il giorno 11 corrente vi era già uno spareggio di 135 carri della specie.-

Pregasi esaminare l'opportunità di un sollecito reintegro dei carri usciti in più e di mantenere in seguito il pareggio, almeno in via temporanea, onde far fronte alle esigenze della campagna agrumaria che è in pieno sviluppo.-

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Ugo Ramorini

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR ITALY

19/93
A.P.O. 512
22 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Establishment of Passenger Service for Civil Traffic.

TO: Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission,
Director General, Italian State Railways.

1. The establishment of passenger service for civil traffic now depends largely upon the availability of passenger equipment. It is the intention to establish civil passenger service between Naples and East Coast via Benevento when passenger stock is available. This will mean that the two coaches now operating on the military train between Naples, Bari and Brindisi will be discontinued.

2. It is requested that the Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, examine the passenger stock situation in Sicily and if possible bring over to the Mainland five or six coaches which are in operating condition to assist in the establishment of this service.

For the Director:

R. P. MOSS
R. P. MOSS
Lt. Col. T.C.
Deputy Director-Operations

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DN LNO (Ta Sub-Comm.)

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BRIGADIER CARR SIGHTLY REGIONS PALERMO

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CONSIDERABLE RISK DIFFICULTY PREVENTS HEAVY DELIVERY
R-X WAGONS TO SIGHTLY IMMEDIATELY (.) SUBJECT BEING HANDLED FOR
GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT SO INTERCHANGE BALANCE WILL FAVOR SIGHTLY (.)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMS. S

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TN S/C

Originator's Reference: CITE RTC 138
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 201640A

Message Centre No: C/8798
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 210700A
Precedence: CF PRIORITY

FROM: ALCON SICILIA REGION (CARR)
TO: HQ ALCON TPER INCREMENT FOR RTTH SC

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1. Ref our signal RTC-135 of 18 January.
2. Correct is 288 box wagons and not 228 box wagons as stated in para 1.

New subject.

Additional ships arriving without notice making further demands on our limited wagon resources on coal consumption.

3. Please take action and advise.
4. Special report follows.

AC DIST

Action	Tn S/C
Info	A/President Chief Commissioner Econ Sec Industry File

ACTION

HEADQUARTERS
21 JAN 1945
A. C.

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MAPA V MBAY NR90 IMPORTANTE A MBDE GR 3

FROM BLAIR REGGIO 221230A

TO TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM

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REFR NRO/ 90 IIF GR 53 WQWEP R221 027 21

32 READ AS ENT RPT ENT SICILY 70 72

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SENT NR90 IIF VG B11

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMIS. N

Originator's Reference: FX87722
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 191600A

19/89
Tn 3C
Message Centre No: C/8677
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 201045A
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: AFHQ SIGNED SACRED CITE FHGDM PHORB
TO: ACTION ALCOM SARDINIA, INFO 2 HQ ROME AREA FOR TN INC 3. MOVWIT 4. HQ ALCOM
ROME, 5. PENBASE, 6. PENSOUTH

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INFO - ACTION

Further my FX87246 of 18th January SAMLEYTE due 27th January loads vehicles rolling stock and 500 tons paint pigments in tween decks to masters requirements. Agreed.

DIST

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

Rail for retention.

SECRET



TN INC(Tn-Sub-Commission)

211230



MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR

MOVEMENTS DIVISION, HQ. (By Hand)

027 SICILY SIGNALS ARE HUNDRED TEN BOX WAGONS LOST
WEEK ENDING 14 JANUARY NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT COMMENCE AT
ONCE IN ORDER AVOID DELAY MILITARY COMMITMENTS IMMEDIATE
ACTION REQUIRED SIGNAL REPLY

URGENT

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5012

TH INC (TH Sub-Comm.)

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19/87



MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR

020 SICILY REPORTS LOSS FIRST WEEK JANUARY EIGHTY EIGHT BOX
WAGONS VIA FERRY POSITION BECOMING SERIOUS INTERCHANGE MUST BE STARTED
IN FAVOUR SICILY WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY ADVISE ACTION TAKEN (.)

URGENT

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

Tel: 843191/11
Our Ref: AC/19/Tn 4

22 January 1945

TO : Capt. S.L. London T.C.
MRS

SUBJECT: Box Cars from Sicily.

1. Reports from Sicily indicate that an additional 200 Box cars have been lost to the mainland via Reggio since January first.
2. During November and December Sicily lost 540 Box cars in the same manner making a total of 740 to date. This is approximately 500 more than Sicily can afford to lose.
3. The situation is now so acute that Military and AC requirements cannot be met, and the local movement of essential goods in Sicily is being seriously affected.
4. This information is passed to you so that you can continue to pass a surplus of box cars to the Calabria division so that the condition can be alleviated.

H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief Rail Section.

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

Tel: 843191/11

Our Ref: AC/19/Tp/4

22 January 1945

TO : Division Supt. Tn Sub-Comm.AC
c/o Mov Reggio

SUBJECT : Wagons to Sicily.

1. An additional 200 box wagons have been withdrawn from Sicily since the figures in my letter of 16 January were compiled.
2. The situation is continually getting worse and unless corrective measures are immediately taken we shall be severely criticized by Military authorities for our inability to take care of their requirements.
3. The condition urgently requires your immediate personal attention. The figures given us daily by MRS indicate that the Calabria division has more than their normal requirement of box wagons so we have no excuse to offer them about the continual loss of wagons in Sicily.
4. Immediate action is necessary to avoid criticism of this section by higher authority.
5. Please reply promptly giving us reasons for the condition which has developed so that we may render any further assistance necessary to ease the situation.

C.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. A.E.,
Chief of Staff, Section.

17231
TO : Division Supt. Tn Sub-Comm. AG
c/o Mov Reggio

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O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief Regal Section.

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MABA V LAEE NR 7 P P
QVR 3
FROM BLAIR REGGIO 161230A
TO DMRI CO 701 RY GD DIV

19/85

TN INC FOR TN SUB COMM
RPTD ALCOM FOR TN SUB COMM
BT

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R199 RESTRICTED LOCOS 625534 AND 625507
RECEIVED FROM SALERNO
10TH AND 11TH JAN
625067/625067 625164 625062 AND 625126
RECEIVED FROM SICILY FROM 1
TH TO 16TH JAN
BT

REPTNS 7 3 3 //// 3

161230 701 R199
62554 625507

10 11 625067/625067 625164 625062 625126

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SENT NR 7 UFK AR

161230 701

*19th Jan 1985
The receipt for the
about 1000 for many wagons
from Sicily - actually output
is that file completed
Mater*

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
(RAIL SECTION)
G/o Transportation Increment

Tel: 843191/11
Our Reference: AC/19/Tn

16 January 1945

TO : Division Supt. Tn Sub-Commission AC. Reggio

SUBJECT : Wagons to Sicily.

1. Sicily shows a loss of:

59	Refers
540	Box
315	Gons
107	Flats
1021	Total

in the past sixty days.

2. The loss of this amount of Rolling Stock is curtailing the Movement of essential goods in Sicily.

3. For the present an even or slightly minus balance on the interchange regarding gondolas and flats is satisfactory but on the refers and box cars, the interchange must be in power of Sicily due to the fact that we have withdrawn 400 box and refers more than should have been removed.

4. The importance of this subject must not be underestimated. The Military Railway Service have been given the facts and they are arranging for an increase of rolling stock to be forwarded to your division. For example on January 4 there were 1364 cars on the Calabria division as compared with 1565 on January 13th which indicated balance is being built up.

5. With a continual northward movement of traffic it is hazardous to further drain box and refers from Sicily. It is absolutely essential to correct the difference by commencing without further delay to return sufficient Rolling Stock to make up for what has been overdrawn.

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O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Reference: CITE RTC 124
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 051515A

Message Centre No: C/5769
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 061630A
Precedence: PRIORITY

FROM: ALCOM SICILY REGION (CARE)
TO: HQ ALCOM FOR TRANSPORTATION, SUBCOMMISSION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION TO
ALCOM SOUTHERN REGION FOR MOVEMENT AND TO MOV. LG CATANIA

CONFIDENTIAL ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. In view of unloading of grain ships and essential ALCOM sponsored internal essential food distribution estimated possible to supply only 60% military box wagon requirements for week 1 to 7 January.
2. Number of box wagons now 1130.
3. Urgently request replenishment to 2000, agreed movements.

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ACTION: Th S/C 2
INFO: Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
Food S/C 2
File

HEADQUARTERS
4 JAN 1945

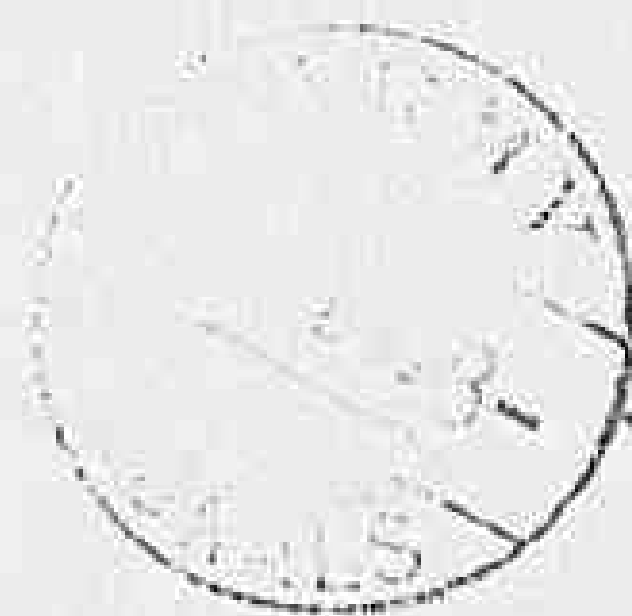
4. Ch. Col. Liep. Movements, requires
a programme of
wage provision to
be signalled to Alcom
Sicily Region (Care). Cots
to Movements and for
info please. 1/2 of

CONFIDENTIAL

Units do not
receive too

MABA V LAEE NR3 P P
FROM BLAIR REGGIO 121630A
TO TN INC FOR LINDBERG
QQX GR59 BT

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R180. RESTD. YOUR SIGNAL 09 RE WAGONS FOR SICILY

DUE TO HEAVY ITALIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS AND TWO GRAIN SHIPS

UNLOADING AT CONFINING EFFORTS AT *Present to equalizing interchange*
of Box cars with likely after above movement completed

~~PRESENTLY ESTABLISHING INTERCHANGES FOR BOX CARS~~

HOPE TO INCREASE THE FLOW

TO BUILD UP THE SICILIAN POOL WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED OF RESULTS

BT 121630A

SENT NR3 JLP AR

Rd 5820ju

300818
Serial No.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

* Originator may delete "except" and insert "including".

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

9 January 1945

Tel: 843191/11
Our Reference: AC/19/Tn

TO : Div. Supt. Tn Sub-Commission, AC.
Palermo

SUBJECT : Transfer of locos Sicily to Mainland.

1. It is requested that locos 895-144 now located at Palermo be forwarded to Naples.

O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section

Copy to:
Div. Supt. Tn Sub-Commission AC., Naples.

*Point against To Berlin, about
the city transportation of 100000
of wagons in city which is
happy should be in the
plan.*

*ordered by
Mey. Cassin
Pm*

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PGM/ic

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

Tel: 843191/11
Our Reference: AC/13/Tn

9 January 1945

TO : Div. Supt. Tn Sub-Commission, AC.
Reggio

SUBJECT : Transfer of Locomotives Sicily to Reggio.

1. As per our telephone conversation and cable regarding transfer of 625 type locomotives Sicily to Reggio.
2. Locomotive type 625 Nos. 164-062-152 and -067 are being temporarily loaned to you during the time line 95 is out of operation.
3. It must be definitely understood that these locomotives must be returned to Sicily just as soon as the emergency has ceased.

PH
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.S.,
Chief, Rail Section.

Copy to: Div. Supt. Palermo

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MABA V MBAY NR 107 IMMEDIATE A MBDB GR 63
FROM BLAIR REGGIO

TO TN INC FOR LINDBERG DMRI
BT

R163. RESTRICTED. FIND IT NECESSARY TO ASK FOR SIX MORE
STEAM LOCOS FOR USE CATANZARO MARINA TO SAN EUFEMIA.
ALL MILITARY AND AC LOADS MOVING OVER THIS HILL EXCEPT
FEW ON BACK. ~~RE~~ PROGRAMME TOTALS OVER 100 LOADS PER
DAY. THESE ADDITIONAL LOCOS WOULD BE REQUIRED UNTIL ROUTE

99 IS AGAIN OPEN. PRESENT ESTIMATES ARE END OF JANUARY
BT

REPT NR107 OP GR =3/63 TN INC R 163 EUFEMIA 100 90
SENT NR107 P RG AR

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LINDBERG TM INC (Tn Sub-Comm)

081500

LYNCH TM SUB COMM. AC PALERMO

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CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION SEND AT ONCE FOUR TYPE
SIX TWO FIVE TYPE LOCOMOTIVES TO REGGIO MILITARY PRIORITY
TO BE RETURNED SICILY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS (.) ACKNOWLEDGE (.)

IMPORTANT

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LIEDBERG TM INC (Tn Sub Comm.) 081500

MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR

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NAPLES SENDING TWO TYPE SIX TWO FIVE LOCOMOTIVES JANUARY
9TH PALERMO INSTRUCTED SEND FOUR SAME TYPE AT ONCE PALERMO
LOCOMS MUST BE RETURNED AS SOON AS ROUTE 95 OPEN

IMPORTANT 5021

INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R 151
Date/Time of Origin: JAN 3/1050

Message Centre No: C/6376
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 3/1620
Precedence: OP PRIORITY

FROM: BLAIR REGGIO

TO : TN INC FOR LINDBERG HOME

RESTRICTED

ACTION

RESTRICTED.

Your signal 02 of 2 January. Authority was given for mutual arrangement for transfer of stock with SICILY. Major TAYLOR wishes to keep interchanges balanced. Of the 547 cars received from SICILY in December 500 of them went north to other divisions. Until last few days they were not being returned situation has improved and it is hoped to transfer 10 empty box cars per day when Italian military move is completed

DIST

ACTION : TN SC (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC
FILE



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SIGNAL MESSAGE OUT

FROM : TH INC (Th. Sub-Comm AG)
TO : MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR

02

RESTRICTED(.) YOU HAVE DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN WAGONS FROM MRS FOR CALABRIA AND SICILY AND TO PASS WAGONS TO SICILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PICTURE MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN YOU AND TAYLOR (.) CONTINUED SERIOUS LOSS IN EXCHANGE BETWEEN SICILY AND MAINLAND(.) REPORT BY SIGNAL EXACTLY WHAT ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE MADE TO FULFILL INSTRUCTIONS TO KEEP SICILY SUPPLIED.

This message may be sent as written by any means (except) wireless.

Originator's
Instructions, Degree
of priority.

all Reg may

IMPORTANT

Copy by hand: Mov. Th. Sub-Comm.
MRS (Capt. London)

507900

WIRE

4 January 1945

FROM: DARI

TO : AC TN SUB-COM, ATTENTION: RAIL CHIEF
CO, 701 RCD, NAPLES
MAJOR TAYLOR, AC TN SUB-COM, PALERMO, SICILY
MAJOR W. S. BLAIR, AC TN SUB-COM, REGGIO CALABRIA

CONFIDENTIAL. Disregard letter from undersigned dated 3 January, regarding transfer of ambulance coaches from Sicily to mainland. Now advised coaches located in Sardinia instead of Sicily. Signed London.

S. E. London
S. E. LONDON
Captain, T.C.
1455

cc:-ADD, Equipment, Bldg
DAD Tn 3 (M), Bldg

attach

19/25

Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director - Italy

A.P.O. 512
3 January 1945

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SUBJECT: Additional Lying Coaches in Lieu of Sitting for British Ambulance Trains.

TO : AC Tn Sub-Com ATTENTION: Rail Chief
CO, 701 Ry Grand Divn, APO 512
Major Taylor, AC Tn Sub-Com, Palermo, Sicily
Major W. S. Blair, AC Tn Sub-Com, Reggio Calabria

1. The following numbered lying coaches which are reported available and spare in Sicily are required on the mainland for operation in ambulance trains:

CZ 37178	CZ 37190
CZ 37278	CZ 37195
CZ 37140	CZ 37114
CZ 37171	CZ 37294

2. Please arrange to transfer these cars from Sicily to Naples Shops where they are to be overhauled and fitted in accordance with medical requirements.

3. Major Taylor advise the date cars are transferred to Reggio; Major Blair advise departure from Reggio; and 701 arrange to have cars placed in Naples Shops and advise the date cars are delivered to the shops.

4. 701 RGD advise this headquarters two or three days in advance of the date cars will be released from the shops and further disposition will be furnished regarding their permanent assignment.

5. It is urgent that these coaches be made available for service with all possible haste. All concerned please expedite movement and overhaul work.

For the Director:

S. E. London 5028
S. E. LONDON
Captain, T.C.
Superintendent Transportation

cc:-DAD Tn 3 (M), Bldg.

IN INC. TO SUB COM.

16100

NEW ROUTE FOR BLAIR

NOTE FOR CAPT. LONDON.

03.

YOUR B/100 REPORT(.) FROM PARACHUTE DROP TO ROME VIA NAPLES

AT SUGGESTED HIGH-LEVEL DATE OF DEPARTURE(.)

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: R/108
 Date/Time of Origin: DEC 15/1245

Message Centre No: 0/1229
 Date Time Rec'd: DEC 15/1634
 Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: BLAIR REGGIO
 TO: DDRI A LCOM FOR ADAMS

ACTION

IN CLEAR.

Ref 7060 from ALCOM re coaches ex SICILY following are nos 75093 66091 36559
 37036 24325 37085 44013 41612 all are 8 wheel corridor coaches and all 3rd class ex-
 cept 24325 which is second class & 11 received 14 December wish to use these between
 REGGIO and PAL to protect Italian troop move until 22nd and if they are to go north
 use them in same service to NAPLES on last day of move

DIST

ACTION : IN EC (2)

INFO : CHIEF COMMISS-
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 FILE

HEADQUARTERS

15 DEC 1944

A.C.C.

Went to Rome
 in Italian Troop train

5026

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ACP/ic

TRANSPORTATION BGS COMMISSIONER(AC)
(Rail Section)
C/o Transportation Increment
G. M. F.

Tel: 843607
Our Reference: AC/25/2/Tn

15 December 44.

TO : Brigadier E.D. WAGHORN
DRMS.,
Building

SUBJECT : Transfer Rolling Stock from Sicily and Sardinia.

1. Reference is to your letter MS1/20 of 12 December 44.

2. In respect of the transshipment of the freight cars from Sardinia, the latest known position is that set out in the copy of letter attached. It might be mentioned that AC has never claimed that the rolling stock to be transhipped from Sardinia was for the sole purpose of carrying civilian supplies, moreover, the existing conditions would make any such suggestion impossible. AC was concerned with the discovery of rolling stock available for use on the mainland for any purpose, in view of the prevailing shortage.

3. In respect of coaching stock from Sicily, a signal was sent to our Officer requesting the transfer of eight bogie passenger vehicles, with preference for corridor stock, the mainland. The position has been delayed owing to the difficulties existing in the Calabrian Division. Copies of our signals to Officer in Sicily have been sent to your Office.

O.H. LINDBERG,
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Section.

5025

COPY

SECRET

Subject: Movement of Railway Wagons
SARAJEVO to WARSAW.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4 (Mov & TR) 2/89/GSM

To : G-3

8 Dec 44.

TEL: PRINCECOM 313

1. Ref communication of 3-5 C 27 of 20 Nov. It has now been established that the 208 railway wagons are required for supplementing the present inadequate pool of wagons in ITALY, and will not be utilized for the sole purpose of carrying civilians supplies.
2. Consideration is being given to the positioning of a crane ship at GALLIARI which would considerably accelerate the rate of shipment. In the meantime it is proposed, subject to your agreement, to load wagons in batches Nos. 2 and 4 of MT ships and vehicles in the remainder of available space. By loading in this manner it is estimated that 120 vehicles and 20 wagons would be loaded in each vessel. During the month of Dec. it is hoped to load 6 vessels in GALLIARI of which at least 3 will carry vehicles only.
3. In view of the serious shortage of wagons and the need for using shipping economically it is requested that they be allotted the highest priority.

Copy to: RSTO Med
 G-5
 HQ. AC. ROME
 Tn. (B)
 File 5/85

W.D. PHILL, Lt. Col.
 for Brigadier,
 D.Q.M.A. (Mov. & Tr.)

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19/71
C O P Y

I
Subject: Transfer of Rolling
Stock from SARDINIA
& SICILY to ITALY

Military Railway
Service , Italy

Tel: Firebox 49
Outside Line 843332

To: Transportation
Sub-Commission AC.
(Building)

MS.1/30
12 Dec.44.

To: Transportation Sub Comm. AC.
(Building)

Will you please let me know what the latest position
is regarding the transfer of the following stock to Italy.

(a) 206 Wagons (miscellaneous) from SARDINIA .

(b) Coaching stock from SICILY .
No definite requirement was given as to quantity
but I asked Col. Adams to look into the question
of availability. I also specified that it should
be Corridor stock.

sgd: (R.D. WAGHORN)
Brigadier,
Director, Military Railway Service.

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19/10

SICILY REGION MOV REGGIO CALABRIA

7560

8 DEC 44

ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL PD

ONE ZERO FOUR

PARA ONE PD REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL RTC/DATED SECOND VEHICLE URGENTLY
NEEDED BY MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE PD

PARAN TO SICILY REGION FOR TAYLOR TO MOV REGGIO CALABRIA FOR BLAIR
FROM ALCON PAREN

TRANSFER TO REGGIO CALABRIA EIGHT BODIES PASSENGER VEHICLES PD CORRIDOR
STOCK PREFERABLE PD BLAIR TO ADVISE ABLE CHARLIE AND MILITARY RAILWAY
SERVICE PD DISTORAL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN BLAIR PD

COPY TO MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE

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TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

1745

19/69

NOV REGIO CALABRIA ALCOM SICILIA REGION

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FROM ONE PD TAYLOR AND BLAIR TO AGREE REITERATE DAILY ESTABLISHMENT
OF FREIGHT CARS AND BLAIR TO SIGHTS THIS HANDLING FULL DETAILS PD
PARTH TO NOV REGIO CALABRIA FOR BLAIR TO ALCOM SICILIA REGION FOR TAYLOR

ALCOM PARKS
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE WILL BEHAVIOR NO NEXT TOTAL MEASURES INTO
REGIO CALABRIA AND DISPOSITION BETWEEN REGIO CALABRIA AND SICILY
DIVISIONS TO BE ARRANGING LOGGING PD

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COPY TO : THE NO ESTABLISHMENT
FOR FOR LONIES FOR INFO

TRANSFORMATION NO

NICHOLAS PIONEER
GEO. O.H.F.
Asst. Adjutant

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PRECEDENCE

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RECEIVED PD
 FBI, ONE PD TAYLOR AND BLAIR TO AGENTS ESTIMATED DAILY EXAMINATION
 OF PRESENT CASE AND BLAIR TO SIGNAL THIS HEADQUARTERS FBI, NOT FLS PD
 PARRIS TO NOV HONORIO CALABRIA FOR BLAIR TO LION SIGILL. SECTION, FROM
 FOR TAYLOR

ALCOH PARRIS

ELIZABETH HALLWAY SERVICE WILL BEING MOVED TO NEW YORK. NEW YORK INTO
 REGGIO CALABRIA AND DISTRIBUTION BETWEEN REGGIO CALABRIA AND SICILY
 DIVISIONS TO BE ARRANGED LOCALLY PD

COPY TO : WITH NO MOVEMENTS

MRS FOR LONDON AND INNO

TRANSMISSION TO

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NICHOLAS PROPHISO

CHG. U.S.A.

Asst. Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

1
Originator's Reference: CITE RTC 107
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 051026A

Message Centre No: TV 46
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 051240A
Precedence: 072875
PRIORITY 19/68

FROM ALCOM SICILIA REGION (CARR FOR TAYLOR)
TO HQ ALCOM FOR ADAMS AND DMRS ROME, ALCOM REGGIO CALABRIA FOR BLAIR.

INFO - ACTION

RESTRICTED.

1. Will send 20 box cars as soon as possible and expedite transfer of gondolas.
2. Box cars to be returned as soon as docks clearance completed please as urgently required for military and Allied Commission movements.

Dist

Info-Action - Tn SC (2)
Info - Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
File



INFO - ACTION

RESTRICTED

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Ministry of Communications
I.S.R. - General Direction

M.312/9260/2/25 Deca/1570/28

19/67

Subject:

Supply of empty cars for Sicily.

Allied Commission

Transport Sub-Commission

R o m e

Headquarters

Military Railway Service

R o m e

1. The I.S.R. Movement Section of Palermo informs that from 6th to 24th November 235 box cars have been withdrawn from the rolling stock pool of Sicily, to be sent to Continental Italy for military transports.
2. Said deficit could cause serious inconveniences to the supply of cars both for inland transports and for those bound to Continental Italy, chiefly in view of the acid fruits harvest, which has a great importance for the Island's economy as well as for the Continent's feeding.
3. An adequate supply of box cars is therefore requested by said Section.
4. Please kindly examine the request, considering that some open top cars which are in surplus at present could be withdrawn in exchange from Sicily.

Ca.3.XII.cb.

Director General

F.to DI RAIMONDO

5019



MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

- 4 DIC. 1944

N. M. 312/9260/2/25 Dec. 15/28

Oggetto
Sussidio carri vuoti per
la Sicilia.

Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Trasporti
R O M A
Direzione Generale M.R.S.
R O M A

1 - La Sezione Movimento di Palermo informa che dal giorno 6 a tutto il 24 corrente mese si è verificato uno spilancio, a danno della consistenza del materiale dell'Isola, di 235 carri chiusi, caricati per il Continente prevalentemente per trasporti militari.

2 - Tale spilancio può avere dannose ripercussioni sulla fornitura dei carri sia per i trasporti interni, sia per quelli diretti in Continente, specialmente in vista della campagna agrumaria già iniziata, la quale ha molta importanza per l'economia dell'Isola e per l'alimentazione del Continente.

3 - Chiede pertanto le sia inviato un congruo sussidio di carri della specie.

4 - Pregasi esaminare benevolmente la richiesta, tenendo presente che si potrebbe in compenso ritirare dall'Isola carri scoperti di cui vi è eccedenza.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Ugo Raimondo

5018

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: CITE: RTC-104
Date/Time of Origin: DEC 2

Message Centre No: C/2567
Date Time Rec'd: DEC 02/1635
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: ALCOM SICILY REGION (CARR) FOR TAYLOR
TO : ALCOM

CONFIDENTIAL.

1. Reference received signal 7200 dated 29.
2. Please state destination of vehicles.
3. Understand that no traffic out REGGIO owing damage to lines.

DIST

Action: Tn S/C (2)
Info: Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
File (2)
Float

CONFIDENTIAL

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ALCOM SICILIA REGION
EMRS ROME (by hand)

7200

28 Nov 1944

ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL PD

REXK PARA ONE PD SEND IMMEDIATELY NIGHT BOGIE PASSENGER VEHICLES
^{CORRIGOR}
CMA ~~CONSIDER~~ STOCKS IF POSSIBLE IN GOOD ORDER CMA TO MAINLAND FOR
DIRECTOR MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE PD

PAREN TO ALCOM SICILIA REGION FOR TAYLOR TW REP FROM ALCOM HQ
FROM ADAMS PAREN

TRANSPORTATION SUBCOM

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO,
CIC, USA.,
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Deputy Director, Italy

19/65
A. P. O. 512
28 November 1944

Subject: Balance of Rolling Stock

To : A.C. Tn Sub-Commission, APO 394

ATTENTION: Lt. Col. O. H. Lindberg

1. Reference is to your letter, file AC/19/Tn, of 21 Nov.
2. The subject is a matter of great moment to this office. Our chief objective is to keep the interchange of equipment between main districts equalized so that adequate wagons will be available to meet current loading demands. We are cognizant of the situation in Calabria. A combination of circumstances during the past six weeks has operated so disadvantageously to the distribution and movement of equipment that it has been impossible to return to Calabria as many empty and loaded wagons as have moved out of that area under load. Longer haul, line interruptions, inclement weather and a change in the trend of movements are factors which have prevented a normal balance of interchange. Added to these conditions is the marked increase of loading, particularly of civilian goods, which has absorbed all of the heretofore surplus of empty wagons.
3. A system of control similar to that suggested in paragraph 5 has been in effect for many months.
4. Unless there are line breaks and congestion of stock due to stoppage from one cause or another, it is expected the number of wagons can be built up shortly in Calabria to a pool of about 1200 cars which is considered adequate for satisfactory operation and to equalize the interchange with Sicily. At any rate, you may rest assured that the situation is being watched closely and no effort will be spared to correct it as fast as it is physically possible to do so.

For the Deputy Director:

S. E. London

S. E. LONDON
Captain, TC
Superintendent Transportation

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ALCOM SICILIA REGION
MRS BONE (by hand)

7200

28 Nov 1944

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ROUTINE

CONFIDENTIAL PD

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TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMM

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NICHOLAS RIONBINO,
CWO, ~~5th~~
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

Capt. P. L.

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Deputy Director, Italy

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A. P. O. 512
22 November 1944

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To : A.G. Tn Sub-Commission, APC 394

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For the Deputy Director:

S. E. LONDON
Captain, TC
Superintendent Transportation

*I have kept
for Capt.
A. L. 10/11/44*

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EXPORT DIVISION

OAL 11/2/8

17 November

44

Timber - Railway Transport in Calabria.

Headquarters, Allied Commission, APC 394, (for Concrete Sub-Commission - Foreign Trade Section).

1. Para. 4 of Capt. Jalbert's report No. 3/21 dated 13 November 44, is repeated herewith:

"owing to the almost complete failure of the railways to provide waggons for us in the last few weeks, it is very doubtful that there will be any timber on Reggio Docks for the next trip of 'ITU'".

2. The S.S. "ITU" is expected to berth at Reggio on the 24 November 44.

3. Mr Stoker (M.T.), has been consulted and we are trying to arrange that the S.S. "ITU" will carry a load from Vibo Marina. It is hoped that this will enable a further supply to arrive on Reggio Quay, in time for the next trip of the S.S. "ITU", from that Port.

4. Capt. Jalbert informs us that we have not had 13% of the railway waggons for which we have indentured, during the last three weeks.

5. During the current week we asked for the assignment of 130 waggons, and have asked for 90 to be allocated next week.

6. By this time we should have had 1,500 tons of timber at Reggio.

7. The same position prevails for transportation of timber to Vibo Marina.

8. To try and cope with this lack of rail transport, we have been doing our best to transport by road. The quantity of timber we can get to Reggio by the 22 November 44, by this means, will be 3/400 tons.

9. It is pointed out that both our F.O.L. allocation and road transport fleet, are inadequate to haul timber to the Ports, we were depending on the Railway to do that haulage.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C. A. J. Stokers
C.A.J. STOKERS
Major I.A.
Director Export Division,
Sicilia Region

Copy to: Headquarters, Allied Commission, (for Transportation Sub-Commission). ✓

Mr Stoker, M.T., Catania.

Capt. Jalbert, Timber Section, Reggio.

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EXPORT DIVISION

091.31/2/65

15 November 44

Exports - Railway Transport for Fresh Fruits for U.S. Export.

Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394, (For Commerce Sub-Commission - Foreign Trade Section).

1. Various discussions have taken place recently between Major Stephens, Major Taylor, Movement Officers, and Representatives of the Ministry of Food, regarding the problem of railway transport for the movement of commodities to Ports for the export programme, and in particular fresh fruits.
2. The position today is a large number of railway waggons have been transferred to the Mainland for Military and Civilian commitments. Now it appears a very serious problem faces the Sicilian Railway Authorities to supply box cars for the transportation of fruit to the Ports.
3. We are informed that an order has been issued from higher authority that 200 Railway box cars will be forwarded to the Mainland. In addition to this there has been a steady drain on the available railway waggons to serve the Army's requirements of fresh vegetables, fruit, etc. One source informs us that 10 to 12 waggons are needed per week, and another, the same quantity per day. We are informed today that in addition to the above, a further requisition of 100 railway trucks has been placed by the Military Authorities.
4. It is appreciated that railway waggons are needed to carry supplies to the Armed Forces and for the distribution of civilian food, etc. All this traffic is bound Northwards and there is practically no movement to the South, because there are very few requirements to be sent to Calabria and Sicily from the North. At one time there was a large number of box cars, etc. on the Island, which have been used to carry commitments to the North. The position today, according to our information, is that Sicily has been bled white of these means of transport, and orders are still being received to send more box cars North, regardless of the commitments on the Island for the transportation of commodities like fresh fruits, grain, etc., which should not be put in open trucks. It had been hoped that railway transport would cope with these transportation problems, in view of the fact that road transport is practically immobilised for lack of P.O.L., tyres, and spare parts, and the bad condition of roads.
5. The position is summarised as follows:
 - (a) The non-availability of transport of all kinds is about to cripple the lemon export programme.
 - (b) Major Stephen's signal from Catania, dated 17 November 45, on this subject indicates the alarming position of box cars, which further large military movements have aggravated.

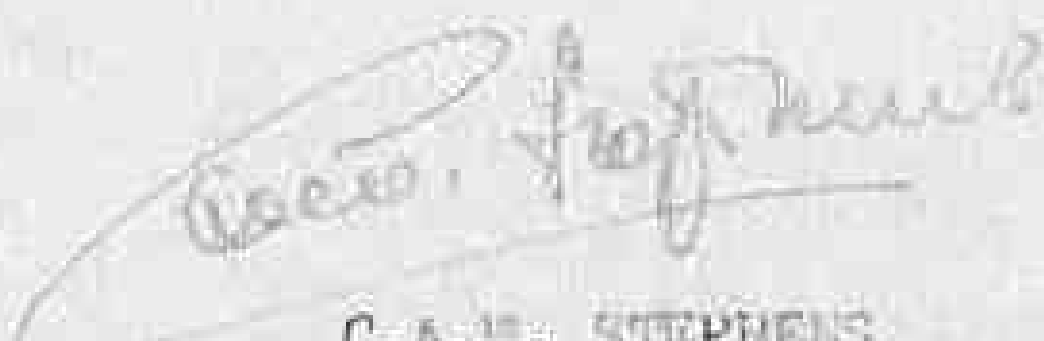
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- (c) A number of I.M.T. vehicles at the Ports are immobilised for lack of P.O.L.
- (d) It is urgently recommended that a special allocation of naphtha be earmarked for the lemon programme.
- (e) That railway bog cars at present leaving for the Mainland be returned to Sicily as quickly as possible, and that urgent steps be taken on the highest level, to ensure the Island will retain an adequate supply of railway box cars to cover its commitments, and that these will not leave Sicily.
- (f) That immediate steps be taken to send a minimum of 100 tarpaulins to Sicily, in order that open railway trucks may be used.
- (g) Failure to provide some such means for the transportation of lemons to the Ports of embarkation, will mean Allied Commission having to adjust the shipping programme and, may well mean cancellation of contracts which have already been placed.

6. Mr Graham, Representative of the Ministry of Food, requests that the Ministry in London be advised by signal of the difficulties involved in obtaining transport for fresh fruits to Ports of embarkation, for the export to U.K. programme.

For the Regional Commissioner:


C.A.M. STEPHENS
Major I.A.
Director Export Division,
Sicilia Region, A.C.

Copy to :- Headquarters, Allied Commission, (for Transportation Sub-Commission. ✓
Regional Commissioner, Sicilia Region, Sicilia Region Headquarters.
Major Taylor, Transportation Sub-Commission Officer (Railways), Palermo.
Mr J. Graham, Ministry of Food Representative, Catania.

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ACP/HL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel: 478701

Our Ref: AC/19/Ta

21 November 1944

TO : Director
Military Railway Service

SUBJECT: Balance of Rolling Stock

1. Transportation Sub-Commission is very concerned, not only at the continued shortage of rolling stock, but in the failure to balance exchange, thus creating adverse conditions in Sicily and Reggio, so far as traffic is concerned.
2. In Sicily alone, there has been a net loss of 148 box cars to the mainland in two weeks, and a further loss of 82 in two days due to a military move.

3. Both Sicily and Reggio are responsible for a considerable amount of food and fruit used not only for civilian consumption, but for export to U.K. and military feeding here.

4. AC can obtain Sicilian and Reggio Calabrian figures, but the figures are not much use if nothing is done to maintain the balance.

5. It is felt that the normal railway procedure of balance of stock, if properly carried out, would in considerable measure assist in mitigating the existing shortage.

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A. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.
En. Sub. Comm.

19/59

ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : Rst/T/25
Date: 2 Nov.44.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Rolling Stock to Mainland.

TO : HQ.AC.Director Tn.Sub-Comm.

1. Ref.telephone conversation(Major Taylor - Capt.Ping) I am informed that the signal sent by me to DGMRS ROME was not delivered and therefore request that you will acquaint that office with the contents hereof.

2. The 27 "Bogie" Flats ordered by Lt.Col. Lindberg & Capt.Elwin of MRS were transferred from MESSINA to REGGIO C. on 18,19,& 21 Oct.

3. The following wagons loaded spare parts:
692270 ()
446761) For contents see attached list.
33673 ()

34386) Contaning 4 axles with wheels for
type 735 locomotives.

200881) For contents see attached list.

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C. W. G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. AC.

COPIA

DEPOSITO LOCOMOTIVE = MESSINA

Messina, 21-10-1944

Rif. Nota N.T. 149
del 4.10.1944

N. C.4.

SIG. CAPO DEPOSITO LOCOMOTIVE

REGGIO CALABRIAP A L E R M O

Elenco dei materiali spediti al Deposito Locomotive di Reggio C.
(L.p.31 - 32 - 33 serie 52093 carri N° 692270 - 446761 - 33673) del 21.10.44.

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148	108	Copertoni ant.loc.480	!	1	Carro 446761 pro-
148	109	" post. " 480	!	1	(venienti dal Dep.
149	194	Slitte per testa crociate	!	2	(Loc. di Catania.
149	283	Spessori per T.C.	!	2	(
166	003	Cuscinetti T.G.M.	!	1	(
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166	085	" T.Q.M.	!	1	(
166	086	" T.P.A.	!	1	(
166	087	" A.T.P.	!	3	(
166	625	" quadri	!	2	(
173	029	Cilindri cavi grezzi di ghi	!	1	(
173	048	" " " "sa	!	2	(
224	012	Attacchi per molle	!	1	(
224	013	" " "	!	1	(
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647	397	Anelli elastici	!	1	(
647	407	Spessori	!	9	(
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200	315	X 76 x 143	!	8	Carro 33673 prove-
200	317	Idem m/m/1372 x 81 x 143	!	8	(niente da Catania
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f.to Caserta

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E L E N C O
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del materiale della locom. gr.480 e gr.735, esistente alle scorte del
Magazzino di Messina ed inviato al Deposito Locomotive di Messina sul
carro N.200881 in data 19.10.1944

(Nota n. T.149 del 4.10.1944 della Sezione Mat. e Trazione)

Cat./Progr.	V O C E	Numero
146/283	! Corpi per distributori cilindrici-loc.gr. 480	! 1
147/015	! Aste per distributori cilindrici - " "	! 1
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" /161	! " " sinistre - " "	! 2
166/085	! Cuscinetti delle bielle di mezzo - " "	! 13
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223/044	! Carcasse -tipo I - " "	! 2
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173/029	! Cilindri di ghisa per stantuffi - " "	! 3
236/389	! Tiranti per molle di sospensione - " "	! 4
" /390	! " " " " - " "	! 8
224/012	! Attacchi fra boccole e molle - " "	! 5
227/297	! Staffe tipo 198 - " "	! 42

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14386 - 735 gr. 198

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CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

TV sic 19/5
0/1250

TO: HQ AC ROME FOR ADAMS

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 100/18

FROM: AC SICILIA REGION (CARR) FOR TAYLOR

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No:

PRECEDENCE: PRIORITY

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: ^{NOV}

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE RTC 88

SECRET.

Urgent. Reference my letter RST/T/26 dated 14. Box car situation here serious. Military and UK export and grain moves prejudiced by lack of cars. Now export empty boxes REGGIO CALABRIA be stopped and arrangements be made for return large number cars loaded military traffic leaving SICILY.

Dist

Action - Tn SC (2) ✓
Info - Chief Commissioner
Econ Sec
File

HEADQUARTERS
15 NOV 1944
A. C.

MRs: information request

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SICILIA REGION

ALCOH FROM ADAMS

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ROUTINE

20 NOV 44

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SECRET PD

PARA ONE PD YOUR SIGNAL ROGER TARE CHARLIE EIGHT EIGHT SO DMS
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICES NOW AGREE THAT FURTHER TRANSFERS OF TWO

TWO ZERO NOX JONES BE SUSPENDED PD

PARA TWO SICILIA REGION, FROM ALCOH DAREN

FOR TAYLOR

QUESTION BEING INVESTIGATED IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH SATISFACTORY

FROM NEW SYSTEM PD

NICHOLAS PLOMBINO

CHOC. U.S.A.

Asst. Adjutant

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→ <http://www.4mat.com>

Information is 200 boxcars are ordered to mainland in addition 12 boxcars carry daily fruit for army to mainland. This coupled lack of coal indicated serious difficulties transportation fruit for export to ports. Stock piling fruits may prejudice quality and cannot guarantee adequate supplies for loading ships. Request representation appropriate authorities for adjustment.

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URGENT

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : Rst/T/26
Date: 14 Nov;44

SUBJECT: Transfer of Freight Cars
SICILY to MAINLAND.

TO : HQ.Allied Commission "For attn.Dir.Tn.Sub-Comm."

Reference my Rst/T/20 dated 11 Oct 44 and
weekly reports.

1.In para 7 of the above quoted letter I mentioned that an inventory of the number of cars in SICILY was to be taken. This was done on 5 Nov.but is not yet completed as reports have not yet been received from three of the smaller stations. The figures now available show that the number of Box Cars available for use in Sicily on 5 Nov. was about 1500.

2.Since 5 Nov large movements of loaded cars have taken place and also the transfer of 200 empty Box Cars have been ordered by you. Exact figures will be forwarded to you as soon as they are available.

3.It appears that Dr.Tuccio's figures of 2300(approx) as the number of Box Cars available for use in the Island as at 6 Oct.was an over - estimate(rather than an under-estimate as I expected in view of his approximation of the number of 40 ton Flat Cars in Sicily).

4.Dr.Tuccio now gives the number of Box Cars required for efficient service in the Island as 2000 and these cars are required for the movement of essential commodities - Grain,Foodstuffs,Fertilizers etc for consumption & use by the civilian population apart from requirements of large numbers of cars for such important movements as the carriage of Citrus fruits,essential Oils,wines etc to the Sicilian Ports for export to the United Kingdom and the USA and much military movement.

5. It is pointed out that (& this is clearly indicated in my above quoted letter and the list sent therewith) SICILY is NOT any longer a "Pool" of cars as stated in your Signal 5951 dated 4 Nov.44 as far as Box Cars are concerned.

6. The transfer of loaded cars from SICILY to the Main-land continue to exceed those in the opposite direction. (See para 9 of my above quoted letter and weekly reports dated 4 Nov para 4 and 10 Nov. para 4 which show a net loss of 148 loaded Box Cars in two weeks and 10 Nov para 8 (a) which reports two Military Movements which resulted in the loss (not included in the above) of 82 Box Cars in two days).

7. The transfer of Flats and Gondolas is not a serious matter for the time being but may become so eventually if the present state of things continues.

8. May arrangements please be made at once for return of cars lost to the Island in the ordinary way of traffic? If this is not done the position will shortly be very serious.

C.W.G. Taylor RA.
C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. AC.

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RESTRICTED
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

19/54

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TO: ALCOM FOR ADAMS RET FOR INFO ALCOM REGGIO FOR BLAIR

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 10/15

FROM: AC SICILIA REGION (CARE) ++

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No:

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 14

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE RTC-96

++ FOR TAYLOR

ACTION

RESTRICTED.

Reference your signal 6299 dated 10 November received 13 November mulileted. 82 gondolas 20 flats 7 box cars sent to REGGIO 6 to 13 Nov. TFO 3 box cars will be sent today. Reasons for small number priority military road vehicles filling ferry.

List

Action TN SC (2)

INFO - CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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SICILIA REGION

ALCOM FROM ADAMS

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16 NOV 44

SECRET PD

PARA ONE PD YOUR SIGNAL ROGER TAKE CHARLIE NINE FIVE OF ONE THREE NOV
MY SIGNAL SIX TWO NINE NINE CANCELLED REFERRED TO TRANSFER OF BOX CARS
CONDOLAS AND PLATS ON WHICH YOU HAVE NOW REPORTED PD
PAREN TO SICILIA REGION FOR TAYLOR FROM ALCOM PAREN

NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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RESTRICTED
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

IN SK 19/52
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TO: HQ AC ROME FOR ADAMS
FROM: AC SICILIA REGION (CARR)
REFERENCE No: RTO 95
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 13 1650A
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 61/13
CLASSIFICATION: OF PRIORITY
PRECEDENCE:
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE RTO-95

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Your signal 6299 of 10 Nov not understood. Please repeat message.

ACTION

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Action - Tn SC
Info - Chief Commissioner
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: HQ AC FOR ADAMS AND DMRS ALLIED COMMISSION FOR REGGIO
CALABRIA FOR BLAIR
FROM: AC SICILIA CAMR
REFERENCE No: NOV 121720A
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 121720A
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 109/12
CLASSIFICATION: ROUTINE
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE RHC-94

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Locomotive 735231 despatched from MESSINA 11 Nov for NAPLES.

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Action	- Tn SC (2)
Info	- A/CC
	Econ Sec
	File (2)
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INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: IN ALLIED COMMISSION HOME
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 65/12
FROM: PALESTINE
CLASSIFICATION:
REFERENCE No: NOV 12/50
PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 12/50 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

ACTION

CONFIDENTIAL.

Reference your signal 5951 dated 4 November. 200 box cars now being transferred REGIO. 50 as priority over remainder combined with present movement gondolas and fleets.

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TO: HQ AC FOR TRANSPORTATION SC INFO AC REGGIO FOR BLAIR
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 80/3
FROM: HQ AC SICILIA REGION CLASSIFICATION:
REFERENCE No: RTC 89 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 030850A OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

RESTRICTED.

Ref Hq AC signal 5591 dated 28. Transfer of 200 gondolas and 100 flats to REGGIO arranged.

ACTION

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Info	- A/CC
	Econ Sec
	File

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: DMRI HQ AC FOR ADAMS

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 96/01

FROM: BLAIR REGGIO

CLASSIFICATION:

REFERENCE No:

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: NOV 011100A OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

CONFIDENTIAL.

Attn CLS BROWN and VINING message from ADAMS 28 Oct No 5591. Major TAYLOR has agreed to transfer 200 gondolas and 100 flats as rate 20 per day starting 2 Nov. This will cover military timber loading for one week. Need 100 box cars for grain and flour. None available in SICILY. Can you supply.

Dist

Action - Tn SC (2)

Info - A/CC

Econ Sec

File (2)

Float

ACTION

Did D.M.P.S. authorize the transfer of this stock from Sicily to the mainland.

The 100 box cars required for grain & flour is a mainland commitment. It was pointed out at the Tn Committee meeting on Monday that the shortage of wagons in the South was due to the fact that wagons were going northward & being held there instead of a balance of stock & being maintained.

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NOV 011835A

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Matter is receiving attention. Where is the flour & grain going to?

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HEADQUARTERS
7 NOV 1944
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SICILY REGION NOV 1950 CALABRIA AND NOV 1950 (LXXX)

INFORM (INFO)

AC FROM ADAMS

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NOV 44

CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD MRS REQUESTS IMMEDIATELY TWO ZERO ZERO BOX TARI FROM

SICILY POINT ON TO BE COMBINED WITH TRANSMISSION OF GONDOLEAS AND PLATS NOV

IN OPERATION PD

PARA TWO SICILY REGION FOR TAYLOR PD NOV 1950 CALABRIA AND NOV 1950 (LXXX)

PARA THREE PD BLAKE TO SUBMIT EMERGENCY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF STOOD

WITH OTHER MATERIALS EVALUATIONS INCLUDING LOSS OF BALANCE PD

PARA TWO PD TAYLOR AND BLAKE TO ADVANCE AND ADVISE THIS PD PD

PARA THREE PD BLAKE TO SUBMIT EMERGENCY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE OF STOOD

WITH OTHER MATERIALS EVALUATIONS INCLUDING LOSS OF BALANCE PD

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NICHOLAS PICHARD

USO. H.S.A.

ASST. Adjutant

NOV 1950 CALABRIA AND NOV 1950 (LXXX)
INFORM (INFO)
AC FROM ADAMS
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DGERS (INFO)

AC FROM ADAMS

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CONFIDENTIAL PD

PARA ONE PD HAS REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY TWO ZERO ZERO BGA GUNS FROM
SICILY POL ON TO BE COMBINED WITH TRUCKS OF GUNBOATS AND PLATS NOW

IN OPERATION PD

PARA TWO SICILY REGION FOR ACTION TO NOV NERVOUS MATERIAL FOR TAKEN
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PARA TWO PD HATTEN ARE BLAIR TO AFRICA AND ADVISE THIS HQ PD

PARA THREE PD BLAIR TO SUBMIT REPLY STATEMENT OF EXCHANGES OF STOCK

WITH OTHER MAINLAND DIVISIONS SHOWING LOSS OF BALANCE PD

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NICHOLAS PLOMBINO
CNO. H.O.O.
Asst. Adjutant

ECONOMIC SECTION (BY HAND)
MAJOR NICHARSON (BY HAND)

Adm. Capt

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Allied Forces
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Deputy Director, Italy

A. P. O. 400
3 November 1944

Subject: Transfer of Box Cars From Sicily

To : Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C., APO 394

ATTENTION: Colonel D. S. Adams, Director

1. Owing to the serious shortage of box cars and because no sheets are available for use on open cars during the approaching season of inclement weather, it is imperative that immediate steps be taken to improve the car situation to whatever extent possible.

2. It is requested, therefore, that 200 box cars be arbitrarily withdrawn from the Sicilian Pool and transferred to the Mainland, via Reggio Calabria, with all speed possible.

3. The transfer of box cars should be inter-mingled with the transfer of guns and flats, which is now under way, so that the loading requirements in the Calabrian District will be currently met by the equipment transferred from Sicily. Please arrange to have this office kept advised of the progress of the transfer.

For the Deputy Director:

R. P. Moss

R. P. MOSS
Lt Col, TC
Deputy Director Operations

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NOV REGIO CALABRIA SICILIA REGION

ACU FROM ADAMS
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PRIORITY

RE OCT 44

TYPE BC

CONFIDENTIAL PD AUTHORITY IS GIVEN YOU TO GO TO MILITARY
ARRANGEMENT OF TRANSFER OF SOLIDAR STOCK DIRECTLY TO REGIO
CALABRIA PD FROM TO NOV REGIO CALABRIA FOR DIRECT TO
TO DIRECT REGIONS FOR TATIVES FROM NOV FROM REGIO DIRECT REGIONS
ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS AND SET OF MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS MADE
PD AND EXAMINING QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING SATISFACTORY
BALANCE OF FREIGHT CAN MOVEMENT BETWEEN REGIONS AND HAVE
ITALY PD

NICHOLAS PIONEER
JAN. 1945
CONF. ADVISORY 7991

3-4 (Nov) ADVISORY
NOV EAST Italy
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BLAIR MOVEMENT REGGIO CALABRIA

NONE

IMMEDIATE

OCT 26/0915

CONFIDENTIAL. 320 cars lost in exchange to BARI DIVISION since 7th October. Not enough cars here for military movement. Zone Commissioner complaining flour and grain not moving to Communes. Situation critical and liable cause demonstrations. This is second request cars. Understand SICILY has large surplus. Please authorise transfer.

ACC DIST

ACTION : TN S C (2)

INFO : A/CC

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OCTOBER 27/1540

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
HEADQUARTERS 704B RAILWAY GRAND DIVISION
OFFICE OF COMMANDING OFFICER

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A.P.O. 400
21 Oct 1944

Subject: Movement of locomotives, etc. from Sicily

To: Director, Military Railways, Italy, APO 400, US Army
Director, Transportation Sub Commission, A.C.C. ✓

1. The following cars have been loaded with material and are to leave Sicily by this week's end:

- a. POZ 692270 loaded with spare driving wheels for 740 Class
- b. 445761 loaded with wheels and other spare parts for 480 Class.
- c. 33673 loaded with spare tires for other class locomotives.

There are approximately two more car loads of spare parts and excessive material to be forwarded from Sicily. When these cars are ready for movement Major Taylor, Division Superintendent at Palermo, will cable the numbers to Lt. Col. G. R. Diamond.

2. The attached list of locomotives, moved from Sicily to the mainland, gives the dates of the last heavy repairs, last medium repairs and the last light repairs for each locomotive, including the kilometers these locomotives have run since these repairs were effected.

3. The Palermo Compartimento did not know the actual number of serviceable flat cars, 40-Ton capacity. From observations and information given by Mr. Tuccio there appears to be approximately 30 of these cars in serviceable condition. Instructions were given to assemble the serviceable flats at Messina and from these flats a list will be compiled and forwarded to Lt. Col. Diamond. Upon my departure there were approximately 16 at Messina to be moved to the mainland.

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4. Contrary to the information given me prior to departure for Sicily, there were no cylinder heads available. Information above is subsequent to letter of October 16th, 1944, above subject.

O. H. Lindberg
O. H. LINDBERG,
LT. COL., R.E.,
Tn.S.C., ACC.

James W. Elvin
JAMES W. ELVIN
Captain, TC

LOCOMOTIVE DATA

<u>LOCO. NO.</u>	<u>HEAVY REPAIRS</u>	<u>KM</u>	<u>MEDIUM REPAIRS</u>	<u>KM</u>	<u>LIGHT REPAIRS</u>
480002	9/23/40	92,000	2/19/44	10,000	-
006	11/17/39	125,000	3/28/42	53,000	5/11/44
009	12/16/37	160,000	1/13/41	90,000	12/29/42
010	7/18/36	110,000	8/24/41	45,000	9/9/44
014	9/2/37	125,000	6/15/42	54,000	-
015	5/24/37	158,000	5/4/42	52,000	10/6/43
735132	9/11/39	99,000	1/29/43	9,000	-
231	9/14/42	14,000	-	-	-
740270	8/14/44	-	-	-	-
410	5/8/43	-	-	-	-
044	6/4/44	2,000	-	-	-
051	4/5/43	15,000	-	-	-
055	7/16/42	45,000	-	-	-
166	3/30/43	15,000	-	-	-
184	1/29/44	8,000	-	-	-
251	8/31/44	-	-	-	-
284	4/22/43	20,000	-	-	-
113	5/6/44	4,000	-	-	-
329	7/15/44	1,000	-	-	-
134	3/31/43	25,000	-	-	-

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub Commission
APC 384

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October 16th 1944

SUBJECT : Movement of locomotives,
etc. from Sicily.

TO : Director Military Railway Service - Italy
Director, Transportation Sub Commission, ACC. ✓

1. In accordance with instructions, Lt. Col.
C.H. LINDBERG, R.E., of Th.Sub.Com., ACC, and Capt.
J.W. ELWIN, of M.P.S., proceeded to Sicily on 26
Sept. 1944, in order to collect, examine and
dispatch 20 locomotives, all 40 ton flat rail cars,
loco. tyres and spare parts.

2. It was found that there was a tendency on
the part of the Italian Railways to allocate loco-
tives which are not in perfect running condition,
and therefore Capt. Elwin decided to personally
examine each one before it was dispatched to the
ferry.

3. LOCOMOTIVES

The undermentioned locomotives (13) were
moved to Italy on the dates shown :

Date	Class	Number
6 th October	740	184, 264, 035, 189, 215, 044, 329
7 th "	740	115
" "	480	002, 914
8 th "	480	006
9 th "	740	251
" "	735	132
	(740	270, 410, 031, 134
	(480	009, 010, 015
To be moved :		
		Total 13
		Total 7
		Grand Total 20

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Total 13

Total 7

Grand Total 20

On arrival of the ferry from Messina to Reggio, on
9th October, after doing one trip, each way ~~in~~ it
was laid off for repairs, on orders from "Q" move-
ment, in spite of very strong protests by both of

Ca Adams
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1. In accordance with instructions, Lt. Col. O.H. LINDBERG, R.I., of Th. Sub. Com., ACC, and Capt. J.W. ELWIN, of M.R.S., proceeded to Sicily on 28 Sept. 1944, in order to collect, examine and dispatch 20 locomotives, all 40 ton flat rail cars, loco. tyres and spare parts.

2. It was found that there was a tendency on the part of the Italian Railways to allocate locomotives which are not in perfect running condition, and therefore Capt. Elwin decided to personally examine each one before it was dispatched to the ferry.

3. LOCOMOTIVES

The undermentioned locomotives (13) were moved to Italy on the dates shown:

Date	Class	Number	
5th October	740	184, 384, 058, 100, 218, 044, 829	
7th "	740	113	
" "	480	002, 014	4987
8th "	480	008	
9th "	740	251	
" "	735	132	Total 13
To be moved:	(740)	270, 410, 051, 134	
	(480)	003, 010, 015	Total 7
			Grand Total 20

On arrival of the ferry from Messina to Reggio, on 9th October, after doing one trip, each way ~~in~~ it was laid off for repairs, on orders from "Q" movements, in spite of very strong protests by both of us. We pointed out that the ferry had been handed back to the State Railways on 18th March last, and we considered that "Movements" should not therefore order the stoppage, without even consulting our respective Directors. We eventually spoke on the telephone to Brigadier de Philipe, who happened to be at Reggio, and after pressing our case, he gave

Cor Adams has the report submitted by HCR of Guicheng re: stoppage of ferry attached. This to be report - when received back from Cor Adams - or give this to Cor Adams. DM 307x

direct orders that the ferry would make no further trips for a week. It should be mentioned that we informed the Brigadier that we held a certificate signed by the State Railway Ferry Engineer that it would be able to function for a few more days, if required. We are reporting in fuller detail on this matter to our respective Directors. At the time, 3 locos and flat rail cars were waiting to be loaded.

4. Flat Rail Cars, 40 tons capacity, capable of carrying tanks (P.O.L.).

We were informed by Dr. Tuccio, Palermo, that there were only 24 of these vehicles in the Island, and he asked if we would take 12 and leave him 12. We said it was necessary to have all we could get, and on our journeys in Sicily we found a few others, not listed. These vehicles are now waiting shipment at Messina. They are all in good condition.

5. Locomotive Tyres.

The following tyres were found, and instructions were given to load them into rail-cars and dispatch to Messina.

For Class 600 and 625	2 tyres (1 set complete)
" Classes 680, 640, 666, 680, 685	12 tyres
" Class 745	18 tyres
" Class 740	3 sets of wheels with new tyres on.

6. Spare parts.

We could not obtain any cylinder heads. Spare material for 725 and 480 Classes locos is being loaded into rail-cars. We cannot say at present how much, but a list was being prepared when we left Palermo.

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7. Future Shipments.

If further locomotives are required, we consider it would be possible to take 20 more without crippling the Sicilian Railways too heavily. Capt. Elwin suggests we could take, say, 10 more Class 740, and spread the remainder over Classes 627 and 476. If however it is necessary to transfer any of these additional locos, it is considered that the Sicilian Railways should be given the necessary materials, at the Navy Yard, Palermo, to put other engines into service.

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5. Locomotive Tyres.

The following tyres were found, and instructions were given to load them into rail-cars and dispatch to Messina.

For Class 300 and 325	8 tyres (1 set complete)
" Classes 330, 340, 333, 360, 323	12 tyres
" Class 745	18 tyres
" Class 740	3 sets of wheels with new tyres on.

6. Spare parts.

We could not obtain any cylinder heads. Spare material for 735 and 480 Classes locos is being loaded into rail-cars. We cannot say at present how much, but a list was being prepared when we left Palermo.

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7. Future Shipments.

If further locomotives are required, we consider it would be possible to take 20 more without crippling the Sicilian Railways too heavily. Capt. Elvin suggests we could take, say, 10 more Class 740, and spread the remainder over Classes 327 and 476. If however it is necessary to transfer any of these additional locos, it is considered that the Sicilian Railways should be given the necessary materials, at the Navy Yard, Palermo, to put other engines into service.

8. History of Locomotives.

Capt. Elvin obtained a history of the 13 locos sent over (and 7 to come), giving details of when each one was last in shops, and the mileage run since they came out.

2. Conclusion.

We had a successful trip, except for the cancellation of the ferry referred to above, and we got all we set out to get. We had the close cooperation of Dr. Tuccio and his departmental assistants. Capt. Matson, Tn.Sub.Com.Rep. in Sicily, who had handed over to Major Taylor, remained in Palermo a few days and was most helpful in every way. Unfortunately Capt. Elvin was taken ill at Messina on the 8th October and he travelled back to Palermo by ordinary Diesel Rail Coach on 9th Oct. to enter the U.S.Navy Hospital. He probably contracted malaria or sand fly fever.

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C.M. LINDBERG,
LT.COL., R.E.,
Tn.S.C., AGC.

James W. ELVIN,
Capt., M.R.S.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 486701

21 October 1944

Our Ref : ACC/TN/19/

TO : M.R.S.
Rome.

SUBJECT : Movement of Rolling Stock
from Sicily.

1. Reference your letters of 8 and 16 October '44 on above subject.
2. This matter is receiving attention and a reply will be sent to you shortly.

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D.S. ADAMS
Colonel C.E.
Director Tn. Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APC 394

T/cc
Ref: M/T/39
Date: 17 Oct. 1944.

SUBJECT: Trainmen's Lanterns.

TO : Div. Supt. Tr. Sub-Comm. ACC. REGGIO CAL.

1. Ref. your signal requesting me to contact Capt. Elwin ~~for~~ on behalf of Lt. Col. Brown requiring Capt. Elwin to procure as many Trainmen's Lanterns as possible from Sicily.

2. There are no such lanterns available in Sicily the Railways are being short of these.

3. The Capo Compartimento Sicily Div. has already been approached by the FS Rome on this matter and has reported that he cannot supply.

C. W. S. Taylor RA.
C. W. S. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. ACC.

cc: Dir. Trans. Sub-Commission. ✓

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : Rst/T/20
Date: 11 Oct.44

SUBJECT: Transfer of Freight Cars - Sicily to Mainland.

TO : Dir.Tn.Sub-Comm.H.Q.ACC.

1. Reference my weekly report dated 5 Oct.1944. para 8 (c), I attach herewith statement showing what transfers of freight cars from Sicily to the Mainland have taken place to 6 Oct.44.
2. I have had some difficulty in ascertaining exactly what transfers have been authorized in the past as, in some cases, instructions were given over the telephone and it may be that more transfers were authorized than appear in my statement.
3. It will be observed from the statement that the transfers of empty cars were in all cases, save that of Gondolas, below the authorized figures but that in these cases the "adverse balance" in the movement of loaded cars to & from the Island has (except in the case of Tank Cars in which there has been no loaded traffic) put the actual loss of cars to Sicily considerably above the authorized figures. There has been no movement of empty cars back to the Island to compensate for this loss.
4. The transfer of empty cars by "Q" Movements has been continuing, unknown to this office, up to 7 days ago when it was stopped. From 21 Sept.44 to the stoppage the transfers were: Box cars 20; Gondolas 137 and Flats 52. The transfers (except in the case of Gondolas) were in accordance with the authorisations shown in the statement but of course cannot be justified in view of the adverse (to Sicily) movement of loaded cars.

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6. Arrangements have now been made with the Railway officials that no further movement of empty cars shall be made without my prior approval and, of course, such approval will not be given without instructions from you.

7. I have included in my statement, as the last two columns thereof, an estimate of number of cars available in Sicily (exact figures of cars, by types, are not available until the completion of the Inventory now being taken) and Dr. Tuccio's figures of the number of cars required for the efficient working of the rail services in the Island. (The Inventory mentioned above will not be completed for 3-4 weeks. A copy will be forwarded as soon as available).

8. From these last two columns it will be seen that according to Dr. Tuccio & the estimate of the cars here no further Refrigerator or Box cars can be spared, that 500 Gondolas & 350 Flats can be spared & that the 25 Tank cars remaining to be transferred to bring the total transfers up to the number authorized cannot be transferred without leaving the Island with less than is required. (As to this I consider that Dr. Tuccio has probably erred on the generous side & that in all probability the number of cars in Sicily will prove to be more than the figures given to me & included in the statement).

9. The movement of loaded cars from Sicily is such that the Island will become rapidly denuded of Refrigerators, Box and Flat cars unless arrangements made for the return of cars from the mainland are adhered to. (during the period 21 Sept. 44 to 5 Oct. 44, the excess of loaded cars exported over those imported was 15,95 and 18 respectively for the three types above mentioned).

10. May I please be instructed:

(i) Whether any further transfers of empty cars other than Tank cars are to be made to the Mainland, & whether I have shown the authorized transfers correctly in the statement.

(ii) Whether the 25 Tank cars remaining to be transferred under the authorization given to this office are to be transferred in view of the fact that Dr. Tuccio says they cannot be easily spared & I am unable to check whether the figures 75 in column (c) of my statement includes the 50 of column (b) or not.

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(iii) Whether I am to take any action with regard to the fact that, owing to the adverse movement of loaded cars, an excessive number of cars have been lost to the Island.

(iv) As to any instructions given to other offices with regard to replacement of loaded cars sent to the Mainland from Sicily.

11. I have requested the Railway Officials here to furnish me with a weekly report on the position regarding the movement of loaded cars between Sicily & the Mainland & as soon as the Ferry is working again these figures will be included in my weekly report.

C.W.G. Taylor RA.

C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. ACC.

- TRANSFERS OF FREIGHT CARS FROM SICILY TO MAINLAND UP TO 6 OCT

Type of Car	Transfers Authorized		Total	Transfers of	Difference between	
	Up to 31 Dec.43	31 Dec.43 to 6 Oct.44.	Transfers authorized	unloaded cars made	loaded cars dis - patched & cars received.	its (of &
					+ = Favorable to Sicily	
					- = Adverse to Sicily	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	
Refrigerator	---	60	60	52	- 28	
Box	250	60	310	259	-322	
Gondolas	250	170	420	669	+121	
Flat	50	80	130 (a)	117	- 47	
Tank (POL)	50	75	125	100	---	
Totals	600	445	1045	1197	- 276	

(a) This figure does not include the 40 - ton Bogie Flats the transfer of which is now autho

TRANSFERS FROM SICILY TO MAINLAND UP TO 6 OCT.44. -

Transfers of unloaded cars made	Difference between loaded cars dis- patched & cars re- ceived. !+ = Favorable to Sicily !- = Adverse to Sicily	Total net transfers (of loaded & unloaded cars)	Difference between authorized transfers & actual net trans- fers (of loaded & un- loaded cars) !+ = Under transfers !- = Excess transfers	Cars now . available for use in Sicily (APPROX)	Minimum of cars required in Sicily for operation on present schedule
(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
52	- 28	80	-20	2300	2300
259	-322	581	-271		
669	+121	548	-128	1500	1000
117	- 47	164	- 34	850	500
100	---	100	+ 25	75	75
1197	- 276	1473	- 428	4725	3875

ts the transfer of which is now authorized.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/cc
Ref : Rst/T/22
Date: 14 Oct.44.

SUBJECT: Storage Tanks - Sicily.

TO : Dir.Tn.Sub-Comm.ACC.

1. Ref.Tn/19 dated 6 Oct.44 herewith, as requested, copy of letter to this office.

2. It is much regretted that owing to an error in this office my letter dated 25 Sept.44 was headed "Rail Tank Cars" mentioned Tank cars as having been sent to the Mainland when Storage Tanks should ^{have been} referred to.

C.W.G. Taylor
C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transp. Sub-Commission
APO 394

14 August 1944

SUBJECT: Storage Tanks - Sicily

TO : Hq. A.C.C. - Region I (Sicily) - APO 394 - Sicily
for: Transportation Sub-Comm. Representative

1. Tanks, as listed below, are needed on the mainland for water and fuel oil storage:

2.	Galtanissetta	- 1 Tank	21,136	gallons
		1 "	15,852	"
	Sferro	- 1 Tank	7,926	"
	Simeto (2 Tanks			
		Coupled)	4,227	"
	Alcamo Div.	- 1 Tank	6,605	"
	Milo	- 1 "	30,110	"

2. It is requested that arrangements be made to shift them to the mainland, to be sent to Italian State Railway Store Yards, Poggioreale (Naples).

3. Please advise when they are ready to leave the island, and call for any assistance that might be needed for the mainland movement to Naples.

D. S. ADAMS,
Colonel, CG,
Director - Tpn. S/C - ACC

cc: Hq. M.R.S. (Attn: AGM - Stores)

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director - Italy

A. P. O. 400
16 October 1944

Subject: Movement of Rolling Stock from Sicily

To: Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C., A.P.O. 394

ATTENTION: Colonel D. S. Adams, Director

1. Reference our letter 8 October 1944. In concluding paragraphs thereof certain information was requested which has not yet reached this office.

2. AFHQ is asking certain questions regarding possibility of transfer of further rolling stock from Sicily, which can be intelligently answered only on receipt of exact survey data suggested in concluding paragraph of our letter.

3. It is requested, matter be given preferred attention and that your reply reach this office at earliest possible date.

For the Director:


CHARLES G. BROWN
Lt. Col., T.C.
Superintendent Transportation
transportation Department

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director - Italy

A. P. O. 400
8 October 1944

Subject: Movement of Rolling Stock From Sicily

To : Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C., APO 394

ATTENTION: Colonel D. S. Adams, Director

1. Under arrangements regularly effected between M.R.S. and your Sub-Commission, up to end of August 1944, there had been moved from Sicily to Italian Mainland total of 842 railway cars of various types. In progressive conversations between officers of M.R.S. and your Sub-Commission, it has been generally thought that total cars which might be transferred from Sicily would be approximately 1500. In other words, after transfers already made, 658 additional cars could be transferred.

2. While there has been increased tightness of car supply on Mainland, it has heretofore been felt efforts should be directed to repairing and releasing war immobilized cars, retaining Sicilian cars as reserve against time fighting lines move farther northward.

3. Major Blair, Reggio, wired this office that the coal ship now discharging at Reggio would be protected with 200 empties brought over from Sicily. A later wire advises that there is some misunderstanding between Major Blair and Major Taylor as to whether or not the empties can be brought over.

4. If, with matter before you, you now feel that transfer of the 200 cars is expedient, it is suggested you so indicate, that transfer can be made regularized under same conditions which prevailed for 842 cars referred to in opening sentence hereof. It is desirable M.R.S. be promptly furnished accurate list of cars moved, indicating number and initial, type, condition, and date of transfer.

5. In general connection, it is suggested you make an exact survey of current position, for both cars and locomotives, in Sicily and advise maximum number of units of each type which may be considered for transfer to Mainland. For locomotives, survey should indicate general condition, probable remaining service life of each unit and for these, and for cars, number of units of each type proposed to remain in Sicily.

For the Director:

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Charles G. Brown
CHARLES G. BROWN
Lt. Col., T.C.
Superintendent Transportation
Transportation Department

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

6 October 1944

ACC. TR/19

TO: Major C.W.C. Taylor
Transportation Sub-Commission
C/O Sicilia Region Headquarters
Subject: Storage Mail Tank Cars for Mailand.

- 1 - Reference your ACP/T/18 dated 25 Sept. 44
- 2 - No trace of ~~our~~ letter dated 14 Aug. 44 can be found
and it would be appreciated if copy of the request
would be forwarded to this office.



D.E. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tr. Sub. Comm.

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TO: Major C.W.G. Taylor
Transportation Sub-Commission
C/O Sicilia Region Headquarters

Subject: Storage Hall Tank Cars for Mailand.

- 1 - Reference your RST/T/18 dated 25 Sept. 44.
- 2 - No trace of ~~copy~~ letter dated 14 Aug. 44 can be found and it would be appreciated if copy of the request would be forwarded to this office.

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D.E. ADAMS
Colonel, U.S.
Director, Tn. Sub. Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

T/CC
Ref : Rst/T/18
Date: 25 Sept.44.

SUBJECT: Storage Rail Tank Cars for Mainland.

TO : Director, Trans. Sub-Commission ACC.

// 1. Ref your letter (no file No.) dated 14 Aug.44 all the 7 Rail Tank cars have now been forwarded to Mainland; the last was despatched on 24 Sept.44.

Why no file no.?

C.W.G. Taylor
C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. ACC.

HEADQUARTERS
25 Sept 1944

I remember
Correspondence in
this connection. I have not
got the papers. If we cannot trace
them - ask D.C. Smith to send
a copy of the letter he refers to. Has para 1 of attached
letter any bearing on this case? LWT 4/x

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A.P.O. 400
3 JUL 1944

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OBSERVATIONS - RAILWAYS - SICILY AND REGGIO CALABRIA

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDERS OF DGERS WENT TO SICILY ACCOMPANIED BY CAPTAIN A.J. SERIENO, 701st HY CR DIV, TO SELECT AND BRING TO THE MAINLAND, HOLDING STOCK. ITEM OF UTILITY ENDOWANCE WAS 75 TANK (GISTERN) CARS FOR GASOLINE TRANSPORT.
2. LEFT HOME 17 JULY ARRIVED AT PALERMO 19 JULY, MAKING TRIP BY AUTOMOBILE AND CHOOSING ROUTE TO GIVE MAXIMUM OBSERVATION OF RAILWAY SCENE.
3. ON ARRIVAL AT PALERMO ABOUT 1830 HOURS 19 JULY STATED PURPOSE OF VISIT TO DR. COL. LINDBERG, SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, TH. SUB-COMM, ACC, INDICATING DESIRE TO CALL ON DR. PIERRO TUCCIO, CARO COMPARTIMENTO, PALERMO DIVISION OF I.R.R. AT HIS HOME, THAT EVENING, TO GET WORK STARTED EARLY NEXT DAY. REQUESTED LT. COL. LINDBERG TO ACCOMPANY BUT HE HAD PREVIOUS SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT SO CAPT. SERIENO AND I MADE CALL. DR. TUCCIO AGREED DESIRED CARS SHOULD BE RELEASED AND DISCUSSED DETAILS, STATING HE WOULD BEGIN AT ONCE TO MOVE CARS TO CATANIA, (NEAREST RAIL HEAD TO MAINLAND).
4. MEANS OF TRANSPORT ACROSS STRAITS OF MESSINA CAUSE OF CONCERN, MANY CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO ABILITY OF THE ONE BOAT ABLE TO MAKE TRIP TO CATANIA. ACCORDINGLY, THROUGH ALLIE HAVING ARRANGEMENTS WERE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN TWO BRITISH ROYAL NAVY'S BOATS ARRIVED AT CATANIA 23 JULY AND WERE EQUIPPED WITH RAILS AND TIES, THE FIRST SAILING WITH 5 CARS ON 24 JULY, DAILY SAILINGS HAVE FOLLOWED.
5. GENERAL GRAY, DGERS, IN PERSONAL CONVERSATION, DIRECTED THAT ALL SELF-PROPELLED RAIL CARS NOT REQUIRED BE BROUGHT TO MAINLAND. IT WAS FOUND, THAT A LARGE, RED-ROCK TYPE CAR, FORMERLY USED BY U.S. OFFICERS AND A SMALL GENERAL PURPOSE CAR USED BY BRITISH COMMAND, AS WELL AS LARGE CAR BEING MITTED FOR USE OF TH. SUB-COM. ACC., COULD BE MOVED. AFTER MUCH EFFORT, IT WAS FINALLY AGREED THAT CAR FERRY COULD BE USED FOR ONE TRIP, CATANIA-REGGIO, TO TRANSFER THESE LONG CARS, WHICH COULD NOT EASILY BE LOADED IN AN LOT.
6. PASSENGER-CARRYING CARS WERE ASSEMBLED INTO SPECIAL TRAIN AND MOVED FROM REGGIO TO NAPLES ON 30 JULY, NOW BEING LOCATED AT M.R.S. SHOPS, BAGNOLI (NAPLES).
7. CAPTAIN MASON, AT PALERMO, AND MAJOR BLAIR AND LT. THURLEY AT REGGIO, REPRESENTATIVES ACC TH. SUB-COMM. AND LT. BARTING, MOVEMENTS OFFICER AT CATANIA HAVE BEEN MOST HELPFUL IN EXPEDITING MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT.

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8. RAIL CARS WERE MOVED 28 JULY AND FERRY CONSEQUENTLY MADE NO SCHEDULED TRIPS REGGIO-MESSINA THAT DATE. AFTER DISCHARGING RAIL CARS AT REGGIO, FERRY SETTLED TO HOME PORT MESSINA, LEAVING ON DOCKS SOME 200 ITALIAN CIVILIANS. THIS CREATED MUCH UNNECESSARY MISFEELING AND CHAOS TO ORDERS OF CAPTAIN WOMBWELL, MOVEMENTS OFFICER AT REGGIO.

9. RAILWAYS OF SICILY (I.S.R.) WERE RETURNED TO CIVILIAN OPERATION, UNDER AGC SUPERVISION. BY ARMY ORDER, AS OF 13 MARCH 1944 AND MESSINA REGGIO FERRY, BEING, BEFORE THE WAR AN IMMEDIATE PART OF SUCH SICILIAN RAILWAYS, SHOULD BE ASSIGNED TO HAVE BEEN SO RETURNED - NOT HAVING BEEN SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED.

10. CAPT. WOMBWELL, IN REGGIO, FEELS THAT FERRY OPERATION IS HIS SPECIAL CHARGE, THIS IN spite of FACT THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF TROOPS FROM THIS AREA HAS REQUESTED MILITARY NEED FOR FERRY CAPACITY ALMOST TO VANISHING POINT. CAPT. WOMBWELL, SEEMINGLY NOT HAVING ENOUGH PATENT MILITARY DUTIES TO ENGAGE HIMSELF, THE OTHER OFFICERS AND CR'S ACT AS A SORT OF SUPER-CENSOR OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS ATTEMPTING TO USE FERRY. CAPT. WOMBWELL STOPS AND LAYS ABOUT HIM WITH A BRICK AND CAUSES MUCH ADVERSE COMMENT ON PART OF CIVILIANS. IN VIEW OF ALMOST COMPLETE CESSATION OF MILITARY TRAFFIC OVER FERRY, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT COMPLETE CONTROL OF FERRY OPERATION BE IMMEDIATELY PLACED IN HANDS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AGC. THESE REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE DEPENDED ON TO FULLY COVER ANY BOATSIDE MILITARY NEEDS FOR FERRY.

11. CAPT. WOMBWELL ALSO ATTEMPTS TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION OVER I.S.R. LINES IN REGGIO CALABRIA, FAR BEYOND MILITARY REQUIREMENTS. THIS CAUSES COMBUSTION ON PART OF CIVILIAN RAILWAYMEN AND DISCOURAGEMENT TO MAJOR SLAIR AND LT. PHILBY, THE AGC REPRESENTATIVES. AS STATED ABOVE, REPRESENTATIVES ON LARGE SCALES, OF BOTH TROOPS AND SUPPLIES FROM THIS AREA REQUEST NEEDS FOR "MOVEMENTS" AND, AS EARLIER INDICATED, IT COULD BECOME ONE OF CAPT. WOMBWELL'S EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY IN TRACE TO THIS FACT.

12. PRACTICE OF CAPT. WOMBWELL'S TAKING DIESEL RAIL CAR FOR SO-CALLED "INSPECTION" TRIPS OVER RAILWAYS SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED. WITH MILITARY NECESSITY CANNOT LONGER DICTATE SUCH TRIPS AND THERE ARE DECIDEDLY UNSAVORY STORIES AFOAT IN REGGIO AS TO PURPOSE OF AND COMPANIONS OF SUCH TRIPS.

13. RAILS yards and sidings in Reggio CALABRIA DISTRICT, FROM REG IO TO CATINAGLIA WERE OBSERVED AND FOUND FREE OF TIRE EQUIPMENT. MAJOR SLAIR AND LT. PHILBY HAVE GIVEN SPECIAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO CIVILIAN OPERATORS AND CONDITIONS NOTED SHOW THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED RESULTS.

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14. THERE ARE, IN BOTH REGGIO AREA AND SICILY, LARGE NUMBERS OF RAIL CARS, REQUIRING RELATIVELY LIGHT REPAIRS-PRINCIPALLY REPLACEMENT OF BURNED OUT OR STOLEN BOARDS. IT IS URGED THAT EVERY CONSISTENT EFFORT BE MADE TO OBTAIN THESE, AND THAT I.S.R. BE ENCOURAGED TO GET THESE CARS INTO SERVICEABLE CONDITION, TO PERMIT RELAXING RESTRICTIONS ON CIVILIAN GOODS MOVEMENTS.

15. WORK ON RESTORATION OF LINE CATANIA-MESSINA (SICILY) IS WELL PROGRESSING, THE TWO MAJOR PROJECTS, BRIDGES OVER RIVER AND MURRIANO STREAMS BEING WELL IN HAND. FINAL COMPLETION CAN BE EXPECTED IN AUGUST.

THE HEAVY REPAIRS ON CATANIA-MESSINA LINE ARE PROGRESSING ALTHOUGH TUNNEL UNDER TAORMINA MOUNTAIN IS PROVING MORE DIFFICULT THAN EXPECTED. LINE WAS JUST RECENTLY BEEN OPENED THROUGH FROM CATANIA TO TAORMINA. THIS RELEASES MUCH EQUIPMENT, BOTH CARS, LOCOMOTIVES AND DIESEL CARS, HERETOFORE ISOLATED. TO PREVENT FURTHER FINGERING IT WOULD BE WISE THIS EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE MOVED TO CATANIA SHOPS.

16. SODA ASH IS MOST URGENTLY NEEDED FOR TREATMENT OF LOCOMOTIVE BOILER WATER. DR. RUCCIO STATES HE HAS LEARNED THERE IS SODA ASH IN GIBRALTAR. HE SUGGESTS THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE OBTAINED MORE QUICKLY THAN FROM U.K. OR U.S. OBSERVATION OF AERIAL BOILER INDICATES NEED FOR OBTAINING SODA ASH AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

17. I.S.R. OFFICIALS NEED TECHNICAL HELP, IN ADVANCING REPAIRS TO GIULIO TAORM bridge (REGGIO DIVISION). THIS JOB, WHICH HOLDS UP FREIGHT REGGIO-BATTIPAGLIA MOVEMENT, IS VERY HEAVY AND IS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT MAJOR ROLE WAS GOING TO VISIT THIS BRIDGE BUT THAT HE HAS NOW MET SOME SC. IN TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE COULD BE GIVEN I.S.R. IT IS FELT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO CREDIT OF A.C.C. TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION. IF BRIDGE WAS REPAIRED, ENTIRE LINE REGGIO-BATTIPAGLIA COULD BE OPERATED ELECTRICALLY, WITH CONSEQUENT COAL SAVING.

18. REGGIO SHOP IS REPAIRING NUMEROUS ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES AND APPEARS WELL ORGANIZED. ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN TO I.S.R. BY MAJOR BLAIR HAS MANIFESTLY BROUGHT GOOD RESULTS. REGGIO SHOP SEEMS TO BE SOLVING MANY PROBLEMS OF SUPPLY AND IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THESE REPAIR FACILITIES BE USED EVEN MORE EXTENSIVELY.

G.G. BROWN
IN. COL. AUS

6970

19/32

NOV REGIO CALABRIA TO SICILY REGION (ACTION) TO NOV EAST ITALY
TO NOV AFHQ TO MRS ROME (INFO)

ACC FROM ADAMS

4457

PRIORITY

7 OCT 44

FM SC

CONFIDENTIAL PD MEMORANDUM ON SECURITY TRANSFER SOLING STOCK FROM

SICILY TO MAINTLAND HAS BEEN BEEN DATED PD FARM TO NOV REGIO CALABRIA

FOR BLAIR TO SICILY REGION FOR TAYLOR TO NOV EAST ITALY/TO MRS ROME

FROM ACC FROM ADAMS SIGNED STONE PAPER NO TRANSFER TAKES PLACE WITHOUT

AUTHORITY THIS HQ AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MRS PD IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN

RECORDS UNLESS THIS SMALL KIGHTLY FOLLOWED PD ONLY AUTHORIZED TRANSFER

AT PRESENT PERMITTED AS LOCOS AND WARRANTS UNDER INSTRUCTION IN COL

LINEREC PD IF YOU HAVE OTHER MESSIA SUBMIT THIS HQ IN ACCORDANCE WITH

LAI D GIVE PROCEMURE PD

2909
L.T. MONTANT
1st Lt AGP

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CONFIDENTIAL PD EXEMPTED OF REQUIRING TRANSFER HOLDING STOCK FROM
SICILY TO MAINLAND HAS BEEN WERE DEPICTED PD. PAPER TO NOV REGGIO CALABRIA
FOR BELIEF TO SICILY REGION FOR TAYLOR TO NOV EAST ITALY/TO MRS BOME
FROM AGE FROM ADAMS SIGNED STONE PAPER. NO TRANSFER TAKES PLACE WITHOUT
AUTHORITY THIS NO AFTER CONSULTATION WITH MRS PD. IMPOSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN
RECORDS UNLESS THIS BEING REGULARLY FOLLOWED PD. ONLY AUTHORIZED TRANSFER
AT PRESENT PERMITTED AS LOGOS AND WAREHOUSE UNDER DISCUSSION LE COL
LIMBERG PD. IF YOU HAVE OTHER NEEDS SUBMIT THIS PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH
LAI DOW PROCEEDING PD.

2983
L.F. MONTAGNI
1st Lt AGD
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APC 394

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ACF/fa
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Tele : 478701

26 September 1944

ACC Tn/19

SUBJECT : Movement of Locomotives from Sicily
TO : Lt. Col. OH Lindberg
C/O Min. of Comms.

1. Attached is a copy of communication from MRS requesting Tn. Sub-Commission provide officer to Superintend transfer of Locomotives from Sicily to Mainland.
2. On publication of travel orders please arrange to proceed to Reggio and Sicily to undertake this work.

[Signature]
D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.I.,
Director, Tn.S/C.

Copy : Major Payler Sicily
" Blair Reggio
" Easter Bari
Admin. Officer Tn.S/C.

19/30

Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director - Italy

A. P. O. 400
20 September 1944

Subject: Movement of Locomotives from Sicily

To : A.C.C., Transportation Sub-Commission, APO 394

ATTENTION: Colonel D. S. Adams, Director

1. At meeting today, during which locomotive position currently existant on mainland of liberated Italy was discussed, it was decided that 20 steam locomotives should be brought from Sicily. These locomotives to comprise two Class 735, 11 Class 740, and seven Class 480. This should completely eliminate Classes 735 and 480 from Sicilian roster and all repair parts exclusive to such classes should be assembled, loaded in cars and moved with locomotives; details of exact quantities of materials so moved to be furnished for information of Superintendent, Motive Power, who will advise disposition after arrival of cars at Reggio.

2. Experience in moving other rolling stock from Sicily indicates that "bottle-neck" will be at Messina-Reggio ferry. It is understood that Lt. Col. O. H. Lindberg, of Transportation Sub-Commission, is currently available and it is suggested that he be assigned to make transfer. Arrangements can be made to furnish him with appropriate transportation and a driver who is familiar with, and has assisted in, such moves - also a sergeant. It occurs that possibly Lt. Philby, now at Reggio, can be impressed to assist.

3. Will you please indicate your concurrence so promptly as possible, in order that necessary orders may be issued and transfer undertaken without undue delay.

For the Director:


CHARLES G. BROWN
Lt. Col., T.C.

Superintendent Transportation
Transportation Department

cc - Director, Military Railways, Italy
Superintendent, Motive Power

1387

STOCK TRANSFERRED FROM SICILY89 TANK CARS

1475	913617	900470	921677
513404	908972	911965	922758
901303	911710	925348	912340
900397	901501	922232	908720
900190	922207	921412	922264
934732	922897	922904	926005
922499	922791	903786	903209
902412	903345	903198	916974
900448	908966	901444	921859
901080	912505	529121	934014
902491	912310	908252	901093
922211	526682	903980	911274
934859	903978	913033	901732
552895	911070	903965	900464
912236	900670	900764	911925
554095	922914	570624	916976
923257	912566	900046	553235
912150	924453	921477	916995
902320	908975	922916	512780
9530627	567460	922556	922607
596408	924167	904446	923264
903031	922518	924850	924845
596059			

60 REFRIGERATORS

304298	390213	932061	315242
300588	315636	315814	300675
315294	936567	316022	391353
315850	308589	303629	300736
320650	300341	303649	304052
300574	301494	304659	307145
300256	301431	301219	304680
390268	330452	315675	932615
306924	306204	301445	308344
306994	300006	316053	300394
303047	300614	300000	308702
307170	300418	308945	309331
307721	303068	391360	303026
306701	315469	306760	300285
936419	308387	303611	315271

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148 HIGH SIDE GONDOLAS

SHEET 2

27842	9419	413785	478441
19464	412051	18700	410225
4365	462831	419500	31533
86274	47977	11720	047163
417605	496590	455565	448001
94837	468681	416798	5969
25202	403569	406504	20296
473988	98762	32318	19395
33566	51876	472187	35548
478182	464443	22947	38050
21802	37835	16940	434700
41461	52907	14184	495319
43562	3821	70495	36595
1295	11911	401825	407585
473617	470350	448393	479614
7406138	483366	478629	485788
474500	417836	8434	6572
7399	467294	462400	475581
470617	32106	407727	413047
23395	23079	71305	700523
407135	475427	70795	7448026
14554	729942	65215	12562
8976	418038	472083	40011
17388	33112	475572	2830
414654	476225	42242	26125
5752	485920	486763	412533
43930	419423	36011	10420
87400	464039	480515	5387
497501	81038	17237	415228
58101	406983	490228	605511
467888	411229	52565	70306
7620	30130	7475001	16676
3275	407540	7403653	415997
416823	444563	11362	14636
466622	493585	61286	63242
31452	413100	471191	64399
493811	488306	9090	004482

25 LOW SIDE GONDOLAS

627504	660215	654570	653714
650628	621538	681870	645724
0000	654004	651768	647374
654299	623981	657563	652414
623516	646131	647207	49023
657362	623931	627382	622582
660462			

2 FLATS 3 WHEEL

60578	184267	695221	693623
065228	7600051	065052	0655407
065050			

3 FLATS 4 WHEEL

21161	6495	7635
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SHEET 3

3 BOX CARS

1003922

159833

1119521

9 LOCOMOTIVES

735372

735361

735375

735325

735308

740463

740379

470047

470071

3 DIESEL RAIL CARS

401

402

403

7964

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ACC FROM ADAMS
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SIGNAL FROM SICILY STATES SPARE PARTS LOCOMOTIVES SHIPPED ONE
WERO SEPTEMBER FROM MISSISS TO BARI CONSIDERED USE PD PAYEN TO
MOVIEIT FOR BAISTER FROM RM ACC FROM ADAMS SIGNED STOKK PARKH
ACKNOWLEDGE AND SAY IF YOU ARE HANDLING

L.T. MONTANT
1st Lt AGD
Adjutant

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ALLOED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

5300

19/27

TO: HQ ACC FOR TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION
FROM: ACC REGION 1
REFERENCE No:
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 11 1655Z
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 42/15
CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED
PRECEDENCE: NONE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE: RTC-68

YOUR SIGNAL 2982 REFERS. SPARE PARTS LOCOMOTIVES SHIPPED 10 SEPTEMBER FROM
MESSINA TO BARI CONSIGNED TO ISR.

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ACTION: TN SC 2
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DATE and Time of RECEIPT SEP 15 0940Z

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

19/26

4526

TO: HQ ACC FOR ADAMS

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 34/05

FROM: ACC REGION 1

CLASSIFICATION: RESTRICTED
IMPORTANT

REFERENCE No:

PRECEDENCE:

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: SEP 050915B OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CITE RTC-64

SPARE PARTS NOW PARTIALLY AT MESSINA. BALANCE IN TRANSIT
TO MESSINA ALL WILL BE ASSEMBLED AND SHIPPED TO BARI WITHIN NEXT
FEW DAYS.

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INFO - A/CC
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A.C.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

9 September 1944.

Tele: 478701

ACC Tn/19/25

SUBJECT: Movement of Locomotive No. 735 - 304.

TO : Major W.F. Blair, c/o Mov. Reggio.

1. Reference my letter ACC Tn/19/15 dated 14 Aug. 44,
and signal 2691 dated 3 Sept. 44.

2. For your information and in confirmation of my
signal No. 2691 dated 3 Sept. 44, there is attached copy
of letter received from D.G.M.R.S.

D.S. Adams
D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tnpt. S/C.

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MOV REGGIO

ACC HQ FROM ADAMS

2691

3 SEPT 44

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PRIORITY
TFTN SUBCOMM

CANCEL REQUEST IN LETTER ACC TN SLANT ONE NINE DATED ONE FOUR AUGUST PD
PAREN TO MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR FROM ACC HQ FROM ADAMS PAREN

L.T. MONTANT,
1st Lieut., AGD.
Adjutant.

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En A.C.

Allied Force
 MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
 Office of Director General

APO #400
 30 August 1944

453.3

Subject: Movement of Locomotive No. 735-304.

To: Director Tn. Sub-commission, A. C. C., APO #394.

1. Supplementing my letter of 8 August 1944, relative to movement of locomotive #735-304 from Reggio, Calabria to 753rd shops in Naples.

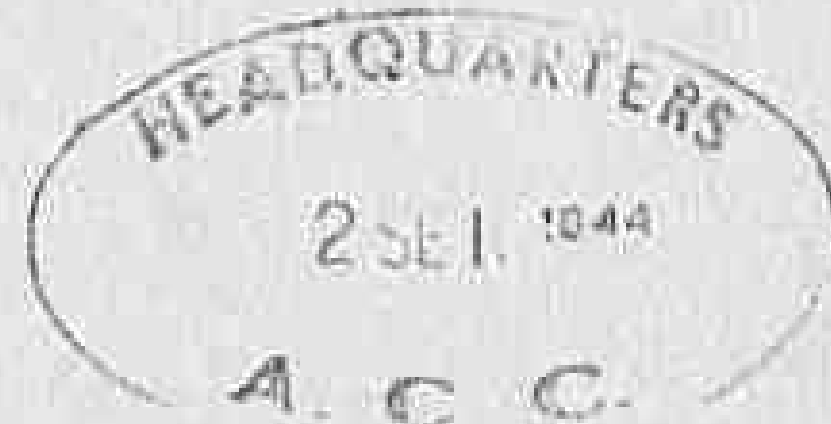
2. The necessary repairs to this locomotive are being performed at Reggio, and this will serve to cancel my letter, mentioned above.

For the Director General:

F. R. HOSACK
 F. R. HOSACK
 Colonel TC

Assistant General Manager - Equipment

CC - A. D. Tn. 3 (British)
 CC, 701st Ry. Gr. Div., APO 400, U. S. Army.
 CC, 753rd Ry. Shop Bn., APO 400, U. S. Army.



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Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

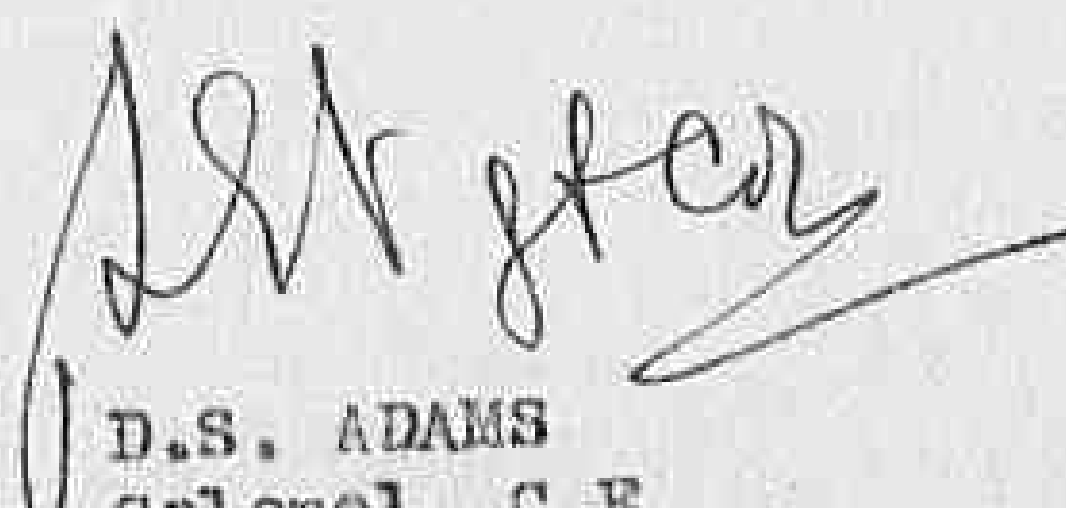
Our reference: ACC Tn/9/22
Date : 29 Aug. 44

TO : Director General of Military Railway Services
Min. of Comms. Bldg. -- Rome --

SUBJECT: Movement of Locomotives from Messina, Sicily
to Naples, Italy.

1. Reference your 453.3 dated 7 Aug. 1944.
2. Information has been received that the
following locomotives left Reggio 10-13 Aug. 1944.

735 - 135
735 - 098
735 - 261
735 - 375
740 - 379
740 - 463
735 - 372


D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, G.E.
Tn. Sub-Comm.

4957

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

3993

TO: HQ ACC FOR ADAMS

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 63/28

FROM: BLAIR REGGIO

CLASSIFICATION: NONE

REFERENCE No:

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN AUG 28 1100B OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE 2326. SEVEN LOCO EX SICILY DEPARTED
REGGIO NAPLES 10 - 13 AUGUST. 735 - 135 735 - 098 735 - 261
735 - 375 740379 740463 735372.

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INFO - A/CC
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NOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR

ACC FROM ADAMS
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26 Aug 44

SEVEN LOCOS DESPATCHED SICILY TO REGGIO NINE SLANT TEN SLANT ELEVEN
AUGUST PD PAREN TO NOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR FROM ACC HQ FROM ADAMS PAREN
NOTIFY DETAILS OF DEPARTURE FROM REGGIO ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PD

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L. T. MOSTANT
1st Lieut. AGO
Adjutant

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FGM/cc
Ref : RST/PGM/10
Date: 22 AUG/1944.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Locos to mainland.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission ACC.

1. Reference ACC Tn/19 dated 14 Aug. 1944.
2. The following Locos were forwarded to Reggio on the date set opposite each Loco:

735	-	372	-	Aug. 11
735	-	261	-	" 9
735	-	375	-	" 10
735	-	135	-	" 9
735	-	098	-	" 9
740	-	463	-	" 10
740	-	379	-	" 10

Peter G. Matson
PETER G. MATSON
Capt. T.C.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Rep. at HQ. Region 1.

CG/lr

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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Our reference: ACC Tn/19
Date : 14 August 1944

TO : Capt P.G. Matson
c/o Sicily Region Headquarters
APO 394

SUBJECT : Transfer of Equipment to Mainland - Locos

1. Information has been received from DGMRS that the following locomotives are located at Messina, Sicily and can be moved to Reggio, Calabria at any convenient time:

735	-	372 ✓
735	-	261 ✓
735	-	375 ✓
735	-	135 ✓
735	-	098 ✓
744	-	063 ✓
740	-	379 ✓

2. Please arrange to move these locos from Messina to Reggio at once. The locos are to be forwarded from Reggio to Naples and advice is requested by loco number as each locomotive leaves Reggio.

D.S. Adams
D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Tn. Sub-Comm.

Copy to Major Blair,
c/o Mov Reggio

4923

Reggio

Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Asst. To Director General

453.3

APC #400
7 August, 1944

Subject: Movement of Locomotives from Messina, Sicily to Naples, Italy.

To: Director Tn. Sub-Commission, A. C. C., APC #394

1. I have information that the following locomotives are located at Messina, Sicily and can be moved to Reggio, Calabria any time it is convenient:

735-572
735-261
735-375
735-135
735-098
744-063
740-379

2. Please arrange to move these locomotives from Messina to Reggio at once. These locomotives are to be forwarded from Reggio to Naples, and advice is requested by locomotive number as each locomotive leaves Reggio.

For the Director General:

F. R. Hosack
F. R. HOSACK

Colonel, Transportation Corps
Assistant General Manager-Equipment

CC-Colonel C. F. Dougherty, AGM-Transportation
A.D. Tn. 3 (Br.)
CG, 701st Railway Grand Division, APC #400
Ing. Vittorio Pomarici, I. S. R. (BUILDING)

4952

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

9/29

TN SC

SUBJECT: THIR LOCOS FM SICILY

REF: ~~EXE~~ 1/T2/4

I AUG 44

TO: H.Q. A.C.C.
TN SUB- COMM
A.P.O. 394

1. Acknowledging copy of your letter to Lt. Col Lindberg dated 17 Jul 44 file ACC TN 19/7.
2. Although the writer has not heard from Col Lindberg regarding this matter, Col Brown has outlined the situation quite clearly and it would appear that there is slight possibility of accomplishing any movement of locos from Sicily until after repairs to the line Palermo-Messina are completed. It is estimated that this will not be earlier than the middle of September.

8 AUG 1944

A. C. C.

W. F. Blair

W. F. BLAIR, MAJOR

DIV. 39PT. TN. SUB-COMM.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our reference: ACC Tn/19/15
Date : 14 August 1944

TO : Major Blair
Div. Supt. Reg

SUBJECT : Locomotive 735-304

Please arrange for this locomotive, at present at Reggio, to be moved to 753rd Shop, Naples, and advise me, by signal, when engine leaves Reggio.

D.S. Adams
D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, C.E.
Tn. Sub-Comm.

Copy: DGMRS
Major Baister
c/o DGMRS

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Asst. To Director General

Transportation
SC 9830

458.3

APC #400
8 August, 1944

Subject: Movement of Locomotive No. 735-304.

To: Director Tn. Sub-Commission, A. C. C., APC #394.

1. Locomotive No. 735-304 is located at Reggio, Calabria. Please arrange to move this engine to the 753rd Shop, Naples, for repairs, advising me when engine leaves Reggio.

For the Director General:

F. R. Rosack
F. R. ROSACK
Colonel, Transportation Corps
Assistant General Manager-Equipment

CC-A.D. Tn. 3 (Br.)
CO, 701st Railway Grand Division, APC #400
CO, 753rd Railway Shop Battalion, APC #400

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LRAR V MBAY R 80 IMMEDIATE

T MUYT QVR 2

A MBDB

FROM BROWN REGGIO 131135B

TO (1) ~~D G M R S~~ D G M R S

(2) A C C MAIN FOR VINING

QQY GR 45 BT

ATTENTION COLS DOUGHERTY AND HOSACK

AND COL

VINING ACC TOTAL

S I C I L I A N STOCK MOVED

TO MAINLAND TO DATE 7 LOCOS

75 TANK CARS 51 REFERS 17 HIGH SIDE

GOND 16 LOW SIDE 4 EIGHT WHEEL FLATS

2 FOUR WHEEL 2 BOX TOTAL 167 CARS

7 LOCOS

BT 131135B

REPTN NR 80 IMMEDIATE T MUYT QVR 2

MBDB 131135B 7

75 51 17 GOND 16 4 2

2 167 7

SENT NR 80 WRL BBB

TN SC

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: (1) DCMPS (2) ACC MAIN FOR VINING
FROM: BROWN REGGIO
REFERENCE No: NONE
DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 131135D
SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 8/14
CLASSIFICATION: NONE
PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

ATTENTION COLS DOUGHERTY AND MOSACK AND COL VINING ACC TOTAL SICILIAN
STOCK MOVED TO MAINLAND TO DATE 7 LOCOS 75 TANK CARS 51 REFERS 17 HIGH SIDE
COND 16 LOW SIDE 4 EIGHT WHEEL FLATS 2 FOUR WHEEL 2 BOX TOTAL 167 CARS
• 7 LOCOS.



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(INF) A/CC
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DATE and Time of RECEIPT AUG 140940H...

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Allied Force
 MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
 Office of Director General

A. P. O. 400
 5 August 1944

Subject: Transfer of Railway Equipment from Sicily.

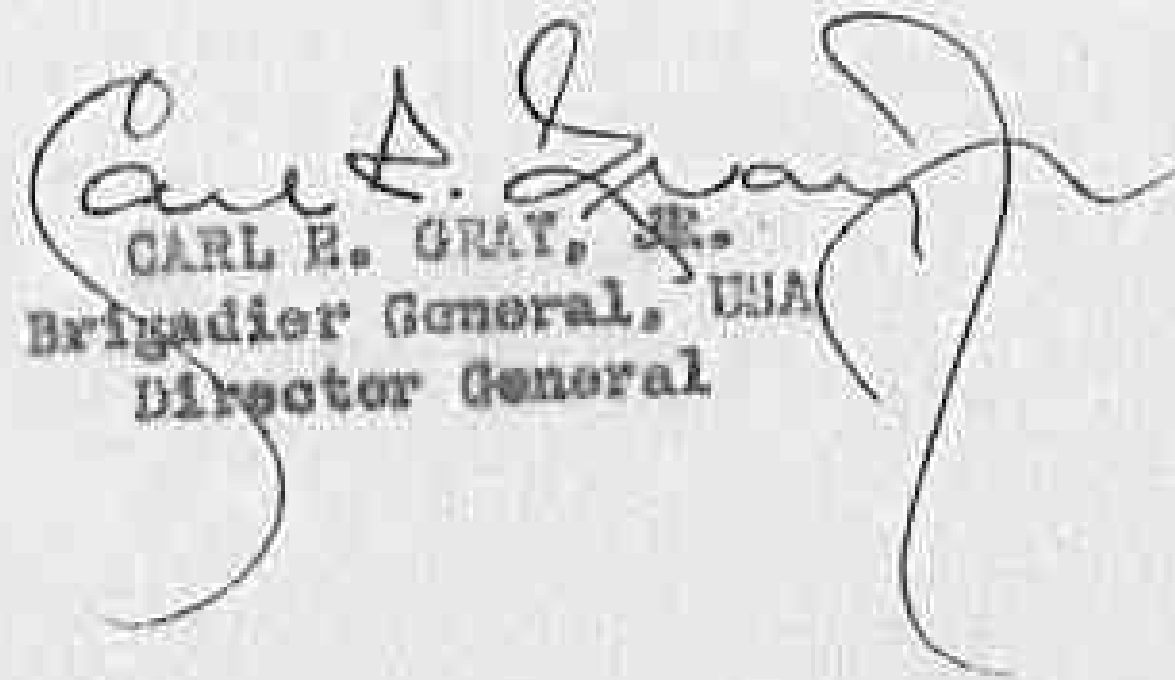
To: Lt. Colonel C. G. Brown, this Hqs.

1. Confirming verbal orders this date given, you are to proceed to Palermo, Sicily, and such other places as necessary by government auto for the purpose of securing assistance from the Navy in utilizing tugs, barges and any other available marine equipment to be used in transporting from Sicily to the mainland of Italy the balance of the refrigerator cars, flats and miscellaneous cars, which movement was interrupted by the withdrawal from service of the LGT's recently.

2. Refrigerator cars and war flats are desperately needed on the mainland and there being a surplus in Sicily, the Director General is exercising his prerogative of transferring equipment from civilian operated railways to the Italian State Railways for war purposes.

3. With respect to the locomotives, these locomotives are to be stored in white lead, or in other words, immobilized in Sicily until released by the Director General. This of course does not preclude the Director General from ordering seven of these stored locomotives for use in Sardinia if the Sardinian Garrison Commander can secure transportation from Palermo or Catania for such locomotives. The Director General is transferring seven to Sardinia and in view of the situation, believes that less delay will ensue for arrival in Sardinia if shipped from either Palermo or Catania.

4. This work should be expedited all possible as it is of paramount importance.


 CARL E. GRAY, JR.
 Brigadier General, USA
 Director General

cc AGM-Trans
 AGM-Equip
 Dir, Trans Sub-Commission, ACC

Telephone : 259

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APO 394

Our Reference : ACC Tn/12/11

Date : 5 AUG '44

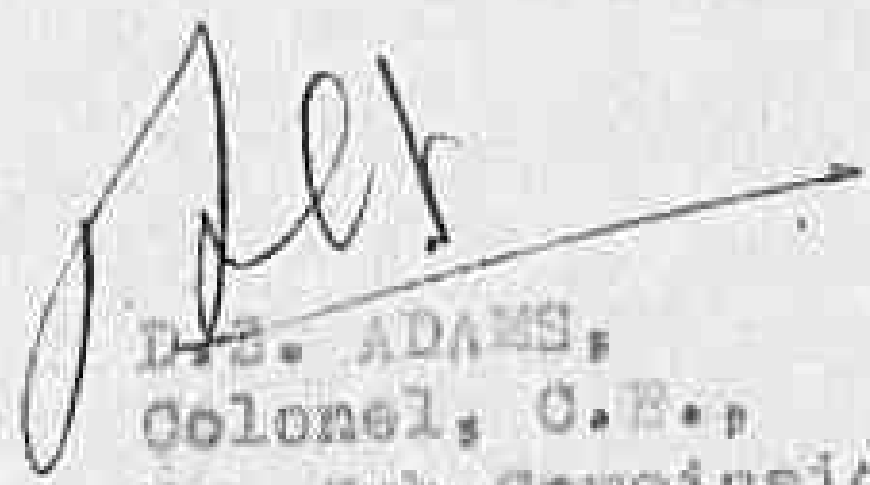
TO : Tn. Sub-Commission Representative.
Sicily.

SUBJECT : Locomotives ex Sicily.

Seven locomotives selected by the D.G.M.R.S. are for transfer from Sicily to Sardinia.

Lt. Colonel Brown has been deputed to make the necessary arrangements to give effect to this.

This is for your information.


D.S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.,
Tn. Sub-Commission.

Copy to :- Lt. Col. C.G. Brown.

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Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Ref : ACC Tn/19/30

Date : 3 August 44

TO : Major S.L. Baister
C/o D.G.M.R.S. Local Supt.
Naples.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Locomotives Sicily-Italy

Will you please see the attached correspondence and take such action as you consider necessary, advising me of arrangements made.

ADP
D.S. ADAMS
Colonel, G.E.
Tn. Sub-Comm.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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PGM/cc

Ref : RST/PGM/7

Date: 26 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Locomotives Sicily-Italy.

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

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25 July.

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port is available.

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upon to handle the Locomotives from Catania as it is
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the Rail lines will be complete into Messina.

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loco that we have in Sicily and naturally we do not like
to have to give up so many locos of the same type and
would like to substitute fifteen of the 625s, however this
is just being called to your attention because fuel being
our big problem means that we will use more fuel to haul
the same tonnage when compelled to use lighter power.

For C.H. LINDBERG, Lt. Col.

Peter G. Matson
PETER G. MATSON
Capt. T.C.
Trans. Sub-Comm.

cc Dr. Tuccio
cc Major Blair care Movements Reggio

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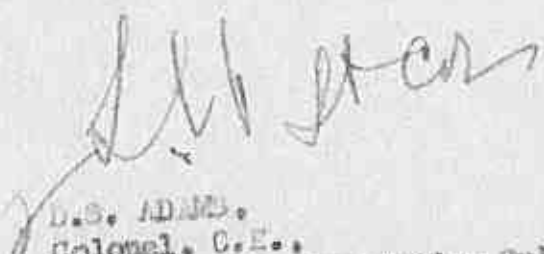
Date : 17 July 44

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

SUBJECT : Transfer of Locomotives - Sicily to Italy.

1. Reference is to attached copy of communication from D.C.E.F.S.,
and my reply.

2. Please let me know what arrangements can be made in respect of the
locomotives referred to, and tie up as required with Major Blair, submitting
detailed plan in due course.


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

Copy to:- Major, W.F. Blair.
c/o Mov. Reggio.

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Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Reference : ACC Ta/19/6

Date : 17 July 44

TO : D.G.M.R.S.,

SUBJECT : Transfer of Locomotives - Sicily to Italy.

1. Reference is to yours of 7th July '44.

2. I am communicating with our representative in Sicily in respect of the locomotives required, and will ascertain when despatch can be arranged.

3. It would seem to be a matter out of my hands so far as the movement beyond Reggio Calabria is concerned, but I will await detailed plans as between our Sicily and Reggio Divisional Superintendents before raising the question of further transit.

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

Copy to:- Lt. Col. O.H. Lindberg, c/o HQ.ACC., Region I.
Major W.F. Blair, c/o Mov. Reggio.

ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

A. P. O. 400
7 July 1944

Subject: Transfer of Locomotives - Sicily to Italy.

To: General Officer Commanding, ACC
A.P.O. 394 - US Army
Attn: Transportation Sub-Commission

Chief Administrative Officer, AAI

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CARL R. GRAY, JR.
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9 JUL 1944
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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PGM/or
Ref: SR/PGM/6
Date: 1 July 1944

SUBJECT : Transfer of equipment.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

1. Reference ACC Tn/19/26 June.
2. Thirty five high side gondolas were delivered to Mainland from Messina 27 June.
3. Due to heavy operational move in the Messina area, the balance will be forwarded as soon as this move is completed which will be about 10 July.

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

1st Ind.

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RE: ACC, Transportation Sub-Commission. 8 July 1944. Ref. ACC Tn/4.

TO: D.G.M.R.S., Naples.

1. For noting with reference to your letter dated 20 June 44 under subject "Transfer of Equipment Sicily to Italian Mainland".

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

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Transportation Sub-Commission
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Our Reference : AGO TG/13/

Date : 26 June '44

TO : Lt. Col. S.R. Lindberg,
The AG-Comm. Rep.
c/o A.C.C., Region I - Sicily.

SUBJECT : Transfer of Equipment - Sicily to Italian Mainland.

1. Referring to telephone conversation to-day with Capt. P.G. Watson in regard to transfer of high-side gondolas from Messina area to the mainland at the request of D.S.M.R.S.
2. Please arrange to transfer forty of these cars, preferably German, to the mainland, advising by signal as they are shipped.
3. Give this preferred attention as due to expanding operations on the mainland, these cars are needed at once.



L.E. YOUNG,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, AGO.

Copies to :- D.S.M.R.S.
Movements, R.G., AAI.
Mov. Regio
Major Blair - c/o Mov. Regio
Capt. Dugan - 701 Grand Division, Reggio.

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Transportation Sub-Commission
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Our Reference : ACC Tn/19/

Date : 26 June '44

TO : D.G.M.H.S. - Naples.

SUBJECT : Transfer of Equipment - Sicily to Italian Mainland.

1. Reference your letter of 20th June '44 addressed to C.A.O. Hq., AAI, Caserta and Commanding General, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
2. We agree with your request and the necessary instruction have been given for the transfer of the forty high-side gondolas from Messina area, Sicily to the mainland.
3. May these gondolas cars be loaded in Calabria with Northbound traffic? If not, will you please indicate destination.

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

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

A. P. O. 400
20 June 1944

Subject: Transfer of Equipment Sicily to Italian Mainland

To: C.A.O., Hq. A.A.I., Caserta
Commanding General, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.

1. It is reported that there are forty high-side gondolas in the Messina area, Sicily, over and above requirements. Due to expanding operations on the mainland, these cars should be transferred to the mainland of Italy.

2. Under provisions of A.P.H.Q. 17 March 1944 letter, file AG 453-3 GDS-O, your agreement to the transfer of this equipment is requested.

Carl E. Gray
CARL E. GRAY, JR.
Brigadier General, USA
Director General

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