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SABDRIA - OLBI FERRY

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

26 December 1944.

SUBJECT: Provisional bridge for Albia ferry Sardinia.
TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission AC.

1. The Provisional bridge(Ponte Mobile) for the Albia ferry has been located at Messina.
2. When the Albia ferry service is started, the ferry that is intended for this service should carry the provisional bridge.
3. This bridge should not be confused with the regular bridge or apron that is now in operation at Messina. The bridge that is required for Albia is a Provisional affair for that particular location and is not in use and not required in Sicily.
4. The bridge will remain at Messina until it is ordered moved and will be kept ready and available for service.

Peter G. Matson
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Capt T.C.
Trans. Sub-Comm
Rep at HQ Region 6.

memorandum - Maj AH Jeter

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I have spoken to Major Wilson
M.R.S. & he says that
Major Barnes is Liaison Officer
M.R.S. at M.H.Q. says it
is a matter for arrangement
between Movement & Medical
services.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

7th November 1944.

Subject: Ferry Slip, Olbia.

To : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.

Reference my letter 2nd November.

1. Yesterday I made a trip to Olbia to look over the Ferry Slip.

2. The track leading to the Slip will be completed by 10th November and the hospital train can be loaded at any time thereafter providing the "provisional bridge" or "apron" arrives on the Ferry.

3. The track arrangement has been revised so that the loading can commence within five hours after the arrival of the Ferry but it must be definitely understood that the "provisional bridge" which was always used in the past for this purpose must arrive with the ferry.

4. Railway officials say that this bridge is in Sicily.

5. It will take the Messina Ferry two days to make the trip from Messina to Olbia, however, when I left Sicily a month ago I knew that the Ferry was not in shape to make such a trip but the handling of this subject has been passed to me by Major Mitchell, Transportation Officer of A.G.S., who has been corresponding with the M.R.S. on this matter and M.R.S. ordered this work started on 21 October and also stated it must be completed by 10 November.

6. Capt. John H. Newby, Transportation Officer of H.Q., A.C. here, accompanied me on the trip. He will take charge of the Railways in the absence of a Transportation Sub-Commission representative.

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*Waiting for return
from ferry*

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

2nd November 1944

Subject : Ferry Slip at Olbia.

To : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, H.Q., A.C.

1. Today I called on Major Mitchell, Transportation Officer of the Allied Garrison of Sardinia, in regard to repairs to the Olbia Ferry Slip.

2. Up to date the subject has been handled between A.G.S. and the Military Railway Service.

3. October 21st the Railway engineers reported they could have the Slip in condition to handle the Messina Ferry by November 10th for export of the Hospital train.

4. This cannot be done because the Railway engineers reported to the Representative of the Military Railway service on October 30th that the apron for this Slip had been moved to Sicily.

5. ^{IN} It is possible that this Apron is at Messina or Catania. For any event the Slip cannot be used until the Apron is produced and after that, the Slip can be put in operation within three days after the Apron arrives. All other preliminary repairs are now under way.

6. The only other alternative for the export of the Hospital train would be to load it on a vessel but a crane ship would be required to do the loading.

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