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TRAIN GUARDS
JULY - NOV. 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

26 November 45

AC/14619/PS

SUBJECT : Protection of Rail Crews
between Bari and Barletta.

TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission AC
Rail Division. ✓

1. Reference your AC/32/TN4 of 23 Oct 1945.
2. Herewith for your information translation of letter received from Ministry of Interior, on action taken in vicinity of Bari and Barletta.

John W. Chapman
/ JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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(Translation M.G.)

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

General Direction of P.S.

Division of Police -Frontier and Transport

Rome 17 November 1945

300/53119-86

Repl. AG/14619/P.S. of 30d.m.

To ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION OF P.S.
ROME

SUBJECT: Rail-track Bari-Barletta.
Trains attacked.

To avoid the repeating of further incidents taken place last month between rail-line Bari Barletta, preventive and repressive measures were taken.

While number of escort parties was increased police operations brought about the arrest of ten ex convicts, seriously signalled as Chief parties responsible of criminal activities against passing trains between Bari and Barletta.

Police measures will be taken against arrested persons.

Furthermore, 32 persons have been recognized as members of the armed band known as "La Striscia": twelve of these were arrested and denounced to judicial Authority, while search is being made to capture the rest.

Operations continue; at moment, situation appears normal.

For the Minister

FERRARI

RPM/lml

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.
(Rail Division)
TRANSPORTATION (RR) BAIN, C. N. F.

Tel. 843309
Ref. 10/74/Tnd

14 November 1945

SUBJECT : Escort Railway Cars.

TO : Director General,
Ente Nazionale Distribuzione,
Medicinali agli Alleati "MENDIMAY"
No. 154 Via Tomacelli,
Rome, Italy.

1. Reference is your letter 5525/47 of 6 November 1945, requesting permission to handle freight cars loaded with medical supplies on passenger trains in the Florence area.
2. Permission cannot be granted for the handling of freight cars on passenger trains.
3. All passenger trains at this time are handling the maximum number of cars and for safety reasons freight equipment must not be handled on passenger trains. The matter of providing escort for freight cars should be handled with the Director General, Italian State Railways.

Sd. R.P. mos.
R. P. MOSE
Chief, Rail Division

Copy to: Public Health S/C
Director General, ISR

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FILIALI POSITI

- BARI - Via Carroli 114 - Dep. Castello Svevo
- CAGLIARI - P. Regina Margherita 1 - Via G. M. Angiol 4
- CATANIA - Via Umberto 395 - Tel. 16195 - Corso d' Italia 7
- FIRENZE - P. d'Asolo 41 Tel. 20008 - Via C. Puccini 1
- NAPOLI - Via dei Cimbrì 23 Tel. 11795 - Via Donna Regina
- ROMA - Via Tomacelli 154 Tel. 21149 - Viale Angelico 21

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO "ENDIMEA"

ENDIMEA

ENTE NAZIONALE DISTRIBUZIONE MEDICINALI DEGLI ALLEATI

SEDE CENTRALE : VIA TOMACELLI 154 TEL. 68148

ROMA

AR/el

N. di prot. 5895/47
OGGETTO - ESCORT RAILWAY CARS. -

Rome, 4 6 November 1945

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ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Subcommittee
Ports and Warehouse Division

R O M E

and for information:
ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Health Subcommittee

R O M E

Our Florence Branch informs us that, whereas they are usually unable to obtain an escort for their railway wagons carrying medical products, all passengers trains leaving Florence station are escorted by twelve carabinieri.-

Therefore the said Branch requests that an authorization be obtained to allow the wagons loaded with medical products to be attached to the passengers trains, so that these cars, already sealed by us, would also be under the surveillance of the said escort.-

The Sezione Movimento Direzione FF.SS. to whom we applied for a permit replied that the Allied Authorities would not allow under any circumstances that goods wagons should be attached to passengers trains.-

Having regard to the necessity that these medical products should reach the distressed populations as soon as possible, we would ask you to intervene on our behalf in regard to this matter,

Yours truly,

Ente Nazionale Distribuzione
Medicinali degli Alleati "Endimeas"
(Il Direttore Generale.)

Ing. V. Vittorio de Jorio

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.
(Rail Division)
% TRANSPORTATION (BR) L.I.N., G. M. F.

Tel. 843208
Ref. AC/52/2253/1/Tn4

8 November 1945

SUBJECT : Accidents on Italian State Railways.

TO : Director, Transportation S/C.

1. Attached hereto are two reports of incidents which have occurred on the Italian State Railways within the last few days. Perhaps, you may desire to draw the attention of the Public Safety Sub-Commission to the incident at Aversa.

2. As to the accident in the Varese tunnel, it will be observed that the absence of glass in the windows caused the trouble. I have already drawn your attention to the export of Italian glass to Austria.

R. P. MOSS
Chief, Rail Division

Attachments:

As stated above.

MEMORANDUM

6 NOVEMBER 1945

TO: DMRS I
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AD TN (OPS)
DAD TN 3 (O)
AC TN S/C, RAIL DIVN

AT 2117 HOURS, 5 NOVEMBER, NEAR ALBANOVA STATION (BETWEEN VILLA LITERNO AND AVERSA), LINE 89, SOUTHBOUND CIVILIAN PASSENGER TRAIN TV 1911 WAS STOPPED BY A BAND OF OUTLAWS AND SEVERAL PASSENGERS WERE ASSAULTED AND ROBBED. TRAIN WAS STOPPED BY THE BANDITS CUTTING THE CATENARY WHICH CAUSED A FLAME OF FIRE IN MIDDLE OF THE TRACK. POLICE ESCORTING THE TRAIN RESISTED THE MARAUDERS AND ONE CARIBINIERI AND ONE OF THE BANDITS WERE KILLED, AND ONE POLICE AGENT OF THE NAPLES COMPARTIMENT AND SEVERAL PASSENGERS WERE WOUNDED. ALLIED MILITARY POLICE ARRIVING AT THE SCENE OF THE HOLDUP DISBANDED THE MARAUDERS AND ARRESTED FIVE OF THEIR MEMBERS. TRAIN WAS DELAYED BY THE HOLDUP ABOUT FOUR HOURS AND THIRTY MINUTES. DEAD AND WOUNDED WERE UNLOADED AT AVERSA AT 0236 HOURS. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AVERSA MILITARY POLICE ARE MAKING A FULL REPORT OF THE INCIDENT TO MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

S. E. LONDON
MAJOR, T.C.
SUPT. TRANSPORTATION

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Ancona. Last night at 130 a passenger on train N° 467 coming from Ancona and going to Bari feeling ill pulled the alarm wire while the convoy was under the Varano tunnel. The train stopped and the tunnel thus got filled with smoke. Hell seemed to have been let loose in the tunnel with everybody shouting for help. The train was then made to go again by some people who volunteered and got out of the tunnel. It was noticed that due to the lack of panes in some of the cars the dense smoke had provoked in 15 persons serious symptoms of soffocation. They were removed to hospital at Ancona. One passenger was found dead crushed by the wheels of the train. His name is Baldini Umberto, 20 years old. It is believed that he fell from the train while it was still running.

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Commanding HQ Train Guard Control.

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ 2 AA Bde.	1	Nov 2 Tn A.F.H.Q.	1
1 HAA Regt RA.	1	Arty. Sec A.F.H.Q.	1
51 HAA Regt RA.	1	Pro (Br) A.F.H.Q.	1
55 HAA Regt RA.	1	Postal A.F.H.Q.	1
30 LAA Regt RA.	1	Tn. (Br) A.F.H.Q.	1
53 LAA Regt RA.	1	EMRS	1
47 A.A.O.D.	1	DD.Tn. Divs (Br)	1
466 Coast Pty RA.	1	Nov Rear 13 Corps	1
50 Som L I.	1	Nov North Italy	1
0 Grn Coy	1	Nov BRNE	1
A Sec. (Rlys) S.I.B., CUP.	4	Nov TRIESTE	1
4 Coy 501 Lt Cd Bn	1	Nov VENICE	1
507 Lt Cd Bn	1	Nov MILAN	1
510 Lt Cd Bn	1	Nov VERONA	1
525 Lt Cd Bn	1	Nov BOLZANO	1
HQ 13 Corps	1	Nov RIMINI	1
HQ 2 District	1	Nov ANCONA	1
HQ 3 District	1	Nov ROME	1
HQ R.A.A.C.	1	Nov NAPLES	1
HQ 52 Area	1	Nov BARI	1
HQ 54 Area	1	Nov TARANTO	1
HQ 56 Area	1	Nov BRN	1
HQ 56 Area	1	Rly Anti-Theft Control Committee	1
HQ 59 Area	1	Joint Railway Control, NAPLES	1
HQ 61 Area	1	HQ AC. Tn. Sub-Commission	1
HQ 66 Army Area	1	Senior Tn. Ofcr., AC., NAPLES	1
HQ 217 Area	1	HQ MTA	1
HQ 218 Special Area	1	MMA LO 2 District	1
HQ 60 Sub-Area	1	MMA LO 3 District	1
HQ 71 Sub-Area	1	MMA LO 54 Area	1
HQ 201 Sub-Area	1	MMA LO 217 Area	1
HQ 211 Sub-Area	1	1 Rly Op Gp RE	1
HQ BTRCY	1	154 Rly Op Coy RE	1
FMG., 774 Rly Grand Div (IS)	1	192 Rly Op Coy RE	1
Rail Div., P.B.S.	1	MFO 551	1
Rail Div P.B.S. (South)	1	Town Major Rome	1
Rail Div Adriatic Base	1	R.A.A.C. Real Estate Sec.	1
War Diary	2	Rome Message Centre	1

A partire dal 10 Nov. 45 l'indirizzo del HQ Train Guard Control sara' il seguente:

Via GIACOMO PORRO 13 ROMA.
alle dipendenze del HQ 2 AA Bde.

Tel. No. Roma 878000

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HE D. BARTENS ALIEN COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

30 Oct. 1945

AC/14619/23

SUBJECT : Protection of Railway Trains between Bari
and Barletta
TO : ~~Ministry of Interior~~
~~Direction of Public Security~~

1. Herewith copy of letter on above subject.
2. Forwarded for information and such action as is possible. It would be appreciated if ^{you} would reply as to any additional measures or supervision taken.

J. J. ...
JOHN J. CHAMBER
Colonel, JAGD
Director

RCB/pl

Copies to : HQ. AC.
Transportation S/C
(Rail Division) your AC/32/TH4 of 23 Oct. 45 refers

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CONFIDENTIAL

LB/53
OCT 211030A

G/1631
OCT 211500A
IMMEDIATE

ALCOM LO BARI
ALCOM GITE TPTN SC

CONFIDENTIAL

Ref your signal 17 dated 30 October. Train guards reinforced by Carabinieri and Italian train guard Battalion. No incidents reported last night 5 trains went through.

Dist

Paul Dan (Tues)

- Action - Tn SC 2/
- Info - Chief Commissioner
- Leon Sec 2
- P Safety SC
- File 2 Float



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Paul Dan
[Signature]

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TN IHC (TN. SUB-COMMISSION)

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LIAISON OFFICER A.M.C. RARI COM.

17(.)
RESTRICTED (.) IT IS REPORTED ENGINE CROWS R-USED TO OFFER
NIGHT TRAINS B-T IN EARLETON AND BARI IT-OUT POLICE
PROTECT N (.) CIVILIAN FREIGHT TRAFFIC WILL SUFFER (.) SAY
WHAT S-OPERATION CAN BE ARRANGED (.)

COY TO: - M.R.S.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION
✓ GOV. RAIL
TN. SUB-COMMISSION

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17(.)

RESTRICTED (.) IT IS REPORTED ENGINE CREWS R. USED TO OPERATE
NIGHT TRAINS IN T. IN MARYLAND AND EARL THROUGH POLICE
PROTECT N (.) CIVILIAN FREIGHT TRAFFIC WILL SUFFER (.) DAY
WHAT SOLUTION CAN BE ARRANGED (.)

COPY TO: - M.R.S.
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION
ROAD SUB-COMMISSION
✓ GOV. RAIL
UN. SUB-COMMISSION

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SUBJECT: Attacks on Freight
 Trains - FRATTAMAGGIORE
 TO : Hq Allied Commission
 Public Safety Sub-Coma.

Allied Force Headquarters
 Nov & Tn
 Tel: Freedom 320
 Nov 3/376/8
 21 OCT 45

 Hq. A.C.
 Copy to: Rail Division,
 Tn Sub-Commission

1. Several instances have recently been reported of armed attacks on freight trains in the immediate vicinity of FRATTAMAGGIORE station.
2. The small OCRR detachment on the station is quite powerless to protect the line on either side of the station and you are requested to arrange the provision of re-inforcements.

E. D. Bailey
 E. D. BAILEY, Major,
 for Brigadier,
 DCMG (NOV & TN)

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A. G.
(Rail Division)
§ TRANSPORTATION (ER) MAIN, C. M. F.

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Tel. 843238
Ref. AG/32/2a4

23 October 1945

SUBJECT : Protection of Railway Train Crews
Between Bari and Barletta.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is our signal dated 20 October 1945 to the Liaison Officer at Bari, copy to you.
2. We have been informed by the Military Railway Service that Italian railway crews working trains between Bari and Barletta are refusing to operate at night owing to the frequent attacks made upon them.
3. The Liaison Officer at Bari has informed us that the train guards are being reinforced by carabinieri, but it is essential that all civilian freight traffic from this area should move at all times without delay, owing to the considerable congestion that occurs in the surrounding districts.
4. Please say what permanent action is possible.

Arthur May
for Director

Copy to: Movements Division, Rail Section

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: LB/53
Date/Time of Origin: OCT 211030A

Message Centre No: G/1651
Date Time Rec'd: OCT 211500A
Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: ALCOM LO BARI
TO : ALCOM CITE TPTN SC

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ACTION

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- Action - Tn SC 2
- Info - Chief Commissioner
- Econ Sec 2
- P Safety SC
- File 2 Float

HEADQUARTERS
21 OCT 1945

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TRANSPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS, AD
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (R) Main
C. S. F.

Tel. 32323
Ref. AG/32/Tn 4

9 August 48

SUBJECT : Provision of Arms for Railway Guarding.

TO : O. C. Train Guards,
Italy.

Attached for information is copy of a letter to Ministry of War
by Land Forces Sub-Commission.

For Chief Commissioner :

A.C. PINE, Major

A.C. PINE, Major

Copy to: HQS - Bldg.

1 Enclosure

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LAND FORCE SUB COMMISSION,
A. C. (M. M. I. A.)
R O M E
Q/23/18
7 August 1945

SUBJECT: Arms and Ammunition for
Railway Police Corps.

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR
(ATTN: GENERAL ARTILLERY DIRECTORATE)

1. Reference is made to SERS letter 4/1255/serv of 19 April 1945.
2. You are hereby authorized to issue on payment to the Ministry of Interior 4000 carbines cal. 7.35 mod. 38 and 1000 carbines "Special Troop Type" cal. 7.35 mod. 38. The Ministry of Interior is responsible for the collection of the carbines from the Depots as shown below:

<u>DEPOT</u>	<u>CARBINE CAL. 7.35</u>	<u>CARBINE T.S. CAL. 7.35</u>
Rome Area	138	538
Nuoro (Sardinia)	783	82
Naples Area	508	208
Cosenza Area	302	174
Nari Area	48	---
Taranto Area	1459	---
Palermo Area	417	---
Totals---	4900	1000

3. A total of 190,000 cartridges, ball, cal. 7.35 are released for these arms from Taranto Artillery Directorate.

4. These arms are for the arming of the Railway Police Corps and no further demands for arms will be considered for the Railway Police Corps or other civilian agencies engaged on similar work.

Ira V. Fordyce
IRA V. FORDYCE, Capt.,
For Major General
M. M. I. A.

JJW/ac

Copy to: Public Safety Sub Commission, A. C.
(Minute 4, your AG/14619/PS file refers)
Transportation Sub Commission, A. C.
Movements, M. M. I. A.
M.M.A L/O, MV Italy
(Your NWI/10/Q of 16 July 45 refers)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

22 July 1945

AC/14619/PS

SUBJECT : Guarding of Civilian Freight trains.
TO : A.F. Military Railway Service - Italy
H/Q 774 Railway Grand Division.

1. Reference your 370.092-PM dated 12 July.
2. The information contained in your letter has been forwarded to H.E. Ferrari, Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior, and he fully understands that American troops are not now in a position to guard civilian rail traffic anywhere in Italy.
3. The Director has sent the necessary orders to the Prefects and Commissariati Compartimentali and has also requested the assistance of the Carabinieri.
4. When information is received showing the actual policing arrangements made, it will be forwarded to you. The Questore will make their arrangements direct with the ISR representative in their district.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

Copy to Transportation S/C ✓

FJW/G

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ADP/cf

23 July 45

CHASSERON, TONY POL-QUINQUINIERE A.O.S.
(S.M. DIVISION)
O/o Transportation (Sr) Mail
C.M.P.

Ref: 543730

Ref: AC/22/7n.4

MEMOIS Guardia di Finanza in Base
Casaleone Yard.

TO : HQ Nav Sub Area, Rome.

1. Reference is to your letter no. 243/27 dated 6 June 45, and it is regretted reply has been delayed.

2. The 7 men of the Guardia di Finanza in Base Casaleone Yard are there at the request of the Ministry of Food, which considers it is still necessary for them to be present for security purposes.

3. The Minister indicates that as a complaint has been made concerning the seven men, inspection as they are suspected of pilferage, arrangements will be made for them to be replaced with other guards more disciplined and more trustworthy.

For the Chief Commissioner

W. J. P. ...
W. J. P. ...
Major

Copy to: in Sub-Com Rome 278/93/4n.3
Food Sub-Com 51-3/16/900
Public Safety Sub-Com
in Sub-Com Officer, Rome.

Minutemen Yard.

1. Mr. Lee Sub Area, Home.

2. Reference is to your letter of 24/5/57 dated 8 June 57, and it is regretted reply has been delayed.

3. The 7 men of the Guardia di Finanza in Port Casaleon Yard are there at the request of the Ministry of Post, which considers it is still necessary for them to be present for security purposes.

4. The Minister indicates that as a complaint has been made concerning the seven men, inasmuch as they are suspected of pilferage, arrangements will be made for them to be replaced with other guards more disciplined and more trustworthy.

For the Chief Commissioner

W. J. P. King

A. C. P. King,
Major.

Copy to: In sub-Comm for Home 278/93/2003
Post sub-Comm 51-3/16/2000
Public safety sub-Comm
In sub-Comm Officer, Rome.

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