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DEC. 1943-MAY 1944

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DEC. 1943-MAY 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our reference : ACC Tn/139/24.

Date : 16 May '44.

TO : Hq. ACC., Economic Section.

SUBJECT : Inspection of Sicilian Railways and Issuance of Travel Orders.

1. At meeting held at Hq. Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC today there were present General di Raimondo, Undersecretary of State and Ing. Dr. Tuccio, Capo Compartimento of Sicilian railways as well as officers of this Sub-Commission.

2. Decision was reached that it would be highly desirable that field inspection be made of principal portions of Sicilian railways by General di Raimondo, Deputy Director, Lieut-Colonel C.G. Brown (A) 0529611, and Mechanical Engineer, Major S.L. Baister (B) 33318, to determine present condition and formulate plan for future rehabilitation work. In Sicily party would be accompanied by Lieut-Colonel O.H. Lindberg (B) 43443, Captains C.M. Long (A) 0350502 and P.C. Matson (A) 0516750, as well as representatives of the railways. Travel will normally be by diesel rail car, when on railway lines in Sicily.

3. It is desired that Gen. di Raimondo, Lieut-Colonel Brown and Major Baister, go to and return from Palermo by air. Journey to commence on or about 21 May and to require approximately 10 days. No rations can be carried by air but it is desired that rations for 5 ACC officers for seven days be issued, to be placed on the diesel car, which will normally form quarters for party while on rail lines.

4. It is felt that proposed inspection is highly desirable in order that an accurate picture of Sicilian railway situation may be had and determination made of supply and equipment which must be requested from abroad, at an early date.

5. Because of complexity of arrangements resort is not being had to usual form request for travel orders. However, it is requested that, in receipt of this letter, necessary orders be issued and plane accommodations arranged in order that this Sub-Commission may advise General di Raimondo.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Reference : ACC Ta/50/23

Date : 18 May 44

TO : H.C., ACC.
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Report on Bufola Plant - Naples.

1. Reference your letter 27 April 1944, ACC/5075/10.

2. The most comprehensive report of Captains Mydans and Elliott was very useful. Some information already duplicated on that known to D.C.M.R.S. whose forces already occupy part of plant. Notations of stocks of raw materials were particularly helpful to this Sub-Commission, which will investigate possibility of obtaining some much needed materials for Sicilian railways.

3. In report, under "General Information", para 4, refers to 7 completed and 12 partially completed threshing machines. Realising potential need of such machines, D.C.M.R.S. has made notation, from which is paraphrased - the Director General has no objection to allocating portion of shop to ACC for placing machines in production - however it will necessarily be on smaller scale than prior to Allied occupation and it will be necessary that mechanics or other labour necessary be recruited by ACC as there are not sufficient workmen available in railway side of shop to present any transfers.

4. Transportation Sub-Commission realises potential need of farm machinery and will be ready to co-operate in any liaison with Military Railway Service which may appear desirable. However, as D.C.M.R.S. states, Bufola Plant has a potential capacity greater than is being produced at present time but production cannot be increased due to lack of available manpower. The manpower now available is at present fully occupied by Military Railways and will be required until Allied Armies release control of railroads.

5. Will you please advise this Sub-Commission your further ~~success~~ ^{suggestions} in connection with Bufola plant?

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

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(Report on Bufalo Plant by ACC
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission).

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Allied Force, Mil Ry Serv, Ofc. of Dir. Genl., APO 400, U.S. Army, 11 May 1944.

TO: Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army.

1. The Bufalo Plant of Sta' Industrie Meccaniche Meridionale, Naples, is being used by the Mil Ry Serv for a freight and passenger car repair shop and for the manufacture of certain railway car parts and other materials, forgings and castings, for other branches of the Allied Armies. The Plant has a potential capacity greater than is being produced at the present time but production cannot be increased due to the lack of available manpower. The manpower now available is, at the present time, fully occupied in the production above referred to and it is expected that the necessity for the continued operation by the Mil Ry Serv will be required until such time as the Allied Armies release control of the railroads.

2. With reference to Par. 3 of your letter, regarding stocks of raw materials: If you will arrange to present to this Headquarters a list of requirements of ferrous products in Sicily, we will arrange to have the list checked against the quantities on hand and will release for use by the Sicilian Railways whatever portion, if any, that can be spared.

3. Report received with your letter makes reference to the Bufalo Plant having previously manufactured farm machinery: There are several farm machines partially finished in the shop at the present time, and, if necessity for this type of farm machinery is now present, the Director General has no objections to allocating a portion of the Bufalo Shop to you to be used for placing into production this type of machine; however, it should be understood that it will, of necessity, be on a smaller scale than it was prior to Allied occupation. Also, it will be necessary that the mechanics and other labor required for the manufacture of these machines will have to be recruited by you, as it is not possible, nor are there sufficient workmen at present employed under the jurisdiction of the Mil Ry Serv, to take over any additional work.

For the Director General:

E. F. McFadden
E. F. McFADDEN,
Colonel, TC,
Asst. Genl. Mgr. - Stores.

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Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

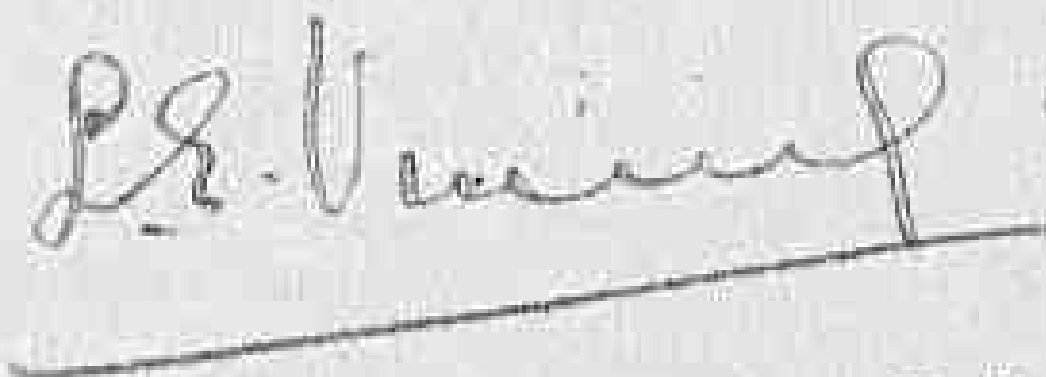
Our reference : ACC Tn/50/24

Date : 30 April 44.

TO : Brig-General Carl R. Gray,
Director General, Military Railway Service,
APO 400.

SUBJECT : Report on "Bufola" Plant by ACC Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission.

1. Appended is report by officers of Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC of "Bufola" Plant of "Sta' Industrie Meccaniche Meridionale", Naples, submitted as of 21 April 44.
2. From text of report it appears that certain parts of this plant are now in use by M.R.S., so that it may be assumed that your officers are familiar with same, or all, of plant. It would be appreciated if you would indicate position of M.R.S., both currently and for proximate future.
3. In report it is noted "large stocks of raw materials in the form of steel beams, angles, channels, flats, plates and bars are available on the premises." This Sub-Commission has recently received, from Lt. Col. O.H. Lindberg, its representative in Sicily, a request from Dr. Tucco for quantities of ferrous products urgently required for repairs and maintenance.
4. If any such products at "Bufola" plant are not required for M.R.S. purposes on the mainland, current or prospective, it would seem that some Sicilian Railways requirements could be supplied therefrom.
5. Expression of your thought in matter will be appreciated.



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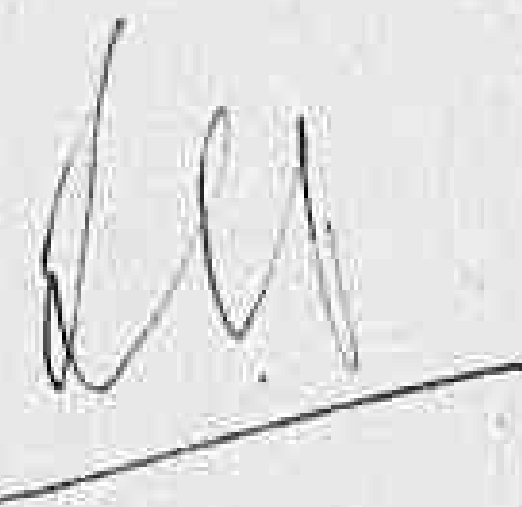
Our Reference : ACC Tn/50/ *76*

Date : 10 May 44.

TO : General Gray,
Director General Military Railway Service,
Naples.

SUBJECT : Inspection Trip - I.S.R. (Mainland)

1. In order that undersigned may become familiar with current conditions on Italian State Railway lines in Reggio and Bari areas, it is desired to make trip over the lines at an early date.
2. My deputy, Lieut-Col. Brown, has been in conversation with your aide, Captain Hayes regarding such a trip. It will be much appreciated if details can be worked out.



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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Reference : ACC Tn/50/25

Date : 10 May 44

TO : General di Raimondo,
Undersecretary of State for Italian Railways & Highways.

SUBJECT : Inspection Trip - I.S.R. Sicily.

1. It is felt highly desirable that an inspection of conditions on railways in Sicily be made by Deputy Director Lt. Col. Brown and Mechanical Engineer, Major Baister, of Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC., accompanied by officers of the Sub-Commission stationed in Sicily as well as Dr. Tuccio and such of his subordinates as may be desired.
2. It is desired that this inspection cover all standard gauge lines, with particular reference to any parts not now in operation. Any major questions of narrow gauge operation can also be reviewed.
3. It is proposed that two officers first named will leave this station by motor car, driving to Reggio, noting condition of railway en route, especially in vicinity of Palmi. They will cross ferry to Messina, then drive to Patti or Catania as may appear best, when they would meet the Sicilian party and proceed by rail.
4. It is believed that you and some of your staff may wish to participate in such an inspection as above outlined and expression of your thoughts are desired, in order that plans may be made and necessary motor vehicle transport arranged.
5. Will you please let us have your ideas so soon as possible, nominating approximate dates?



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

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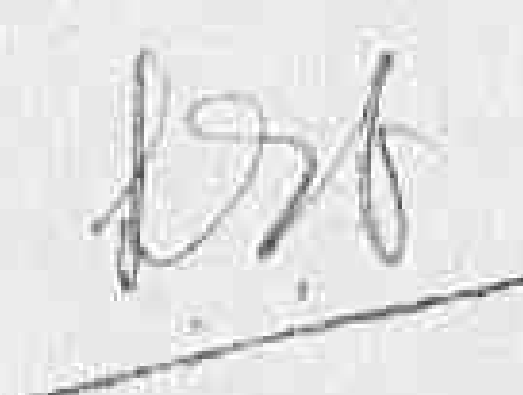
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Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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REPORT ON THE STA. INDUSTRIE MECCANICHE MERIDIONALI -
BUFOLO PLANT - NAPLES

SUBMITTED BY: - CAPT. W. E. MYDANS & CAPT. T. G. ELLIOTT

DATE: - 21 APRIL 1944

GENERAL: The above plant was visited. It is a self contained works for the construction and repair of railway coaches and trucks and is part of the BREDA Group. The Capacity was given to us as 200/300 wagons repaired per month.

The original number employed was in the region of 600 hands, the present number employed is 380. The area of the plant is 38,000 square metres of which 24,275 are covered.

The plant has not suffered any serious or irreparable damage from either aerial bombing or demolition by the Germans. A considerable quantity of the roof covering has been stripped by bomb-blast, but the main structures of the buildings are intact.

The plant, which is, generally speaking, old and out of date has also escaped serious damage but is capable of a considerable amount of useful work. Large stocks of raw materials in the form of steel beams, angles, channels, flats, plates, and bars are available on the premises. Overhead cranes are in position and workable. This is one of the least damaged of the industrial plants, so far seen by these inspecting officers.

PLANT DETAILS: FORGE:

The forge is at present working, making, rivets and small forgings for railway work. The plant in this department is varied in its range and consists of:-

- a) 8 - Friction Screw Presses
- b) 2 - Air Drop Hammers
- c) 2 - Trimming Machines
- d) 2 - Power Driven Crank Presses
- e) 1 - 300 Kg. Air Hammer
- f) 5 - Smaller Air Hammers
- g) 1 - Hydraulic Forging Press
- h) 2 - Acene Type Upsetting Machines.

The equipment in this shop whilst old and out of date, is capable of producing a wide range of small and medium sized forgings.

MACHINE SHOP:

This shop contains a wide assortment of machines, i.e. Milling Machines, centre lathes (large and small), radial drills, grinding machines, wheel and axle lathes. Most of the plant is old, but one or two new tools were noticed. This plant is at present working on general machining work in connection with replacement parts for wagon repairs. Attached to this shop is a carpenters and woodwork- ing plant fairly well equipped with machines and able to handle woodworking of any kind for the railway side.

WAGON MOUNTING SHOP:

This Plant consisted of

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- a) Plate Bending Rolls
- b) Flattening Rolls
- c) A Large Bending Press,

together with multiple plate drilling machines, and the necessary overhead lifting cranes to handle the erection of the vehicles, and other ancillary equipment.

It was a large shop consisting of some 5 bays each with an overhead crane and is at present engaged on repair work for the Italian State Railways and on the erection and assembly of railway cars for imported American parts. This work was under the supervision of an American N.C.O., and it was understood from him that the output had now reached 5 wagons per day. The plant was also producing a number of large welded gasoline tanks, and appeared reasonably well equipped to undertake sheet metal work of this type.

SHELL MACHINING PLANT:

Also within the works, there is a fairly large and well laid out shell machining plant for the production of 105 m/m shells. It was noticed that most of the machine tools were of "Breda" manufacture and except for corrosion, was undamaged and could easily be put to work, if it is so desired. The output was given to us as 600 shells per day.

Large quantities of shell forgings and some finished machined shells were stacked up in this shop. The plant was modern and up to date. This building had suffered damage by bombing but the plant was intact, it was, however, suffering damage by corrosion and exposure to the elements and if possible this equipment should be stored under cover to prevent further deterioration.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

(1) This is a self contained plant for the production and assembly of railway cars and trucks.

(2) It is at present doing useful work for the Allied Cause on wagon repair and erection.

(3) This work could be expanded if more labour could be obtained.

(4) It was noticed on the tour of the plant that there were 7 Completed "Threshing Machines", and about 12 others in varying stages of completion. It was understood that work had been stopped on these machines and the labour diverted to the railway side. These machines will no doubt be of use to the Agriculture Sub-Commission and have been reported to them.

(5) This plant would be able to construct agricultural machinery in addition to their ordinary work.

RECOMMENDATIONS & CONCLUSIONS:

(1) It is considered that the useful work now being done by this plant could be expanded by the provision of more labour.

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(2) This plant has experience in the construction of agricultural machinery and might with advantage, be encouraged to expand this part of their organization.

(3) Any shortages of plant or equipment could most probably be obtained from the firm's Vasto Plant which has now been requisitioned by the U.S.A.F. and used as a store. None of the plant at Vasto is being used.

(4) The Bufola Plant is recommended for:-

- a) Repair to railway rolling stock.
- b) Erection of railway wagons from imported parts.
- c) Production of agricultural machinery.
- d) Sheet Metal work, etc.

(5) It was understood from the American N.C.O. that the main difficulty in obtaining labour was the low rates of pay (max. 7½ lire per hour) and the small amount of food provided for the workers. Better pay and conditions could be obtained in work at the docks.

(6) This is a plant well able and in good position to do work for Military and Civilian requirements. The plant is reasonably intact, the technical direction is available and it is strongly urged that all efforts are made to expand this firm's activities.

(7) The detailed condition of the Vasto Plant will form the subject of a separate report.

/s/ W. E. Mydans
W. E. MYDANS
Captain,
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission

/s/ T.G. Elliott,
T. G. ELLIOTT
Captain,
Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission

22 April 1944.

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

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APO 400
22 February 1944

SUBJECT: Rail Siding Connection - Naples

TO : AFHQ, Movements, APO 400 - Attention: Colonel Fitch

1. Reference is made to letter of 16 February, above subject, regarding trackage in the Olive Oil Factory, Naples.

2. Approximately one month ago, it was agreed between the representative of the Military Railway Service and Major Fitzgerald of AMG, that MRS forces would rehabilitate the lead track up to the gate of the Olive Oil Factory, and civilian forces would rehabilitate the tracks within the factory grounds.

3. The work as agreed to, has been completed by MRS forces. Civilian forces have rehabilitated tracks within the plant, which will hold approximately 20 cars. The damaged cars can be removed from the plant just as soon as these tracks have been cleared by the civilians.

What does this mean.

For the Director General:

Benjamin H. Crossland
BENJAMIN H. CROSLAND
Colonel - T C
Asst. Genl. Mgr., Engineering

*Inspected siding on 26/2
Present position, track from main line to
factory gates in serviceable condition with necessary turn out.
Inside factory work in progress of restoring tracks by civilian employees
of U.S. Rly. Estimated some 7 days work yet to complete.*

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC..
C/o Mov. & In..
ANM Advanced Administrative Echelon.
C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Ta/50/16

Date : 22 Feb 44.

TO : HQ. Region III.
Naples.

SUBJECT : Rail facilities for Cirio Warehouse, San Giovanni.

1. Reference the verbal request of Major Baister.
2. The clearing of the siding to the Cirio warehouse has been completed and the track is ready for use.

E.F.R.
S.A. FITCH.
Colonel.
Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC

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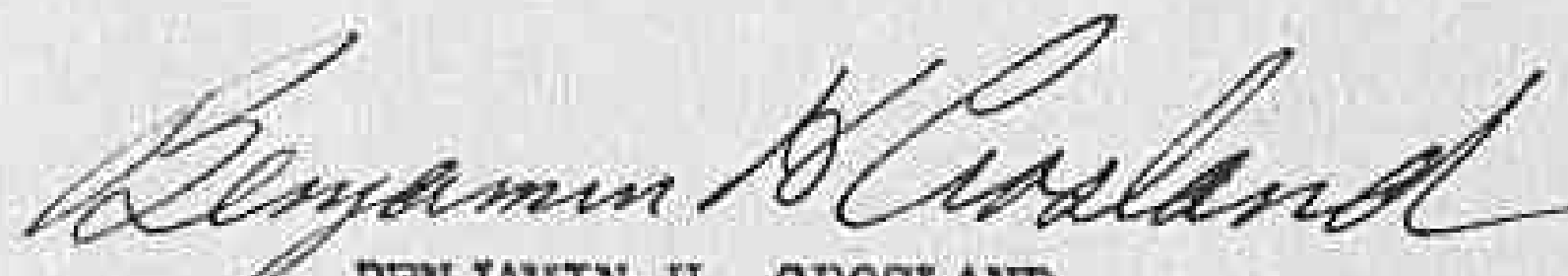
APO 400
20 February 1944

SUBJECT: Rail Facilities for Cirio Warehouse.

TO : Director of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC,
Care of AFHQ Movements. Attn: Colonel Fitch. APO 400.

1. Reference letter of 16 February, above subject.
2. Work requested is in progress and should be completed by the 20 February.

For the Director General;


BENJAMIN H. CROSLAND
Colonel - T C
Assistant General Manager, Engr.

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CONSIGLIO PROVINCIALE DELL'ECONOMIA
NAPOLI
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

Naples, February 11th 1944

SUBJECT: Railroad junction S.A. GASLINI.

TO : Major Beister, c/o Economics and Supply Region 3,
AMC Prefettura, Naples.

1. The Firm S.A. Gaslini are putting in efficiency their oil mill (refining and pressing of vegetable oils), located at Via Emanuele Gianturco, Naples; to enable them to do a regular work, they need absolutely a railroad junction with the State's Railway, so that they are in a position to receive directly the raw materials shipped from other provinces.

2. Thus it is necessary that AMC authorize the State's Railway to build a switch on the track in from Salerno at the bridge of Via Emanuele Gianturco, so that the junction already existing at present could be connected to the mill.

3. It is furthermore necessary that instructions should be passed to the 727th Bn. Eng. to move from the line, so that the oil tanks can be forwarded directly to the oil mill.

4. Owing to the fact that the concerned oil mill is one of the most important ones, we hope that the necessary instructions will be given as soon as possible.

CONSIGLIO PROVINCIALE
DELLA ECONOMIA
R. SCOTTA
MANAGER

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To Int. T. Sub-Commission
c/o Mr. T. A.F. H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon.

For information. Please see my letter of 12 Feb.
S. L. Saitta Major.

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MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director General

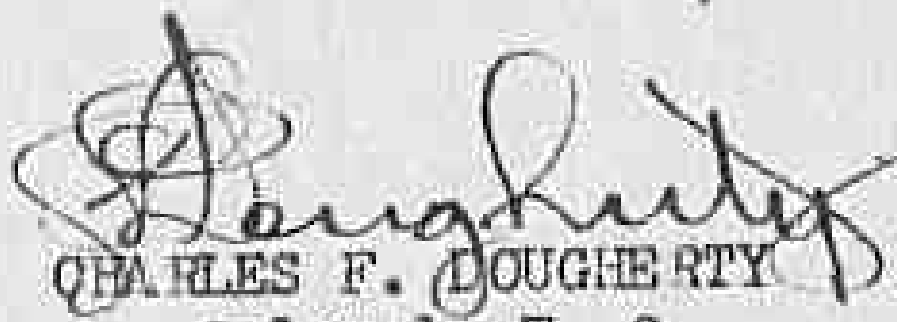
A. P. O. 400
12 February 1944

Subject: Rail Siding at Flour Mill operated by the Soc. Meridionale di
Macinazione at 17 Via Emanuele Tranturco, Naples.

To: Chief, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC., c/o Mov &
Tr., AFHQ Adv Adm Ech, C.M.F., A.P.O. 400, U S Army

1. Answering your letter ACC Tr/50/5 of 6 February 1944.
2. Siding to the above described flour mill has now been made
available for use by removing damaged wagons etc.

For the Director General:


CHARLES F. DOUGHERTY
Colonel, T. C.
Assistant General Manager
Transportation Department

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/o Mov & Tn.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C. M. F.

Our reference : ACC Tn/50/11

Date : 16 Feb 44.

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

SUBJECT : Rail Siding Connection-Naples.

1. Reference the conversation between Col. Crosland and Major Mole of this Sub-Commission.
2. In connection with the reception, storage and distribution of olive oil in Naples it is desired to restore the rail siding facilities of Messrs Gaslini at 164 Via Emanuele Gianturco.
3. The work involved is to lay in a turnout near Cabin B Naples Central Yard on the Salerno-Naples Central line to the connecting line to this and other sidings.
4. It is understood that all the required material is on site and that the work was in hand until instructions were issued for its postponement.
5. Will you please advise whether this work can now be completed and the Gaslini sidings cleared of the 12 damaged vehicles at present stalled on same.

S.A.
S.A. FITCH,
Colonel,
Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
C/o Mov & Tr.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C. M. F.

Our reference : ACC Tn/50/10

Date : 16 Feb 44.

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

SUBJECT : Rail Facilities for Cirio Warehouse.

1. The Cirio Warehouse at San Giovanni (Naples) is used by AMG Region III as a foodstuff warehouse.
2. There is a rail siding to the warehouse from the main line at present blocked by nine damaged wagons, this prohibits any rail facilities to or from the warehouse.
3. In order to make use of the railway freight service, it is desired to put this siding in working order.
4. Will you please advise whether the clearing of the damaged stock can be undertaken and the track made available for use.

S.A.
S.A. FITCH,
Colonel,
Director, Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. ARMY

12 Feb 44.

TO : Col. S.A. Fitch,
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

SUBJECT : Olive Oil traffic.

In connection with the reception, storage and distribution of olive oil in Naples, Messrs Gaslini have asked that their siding at 164 Via Emanuele Gianturco, Naples, should be made available for the reception of tank wagons. To do this it will be necessary to put in a turnout from the Salerno-Naples Central line to the line connecting with this and other sidings, including that of the S.A.O.M. Company, of 10 Piazza Enrice Cenni, which would also be used for the same purpose.

The point at which the turnout is required is near Cabin B Naples Central Yard. All the material required is on the site, and work was proceeding when, it is understood, D.G.M.R.S., ordered its discontinuance by the State Railway and "froze" the material. On the line between Cabin B and the Gaslini Siding are 12 damaged vehicles which would have to be pulled out and placed elsewhere.

It is to be anticipated that Col. Legge will approach the Sub Commission on the above matter.

S.L. Baister Major

S.L. BAISTER, Major,
Int. Tn. Sub Commission,
Attached Region 3.

Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
c/o Mov & Tr.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Tr/50/8

Date : 9 Feb 44.

TO : Lt. Colonel W.J. Legg,
Chief, Food Sub-Commission.

SUBJECT : Siding at Works of Societa Meridionale di Macinazione.

1. Reference your letter WJL/SI dated 5 Feb 44.
2. The clearing of this siding has now been completed and the track is available for use.

WJL
Colonel,
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
c/o Mov & Tr.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Tn/50/6

Date : 7 Feb 44.

TO : Lt. Col. Kraege, D.H.C.A.O.,
H.Q., Region 3, AMG.

SUBJECT : Siding at Soc. Meridionale di Macinazione.

1. In reference to your letter of 2 Feb 44, we have been informed that the clearing of this siding is starting at once and should be available for use within the very near future.

E.M.
Colonel,
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to :-
Major Baister, Int. Tn. Sub-Comm. representative,
Region III, Naples.

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Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.,
c/o Mov & Tr.,
AFHQ Advanced Administrative Echelon,
C.M.F.

Our reference : ACC Tr/50/5

Date : 6 Feb 44.

TO : I.C.M.R.S.

SUBJECT : Rail Siding at Flour Mill operated by the Soc.
Meridionale di Macinazione at 17 Via Emanuele Tranturco,
Naples.

1. A request has been sent to this office from Region III, AMG, to make this siding available for use. To do this would require the removal of 30 damaged wagons.
2. This mill is the largest in Southern Italy and it is important that facilities should be given for the direct rail transportation of wheat for milling from the port to this mill.
3. This request is transmitted for your consideration please with a view to early action if practicable.

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Colonel,
Chief of Internal Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 3, U.S. ARMY

2 Feb. 44

SUBJECT : Flour Mill.

TO : Internal Transportation Sub-Commission A.C.C. A.F.H.Q.
adv. adm. Echelon.

1. It is requested that the rail siding at the flour mill operated by the Soc. Meridionale di Macinazione at 17 Via Emanuele Gianturco, Naples be made available for use.

2. This siding, which permits rail access between the mill and the Port of Naples and also Naples Central Station is occupied by 30 damaged rail cars for which it is presumed other standing accommodation would have to be found.

3. The mill in question is the largest and the best equipped in Southern Italy and it is of urgent importance that facilities should be given for the direct rail transportation of wheat for milling from the Port to this mill.

Forrest ^{Wld:} DREAD

for. CARL A. KRAEGER,
Lt. Colonel, Signal Corp,
R. C. A. O.

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MEMO.

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SUBJECT. Sidings to Soc. Meridionale di Marcinazone and to Cirio Warehouse (AMG Region III).

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1. The Soc. Meridionale di Marcinazone operated the largest flour mill in South Italy and is located at 17 Emanuele Granturco. This mill has undergone repairs and is now prepared to produce 3000 to 4000 quintals of flour daily. It is imperative that the side tracks to this plant be made servicable if wheat is to be hauled from the docks to the mill. Major Baister said that a grain ship is in the harbour waiting to be unloaded.
2. The tracks are in good working condition but at present are filled with 30 freight wagons (cars) in various stages of destruction. All however can be moved out on their own wheels. Cleaning of flangeways and oiling of switch pieces would comprise the necessary track repairs.
3. The Cirio Warehouse in San Giovanni (Naples) is used by AMG Region III as a food warehouse. It is necessary however to truck all goods to and from the site. There is a siding leading from the main line and the port to this warehouse.
4. Nine damaged wagons block the usage of this track. At present the upper end of the track is used as a storage track and is occupied by wagons loaded with war materials.
5. Cleaning of flangeways and greasing of the switch parts will put the track in servicable condition, all damaged wagons can be removed on their own wheels.
6. Inspection made 2 Feb 44 with Major Baister.

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In reply
refer to: 201
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27 December 1943

SUBJECT: Request for 2nd Lieut. MILONE Ferdinando to visit railway installations.

TO : Director General, Military Railway Service A.F.H.Q. Advanced Administrative Echelon.

1. Reference is made to the following enclosures:-

- Incl. #1 Ltr. 171/4.5, Ministero delle Comunicazioni Per Le Ferrovie etc. dated P.M. 151 - 8 December 1943.
- Incl. #2 Ltr. 185/4.5/Sagr. Ministero delle Comunicazioni Per Le Ferrovie etc. dated P.M. 151 - 10 December 1943.
- Incl. #3 Copy Ltr. Main Hq. Eighth Army M1060 G dated 17 December 1943.
- Incl. #4 Ltr. TM/1 Military Mission to Italian Army dated 21 December 1943.

2. Main Hq. Eighth Army has indicated that there is no objection from a security point of view and no objection as far as this headquarters is concerned.

3. The matter is being referred to your headquarters for necessary action. Will you please handle direct with General Di Raimondo.

W. H. Stone
WILLIAM W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Communications Section

- 4 Encls.
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Copy to: Col. Fitch. ✓

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS

UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE FOR R.R.

MOTOR TRANSPORT AND TRAMWAYS.

Memo for Military Mission to Italian Army.

Following our note N.171/45 dated 8 Dec 43, signed by His Excellency Undersecretary of State and with reference to verbal request made by this Mission for Lt. Milone Ferdinando we specify the following.

The reason why we would like to report at the said places is because the bridge materials are still located at the warehouses and stations along the Adriatic Coast.

The discovery of the said material, belonging to the R.R. Engineers, plays an important part in determining the quantity of material we can depend upon when the time comes to re-activate the bridges.

Up to the present it has not been possible to obtain the material from S. Vito Senciano, the material can be delivered for the time being up to Fossacesia station south of S. Vito Senciano.

Undersecretary of State,

(Sgd)

Engineer F.S. Ferraro.

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MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

SOTTOSEGRETARIATO DI STATO

PER LE FERROVIE - MOTORIZZAZIONE CIVILE E TRASPORTI IN CONCESSIONE

Prot. N. 185/4.5/Sogr.

P.M. 151, 11 10 Dicembre 1943

PRO-MEMORIA FOR MILITARY MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY

IEQUILIBRIO

A seguito della nota n.171/4.5. dell'8 c.m. a firma di S.E. il Sottosegretario di Stato, e in relazione della richiesta verbale fatta da codesta Missione al S.Ten.Milone Ferdinando si precisa quanto segue: la ricognizione ha per scopo il rinvenimento del materiale da ponte ancora esistente lungo la linea ferroviaria, nei depositi e nelle stazioni site lungo il litorale adriatico.

Il rinvenimento di detto materiale, di pertinenza del Genio Ferroviario, ha una grande importanza per poter procedere al relativo inventario e poter così conoscere su quale quantità di materiale si può contare per la riattivazione dei ponti stessi.

Qualora non sia possibile eseguire la ricognizione fino a S.Vito Lanciano, essa potrà essere limitata, per ora, fino a Fossacesia, stazione a Sud di S.Vito Lanciano.

p. IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO
d'ordine
IL PRIMO ISPETTORE ADDETTO
ALLA SEGRETERIA
(Ing.F.S.Ferraro)

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TRANSLATION

Ministry of Communications
Under Secretary of State
For Railroads - Motor Transport and Tramways.

SUBJECT : Request for permit.

Military mission to Italian Army:

Please grant Lt. Milone Ferdinando, on duty, with the Under Secreterate for the railways a permit to report at the railway station of Termoli - S. Vite Fanciane to obtain material (bridge) needed by the R.R. engineers.

In addition please leave the vehicles licence plate and drivers name blank, these will later be furnished by the Under Secreterate.

Under Secreterate of State.

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P.M. 151, 11 8 Dicembre 1943

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OGGETTO: Richiesta lascia-passare.

MILITARI MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMY

LEQUITE

Pregasi rilasciare un'auterizzazione al Set. Tenente MILONE Ferdinando, in servizio presso questo Settesegretariato per la Ferrovia, per recarsi sul tratto ferroviario Termoli - S.Vite Lanciano, per eseguire una ricognizione di materiale da ponte di pertinenza del Genio ferrovieri.

Pregasi altresì, lasciare in bianco la targa dell'autovettura e il nome dell'autista, che saranno apposti a cura di questo Settesegretariato.

IL SOTTOSEGRETARIO DI STATO

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C O P Y

MESSAGE FORM

To:-MAIN EIGHTH ARMY

From:-MMA

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ITALIAN MINISTRY ROAD AND RAIL COMMS REQUEST PERMISSION TO RECCE
ITALIAN RE BRIDGING MATERIAL ON RAILWAY FROM TERMOLO TO SAN VITO
LANCIANO ALTERNATIVELY TERMOLO - FOSSACCEBIA IF SAN VITO TOO NEAR
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A.G. BUTTERWORTH Capt

Too 1550

C O P Y

SUBJECT:- Visit - Reps of ITALIAN rd and rail comms

MAIN HQ EIGHTH ARMY.
M 1060 G.

To:-MMA

17 Dec 43

Ref your signal 0.111 of 11 Dec.

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Subject:- Visit - Rep of Italian rd and rail comms

Military Mission to Italian Army,
TN/1
21 Dec 43

Allied Control Commission

1. I enclose for action by you a request from the Ministry of Communications for permission for their representative to visit EIGHTH Army Area in order to reconnoitre engineer railway material.

I also enclose copies of correspondence with Main EIGHTH Army on this subject.

2. I regret that this request was not passed to you for action in the first instance.

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