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48/2062 UNANTHORIZED "REFUGEE" MOVEMENTS
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MOV REGGIO REGION ONE
HQ AAI DGERS
ACC FROM ADAMS
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15 SEPT 44

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TRANSFER OF PASSENGER COACHES SICILY TO MAINLAND FOR USE IN MOVEMENT
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1st Lieut AGD
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

53/1/40

14 September 1944

IRB/

SUBJECT : Movement of Refugees as Repatriates.

TO : Director Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Reference Minutes of Meeting enclosed with your ACC Tn/53 of 11 September 1944

2. Regarding :-

(a) Attached for your information is carbon of our IRB/23 dated 14 September 1944 to the High Commissioner of Refugees, Italian Government.

(b) No action by this Branch.

(c) No further action by this Branch is being taken. People are still travelling - because Italian and our own authorities are not carrying out orders. The people themselves are not at fault.

(d) Is not this for Transportation or Public Security to deal with ?

*How is it expected
that Transportation
Sub Com. can stop
Refugees from boarding
trains. It is for the Italian
Government to take steps to
prevent movement of Refugees*

DW 19/9

for L.R. HULLS
Colonel.,
Director.

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Tel. Rmt. 594

HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

IRM/23

14 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Movement of Refugees.

TO: His Excellency TIMO ZANIBONI, High Commissioner for Refugees,
Italian Government.

1. We are notified today, that a further party of refugees from the South (Calabria and Sicily) seeking repatriation to Littoria has arrived at Salerno station. It appears that they have been sent off, armed with necessary passes from the authorities in Calabria and Sicily.

They cannot, as you know, proceed northward beyond Naples, and their condition will now be much worse than previously.

2. Would you kindly have an immediate investigation made to discover:

- (a) Who is responsible for initiating this movement?
- (b) Who provided passes?
- (c) Who provided the 21 box cars (railway) on which they are travelling?

3. Would you also please again remind Profets of what may result from this unauthorized action, as well as the hardship and suffering caused to the people concerned in sending them on these journeys.

L. R. Mills
Lt Col

L. R. Mills
Colonel,
Director.

Copy to:
Transportation Sub-Commission. ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tele. 478701

11 September 1944

ACC Tn/53/48

SUBJECT : Movement of Refugees.

TO : RC & MG
Refugee Section

1. Serious congestion and inconvenience has been caused on the railways recently owing to the unauthorised movement of large bodies of refugees, and this matter was brought before the Transportation Committee at their last meeting held at HQ. AAI. on 28 August 1944.
2. Attached hereto is an extract of the minutes (No. 92) insofar as this question is concerned.
3. Will you please take appropriate steps to carry out the recommendations of the Committee, as set out in the minute, so far as action required by A.C.C. is concerned.
4. Particular attention is called to the fact that no movement of refugees will be accepted on any north bound trains, either passenger or freight.

D.S. Adams
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Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tptn. S.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

16/1/13
53/1/36

ACC/14080/PS

SUBJECT: Control of Movement - Refugees.
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.

II/9/44

- Attach with
Previous letter
Refugees
had on letter
transmitted to
Refugees*
1. Your letter ACC Trs/I/1/10, dated 3 September 1944, refers.
 2. A signal was sent to all Regions in July and another in August stressing the need for not granting passes to Refugees.
 3. This matter is also covered in Executive Memorandum No 77, dated 31st August 1944, in which states:-
Refugees:- "Passes must not be issued to refugees except when co-ordinated with Regions concerned, and in accordance with policy laid down by Refugee Branch, Hq. A.C.C."
A similar instruction is about to be issued to Prefetti by the Italian Government.
 4. It is noted that a copy of your letter has been forwarded to the A.C.C. Officers concerned in Region I.

Wm. C. Ballance
Major

for
A.E. YOUNG, Col.
Acting Director
Public Safety
Sub-Commission.

Copy: RC & MF Section.
Refugee Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tele: 478301

Our reference: ACC Tn/15/1/10.
Date : 3 Sept. 44.

SUBJECT : Restoration of Rail Services - Sicily.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission, HQ. ACC.
Security Branch, HQ. ACC.

1. The Palermo - Messina train service will be open for traffic with immediate effect.
2. There are some 12,000 refugees who were evacuated from the Mainland to Sicily.
3. With the opening of the section in question there is every probability that a large number of refugees will seize the opportunity of returning to the Mainland which will seriously aggravate the present situation of refugees swarming onto trains moving Northwards.
4. It is therefore necessary that prompt steps be taken to issue orders that no permits should be issued for refugees to return to the Mainland.
5. Without permits persons will not be permitted to board the Ferry steamers from Messina to the Mainland.

L.E. VINING,
Lt-Colonel, R.E.,
D/Director, Tptn. S.C.

Copy to:- Capt. Matson, TPTN. S.C. Rep., Sicily.
Regional Commissioner, Region I.
Major W.F. Blair, Tptn. S.C. Rep., C/o Mov. Reggio.

Memorandum to: Col. D. S. ADAMS.

0900 23 August 44

Subject: Refugees.

1. Reference is to memorandum of 17 August submitted to you under this heading.
2. In the first place, it is desirable to make the position clear, as the title "Refugees" is misleading. The Refugees Branch deals with the primary reason for the existence of AMG - the keeping of refugees from under the feet of the advancing armies. They collect them, feed them, and move them south. When they get them there, they refuse all further responsibility in respect of them, and the care of refugees becomes the responsibility of the Region in which they are temporarily domiciled.
3. Unfortunately, AMG and the Italian authorities in the southern areas have been issuing permits, without co-ordination, for a number of these people to move back. They have thronged the railway station at Bari, they have boarded military trains from Reggio, and have ended up at Naples and Foggia and other places causing acute problems of clothing, feeding, and sanitation. As recent as Saturday last, I was informed by Commissioner for Naples City that the returning people were making Naples one vast latrine. There is a passenger service from Bari and from Reggio to Naples, and having secured permits, the traveller has the right to buy a railway ticket, but no one cares whether he will get beyond those points, nor takes the trouble to enquire as to what facilities for feeding exist, nor even whether the applicant's house is still standing.
4. Considerable correspondence has passed through the R C & M G Section on this matter. Definite instructions have been issued that such unauthorized movements must be stopped. The trouble thus lies in the southern territories, who are not fulfilling their job.
5. On present arrangements, it is the responsibility of the Regional Commissioner of Region 4 to ensure policing by carabinieri or other guards to stop this unauthorized clambering on trains between Naples and Rome. We have repeatedly offered to take every possible step to arrange for special movements of returning people to their homes if we are approached with an organized plan. But, unfortunately, whilst we have an organization to take care of refugees from the fighting area to a base somewhere in the south, no similar organization exists for the return, and apparently when the people get back to the fighting area and make themselves a nuisance, we can then move them back officially.
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7. We have sent off many signals on the subject, and many letters to the Executive Commissioner. That these are of no avail is evidenced by the complaint from it. Col. Scheuble. It becomes now a matter for high authority to insist and arrange for only organized movement back to their homes, after full enquiry and arrangements have been made for their accommodation and feeding en route.

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Cent,
A.D.C.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

53/1/32

Ref: 75/470/CA.
A/CO. 383.7

26 August 1944

SUBJECT: Return of Civilians to their Homes.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Armies in Italy,
G. M. F.

1. I refer to this HQ letter Ref: 75/ dated 1. August. 44.
2. The Italian Government has been approached on the lines of this letter and are formulating a plan for the implementation of the decision to return agriculturists to their homes.
3. The Italian Government state, and I agree with them, that it would be impossible to set up rapidly the organisation necessary with civilians. The Carabinieri are fully employed in preserving law and order. The Italian Government has submitted a request for 934 effectives from the Italian Army in order to man the transit point mentioned in para. 4 of my letter. These transit points will be the key to the smooth and rapid working of the organisation envisaged and they consider that these cannot be maintained without military discipline and organisation.
4. I have approached the G.O.C., M.M.I.A. who opposes the removal of these men to deal with civilian refugees and is unwilling to take up the matter with you in view of your 1605/50/56G(SDI) dated 24. July.
5. I wish to urge in the strongest possible manner that these effectives from the Italian Army be provided.
6. In making the decision that the repatriation of agriculturists should commence when the plans of the Italian Government were prepared and the organisation was ready to carry them out, I had the following considerations in mind:-
 - (a) The Allies are importing food into Italy. Great areas of farm land are lying untilled. Their rehabilitation will save Allied shipping and supplies.
 - (b) The urge of great masses of people to move home can only be restricted by employing regularised movement. This necessitates the use of force. Such force involves the employment of resources including men and transport

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- (c) Unauthorized mass migration must create disorder and affect Allied Lines of Communication. This has been brought to my notice forcibly by your own Headquarters, by A.F.H.Q. and by several Regional Commissioners, who have commented on the serious effects which this uncontrolled movement is creating.

7. The best method of restricting this mass migration is to initiate a regular controlled flow of movement. I am satisfied that the Italian Government can do this provided, and only provided, that they are furnished with the troops for which they have asked.

8. I fully appreciate the strict necessity of employing the Italian Army for military matters, and for military matters, only. I submit, however, that this is a matter which affects not only the Italian but the Allied military effort. I cannot emphasize too greatly the dangers of uncontrolled movement of a quarter of a million people. It must lead to disorder. It can be prevented. I submit that the provision of 934 men from the Italian Army requested by the Italian Government is a small price to pay for the avoidance of these dangers.

9. An early decision is necessary. We cannot have a repetition of 2000 refugees crowded in a disorderly and unhealthy mass on Naples Station. We cannot see trains loaded with military supplies being over-loaded with returning refugees. We cannot have uncontrolled migration into devastated areas of hungry and homeless people.

10. I would ask therefore, that the provision of the troops asked for by the Italian Government be made at the earliest possible moment in order that the Italian Government may set about its task of proper control of a potentially very dangerous situation.

ELMER W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commission

Copy to: C-5, AFHQ
MIA
Italian Refugee Branch

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MEMO TO COL. D. ADAMS1700
22 August 44.SUBJECT :- Refugees.

1. Lt. Col. C.C. Scheuble of the Operating Section of the D.G.M.R.S. appealed to me this afternoon for help regard the movement of Refugees.
2. He stated that every day 100 to 200 Refugees board the Freight trains at wayside in both directions stations between Naples and Rome. These people have no permit to travel and no tickets.
3. To guard the 155 miles run D.G.M.R.S. has to place 5 guards on each train which needs 250 men of the Grand Div. B. operating staff to man the trains day & night and they are unable to cope with the situation as it becomes worse daily.
4. Lt. Col. Scheuble appealed to A.C.C. to arrange supply of guards for these trains or as an alternative to take vigorous steps to deal with these refugees which are menace and he adds that the D.G.M.R.S. cannot possibly be expected to continue to supply guards in such great number without assistance from Military or Civil Organisations.
5. Lt. Col. Scheuble offered help in the form of Special Trains to convey Organised parties between points indicated rather than have the freight trains flooded thereby have to haul their additional weight on trains being hauled at loco capacity.
6. This is a culmination of a number of similar reports of the last few weeks. Transportation Sub-Commission have no means of controlling this -unauthorised movement and would you kindly make representation to the right quarter so that strong action may be taken at once throughout liberated Italy
7. Lt. Col. Scheuble would appreciate being informed of action taken.


Major.
Tptn. S.C. A.C.C.

Copy to: Lt. Col. L. E. VINING

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Subject:- Unauthorized Movement of Civilian Refugees.

H.Q. Movements,
West Italy.
AAI.

To:- A.C.C. Tn Sub Commission,
c/o Region III.

Q(M)R/16.
13 Aug 44.

1. Further to our letter Q(M)R/16 of 30 Jul. 44.
2. RTOs continue to report cases of unauthorized civilian refugees being found travelling on trains.
3. Many of these civilians bear permits signed by Mayors of towns and villages to travel from A to B "by any available transport".
4. The refugees read this as authority to travel by rail.
5. Please arrange through Regions for all Mayors to be instructed that transport by rail is NOT authorized, except where movements are specifically arranged by you.

CA/FVMB.

B. Ayers
for Maj.
AQMG(H).
H.Q. Movements West Italy.

To: Transported Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

INCOMING MESSAGE

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TO: ACC FOR ACTION
 FROM: AAI MAIN
 REFERENCE No: A 139
 DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: AUG 21 1740

SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER No: 49/21
 CLASSIFICATION: NONE
 PRECEDENCE: IMPORTANT
 OFFICE OF ORIGIN:

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM DISTHRM. "DIFFICULTIES ARISING IN AND AROUND NAPLES CENTRAL STATION FROM CONSIDERABLE NUMBER REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN ITALY UNABLE PROCEED FURTHER BY TRAIN. NO ACTION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN THROUGH ACC TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION FOR PROVISION OF TRAINS FOR REMOVAL FROM NAPLES AND REQUEST THAT ORDERS ISSUED NOWWIT TO PROVIDE STOCK. MED CONCERNED POSSIBILITY OUTBREAK EPIDEMIC. FURTHER TO REQUEST ACC BE ASKED TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO NAPLES"

REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN TO ASSIMILATE THESE REFUGEES AND PREVENT RECURRENT.



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ACTION - Tn SC (2)
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DATE and Time of RECEIPT AUG 21 2030B

Distribution:

Subject:- Unauthorised Civilians Travelling by Rail.

H.Q. Movements,
West Italy.
AAI.

To:- 1/2 Punjab.

Q(M)R/42.
14 Aug 44.

1. It has been reported by RTO Salerno that wagons of so-called refugees arrived at Salerno from Potenza as under:-

6 Aug	3 Wagons
8 Aug	2 Wagons
9 Aug	5 Wagons

2. Instances of this unauthorised movement of civilians from Potenza have been reported on previous occasions. H.Q. Movements East Italy state that civilians are not permitted to entrain at Potenza without the requisite authority. It must be assumed, therefore, that civilians are being permitted to board trains at intermediate stations and between stations.

3. It is emphasised that NO unauthorised persons will be allowed to ride on Allied Military Trains vide para 7 of our Q(M)R/42 of 5 July 44, referred to in our Q(M)R/42 of 19 July 44. Please ensure that these instructions are clearly understood and noted upon by all Train Guards.

[Signature]
AQMG(M).
H.Q. Movements West Italy.

JHL/FVMB.

Copy to:- ACC Tn Sub Commission APO 394.
H.Q. Movements East Italy.

RTO Salerno.

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Memorandum: Col. D. S. ADAMS. 0900 23 August 44

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D. A. G. G.

ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL

A. P. O. 400
16 AUGUST 1944

SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED CIVILIAN TRAFFIC

TO: DQMG(M), HQ AA
TRANS. SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.C., APO 394 ✓

1. ATTACHED IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF SIMILAR COMPLAINTS WHICH ARE REACHING THIS OFFICE FREQUENTLY. IT WAS NOT OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL PERMITS WERE TO BE ISSUED AND THAT ANY SUCH REFUGEE TRAVEL AS WAS NECESSARY WOULD BE IN GROUPS AND ON AN ORGANIZED BASIS.

2. IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE WILL YOU PLEASE ADVISE? TRAIN GUARDS GUARDING MILITARY TRAFFIC ARE ATTEMPTING TO DIS-
GOURAGE TRESPASSERS AND IF THEY ARE NOT MOVING IN ORGANIZED
BODIES BUT SCATTERED THE LENGTH OF EVERY TRAIN CARRYING IN-
DIVIDUAL PERMITS AND MIXED WITH THE THOUSANDS OF UNAUTHORIZED
TRAVELERS THE TASK OF PREVENTING TRESPASSING BECOMES IMPOSSIBLE.

FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL:

C. C. SCHEUBLE
LT. COL., T.C.
GEN. SUPT. TERMINALS
TRANSP. DEPARTMENT

INCL.
CY LTR FR CO "D" 794TH
M P BN, 12 AUG 44

CC - CO, 794TH M P BN, BLDG.
AGM TRANS, NAPLES

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COMPANY "D"
754TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION
Military Railway Service
APO 400, U.S. Army

12 August 1944

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Civilian Traffic

TO : C.O. Co. "D" 754th MP Bn c/o MRS APO 400, U.S. Army

1. Southbound trains are arriving in Orte carrying large numbers of Italian civilians. With very few exceptions, all these civilians carry permissions to travel issued by AMG and countersigned by British A.T.O. personnel. Seldom are these civilians grouped into organized bodies but are scattered throughout the entire length of the train. When this condition exists it makes the checking of trains for unauthorized civilians very difficult and sometimes impossible.

2. Request that this situation be brought to the attention of the proper officials in order that it may be cleared up as soon as possible.

/s/ Vyvyan R. Morse
/s/ VYVYAN R. MORSE
Det. Commander

A TRUE COPY:

Silas W. Lynch
SILAS W. LYNCH
Captain, GMP
Commanding.

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PWD/mb

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

53/1/23

Our reference: ACC Tn/53/43
Date : 18 Aug. 44

TO : Major Blair - Div. Supt. ACC Reggio

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Trains - Refugees.

1. Reference your Reg/1/1/5 dated 11 August 44.
2. According to further information obtained it appears a refugee train (TV/1935/9073) was run from Salerno to Gioia Tauro on 23 July 44.
3. The stock of this train was to have been returned empty to Salerno, but as it was leaving Gioia Tauro, the train was "rushed" by refugees who had been waiting there after having made their way from Sicily. These refugees were all in possession of ACC passes issued at various places in Sicily.
4. This information may enable you to pursue the matter further.

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

Copy to Capt. Matson -
Div. Supt., ACC, Sicily.

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Transportation S.C.
53/1/24
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

PGM/cc
Ref : MG/PGM/23
Date: 14 Aug. 1944.

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Movement of Refugees.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission ACC.

1. Reference ACC/Tn/53/32 dated 3 August.
2. There was no special trains run or authorized by the Sicilian Railways to handle this move.
3. We find however that small groups of refugees have been regularly sent to Messina on regular trains.
4. The documents issued as authority for their movement was issued by the Italian Refugee Board.

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

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TRANSFORMATION SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

TN. SC.

SUBJECT: UNAUTHORIZED TRAINS

TO: H.Q. A.C.C.
TN SUB-COM
A.P.O. 384

REF: REG I/I/5

II AUG 44

1. Acknowledging your letter 3 Aug 44 file ACC TH 53/32 and returning complete file.
2. No unauthorized trains were operated for the movement of refugees. Since the restriction to travel was lifted, many who wish to return to their homes are doing so as regular passenger traffic without authority and unrecognized as refugees.
3. There is no American Major at Messina and, in the knowledge of the writer, there never has been.
4. A.C.C. Officials at Catanzaro have repeatedly asked the Prefect for action regarding refugees without result. It would appear that the Italian Officials have adopted the policy of passive resistance in this matter, no doubt being glad to be rid of the increased responsibilities.

W. F. Blair
W.F. BLAIR, MAJOR

DIV SUPT IN SUB-COM

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HEADQUARTERS
AUG 1944

TO:

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

11 AUG 44

1. Acknowledging your letter 3 AUG 44 file ACC TN 53/32 and returning complete file.
2. No unauthorized trains were operated for the movement of refugees. Since the restriction to travel was lifted, many who wish to return to their homes are doing so as regular passenger traffic without authority and unrecognized as refugees.
3. There is no American Major at Messina and, in the knowledge of the writer, there never has been.
4. A.C.C. Officials at Catanzaro have repeatedly asked the Prefect for action regarding refugees without result. It would appear that the Italian Officials have adopted the policy of passive resistance in this matter, no doubt being glad to be rid of the increased responsibilities.

W. F. Blair

W.F. BLAIR, MAJOR
DIV SUPT TN SUB-COMM

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

ACP/re

Tel.: 478701

Our reference : ACC Tn/53/32
Date : 3 Aug. 1944.

TO : Major Blair Div. Supt. ACC Reggio
Capt. Matson " " Sicily
Major Bowers " " Naples

1. The attached is a copy of a communication received from Italian Refugees Branch.
2. Please let me have full facts so far as you are concerned.

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

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Tel. Ext. 310

HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

3 August 1944

IRB/23

SUBJECT: Unauthorized movement of refugees.

TO : Regional Commissioner Region I. A.C.C.
" " " 7. A.C.C.
The Director, Transportation Sub-Commission A.C.C.
The Director, Food Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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Signed:

F.M. BRISTER
Lt. Col. 3578 Deputy Director

Headquarters
1st Railway Grand Division
Room 42
MRS Building, Piazza Nicola Amore
NAPLES

Our Ref: ACC/Tn/NA 7
Your Ref: ACC Tn/53/32

Subject: Unauthorized Refugee Movement.

10 August 1944

To: Director
Transportation Sub-Commission
H. Q. A.C.C.
A. P. O. 394
C.M.F.

1. The following information has been secured on the a/m subject.
2. A refugee train, T. V. 1935 / 9073, was operated from SALERNO to GIOIA TAURO on 23 July 44.

The equipment used on this train was to be dead-headed back to Salerno. As it was leaving GIOIA TAURO the train was rushed by "several" refugees who had been waiting there, after having made their own way from Sicily. It was later ascertained that they were all in possession of A.C.C. passes, issued at various places in Sicily, but no one particular place can be determined.

This train arrived at S. GIOVANNI BARRA at 2230 hrs 25 July and departed for Naples Central at 2256 hrs.

No information is available as to why the train did leave SALERNO for Naples, but it is assumed that it was handled as an extra passenger train from there in, by the American operating personnel. If further information can be obtained on this point, it will be forwarded.

3. Calabrian Refugees Assistance Centre assures us that no rations were issued to these refugees and that it was not an organized movement.

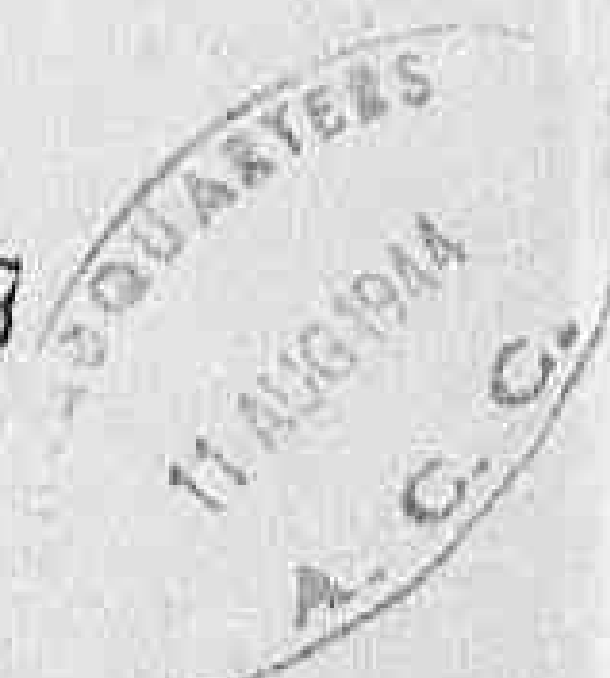
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(V R Bowers)

Major

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/75/149/CA.

16th August 1944

SUBJECT : Refugees.
TO : Refugee Sub-Commission.

1. There is forwarded herewith for your information and such action as you consider necessary, copy of a letter from Transportation Sub-Commission, dated 14th August 1944.

2. We should be glad to have your views on the matter as the situation at BARIETTA would appear to be serious.

Norman E. Miske

NORMAN E. MISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commission

Copy to : Admin Section
Public Safety Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission.

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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS
S-T-A-T-E R-A-I-L-W-A-Y-S
General Direction

Ref.: M/210/3743/41/B

Rome, 9th August 1944.

SUBJECT : Trains from Naples to Southern Italy.

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

1 The Royal Carabinieri HQ. point out what follows:

" on every day an increasing multitude of refugees is gathering from all liberated zones to Naples central station. They are refugees, cruelly tried by the war, showing upon their faces the signs of the pains they endured, who hunt for a place upon a train carrying them toward south. But it is impossible to meet all requests, owing to the scarcity of trains and, therefore, of available places.

Consequently the trains are wildly overcrowded and the refugees must wait long time at Central Station, may be even several days, for the communication with Puglia are operated with bi-weekly trains.

Men, women, children, dispersed soldiers, sometimes one thousand persons, are rambling for days about the station....."

In order to remove above troubles, it would be necessary to operate another couple of daily trains between Naples and Reggio-Calabria, to daily operate the present bi-weekly train Naples-Taranto-Brindisi-Bari and to operate a new bi-weekly train from Naples to Bari through Benevento Foggia.

Please take into examination above requests in order to discuss them and to take a possibly favourable decision at the next Meeting of the Transportation Sub-Commission.

The General Director
G. DI RAIMONDO

Copy To : General Director - M.R.S.

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MINISTERO
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI

FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE

Roma,

9 AGO 1944

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N. M.210/8748/41/B

Al N.

del

→ ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI CONTROLLO
Sottocommissione Trasporti

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OGGETTO

Treni da Napoli per
l'Italia Meridionale

p.c.
DIRETTORE GENERALE M.R.S.

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ALLEGATI N.

Dal Comando Generale dell'Arma dei CC.RR. viene segnalato quan-
to segue:
".....turbe di sfollati - sempre più numerosi - affluiscono dalle
"zone liberate allo scalo ferroviario centrale di Napoli.
"Trattasi di profughi duramente provati dalla guerra con in viso le
"tracce evidenti di patimenti di dolori sofferti, che cercano un po-
"sto su di un treno che li porti verso il sud. Senonchè, la nota limi-
"tata disponibilità di treni e di posti a disposizione non consente di
"soddisfare le richieste invero rilevanti. Ne consegue un affollamento
"disordinato ed una sosta di profughi allo scalo (stazione Napoli Cen-
"trale) sosta che si protrae per più giorni, anche perchè le comunica-
"zioni ferroviarie con le Puglie si attuano con treni bisettimanali.
"Uomini e donne, bambini, soldati sbandati, talvolta ammontanti a cir-
"ca un migliaio, si aggirano per intere giornate nella zona dello sca-
"lo....."

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Ad eliminare questo increscioso stato di cose, si renderebbe
necessario effettuare una seconda coppia di treni giornalieri fra Na-
poli e Reggio Calabria; rendere giornaliero l'attuale treno bisettima-
nale Napoli-Taranto-Brindisi Bari ed effettuare un nuovo treno bisetti-
manale Napoli-Bari per la via di Benevento-Foggia.

Prego prendere in esame la richiesta per le favorevoli deci-
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sioni alla prossima riunione della Sottocommissione dei Trasporti.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Indi Ramond

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20 AUG 1944

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DISTRESS SIGNAL FORWARDED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION ON REQUEST OF AGC.
DIFFICULTIES ARISING IN AND AROUND NAPLES CENTRAL STATION FROM CONSIDERABLE NUMBER
REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN ITALY USABLE FREIGHT POUCHES BY TRAIN. NO ACTION APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN THROUGH AGC TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION FOR PROVISION OF
TRAITS FOR REMOVAL FROM NAPLES AND REQUEST THAT ORDERS ISSUED NOWHIT TO PROVIDE
STOCK. ALSO CONCERNED POSSIBILITY OUTBREAK EPIDEMIC FURTHER TO REQUEST AGC BE
ARMED TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO PREVENT UNAUTHORIZED TRAVEL TO NAPLES.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & L.G. SECTION
APO 394

11th August 1944

Ref 75/439/CA

SUBJECT: Unauthorized Movement of Refugees

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission

1. In reference to your letter No. ACC TM/53/56 of the 7th August, which was received yesterday, I attach copy of a signal sent off to Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province with a copy to Region II.

2. I hope that this will clear the point raised by you.

G. W. I. Shiff
G. W. I. SHIFF
Lt. Colonel
For Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH

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JOURNEYS

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L. T. MONTAG, JR.
1st Lt., AGO
ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CORREL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 354

Our reference: AGO TN/53/38
Date: 14 August 1944

TO : Executive Commissioner.

SUBJECT : Unauthorized movement of Refugees.

1. Ref. is to my letter AGO TN/53/36 of 7 August 44.

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4. The position is most infortunate, and it does seem that the movement, whilst authorized in entirely uncontrolled and without cognisance of the situation at the destination end.

Copy: DGERS - Rome
HQ AAI CNY
Capt. Jeffrey, Th. Sub-Comm., Bari

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

Tel.: 478701

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
ATO 394

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Our reference: ACO Tn/53/36
Date : 7 August 1944

TO : Executive Commissioner

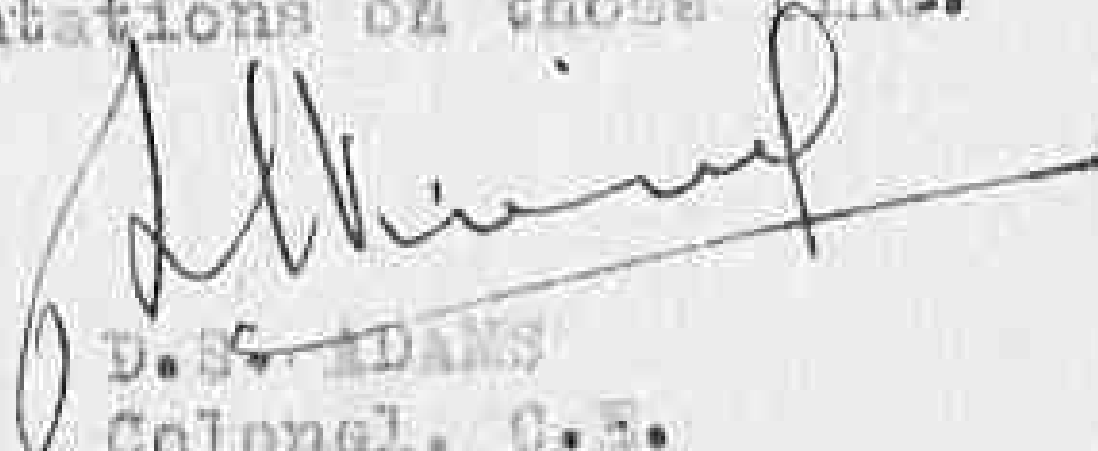
SUBJECT : Unauthorized Movement of Refugees.

1. On Saturday 29 July a large number of civilians assembled at Barletta with permits to travel to Foggia, Termoli and Ortona areas.

2. It is understood that permits for Foggia and Campobasso Provinces are issued by the Italian Government Officials, and for north of these provinces ACO/AMG permits are required.

3. The difficulty arising is that permits are being issued without taking cognisance of the lack of facilities for civilians movement. There is no civilian passenger service north of Barletta at the moment, and severe congestion and inconvenience were caused to the military personnel. Some of the people were disposed of by the attachment of 14 box wagons to a military train, but this is a most undesirable practice.

4. At the moment it is not possible to put on a civil passenger service to clear these people, but if organised plans of requirements are prepared by those responsible in the Region and tied up with the Transportation Sub-Commission Railway Divisional Supt. at Bari, I feel sure sympathetic consideration will be given to the provision of special trains by Army Movements and the Director General of Military Railway Services, provided military circumstances permit, and we would make representations on those lines.


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

1 Copy D.G.M.R.S.

" " HQ AAI (Mov)

" " Capt. E.W. Dean - Tn. Sub-Comm. Div. Supt. Bari 508

Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C.
c/o Movements, East Italy

Date 30 July 1944
Ref. TM/ACC/BD/XVI

The Director
Transportation Sub Commission
H.Q., Allied Control Commission (Main)
US APO. 394

Subject :- Passenger traffic north of Barletta

1. It has been reported today by Movements, East Italy, that a large number of civilians assembled at Barletta on Saturday, 29 July 44, with permits to travel to the Foggia, Termoli and Ortona area.
2. As there is no civilian passenger service in operation north of Barletta severe congestion and inconvenience were caused to the military personnel on duty, and, although, as an emergency measure, 14 box wagons were attached to a military train to dispose of these people, there still remained a large crowd who were left behind. I understand these civilians were provided with travel permits.
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North of these Provinces, ACC or AMG permits are required.
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5. It may be that application has already been made for such a service through the Official channels, but in view of the situation which arose yesterday, as reported by Movements, this matter is being brought to your notice for necessary action.
6. I understand from DD TM Representative here that the introduction of a passenger service, if authorised, would present little operating difficulty.

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BARI DIVISION

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Copy to

Movements, East Italy (for information)
 DD. Tn. Bari

Subject: Unauthorized Movement of Civilian Refugees.

To: Mov Vairano
" Reggio
" Sicily
" Torre Annunziata

RTOS Benevento - Cancello - Caserta
Capua - Castellammare - Casoria
Eboli - Minturno - Naples Central
Nola - Pignatone - Pontecagnano
Salerno - San Giovanni - Torre Annunziata
Vairano - RIO o/o ESO i/o Naples Docks

H.Q. Movements,
West Italy.
AII.

Q(M)R/16.
30 July 44.

1. Instances have recently been reported where large numbers of civilian refugees have travelled by rail without any prior arrangements having been made through proper channels for their movement and reception.
2. In many cases the refugees board any train proceeding in the direction to which they desire to travel, and it will be appreciated that such a haphazard and uncontrolled practice not only has an undesirable repercussion on railway operating, but causes considerable inconvenience to RTOS who, without any warning, are confronted with large numbers of people who are without food, or accommodation.
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REPEAT TO ACC REGION NINE.

FROM: ACC Classification: CONFIDENTIAL

Reference No. 561 Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 16 JULY 1944 Office of Origin: ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH

REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES IN LARGE NUMBERS FROM CERTAIN REGIONS IS
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ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO COMMENCE ORGANISED REPATRIATION
EARLIEST POSSIBLE. YOU WILL BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED CONCERNING
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Copy to: Admin Section ACC
High Commissioner for Refugees, Italian Gov't.
Italian Mission to IND.

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LTC/FVMB.

H.Q. Movements West Italy.

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Movements 3 District
DGMH Naples
DGMH AAF. Eads Rome
CO 701 Rv Gd Div (TC)
Chief of Tn PBS

CO 704 Rv Gd Div (TC)
Movements Rome
Movements Naples
ACC Tn Sub Commission, c/o Region 3
O i/c Traffic Office
PBS Rail Div

Tel. Ext. 310

HEADQUARTERS
 ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
 ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 APO 394

3 August 1944

IRB/23

SUBJECT: Unauthorized movement of refugees.

TO : Regional Commissioner Region I. A.C.C.
 " " " 7. A.C.C.
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For Review

F.M. BRISTER,
 Lt. Col Deputy Director.

ACP/at 53/1/5

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Ref : ACC Tn/53/29

TO : Vice President
Economic Section

Date : 2 August 44

SUBJECT : Unauthorised movement of refugees

Our Reggio Superintendent reports that many refugees are returning, not as authorised and arranged parties, but as individual civilians. They are perfectly in order in purchasing rail tickets for travel to Naples, and the railways in pursuance of their duty as carriers of persons are in fact correct in demanding facilities for additional train services to cope with the growth in civil movement. What happens when the passengers get to Naples is that they cluster round the Railway station in order to endeavour to secure further movement north. This is causing, as already reported, considerable difficulties in the working of the trains for purely military purposes.

At other points in Reggio Division, returning refugees, clamber on to north-bound military trains.

In Bari refugees are presenting themselves at Bari station with permits signed by A.A.C. authorising travel from Bari to destinations situated within the military zone, such as Foggia, San Severo, Ortona, Pescara, etc. As no civilian trains run beyond Barletta, there is no means of them reaching their destinations, even if such travel were permitted by the military authorities, with the result that the refugees remain in Bari, and cause considerable congestion at the railway stations.

It seems that clear cut instructions require to be issued by the appropriate authorities to the Regional Commissioners concerned in order to circumvent

- a) the misuse of civilian passenger train as a means of moving back to the forward areas and
- b) the issue of permits to places still within the military zone.

The first vital need for AMG was for keeping refugees from under the feet of the armies. It would be regrettable if ACC were responsible for allowing refugees to return to impede the Armies after AMG has done its part.

As this movement is growing daily (over 1000 refugees are reported at Naples today) it is essential that some definite action be taken at the earliest possible moment.


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

Telephone : 473/01

ACP/gh

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
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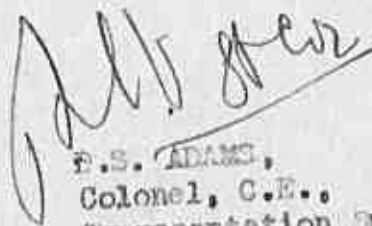
Our Reference : ACC Tn/53/28

Date : 30 July '44

TO : R.C. & M.G. Section,
H.Q., ACC.

SUBJECT : Unauthorised Movement of Refugees.

1. It was reported by our Naples office at 1800 hours 29 July '44 that refugees were filling Naples Stations, and Army Movements requested their removal as they hampered the clearance of ambulance trains etc.
2. Telephone communication was had with Col. Halls, Italian Refugee Branch, who said that this was entirely a matter for the Regional Commissioner concerned.
3. Telephone message was then conveyed to Duty Officer, Region III at 18.30 hours, requesting him to take all necessary action for the clearance of the station by use of Carabinieri, etc.


P.S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

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YOUR SIGNAL NANCY FIVE FOUR TWO EIGHT PD PAREN TO MOV REGGIO FOR BLAIR
FOR ACTION TO REGION SEVEN FOR REGIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR INFOR FROM ADAMS

PAREN YOU ARE AWARE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES IS UNAUTHORISED PD INFORM CAPO
COMPARTIMENTO SUCH MOVEMENTS NOT REPEAT NOT PERMITTED PD ACKNOWLEDGE

SIGNAL UNDERSTOOD AND ACTION TAKEN

L.T. MONTANT Jr.
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R.C. & M.G. Section
Italian Refugees Sub-Commission.

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Our R Reference : 478701/14

Date : 16 July 44

TO : Executive Commission,
U.S. & F.R. Section,
W.C., P.S.

SUBJECT : Refugees.

1. Our Rail Division's Superintendent, Reggio Division, reports by telegraph that Italian Refugees are clambering on Naples bound trains at Gioia Tauro and Sapri, and that they are turning off freight, such as military timber, en route.

2. Will you please request Regional Commissioners to take immediate action to have trains protected, and unauthorized movement of refugees stopped.

George Capt
Colonel, P.S.
Ch. Sub-Commission.

Copy to :-

Major Blair, Ch. Sub-Comm. Div. Sup. - Reggio
Public Safety Sub-Commission, AGO.
Italian Refugees Sub-Commission, AGO.
Movements, E.I.A.A.
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