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RAIL TRANSPORTATION - CEMENT
APR - OCT. 1945

MINISTER OF TRANSPORTS
IS DIRECTOR GENERAL.

Rome, 13 October 1943
Ref.: M.L.2/11/01501.

SUBJECT: Cement - deficiency of paper-bags.

TO : Mr. Sub-Commission A.C.,
Rail Division.

1. In reply to your letter AC/91/1/M.4 dated 21 Sept. 43.
2. As far as para 2 of above letter is concerned, we have information that the firm "Saccheria Laziale" of Rome is not a manufacturer of paper-bags. This firm only deals in paper-bags by purchasing them from paper-mills. We do not know which ones they are.
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This firm has still available a limited quantity of open bags which are rather unsuitable for carrying cement.
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Director General
sgd.: Di Raimondo.

Tr/al/20/10.

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Ministero dei Trasporti
Ferrovie dello Stato
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Roma, li 15 OTT 1945
N.L.5/17/61501

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(Divisione Ferroviaria)

Oggetto
Cemento- deficienza
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1/Tn.4 in data 27/9/45.

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La Ditta ha dichiarato di poter fornire mensilmente un quantitativo di n°50.000 + 60.000 sacchi. Si é quindi molto lontani dalla cifra di 500.000 sacchi indicata da codesta Sottocommissione.

3) I sacchi carta per cemento non si possono fabbricare con la cellulosa che viene impiegata per produrre carta da giornali.

Per produrre i sacchi carta per cemento occorre uno speciale tipo di cellulosa (alla soda) che veniva importata prima della guerra dalla Norvegia e dalla Svezia.

Oggi le cartiere per produrre la carta occorrente per i sacchi adoperano in parte come materia prima, quando sia possibile, alcuni tipi di carta di imballaggio delle vecchie cassette già contenente scatole varie di provenienza americana.

Ciò malgrado la qualità della carta così prodotta è molto inferiore a quella che si produceva prima della guerra.

Ciò spiega la percentuale elevatissima di rottura dei sacchi durante le operazioni di riempimento e di carico e scarico dai carri ferroviari.

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

TN INC (Transportation Sub-Comm.) 021800

MAJOR BLAIR AC c/o TN SIGNALS VEHICLE

RESTRICTED 02(.)

UNDERSTAND AVAILABLE IN MESTRE 500,000 PAPER BAGS
FOR USE IN MOVING CEMENT (.) INVESTIGATE AND ARRANGE MOVEMENT
TO MONOPOLI CEMENTI WORKS (.) REPORT BY SIGNAL ON AVAILABILITY
FURTHER SUPPLIES BAGS AND PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY ANY LOCAL WORKS (.)

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
C.M.P.

Tel. 843253
Ref. AC/91/1/En 4

27 September 45

SUBJECT : Cement - shortage of paper bags.

TO : Director General
Italian State Railway.

1. Reference is to statement at Allied Railway Board that shortage of sacks prevented delivery of cement.
2. It is understood firm of Sacheria Inziale, Rome (telephone 64292) are makers of paper sacks, size 45 x 85, capable of handling cement. They produce about 500,000 monthly.
3. In view of the shortage of raw material, it is suggested that a National Paper Salvage scheme might be introduced. Such is common in England and America, and the profusion of Italian newspapers at the present time suggests there should be ample sources of raw materials.

R. P. Moss

for Director

Copy to: Director Military Railway Service
Chairman, Allied Railway Board.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.
(Rail Division)
% TRANSPORTATION (RE) MAIN, C. M. F.

Tel. 843838
Ref. AC/91/1/Tn4

22 September 1945

SUBJECT : Supply of Paper Bags for Cement.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission.

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ac/91/1/Tn4
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Copy to: Chief, Civil Engineering Branch
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Director, Military Railway Service

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A. C.
(Rail Division)
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.,
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o. Transportation (Br) Main,
C.M.F.

Tel : 843239
Ref : AC/Tn/14/198 C.E.

30th June 1945

SUBJECT : Cement.

TO : The Director
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Herewith copy of letter received from the I.S.R. reference cement ex Taranto.
2. This cement was released on order A.C. 3044 which has proved to be another piece of worthless paper.

A.H. Street
A.H. STREET, Major.

Copy to : Economic Section.
Industry Sub-Commission.
Commerce Sub-Commission.
Planning Staff.
Chief Rail Division.
Major Long, Stores Section.

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T R A N S L A T I O N

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS
Works Service.

Rome, 19th June 1945.
L.5.17/33069.

To the Transportation Sub-Commission.

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SUBJECT : Cement for June.

1. Reference is made to your letter AC/Tn/14/111 C.E. dated 26th May 1945 and to release order N° AC/3044 for 300 tons of cement to be drawn from the cement factory Jonio at Taranto.
2. The Works Section Bari advised us, that the cement cannot be drawn within the month, as the cement factory stated that their daily production is only 20 tons, and that they have to supply cement to other firms.
3. Will you therefore please extend the release order AC/3044 for a month, or issue another release order for 300 tons of cement to be drawn from another cement factory.

THE CHIEF OF WORKS SERVICE

/s/ Lo Cigno.

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

Tel : 841239

Ref : AC/EN/14/167 C.M.

19th June 1945

SUBJECT / : Cement.

TO : The Director
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. Attached is copy of letter received from the Works Section Italian State Railways.
2. It would thus appear that release order N° 3053 of 19th May on the Civitavecchia plant is another dud.
3. This again upsets the cement distribution for the month of June.

S. R. H. C. M. P. A. C.
A.C. STREET, Major.

Copy : Economic Section.
Industry Sub-Commission.
Commerce Sub-Commission.
A.C. Planning Branch.
Chief Rail Division.

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T r a n s l a t i o n .

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTS
I.S.R. HEAD OFFICE
WORKS SERVICE.

Rome, 16th June 1945
Ref/L/5/17/23474.

TO : Tn/ Sub-Commission; A.C.
(Rail Division)
Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.

1. From our North Works Section, it is reported, that due to a shortage of bags, no cement can be withdrawn from the cement factory at Civitavecchia this month (your release order No 3058, covering 400 tons of cement).

2. This Service wishes to inform you, that orders have been issued to do everything possible in order to find the bags on the market for the Works Section, therefore we beg you to give us your assistance to facilitate a/m supply.

THE CHIEF OF WORKS SERVICE
/s/ Lo Cigno

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

Tel : 243239
Ref : AC/Tn/14/156 C.F.
13th June 1945

SUBJECT : Cement.
TO : The Director
Transportation Subcommission.

1. Further to my letter AC/Tn/14/116 . . . of 29th May and meeting subsequently held in Lt. Col. Glendinnings office.

2. You will recall at the meeting the following surplus of cement, available for distribution was announced by Major Wood.

ex Mondugno 900 tons
ex Colleferro 500 "
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7. It is clear from the above that AC Tn will be the losers of 2155 tons of cement either because M.R.S. will be short delivered or that if the M.R.S. collect all allocated to them AC Tn will be left with dud cheques on Mondugno and Colleferro.

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8. As pointed out in my letter under reference this causes a great deal of unnecessary work and confusion, due to the I.S.R. having been advised of the releases and the allotments made to the various works.

A.H. Street
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Copy : Economic Section
Industry Sub-Commission
Commerce Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission Planning
Chief Rail Division
Major Long.

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

Tel : 843239

Our ref:AC/Tn/14/116/C.E.

29th May 1945

TO : The Director
 Tn Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Cement.

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8. We are now back to the state, that of the 4,700 tons released for April and May, only 1,700 tons has been made available.

Copy to : Economic Section
Industry Sub-Comm.
Planning Staff
Chief Rail Division
Major Long, Stores Sec.

A.H. Street
A.H. STREET, Major.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.,
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main,
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3rd July 1945

Tel : 843239
Ref : AG/TN/14/206 C.M.F.

SUBJECT : Cement.

TO : Commerce Sub-Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission.

Herewith copy of signal received from Earl Division

1. I.S.R.
2. This cement was released on order N°2550 OF 27 May.
3. Failure of the plant to deliver the cement reduces the amount available for work by 543 tons + 200 tons not available from Taranto release order 2044; see letter.
4. I would also point out that 500 tons have been allocated from the same plant on release order 1196 for the month of July.
5. May I be advised if this will be available.

A.H. Stanger
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Copy to : Director Transportation Sub-Comm.
Economic Section
Industry Sub-Commission.
Planning Staff.
Mev. Rail (Lt. Col. Baker)
Chief Rail Division.

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Industry Sub-Commission.
Planning Staff.
Nav. Rail (Lt. Col. Baker)
Chief Rail Division.

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main long tender
Prof. G. G. G. G. G.

Translation.SIGNAL FROM BARI TO THE WORKS SERVICE IN ROME.

To-day 27th June, the cement factory Mondugno have not supplied the cement, although the Works Service and Major Robson have taken the question up. The cement factory is not in working order since last night, due to damage to the furnaces, which are very difficult to be repaired. Probably no cement can be drawn within the month. 155 tons of cement have been drawn in all (release order 2550) 300 tons of which have been despatched to Civitanova Marche and 35 to Porto D'Ascoli.

/s/ Partanni.

ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE ITALY
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (DMRSI)

Subject: Cement, April Supply.

Tn. A. 2/50.

12 Apr. 45.

To: Tn. 4.

Copy To: Tn. Sub Commission, A.C. (Rail Division).
Tn. Sub Commission, A.C. (Movements Division).

1. Further to para 3 our Tn. A. 2/50, 11 Apr. 45.

2. It was agreed at A.F.I.R.S. meeting held yesterday to reallocate 2000 tons of Cement from the Colliero Works (Italian operated under A.C. supervision) in lieu of the 2000 tons originally released ex Bagnoli.

3. We have arranged with A.F.H.Q. for movement to take place as under.

(a) 100 T.P.D. to SSC T.S.D. Falconara. Period 18 - 22 April.
23 - 29 April.

(b) 50 T.P.D. to R.C.E. 1212, Ortona. Period 14 - 25 April.

4. The additional supplies being sent to the Ortona end of the job have been arranged at the request of Mov A.F.H.Q. in view of congestion on line 87.

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 D.R.H. CHAPLIN, Maj.,
 for Brigadier,
 Director Military Railway Service Italy.

0930.00 - 17
 17/5/45
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new file Rail Transportation - Cement.

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

13 April 1945

Tel. 843238
Ref: AC/91/Tn 4

SUBJECT : Cement Colleferro to Ancona and Ortona

TO : Ministry of Communications - Bldg.

1. Commencing 14 April 2000 tons of cement will start to move from Colleferro to Ancona and Ortona for Military Railway Service.
2. Arrange to advise M.R.S. daily (attention Major D.R.H. Chaplin, Bldg) wagon numbers, quantity, destination and date dispatched. *copy to this office*

For the Chief Commissioner:

P.G. MATSON, Major T.C.

ARMY FORM C 2136 (Large)		MESSAGE FORM		Register No.
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Originator's No. 503 TH2 RESTRICTED (.) CEMENT ORDINARY (.) MOVEMENT PROGRAMME EX PAGNOLI CANCELED (.) SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING EX COLLETTRO CEMENT WORKS (.) TO 330 TSD FALCONARA ALCONA PERIOD 16 - 22 APRIL AND 23 - 29 APR. 100 TONS PER DAY (.) TO RCE 1212 ORTONA COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY FIRST MOVEMENT NOT TO TAKE PLACE LATER THAN 14 APR 50 TONS PER DAY FOR 12 DAYS (.) TOTAL TONNAGE 2000 (.) VOUCHERING (.) 330 TSD TO ACCOUNT FOR 1400 TONS (.) 325 TSD 600 TONS (.) AC TN SUB COMMISSION TO ADVISE THIS HQ DAILY WAGON NUMBERS QUANTITY AND DATE DESPATCHED (.) Tn.A.2/50. Copy to:- Tn.4. DEHD. 11 Apr. 45.				

TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. GR

H.Q. A.C. - FOR MAJ. WOOD. No. 1212 R.C. & M. GROUP
 325 T.S.D. R.C.E.4 - for MAJOR WILF
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Originator's No.

503 TWO RESTRICTED (.) CEMENT ORDINARY (.) MOVEMENT PROGRAMS EX

BAGNOLI CANCELLED (.) SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING EX COLLIERIES CEMENT WORKS (.)

TO 330 TSD BALCOMARA ALCONA PERIOD 16 - 22 APRIL AND 23 - 29 APR.

100 TONS PER DAY (.)

TO ROE 1212 ORTONA COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY FIRST MOVEMENT NOT TO TAKE PLACE
 LATER THAN 14 APR 50 TONS PER DAY FOR 12 DAYS (.) TOTAL TONNAGE 2000 (.)

VOUCHERING (.) 330 TSD TO ACCOUNT FOR 1400 TONS (.) 325 TSD 600 TONS (.)

AC TEN SUB COMMISSION TO ADVISE THIS HQ DAILY WAGON NUMBERS QUANTITY AND DATE
 DESPATCHED (.)

Tn.A. 2/50. Copy to:- Tn.4.

DEHD. 11 Apr. 45.

This message may be sent
 AS WRITTEN by any means
 except

WIRELESS.

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
 into enemy hands this message must
 be sent IN CIPHER.

Originator's Instructions.
Degree of Priority.

Time System Op.

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Time Cleared

Signed. D.R.H. CHAPLIN, MAJ.

Signed.

MAJ. WILF

DEPORTANT.

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