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REPAIR SHOPS SOUTHWAY PLANT

ROSLAND

SEPT. 1944 - APR. 1945

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

Ref: 843238
Ref: AC/155/Tn 4

27 April 1945

SUBJECT : Selway Plant Resignane.

TO : D.M.R.S.I. - Blag.

1. The Selway plant requires approximately 200 tons of coal per day to move from Guincarice to Resignane.
2. This tonnage has not been moving as fast as required and it is desired that the Selway plant handle the coal with their own hopper cars and the I.S.R. locos and crews that are assigned to them for the Movement of rock.
3. It would mean that the crews serving the Selway plant would make a trip to Guincarice about three times per week, taking a cut of empty hoppers down and returning with a cut of loaded cars.
4. The operation would relieve other main line trains of this work and your approval of the plan is solicited.

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For the Chief Commissioner:

P.G. MATSON, Major T.C.

Copy to: Movements Rail TM. S/C.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
TOSCANA REGION

Reference: RVIII/35/EL/M16

Date: 19 Mar.45

Subject : Stone S.Vincenzo -Rosignano

To : Transportation Sub-Comm A.C. Rail Section
Care Tptn.Increment C.M.F.

1. Returning MOV Division-Rail file 331/14/TN3 dated 11 Apr.45.
2. Matter has been checked with 701 Ry Grand Div who advise that locos 740046 and 740339 have been forwarded from Florence to handle the movement of stone from S. Vincenzo to Rosignano. They are capable of handling the tonnage in question.
3. This means that the 500 tons daily would not be included in main line tonnage on line 50.

W. F. Blair, Major
W.F. BLAIR, Major
Tn/Officer (Rail)
Toscana Region AMG.

WFB/mm.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Rail)

11 April 45

Tel : 478704

331/14/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Stone - S. Vincenzo to Rosignano

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission,
Rail Division.

1. Reference your AC/155/Tn 4 dated 10 April '45.
2. Attached copy of letter received from Capt. Dean AC Transportation Officer, Rome is forwarded for your information.
3. Industry Sub-Commission confirms that the daily tonnage of stone to be moved from S. Vincenzo to Rosignano will be approx 500 tons, this being the amount of raw material required to produce the maximum finished article. In the circumstance no information is immediately available regarding the number of Hoppers that can be released, but a report will be furnished by Industry Sub-Commission following a visit to the works by Dr. Apatowski early next week.
4. The question of line capacity for this movement will undoubtedly be raised by G-4 (Mov & Tn). Please state, therefore, whether the engines now allocated to these works could carry out this movement, the tonnage to be considered additional to the normal line capacity.

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By Command of Rear Admiral STONE

/S/ ??????????????
/T/ M.B. THOMAS, Colonel
Deputy Director
Transportation Sub-Commission

Copy to : Industry Sub-Commission
AC Transportation Officer, Rome
AC Transportation Officer, Florence.

*Majors Release**For information.**17/4/45.**W.H.S. :*

C O P Y

/elc

Transportation Officer
ROME DIVISIONDate 10 April 1945
Reference Tsc/RD/4Subject. STONE - S. Vincenzo to RosignanoTransportation Sub/Comm. (Mov)
HQ, A.C.

Application has been made by the Station Master at S. Vincenzo for permission to arrange transport of stone from his station to the Solvay plant at Rosignano, using the private wagons of that Company.

No mention has been made as to the tonnage involved, but on enquiry of Dr. Opatowski of Industry Sub. Comm. I gather that they require to move 500 (five hundred) tons per day, until such times as they have built up their reserve. He also mentions that they have their own engine, and in addition the loan of 2 I.S.R. locos.

In view of the tonnage involved over line 50 please advise me as to what arrangements should be made for dealing with this traffic.

sgd. E.W. DEAN, Capt.
Transportation Officer, Rome.

74-0046
74-0239
To: Rosignano 1 apr
950 tons

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tel : 478704

19 April 1945

331/19/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Solvay Plant, Rosignano
Removal of Rail Wagons - Property of the Solvay Co.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, ✓
Rail Division

1. Reference conversation (Ping-Worthington) of 17 April '45 regarding withdrawal of Private owner's wagons from the Solvay Plant and to Movement Division - Rail letter of 11 April on the subject.
2. The attached copy of correspondence received from Industry Sub-Commission on the requisitioning of property owned by the Solvay Coy is forwarded for your information.

For Chief, Movements Division


J.W. BAKER, Lt. Colonel
Movements Division, Rail

Copy to : Planning Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 475090

RSC/djw

Ref. AC/5605/IND

17 April 1945

SUBJECT : Solvay Plant, Rosignano
Removal of Rail Wagons - Property of the Solvay Co.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, Movement Div., Rail Br.
(Attn. Maj. Worthington)

1. Reference is made to your letter 336/14/Tn 3 dated 14 April 1945, subject: Stone - S. Vincenzo to Rosignano, and conversation Maj. Worthington/Dr. Opatowski on 17 April.
2. For your information enclosed copies of two letters, concerning instructions issued by Lieut. General McNarney, U.S. ITOWSA, with regard to the Solvay Plant in Rosignano.
3. It is requested that interested Railway Services be informed by you that no rail wagons which are the private property of the company be removed from the Solvay Plant at Rosignano without prior approval of Industry Sub-Commission.

W. J. MASSEY 5152
Lieut. Colonel
Deputy Director
Industry Sub-Commission

Incl :
As per para 2 above

Copied to :
Economic Section

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ENGINEER SERVICE
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782

HAC/ss

18 January 1945

SUBJECT : Requisitioning of property.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

1. On instructions from the Commanding General, FPOUSA, the property of the Selway Company in Resignano, is not to be requisitioned.
2. If occupation of the premises is an operational necessity, and you so advise this Headquarters, an effort will be made to obtain approval from the Allied Commission for such occupancy, as prescribed by the Commanding General, FPOUSA.

For the Engineer Officer :

Signed: HARRY A. CRITTICK,
Captain, Infantry,
Real Estate Officer.

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ALLIED FORCE HEAD QUARTERS
C.A.O. Office

303/CAO

TO : Chief Commissioner, A.C.

SUBJECT : Soda Solvay Works - Rosignano.

Ref AC/5635/IND of 29 Dec. 44.

1. Reference is made to your letter above reference number and subject, dated 29 Dec. 44..

2. A letter has been written to CG PBS by CG MTOUSA explaining the importance of the Soda Solvay Works, directing that the plant, including the quarry, shall not be requisitioned, and suggesting the possibility of assistance to Penbase by the Solvay Company by contract. Any such contracts would be subject to AC concurrence prior to implementation.

11 Jan. 45

ALH/emb

/s/ A.L. Hamblen
/T/ A.L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General
A/CAO
for the CAO.

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INTER-OFFICE MINUTES

Ref: AC/155/Tn 4

SUBJECT: ~~Sto~~ S. Vincenzo - Resignano.

TO : Movements Division (Rail)
Transp. S/C

1. Reference your File 331/14/Tn 3 of 11 April.
2. There are now two 740 type locos belonging to the I.S.R. at the Resignano plant and these could handle any line haul between S. Vincenzo and Resignano.
3. One switching locomotive belonging to the solway works is sufficient for ordinary plant switching purposes, but the main line locos could also be used for switching at times as their entire time would not be necessary for the movement of the main line tonnage.
4. There is no assurance that the loco position will remain as stated above because M.R.S. at present are making many changes in the reassignment of power.

Shirley May
Chief,
Rail Division

Transp. Sub-Commission (Rail Div.)
20 April 1945
Tel. 843238

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During an interview Mr. Gatto (Solvay Co.)/ Ing. Cirillo (ISR) following programme was laid out:

Raw-Material-in:

Piombino-Cappiglia-Vada-Rosignano) Leghorn-Vada-Rosignano	300 tons daily	Coal
via line 50	50 tons daily	miscella neous
S.Vincenzo-Vada-Rosignano	500 tons daily	limestone
Manufactured-products-out		
via line 50 or/and 227	200 tons daily	soda

For handling above traffic following trains were scheduled (daily)

coal: 29 wagons	750 tons	{	all material in
limestone: 14 hoppers	800 tons		
soda: 11 cars	{	700 tons	material out
empties: 29 cars			

Tractive power requirements: at least two locos class 735 or 740

Should only the movement of 500 tons limestone daily be effected, one loco of the same classes (735 or 740) would be sufficient. In this case, all remaining movements should be effected by utilizing already existing trains, and above loco would be required also for handling coal and other supplies from Vada into the plant and manufactured products from the plant to Vada, as the section Vada-Rosignano is a dead-end line over which no other traffic is being moved.

Two ISR locos, both of them class 740, are presently at Rosignano, where they are being used for shunting purposes.

Should the new plan go into effect, above locos could be used for handling above trains, while the shunting could be done by either by Solvay's own locos, or by another ISR shunting loco to be assigned to the plant for this purpose.

ISR cannot tell, yet, whether the two locos already there would be sufficient to handle the material trains, as per above programme, and also to cover the requirements of the internal shuntings. An inquiry is being made on this subject and the results will be communicated as soon as available.

Distances: Vada-Rosignano 5 km
Rosignano-S.Vincenzo 35 km

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Rosignano-S.Vincenzo 35 km

19/4 Sir

Here is all I have been able to find out.

2-740 locos at Rosignano meeting demands?

how many delivery locos?

are they sufficient for shunting
or do they need 15 locos in
addition?

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Sir,

16 April 1945 1530 hrs. 155/31

I got in touch with Solvay people this morning at abt. 1100 hrs. and I arranged for a meeting with Mr. Gatto, one of Solvay's managers, for this afternoon at 1600 hrs.

I have been called now over the phone by Mr. Opatowsky, Industry S/Commission AC (phone No. 478090) who told me that he had been informed by Mr. Gatto of my request for some information about Solvay's hoppers & locos and that, according to instructions issued by AFHQ, nothing can be moved from Solvay plant without Industry S/C's approval. He moreover instructed Mr. Gatto not to reply to my request, telling him that he would have discussed the matter directly with Tn. S/C.

Mr. Opatowsky would like to have a talk with you over the phone on above subject.



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

Rel. 843238
Ref. AG/155/Tn 4

10 April 1945

TO : Movements, Rail, ^{T/N} Sub-Commission, HQ AG

SUBJECT : 40 tons Hopper Cars Reassignano.

1. There are 47-48 ton hoppers at Reassignano.
2. How many of these hoppers will be required to handle the anticipated traffic of the plant.
3. WRS is urgently in need of some of the hoppers for handling Ballast and it is desired to know how many can be spared.

P.G. NATSON, Major T.C.

Copy to: DMRI (Major London) Bldg.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION AC
RAIL DIVISION
c/o Transportation Increment
C.V.P.

RCB/mt

155/28

Tel. 843191-48
our ref. AC/155/Tn 4

9 April 1945

Subject: Inspection of private rolling stock
at Solway Plant - Rosignano

TO: Director, Tn. Sub-Commission AC
copy to Director M.R. S.

1. Number	Locomotives	Type	No. of axles	axle weight tons	traction power tons	Remarks
1	steam		2	28	180	in service
2	steam		3	38	400	in service
3	steam accuml.		2	35	300	in service for internal use;
4	steam		4	60	1000	4 hrs. autonomy being repaired;
5	steam Diesel		3 2	38 10	400 60	ready 20 April heavy repairs in service

2. number	Rolling stock	type	No. of axles	loading capacity tons	cu. mt.	Remarks
522604	tank		2	14.5	20	in service
522605	tank		2	14.5	20	in service
522606	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522607	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522608	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522609	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522610	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522611	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522612	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522613	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522614	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522615	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522616	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522617	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522618	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522619	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522620	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522621	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522622	hopper		4	40	35	in service
522623	hopper		4	40	35	in service

being repaired; ready 1-5-45

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1	steam	2	28	180	in service
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					heavy repairs
					in service

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522604	tank	2	14.5	20	in service
522605	tank	2	14.5	20	in service
522606	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522607	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522608	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522609	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522610	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522611	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522612	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522613	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522614	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522615	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522616	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522617	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522618	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522619	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522620	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522621	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522622	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522623	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522624	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522625	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522626	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522627	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522628	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522629	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522630	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522631	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522632	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522633	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522634	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522635	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522636	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522637	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522638	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522639	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522640	hopper	4	40	35	in service

being repaired; ready 1-5-45

9 April 1945

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private rolling stock (continued)

number	type	No. of axles	loading tons	capacity cu.mt.	remarks
522641	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522642	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522643	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522644	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522645	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522646	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522647	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522648	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522649	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522650	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522651	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522652	hopper	4	40	35	in service
522653	hopper	4	40	35	in service
	hopper	2	12		in service; internal use
	high-sided	2	16		in service; internal use
	high-sided	2	16		in service; internal use
	high-sided	2	8		in service; internal use

R.C. Bowie, Capt. R.A.

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Ministry of Transport
ISR General Directorate
Works Department.

TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION RAIL SECTION	SEEN.	[Signature]
	INITIALS.	
CHIEF.	ASSISTANT	
ADMIN.	CIVIL ENG.	
	MECH. ENG.	
	TRAFFIC.	
	STORES.	

Roma 6 March 1945

L.5/13/9627

CO: Tnt S/Commission A.C.

Subject: Release of bricks for rehabilitation
of ISR lines Vada-Rosignano and Campiglia-Piombino.

- 1) Industry S/C AC has sent release order for 400.000 bricks, to be supplied by the factory at Sinalunga (Siena), together with a letter, copy of which is herewith attached; said bricks are intended for rehabilitation works of ISR lines Vada - Rosignano and Campiglia - Piombino.
- 2) Part of a/m bricks must be returned to S.A. Solway, Rosignano, while the balance, abt. 150.000 bricks will be stored at Campiglia for the completion of the works of ISR line Campiglia - Piombino.=
- 3) As ISR line Sinalunga - Chiusi is still interrupted, ^{a certain number of lorries} will be required to carry said bricks from Sinalunga to Campiglia; the bricks ⁵¹⁴³ destined to Rosignano will be thence forwarded by rail.
- 4) ISR Administration is not in a position to secure the lorries to carry out above movement and you are therefore kindly requested to investigate the possibility to put at our disposal at least six lorries in order that the whole movement be completed in less than two months.
- 5) We want to point out that besides the reasons stressed in Industry S/C's letter in so far as Rosignano plant is concerned, it is also necessary to complete as soon as possible the works on ISR line Campiglia - Piombino, because next spring's heavy rainfalls could compromise the stability of some emergency repairs carried out in order to hasten the reopening of the line.=
- 6) An early reply will be appreciated.

Sgd. LO CIGNO



MINISTERO
DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
DEI TRASPORTI
FERROVIE DELLO STATO
DIREZIONE GENERALE

SERVIZIO LAVORI

Roma li 6 Marzo 1945 194 - A

N. L.5/13/9627

Al N. _____ del _____

OGGETTO

Sblocco Mattoni occorrenti
per i lavori di ripristino
delle linee Vada-Rosignano
e Campiglia-Piombino

ALLEGATI N. 4

Alla Commissione Alleata
Sottocommissione Trasporti
Stanza 52 Piano 3°

S E D E

1) Da parte della Sottocommissione dell'Industria con lettera della quale si trasmette copia è stata **inviata** a questa Sede la credenziale per lo sblocco di 400.000 mattoni presso le "Fornaci di Laterizi Riunite di Sinalunga (Siena) destinati ai lavori per la riattivazione delle linee Vada-Rosignano e Campiglia-Piombino.

2) Parte di questi mattoni dovranno essere consegnati alla Società Solvay nel suo stabilimento di Rosignano ed il rimanente, che si aggirerà sui 150.000 circa, dovrà essere depositato a Campiglia per il completamento delle opere d'arte della linea Campiglia-Piombino.

3) Dato che il tronco ferroviario Sinalunga-Chiusi è tuttora fuori esercizio è necessario disporre di autocarri per il trasporto dei mattoni da Sinalunga a Campiglia, donde quelli destinati alla Società Solvay verranno poi spediti per ferrovia **51 n° 2** Rosignano.

4) Questa Amministrazione non è in grado di procurarsi gli automezzi per detto trasporto e quindi prega Codesta Sottocommissione a voler esaminare la questione onde provvedere a mettere a disposizione un certo numero di autocarri, che non dovrebbe essere inferiore a sei allo scopo di eseguire l'operazione di trasporto in meno di due mesi.

C O P I A

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY SUB + COMMISSION

Tel. 478090
ref. AC/5605/IND.

SUBJECT: Solvay Works - Rosignano

Repairs to railroads leading to the plant

TO: Italian State Railways
Rome - Piazza Croce Rossa
(Attn.: Ing. Lo Cigao)

- 1 - Enclosed release order for 400.000 bricks, located at Fornaci laterizi Riunite, Sinalunga (prov. of Siena).
- 2 - Arrangements for payment and transportation will be made by you.
- 3 - Of the above allocation, you will return to the Solvay Co. and deliver to their plant in Rosignano a number of bricks lent to you by the Company. These bricks have been put at your disposal on instructions of this Sub - Commission in order to assist you and avoid delays in repairing the railroads Vada - Rosignano and Piombino - Stazione di Campiglia.
- 4 - You will be informed in due course as to the exact number of the bricks to be returned to the Solvay Co. The remainder will be used by you firstly to complete the Vada - Rosignano railroad and secondly for the railroad Piombino - Stazione di Campiglia.

W.S. VAUGHAN
Director
Industry Sub - Commission

1) Incl;
Release order, as
per para 1. above.

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION RAIL SECTION	SEEN. INITIALS.
CHIEF.	
ASSISTANT	
ADMIN.	
CIVIL ENG.	
MECH. ² March 945	RSO/eg
TRAFFIC.	
STORES.	

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W.S. VAUGHAN

Director
Industry Sub - Commission

1) Incl;
Release order, as per para 1, above.

Copy to: (w/o incl.)

Transportation S/C (Attn.: Col. Sieff
Attn.: Maj Worthington)
R.C. Toscana Region (Attn.: Commerce Div. - Maj Dracke)
P.C. Siena Province (Attn.: P.S.O. Siena - Capt. Shapell)
Solvay Co., Rome Via Sistina 42
Solvay Co., Rosignano.

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR ITALY

A.P.O. 512
27 February 1945

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SUBJECT: Locomotives for Solvay Plant - Rosignano.

TO: Rail Section, Th Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
Ing. Marin, Capo Compartimento, Rome.
Supt. Transportation - 774th Railway Grand Division.

1. It is understood that the tracks serving the Solvay Plant at Rosignano will be reconstructed and ready for service between Vada and Rosignano about 15 March or shortly thereafter.

2. When this track is made ready for service two 740 class Italian locomotives will be moved from Rome to Rosignano for service between Rosignano-Vada-San Vincenzo. Rail Section, Th Sub-Commission, Allied Commission will advise when the track has been reconstructed, in order that the locomotives may be moved to Rosignano. These locomotives will be maintained at Rosignano and the Capo Compartimento will arrange for the necessary crews to provide service between these points.

For the Director:

R. P. Moss
R. P. MOSS
Lt. Col. T.C.
Deputy Director-Operations

cc-CO, 715th Ry Opn Dn.
CO, 719th Ry Opn Dn.
ADD-Equipment
Capo Compartimento-Florence

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Movements Division - Rail)

Tel : 478/04

25 February 1945

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SUBJECT : Selva Plant - Rosignano

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

1. Reference your AC/5605/INT dated 25 Nov. '44.
2. Certain spares necessary for the erection of the new Vada bridge are still in course of construction by IMB. The urgency for completion of this bridge is fully realised and IMB have given instructions to speed up the work.
3. It is expected that the bridge will be completed and the line open in the course of the next three weeks.

W. H. Taylor

W. H. TAYLOR
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission

Copies to : Regional Commissioner - Toscana Region
Rail Division

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR ITALY

A.P.O. 512
7 February 1945

453 OP

SUBJECT: Locomotives - Solvay Plant-Rosignano.

TO: Commanding Officer, 719th Railway Operating Battalion,
Capo Compartimento-Rome.
Rail Section, Tn. Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. A request has been received from the Chief of Material and Traction Section of the Rome Compartment that two locomotives of the Italian 735 or 740 Class be assigned to the Solvay Plant at Rosignano when that line is opened for service between Rosignano and Vada, in early March.

2. These locomotives would be used to transport limestone in special cars belonging to the Solvay Society between Rosignano and San Vincenzo and to handle coal and finished products between Rosignano and Vada.

3. It has been determined by the Rail Division of the Tn Sub-Commission, Allied Commission that these locomotives can be maintained at the Solvay Plant at Rosignano. When the line is ready for traffic, two locomotives of the Italian 740 Class, coal-burning locomotives, will be transferred from Rome to Rosignano for this service. Commanding Officer, 719th Railway Operating Battalion will please handle this matter with the Capo Compartimento-Florence in order that crews and necessary running and maintenance supplies be furnished for the maintenance and operation of these locomotives.

For the Director:

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R. P. MOSS

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Lt. Col. T.C.

Deputy Director-Operations

cc. ADD-Equipment

Supt. Trans-77th RCD

WIRE

4 February 1945

FROM: DMRI

TO : CO, 719 ROE, LEGHORN

CONFIDENTIAL. Please do what is possible to expedite unloading of coal at Vada. Approximately fifty (50) cars now on hand under load. Advise. CS 31 Signed London

S. E. LONDON
CAPT., TO
0900

cc - Rail Division, A. C. *Bldg*

This coal is for the Solvay plant. It is noted that the daily unloading averages ten to fifteen cars. If this is the maximum unloading capacity of the plant, the loading of cars at Leghorn should be adjusted accordingly. Please look into the situation.

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S. E. London, Capt T.C.

SLB/ag

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

Tel: 843403
Our ref: AC:155/Tn 4

5 February 1945

TO : Deputy Director Operations, A.R.S.

SUBJECT: Assignment of Power, Solvay Plant-Rosignano.

1. Reference your letter 453 OP dated 29 January 45, and attachment, returned herewith.
2. The locomotives asked for are required for this service and can be maintained at the Solvay Plant at Rosignano.

S.L.
S.L. BAISTER, Major
for Chief of Rail Division
Tn. Sub-Comm. A.C.

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR ITALY

A.P.O. 512
29 January 1945

453 OP

SUBJECT: Assignment of Power, Solvay Plant-Rosignano.

TO: Rail Section, Tn. Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. Attached letter from the Chief of the Material and Traction Section, Italian State Railways, requesting the assignment of two 735 or 740 class Italian locomotives to the Solvay Plant at Rosignano for service between Rosignano, Vada and San Vincenzo.

2. It is indicated in the attached letter that should these locomotives be assigned to this service they would be maintained at the Solvay Plant at Rosignano. Will you please advise if these locomotives are required for this service, also if they can be maintained at the Solvay Plant, Rosignano.

For the Director:

R. P. Moss
R. P. MOSS
Lt. Col. T. C.
Deputy Director-Operations

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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION, I.C.,
(RAIL SECTION)
C/o. Transportation Increment,
C.M.F.

Tel : R43239

Our reference : AC/Tn/9/13.C.3.

17th January 1945

TO : Industry Subcommission
SUBJECT : Repairs to track I.L.V.A.
Works - Piombino.

1. The Italian State Railway are carrying out the repair to the line Campiglia-Piombino up to the point where the line enters the property of I.L.V.A.

2. To render the jetty and coaster berth suitable for A.C. operation the following work will have to be carried out:

- a) Repair of track leading to the mole.
- b) Repair of three tracks on the mole including the lifting of the left hand track (looking seaward) so that the center line is 9ft 6 ft from the edge of mole.
- c) Laying of two dead end sidings to the berth where at present there is a decauville track and light cranes.

4. As these sidings are the property of the I.L.V.A. Company the work should be carried out by them, and supervised by your Sub Commission. Should technical advice be required arrangements will be made for the I.S.R. to supply this.

5. This work should be completed by Feb. 15th 1945.

6. Since writing the above there appears to be a doubt as to whether or no there are three sidings on the mole, if not two extra sidings must be laid with center line 9ft 6ft from the edge of mole.

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Tel : 843239

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6. Since writing the above there appears to be a doubt as to whether or no there are three sidings on the mole, if not two extra sidings must be laid with center line 9ft 6in from the edge of mole.

7. This scheme is put forward assuming that there be no interference with the present of future working the I.L.V.A. plant.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director,
Transportation Sub-Comm.

Copy to : A.C.Tn.Mov.Rails.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tele : 478701

2 January 1945

AC Tn/94/3/RM

SUBJECT : Solvey Plant Rosignano.

TO : ^{Rail Section} Tn. Sub-Commission AC. (Attention Lt.Col. Lindberg)

1. In connection with the re-opening of above mentioned plant it is understood I.S.R. have in hand repairs to Railway

- (a) Piombino Port to Campiglia and
- (b) Vada to Rosignano.

2. Please give early advice to this Office of expected completion dates.

M. H. Taylor
for Lt. Col.

MERRITT H. TAYLOR
DIRECTOR

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB -COMMISSION
RAILS

Ref.AC/Tn /55/S

Nov.29th 1944

SUBJECT : Solvay Plant

TO : Eng. Lo Cigno
Capo Servizio Lavori, IS.R.

1. Reference letter L5/13/27139 of 21st.Nov.
2. Please put the repairs of the railway Piombino-Campiglia in hand at once at an estimated cost of 9.400.000 lire.
3. The Solvay Plant will assist with labour if required.
4. Materials required such as bricks; cement, petrol and lubricating oil can be obtained through the Industry Sub Commission representative Dr. Opatocoski, Ministero Corporazioni, who should be contacted.
5. Please hasten the completion of this work as much as possible.

O.H.LINDBERG, LT.COL., R.E.
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
RAILS.

Copy to : Economic Section
" " : Industry Sub Commission
in reply to letter A.C./5605/IND 5122
of 25th November.

Tel. 478090

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Ref. AC/5605/IND

25 November 1944

SUBJECT : Reactivation of the Rosignano plant;
repairs of the railroad Piombino -
Stazione di Campiglia.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.
(Attn.: Lt.Col. Lindberg -
Maj. Street)

FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.

1. Pursuant to our conversation it is confirmed that the port of Piombino is designated by this Sub-Commission to receive coal supplies for the Solway Rosignano plant (8,000 tons/month Sardinian coal; 1,500 tons/month metallurgical coke)

2. Information supplied by the Solway Co. states that the railroad Piombino-Campiglia Stazione (about 14 Kms.) and several bridges on the above route are damaged.

3. The reactivation of the Solway plant is strongly recommended by AFHQ G-5 Section for the following reasons :

- a) it will obviate the necessity of imports of caustic soda and sodium carbonate for civilian essential needs;
- b) it will implement ^{demands for} supplies of caustic soda for the Army.

It is therefore requested that repairs to the above railroad commence at the earliest possible date.

4. The Solway Co. has assured this Sub-Commission that they will render all possible technical assistance and provide labour, should the Italian States Railways require same.

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5. As agreed with Lt.Col. Lindberg, this Sub-Commission will immediately start to secure cement. It would be appreciated if a meeting could be held with you and a representative of the Italian Railways in order to coordinate effort for supplying all materials required for the above repairs.

Copy to :
Economic Section.


W.S. VAUGHAN
Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Deputy Director, Italy

A. P. O. 512
10 November 1944

Subject: Proposed Reactivation of Solway Plant at Rosignano

To : Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C., APO 394

ATTENTION: Lt. Col. L. E. Vining

1. Reference your letter of 3 November 1944, file Ref.AC.C./TR/BS/S, proposing reactivation of the Solway Plant at Rosignano.
2. Owing to the expected heavy tonnage that Line 50 will be required to carry, it is suggested that you submit the proposal to DPMG (W), AAI, for consideration.

For the Deputy Director:

R. P. MOSS
Lt Col, TC
Deputy Director Operations

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Handwritten note:
This has been discussed by
movement
see 2nd
Port Security
Cabinet

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub Commission
Railways
APO 394

REF. : AC.Tn/55/3

November 16th 1944

SUBJECT : Rosignano Solway Plant.

TO : Industry Sub Commission
Metallurgical Division.

1. Reference is made to your letter AC/5695/IND of 10th Nov.

2. We note that you state that the repairs to the plant are far ahead of the repairs to the bridges and railways.

3. As suggested by your representative the repairs to the nine bridge have been entrusted to the Solway Plant for execution by the Italian State Railways.

4. It is presumed in view of para 3 that the work will be coordinated by the Solway Plant so that plant and bridge will be finished together.

5. I am given to understand that due to the bridge having suffered further damage at least 6 weeks will be required for the repairs.

6. Track repairs will be completed in 20 days.

7. Your paragraph No. 6 is noted. We would again remind you that considerable delay occurred before this Sub Commission was requested to handle the repairs.

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TO : Industry Sub Commission
Metallurgical Division.

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for. D.S. ADAMS, Colonel,
Director Tptn.S.C., A.C.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub Commission
Railways
LPO 394

REF. : ACC.Tn/155/s November 16th 1944

SUBJECT : Repair of Railway Vado - Rosignano.

TO : Ing. Io Cigno
Capo del Servizio Lavori

1. Reference to your letter L.5/15/24599 of 14th Nov.
2. We confirm verbal order to commence the work.
3. Please hasten in every way possible the rehabilitation of the line Vado - Rosignano, at an estimated cost of 2.000.000 Lire.
4. This work must be completed by Dec. 15th.
5. The Solway Plant will give all possible help in material and labour.


A.H. STREET, Major,
A.C., Tptn.S.C. (Rails).

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Tel. 478090

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Ref. AC/5605/IND.

10 November 1944

SUBJECT : Rosignano Solvay plant.TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.
✓ (Attn.: Col. Adams)FROM : Industry Sub-Commission.
Metallurgical Division.

1. Reference is made to your letter ACC/TN/155/S, dated 3 November 1944.

2. The approach of the It. Railways has been made in consequence of this Sub-Commission's request that the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Labour take all steps necessary to get Soda Solvay into production. No action has been taken before asking your approval. As a matter of fact information and drawings of the Vada-Bridge supplied by the Soc. Solvay through this Sub-Commission have facilitated your decision on repairs of this bridge.

3. Confirming our verbal information, your attention is drawn again to the fact that AFHQ G-5 Section instructed Requisition Division to decrease imports of caustic soda for 1945 in view of the reactivation of the Rosignano plant.

4. It is pointed out that the rehabilitation of the plant is far ahead of the repairs of bridges and railroads leading to it. No progress has been made in this respect during last week. (A weekly delay means in terms of reduced production: 700 tons caustic plus 700 tons sodium carbonate).

5. In the opinion of this Sub-Commission repairs to bridges and rails in the case of this plant are so closely linked with the rehabilitation work on the plant itself, that close cooperation in this respect between Industry Sub-Commission and Transportation Sub-Commission is necessary.

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This Sub-Commission would be glad to arrange that technical assistance and labour by Solvay & Co be put at your disposal in order to speed these repairs.

6. It is pointed out that if further delays arise, AFHQ instructions concerning the reactivation of the plant will not be fulfilled, which will naturally be a serious matter.

Copy to:
Economic Section.


W. S. VAUGHAN
Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Deputy Director, Italy

A. P. O. 512
10 November 1944

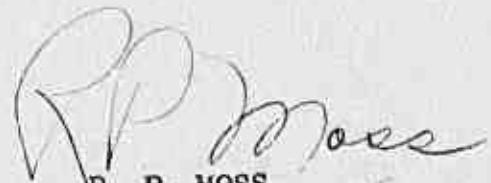
Subject: Proposed Reactivation of Solvay Plant at Rosignano

To : Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C., APO 394

ATTENTION: Lt. Col. L. E. Vining

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For the Deputy Director:


R. P. MOSS
Lt Col, TC
Deputy Director Operations

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ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION
RAILWAYS

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Ref. A.C.C./TN/55/S
Date Nov. 3rd 44

SUBJECT : Repairs to Railway
Vado - Rosignano - Route 50

TO : D.G.M.R.S.

1. It is proposed to reactivate the Solway Plant situated at Rosignano on Route 50.
2. The work of repairing the plant and the railway from Vado to Rosignano will be completed by the end of the year.
3. The bridge over the Pine river and the track from Vado to the work will be repaired by the State Railway. No steel work will be required.
Your letter to Industrial Sub Commission of 21st October refers.
4. The estimated daily traffic for this plant will be
 - a) 500 Tons solid fuel from Leghorn to the works, via Vado.
 - b) 400 Tons finished products out.
 - c) 1000 Tons lime stone from S. Vincenzo to the works via Vado and distance of 33 Kms over route 50.
5. This latter will be handled by the 36 - 40 ton hopper cars now at the plant.
6. Please say if you will be able to handle the above tonnages.

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E.E. VINING, LT. COL.,
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
RAILS.

ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
RAILWAYS

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Ref. ACC/TH/55/S
Date, Nov. 3rd 44

SUBJECT : Repairs to Railway
Vado-Rosignano-Route 50
Solway Plant.

TO : Industrial Subcommission.

1. Further to our letter A.C.C.Tn/150 of 14th October.
2. This matter has now been investigated and arrangements made with the State Railways for the repair of the line in question.
3. This work will be completed by the middle of December next.
4. In spite of our letter under reference I wish to bring to your notice that an engineer of your Sub Commission again approached the Italian State Railways direct. This procedure only leads to confusion and contrary orders and I shall be glad if you will again please repeat your instructions with regard to this.

D.S. ADAMS, COL., C.E.
DIRECTOR, Tn SUBCOMMISSION

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ALLIED COMMISSION
TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMISSION
RAILWAYS

Ref/ AGG/TN/55/g
Date Oct/ 30 44

Subject: Repairs to track between
Vado-Rosignano Route 50

To: Engineer Lo Cigno
Head of Works Section
Italian State Railways.

1. It is proposed to carry out the repair of the railway between Vado and Rosignano on route 50.
2. Please prepare estimate of material required and cost of work.
3. The bridge over the Pine river should be so designed that the steel work can be supplied from material that can be obtained by the State Railway if possible.
4. Please give this work preference.


L.E. VINING, LT. COL.,
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
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Allied Force
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
Office of Director - Italy

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A. P. J. 400
21 October, 1944

Subject: Solvay Plant, Ronignano, Line 50.

To : Industrial Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, APC 394.
ATTN: Col. J.S.E. Todd.

1. Reference your letter 30 September concerning activation of the above plant and particularly request made in paragraph 5 for reconnaissance of the railway from Vada to this plant.

2. Reconnaissance has been completed, and the bridge over the Fine River has been found entirely unusable. This was originally a single span 103-foot pony truss. Restoration of the line could be accomplished by putting in a single track structure of two 35-foot and two 25-foot spans on the timber piers and abutments. Such work would require approximately three weeks for a 30-man bridge detail equipped with piledriving rig.

3. The only other bridge is a small span over a narrow gauge track and road crossing, which could be filled, balance of required work being filling of bomb craters and reconditioning of track which would require one section of a track platoon for approximately three weeks.

4. In view of priority work which requires full use of our troops for some time to come it would seem that A.C.C. could arrange directly with the I.S.R. to handle the project using a civilian contractor and which meets with our approval with understanding they provide necessary labor and material.

A. P. Campbell
A. P. CAMPBELL
Colonel, TC
Director

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cc:- D/CAO, HQ, AAI
ACC Representative HQ, AAI
Transportation Sub-Commission (Attn: Director) *APC 394*
Region VIII (Economic & Supply Div).
Soda Solvay Works, Ronignano (Attn: M. Van Gauberg)
Economic Section.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel: 478704

Our Ref: ACC.Tn/155

14 October 1944.

TO : Industry Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: Soda Solvay Works, Rosignano

1. Reference your ACC/5605/IND dated 30 Sept. '44.
I have to draw your attention to your letter Reg. ACC/5605/IND dated 30 Sept. '44, to the Director General Military Railway Service, wherein it is stated at para. 5, that conversation took place between Col Campbell and Col. Todd with regard to the recommendation of the Vada-Rosignano Railway line.
2. Attention is drawn to HQ. ACC letter, Reg. 91/87/CA dated 29 August 1944, regarding development and operation of all Italian Railways and it is laid down in para 2 that no line will be put into operation without the consent of the Director General Military Railway Service which will be obtained through the Transportation Sub-Commission.
3. It will therefore be seen that the procedure of approaching the Director General, Military Railway Service, in the matter, was contrary to instructions.
4. With regard to the points raised in the letter under reply
Your para 3(a) (b) & (c) is noted.
Your para 4. This Sub-Commission will now investigate how matters stand.
Your para 5. The 36 line stone cars will be utilised as required, to deal with the traffic to and from the factory with the proviso that they will not at the time be required for urgent Military operations.

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TO : Industry Sub-Commission

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Colonel, G.E.
Director, Tn. Sub. Comm.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INDUSTRY SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

JSET/VB

Tel. 489081 Ex. 348

30th September, 1944.

Ref. ACC/5605/IND

SUBJECT: Soda Solvay Works, Rosignano.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.
(Attn. Col. Adams).

1. It is hoped that the important Solvay chemical plant at Rosignano will resume production in the early days of next year, and if this Sub-Commission's programme comes into effect considerable rail transportation will be involved.
2. We therefore consider it wise to give you a rough picture, well in advance, of the transportation facilities which will be required.
3. It is anticipated that there will be a daily movement of:
 - (a) 500 m. tons of solid fuel into the works, which will involve rail movement from Leghorn to Rosignano;
 - (b) 400 m. tons of finished products outwards by rail; and
 - (c) 1000 m. tons of limestone from S. Vincenzo to Rosignano.
4. We would point out that it is anticipated that the railway line Vada-Rosignano will have been repaired prior to that date, and it is understood that the D.G., M.R.S. is assuming responsibility for this task. (Our letter of to-day's date to D.G., M.R.S. refers, copy of which has been sent to you).
5. Within the works are 36 special limestone cars which the Company will, we think, be permitted to retain since they are only suitable for this special purpose. The Company state that these 36 cars are sufficient to handle the limestone traffic.

Copy to:
Economic Section.

J. S. E. Todd
J.S.E. TODD,
Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

JSET/VB.

Tel. 489081 Ex.348

30th September, 1944.

Ref. ACC/5605/IND

SUBJECT: Soda Solvay Plant, Rosignano.

TO : Director General,
Allied Forces Military Railway Service.

1. Your Memorandum of the 19th September addressed to the Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C., has been passed to us for action and, as requested, we now enclose authority for M.R.S. officers to enter the above plant to determine the quantity of rolling stock which might be recovered for service, and to inspect railway conditions within the plant.
2. We now confirm that within the works are 36 self-discharging cars of 40 tons, specially designed for the transport of limestone. These cars are the property of the Solvay Company, which is a Belgian concern.
3. The Solvay Works is one of the most important units in present liberated Italy, and it is the policy of this Sub-Commission that resumption of production should be facilitated in every possible way, and this policy has the full approval of the General commanding the 5th Army, and of Brigadier General Hamblen D/CAO, HQ., AAI.
4. It is therefore requested that you will ensure that the Solvay Works are permitted to retain the 36 limestone cars which are essential to the resumption of production.
5. Reference conversation of even date Colonel Campbell/Colonel Todd, it is noted that you will make an immediate reconnaissance of the railway line Vada-Rosignano (5 Kms.) and more especially study the problem of the repair of the small bridge over the river Pine, and it is hoped that as a result you will see your way to taking over the technical responsibility for making this portion of the line operative.
6. We confirm that the Solvay Works can supply an adequate amount of unskilled labour which can be employed under your direction.
7. In conclusion we wish to express our thanks for your very cooperative attitude, and request you to let us know the result of the reconnaissance you are shortly to make.

For Acting Chief Commissioner:

John Skirrow
J.S.E. TODD,
Colonel,
Acting Director,
Industry Sub-Commission.

Copy to:
D/CAO, HQ, AAI.
ACC Representative HQ, AAI.
Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn. Director).
Region VIII (Economic & Supply Division).
Soda Solvay Works, Rosignano. (Attn. M. Van Caubergh)
Economic Section.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

22 Sept. '44

ACC.Tn/155/2

TO : Industry Sub-Commission, HQ.ACC

SUBJECT: Solvay Plant - Rosignano

1. Reference attached copy of letter from
Supt.Transportation, D.G.M.R.S.
2. Please arrange for necessary permission to be
given for officers of the Military Railway Service to
have access to the plant in question for the purpose of
inspecting such railway rolling stock as may be located
there.

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

Enclosure: (1)
(Copy of letter from Supt.Tn.DGMRS.)

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ALLIED FORCE
MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL
Rear Headquarters

A. P. O. 400
19 Sept. 1944

Subject: Railway Rolling Stock - "Solvay" Plant, South of Leghorn

To: Transportation Sub-Commission, A.C.C., APO 394, U. S. Army
Attn: Colonel D. S. Adams, Director

1. Advice has been received that at "Solvay" chemical plant, near Rosignano, south of Leghorn, there is quantity of railway rolling stock. This plant is located along I.S.R. line #50, which is direct line from Vada to Leghorn, but which, due to extensive damage, is not being opened through-out.

2. Effort of M.R.S. officers to enter plant to determine quantity of rolling stock which might be recovered for service and, incidentally, to inspect railway conditions within plant, were frustrated by armed guards who stated they had been posted by A.C.C. with instructions to permit no entry.

3. Will you please arrange for necessary permission to permit inspection, as above, by officers of M.R.S.?

4. If A.C.C. expects to attempt to operate plant, or remove any material therefrom by rail, it would be very desirable that M.R.S. be informed of plans in order that consideration may be given to restoration of line 50 from Vada as far as plant connection.

5. As general principle, it might well be noted that when any section of A.C.C. takes over plant of nature of "Solvay," and anticipates need of any railway service, either currently or in proximate future, it might be well for them to promptly communicate with your Sub-Commission, after which matter could be referred to M.R.S. by you, with appropriate comments. This would make possible better coordination of any desired rail service.

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