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REPORT ON REGION 4

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TO : Regional Commissioner AMB Reg. 4.
FROM : Regional Engineer T.C.U. Division.
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REF. : R4/ENG/30
DATE : 5 MAY 1944.

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- Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission.

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Report of Economics & Supply Division
Region 4, for April 1944.

1. Personnel. In response to a request to ACC for 4 provincial supply officers, one fire officer, two police officers, and a Pioneer officer were assigned to this Division. Since in several cases these officers were not fitted for and did not desire civilian supply work, re-adjustments are being made within the region. Each of the three provincial teams established this month has secured an excellent supply officer - none from the A.C.C. assignments.

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Copies to:

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Industry & Commerce Sub-Com.
Food Sub-Commission

S. W. ARCHIBALD
Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Regional Supply Officer
Region 4 A.M.G.

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TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission.
40 Mors. In. A-91 (Adm Echelon) C.M.F.
FROM : AGO, Trans. Officer with Region 4.
SUBJECT: AGO 5th Army Road Transport.
REF : RA/TS/T18
DATE : 20 April 1944

1. Reference is to paragraph 3 of my monthly report for March, sent you under my reference RA/TS/T14, on 7 April 1944.
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6. To cover immediate requirements, arrangements have been made with AGO 5th Army Transportation for the movement of two convoys of olive oil from Naples to Venafro (30 miles) and Naples - Isernia (40 tons). 5573
7. During next week AGO 5th Army will concentrate in the clearance of Vairano railroad of traffic conveyed by rail bus. Rail buses have also been made to Spaurice, and here again AGO 5th Army Transportation will provide road trucks and 1-hour 30m clearance to Venafro and Isernia.

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T.C.U. DIVISION
Allied Military Government
5th Army

Ref. 5A/TCU/200.

18 April 1944.

SUBJECT : Transportation Arrangements AMG. 5th Army.

TO : Col. S.A. Fitch Transportation Sub Commission ACC
Care of Mov. and Trn. AAI. Admin. Echelon C.M.

1. The T.C.U. Division of A.M.G. 5th Army is charged with all transportation arrangements for 5th Army AMG. The Section set up to handle transportation under the T.C.U. Division is called the Transportation Section and is under the command of Major Sowers.
2. Arrangements for water and rail transport are made thru Capt. Ping ACC. officer attached to Reg. IV who has been giving excellent cooperation with this Division. Truck transportation arrangements are made direct by TCU. thru our transportation Officer.
3. It is understood that arrangements are being made by other Divisions, out of the authorized channels, for water movement for AMG. 5th Army. In order to avoid confusion and duplication of effort it is requested that this Division be kept advised of all water movements desired by AMG. 5th Army.
4. It is anticipated that in the future firm requests for transportation by water will be requested. This will be done thru your representative Capt. Ping.

Copy to:

Ex Officer AMG. 5th Army.
Transportation Section.
Capt. Ping.

C.R. Birchett,
Lt. Col. C.E.
Director TCU.

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TO : Colonel S. A. Fitch,
Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC
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FROM : A.C. Ping, Transportation Officer *acc.*
with Region 4.

SUBJECT: Report on Region 4 Transportation and Transport,
March 1944

REF : R4/ES/T14

DATE : 7 April 1944

Sir:

I have the honour to submit the attached report
relating to transportation and transport activities
in AMG Region 4, AMG 5th Army, and AMG 8th Army areas
for the month of March 1944.

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Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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Report on Transportation and Transport
AMG Region 4, March 1944.

1. INTRODUCTION.

Only a small fraction of Region 4 territory is liberated at the moment, and the question of supplies and feeding is the prerogative of AMG Field Armies.

There have been three phases of importance:

- a) Feeding of the forward areas.
- b) Stocking for immediate needs of liberated territory.
- c) Stocking for feeding of Rome.

Transportation has played its part in these three operations on behalf of AMG 5th Army, some relevant details being set out below.

2. RAIL TRAFFIC.

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The main feature has been the continued movement on behalf of 5th Army AMG between Naples and Capua, with subsequent conveyance to Calvi Risorta and Sessa Aurunca warehouses. Calvi Risorta is used mainly for issue of supplies to CAO's as required, and Sessa Aurunca has been used as a stockpile against future operations. Rail movement has been expectedly erratic, with tendencies to congestion at Capua, but contact has been maintained with Naples Yard to keep traffic moving, and road clearance has been satisfactory. Tonnage has averaged 400 per week, and doubtless movements would have been higher if warehouse facilities had been greater. Some pilferage took place enroute. 5508

With the advent of AMG 8th Army into the Regional zone, further bids for movement are likely, especially as the AMG Supply Officer sits in at 8th Army rail Conferences and obtains facilities for the use of Army railheads in the forward areas for a given period. Continued contact is kept with the Supply Officer of AMG 8th Army.

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3. ROAD TRAFFIC.

Region 4 possesses one 2 1/2 ton truck and two 3/4 ton trucks which have been used on Region business during the month. The essential interest, however, has again been in AMG 5th Army. The very unsatisfactory method of endeavouring to obtain road transport from the Naples Pool was ended when 20 trucks were made available to AMG 5th Army from military sources. A statement has already been submitted giving indications of the work done since these trucks arrived. Garaging is still maintained in the Naples area, and there is a case for a further supply of trucks for stationing further forward, particularly as the railhead has at last been advanced to Sparanise, and also to meet the needs of forward CAO's and warehouses transfers. Suitable servicing has been maintained, and in addition to providing essential feeder services to and from rail, the trucks have been usefully employed in undertaking urgent requirements and the movement of traffic uneconomical to rail. So far as AMG 8th Army is concerned; it appears to be adequately supplied with road transport at the moment, but it is early to give any definite statement.

4. WATER TRAFFIC.

The schooner fleet moored fully laden at Baia with supplies for Rome has, it is understood, been withdrawn from the jurisdiction of AMG 5th Army. Baia is a satisfactory loading point for water craft, with facilities for repairs, and warehousing can safely be undertaken. During the month some schooners have been used to collect supplies from Cirio waterside warehouse, mainly flour and olive oil, and conveyed to Baia for storage. During the month the schooner Colombo was refused permission to sail to Anzio beach head by naval authorities, and an LCT was made available. The stowage thereon was excellent, and an inspection revealed satisfactory loading capacity. In order to regularise future action, your guidance as to procedure for obtaining accommodation on LST and LCT craft has already been sought.

5. AMG 5th Army transport has been receiving valuable exercise in what will be its two main tasks, the feeding of Rome and the taking over of Rome transport into a pool. The long lines of communications and the urgency of maintaining food supplies will cause special problems and in this connection present experience is invaluable.

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So far as the Region itself is concerned, plans are well ahead for the formation of transport pools in accordance with ACC policy.

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