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PILFERAGES
NOV. 1944-JUN. 1945

Transportation Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
Southern Region.

19 Nov 44.

I spent ~~xxxx~~ from 2100 hrs last night until 0300 hrs on investigation of the pilferage going on in Sestimento yard, Naples.

Every night, starting about 2300 hrs members of the "Guardia merci" climb through certain brake cabins of loaded cars. This is done by making a hole about two feet by one foot, after which the sacks and cases are handed out through the hole. The goods being divided among the gang, on the spot.

2. There are three or four of these gangs operating all specialized in the art of stealing. The most important one seems to be composed of railroad employees, who are in a position to know where waggon's are spotted and to direct an engine to the place and pull two or three cars out to a better location for their purpose of robbery.

3. As an example, I know that a car is hooked on to by an engine in the vicinity of the box cars used as offices, yard offices, and pulled out 200 yards further on, to a place known as "Scalo Basso". Another place is referred to as "Porta Massa" and another "Cava Porchiano." The spelling of the last name place may not be quite correct.

4. Adjoining these places are two single roads surrounded by many destroyed buildings. Here are gathered a score or so of merchants who buy the stuff on the spot for cash. When the cars are emptied and the labels destroyed, the cars are often moved far away from where the pilferage took place..

5. The military guards (American) seem to be more often drunk than sober, and are apparently more concerned with finding a comfortable place to sleep than in doing what they are probably there for.

6. In the course of conversation with someone there I found that a month ago somebody discovered a gold mine, namely a car of silk, and another car of sugar.

7. I have discovered 5 warehouses used for the storage of these stolen goods.

8. Given the necessary time to work at night, I could manage to find out the names of some of the people concerned in these affairs.

sd. V.E. BOWERS,
Major.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel : 478704

20 June 1945

392/33/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Unsealed Railway Cars

TO : HQ, MTOUSA

1. Reference your letter AG 400.73/254 D-O dated 19 May '45.
2. AFHQ G-4 (Mov & Tn) have already drawn the attention of this HQ to the question of sealing of wagons containing civilian traffic and a copy of our letter 392/28/Tn 3 dated 22 Apr '45 on this subject, is attached for information.
3. AFHQ G-4 (Mov & Tn) have since stated that :
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4. The I.S.R. hope to have available by end of July one million seals of a special type (specimen attached) which will be held by station masters and available for sealing of wagons containing civilian supplies. The I.S.R. are being pressed for initial supplies to be distributed before the end of July if at all possible.

For the Chief Commissioner

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W.J. SIERP, Colonel

Copy to : Economic Section

Rail Division (Tn 4)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AG/14619/PS

12 April 1945

SUBJECT : Police Report on Railways
TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(attn. Major FING)

1. The attached copies of S.I.E. report submitted to Allied Police Conference held at Rome on 31st ultimo, are forwarded for your information.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION A.C.

ALLIED ~~CONTROL~~ COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

220/22

SUBJECT: REPORT OF INVESTIGATION.

REF: REG. 1/29/0
26 MAR 45

TO: TPTN. S.C. A.C.
C/O TN INC. C.M.D.

1. Your AC/220/Tn 4 of 5 Feb. Car 200086 was loaded and sealed by Consorzio Agrario on 8 Jan, delivered same day by train 0120 with A.C. labels for Leghorn. It arrived Battipaglia 13 Jan on Tn. YY and left same day on special train 0.
2. From above I gather that normal freight service was used.

BW Boddy

B. W. BODDY
CAPTAIN
DIVN. SUPT. TPTN. S.C. A.C.
REGGIO CAL.

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

Tel. 843238

Our Ref. AC/220/Tn 4

9 February 1945

TO : Public Safety Sub Commission
HQ., AC.

SUBJECT : Pilferage on Railways.

1. Attached hereto is an extract minute of Meeting of Traffic Sub-Committee of Allied Railway Board.
2. The pilferage from Railways is reaching considerable proportions and it was reported at the meeting that hold ups have occurred on line 89 between Naples and Rome.
3. It should be pointed out that both rail lines between Naples and Rome will shortly be operated entirely by personnel of the ISR without Military Railway supervision, and adequate protection is essential, if we are to develop the railway services of the country as a means of ensuring satisfactory distribution.

O. H. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O.H. LINDBERG
Lt. Col. R.E.,
Chief, Rail Division.

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S
AMG/ AG
ABRUZZI-MARCHE REGION
C.M.F.

R5/517/3

26 December 1944.

SUBJECT : Merchandise by Rail

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission, Railways, HQ.AG.

1. Attached please find copies of letters received by this office which are hereby forwarded to your Division for such action as is deemed necessary.

For the Regional Commissioner:

sgd: D.P.Richardson
Capt.Inf.
Regional Civil
Transport Office.

Copy to: R5/517/3

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