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DEC. 1944-FEB. 1945 IN FIELD - SARDINIA

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

1st February 1945

Reference : Tptn/1607

Subject : Report of JANUARY Activities - Transportation Division.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission

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(a) Notification was received about the middle of the month that 150 - 600 x 16 Tyres were being forwarded from Headquarters, but this was later cancelled.

(b) No tyres have been received against the requisitions forwarded on 1st and 15th December 1944, 1st and 15th January 1945.

(c) The TYRE re-treading Plant still awaits materials.

The Regional Transportation Officer was informed whilst at Headquarters by the O i/c PIRELLI Plant at ROME that it was his intention to operate the CAGLIARI Plant.

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4. RAILWAYS.

(a) The situation report will be forwarded on or about February 11th, as soon as all figures arrive at this Headquarters from the Railways.

(b) No SLOUIS burning Engines have been put into service since the December Report. Reports are expected daily that further engines are off the ROAD unless the "CARBIDE" situation is relieved.

(c) Lack of CARBIDE is not only preventing SLOUIS Engines being put into Service but also affecting the coal consumption of imported Coal burning locomotives (leaky tubes etc.,) on all the Railways.

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- 20 Gondolas,
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Relations with the High Commissioner's Transportation Office remain cordial. It will be seen by the December Report and this Report that the provision of "CARBIDE" is as important as Tyres. Any quantity, however small, that you could arrange for shipment to SARDINIA would be appreciated.

For the Regional Commissioner.

JOHN H. NEWBY.

Captain.

Regional Transportation Officer.

JHN/ajs.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION FOR SARDINIA
TRADE & INDUSTRY DIVISION

Ref: HQ. 2120
Subject: Monthly Shipping Report for the
Month of January 1945.
To: HQ. Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1st/Jan 33 EMPIRE COUNTRY
Canadian West

11th/Jan SS MARVIA
Phosphates

15th/Jan 33 JESSE CONTROLL
Coal

21st/Jun	35	CARLTON	
		Various Stores for	RASC
	"	"	RAP
	"	"	Itali
	"	"	Army

11th/Jen and 22nd/Jen SS 53421A (Two Trips) (edict only)

2. FORMS

6th/Jan 53 MOUNT EVERT
Horses
Mules

336 Heads	1129
18 "	

1. I M P O R T S

<u>1st/Jan</u>	<u>SS EMILIO CONWAY</u>		7836 Tons
	Canadian Wheat		
<u>11th/Jan</u>	<u>SS MARVIA</u>		2710 Tons
	Phosphates		
<u>15th/Jan</u>	<u>SS JESSE COVILL</u>		8346 Tons
	Coal		
<u>21st/Jan</u>	<u>SS CAMPTON</u>		57,344 Lbs
	Various stores for RASC		85,456 "
	" " " RASC		
	" " " Italian Army		862,736 "
<u>11th/Jan and 23rd/Jan</u>	<u>SS ARYLLA (Two Trips)</u>		
	Shoes, clothing, socks,)	38,487	Kgs
	wicks, water bottles,)		
	blankets)		
	Books, exercise books	14,850	"
	Newsprint	45,119	"
	Sugar	215,764	"
	Tools, spare parts	5,288	"
	Blasting fuse	4,322	"
	Tobacco	16,247	"
	1 Car	1,500	"

2. E X P O R T S

<u>6th/Jan</u>	<u>SS MOUNT EVEREST</u>		1129
	Horses	336 Heads	
	Mules	18 "	
	Cattles	75 "	
<u>8th/Jan</u>	<u>SS SAMLEYNE</u>		
	Paint Pigments	99 Tons	
<u>21st/Jan</u>	<u>SS BRIGHTON</u>		
	Paint Pigments	144.5 Tons	

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22nd/Jan SS MOUNT EVEREST
Cattles
Sheep
Horses

247 Heads
334 "
40 "

22nd/Jan SS ENOLL
Salt

1406 Tons

29th/Jan SS EMPIRE LIGHTS
Sheep
Salt
Cork

1163 Heads
500 Tons
41 "

14th/Jan and 29th/Jan SS ABBAZIA (Two Trips)
Salt 1,200.5 Tons
Ralo 20.5 "
Cork 93 "
Synthetic Coffee 5 "
Sode Sulphate 2 "
Colouring Earth 16 "
Red Lead 23 "
Skins 113 "
Zinc Oxide 17 "
Magnesium Sulphate 21 "
Wool 20 "
Zinc 40 "
Lead Shots 5.5 "
Kalite(Fertilizer) 113 "
Sardinia Baskets 0.1 "
Fireclay 20 "
Bricks (1,100 pieces) 3 "
Willows 0 "

3. SS " ABBAZIA " Ferry Service.
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Talc	80.5 "
Cork	92 "
Synthetic Coffee	5 "
Soda Sulphate	2 "
Coloursing Earth	16 "
Red Lead	23 "
Skins	113 "
Zinc Oxide	17 "
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4. SCHOONERS.

Unless the weight of goods for export to the Mainland is greater than the carrying capacity of the SS ABRAZIA, it is felt that the return to Sardinia of 40 schooners at present operating between the Mainland ports would not be justified.

For the Regional Commissioner

B. K. Schmitt, 4-

B. KOCHLEFF LIEUT.

COMMERCE/IND. & PORT OFFICER

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APPENDIX - 13.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SARDINIA

having seen

The Royal Decree Law No 138, 17th August 1944, regarding the Organisation National Autotransports (S.N.A.C.);

Considers that, while the directives and the formation of the various provincial Bodies of the above Organisation are being put into effect, it is necessary to maintain the efficiency of the previous Institutions (Consorzi Provinciali Obbligatori) in order to discipline and control all autotransports;

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

12 January 1945

Reference : Totn/1606.
Subject : Monthly Transportation (Rail) Report for December 1944,
(Ferrovia dello Stato).
To : Director Transportation Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

1. Number of Trains and Kms Run.

	PASS		FRT		MIXED		TOTAL	
	No.	Km.	No.	Km.	No.	Km.	No.	Km.
Basic Schedule (Coal)	88	13588	90	10242	212	10092	390	33922
" (Diesel)	617	66394	-	-	-	-	617	66394
Actually Run (Coal)	87	13459	223	19123	214	10366	524	42953
" (Diesel)	640	69396	-	-	-	-	640	69396
Additional to (Coal)	1	71	133	8881	2	274	136	9226
Basic Schedule (Diesel)	23	3122	-	-	-	-	25	3122

Trains additional to basic schedule run for special Military and Civilian needs.

2. Tonnage and Passenger Moved.

Allied Force	A.C.O.	Italian Mil	Civil	Total
880	NONE	3130	23671	27681
Predominant Commodities. Rations, Military materials, grain, food-stuffs, wine, construction materials, carbide, coal, metals, minerals.				
No. Passengers Handled:				
On Regular Trains		182,083		
" Extra Trains(Mil.)		509		
Total		182,592		

3. Section of line not open for traffic with reasons:

All lines open for traffic and no restrictions on the movement of civilian goods or passengers, except persons travelling must ask local carabinieri for travel permission. If request is not important authority for travel is denied.

4. Coal Position.

Imported:	Tonnage consumed	Tonnage O/H	Prospective Receipts
Sulcis :	1275	1409	113050
	1100	1700	1330

To

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Total :	2375	3109	2480

5. Motive power and Rolling stock position.

Locomotives

	<u>FRT (type)</u>		<u>PASS (type)</u>		<u>SWITCH (type)</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Imp</u>	<u>Sulcis</u>	<u>Imp</u>	<u>Sulcis</u>	<u>Imp</u>	<u>Sulcis</u>	<u>Imp</u>	<u>Sulcis</u>
Serviceable	17	7	6	3	1	0	24	10
Undergoing Light repairs	3	2	-	1	-	-	3	3
Undergoing Heavy repairs	4	2	-	2	-	-	4	4
Awaiting Light repairs	3	-	-	-	1	-	4	0
Awaiting Heavy repairs	18	4	8	-	4	-	30	4
Total	45	15	14	6	6	0	65	21

Grand total all Locos 86

Diesels

In service	16
Undergoing light repairs	2
Awaiting heavy repairs	36
Total	54

CAR Situation

	<u>CAR Situation</u>				<u>Wreck</u>	
	<u>Coached</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Gon</u>	<u>Flat</u>	<u>Trest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Serviceable	33	17	268	161	7	872
Undergoing light repairs	2	2	-	-	-	8
Undergoing medium repairs	1	2	6	-	-	9
Undergoing heavy repairs	1	-	-	-	-	1
Awaiting light repairs	17	2	25	26	1	76
Awaiting medium repairs	62	25	66	45	6	300
Awaiting heavy repairs	39	15	156	70	2	432

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Awaiting heavy repairs	39	15	70	2	9	-	1	432
Rebuilding	4	-	6	1	1	-	1	97
	159	63	248	17	31	3	7	1795

6. General statement indicating progress of track and station building repair work.

Railway conditions are good. Maintenance of roads ^{is} kept at a maximum of efficiency in proportion to the availability of materials. Work along the various tracks in the Cagliari Port has commenced. One turntable is already in order.

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THE tracks along Berth 3 of the Port are almost in order and will be ready for limited use about the 15 January. The Railroad and the Genio Civile are collaborating in this most essential Port work.

An inspection was made on 23 December of the station and the work-shop. Repairs on the central station at Cagliari are almost complete. The work-shop is still badly damaged in spots but the essential portions, for the most part, have been repaired - so much so that mechanical equipment and machinery have been transported back from Oristano and Macomer where repairs on locomotives were being done. However, full repairs are still being hampered on both the work-shop and station because of lack of the following materials: bricks, lumber, nails and roofing materials.

7. Any item of special interest or difficulty not covered by the above.

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(h) Coal allotment exceeded. In December the coal allotment was exceeded for the following reasons: Continued transport of grain and barley to various distributing centers on the Island, about 28% of tonnage handled was Military, 500 Military personnel were transported, 70 tons of cattle was moved for transport to the Mainland, one special train was used to move persons returning to their homes from the Mainland, additional coal movements to supplement coal allotments for other railways, supplemental coal and water cars moved for the Navy.

The running of these special trains require the use of imported coal since Salcis Locos are not fully operating. Ing. Sallano states that after the January allotments are made to the Railroads, the remaining coal in the Stock Pile will be about 700 tons. This figure is quite correct.

For the Regional Commissioner,

D. T. D. Bruce Major

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDINIA REGION

12 January 1945

Reference : Tptn/1606.

Subject : Monthly Transportation (Rail) Report for December 1944,
(Ferrovie dello Stato).

To : Director Transportation Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

1. Number of Trains and Kms Run.

	PASS		MIXED		TOTAL	
	No.	Km.	No.	Km.	No.	Km.
Basic Schedule (Coal)	88	13588	212	10092	390	33922
" (Diesel)	617	66394	-	-	617	66394
Actually Run (Coal)	87	13469	214	10366	524	42952
" (Diesel)	640	69396	-	-	640	69396
Additional to (Coal)	1	71	2	274	136	9226
Basic Schedule (Diesel)	23	3122	-	-	25	3122

Trains additional to basic schedule run for special Military and Civilian needs.

2. Tonnage and Passenger Moved.

Allied Force	A.C.C. NONE	Italian Rail		Total
		Italian Rail	Civil	
880		3130	23671	27681

Predominant Commodities. Rations, Military materials, grain, food-stuffs, wine, construction materials, carbide, coal, metals, minerals.

No. Passengers Handled:

On Regular Trains	182,083
" Extra Trains (Mil.)	509
Total	182,592

3. Section of line not open for traffic with reasons:

All lines open for traffic and no restrictions on the movement of civilian goods or passengers, except persons travelling must ask local carabinieri for travel permission. If request is not important authority for travel is denied.

4. Coal Position.

Imported:	Tonnage consumed	Tonnage O/A	Permissive Receipts
Salcis :	1275	1409	1,1950
	1100	1700	1330
			2020

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Basic Schedule (Coal)	88	13588	90	10242	212	10092	390	33922
" (Diesel)	617	66394	-	-	-	-	617	66394
Actually Run (Coal)	87	13469	223	19123	214	10366	524	42958
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Salcia :	1100	1700	1330
Total :	2375	3109	2480

5. Motive power and Rolling stock position.

<u>Locomotives</u>				
	<u>EMT (type)</u>	<u>PASS (type)</u>	<u>SWITCH (type)</u>	<u>Total</u>
	735	625	851	
	740			
	744			
	<u>Imp Sulcis</u>	<u>Imp Sulcis</u>	<u>Imp Sulcis</u>	<u>Imp Sulcis</u>
Serviceable	17	6	1	24
	7	3	0	10
Undergoing Light repairs	3	1	-	3
Undergoing Heavy repairs	4	2	-	4
Awaiting Light repairs	3	-	1	4
Awaiting Heavy repairs	18	6	4	30
<u>Total</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>65</u>
	15	5	0	21

Grand total all Locos 86

Diesels

In service	16
Undergoing light repairs	2
Awaiting heavy repairs	36
<u>Total</u>	<u>54</u>

<u>Rolling Stock Situation</u>						
	<u>Coaches</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Don</u>	<u>Fiat</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Total</u>
	33	17	268	161	7	872
Serviceable	2	2	-	-	-	8
Undergoing light repairs	1	2	6	-	-	9
Undergoing medium repairs	1	-	-	-	-	1
Undergoing heavy repairs	17	2	25	26	1	76
Awaiting light repairs	62	25	66	45	6	300
Awaiting medium repairs	39	15	156	70	2	432
Awaiting heavy repairs	4	-	46	6	1	97
Rebuilding						

Undergoing Light repairs	3	2	-	1	-	-	3	3
Undergoing Heavy repairs	4	2	-	2	-	-	4	4
Awaiting Light repairs	3	-	-	-	1	-	4	0
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Total	43	15	14	5	6	0	65	21

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Rebuilding	4	-	38	46	6	1	1	1	97
	159	63	559	708	248	17	31	7	1795

6. General statement indicating progress of track and station building repair work.

Railway conditions are good. Maintenance of roads kept at a maximum of efficiency in proportion to the availability of materials. Work along the various tracks in the Cagliari Port has commenced. One turnstile is already in order.

~~The~~ tracks along Berth 3 of the Port are almost in order and will be ready for limited use about the 15 January. The Railroad and the Genio Civile are collaborating in this most essential Port work.

An inspection was made on 28 December of the station and the work-shop. Repairs on the central station at Cagliari are almost complete. The work-shop is still badly damaged in spots but the essential portions, for the most part, have been repaired - so much so that mechanical equipment and machinery have been transported back from Oristano and Macomer where repairs on locomotives were being done. However, full repairs are still being hampered on both the work-shop and station because of lack of the following materials: briks, lumber, nails and roofing materials.

7. Any item of special interest or difficulty not covered by the above.

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(h) Coal allotment exceeded. In December the coal allotment was exceeded for the following reasons: Continued transport of grain and barley to various distributing centers on the island, about 28% of tonnage handled was military, 500 Military personnel were transported, 70 tons of cattle was moved for transport to the Mainland, one special train was used to move persons returning to their homes from the Mainland, additional coal movements to supplement coal allotments for other railways, supplemental coal and water cars moved for the Navy.

The running of these special trains require the use of imported coal since Sulcis Locomotives are not fully operating. Ing. Sallano states that after the January allotments are made to the Railroads, the remaining coal in the Stock Pile will be about 700 tons. This figure is quite correct.

For the Regional Commissioner,

D.Y. D'Amico Major

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Regional Transportation Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

2nd January 1945

Reference : Tptn/1507

Subject : Report on December 1944 Activities - Transportation Division.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. TRUCK TRAFFIC

(a) E.N.A.C. Nothing further can be added to previous reports.

All the preliminaries were completed in the Island in the first week of NOVEMBER and action by the Italian Ministry concerned is still awaited.

(b) In the meantime the High Commissioner has commenced re-organising the Consorsio Di TRASPORTI with a two-fold view :-

(i) To get some degree of control of the available transport.

(ii) To be able to transfer the administration staff to the E.N.A.C. Organisation if it ever comes into operation.

(c) He has commenced with CAGLIARI by appointing an Italian Army Officer as the Head. This Officer has worked in this Headquarters Transportation Office for about 11 months and we have every confidence that he will improve the organisation of the Consorsio.

(d) It is intended that this officer will do the same with the Consorsio at SASSARI and NUORO.

2. (a) The first delivery (consisting of 13 trucks) was made in the second week of this month of the 100 Italian Army Trucks which MMIA have authorised to be handed over for civilian use.

(b) Their condition is reasonably good and it is hoped they are going to be of great assistance to the Island's Transport problems.

(c) It has been hoped that the transfer would have been merely a Paper Transaction between the two Ministries concerned so that any profits accruing would have been available to the Italian Government but it appears to have to be a financial problem and the vehicles will have to be bought outright by the Italian Civilian Firms to whom they are allotted.

The transactions have of course been left to the High Commissioner's office.

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3. TYRES.

(a) Two requisitions for essential tyres have been forwarded in accordance with TYRE SECTION instructions on the 1st and the 15th of the month, but to date no part of these requisitions have been met.

(b) The TYRE RE-TREADING PLANT in CAGLIARI still awaits materials.

4. BUS TRAFFIC.

No reports of any changes in Service have been received this month.

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RAILWAYS

(a) A RAILWAY SITUATION REPORT on the lines given by Capt. HATSON will be rendered separately for the month of DECEMBER 1994 on January 11th, 1945, subject to all the reports being in from the Railways.

(b) The situation in respect of SULCIS burning engines is not satisfactory from our standpoint of saving imported coal.

The State Railway has now dropped from 14 to 10 Sulcis Engines working. The cause of the trouble is CARBIDE. The work on trying to get all the 21 SULCIS Engines on the road is now stopped completely for this one commodity.

(c) A reply from the Commerce Sub-Commission indicates that no CARBIDE can be made available for this purpose at the present.

(d) Any assistance you could give in trying to obtain even 8 or 10 Tons of CARBIDE would be of great assistance.

(e) The Ferrovie Meridionale has managed to put one more Sulcis Burning Engine on the road this month.

SHIPPING

A Report by Capt. TURNER is attached at APPENDIX "A".

GENERAL.

Relations with the Transportation Office of the High Commissioner continues to be very cordial.

There still seems to be great difficulty by the High Commissioner's office getting any decisions from their Ministries in ROME.

For the Regional Commissioner,

JEN/ajs.

D. D. B. Major.
For. JOHN H. NEWBY.
 Captain.
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

2nd January 1945

Reference : HQ/2120

Subject : Monthly Shipping Report.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. IMPORTS

By far the largest weight of WHEAT and BARLEY which has arrived in SARDINIA in any one month since the Armistice, was unloaded during the first 10 days of DECEMBER 1944. 5800 Tons of Wheat on S/S THISLEMIER and 7200 Tons of BARLEY on S/S TREVINCE.

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EXPORTS.

For Armed Forces.

Paint Pigment.

December 4th	- S/S KEMPONG	-	600 Tons
"	5th	- S/S ALVAIAZERE	- 95 Tons
"	31st	- S/S FOR RICHILIEU	- 152 Tons

Anti Malarial Equipment.

December 4th	- S/S KEMPONG	-	50 Tons
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E.F.I.

December 29th	- S/S ABBAZIA	-	40 Tons
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S/S JOHN W GATES

26,000 Empty Petrol Drums and 60 Unserviceable R.A.F. Vehicles.

CIVILIAN

Skins.

S/S KEMPONG	-	109 Tons
S/S ABBAZIA	-	68 Tons

Cheese

S/S RINUCCI	-	660 Tons
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Barium Sulphate

NV ALBERTO	-	15 Tons
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Antimony

S/S RINUCCI	-	30 Tons
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Cork

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S/S RINUCCI	-	1 1/2 Ton
S/S KEPONG	-	100 Tons
S/S ABBAZIA	-	81 Tons
		<u>182 1/2 Tons</u>

Hides.

MV ALBERTO	-	9 Tons
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Magnesium Sulphate

S/S ABBAZIA	-	506 Tons
S/S RINUCCI	-	750 Tons
S/S SALVORE	-	1940 Tons
S/S PELAGOSA	-	770 Tons
S/S SANT CHIARA	-	1500 Tons

Synthetic Coffee.

MV ALBERTO	-	1 Ton
S/S ABBAZIA	-	3 Tons

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<u>Willow</u>	S/S KEPONG	-	12 Tons
<u>Talc</u>	S/S ABBAZIA	-	53 Tons)
	S/S KEPONG	-	32 Tons) 85 Tons
<u>Fibre</u>	S/S KEPONG	-	5 Tons
<u>Zinc Oxide</u>	S/S KEPONG	-	2 Tons

For Allied Commission.

For NAPLES December 4th S/S KEPONG - Binder Twine - 152 Tons
 For CIVITAVECCHIA " 6th S/S RINUSCI - Tinned Meat - 90 Tons

TRANSPORTATION

2.

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3. A satisfactory Agreement has now been made between the Port Commander and the High Commissioner on the problem of Port Transport.

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4. SCHOONERS

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When instructed to load Salt, numerous complaints were made about freight charges and the suitability of the Schooner to take the Salt. In some cases the crews refused to sail. COGENA was not satisfactory and was never available when schooners were due to sail so the supplying of fuel etc., had to be attended to by Allied Personnel.

It is pleasing to report that COGENA is now much more satisfactory and also to report that approximately 40 Schooners over 35 tons have been transferred from SARDINIA to the MAINLAND for service between the Mainland Ports.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
SICILIA REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

246/261
23 December 44.

SUBJECT: Sardinian Railways.

TO : Director Trans Sub-Commission AC.

1. I left Sardinia 16 December and arrived Palermo 20 December and will leave here immediately after Christmas for Headquarters.

2. The Railways in Sardinia should not burden us a great deal with their difficulties. Before I left everything was in order and going in the right direction.

3. I told the Regional Commissioner that Sardinia was the only Region where the Regional Organization was given any responsibility in the Control of the Railways and if they did a good it would reflect favorably on the Regional Staff.

4. I also told Ing. Dr Sallano if he wanted to make a record for himself he should concentrate on the following objections:

- (a) Complete repairs to Cagliari shops.
- (b) Make a better showing on car repairs.
- (c) Repair all sulcis coal locos and get them in service as soon as possible.
- (d) Continue the present campaign on the reduction of passenger traffic.

5. I had a conference with Sallano shortly before I left on the subjects mentioned in para 4. On ~~the 24~~ ^{the 26} repairs it was agreed that three demolition squads would be put to work at Cagliari, Sassari and Chilivoni respectively.

These squads would demolish all cars not suitable for service, save all good parts and put parts in the store. This would make parts readily available and car repairs would be stepped up thereby. The sulcis loco situation is most important because if all of the 21 sulcis locos could be put into service, the need for imported coal by the State Railways would be practically NIL. The shop repairs are going along fairly well except lumber is badly needed and there is plenty lumber available in Sardinia for this work so it is just a matter of getting it released and the Regional Organization will take care of that.

6. Carbide is badly needed and the Regional Organization realizes the importance of this and is handling the subject.

P. Matson

PETER G. MATSON
Capt. T.C.
Trans Sub-Comm
Rep. at HQ Region 6

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

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11 December 1944

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" (Diesel)	628	76810	-	-	-	-	628	76810
Additional to (Coal)	4	480	30	1593	3	780	37	2853
Basic Schedule (Diesel)	18	2960	-	-	-	-	18	2960

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Predominant Commodities

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No. of Passengers Handled:

On Regular Trains	161533
" Extra (MIL)	9501
Total	171034

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Sulcis	1120	1726	2000
Total	2583	3236	3725

5. Motive power and Rolling stock position.

LOCOMOTIVES

	FRAT(Type)		PASS(Type)		SWITCH(Type)		TOTAL	
	Imp. Coal	Sulcis Coal	Imp. Coal	Sulcis Coal	Imp. Coal	Sulcis Coal	Imp. Coal	Sulcis Coal
Serviceable	19	6	5	3	1	0	25	9
Undergoing light repairs	1	4	2	2	-	-	3	6
Repairs	3	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
Awaiting lite repairs	2	-	2	-	1	-	5	0
Awaiting heavy repairs	17	4	8	1	4	-	29	5
Total	42	15	17	6	6	0	65	21

Grand total all Loco's 86

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Inservice	16
Undergoing light repairs	2
Awaiting heavy repairs	36
Total	54

CAR SITUATION

	Coaches		Bage Box		Flat		Boz Flat		Tanda Crane		Wreck Total	
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Serviceable	30	15	15	258	408	100	6	12	3	4	836	
Undergoing Light-Repairs					6			2			8	
" Medium	1			6	1						8	
" Heavy	3										3	
Awaiting Light-	19	4	4	29	16	27	2	2			99	
" Medium	63	26	26	72	91	45	6	5		1	309	
" Heavy	40	17	17	156	140	70	3	9		1	436	
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6. General statement indicating progress of track and station building repair work.

Roadway conditions are generally good, and considering the traffic that is anticipated at this time, we have no immediate difficulties in sight as for as Roadway conditions are concerned, maintenance is progressing favorably. Repairs to the central station at Cagliari are 80% complete and also repairs to the shop at Cagliari are 75% complete.

7. Any items of special interest or difficulty not covered by above.

(a) Movement of Passengers decreasing.

It will be noted that the movement of Passengers is generally decreasing; This is accomplished by making passengers obtain a permit from the local Carabinieri stating that their trip is essential, it is not entirely successful but it does make the people realize that we do not want them to travel unnecessarily. Trains are already over crowded and service is gradually being reduced which makes travel more undesirable. In November the State Railway handled 161533 civilian passengers, this is 22280 less than October and 50253 less than September, so our campaign is partially successful.

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(c) Error in routing of Military personnel.

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Naples to Cagliari via Cruiser
 Cagliari " Monti " Special Diesel
 Monti " Palau " Special narrow gauge train
 Palau " Bonofacio " Navy barge
 Bonofacio " Bastia " Trucks

The second group of 18 arrived on a Cruiser and laid over at Cagliari for several days and were worked to destination by air a few at a time, because service could not be guaranteed across the straits. The first group were given rations by Allied Commission at Cagliari and second group were rationed and billeted by Allied Commission here. Allied Commission is not equipped with facilities for taking care of such additional personnel and it is out of all reason to route personnel in this manner. We hope the moves will cease. The subject has been reported by Cable and letter.

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(e) Return of Railway offices and personnel to Cagliari.

All the offices of the State Railway have been re-established at Cagliari; After the destruction of the Railway's buildings here by bombardment the offices were moved to various places along the line. The return of the offices and personnel to one central point will naturally be more convenient and bring better results.

(f) Carboide.

The Railways are all short of Carboide. Request has been made for this material thru proper channels. This is a most essential product required by the Railways and too strong an emphasis cannot be placed upon the importance of seeing that sufficient Carboide is furnished for these Railways. For example Sulcis coal burning loco's are hard to keep up and repairs cannot be made without Carboide for welding purposes.

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During November we exceeded our coal allotment, following are the reasons for this. Mass distribution of grain requiring special trains, 25% of our tonnage moved was Military, 9501 Military personnel were handled. Military supplies to ports requiring special trains. Navy requires 400 tons of water daily which is handled to Docks in WATER CARS. Road transport decreasing to an alarming extent throwing the burden on the Railway. Short haul traffic formerly handled by trucks now being dumped on the Railways. Export to Mainland mounting rapidly; recently 600 tons of cheese and 1000 tons of pigments were exported. Such moves involve special trains. Plans are now under way to export 250,000 lemons to Rome. The Mainland is making more and more demands on this Island for food and supplies so in the near future if we request more coal this important point must not be overlooked, our warning is, "no coal, no food for Rome".

(h) Shoes and Clothing.

The need for shoes and clothing by Railway workers is great. Everytime an inspection trip is made over the line one is presented with petitions or confronted with workers committees asking for clothing and shoes.

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Our locomotives are all in very poor condition. We could easily spare 30 but all requiring class three repairs, of our 21 Sulcis coal burning loco's fifteen are now in service but five or six of these usually spend a day or two in the round house undergoing light repairs after each trip, however the Sulcis coal burning locomotive situation is slowly improving.

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(k) Mechanical Objective.

The Railway management is being pressed on the following points regarding their rolling stock position.

- (1) Rush to completion repairs to loco' and car shops.
- (2) Step up car repairs by doing more patch work instead of being too particular, especially on wood work.
- (3) Step up car repairs by doing more cannibalization.

(4) Exert all efforts possible on the repair of Sulcis loco's. Points two and three seem to be hard to put over and when it is done it is done unwillingly because the Italian car repairer seems to enjoy a fancy repair job and when all the necessary materials are not on hand he seems to be handicapped. Fancy car repair work is an art and is appreciated but it is out of place at this time.

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Several inspection trips were made to various points during the month. Railway officials were with me on practically all trips and the Regional Commissioner accompanied me on one trip to Nuoro which took us over the State Railway to Macomer thence on the Ferrovia Complementari, a narrow gauge to Nuoro.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SANDWICH ISLAND REGION

4th December 1944.

Reference : Tptn/1607.

Subject : Report of November Activities - TRANSPORTATION DIVISION.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

1. TRUCK TRAFFIC.

(a) As reported in the October Report every effort was made by this Headquarters to point out the necessity for the forming of E.N.A.C. to the Departments concerned culminating in the Regional Transportation Officer, accompanying Officials of the High Commissioners Office in a Tour of the Island.

(b) The results of this tour are shown in the following figures of Applications for Registration under E.N.A.C.

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	Tyres	Parts & Tyres		
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Over 20 ctls 167	13	51	113	204
TOTAL GAGLIARI 262	25	128	420	835

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Weight capacity from 1 to 20 ctls 64	2	6	122	194
Over 20 ctls 17	-	5	36	58
TOTAL SASSARI 81	2	11	158	252

Province of
NUORO

Weight capacity from 1 to 20 ctls 44	-	2	48	94
Over 20 ctls 16	-	1	9	26
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(c) On 5th October 1944 the Inspector of Motorization forwarded to the Ministry of Communication nominations for the Regional and Provincial Directors to be approved. There is still no reply.

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(f) As an example: The Port of CAGLIARI was taken over during this month by the Italian Authorities under the supervision of the Allied Commission. All but 18 Military Trucks out of a total 120 were suddenly taken away and on November 29th, the remainder disappeared. The most that could be produced on any one day was 19 and most of these were only obtained after pressure. It was not because of the trucks not being available as will be seen by the figure in Para 1 (b) but just because the Consorzio di Trasporti did not know where or what work the trucks were doing.

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(g) In accordance with the Tyres Section letter dated 15th November 1944 Regulations for Tyres and Tubes for essential services have been forwarded together with a request for sufficient materials to get a Tyre Retreading Plant in CAGLIARI working. (This Headquarters letter of even reference dated 3rd December refers).

(h) The handling over from the Italian Army of 200 Trucks mentioned in the October Report Para 1 (b) has been approved by MIA and it has just been notified that 6 (six) are ready for collection.

2. VISIT OF INSPECTION TEAM.

A visit was made during the month by Lt. Col. FRIEDMAN of the A.F.H.Q. Combined Inspection Team.

3. RUE TRAFFIC.

The bus situation remains the same. No lines have been discontinued not New Lines commenced. TYRES are of course the key to the continued poor services.

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4. RAILWAYS.

A General Report by Captain MATSON (Railroad Division) is attached at Appendix "A".

Captain MATSON expects to leave us shortly, he will be badly missed.

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A Report by Captain J.P.D. TURNER who is handling the PORT is attached at Appendix "B".

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APPENDIX "A"

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
SARDEGNA REGION

Reference : Tptn/1606

4th December 1944.

Subject : Monthly Report - RAIL.

To : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
Transportation Sub-Commission.

Major Reeves, from Headquarters, Allied Commission, arrived on 28th November 1944 to check Coal stocks and to instruct the State Railway on procedure necessary in the handling of Coal. Several Conferences have been held with Parties interested.

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 Captain, TC.
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