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JAN-DEC 1944

10000/142, 2332 MONTHLY REPORTS FROM OFFICERS IN FIELD
JAN-DEC 1944 REGGID

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

PROVINCE OF REGGIO IN CALABRIA

SUBJECT:

REF:

TO:

PROGRESS REPORT FOR MONTH DECEMBER 19441. TRAFFIC.

FOLLOWING TONNAGES BID FOR ALSO WHAT ACTUALLY MOVED:-

	<u>BID</u>	<u>MOVED</u>
MILITARY	32,720	16,360
A.C.	16,270	2,170
CIVIL	50,480	1,800

See appendix " C "

The low tonnage moved was due to scarcity of wagons. The civilian movement consisted of wine in tank cars and charcoal and furniture within the Division. The wagon situation during the month was the worst since invasion days. Not sufficient empty wagons were returned from the northern Divisions to fill the military loading programme. Grain distribution suffered resulting in complaints from all quarters. Prefects are imploring for an allotment of wagons for charcoal movement. It has been impossible to balance the interchange with Sicily. Severe criticism is falling upon this office as a result and it is the subject of a separate report to H.Q. TN SUB-COMM.

2. TRAINS.

SEE APPENDIX " A "

3. CROPS.

The agrumi harvest¹⁹ large and thousands of tons are bid for but, in the past, no wagons have been available for any except A.C. sponsored traffic. This was effected through Food Sub-Comm efforts.

4. TRACK. All track interruptions due to heavy rains in November and reported in December were repaired by 7 Dec except the Metaponto route at Novasiri. Forty percent of the work to be done was completed by the end of December and it is expected to have trains again running on this section by the end of January.

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5. WAGON REPAIR.

Wagon repairs, as given in I.S.R. reports, appear to be progressing favorably but the lightest of running repairs is included which builds up the result and gives a false impression. It is suggested that the report include the number of wagons reclaimed from disuse due to war action. Lumber is needed and is most difficult to procure except at black market prices.

6. CAR INTERCHANGE.

From NOV 1st to Dec 31 st. interchanges balances are:-

NETAPONTO	-	493
BATTIPAGLIA	+	717
REGGIO	+	919

7. APPENDIX "B"

Attached is special report, in short, prepared at request of Regional Commissioner, for his use.

8. SHIPPING.

A. During the month of December 1944, 3964 tons of bagged wheat and 5000 tons of coal were discharged from ships in the Port of Reggio. The wheat was lightered from ship to quay and loaded into covered wagons for distribution in the Province of Reggio. Due to shortage of rolling stock the coal (consigned to the I.S.R.) was discharged onto the quay. Five hundred and thirty tons of trunks and roughhewn timber were exported during the month.

B. Particulars of traffic moving in and out of the Port of Reggio are as follows:

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- (I) "BEAUSEJOURS" arrived 1 Dec 44 - cargo 7322 tons bagged wheat, discharged 1522 tons, departed 7 Dec 44 - cargo 5800 tons bagged wheat.
- (II) "FORT ROULLE" arrived 1 Dec 44 - cargo 5000 tons coal, discharged 5000 tons, departed 16 Dec 44 - cargo nil.

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(III) " LE TRAIT " arrived 20 Dec 44 _ cargo nil, loaded 530 tons
trunks and rough hewn timber, departed 1 Jan 45.

(IV) " SIDNEY WRIGHT " arrived 22 Dec 44 - cargo 8662 tons bagged
wheat, discharged 2442 tons, departed 30 Dec 44 cargo
6220 tons bagged wheat.

W. F. Blair Major
W. F. BLAIR, MAJOR
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APPENDIX "A"

NUMBER OF TRAINS RUNNING AS AT 15 JAN. 45
ON CALABRIA DIVISION LINES

SECTION OF LINE	PASSENGER TRAINS EACH WAY	CIVIL FREIGHT TRAINS EACH WAY	MILITARY FREIGHT TRANS EACH WAY
REGGIO CAL.-PETRACE	4	1	-
GIOIA TAURO-S.EUFEMIA	2	1	-
S. EUFEMIA-BATTIPAGLIA	2	1	1
REGGIO CAL.-CATANZARO	1	1	-
CATANZARO - SIBARI	1	1	1
SIBARI-METAPONTO	1	1	2
PAOLA-COSENZA	1	-	6
SIBARI-COSENZA	1	-	1
S. EUFEMIA-CATANZARO	1	-	3
	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>
REGGIO CAL.-BRANCALEONE	<u>1</u>		
	15		

APPENDIX "B"

Transportation Sub-Commission --- Office of Region Rep.

Report on I.J.R. Calabria Division

REG 1/27

Regional Commissioner
Southern Region

4 Jan 44

EQUIPMENT

1. There are 96 locomotives (steam and electric) in operation in the division at this date. In addition there are also 76 locomotives not in operation, 27 requiring light repairs and 49 in need of heavy repair. Work of reinstatement of this equipment is proceeding, limited, however, to the supply of repair materials and repair facilities.
2. The acute wagon shortage in the division has brought about a serious condition in the fruit industry, in that agrumi now on the trees cannot be shipped to markets. The situation, as we enter the New Year, is improving and if the present daily rate of the return of empties to the division is maintained it is expected that there will be an increase in civilian freight traffic.

INTERRUPTIONS

3. The west coast route is interrupted at Gioia Tauro by a demolition of the bridge across the fiume Petrace. Present estimates are that it will not be repaired before May.
4. The route via Metaponto was washed out at Nova Siri by heavy rains on 29 Nov 44. It is expected that the damage will be repaired and the line in operation by the end of the present month.
5. A stone masonry bridge on the Calabro Lucane railway at Lauria which was demolished has not been repaired as it is of no military importance and cement has been in short supply. It is understood that the matter of carrying out repairs has been reconsidered due to lignite mines in that area.

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6. During the month of December 1944 freight loaded and moved amounted to 26,916 tons. Of this ~~14,154~~ 50% was utilized for British, American and Italian Military needs; 41% for AC sponsored freight; 7% for civilian needs (principally fruit) and 32% for the I.S.R. including hauling materials for the repair of line damage.

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TRAIN SCHEDULES

7. The following table indicates the trains operated within the division. These trains operate in both directions and with a few minor exceptions run daily.

Section of Line	Passenger		Civil		Military	
	Trains		Freight		Freight	
	Each Way		Each Way		Each Way	
Reggio Cal. - Petrace	4		1		-	
Gioia Tauro - S. Rufemia	2		1		-	
S. Rufemia - Battipaglia	2		1		1	
Reggio Cal. - Catanzaro	1		1		-	
Catanzaro - Sibari	1		1		1	
Sibari - Metaponto	1		1		2	
Paola - Cosenza	1		-		6	
Sibari - Cosenza	1		-		1	
S. Rufemia - Catanzaro	1		-		3	
Reggio Cal. - Brancaleone	1		-		-	
	<u>15</u>		<u>6</u>		<u>14</u>	

W. F. Blair, Major

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	<u>Total Bids Made</u>	<u>Bids Rejected</u>
Military	32,720 tons	
Allied Commission	<u>16,270 "</u>	
Sub-total	<u>48,990 "</u>	
Civilian		
Outside Compartimento	2447 42,530 "	1,615 34,210 tons
Inside do	368 5,980 "	
To Sicily	83 1,970 "	
Total bids	<u>2898</u>	<u>1,615</u>
Total tonnage	<u>99,470 tons</u>	<u>34,210 tons</u>
Total wagons used		

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 25
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APPENDIX "C"

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSIONOFFICE OF RESCUE REPRESENTATIVE

31 January 1945

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Tonnages moved

(including

Military,

AC & Civilian)

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REPORT DIVISION

CAR INTERCHANGE SUMMARY WEEK ENDING 31 DEC 44

METROPOLITAN

R E C D		W E L V D			B A L A N C E	
		FOR WEEK			TOTAL	
LOADS	PLYS	LOADS	ETV	+	+	-
<u>B O X</u>						
<u>H I G H S I D E S</u>						
<u>P L A T S</u>						
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Note: Balances are as of 1 Nov 44

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	R M C D		W E L V D		B A L A N C E	
	FOR WEEK		TOTAL			
	LOADS	PLATS	LOADS	PLATS	+	-
BOX						
HIGH SIDES						
PLATS						
POZ						
R T C						
B T T I P A G L I A						
BOX	78	261	1171	426		154
HIGH SIDES	6	222	1130	116		96
PLATS	4	35	68	192		214
POZ	=	5	4	13		42
R T C	=	6	12	=		=
R M C I O						
BOX	61	5	65	563		=
HIGH SIDES	17	=	18	346		=
PLATS	4	5	3	12		=
POZ	=	=	=	=		I
R T C	=	=	=	=		I

Note: Balanced are as of 1 Nov 1944

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REGGIO DIVISION
CAR INTERCHANGE SUMMARY WEEK ENDING 24 DEC 44

LOADS	WTYS	LOADS	RTIS	FOR WEEK		TOTAL
				+	=	+
<u>B A T T I P A G L I A</u>						
FOX	135	100	111	132	=	260
H.S.	59	76	56	79	=	68
FLATS	23	41	45	14	=	159
FOZ	I	5	3	3	=	8
R T C	I	3	7	=	4	=

REGGIO

FOX	61	7	4	=	=	111
H.S.	7	8	=	=	=	562
FLATS	4	=	=	=	=	347
FOZ	=	=	=	=	=	6
R T C	=	=	=	=	=	=

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ENDING 17 DEC 44

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ЗАТІМІПАГЛІА

I28	=	I1	=	I4
I45	=	I2	=	I3
I5	=	I6	=	I7

REGIO

155	2	3
336		

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CAR INTERCHANGES SUMMARY WEEK- ENDING 21 DEC 44

RECD DELVD BALANCE
FOR WEEK TOTAL

LOADS	RTYS	LOADS	RTYS	+	-	+	-
BOX	52	150	=	=	56	138	=
H.S.	28	29	=	4	=	=	9
PLATS	7	25	=	27	=	148	=
POZ	=	=	=	4	=	5	=
RT C	5	4	5	=	2	=	8

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REGGIO

BOX	74	34	=	40	=	175	=
H.S.	55	2	=	63	=	205	=
PLATS	=	=	=	=	=	2	=
POZ	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
RT C	=	=	=	=	=	=	=

NETA PONTTO

154	86	214	42	=
=	=	=	=	3

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CAR INTERCHANGE SUMMARY WEEK ENDING 3 DEC 44

	LOADS	REC'D	DETD	MTYS	LOADS	MTYS	FOR WEEK	TOTAL
BOX	8	6	45	1	=	=	32	154
H.S.	9	=	27	=	=	=	18	86
FLATS	3	=	15	=	=	=	12	214
POZ	=	1	3	=	=	=	2	42
R T C	1	=	=	3	=	=	2	=

TOTAL SINCE 7 OCT 1224

BATTILYAGLIA

BOX	47	102	134	1	=	6	194	=
H.S.	4	14	36	=	=	19	=	13
FLATS	3	40	51	=	=	10	121	=
POZ	=	2	1	=	=	=	1	=
R T C	=	5	2	3	=	=	=	6

REGGIO

BOX	86	10	21	=	=	=	435	=
H.S.	20	10	26	=	=	=	223	=
FLATS	=	=	=	=	=	=	2	=
POZ	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
R T C	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION (RAILS). REGGIO CAL.PROGRESS REPORT FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944.

WAGON SITUATION: The shortage of wagons in this division continues to be acute and is the governing factor. As an indication, there were only 169 available on 29 Nov. (CV 86, HS 15, Flat 68).

The following figures summarise the position:-

COMPARISON OF DEMANDS WITH ACTUAL MOVEMENTS OF WAGONS AVAILABLE IN REGGIO DIV. FOR PERIOD 22 OCT TO 26 NOV '44

	DEMANDS.		MOVEMENTS.	
	Total	Daily Average.	Total.	Daily Average.
British	2771	80	2850	82
American	1918	55	1717	49
Military	4584	131	189	6
A.C.C.				
Civilian	9273	266	4756	137

These figures do not include Dock clearance.

SCREENING OF CIVILIAN BIDS:

In view of the situation, bids have been screened and cut down to the lowest possible, eliminating carrubes entirely. It will be observed from the above figures that an average of only 6 wagons have been available daily for civilian traffic.

A.C. TRAFFIC:

Wagons loaded for the month were:-

Week 29 Oct to 5 Nov	337
" 6 Nov to 12 Nov	276
" 13 Nov to 19 Nov	386
" 20 Nov to 26 Nov	304
	<u>1363</u>

Average per week..341

WAGON SHORTAGE AND DOCK CLEARANCE:-

Owing to the shortage, to meet the demands of a grain ship (off-loading 1500 tons) and a coal ship (off-loading 5000 tons), due at REGGIO on 1 Dec., it was considered necessary to ask SICILY to supply on loan 50 wagons (wagons en route to Reggio to deal with these ships were held up by the interruptions due to storm mentioned below). These 50 wagons have not been forthcoming.

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INTERRUPTIONS DUE TO BAD WEATHER:

A bad storm on night 28/29 Nov caused considerable damage to tracks at several points (as advised in signals 1/6/2 and 1/6/4 of 29 Nov):

Interruptions in service are as follows:-

TIRRENA SECTION.

Between CARORA and NOCERA, collapse of bridge.

Between FALERNA and S. EUFEMIA, an interruption.

Between S. EUFEMIA and S. PIETRO, portion of bridge piles

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washed away.

Near S.PIETRO station, points out of order and electric traction affected;

S.EUFEMIA -CATANZARO SECTION:

Between S.EUFEMIA and S.BIASE, a loco derailed and overturned, and section flooded. Estimated there will be 6 days' suspension of traffic here.

IONICA SECTION.

Between TORRE CERCHIARA and TREBISACCE, a landslide of an embankment.

COSENZA-SIBARI SECTION.

Ballast washed away.

Between TURSI and NOVA SIRI:

Interruptions at five different points. 150 metres of track washed away.

It is anticipated that most of the above repairs can be effected in a few days (ranging from 3 to 6 days) but the most serious interruption is the last named, which may take a minimum of 40 days to complete. Major Blair is arranging to visit this section on 5 Dec.

It is impossible at the moment to move traffic on West coast, and all trains North by West coast route must make the detour REGGIO-CATANZARO-SIBARI-PAOLA (over the rack)-BATTIPAGLIA, which is adding considerably to our difficulties.

STAFF:

CAPT. R.E. COOK reported here from Rome on 19 Nov.

CAPT. E.B. COBBY " " " " 23 "

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Major,

Div. Supt. IN Sub Comm. A.C.

To Transportation Sub Commission (Rails)
H.Q. A.C.

5 Dec 44.

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