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MONTHLY REPORTS FROM OFFICERS
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IN FIELD
MECH. ENGINEERS

Tn. Sub-Commission A.C.

Loco & Stores Section

H.Q. I.S.R. Bari

2 Dec. 44

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Subject: Monthly Report - November 44.

To: Director Tn. Sub-Commission A.C.

A.P.O. 394.

1. Emergency demands during the month were met. Release of material based on the 3 monthly demands submitted by I.S.R. for Oct.-Dec. have not yet commenced, and this was discussed with Lieut.-Col. R.E. Coward R.E. A.D. Tn. (Stores) when it was found that I.S.R. H.Q. had not yet passed on demands for material which could not be supplied from its own resources and the necessity for speedier action was pointed out to the Stores Supt. I.S.R.

2. The information regarding stocks held by the Private Railways required in connection with their stored demands was received only from the Bari-Barletta. The Sud-Est and Calabro-Lucane have been pressed to forward it so that proper consideration can be given to their demands.

3. During a visit to H.Q. A.C. the whole question of stores demands for I.S.R. and private railways was discussed fully at a meeting called by Lieut.-Col. R.E. Coward R.E. and attended by representatives of the Stores department I.S.R. and of the department of the Ministry of Communications dealing with the private railways (Ispettorato Generale della Motorizzazione Civile e dei Trasporti in Concessione). A draft directive covering the Supply of Stores and materials ¹²³⁰ the concession railways has been submitted for your approval.

4. Some supplies including part worn tyres were secured during the month for W.D. vehicles operated by I.S.R. and an indent submitted for additional requirements which it is hoped may be obtained. The

responsibility for provision of the maintenance of these vehicles by A.C. road Section of some local military unit has not yet been decided.

5. The I.S.R. received during November several tenders for iron and brass castings including one from the firm of Biallo, which was under requisition by D.D. Tn.. The Biallo prices were satisfactory and I.S.R. propose to continue placing the bulk of their local work with this firm after de-requisitioning which may now be effected.

6. When at R.Q. contact was made with M.R.S. Officers and with the acting Chief of the Traction Dept. I.S.R., Ing. Palmerio and his assistant Ing. De Martino with whom locomotive and wagon problems were discussed. They proposed to initiate actions on suggestions made to them in connection with provision of locomotive spare parts by stripping down war damaged engines in the Reggio Division, and also on regard to the heavy repair of boilers recovered from such engines being carried out by the contract firm of Tesi, at Taranto in order to provide spare boilers for changing over to expedite locomotive repairs. These suggestions have been the subject of separate communications to you.

7. A requisition in favour of the I.S.R. on the small engineering shop of Candelucci at Taranto has been cancelled at the request of I.S.R., the output of this firm being no longer essential because of contracts made with the Tesi engineering works, Taranto.

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INTER-OFFICE MINUTE

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C/o Transportation Increment,
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Tel: 843403
Ref: AC/ /Tn4 Mech.
1 May 1945

SUBJECT: NOTES FOR MONTHLY REPORT, APRIL 1945 - MECHANICAL SECTION.

TO : Chief,
Rail Division.

1. RAIL CAR RECOVERY.

- (a) Cecchetti Works at Civitanova Marche carried on during the month with repairs to cars in their works, and completed 16 in the period.
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- (e) Recovery of cars from lines 256 and 257 over the Rome Nord route continued during the month.

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NOTE: + All these cars are in use for internal service.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

TEL: 843191/48
Our Reference: AC/
7 January 45

TO : The Director of Transportation Sub-Commission
(Rails)

SUBJECT : Monthly Report on Activities connected with the repair
of freight and passenger cars.

1. December has not been an outstanding month for freight and passenger car repairs, due mainly to difficulties in getting the necessary materials.

The Wagon Lits Company have repaired 34 freight cars during December, but have since been turned over almost entirely to the repair of passenger coaches. The repairs on these coaches is of a very heavy nature, and ten (10) of the thirty one (31) coaches brought to Rome, were found to be beyond repair, after a detailed inspection. Some spares may be had from the ten (10) coaches classed as SCRAP.

Some materials have been made available at PORTA MAGGIORE WORKSHOPS, SANTA BIBIANA WORKSHOPS and TIBURTINA STORES, however there is still a long list of materials not available, and every effort is being made to obtain these so that work may proceed. A 1,000 (one thousand) carriage seats are in transit to Rome, and of this number nearly 200 (two hundred) have already arrived.

2. The firm BOMBARDI PARODI DELFINO at Colleferro have nearly completed their programme of reconstructing a part of plant to carry out heavy repairs to freight cars. D.M.R.S. has had 200 (two hundred) wagons sent to Colleferro, and repair work on these cars should start before the end of January 45.

The firm have now completed the construction of a transfer-table, and this will be installed as soon as the earth-works have been finished, which should be during the second week of January 45. When the work is completed, car repair will be carried on in 3 (three) sheds, 80 metres in length, each having double tracks, which should allow enough room for the suggested repair of 250 (two hundred and fifty) freight cars per month. Their machine and wood-working shops have the equipment to deal with an even larger number than mentioned.

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3. The recovery of wagons on the ROME/VITERBO -PRIVATE RAILWAY (S.F.R.N.) is going on slowly, but when completed, will release a further 135 freight car for general use.

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4. The release of seasoned timber at Cirella, Calabria for freight car repair, has now been obtained, and movement will start as soon as 4 (four) lorries, which are being supplied by Transportation Sub-Commission (Roads) arrive at Cirella.

R.C. Bowie
Lieut. R.A.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION A.F.C. 394
Transportation Sub-Commission (RAILS)

Tel: 843207

Our Reference:

12 December 44.

TO : DIRECTOR TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION (RAILS)
Allied Commission - A.F.C. 394.

SUBJECT : Monthly report of Activities, Nov. 44 on repairs to Rolling Stock etc.

1. During the month of November a contract was signed by I.S.R. and BOCCARDI, PARODI DELFINO, whereby railway waggon are to be repaired at the firms works at COLLAPERO. The firm of Bonbrini Periodi Delfino are installing a transfer-table and are carrying out alteration to their plant, so as to be able to deal with up to 250 heavy repairs per month. In the meantime the firm is repairing cars on two open tracks, situated near their wood-working shop.

2. A contract was also signed by I.S.R. and VASCON-LITTE CO. to have freight & passenger cars repaired at their works at Rome. A certain number of freight cars have already been repaired by this firm, but at present work is being held up for lack of materials; this matter is now in the hands of TH. STOKES BRITISH, who have been supplied with a list of material required.

3. On 17th Nov. 44 an inspection was made of the engine Roundhouse and Railway Yards at SULMONA and a detailed report of this inspection was given to D.M.S. and the AIR COR TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION (RAILS).

4. Acting on instructions I carried out an inspection of a plant belonging to INDUSTRIE CHIMICHE NAZIONALE ALFATRI S.C.A.R. at CASANO DI ROMA, and reported the results of this inspection to D.M.S. & D.T.S.C. (RAILS). TH. STOKES, BRITISH, are now dealing with this report, and hope to obtain some useful stores for wagon repairs **12.12.44** working under instructions of M.A.S.

5. A visit to Reggio (Calabria) revealed quantities of timber which it is hoped can be procured for the repair of passenger and freight cars.

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