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CIVILIAN TRAFFIC FROM
MAY-SEPT. 1944 SICILY

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

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TIME: 478701

23 September 1944

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SUBJECT : Transfer of rolling stock Sicily
to mainland

TO : Maj. Taylor
Tn. S.C. Rep. A.S.C.
Palermo

1. Your Est/T/17 of 18 Sep. in view of paras. 3 and 4 it is agreed that Maj. Blair need not send back to you wagons in replacement of any leaving Sicily.
2. Ref. you para. 5 the trouble is the limited tonnage available every week Battipaglia to Naples. No harm in submitting bids.
3. Ref your para 6 I presume "yellow form" is AFM 5153. 400 wagon labels have been sent you today and I am trying to get 500 copies of AFM 5153 to be sent to you.

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Captain

for

S.S. AUSA,
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tptn. S.C.

COPY : Tn S.C. Rep (Maj. Blair)
ACC Reggio Cal.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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T/cc
Ref : Rst/T/17
Date: 18 Sept.44.

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Sicily to Mainland.

TO : HQ.ACC Transportation Sub-Commission.

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2. It is noted that no future transfer is to be made without request from DGMRS and your authority.

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4. There are at least 250 wagons lying idle in Sicily & therefore from the point of view of this Div.there is no necessity for Major Blair to return wagons and,if the mainland is still short, 1893 the 250 wagons can be transferred as & when opportunity arises. May instructions as to such transfer please be given.

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5. It is noted that bids for traffic from Sicily to the Naples Div. are unlikely to be accepted but, in view of the shortage of wagons in the Naples Div, it is requested that small bids will be considered as, by accepting them, the wagons can be got to the mainland under load and when on the mainland need not to be returned but can be used for essential traffic there.

6. For the traffic to the Reggio Div. the yellow form "Indent for goods wagons" is required in addition to the ACC wagon labels.

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(The blue form used only at the loading station is not required here). May 500 of the yellow forms be supplied please together with a further 400 ACC wagon labels.

C.W.G. Taylor RA.
C.W.G. TAYLOR
Major RA.
Trans. Sub-Comm.
Div. Supt. ACC.

cc: Tn. Sub-Comm. ACC Rep. (Major Blair)
Reggio Calabria.

MINUTES OF THE
TENTH MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Held at HQ AAI at 10.00 AM 28 AUG. '44.

Reference ACC Tn/Tc/10

Date: 6 September '44.

PRESENT: Brigadier R.W.L. Fellowes D.Q.M.G. (M)
in the chair.

Movements, HQ.AAI.

Major R. Pithouse

D/COT

Major Max Fischer
Capt. W.R.P.E. Young

D.G.M.R.S.

Lt.Col. C.C. Scheuble

Shipping Sub-Commission

Mr. G.A.Bell

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Capt. H.R.Rosson

Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC

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Lt.Col. G.H. Lindberg (Sardinia)
Lt.Col. F.R.A. Glanville (Shipping)
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Ing. Sottile Saverio

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Owing to Military commitments and lack of rolling stock, it was not possible to grant additional train. Italian State Railways representative was unable to accept accelerated train as substitute for existing schedule.

AGREED: Service remain as heretofore, and that Italian State Railways should submit plans for shortening lengthy waits at Gioia Tauro, without interference to other existing schedules, for consideration at next meeting.

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NOTED: Extension of Service to and from Monopoli - Polignano now in operation.
(b) Naples - Bari via Potenza. Vide Minute 80 (d)
NOTED: Date of commencement of additional services 16 August '44.
(c) Naples - Bari via Benevento.
AGREED: That one coach per day to carry approximately sixty persons to form:

- (i) part of Military train running between Naples and Bari via Benevento. Service to operate 6 days per week from 11 September.
- (ii) ACC and Italian State Railway officials to be advised that only special priority passengers should be admitted.

(iii) Subject to D.G.M.R.S. being able to supply stock and capacity of line permitting, it is hoped that in the near future a complete train may be available to operate as many days as possible.

Barletta - Ortona.

(a) No passenger services can be operated in either direction at the present time, but organised parties of refugees will be brought back by special train through bidding system on application to Movements, HQ.AAI.

AGREED:

88.

WHEAT MOVEMENT.

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SALT.

Food Sub-Commission representatives explained that the salt situation was dependent on incoming stocks. 1,400 tons had arrived at the beginning of August, but he could give no forecast of future needs. He therefore requested 50 tons per day be continued for movement from Santa Margherita to Naples until further notice. (Vide Minute 81). Subject to weekly P.O.M. allocation.

AGREED:

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MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES AS REPATRIATES.(a) Naples - Calabria Area

The chairman stated that application for organized parties south-bound would receive consideration, if bids were submitted to Q (Movements) HQ AAI. ACC to advise Italian Government that they should set up appropriate bodies to ensure satisfactory feeding and accommodation before bids are submitted.

AGREED: No refugees will be accepted on any north-bound train, passenger or freight.

(a) Italian Government to be requested to advise all concerned, and arrange for satisfactory policing of all stations to prevent unauthorized movement. (Action ACC Tn.Sub.Commission)

(b) On all Military freight trains D.G.M.R.S. and other Military guards to be empowered to remove all refugees. Urgent steps must be taken immediately to stop this illicit traffic. (Action Mov.A.A.I.)

(c) Organized publicity must be arranged by all possible means, including the local papers, to warn refugees that they must remain where they are at present located. (Action ACC. Tn.Sub.Commission).

(d) Notices should be prepared and affixed to all station notice boards prohibiting unauthorized travel, and indicating that any person found will be removed from the trains, and action taken against the offenders. (Action ACC. Tn. Sub.Commission).

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The following applications were rejected:-

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(a) Passenger Services:

(i) Rome - Naples via Formia

(ii) Rome - Naples via Cassino

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- (vi) Pescara - Lecce
- (vii) Battipaglia - Brindisi
- (viii) Taranto - Potenza
- (ix) Taranto - Francavilla
- (x) Sığignano - Lagonegro
- (xi) Toggia - Potenza

- (xii) Foggia - Manfredonia
- (xiii) Foggia - Lucera
- (xiv) Rocchetta - Gioia del Colle

(b) FREIGHT SERVICES:

- (i) Rome - Naples via Formia
- (ii) Rome - Naples via Cassino
- (iii) Rome - Chiusi
- (iv) Rome - Foligno
- (v) Rome - Civitavecchia
- (vi) Rome - Nettuno
- (vii) Naples - Potenza
- (viii) Nocera - Avellino
- (ix) Teramo - Foggia
- (x) Foggia - Bari
- (xi) Bari - Taranto
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ACCEPTED PASSENGER SERVICE:

That the present service Bari - Monopoli be extended to terminate at Fasano.

AGREED:

APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES OF PRIVATELY OWNED RAILWAYS.

Railways: Circumvesuviana, Cumana, Aletana (Electric)
Tramways: Sorrento, Naples Provincial (Electric).
 That these submissions were dependent on availability of power, ACC to deal with the question through Local Resources Board. Military raised no other objection.

- 1. (a)
- (b)

AGREED:

- 2. (a) Railways: Rome - Fiumi, Rome - Cerrita, Castellana - Viterbo, Rome - Ostia (Electric)
- (b) Tramways: Rome inter-urbane, Castelli - Ronani (Electric).
 Representatives of T.C.U. Division, Region IV, ACC reported no additional power was at present available.
 Application be declined.

AGREED:

- 3. Sud-Est Railway; Steam - Maglie - Otranto.
 No additional services could be permitted, but if the Railway Company desired to adjust existing timings, this could be done with ACC approval.

AGREED:

- 4. (a) Calabro - Lucane Railway.
 Bari - Group, Steam: Vesuvio - Montecalbano Jonico, Altamura Angliano - Potenza, Angliano - Laurenzana.
 No additional services to be scheduled, but on bids from ACC for wheat movement, matter would be dealt with.

AGREED:

(v) Rome - Civitavecchia
 (vi) Rome - Nettunia
 (vii) Naples - Potenza
 (viii) Nocera - Avellino
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Angliano - Potenza, Angliano - Laurenzana.
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merits.

(b) Catanzaro Group (steam):
Following to be authorised:
 2 freight trains daily - Castovillari - Lauria
 2 mixed trains daily - Crotona City - Petilia Policastro
 2 freight trains daily Vibo Valentia Marina - Vibo Valentia city.

5. Bari - Furo - Barletta inter - urban tramway (steam).
AGREED: Two additional mixed trains daily.

6. SARDINIAN RAILWAYS:
 In view of recent report by Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC representative that Sardinian Railways were being operated on a generous basis.
AGREED: No additional services be permitted.

94. NEXT MEETING:
 Next meeting, subject to confirmation, to be held at Rome on Monday, 25 September, 44. G 4 Mov & Tn AFHQ will in future be responsible for this meeting and will issue the necessary notification as to time and place.

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HQ. AAI	
HQ. 1 District	
HQ. 2 "	
HQ. 3 "	
D.G.M.R.S. (4)	
Commanding General P.B.S. (2)	
Chief of Rail Branch, Tn. Section AFHQ	
Economic Section HQ, ACC (2)	
HQ Southern Region (4) (Tn. Reggio, Catanzaro, Bari)	
HQ Region 1.	
HQ Region 6.	
HQ Region 8.	
HQ Region 9.	
Mov. East Italy	Mov. Castellammare
Mov. West Italy (6)	Mov. Crotone
Mov. Bari	Mov. Foggia
Mov. Barletta	Mov. Ortona
Mov. Brindisi	Mov. Railhead Sub Area West.
ACC. Tn. Sub. Commission.	Rep. Ancona
ACC. Tn. Sub. Commission.	Rep. Bari
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ACC. Tn. Sub. Commission.	Rep. Naples
ACC. Tn. Sub. Commission.	Rep. Rome
Transportation Officer P.B.S. Naples	
Shipping Sub Commission. ACC.	
Medbo	
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Commanding General 5 Army	
Tn. Sub Commission. Rep. HQ. Region 1. (Major Taylor)	

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Reference Page 33. of these minutes.

MOVEMENT OF A.C.C. WHEAT

1. At a meeting held at A.A.I. 1 Sept. 44, figures for the movement of wheat within Italy as per attached programme were discussed.
2. Weekly totals for movement as shown in Col. 4 were amended slightly to meet the present Military situation, and it was suggested that A.C.C. increase their bid for the movement of wheat from Foggia to Naples area to 2,500 tons per week, at the same time decreasing movement in a Southerly direction on the East Coast from Foggia area.
3. It was stated that movement from Army Rlhd was entirely dependent upon wagons arriving and movement would only be accepted on a weekly P.O.M. basis.
4. Movement from Teramo and Ascoli Piceno can only be made by road.

WHEAT MOVEMENT PROGRAMME.

Movement of Tonnes
suggested at Meeting.

From Province of.	To Province of.	Total Amount to be moved. Tons.	Weekly Movement amount to be moved. Tons.	Weekly Movement To move total in 3 months - Tons.
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Foggia	Avellino	13,000	542	13,000	542
"	Benevento	6,500	271	6,500	271
"	Naples	8,000	333	13,000	541
"	Salerno	8,000	333	11,000	458
"	Bari	7,000	292	7,000	292
"	Brindisi	12,000	500	7,000	292
"	Lecce	10,000	417	7,000	292
"	Taranto	22,000	917	22,000	917
"	Reggio	15,000	625	15,000	625
"	Cosenza	20,000	833	20,000	833
Matera	Naples	5,000	208	5,000	208
"	Salerno	3,000	125	3,000	125
"	Bari	20,000	833	20,000	833
"	Lecce	15,000	625	18,000	833
"	Cosenza	5,000	208	5,000	208
"	Brindisi			5,000	208
Potenza	Avellino	3,000	125	3,000	125
"	Salerno	6,000	250	6,000	250
Teramo	Chieti	6,000	250	6,000	250
"	Pescara	4,000	167	4,000	167
"	Aquila	8,000	333	8,000	333
Ascoli Piceno	Chieti	2,000	83		

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"	Pistoia	2,000	83	2,000	83
Grosseto	Rome	20,000	833	20,000	833
Sienna	Firenze	15,000	625	15,000	625
"	Pistoia	5,000	208	5,000	208
"	Rome	18,000	750	18,000	750
Macerata	Rome	42,000	1708	42,000	1708
Perugia	Rome	42,000	1708	42,000	1708

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TELE. 478701

14 September 1944

ACC Tn/259/8

SUBJECT : Rail traffic Sicily to Mainland

TO : Tn S.C..A.C.C. Rep. (Maj. Blair)
Reggio Cal.

1. Ref. yours 2 Sep. to Capt. Matson (copy to this Office) I note you estimate ferry capacity to be approx. 20 wagons at present.

2. In regard to bids it is really quite hopeless, in present conditions, for Capt. Matson to send us bids here for traffic Sicily to Naples Division. As you know, there are hundreds of your bids which we have been, and still are, unable to deal with.

Sicily traffic of this type must go by water. If Sicily has rail consignments of essentials (e.g. food) for Calabria Division there is no objection to your handling them but you have to send back to the island one rail wagon for each wagon you receive. We consider 20 wagons per day certainly in excess of needs. As we have already pointed out we do not seek traffic from Sicily to the Mainland and, certainly no traffic by rail Sicily to Naples unless ordered by A.C.C. or is A.C.C. sponsored with a number 1 priority. Then only when called forward by A.C.C..

3. As supply of rail wagons has been sent to Capt. Matson by this office.

B. S. Adams

Captain

for

B.S. ADAMS,
Colonel, C.E.
Director, Tptn S.C.

Copy : Tn S.C. A.C.C. Rep (Capt. Matson) Palermo

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REGGIO CAL. 2 Sept. 44

To: Capt. P.G. MATSON
Div. Supt. Tn. Sub-Comm. A.C.C.

P A L E R M O

Subject: Traffic Sicily to Mainland

- 1- Acknowledging your letter MG/PGM/25 dated 19 Aug 44 and confirming conversation at Messina 28th Aug.
- 2- Estimate of the capacity of the Ferry Messina-Reggio, during present operation, is 20 per day for A.C.C. traffic.
- 3- This is total of traffic beyond this Division, for which you bid to Naples, and within this Division, for which bids should be sent here.
- 4- At present, due to scarcity of wagons, we are not using all tonnage allowed in Calabria and we could accept all offering within the Ferry capacity.
- 5- Are you arranging to procure and use wagon labels which are necessary on the Mainland?

W. F. Blair
Major
Div. Supt, Tn Sub-Comm.

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H.Q. A.C.C. Tn Sub-Comm. ✓
Mov. & Tn Reggio

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To: Capt. P.G. MATSON
Div. Supt. Tn. Sub-Comm. A.C.C.
P A L E R M O

Subject: Traffic Sicily to Mainland

- 1- Acknowledging your letter MG/PGM/25 dated 19 Aug 44 and confirming conversation at Messina 23rd Aug.
- 2- Estimate of the capacity of the Ferry Messina-Messina, during pre-sent operation, is 20 per day for A.C.C. traffic.
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W. F. Blair
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Div. Supt, Tn Sub-Comm.

Copy H.Q. A.C.C. Tn Sub-Comm. ✓
Mov. & Tn Reggio

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

259/6
11/11/44

Our Reference : ACC Tn/16/125

Date : 20 May 44

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region I, ACC.

SUBJECT : Contraband Shipped from Sicily.

1. Following paraphrased report has been received from representative of Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC., at Reggio Calabria :-

Much difficulty is being experienced with contraband shipments of Carrube from Sicily to Italian mainland. Shipments are attempted not only by schooner and barge but by railway wagons. All discovered have been seized by Port Authorities, Regional Supply Officers, and Transportation Representatives.

On 10-11 May, 5 rail wagons, (100 tons) arrived at Reggio - ex Messina. Contact was made with representative of ACC., Economics & Supply at Catania, also Supply Officer, Messina and Movements Messina & Reggio. All agreed movement was without authorization, railway wagons, and space on ferry, are too valuable to fritter away with unauthorized traffic.

Recently ACC Supply Officer, Messina, despatched a large barge to Catania from Messina for sulphur cargo for export. Barge was discovered in Reggio, loaded with 250 tons of carrube which was seized as contraband.

It appears that Authorities in Palermo (it is centre of carrube exporting trade) should be advised.

2. Transportation Sub-Commission ^{is} vitally concerned in ^{the abuse} ~~protection~~ of transportation ^{facilities} ~~equipment~~ and it is to be hoped that vigorous and effective measures will be taken to break up traffic. It will be appreciated if you will advise action taken, in order that this Sub-Commission may inform its representative at Reggio.

L.E.V.

L.E. VINING,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.
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Copy to:- Major W.F. Blair,
c/o Mov. Reggio.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our reference : ACC Tn/259/5.

Date : 26 June 44.

TO : Lt-Col. O.H. Lindberg,
ACC Tn. S.C. Representative,
C/o HQ. ACC Region I, Sicily.

SUBJECT : Transportation from Sicily to Mainland.

1. Reference your MG/FCM/16 dated 20 June 44 in reply to ACC Tn/259/1 of the 14 June 44.
2. Attached bids have been forwarded from Reggio for consideration. It is impossible to accept this traffic by Rail.
3. Bids refer to consignments of Wine and Lemons. Large accumulated stocks of Wine in Apulia and Calabria await transport Northbound which cannot be handled satisfactorily. Lemons too are being shipped to Bari District from Mainland in sufficient quantities.
4. The only traffic acceptable over the Ferry is essential A.C.C. Commodities arranged through your HQ. Region I.

L.E. VINING,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:- Major Blair, C/o Movements, Reggio.

This acknowledges your Reg. 1/6/17 dated 19 June - see ACC Tn/259/1 dated 14 June 44 to Lt-Col. Lindberg, copy to you.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394PGM/er
Ref : MG/PGM/10
Date: 20 June 1944

SUBJECT : Civilian Traffic from Sicily.

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC/

1. Reference ACC Tn/259/1 - 14 June 1944.
2. On June 7th all wine and fruit was embargoed^o via the Messina Ferry.
3. Upon receipt of your letter all civilian goods were embargoed via the Messina Ferry, and shippers will be advised to use schooners.



O. Lindberg, Lt. Col.
O.H.LINDBERG, R.E.,
Lt.Col., Trans. Sub-Comm., ACC;
Rep. at HQ. Region 1

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To the Director

Transportation Subcommittee

Headquarters A.C.C. A.F.O. 394

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Subject: Civilian traffic from Sicily

1) I have to report the following civilian traffic from

Sicily consigned to Naples.

5 June: 8 wagons fruit

3 wagons wine

6 June: 14 wagons of fruit

.4 wagons of wine

2) This traffic had not been bid for, as Sicily is not included in the procedure laid down in Amendment N.2 to AFHQ Memo N.14.

3) This traffic has to pass over the bottle neck Battipaglia Salerno and is consequently liable to cause congestion.

4) As there is difficulty in obtaining tonnage for essential supplies (olive oil) from Calabria, it is considered that traffic from Sicily to the mainland should be subjected to the procedure laid down in 5 f of amendment

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A.H. Street
A.H. STREET Major

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Divisional Superintendent

A.C.C? Transportation Subcommittee

Reggio Division

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394

Our Reference : ACC Tn/259/1

Date : 14 June 44

TO : Tn. Sub-Commission Rep.
HQ. ACC., Region I - Sicily.
(for Lt. Col. O.H. Lindberg).

SUBJECT : Civilian Traffic from Sicily.

1. It is reported that various consignments of civilian traffic (principally Wine & Fruit) are arriving on the mainland from Sicily consigned to Naples.
2. Owing to the excessive amount of traffic on the mainland requiring rail transportation from the south and east into the Naples Area being far heavier than the tonnage capacity which can be handled, considerable difficulty is being experienced in allocating tonnage for essential commodities such as Olive Oil, and it is necessary to refuse such traffic as wine, fruit and ordinary civilian commercial goods.
3. It is not possible therefore to handle additional rail traffic from Sicily via the Ferry. Such traffic should be shipped direct from Sicily by schooner or coaster to Naples, or such other ports as required.

Sgt JPR
L.E. VINING,
Lieut-Colonel,
Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, ACC.

*Copy to Major Street
Reggie*

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