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REPAIR SHOPS AT ZIMINI
MAR. 1945

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Subject : Railway Shops : RIMINI.

Military Railway Service,
C.M.F.
Telephone : Firebox 52,
Outside Line 843365.
Tn.A.3(M)/42.
23 Mar. 1945.

To : Director General, ISR. (Bdg)

Copy to : Ing. Corbellini, Capo Traslioni, ISR. (Bdg)

Tn. Sub Commission, AG. (Bdg) (Att. Major
Baister)

1. With further reference to your 1002252/30 of 21 Feb. 45, and my reply Tn.A.3(M)/42 of 1 Mar. 45, we have now been in touch with the Authorities in charge of the RIME Unit now working in RIMINI Shops.

2. They state that they cannot estimate how long they will be utilising this shop but they have no objection whatever to organised parties of ISR workmen entering the shops for the purpose of rehabilitation and the work may start straight away.

3. You are therefore at liberty to proceed in this matter and your senior Capo Tecnico at RIMINI should get in touch with the RIME Officer in Charge there and arrange the details accordingly.

Joseph
A.D. Tn.3(M),
for Brigadier,
Director Military Railway Service.

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Subject : Railway Shops - RTHMI.

Military Railway Service,
C.M.F.
Telephone : Firebox 52,
Outside Line 843867.
Tn. 1.3(1)/42.
1 Mar. 43.

To : Director General, ISR. (Rdg.)

Copy to : Ing. Corbellini, Capo Traslione, ISR. (Rdg.)

D.D. Tn. Rlys. (Br.), C.M.F.

Tn. Sub Commission, AC. (Rdg.)

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2. When RTHMI was captured on October 1944 I, in company with Lt. Col. Sinclair visited RTHMI Shops and it was quite plain that they could not be rehabilitated within any reasonable time. To a large extent they had been gutted and almost all the machinery removed.

3. These shops were therefore turned over to RTHM as a park for tanks and motor vehicles and remains as such.

4. I certainly agree that it is far more desirable to keep railway employees employed on the railway rather than disperse them to other occupations and consequently, as a long term policy and one which could not be of any benefit until post war conditions reign, I certainly have no objection to the idea of any surplus workmen being employed on this job. This approval however, is subject to certain provisos as under :-

(a) Lt. Col. Sinclair has been requested to ascertain approximately how long RTHM intend to utilise these shops.

(b) He has been asked to further ascertain if RTHM would have any objection to work being started on the rehabilitation of certain areas of the shops.

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To. Sub Commission, A.C. (Br.)

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(c) There is plenty of urgent rehabilitation work of recovery of wagons and locomotives at RIMINI, FOGLIA and FANZA, work which is proceeding very slowly, and which I would prefer to see accelerated rather than the shops being tackled.

(d) Any surplus labour that exists at RIMINI can very profitably be absorbed at FOGLIA, PESCARA, POLIGNO, SAN LANCIO and CHIUSI and I have repeatedly requested this to be done.

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5. I will let you know further on (a) and (b), and will be glad if you will take action on (c) and (d).

W. A. W. W. W.
Major

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for Brigadier,
Director Military Railway Service.

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