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RAILWAY ENGINEERING UNITS
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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Italian Railway Engr Units

LAND FORCES SUB COM. A.C. (MELA)

SD/9

4 Dec 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

98 ITALIAN INSPECTORATE OF RAILWAY ENGR TFS

Ref this HQ letter SD/9 dated 2 Nov 45.

1. The effective date for disbandment of the above mentioned unit will now be 20 Dec 45 and not 14 Nov 45 as stated in the letter under reference which will be amended accordingly.
2. Authority for this amendment is GHQ., CMT letter 1074/A1 (Ser 3822) dated 27 Nov 45.

[Signature]
Major General,
H. M. I. A.

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(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
C.M.F.

29 November 45

Tel: 843238
Ref: AC/377/Tn 4SUBJECT : Italian Ry Units.TO : IRRS B135.

1. Reference your Tn A/E/T/20 of 27 November .
2. It has been agreed that two Italian Railway Units will remain attached to IRR.
3. Copy of circular of authority from HAIL is attached.

For the Chief Commissioner :

P.C. HATSON, Major T.C.

1 Enclosure

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15 Nov 45

Major General,
M. M. L. L.

1. You are authorized to obtain in the IWI-III category two of the Railway Engineering Coys (WS CM/836/4 - 6 others 251 (the cash) concerned.

2. Please state designation and location of those selected. They will be converted to TTY-INTI waf the date of disbandment of the BR-INTI unit. State whether you wish them to be carried as part 'B' temporary units vide MILA letter BR/92/3 of 13 Nov para 4 and Annex 'A'.

Copy to : GEN. CLF

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50 South Main, 3rd Fl.

Dr. Robert M. U.

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(Rail Division)
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Tel. 845209
Ref. AC/377/Tn4

26 November 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Railway Engineering Units.

TO : Director General, Italian State Railways.

1.. Reference is your letter of 22 November, File No. 2986/O.O/4/3/
concerning Italian Railway Engineering Units.

2. The Rail Division of the Allied Commission with the support of the Director of the Transportation Sub-Commission, requested some months ago the retention of the Italian Railway Engineering Units in the Italian Army, and that they be used on the reconstruction of railways in Italy. This matter was handled with AFHQ and MHA and a decision has been handed down that the Italian Railway Engineering Units will be inactivated. There will, however, be an establishment of two railway bridging companies which, no doubt, will be assigned to work on the Italian State Railways.

R. P. MOSE
Chief, Rail Division



*Il Direttore Generale
delle Ferrovie dello Stato*

Roma, lì 22 Novembre 1945
n. 2786 / O. 0/4/3.

Caro Sig. Moss,

in occasione della riapertura all'esercizio della linea Pisa-La Spezia, il Prefetto ed il Sindaco di Pisa mi prospettarono la necessità di mantenere in detta località i reparti del Genio Ferroviario, che ivi lavorano intensamente per riparare i danni causati dalla guerra.

Ella sa quanto urgente sia la sistemazione degli impianti ferroviari di quella città, duramente colpita dalla guerra, e penso che lo scioglimento delle compagnie ferroviarie dislocate a Pisa causerebbe la sospensione dei lavori con grave danno per la circolazione dei treni.

La pregherei quindi di voler interessare la M.M.I.A. presso il Ministero della Guerra Italiano a rinviare lo scioglimento dei reparti stessi fino ad ultimazione dei lavori in corso.

Con la più viva cordialità, mi creda

*l'uo affmo
Indi Ramondo*

Sig. MOSS

Capo della Divisione Ferroviaria

Sottocommissione Trasporti

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TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
CMF

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/377/Tn.4

26 November 1945

SUBJECT : Railway Engineer Units.

Minister of Transport
R o m e

Dear Dr. La Malfa :

With reference to your letter dated 22 November 1945 regarding above subject, it has been agreed with the Minister of War that two Railway Engineer Companies would be retained, consisting of 6 Officers and 251 enlisted men each. A copy of a letter sent by M.M.I.A. to the War Ministry, dated 15 November 1945, is attached herewith for your information.

You will note that the location of these companies was to be decided by the Minister of War. It is therefore suggested that you should contact the Minister of War if it is desired to keep one company in the Pisa-La Spezia area.

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Director.

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION, AC
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
CMF

Tel: 843238
Ref: AC/377/Tn 4

26 November 45

SUBJECT : Railway Engineer Units.

Dr. Ugo La Malfa
Minister of Transports
R o m e

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Director

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TRANSLATION

THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Rome 22 Nov. 1945

TO :- A.C. Transportation S/C.

In connection with the inauguration of the railway line Pisa - La Spezia the Prefect and the Mayor of Pisa asked me to not consider the dissolution of the units of the "Genio Ferroviario", in charge of the rehabilitation of that important center. This, because such an action would bring a stop to the works, which can no longer be delayed.

I can't but agree with the just requests of the a/m authorities, and believe it is necessary that the a/m units remain until the work is ultimated.

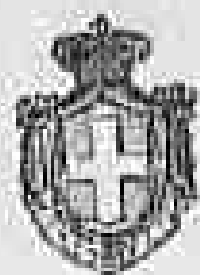
For the said reasons I beg you to examine what requested so that it may take place.

I thank you and remain

Yours truly

MINISTER

(sgd La Malfa)



IL MINISTRO DEI TRASPORTI

Roma, li 22 Novembre 1945

2986/0.0/4/8

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE TRASPORTI

Commissione Alleata - Quartier Generale

Via Veneto

R O M A

In occasione della inaugurazione della linea Pisa-La Spezia, il Prefetto ed il Sindaco della città di Pisa mi richiesero di soprassedere allo scioglimento dei reparti del Genio Ferroviari, addetti ai lavori di ripristino degli impianti ferroviari di quest'importantissimo centro. Ciò perchè l'allontanamento dei reparti stessi avrebbe causato un arresto nei lavori, che sono veramente indilazionabili.

Non posso non convenire con le giustificate richieste delle predette autorità e considero opportuno e necessario rinviare lo scioglimento dei sopraindicati reparti fino all'epoca di ultimazione dei lavori già iniziati.

Per quanto precede prego di voler esaminare l'invocato provvedimento in modo che esso possa attuarsi.

Ringrazio infinitamente e distintamente saluto.

IL MINISTRO

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Subject: Issue of Clothing and
Equipment to Italian
Railway Engineering Units.

Transportation (Br) Main
C.M.F.

Tele: Firebox ext.9350
Outside line 843126

Ref. : Tn.A/P/74/20

To. : Transportation Sub-Commission
H.Q. Allied Commission.

27 November 1945

1. May this Headquarter be advised, please, whether
any decision has yet been reached regarding the attachment
of Italian Engineering Units to the I.S.R.

2. As soon as the position is made clear the question
of reporting values of War Department materials issued to
these units will be taken up with M.M.I.A.



(F.T. Gray) Capt. R.E.
S/ Capt.
for Brigadier
Director of Transportation (Br.)

377/22

Subject : Italian Railway Engineer Units

Land Forces Sub Com, A.O. (MMIA)

SD/9

Nov 45

To : Ministry of War

Ref this HQ letters SD/9 of 2 Nov and 6 Nov 45.

1. You are authorised to retain in the ITI-ITI category two of the Railway Engineer Coys (see CM/836/1 - 6 offrs 251 ORs each) concerned.
2. Please state designation and location of those selected. They will be converted to ITI-ITI waf the date of disbandment of the BR-ITI unit. State whether you wish them to be carried as part 'B' temporary units vico MMIA letter SD/92/3 of 13 Nov para 1 and Appx. 'A'.

Major General,
M. M. I. A.

Copy to : GHQ, CMF

Tn (BR) O.N.P.

AC for Tn S.C.

MMIA LO NW ITALY MILAN

" " TURIN c/o 7 AGRA

" " c/o SIGNAL OFFICE, GENOA

" " BOLEANO c/o 60 SUB AREA

" " BOLOGNA c/o 217 AREA

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TRANSPORTATION & SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION A.C.,
(RAIL DIVISION)
C/o Transportation (Br) Main,
C.M.F.

28 November 1945.

Tel.: 843238

Ref.: AG/377/Tn.4

SUBJECT: Italian Rly Engineer Units.

TO : D.M.R.S. Bldg

1. Reference yours 24 November file Tn.4/1/100/3.

2. The subject has been handled by this Sub-Commission and the Minister of Transport has been informed that two Italian Ry.Units are to be retained, the location in which these units will remain is a matter that has not been decided upon.

For the Chief Commissioners

P.O. MATSON
Major T.C.

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Ref.: AO/377/Tn.4

SUBJECT: Italian Rly Engineer Units.

TO : D.M.R.S. Bldg

1. Reference yours 24 November file Tn.A/1/100/8.

2. The subject has been handled by this Sub-Commission and the Minister of Transports has been informed that two Italian Ry.Units are to be retained, the location in which these units will remain is a matter that has not been decided upon.

For the Chief Commissioner:

P. G. MATSON
Major T.O.

P. G. MATSON
Major T.O.

Handwritten notes:
Matter not yet settled
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Subject: Italian Rly Engineer Units -
Pisa - La Spezia Line.

Transportation (Br) Mott,
C.I.A.

Tel: Rome 513062.
Ref: Tuli/100/8.

24 Nov 45.

To:- Transportation Sub-Commission,
H.A. Allied Commission.

27 NOV 1945

1. Reference the attached copy letter dated 22 Nov from the Minister of Transport to Brigadier Toghorn.
2. As the Pisa - La Spezia line is an Allied Commission responsibility this matter is referred to you in order that you may, if you consider it essential, request H.A.A. to defer the disarmament of the Italian Rly Engineer units concerned.

J.C. Pottle

Colonel,
for Brigadier,
Director of Transportation.
(H.C. POTTLE).

Copies to:- Minister of Transport - your 2966/00/A/S dated 22 Nov 45 refers.
Tn 4.
Inspector, Italian Rly Engineer Troops.

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COPY

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

Rome. 22 November 1945.

2986/00/1/S

Subject:- Railway Engineering Camps At Pisa.

Dear General,

On the occasion of the inauguration of the Pisa -
La Spezia line, the Prefect and the Mayor of Pisa asked me to defer the breaking
up of the Railway Engineering Units who are employed on the restoration works
of the important a/m line. This decision would cause the stoppage of the
works which really cannot be delayed.

I am bound to agree with the justified requests
of the said authorities and I consider it advisable and necessary to postpone
the breaking up of the a/m gangs until the end of the works which are already
postponed.

I would be very obliged if you would kindly take
this matter into consideration.

I thank you for your authoritative intervention and

I remain yours truly

UGO LA MALFA

Brigadier R.D. Waghorn,
Director of Military Service, Italy.

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11/6/27

SUBJECT : Disbandment of Part II (A) Units

LAND FORCES SUB-COMM, AC. (MIA)

SD/9

6 Nov 45

TO : MINISTRY OF WAR

ITALIAN RAILWAY ENGINEER UNITS

Ref this HQ. letter SD/9 dated 2 Nov 45 para 4.

Authority for disbandment of Railway Engineer
Units listed in App. 'A' to a/m letter is GHQ CMF letter
1074/A1 (Ser 3608) dated 4 Nov 45.

[Signature]
Major General,
MIA.

Copy to : In (Br) CMF
AC for In S.C.
MIA LO NW ITALY ILAN
" " TURIN c/o 7 AGRA
" " c/o SIGNAL OFFICE, GENOA
" " BOLLANO c/o 68 ARTY REGT c/o 60 SUB AREA
" " BOLOGNA c/o 217 AREA

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Subject : Disbandment of Part II A Units

Land Forces Sub Comm, A.C. (MMIA)

SD/9

2 Nov 45.

To : Ministry of War

Italian Railway Engineer Units

DISBANDMENT

1. The units listed in Appx 'A' will be disbanded with effect from 14 Nov under the supervision of the Allied formations concerned. Disbandment will be completed by 30 Nov.

PERSONNEL

2. Personnel will be at your disposal for the completion of units of the Interim Army. Men of 1920 class will be demobilized.

EQUIPMENT

3. (a) British equipment will be returned under instructions to be issued by the supervising authorities. Any deficiencies will be vouched to you in due course.
(b) Italian equipment will be returned to Sub-depots under arrangements to be made by the appropriate Adm. Div.

AUTHORITY

4. Formal authority follows.

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To : Ministry of War

Italian Railway Engineer Units

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Copy to : Tn (EP) C.M.F.
AC for Tn S.C.

MMIA IO NW ITALY MILAN
" " TURIN c/o 7 ACRA
" " c/o SIGNAL OFFICE, GENOA
" " BOLLANO c/o 68 ARMY REGT c/o 60 SUB AREA
" " BOLOGNA c/o 217 AREA

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Major General
M. M. I. A.

Appendix
SD/9 dated

Serial	Unit	WE No	WE Strength		Location	Supervision		
			Offrs	ORs		British		
1	98 Italian Inspectorate of Rly Engr Tps	CM/634/1	8	26	ROME	RAAC		
2	HQ 1 It. Rly. Engr Gp	CM/838/1	9	25	BOLOGNA	HQ No 2 DISTRICT		
3	HQ 2 " " " "	CM/838/1	9	25	S. GIORGIO IN SALICE	"	"	"
4	HQ 1 It. Rly. Engr Bn	CM/837/1	4	18	ANZOLA	"	"	"
5	HQ 2 " " " "	CM/837/1	4	18	SANDRA	"	"	"
6	HQ 13 " " " "	CM/837/1	4	18	IMOLA	"	"	"
7	2 It. Rly Engr Coy	CM/836/1	6	251	ANZOLA	"	"	"
8	7 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	ANZOLA	"	"	"
9	8 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	IMOLA	"	"	"
10	9 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	VERONA	"	"	"
11	16 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	VERONA	"	"	"
12	20 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	ANZOLA	"	"	"
13	21 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	IMOLA	"	"	"
14	24 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	VERONA	"	"	"
15	31 " " " "	CM/836/1	6	251	IMOLA	"	"	"
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Appendix 'A' to MMIA letter
SD/9 dated Nov 45

WE No	WE Strength		Location	Supervisory Authority					
	Offrs	ORs		British			Italian		
orate	CM/634/1	8	26	ROME	RMAC			HQ 227 ADM DIV	
Gp	CM/838/1	9	25	BOLOGNA	HQ No 2	DISTRICT	HQ 231	Adm Div/717	Adm Regt
"	CM/838/1	9	25	S. GIORGIO	"	"	"	"	"
				IN SALICE	"	"	"	"	"
Bn	CM/837/1	4	18	ANZOLA	"	"	"	"	"
"	CM/837/1	4	18	SANDRA	"	"	"	"	"
"	CM/837/1	4	18	IMOLA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	ANZOLA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	ANZOLA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	IMOLA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	VERONA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	VERONA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	ANZOLA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	IMOLA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	VERONA	"	"	"	"	"
	CM/836/1	6	251	IMOLA	"	"	"	"	"
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for sig - with file 9/11/45.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION,
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 842238
Ref. AO/377/Td4

9 November 1945

SUBJECT : Italian Railway Engineering Units.
TO : Director, Military Railway Service.

1. Reference is to your letter TM.A. 1/100/8 7 November 1945.
2. Inquiry has been made of M. M. I. A. and the position is that we have been negotiating over a period of three months in order to endeavor to obtain some definite statement from the Minister of War as to the prospects of retaining these Italian Engineering Units. The Minister of War has delayed any definite action until we gave an ultimatum to the Minister of Transport, indicating that we should have to recommend to AFHQ the disbanding of the Units.
3. The Minister of War then wrote a letter to M. M. I. A. which merely indicated the desires of the Minister of Transport, and which asked for the Italian Engineering Troops to be retained at their present war establishment until 30 April 1946. The Minister of War, however, failed to do what he knew he should do, that is to suggest what other units of the Italian army could be disbanded if these Engineering Units were retained, in order that the fixed ceilings for the Italian army should not be passed.
4. The point is that the Engineering Troops are maintained at Allied expense and at the present time there is no essential reason why they should be retained above the existing figure agreed for the Italian army.
5. M. M. I. A. therefore wrote to the Minister of War on 19 October, and informed him that AFHQ had agreed that the Engineering Units should be disbanded as agreed, and on 8 November they issued the necessary instructions giving details as to the order in which the Units would be disbanded.
6. We have patiently tried all means over a period of three months to assist the Minister of Transport in achieving his desire to retain these Units, but it was not until we took definite action after

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many signals from AFHQ that the Minister of War was started into any action. We consider that action was too late, and do not intend to intervene any further in the matter.

P. D. G. BOUGHMAN, Col.
Director

Copy to: M. W. I. A.
AFHQ, G-5 Section

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Tel. Room 8-31515 (French)

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ALLIED FORCE

MILITARY RAILWAY SERVICE ITALY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (DMRSI)

Ref : TM.A.1/100/8

7. November 45.

*Papers the money*Subject : Disbandment of
Italian Railway Engineer Units.To : Transportation Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission.

1. Reference is made to Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission (M.M.I.A.) letter SD/9 dated 2 Nov 45, on the distribution list of which you are included.

2. This letter orders the disbandment of the following units
w.e.f; 14 Nov :-

Inspectorate, Italian Railway Engineer Troops.

HQ. 1 Italian Railway Engineer Group.

HQ. 2 " " "

HQ. 1 Italian Railway Engineer Battalion.

HQ. 2 " " "

HQ. 13 " " "

2 Italian Railway Engineer Company.

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8 " " "

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M.M.I.A.
H.F.H.G.**2nd November 2nd Nov 45
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3. It is presumed that in view of the request by the Italian Ministry of War that the units should not be disbanded until 30 April 1946 (copy of letter P.M.3800 Li dated 18 Oct 45 is attached) you will take up this question with M.M.I.A., whose orders appear to be at variance with the agreement reached between the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of War.

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B.A. Speight
Major, R.E.
for Brigadier,
Director, Military Railway Service,
Italy.
(B.A.SPEIGHT)

Copy to : Tn.4.

Inspectorate. Italian Railway Engineer Troops.
Rail Div. Transportation Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
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P.M. 3800 li, 18 ottobre 45

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ALLA LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C. (M.M.I.A) ROMA
e, per conoscenza
AL MINISTERO DEI TRASPORTI - Direz. Gen F.S. ROMA
ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E. - Uff. Ord. e Mob. SEDE
ALL' ISPETTORATO DEL GENIO

Subject : Italian Railway Engr. Troops.

The Ministry of Transportation has requested to employ the Italian Railway Engineer Units until April 30th 1946.

The work of the above units is indispensable for the assembling, dismantling and maintenance of the military operational bridges which at present are replacing permanent ones, and to be maintained by skilled personnel not available at the I.S.R.

The period ending April 30th 1946 is that in which it will be necessary to have Italiana Railway Engineer Units available for repairs of bridges which may suffer damage during the coming rainy season.

To this purpose I enclose copy of a letter of Brigadier R.D. Waghorn, Director of Military Railway Service - Italy; in which is requested that the Italian Railway Engineer Units be at disposal of the I.S.R. until the end of the winter season.

Therefore I beg the Military Mission (A.G) to consider the great usefulness of the Italian Railway Engineer Troops to meet the general necessities of Transportation in Italy and to authorise their retention with their present W.E. of one HQ. Command and three Battalions, at least until April 30th 1946.

Awaiting to know the decisions of this Military Mission, I am

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(signed) IACINI
Secretary of War

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Date 10-10-2001 By 60322 UCBAW

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(signed) IACINI
Secretary of War

A translated copy

(signed) F. CARAFA, Major

Liaison Officer.

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From G(SC) ONF.

Reference our FX 46153 of 28 September and your 6791 of 9 October.

Remaining Italian railway engineer units will be disbanded with effect from 1 November unless Italian Government agree to take over at that date. Our FX 41765 of 07 September refers.

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For signature 24-10.

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION H.O.,
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (3e) Main,
C.M.P.

Ref: 642236

Ref: 10/277/20-4

23 October 45

SUBJECT: Italian Railway Engineering Units.

20. 1 AFHQ G-5.

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For the Chief Commissioner

Col P.D.C. Buchanan

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For the Chief Commissioners

Sd. P.D.C. Buchanan
Acting Director

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Col. G. L. G.

Copy to: D.M.P.S.
M.S.L.A.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSIONER A. C.
(Rail Division)
c/o TRANSPORTATION (RR) DIV., C. M. F.

ACP/Lml
10 October 1945

Tel. 843238
Ref. AC/377/Tn4

Doctor Ugo La Malfa,
Minister of Transports,
Rome.

My dear Dr. La Malfa:

I would refer to the correspondence which has passed on the subject of Italian Railway Engineering Units and the various conversations which have taken place on the subject.

We are being strongly pressed by AMHQ to give a decision in respect of the continued operation of these units and the time has come when a definite answer must be given.

It would appear that the difference which exists between the Minister of War and yourself is not likely to be solved, and I feel that the Minister of War is essentially responsible and his decision will have to be accepted.

The disbandment of these engineering units will possibly have an advantageous effect, for redeployment and release of Italian military personnel is taking place with the result that the original members of the units have now been released and recruits would not be in a position to give the same service and efficient work until a period of training had elapsed.

The disbanded members of the units must be available for employment by civilian contractors and as financial authority is now given by you in respect of repair works, the opportunity of offering employment of this kind rests to a certain extent in your hands.

I have undertaken to see that a definite decision will be given to AMHQ within the next few days, and whilst, I regret that it has not been possible to persuade the Minister of War to accede to your request, I can only say at this time that I feel the Minister of War's decision must be accepted.

For the Chief Commissioner:

WALTER P. BERGINS
Lt. Colonel, 377 Tn4
Chief, Admin. Div.

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MR. MOSS - RAN DIV

AFHQ

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9 OCT 45

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OF SIX OCTOBER IS SUBJECT PD

PARA TWO AFHQ FOR GEORGE PAREN SUGAR BOG PAREN CHARLES BIKH
FOR FROM HQ ALCON CITE ADIFF PAREN

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT BEING PRESSED FOR DECISIVE RULING AND
YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANSWER BY SIGNAL AS SOON AS RECEIVED PD

Copy to : REJA

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TRANSPORTATION CO
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G.J. LAGNE
CWO, U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

MABA V LAEE NR12

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FROM AFHQ 062050A

TO ALCON

INFO MMIA TN SUB COMMISSION TN (MAIN) ROME

BT

FX47670 RESTRICTED . FROM G(SD) CMF .

REQUEST YOU EXPEDITE REPLY TO FX46153 DATED 28 SEP

BT 062050A

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DA V LROF 6405 QVR3

FROM MMIA 271745A

TO AFHQ

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WAR MINISTRY STATES RAILWAY BATTALIONS NOT REPEAT NOT
WANTED IN INTERIM ARMY AND NO ALLOTMENT MADE BY THEM. NO SPACE IN
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FROM KREXX AFHQ 281050A

TO HQ ALCOM

INFO MMIA TN SUB-COMMISSION TN (MAIN) ROME

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FX46153 RESTRICTED . SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGCT .

YOUR 6081 OF 25 ~~SEP~~ SEP NOT TO ALL AND MMIA SD 2982 OF 27 SEP .

1. THERE APPEARS TO BE CONFLICT BETWEEN MINISTRY OF
TRANSPORTATION WHICH REQUESTS RETENTION THREE RLY ENGR UNITS
AND MINISTRY OF WAR WHICH UNDERSTOOD TO BE OPPOSED TO
RETENTION AS MILITARY UNITS .

2. DECISIVE RULING REQUIRED FROM ITALIAN GOVERNMENT
AS BETWEEN CONFLICTING MINISTRIES . ESSENTIAL YOU OBTAIN THIS AND
SIGNAL ANSWER EARLIEST .

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ASRD NR 5 WR B1 K

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 043238
Ref. AG/74/In 4

27 September 45

SUBJECT : Issues of Clothing & Equipment to Italian Railway
Engineering Units.

TO : Doctor Ugo La Malfa,
Minister of Transport,
R o m e

My dear Dr. La Malfa :

It is most essential that the earliest possible decision be made
in respect of the possibility of Italian Engineering Units being attached to ISR.

These units are in possession of certain items of military equipment,
which are on loan, and which are returnable to Allied sources on demand. There is
every reason to believe that this equipment will be called in shortly as the units
will be deemed to have finished their allotted tasks, unless a definite statement
is made setting out that they have been assigned specific duties.

Please therefore be good enough to indicate by return whether it is
at all likely that these units will be retained to assist in ISR reconstruction,
as we are being pressed by Military sources for the return of the equipment.

Very truly yours,

Ed. Frank Upman Jr.
FRANK UPMAN, Jr.
Director

Copy to: DMRS (Ref. your En. A/E/74/18/ of 13 Sept. 45)

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INTER OFFICE MEMO.

Subject. :- Issues of Clothing and Equipment
to Italian Railway Engineering Units.

Ref. Tn.A/F/74/18.

To. :- Tn. 1.

13 September 1945.

1. Reference the attached letter from M.M.I.A.
2. Vouchers received from your Branch were forwarded to M.M.I.A. for accounting action but in the majority of cases they have disagreed with this procedure.
3. Extract of Paragraph 12 of A.F.H.C. letter AG.400/031 GDS - 0 of 6 October 1944 referred to reads as follows. :-

"12. a. Items of equipment furnished to Italian Units and in accordance with paragraph 3 of AFHQ letter referred to in paragraph 1, above, necessary to perform an allotted task or mission, will be issued on a loan basis, and returned to the issuing agency after the task or mission is completed. Memorandum receipt in duplicate will be obtained by issuing agency from the Unit receiving the equipment. No charge will be made against the Italian Government for such issues, unless the equipment has not been returned within 15 days after the mission or task has been fulfilled. If the equipment has not been returned within that period, the original signed memorandum receipt in detail as follows will be forwarded to M.M.I.A., and will be used as a debit voucher against the Italian Government."

4. From this it is apparent that the items of equipment are merely on loan and cannot be charged to the Italian Government until they fail to return the items when requested to do so. It appears, then, to be a question of policy whether the equipment is to be withdrawn when the Unit has performed its allotted task or whether the basic scale of equipment when applied to all Italian Engineer Coys. is to be increased to cover these items. It is presumed that it is the intention to disband these troops at some time in which case the former policy would apply and nothing will be done about these vouchers. It is felt that your Branch should deal with this matter direct with M.M.I.A.

5. For your comments.

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(E.R.A. ALLMAN) Capt. R.E.
for A.D.Tn. (Finance).

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SUBJECT. :- Italian Rly Eng. Units - Clothing and Equipment.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION.
A.C. (M.H.I.A.) ROME.
1/15-194.
8 September 1945.

TO. Transportation (Br) Main.

Ref. your Tn.A/F/74/10 of 5 June 1945.
Tn.A/F/74/15 of 28 August 1945.
and conversation ALIMAN - MAXWELL, 7 Sept.45.

1. The vouchers concerned are for items which fall into two separate classes:
 - (a) Items of clothing and personal equipment within the basic scale for Italian Army personnel as detailed in AFHQ letter AG 400/105 D-C of 22 Sept. 44, Annex B, (vouchers Nos. 5, 6, 7, 14, & 15)
 - (b) Items beyond the basic scale which are required for the task on which the Unit is employed. (Vouchers Nos. 1 to 4, 8 to 13, 16 to 19)
2. The vouchers for items as in para 1-a above have been charged to the Italian Government by this HQ, and any further vouchers for similar items should now be forwarded for charging.
3. Items as in para 1-b above must be dealt with according to the instructions laid down in AFHQ letter AG 400/031 GDS-O of 6 Oct. 44, para. 12.

Signed. TOMMY T. ROSE. Lt.Col.
for Major General
M.H.I.A.

WTRH/ri.

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SUBJECT: Disbandment of Italian
Railway Engineer Units.

Transportation (RR) Main,
C.M.F.
Tel: Firebox - 44
Outside line B43062.
EN.A. 1/100/8.

29 August 1945.

TO : G-3 through G-4 (Mov & Tr) A.F.H.Q.

Copies to: Tr (Rr) A.F.H.Q.
Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C. (M.H.I.A.)
Tr Sub-Commission, A.C. ✓

Reference AG 091.711/051 OCT - C dated 24 Aug '45.

1. The question of the disposal of 98 Italian Inspectorate of Railway Engineer Troops and the Italian Railway Engineer Groups, Battalions and Companies under command of that Inspectorate has already been referred to in a letter from this office (reference EN.A. 1/100/8 dated 22 July '45). The matter is now under discussion between M.H.I.A. and the Tr Sub-Commission, A.C. and it is understood that arrangements are being made to retain these units in the Italian Army.

From the purely British Military point of view the units are no longer required.

2. The planned run-down of other Italian Transportation units is shown in the attached Appendix 'A'.



(C.H. BARRETT).
Colonel.
for Brigadier.
Director of Transportation.

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Form of Return showing
estimated programme for
Disbandment of Italian Army Units.

Appendix 'C' to
AFHQ letter, AG 091.711/251/GCT-O
dated 24 August 45

Month Ending	Units to be disbanded during month	Total W.E. Strength of disbanded Units	Remarks
1945 30 Sept	2 It I.W.T. Op Coy 1060 It Port Maint Sec 1062 " " " "	4 Offrs 208 ORs 1 Offr 60 ORs. " " " "	
31 Oct.	921 It Docks Op Coys 922 " " " " 923 " " " "	7 Offrs 387 ORs. " " " " " " " "	

Signed *W. J. J. J.*
Branch or
Service *7*

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, AG
(RAIL DIVISION)
c/o Transportation (Br) Main
C.S.F.

Ref. 843409
Ref. AC/74/Tn 4

9 August 45

SUBJECT : Railway E. Units.

TO : Director,
Tn Sub-Commission

1. Transmitted herewith is complete file subject Italian Railway Engineer Units.
2. Please refer to letter from Col. Dutto (Italian) to Military Railway Service 20 July, which is attached, wherein it is stated the number of Battalions will be reduced to 4 and stating the "Stato Maggiore" was willing that these troops be used for certain reconstruction work.
3. These Battalions are composed of Railway construction troops who have been used by the MRS for the past several months and are being released by the MRS.
4. It is the opinion of the Director General of the MRS and concurred in by the Rail Division that these troops be retained as a Military Unit and that they be used on the reconstruction work outlined in Colonel Dutto's letter.
5. As this is a policy matter, it is requested that it be handled with E.M.I.A. to retain these troops in Military Units for the purpose mentioned in para 4. The question of rations, and gasoline needs also to be settled.
6. These troops will have completed their assignment with the MRS by mid-august and prompt action is required if the troops are to be retained on reconstruction work.

R.P. MOSS,
Chief,
Rail Division.

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WFO HQ (Transportation Sub-Comm.)

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REFERENCE TO WFO SIGNAL NO 2947 SEP 67 (.)

THE SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION AGREE WITH CHAIRMAN'S IS CIVILIAN
COMMISSION, BUT PRIMARY REASON FOR EXISTENCE AS MILITARY UNIT IS AS
URGENT MILITARY NEEDS OF TRANSPORTS AND HIGHWAY GENERAL TRAILER
STEEL RAILWAY (.) THESE ARE TRAINED ENGINEERS WHO CAPABLE OF
HANDLING HIGHERS URGENT RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS (.)
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TO ESSENTIAL LINES UNDER GENERAL CONTROL (.)

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REFERENCE IS MILIA SIGNAL ID 2947 SEP 07 (.)

THE SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION ARMS WORK ON RAILROADS IN CIVILIAN
 COUNTRIES, BUT PRIMARY REASON FOR EXEMPTION IS MILITARY UNIT IS AT
 CURRENT REQUEST MONITOR OF TRANSPORT AND NORTHERN GENERAL ITALIAN
 STATE RAILWAY (.) WHICH ARE TRAINED EXERCISES ARE CAPABLE OF
 HANDLING NUMEROUS URGENT INFORMATION AND REINFORCEMENT ELEMENTS (.)
 THEIR CURRENTED REASONS AS THIS WOULD FURTHER ASSIST IN OTHER REASONS
 TO ESSENTIAL LEADS UNDER GENERAL OFFICIAL (.)

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