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MINUTES OF ROAD CONFERENCE HELD AT C.E.'s OFFICE
HQ 3 DISTRICT at 10.30 hrs. 6 APRIL, 1944

Those present were:-

C.E. (presiding)

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Lt-Col G.W. HARRIS, 75 CRE Wks.

Lt-Col A.E. COCKENTON, 104 CRE Wks.

Major C.F. DRETFUS, (for 11 CRE Wks).

Major MENAGE, (for 20 CRE Wks).

Major W.B. GUNNELL, OC 364 RE Wks Sec.

S.O. Roads.

Lt. T. O'CONNOR, (for 10 CRE Wks).

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CALPESCUPTINO BRIDGE (IR 61841)

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FRATTE " (AR 658338)	- Construction awaiting lengthening of Bailey to 60' DS.
"DOVER" " (AR 412339)	- Policy for permanent bridge raised by 73 CRE (Works).

The C.E. pointed out that the bridge reconstruction programme would be limited by the availability of essential materials.

2. The possibility of extending the work undertaken by the Italian Road Organisation was discussed and Colonel JENNY stated that steps had been taken to reorganise the Cantieri and all available civilian contractors were being utilised. It is not considered worth while placing any more contracts until more extensive resources in materials, plant and transport are available.

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3. The C.E. stressed the need for supervision of contract work to ensure maximum efficiency and the minimum interference with military traffic.

Colonel JENNY stated this question had received considerable attention and had been discussed with the CE AAI and the DDW. He presented an analysis of the estimated additional personnel and equipment required by the A.C.C. for Southern Italy and the Army Zone. This included a request for 15 officers and 50 enlisted men. It was considered that such transport and equipment would be controlled by the A.C.C. but assigned to the A.A.S.S.

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7. Colonel JENNY reported that the question of payment of all civilian labour employed on roads being undertaken by the Italian Government depended entirely upon the provision of requisitioned transport, which at the moment was not available. The latter was still being pursued and in the meantime payment of labour by the employing service must continue as at present.

23 Apr 1944.

[Signature]
Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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SUBJECT: Diversion - Bridge at CASTELCIVITA.

Chief Engineer,
No. 3 District. CMF.
Tel: 3 Dist Exch: Ex. 92.
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APM HQ 3 District.

Lt. GEMMY, US Army Liaison Officer.
OW 364 Wks Sec RE - Yr 361/12 of 10 Feb 44
refers).

In reply to PRO/3D/467 of 24 Feb 44.

11 CRE Works reports that work was held up on account of lack of cement, but as A.M.G. SALERNO has now released cement to the contractor it is estimated that the approximate completions date of two bridges at CASTELCIVITA will be 2 April 44.

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for which we recommended
release of cement upon
completion of Proj. 2000
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