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FROM. Fleet Salvage Officer, Mediterranean,
Offices of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

DATE. 1st February, 1946. Ref. No. 318/6/2.

TO. Public Works and Utility Sub-Commission A.C.

SALVAGE ORGANIZATION.

It is considered that it is no longer necessary for the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, to be in control of all salvage equipment in the Mediterranean.

2. All matters concerning salvage will, therefore, revert direct to the parties interested without reference to the Commander-in-Chief.

3. The Salvage Committee, Mediterranean, will cease to function from 11th January, 1946.

4. M.S.O. 21. of 28/3/45 is, therefore, cancelled.
~~and the committee is hereby dissolved.~~

5. From 31st January, 1946, assistance from Fleet Salvage, either in equipment or personnel, will no longer be available.

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William R. V. R.
CAPTAIN R.N.V.R.

P.W.U. (act) Major Hyland.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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15 June 1945

Summary of minutes of meeting held at Headquarters
AC. Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission on Saturday
June 9 at 1400 hrs.

Present:

Col. E.J. Ristedt	Pub.Wks. & Util.S/C.AC
Lt.Col. V.S.Thompson	" "
Major N.W.Hyland	" "
Capt. R.W.Shepherd	" "
Mr.F.O.Griffith	" "
Major J.H.Frick	A.C.Liaison Officer, PBS
Lt.Col. I.O.Ball	Engr.Sect. AFHQ.
1st.Lt. L.A. Donlesky	" " "
Lt.Col. C.C. Murray	D.E.S., AFHQ.
Lt.Col. W.L. Simons	G-4 Sect. AFHQ.
Major R.C.Carson	G-5 Sect. AFHQ.
Major H.N. Jenner	D.W., AFHQ.
Major H.H.Johnson	Engr.Sect.P.B.S.,South
Capt.G.W.Black	Engr.Sect.P.B.S.,Main.

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2. It was agreed that within a maximum period of five months from date of meeting, the Works Services R.E. and P.B.S., could be relieved of all responsibility for road maintenance provided that the following condition were fulfilled.

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- (c). That an adequate stock of spare parts be made available for all equipment and transport.

R.J. RISTEDT
Colonel C.E.
A/Director.

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APO 394
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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14 March 1945

SUBJECT: Conference regarding Military Highways in
P.B.S. Territory

TO : Chief Engineer, P.B.S. - APO 782

File

1. Lt. Col. Thompson and I will be at your office
on 23 of March 1945 at 1000 hours to discuss the above
indicated subject with you.

For the Chief Commissioner:

L. A. JENNY
Colonel, C. E.
Director

Copy to file 078

CC: Col. L. J. Hensley
Provincial Commissioner
Livorno

Col. Hensley:

I expect to arrive at Livorno on the evening of
22 of March and I shall appreciate it if you will
please arrange for billets for me.

L. A. JENNY
Colonel, C. E.
Director

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

232/PWU. 078/3/44

8 March 45.

SUBJECT: Withdrawal of A.C. Engineers.

TO : Engineer Officer,
Peninsular Base Section, Main.

1. We have been directed to withdraw our Engineers from all territory under Italian Government control. I understand that Lt.Col. Thompson has already advised you of this.

2. In connection with the turnover to the Italians of responsibility there is naturally returned to you also certain responsibility over Military highways. Financing of these would still have to be done through this Sub-Commission.

3. There are many problems to be discussed in connection with this turnover and I believe that the only way to do this is to call a conference for that specific purpose. Will you please advise me if within the very near future you plan to come to Rome or somewhere midway between Livorno and Rome where we might meet, naming the date and time of such meeting. If not, I may arrange to come to Livorno with Col. Thompson for the purpose of a full discussion and understanding as to what will be your future responsibility and what part A.C. would still play.

4. May I ask for an early reply or possibly a telephone call, so as to expedite this matter.

L.A. JENNY,
Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

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C.c. to: Col. Thompson. ✓

SUBJECT: - Conference Minutes.

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Chief Engineer
3 District CE.
Tel: Baseball 87.
CE 4502.

10 Feb 45.

Lt-Col. V.S. Thompson,
Chief of Highway Div,
HQ AC., ROME.

Herewith copy of Minutes of 'Roads'
Conference held at HQ 3 District on 5 Feb 45.

A.A. Osborne

(A.A. OSBORNE)
Major R.E.
for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

AO/CS.
ENCLOSURE: As stated.

Lt Col Thompson

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Subject:-Road Work in 3 District

G.O.C. 3 District

Copy to:-

MGRZ AFHQ

Col.L.A.Jenny, Director AC Public Works
& Utilities Sub-Commission

Chief Engineer
3 District CMF
BASEBALL 91
CE 4511

6 Feb. 45

A meeting, the Minutes of which are attached, was held yesterday in 3 District, attended by CSRE of Areas and AC Highway Engrs, including Lt.Col.V.S. THOMPSON Chief of the Highway Division and Major CHAMBERLAIN (the recently appointed Regional Engineer Southern Region).

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The solution of these two problems is vital to the efficiency future road work in this District.

3. The present highway staff in the Regional Engr's office and in provincial areas is totally inadequate to carry out the work that has to be done. There is no officer on the staff of the Regional Engr whose sole duty is highway work. The provision of an efficient officer for this purpose is vital. The Regional Engr has to correspond with the Chief Engineer, five CSRE, the Genio Civile and AC Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm in Rome, and the outside Pd Civile ~~and~~ ~~Public Works & Utilities~~ Engrs.

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4. It is considered that there should be AC fd engrs at the following places- Naples, Salerno, Taranto, Bari, Foggia Calabria. Each fd engr requires a staff consisting of one Sgt, one CR, and a civilian clerical staff. It is, in my opinion, essential that fd engr should be officers and not civilians. A minimum of two vehs are required for the staff of each fd engr, otherwise the efficient supervision of work is impossible.

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5. Col. L. A. Jenny, Director of Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission visited me this morning, and informed me that it was the intention for his organization to be completely withdrawn from 3 District. From a political point of view it appears that it is necessary for this territory to be handed back to the Italian Government. Certain vital military responsibilities remain. These are the maintenance of roads, water supply and electrical distribution. Col. Jenny fully realises the implications of the withdrawal of AC personnel, and suggested that if this is to be carried out an AC Highway and Utilities staff should be attached to 3 District (Chief Engineer's Office) and AC Pd Engrs and staffs to Areas (CsRE). Provided this staff is what has been suggested above I consider that this arrangement would be admirable.
6. The original allocation of CI 5 vehs in 3 and 2 Districts was 201 CI 5 Vehs. Of these only 32% still remain on the road. The efficient maintenance of such inferior vehs and the responsibility that they are employed on the right work is too great for the present slender resources of AC. They cannot ~~maintain~~ ensure that all the vehs are even working on road work. The temptation to Italian contractors and civilians is too great to ensure that these vehs are not used in many cases for private purposes.
7. Adequate road maintenance and construction cannot be carried out unless sufficient reliable tpt is made available for the carriage of stone. I recommend that steps be taken to withdraw the present vehs from AC and to make available reliable vehs the control of the RASC, in the same way as tpt for other work is made available by the RASC. A total of 200 vehs would be required for this District.

WMCMX/VH.

(sgd). Brigadier,
Chief Engineer,

MINUTES OF MEETING - MEMBERS MEET AT HQ 3 DISTRICT - 5 MAY 65.

Those present were :-

Brigadier W. H. H. Jones.	Chief Engineer (Presiding).
Lt-Colonel. W. H. H. Jones, RE	SCPL. I.
Major A. A. C. Jones, RE	SCPL. II.
Lt-Col. J. H. Jones, RE	11 CBR Works
Lt-Col. C. G. P. Jones, RE	12 CBR Works
Lt-Col. E. H. Jones, RE	13 CBR Works
Lt-Col. C. J. H. Jones, RE	14 CBR Works

and the following representatives from the AG :-

Lt-Col. V. S. Thompson	Chief of Highway Div, HQ AG, ROSE.
Major Chamberlain	(Recently appointed Maj. Eng., Southern Region).
Capt. R. N. J. Hibbard	
Mr. H. H. Jones	
Capt. Turner, USA., 557 Regt Regs.	Responsible for direct engineering control of PMS Roads.

1. The CG in outlining the reason for convening the meeting, stated that whilst APM routes and No. 1 District Priority roads were on the whole well maintained, there were now many District or Area roads that are badly in need of attention and requests by the CG to the AG for maintenance contracts had not produced any result. The meeting would afford an opportunity for both the CG and the AG to state their difficulties and enable a discussion on reasons for failure and suggest remedies.

2. The CG (11, 12, 13 & 14) outlined the difficulties of getting expeditious attention to their requests for road maintenance for the following District, Provision and Overseas Roads :-

MARI & ZARAGOZA Areas

Main streets through MARI.
MARI - ONIA Rd.
ZARAGOZA by Pass.
Roads in AG.
Route 16 beyond TROVATI.

MARI & ZARAGOZA Areas.

CHALMERS - AGNIA - CAPTANIA.
CICOLANO - GOSCHILLO.
CICOLANO by Pass.
MARI - AVALLINO Route 701a.
CHALMERS - MONTESAPONE - AGNIA (Route 7).
MARI - PAGANI (MARI - SALIZO Rd).
Approach road to 103 San Hosp., MARI.
MARI by Pass.

The CG referred to similar inability of the AG to carry out instructions which were originated about six months ago.

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BAKI & TARANTO AREAS

Main streets through TARI.

MANTOVA - OZIA Rd.

TARANTO by Pass.

Roads in L.A.

Route 16 beyond TARI.

NAPLES & SALERNO AREAS

CASALNUOVA - ACQUA - CANICOLI.

CICILIANO - CANICOLI.

CICILIANO by Pass.

NAPLES - AVULINO Route 701.

CERVINIA - MONTESANTO - Di Junc (Route 7).

ARIEL - VAGANTI (NAPLES - SALERNO Rd).

Approach road to 103 Gen Hosp., NAPLES.

AVULINO by Pass.

The CE referred to similar instability of the Genio Civile in CALABRIA to carry out instructions which were originated about six months ago.

3. Mr. H. E. J. Hubbard referred to the CALABRIA - ACQUA - CANICOLI Rd on a Provincial Road over which the Genio Civile had no control until brought in during recent serious flooding. He attributed delay to AG internal administration in some cases and mentioned that contractors could not obtain labour due to the variations in rates of wages for contractors' men fixed by the Italian Government and the much higher paid by under military control.

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14-Col. Thompson explained that much had been said regarding lack of funds and delay on account of finances, but a proper appreciation of procedure was apparent. Lacking as the Regional Engineers had instructions that urgent work need not be held up on telephone authority to proceed was sufficient and the "Military Highway Fund" over which he exercised control was adequate and applicable to all roads deemed of military importance, whether a state road, provincial, or in a Commune.

Major Chubbuckin added that there was a case of a local Contract approved by Major Knight at BAZ where the Commune had not received the funds expended in this way.

14-Col. Thompson replied that he would look into the case as the actual payment of funds was a civilian responsibility, and concluded by stating that the AG Organization with its present staff could not cope completely with all district roads as well as ARVN routes and welcomed any assistance or suggestions that J District could give in effecting changes which would enable them full responsibilities to be met.

6. AG Roads Organization Staff. The CE mentioned that lack of supervising staff was a contributory factor that had been agreed by all concerned and whilst the staff problem was an AG concern, an expression of opinion on this subject would be a guide for recommendation. The following suggestions arose from discussion :-

Regional Engineer's Office : 1 Officer to deal with highways.
One AG Field Engineer with 1 Sergeant at each of the following places :-

NAPLES, HALL, TAMARCO, FOUILA & SALAMON, & CHUOCH.

Necessary clerical staff with 1 - RV vehicle and 1 - 15.000 vehicle.
Serge Civils : 14-Col. Thompson stated that the age of many Commune Civils Engineers being over 70 was a matter of concern, but suggestions for reorganization had already been made including giving younger men (age 40) acting rank to overcome the difficulties of seniority in the service. The failure of the Commune Civils to arrange payments and supervise work in Communes where instructed would be investigated, particularly in respect of the BAZ and TAMARCO areas. They were responsible for obtaining sufficient contractors to tender and any emergency work which would eliminate time for this usual procedure should be strictly limited and such requests by CE to Regional Engineers should bear this point in mind.

7. AG Transport. 14-Col. Thompson had already referred to cases of civilian contractors transport which was available last April now being useless on account of lack of tyres due to heavy services on road and bridge units for the Army. He had re-thought the essential need for transport for supervision and haulage of materials if the Civilian Road Organization was to continue to function.

The CE gave the following details of 3-ton lorries issued to the 93 for maintenance of essential roads and stated that the various transport pool had been strongly represented through Staff Channels to AFHQ :-

Location	No. of Vehicles		No. of Vehicles		Original Issues
	Working.	Under repair.	Vehicle	B.I.R.	

Roads as well as Army Engineers and welcomed any recommendations or suggestions which would enable them to respond to the situation as well as possible.

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Location	No. of Vehicles Working.	No. of Vehicles under repair.	No. of Vehicles B.L.N.	Original Issues.
MUGLIA	10	20	36	76
BARI	25	8	14	45
SALANG	17	15	10	42
ESSENTA	14	10	14	38
TOTALS	66	53	84	201
PROPOSED	32	26.5	42	

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The existing system of control and operation of these 201 vehicles (2, now running) was discussed and the following observations made :-

Capt Ribbald considered bus depots or garages were necessary when contractors were over 50 miles from the main garage, as the vehicles could not be checked and use of transport invariably occurred.

Major Chamberlain considered that an air bay was necessary to operate AC vehicles.

Lt-Col. Thompson suggested that the OMS should control and maintain this transport but it was pointed out that this would involve a special maintenance staff being given to OMS., unless an RASC Maintenance Detachment was provided.

It was agreed that if all the original allocation of 201 vehicles were in good condition and running there would meet the AC requirements.

8. No other points were raised except that the use of P.O.C. labour for road works was suggested by Capt. Turner.

9. The CM in rounding up the general discussion, stated that two main points had emerged from the meeting :-

(1) AC Road Organisation Staff.

The present staff of the AC Highway Division of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Department in Southern Region is inadequate and the minimum establishment to ensure proper execution of essential road maintenance should be as agreed recommendations already mentioned.

(11) AC Transport.

If the Civil Roads Organisation is to continue to function all AC Field Engineers and Civil Engineers must have 10 vehicles to enable them to ensure proper supervision of contract work and ~~the~~ 1000 ~~3000~~ lorries ~~at~~ at the disposal of the AC Highway Division for maintenance of roads in the whole of Southern Region. It is essential that a proper organisation be set for administration, maintenance and operation of these vehicles, preferably under RASC control.

Subject: Road work in 3 District

G.O.G. 3 District

Copy to :-

MEMO AFHQ

Col. L.A. JERRY, Director AO Public Works
& Utilization Sub-Commission

Chief Engineer
3 District CDE
BASTAR, 91
CH 4511

8 FEB 1945 07/5

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3. The present highway staff in the Regional Eng'r's office and in provincial areas is totally inadequate to carry out the work that has to be done. There is no officer on the staff of the Regional Eng'r whose sole duty is highway work. The provision of an efficient officer for this purpose is vital. The Regional Eng'r has to correspond with the Chief Engineer, Five Corps, the Genio Civile and AC Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission in MILAN, and the outside RI Eng'rs.

All Eng'rs at the present time are established in NAPLES, PUGLIA and BARI but they have inadequate staffs. No RI Eng'rs are provided at TARANTO, TARANTO or in CALABRIA.

4. It is considered that there should be AC RI Eng'rs at the following places - NAPLES, TARANTO, BARI, PUGLIA, CALABRIA. Each RI Eng'r requires a staff consisting of one Sgt, one OR, and a civilian clerical staff. It is, in my opinion, essential that RI Eng'rs should be officers and not civilians. A minimum of two vech are required for the staff of each RI Eng'r, otherwise the efficient supervision of work is impossible.

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5. Col. L.A. JENNY, Director of Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission visited me this morning, and informed me that it was the intention for his organization to be completely withdrawn from 3 District. From a political point of view it appears that it is necessary for this territory to be handed back to the Italian Government. Certain vital military responsibilities remain. These are the maintenance of roads, water supply and electrical distribution. Col. JENNY fully realises the implications of the withdrawal of AC personnel, and suggested that if this is to be carried out an AC Highway and Utilities staff should be attached to 3 District (Chief Engineer's Office) and AC RI Eng'rs and staffs to Areas (OSRE). Provided this staff is what has been suggested above I consider that this arrangement would be admirable.

.../Direct Two.

W. C. Thompson

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6. The original allocation of 01 5 veins in 3 and 2 Districts was 201 01 5 Vms. Of these only 32% still remain on the road. The efficient maintenance of such inferior veins and the responsibility for seeing that they are employed on the right work is too great for the present slender resources of AG. They cannot ensure that all the veins are even working on road work. The temptation to Italian contractors and civilians is too great to ensure that these veins are not used in many cases for private purposes.

7. Adequate road maintenance and construction cannot be carried out unless sufficient reliable tpt is made available for the carriage of stone. I recommend that steps be taken to withdraw the present veins from AG and to make available reliable veins under the control of the RASC, in the same way as tpt for other work is made available by the RASC. A total of 200 veins would be required for this District.

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W. C. Hearse
Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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Those present were :-

Brigadier W. Moll. Keane.	Chief Engineer (Presiding).
Lt-Colonel. F. Brunson, RE	SOE.1.
Major A.A. Osborne, RE	SOE Roads.
Lt-Col. J.E. Jones, RE	11 CRE Works
Lt-Col. S.C. Flower, RE	12 CRE Works
Lt-Col. E. Hazledine, RE	13 CRE Works
Lt-Col. C.J.M. Martin, RE	82 CRE Works

and the following representatives from the AC :-

Lt-Col. V.S. Thompson	Chief of Highway Div, HQ AC., Rome.
Major Chamberlain	(Recently appointed Reg. Eng., Southern Region).
Capt. R.N.J. Hibbard	
Mr. H.H. Townsend	
Capt. Turner, USA., 357 Regt Engs.	Responsible for direct engineer control of PBS Roads.

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 TARANTO by Pass.
 Roads in ASP.
 Route 16 beyond TERNOLI.

NAPLES & SALERNO Areas.

CASALNUOVA - ACERRA - CAMBULO.
 CICCIANO - CAMBULO.
 CIMITILE by Pass.
 NAPLES - AVELLINO Route 7bis.
 CERVINARA - MONTESAPONE - M. Junc (Route 7).
 ANGI - PACANI (NAPLES - SALERNO Rd).
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CERVINARA - MONTESARCHIO-M. Junc (Route 7).

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AVELLINO By Pass.

The CE referred to similar inability of the Genio Civile in CALABRIA to carry out instructions which were originated about six months ago.

3. Mr. H. H. Townsend referred to the CASALNUOVA - ACERRA - CASCIELLO Rd as a Provincial Road over which the Genio Civile had no control until brought in during recent serious flooding. He attributed delay to AG internal administration in some cases and mentioned that contractors could not obtain labour due to the variations in rates of wages for contractors' men fixed by the Italian Government and the much higher paid DEL under military control.

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4. Lt-Col. Thompson emphasized that much had been said regarding lack of funds and delay on account of finances, but a proper appreciation of procedure was apparently lacking as the Regional Engineers had instructions that urgent work need not be held up as telephone authority to proceed was sufficient and the "Military Highway Fund" over which he exercised control was adequate and applicable to all roads deemed of military importance, whether a State road, Provincial, or in a Commune.

Major Chamberlain added that there was a case of a Road Contract approved by Major Knight at Bani where the Commune had not received the funds expended in this way.

5. Lt-Col. Thompson replied that he would look into the case as the actual payment of funds was a civilian responsibility, and concluded by stating that the AC Organisation with its present staff could not cope completely with all District Roads as well as AFHQ Bases and welcomed any assistance or suggestions that 3 District could give in effecting changes which would enable those full responsibilities to be met.

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FOGGIA	10	20	36	76
BARI	23	8	14	45
SALERNO	17	15	10	42
CASERTA	14	10	14	38
TOTALS	64	53	84	201
PERCENTAGES	32	26.5	42	

The existing system of control and operation of these 201 vehicles (64 now running) was discussed and the following observations made :-

Capt Hibbard considered Sub Depots or garages were necessary when contractors were over 50 miles from the main garage, as the vehicles could not be checked and mis-use of transport invariably occurred.

Major Chamberlin considered that an M Coy was necessary to operate AC vehicles.

Lt-Col. Thompson suggested that the CAME should control and maintain this transport but it was pointed out that this would involve a special maintenance staff being given to CAMEs., unless an RASC Maintenance Detachment was provided.

It was agreed that if all the original allocation of 201 vehicles were in good condition and running these would meet the AC requirements.

8. No other points were raised except that the use of P.O.W. labour for road works was suggested by Capt. Turner.

9. The CM in summing up the general discussion, stated that two main points had emerged from the meeting :-

(i) AC Roads Organisation Staff.

The present staff of the AC Highway Division of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission in Southern Region is inadequate and the minimum establishment to ensure proper execution of essential road maintenance should be an agreed recommendations already mentioned.

(ii) AC Transport.

If the Civil Roads Organisation is to continue to function all AC Field Engineers and Genio Civils Engineers must have PV vehicles to enable them to ensure proper supervision of contract work and ~~least~~ 200 3-ton lorries ~~at~~ at the disposal of the AC Highway Division for maintenance of roads in the whole of Southern Region. It is essential that a proper organisation be set for administration, maintenance and operation of these vehicles, preferably under RASC control.

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HQ AC., ROCE.
Lt-Col. V.S. Thompson, Highway Division,
HQ AC., ROCE.

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Major R.E.
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NOTES ON CONFERENCE OF INGS. CAPI OF GENIO CIVILE

11 JANUARY 1945

9.30 A.M.

By Col Thompson

We have all your men sent
this. There are many points
of interest and some need
following up.

INTERVIEWED:

Col. Findlay
Col. Bollick
Maj. Evans
Ing. Alicata
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" Zander
" Nicoli
" Caruso
" Bevilacqua
" Reggiani
" Fraschetti
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that will bring in lot of works to Genio Civile, for the "visto" to all schemes submitted by private owners.

He informs that for this purpose, as to simplify procedure, each province will be divided in some sections; in each section, there will be a detached office of Genio Civile with some Engineers and Geometri; the Engineer Head of the section will provide to "visto" the schemes and will act rather independently, but always under control of Ing.Capo who will still superintend and be responsible of all the sections of his province.

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Ing.Alicata continued:- program of re-housing - Also the Ministry thinks that it is better proceed quickly with repairs of lease damaged buildings rather than make new houses. New houses are to be reserved for these towns more destroyed; the specimen houses erected in Littoria province have come to a good result, owing to the fact that being covered with vaults, do not require roofing tiles; so

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this type of houses should be adopted and preferred, as there is no hope at present to get tiles, and the few can be made available must be used for houses repairs.

Reports on activity - Each Ing. Capo will submit as soon as possible, a complete report on the activity of his office during the passed 7 months - in this report shall be shown how many bridges have been repaired, how many kms of roads, how many aqueducts, etc.

This report is requested by Minister as he wants for press purpose. Shuttle form for monthly report.

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Labour - yes - Only Terni is hard for skilled brick layers and masons as all local labour is for industry, and housing labour had always been imported.

Materials - ing. Alicata is afraid that will all lack soon.

Col. Findlay informs that within short time, 9 brick works in Rome Province will start production, the position of coal is difficult but will soon improve if the Port of Civitavecchia will soon be repaired.

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Lignite is available but under ground, and actual production of Spoleto mines is not enough to meet all needs.

150 Tons of coal has been released to Ditta Sciarra, so to enable this firm to produce 15.000 mqs of glass.

Ing. Alicata - What is of the highest importance is the problem of transportations. The lack of trucks will be the lack of works. We could find tiles, there are more than 1 million available in Marciano (Perugia); they cannot be transported to Terni. One truck of tile came lately to Rome from Sinalunga.

Tiles were paid on spot 2 lire and came to cost here 32 lire.

Col. Findlay recommend that a post sign indicating maximum load carriage should be put on every repaired or temporary bridge.

All Capi noted it.

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The answer is: the salaries yes; but the award for activity which is normally paid every 6 months, has not been paid at the end of the year.

Ing. Alicata says that he knows the Ministry is preparing that payment.

Ingegneri Capi complain that trip indemnity which was 3 lire per Km. has been reduced to 1 lire.

Conference finished 12 a.m.

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SUBJECT:- AC Conference at HQ 3 District - 10 Jan 45.

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10 Jan 1945.

Lt-Col. V.S. Thompson,
Highway Div., HQ AC., RCE.

1. The attached copy of notes upon "Road Repairs & Maintenance" raised by representative of 54 Area for discussion at the above conference is forwarded for information.
2. The point raised concerns application by 12 CME to AC for maintenance of District Roads and the attached BARI Zone letter ref B2/PU/2/17 dated 6 Nov 44, is forwarded for information and report upon the present position of availability of funds for that area.

A.A. Osborne
(A.A. OSBORNE)
Major R.E.
for Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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ENCLOSURE: As stated.

V.S. Thompson
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To :- C.E.

MEMO ON A.C. CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 3 DISTRICT - 10 JANUARY 1945.

Ref attached agenda.

1. Brief review of existing organisation containing nothing new. A précis will be circulated.
2. Only item (b) concerned 'E' Branch.
 - (i) 54 Area Rep stated lack of funds and outstanding debts prevented proper road repairs.
 - (ii) The Regional Commissioner replied he was aware of such financial difficulties which were being dealt with.
 - (iii) SO Roads added that the maintenance of main roads, was on the whole, satisfactory in that area, but that secondary and municipal roads had received no attention due to their low priority and the lack of a proper civilian organisation for municipal work. In reply to question by the Regional Commissioner SO Roads affirmed that roads in urgent need of repair were considered essential military roads for the purpose of maintenance under AC Control.
 - (iv) The GOO concluded by quoting Route 4 as an example of a road which had not been given military priority previously, and was therefore still in need of bridge works.

NOTE.

Ref 2(iv). Route 4 to RHEI was given No.1 District Priority in the latest Priority List dated 3 Jan 45.

10 Jan 45.
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ENCLOSURE.

Major R.E.

SOUTHERN REGION
ALLIED COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

Ref. BZ/FU/2/17
6 November 1944

Subject:- Roads.

To:- C.R.N. 12.

Reference your 12 CRN/1/79 of 25th October.

1. The delay in replying to this is attributable to your letter being addressed to the Senior Supply Officer instead of to the Public Works & Utilities Sub Commission.

2. The Municipal Engineer has been instructed to make good the roads mentioned; in the case of (b) this has already been required. Estimates have been rendered by the Municipal Engineer for the other streets mentioned.

3. Referring to the second part of your letter. The Engineering Dept of the Municipality of Bari consists of

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b) The Municipal Roads Dept has no employees apart from (a), and all works are done by Contractor.

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These corporations have indeed been urged to make greater use of horse transport, but naturally speed of execution of works suffers.

- A. The Municipal Engineer has been instructed to make surveys of the streets at regular intervals and to render a fortnightly report on their condition to this Sub Commission.

(3d) F J STEPHENS Lt. RM,
F.W.A U. Sub Commission,
BARI Zone.

HQ 15 ARMY GROUP

SECRET

2580/36/RE

28 Dec. 44

Notes on Conference held at office of CE 15 Army Group on 27 Dec. 44

1. Present

Brig CARDALE
Brig ANDERSON
Major LEE
Major RICHARDSON

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Region Engr TUSCANA Region
City Engr FLORENCE

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2. Object was to discuss the replacement of Bailey Bridges over river ARNO at FLORENCE.

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6. Replacement of Bailey by FLAMBO at PONTE DI VITTORIA would have to wait for

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- (a) the construction of bridge at PONTE ALLE CARRAIA for one way traffic and to carry main water pipe at present carried by the PONTE DI VITTORIA bridge.
- (b) the building up of piers at PONTE DI VITTORIA so that flambo br is sufficiently high to permit permanent reconstruction beneath.

It is estimated that it would take some 2 months to do this after completion of work at PONTE ALLE CARRAIA.

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MEMORANDUM

22 Dec. 44

To: Col. Rhodes,
Col. Lapper,
Col. Thompson, ✓
Sub. King.

From: Director, P.W. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. At the Staff Meeting this morning we were advised that in the future it would not be necessary, when writing to a Ministry or Ministry assistants, to close the letter by ~~and put underneath~~

" By Order of Admiral Stone".

In the future all such letters are to be prepared for the signature of the Director of the Sub-Commission in the normal way.

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L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

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