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BOLLETTINO SETTIMANALE DEI PREZZI E DEI CAMBI

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**BOLLETTINO SETTIMANALE
DEI PREZZI E DEI CAMBI**

19 March 44
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D. SACCONI - ROMA

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SOUTHERN REGION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

15 OCT 1944

Ref. BZ/PU/2/2
9. October 1944

Subject: ROAD COMMUNICATIONS

To : HQ. ACC. P.W.&U. ROME

Herewith copy of a letter from HQ 2 District, ref. no. 1385/Q1, dated 13. Sept. 44, on the subject ~~on~~ road communications and the removal of Bailey Bridges, and their effect it may have on civilian traffic.

W. Knight
Major W. Knight
P.W.&U. Engineer
Bari Zone

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Subject: Rd Comms

AFHQ (Q Maint)

HQ No. 2 District C.I.

C.M.F.

1385/Q1

13. Sept. 44

1. AS a part of the programme now in op for the removal of Bailey brs, RE at AAJ have suggested to RE at this HQ that two such brs at H 4470 should be dismantled.

2/ Of these two brs, one is at present being replaced by a civ br which is expected to be complete by the end of Oct. The erection of a civ br at the second site is stated by RE to be a considerable engineering task which it is extremely improbable could be undertaken by the civ org at the present time.

3. The removal of either of these two brs without replacements having been erected would block the rd Vasto-Castiglione. From a mill pt of view it is considered that this could be accepted, as other east-west lateral routes are available.

4. As it is considered that ACC might wish to express an opinion in this case, the matter is referred to you for decision. May answers therefore please be given to the following questions:

(a) Can the complete blocking of the rd be accepted, thus freeing the two Bailey brs immediately?

(b) If (a) is unacceptable, may the Bailey br which is now being replaced by a civ br be removed immediately, thus blocking the rd for approx six weeks only?

Copy to: No. 3 District
Southern Region ACC

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RE

Mov Eastern Italy.

Major General
Comd No. 2 District

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Major General
Comd No. 2 District

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Southern Region ACC
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Mov Eastern Italy.

*Copy sent to col. P. T. ...
representing his command
R. D.*

*14/10/51
3805*

Subject: Road Maintenance VASTO - SANGRO.

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C.C.C.

14 C.E. Works,
No. 2 District,
Tel: No: 12589,
1432/101/5/3.

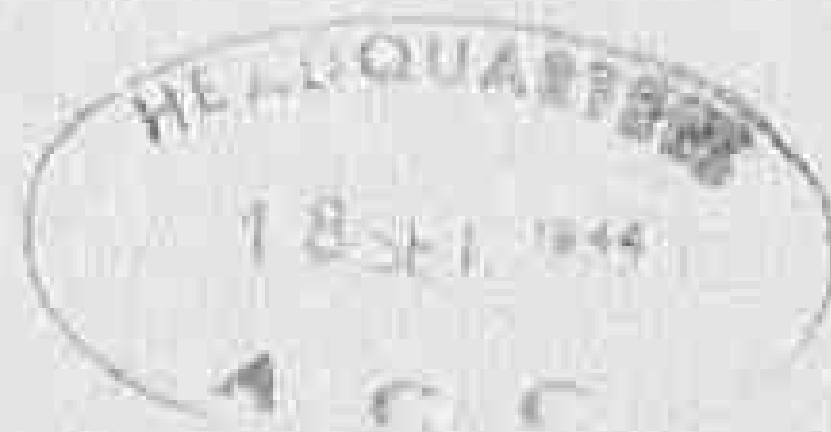
Public Works & Utilities Sub Comm.,
A. C. C.

1st Sep 44.

Further to my 101/5/3 dated 12.9.44.

1. My CRE at VASTO has received an offer by Cav. GIUSEPPE BATTISTELLA fu Domenico of LANCIANO to act as a labour contractor for road work at any place between VASTO and San VITO di CHIETINO.

2. The terms he offers are unacceptable to the War Department, but even if they were not, I do not feel that the maintenance of this road is any longer a military responsibility. I think that the Civil Government should now take it on. I therefore send you this man's name in case his services may be of use to you.



AKS

Copy to: CRE 24 Works.

B. B. Edwards
Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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Chap. 18/2

Subject: Road Maintenance.

14 C.B. Works,
No.2 District,
Tel: No: 12589,
14CE/101/5/3.

Public Works & Utilities Sub Comm.,
A. C. C. P.O. 394

12 Sep 44.

1. I thank you for your letter 078/PWW of 6th September and note that you have the question in hand.
2. I would add for your information that it is probable that the military units now working on the main road south of the SANGRO River are likely to be withdrawn for work further forward in the next few weeks, and the work on this section will probably devolve on the Civil Authorities. I hope that before this happens we will have completed the tarmac carpeting of the road from TESSOLI to VASTO and for a few miles N of VASTO.



B. Williams
Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

/KS

Col Thompson

Pls note & file

15/9

Copies to Hawley & Hutchinson

sent 23/9

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

RWS/fr

11 September 1944

Subject: Contracts.

To : ACC. I.O. at 2 District.

1. Attached hereto are the following copies of
Form ACC/2 as record of contract and materials required. Please
deliver them to proper authority.

No. 193, 192, 190, 194, 163, 145, 146, 88, 75, 246, 115,

V.B. THOMPSON
Lt. Col. R.O.E.
Chief, Public Wks. Div.

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2 DistSubject: District Reorganization.14 C.E. Works,  
No. 2 District,  
Tel: No: 12589,  
14CE/760.12 CRE Works.  
21 CRE Works.

14 Sep 1964

1. With effect from 0001 hrs on 16 Sep 64 the Province of CARPOBASSO will pass from under command 60 Sub Area to under command 54 Area, and will be included in the territory of 69 Garrison.

2. The following will be effective from the time and date in Para 1.

(a) 21 CRE will continue to be responsible for road reconstruction work NORTH of the old boundary (excluding that carried out directly by AASS) and in addition all bridge work connected with the Bailey bridge replacement programme.

(b) All other RE works, including maintenance work on roads and bridges of military importance carried out directly by AASS, will be the responsibility of 12 CRE Works.

3. Units under command 21 CRE Works remaining in the CARPOBASSO Province will NOT be placed under command 12 CRE Works.

4. If CRE have any difficulties or queries they should contact this HQ.

Lt Col Thompson  
C.A.F. 18/9

*[Signature]*  
Perigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

/RS

Copies to: CM AFHQ

CE AAI

SV AAI

CE 1 District

CE 3 District

HQ 54 Area

HQ 60 Sub Area

HQ 69 Garrison

35 CRE Works

1220 HQ L of C Tps Engrs.

Director, PW &amp; USC, HQ ACC.

ACC LG (Rds) Region II.

Highways Engr. ACC Region V.

Highways Engr. ACC FORGIA.

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

RWE/fr

14 August 1944

Subject: Contracts.

To : Chief Engineer, 2 District.

1. Attached hereto are the following copies of Form ACO/2 as record of contract and materials required.

| <u>Number</u> | <u>Location</u>                          | <u>Cost</u>  |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 159           | Hy. 19 Widening Curve Pedadace-Catanzaro | \$ 80,582.50 |
| 202           | Bridge Virtu Hy. 19 Km. 204+900          | 1,193,500    |
| 174           | Bridge over Bisirico Hy. 19 Junco 108    | 972,417      |

V.S. THOMPSON  
Lt. Col. R.C.E.  
Chief, Public Wks. Div.

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Headquarters  
Allied Control Commission.  
Region. 11.

SECRET.  
 Ref. RE/S1.

Subject:-District Moves.

14 AUG Read  
 124 c/s.

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To.: -Public Works and Utilities Sub.Commission. (For Lt.Col. Thompson).

1. Reference your letter ACC/133/PWU dated 31st July 1944 Subject "Combined Region South".
2. Have you heard from Official quarters that 2 District are moving, and that 3 District are taking over, and will be the District in command of South Italy.
3. A Major Osborne S.O.Roads 3 District called in this Office two day's ago and saw Lieut. Butcher, in my absence at Foggia.
4. He informed Lieut. Butcher that 3 District were taking over from 2 District; he wanted to know what ACC Roads Officers and Italian Engineers there were in Region's 11 and VII also in Campobasso and Foggia Provinces.
5. Lieut. Butcher gave him a brief outline of the Set-up.
6. I have had no Official information from 2 District; they inform me, that any information that 3 District are taking over 2 District will come from higher authority, and that no doubt you would have this information passed to you.
7. As it would appear, that 2 District are moving from this area, no doubt forward, my duty as Liaison Officer to that HQ, as stated in your above quoted letter will lapse.
8. Captain Hibbard is Liaison Officer 3 District, and his services will be sufficient for Liaison in the new 3 District Area.
9. When I mentioned to you at last month's meeting that 2 District might be moving, you suggested that I should move with them.
10. Will you please let me know the position, and whether you want me to ~~know~~ move with 2 District to their new area.

Bari. 11.8.44.

*Lo. Knight Major*  
 Regional Engineer Region 11.

Lt. Col. Thompson. Let's get the facts first, then give it to the Army.

11 AUG Recd

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
REGION II

Ref. RE/17  
5. August 1944

Subject: REVISED SEAL COAT PRIORITIES

To : PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES, SUB COMMISSION  
For: : FOR LT. COL. THOMPSON

Herewith is a copy of revised list of road priorities  
from C.E. 2 District for your information/

*M. 13/8*  
*W. Knight*  
Major W Knight  
Regional Engineer  
ACC@PWU(LO)ROADS  
Region II

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SUBJECT:- Revised requirements for Seal Coating of Roads in 2 District  
excl 60 Sub Area.

ACC LO(Rds)  
ACC Region II

Highways Engineer,  
ACC Foggia.

14 CE Works  
HQ 2 District  
Tel No 13205  
Ref No 14 CE/101

4 August 1944

1. In view of the changed situation due to the advance in Italy and the short time remaining before the rainy season, projected work of seal coating will have to be reduced. A revised programme is in process of being drawn up but until that is available you should act on the work priorities given here for 2 District excl 60 Sub Area. Note that Calabria Compartment is no longer incl 2 District w.e.f. 26 July 1944.

2. Following are priorities for seal coating:-

PRIORITY I IMMEDIATE.

| Order in<br>Priority. | Road                                           | Length<br>Km.                               |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1.                    | BOVINO-ARIANO                                  | 34                                          |
| 2.                    | FOGGIA-SAN SEVERO<br>(19 Km north from FOGGIA) | 19 of which<br>4 Km being done<br>by 77 CRE |
| 3.                    | CERIGNOLA-CERVARO R                            | 25                                          |

PRIORITY II Seal coat necessary this  
summer.

|    |                                      |          |
|----|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. | S. PAOLO - 3 Km North of FORTORE     | 11       |
| 2. | SERRACAPRIOLA - Northwards           | 5        |
| 3. | Foggia-Bovino<br>(bad sections only) | 10 (say) |
| 4. | Foggia-LUCERA                        | 18       |
| 5. | OFANTO R (near Canosa)-ANDRIA        | 22       |
| 6. | ANDRIA-CORATO - RUVO                 | 21       |
| 7. | CERIGNOLA-OFANTO R (Near CANOSA)     | 9        |
| 8. | BITETTO-BITONTO                      | 10       |

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| 4. | Foggia-LUCERA                        | 13       |
| 5. | OFANTO R (near Canosa)-ANDELA        | 22       |
| 6. | ANDRIA-CORATO - RUVO                 | 21       |
| 7. | CERIGNOLA-OFANTO R (Near CANOSA)     | 9        |
| 8. | BITETTO-BITONTO                      | 10       |
| 9. | ADELFA - BITETTO                     | 16       |

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3. It will be noted that among the roads excluded in road Gravina-Tolve. It is agreed that you may continue your arrangements for seal coat work, for which you have already received bitumen and plant, provided that it has no adverse effect on other work required for military purposes.

4. Your attention is drawn to the serious shortage of chippings in FOGGIA Province. Chippings production should be proceeded with at once at sites to suit the work to be done. At the present time there are no chippings at all for practical purposes alongside the roads under A CC control for either patching or sealing.

P.T.O.

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

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19 July 1944

Subject: Contracts.

To : Chief Engineer, 2 District.

1. Attached hereto for your information  
are copies of Form ACC/2 as record of contract and  
materials required.

Number

Location

Cost

133

Bridge over Altamura Gioia del Colle £ 2,360,000

V.S. THOMPSON  
Lt. Col. R.C.E.  
Chief, Public Wks. Div. ACC

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
Public Works and Utilities S<sub>b</sub>-Commission  
APO 394

VST/fr

18  
14 July 1944

Subject: Contracts.

To : Chief Engineer Officer 2 District.

1. Attached hereto are the following copies  
Form ACC/2, record of contract and material required.

161 Bridge over Cervaro River Foggia-Cerignola

£ 3,900,000

V.S. THOMPSON  
Lt. Col. R.C.E.  
Chief, Public Wks Div.

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

RWS/fr

5 July 1944

ACC/078/PWU

Subject: New Contracts - Military Highways.

To : C.E. 2 District.

1. Attached hereto are copies of completed form ACC/2 reflecting pertinent information with reference to contractor and plant and material requirements on the following projects:-

- (a) North & South of Messina Bridge- Reggio Calabria.
- (b) Bridge - Petrace Fiume.

2. These are for your information.

V.S. THOMPSON  
Lt. Col. R.C.E.  
Chief, Public Wks. Div. ACC.

3794

SUBJECT: - Main Rd., PUGLIA Province.

ACT 10 (Rds)

RA 2 Dist (for ACC (Rds) (Cfr, PUGLIA Province (2)

77 CRR (Rds) (2)

14 CRR (Rds)

RA 2 District

Tel No 13205

Ref No 08/104/5

30 May 44.

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1. In view of the confusion which appears to exist in regard to ACC and its responsibility in PUGLIA Province for rd maintenance and other rd work it is necessary to remind ACC that there has been no change in the original arrangement.
2. ACC is entirely responsible for all rd work on the following rds (vide tele office 08/104 of 24 Feb 44 to Chief Public Works Director, ACC):  
 rd PUGLIA - pt 15 km North (15 km)  
 rd PUGLIA - LUGERA  
 rd PUGLIA - CAPRIGLIO R (near BASSIGNA)  
 rd PUGLIA - DIST RTT (near BASSIGNA)  
 rd CORTIGNA - DAVINO  
 rd CORTIGNA - CAPRIGLIO R (near BASSIGNA)  
 To this has now been added rd PUGLIA - MARENGO (near BASSIGNA)  
 The sole responsibility of ACC in regard to these rds is to assist where necessary in storage and loan on ACC demand of bitumen allotted to ACC by RT 2 Dist and to arrange for RT 2 to help ACC out of ACC allotment where possible. It is not an RT responsibility to supervise the distribution of chippings and bitumen to the roadside or wherever ACC may want it.
3. Recent requests by RT 2 for RT 2 to deliver 534 tons section RT 2 to deliver chippings and bitumen giving detailed instructions as to distribution and quantities are in conflict with the existing arrangement between RT 2 District and ACC.
4. RT 2 CRR (Rds) will please continue to assign from his own allotment from RT 2 two 5 km lorries daily to ACC (Rds) Cfr in accordance with the original agreement.
5. It is hoped that the situation is now quite clear and that there will be no recurrence of the recent misunderstanding.

(Sgd) B B Edwards

Principal,  
Chief Engineer.

rd PUGLIA - pt 15 km North (45 km)  
 rd PUGLIA - LACERNA  
 rd PUGLIA - CRANIO R (near BELLINZONA)  
 rd PUGLIA - D-ET HX (near BELLINZONA)  
 rd CRANIO R - BOVINO  
 rd CRANIO R - CRANIO R (near BELLINZONA)

To this has now been added rd PUGLIA - BELLINZONA, 2 km road from  
 the District Hwy to ASANA (military)

3. The sole responsibility of CR in regard to these rds is to assist where necessary in storage and issue on AD demand of bitumen allotted to AD by CR R Dist and to arrange for CR tpt to help AD out of CR allotment where possible. It is not an AD responsibility to supervise the distribution of shippings and bitumen to the roadside or wherever AD may want it.

4. Recent requests by rd PUGLIA to DMR 334 works section to deliver shippings and bitumen giving detailed instructions as to distribution and quantities are in conflict with the existing arrangement between CR 2 District and AD.

5. 77 CR works will please continue to assign from his own allotment from AD two 5 ton lorries daily to AD (ADs) offer in accordance with the original agreement.

6. It is hoped that the situation is now quite clear and that there will be no recurrence of the recent misunderstanding.

(890) S B Edwards  
 Brigadier,  
 Chief Engineer.

Rec'd from Major Bruckner 3798  
 on 22 June 44

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*Maj. Knight has copies*

SUBJECT:-- Main Roads Resurfacing and Maintenance.

Chief Public Works Director,  
HQ. Allied Control Commission,  
Allied Control Commission L.O.,  
HQ. No.2 District.

14 CE Works,  
No.2 District, CMF  
Tel.No.13205  
Ref. CE/IOI,  
16 May 44.

1. Ref. this office CE/101 dated 24 Feb 44.
2. Attached Appx. 'A' gives the revised priorities of bituminous work on roads in 2 District.
3. Heavy commitments in road construction work in 60 Sub-Area have been added to 2 District responsibility since the previous schedule was fixed and this fact together with the difficulties of bitumen supply, bitumen boilers and other road plant have necessitated the concentration of resources on the main coast route from FOGGIA Northwards, and the Foggia-Naples lateral as far as Ariano.
4. In pursuance of the policy of concentration of resources on the most important routes will you please change the specification for the road ORTANOVA-NOVINO, at present being resurfaced with a grout course, to waterbound macadam with a seal coat. This Road is now Priority III for supply of bitumen.
5. Resurfacing of Rd. CERIGNOLA-OFANTO R (near CANOSA) has now become an urgent necessity and is Priority I. Maj.Perley has been informed of this and asked to put the contractor on to the job immediately. It is understood that this contract is let to the same contractor as for the ORTANOVA-BOVINO and this office/rd is informed by Maj. Perley that he will have to take plant and other resources away from the latter contract. Rd ORTANOVA-BOVINO is a valuable route for through traffic to bypass FOGGIA and has been closed to through traffic since last Feb. It is therefore urgent that waterbound construction be proceeded with at a much faster rate than hitherto attained. The transport difficulty should be overcome shortly by the availability of the W.D. lorries recently released.
6. There is a general shortage of bitumen boilers and sprayers which will have an adverse effect on progress in road work, apart from the shortage of bitumen. It is hoped, however, that more will become available in time to be used this summer.
7. APPX 'B' attached shows the waterbound macadam and gravel rds on which no bituminous work will be done. These will require to be maintained in as good condition as possible.

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7. APPX 'B' attached shows the waterbound macadam and gravel rds on which no bituminous work will be done. These will require to be maintained in as good condition as possible.
8. Will you please arrange to put the work in hand in accordance with the revised priorities of work on the rds which are your 3792 responsibility.
9. I should be pleased to know when it is expected that you will be in position to extend the area of your responsibility to take in the whole of Foggia province. The seal coat work on the road pt 15 KM North of FOGGIA-SAN SEVERO-SACCIONE R is at present an RE responsibility. The organisation of the work is complete and the work has been started using WD plant and transport and civil labour RE is doing all the surfacing and seal coat work North of SACCIONE R but you might consider taking over the seal coat from SACCIONE R to TERMOLI.

10/ In regard to all gravel maintenance work in APPX 'B' I should be glad if you would arrange to take over all that which is at present under control of RE in FOGGIA province and 60 Sub-Area with civilian labour.

Copy to:

DW, AAI.

Army Sub-Commission ACC, Rear HQ (MMIA) (2)

17 CRE Works.

35 CRE Works.

67 CRE Works.

77 CRE Works.

21 CRE Works.

War Diary (2).

Brigadier  
Chief Engineer,

3791

67 CRE Works.  
77 CRE Works.  
21 CRE Works.  
War Diary (2).

APPENDIX 'A'  
 TABLE SHEWING PRIORITIES OF  
 Accompanying CE/IOI May 44  
 Bituminous Work Required On Roads in 2 District.

| Order<br>in<br>each<br>Priority                                               | ROAD                                   | Length<br>Km. | Work<br>Reqd.             | Remarks.                                                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>PRIORITY I Immediate</u>                                                   |                                        |               |                           |                                                                                                            |
| 1.                                                                            | TERMOLI-VASTO                          | 13            | grout                     | section TERMOLI-<br>PETACCIATO                                                                             |
| 2.                                                                            | CERIGNOLA -<br>OFANTO R near<br>CANOSA | 29<br>9       | premix<br>grout           | " PETACCIATO - VASTO<br>AASS contract in progress                                                          |
| 3.                                                                            | TERMOLI - SACCIONE R                   | 23            | patch & seal              |                                                                                                            |
| 4.                                                                            | VASTO - SANGRO R<br>(coast route)      | 33            | premix                    |                                                                                                            |
| 5.                                                                            | SACCIONE-FOGGIA                        | 65            | patch & seal              |                                                                                                            |
| 6.                                                                            | BOVINO-ARIANO                          | 34            | patch & seal              |                                                                                                            |
| 7.                                                                            | FOGGIA-BOVINO                          | 28            | patch & seal              |                                                                                                            |
| <u>PRIORITY II Seal coat necessary this summer</u>                            |                                        |               |                           |                                                                                                            |
| 1.                                                                            | BARLETTA-OFANTO R                      | 7             | patch & Seal              |                                                                                                            |
| 2.                                                                            | CERIGNOLA-OFANTO R<br>(near Barletta)  | 28            | patch & seal              |                                                                                                            |
| 3.                                                                            | FOGGIA-CERIGNOLA                       | 37            | -do-                      | bypasses BARI                                                                                              |
| 4.                                                                            | BITETTO-BITONTO                        | 10            | -do-                      |                                                                                                            |
| 5.                                                                            | TOLVE-TITO                             | 40            | -do-                      |                                                                                                            |
| 6.                                                                            | GRAVINA-TOLVE                          | 59            | -do-                      |                                                                                                            |
| 7.                                                                            | TIRIOLO-ROGLIANO                       | 53            | -do-                      |                                                                                                            |
| <u>PRIORITY III Seal coat advisable this summer<br/>if bitumen available.</u> |                                        |               |                           |                                                                                                            |
| 1.                                                                            | ORTANOVA-BOVINO                        | 36            | seal                      | Specificating changed from<br>grout to waterbound macadam<br>with seal coat: AASS contract<br>in progress. |
| 2.                                                                            | BARLETTA-BARI                          | 55            | patch & seal              |                                                                                                            |
| 3.                                                                            | OFANTO R (near<br>CANOSA)-MODUGNO      | 68            | -do-                      |                                                                                                            |
| 4.                                                                            | BARI-BRINDISI                          | 114           | -do-                      |                                                                                                            |
| 5.                                                                            | BARLETTA-ANDRIA                        | 12            | -do- link to inland route |                                                                                                            |

|    |    |                     |    |              |                           |
|----|----|---------------------|----|--------------|---------------------------|
| 29 | 2. | CERIGNOLA -         | 29 | premix       | W PETACCIATO - VASTO      |
| 9  |    | OFANTO R near       | 9  | grout        | AASS contract in progress |
|    |    | CANOSA              |    |              |                           |
| 23 | 3. | TERMOI - SACCIONE R | 23 | patch & seal |                           |
| 33 | 4. | VASTO - SANGRO R    | 33 | premix       |                           |
|    |    | (coast route)       |    |              |                           |
| 65 | 5. | SACCIONE-FOGGIA     | 65 | patch & seal |                           |
| 34 | 6. | BOVINO-ARIANO       | 34 | patch & seal |                           |
| 28 | 7. | FOGGIA-BOVINO       | 28 | patch & seal |                           |

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PRIORITY II Seal coat necessary this summer

|    |    |                    |    |              |               |
|----|----|--------------------|----|--------------|---------------|
| 7  | 1. | BARLETTA-OFANTO R  | 7  | patch & Seal |               |
| 28 | 2. | CERIGNOLA-OFANTO R | 28 | patch & seal |               |
|    |    | (near Barletta)    |    |              |               |
| 37 | 3. | FOGGIA-CERIGNOLA   | 37 | -do-         | bypasses BARI |
| 10 | 4. | BITETTO-BITONTO    | 10 | -do-         |               |
| 40 | 5. | TOLVE-TITO         | 40 | -do-         |               |
| 59 | 6. | GRAVINA-TOLVE      | 59 | -do-         |               |
| 53 | 7. | TIRIOLO-ROGLIANO   | 53 | -do-         |               |

PRIORITY III Seal coat advisable this summer if bitumen available.

|     |     |                  |     |              |                                                                                                         |
|-----|-----|------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 36  | 1.  | ORTANOVA-BOVINO  | 36  | seal         |                                                                                                         |
|     |     |                  |     |              | Specifying changed from<br>grout to waterbound macadam<br>with seal coat: AASS contract<br>in progress. |
| 55  | 2.  | BARLETTA-BARI    | 55  | patch & seal |                                                                                                         |
| 68  | 3.  | OFANTO R (near   | 68  | -do-         |                                                                                                         |
|     |     | CANOSA)-MODUGNO  |     |              |                                                                                                         |
| 114 | 4.  | BARI-BRINDISI    | 114 | -do-         |                                                                                                         |
| 12  | 5.  | BARLETTA-ANDRIA  | 12  | -do-         | link to inland route                                                                                    |
| 12  | 6.  | TRANI-ANDRIA     | 12  | -do-         | -do-                                                                                                    |
| 18  | 7.  | FOGGIA-LUCERA    | 18  | -do-         |                                                                                                         |
| 16  | 8.  | ADELFIA-BITETTO  | 16  | seal         | bypasses BARI new waterbound<br>macadam to be constructed.                                              |
|     |     |                  |     |              | 3790                                                                                                    |
| 56  | 9.  | BARI-GRAVINA     | 56  | patch & seal |                                                                                                         |
| 69  | 10. | BRINDISI-TARANTO | 69  | -do-         |                                                                                                         |

PRIORITY IV Patch only; no seal coat.

|     |    |                |     |       |                             |
|-----|----|----------------|-----|-------|-----------------------------|
| 19  | 1. | LUCERA-MOTTA   | 19  | patch | present bituminous portion. |
| 87  | 2. | BARI-TARANTO   | 87  | -do-  |                             |
| 262 | 3. | REGGIO-CASTRO- | 262 | -do-  | excl TIRIOLO-ROGLIANO       |
|     |    | VILLARI        |     |       |                             |

|     |                            |    |       |              |
|-----|----------------------------|----|-------|--------------|
| 4.  | PALAGIANO STN -<br>LATERZA | 30 | patch |              |
| 5.  | MATERA - June P 1243       | 20 | -do-  | to airfields |
| 6.  | MELFI-CANOSA               | 50 | -do-  |              |
| 7.  | ALTAMURA-MATERA            | 20 | -do-  |              |
| 8.  | FOGGIA-MANFREDONIA         | 38 | -do-  | tptr route   |
| 9.  | TRANI-CORATO               | 10 | "     | "            |
| 10. | MOLFETTA-TERLIZZI          | 9  |       |              |

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APPENDIX 'B' to accompany  
CE/IOI dated May 44

Gravel maintenance will be continued on the following  
waterbound or gravel roads.

| Serial No. | ROAD                      | REMARKS            |
|------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.         | Junc H 5195 CASALEBORDINO |                    |
| 2.         | Junc C 4301               |                    |
| 3.         | VASTO lateral             |                    |
| 4.         | TERMOLI lateral           |                    |
| 5.         | MOTTA-JELSI - Westwards   |                    |
| 6.         | CASTROVILLARI-LAGONEGRO   |                    |
| 7.         | SPEZZANO-TARANTO          |                    |
| 8.         | TITO - bdy 2/3 District.  |                    |
| 9.         | GIOIA-ALTAMURA            |                    |
| 10.        | LATERZA-MATERA            |                    |
| 11.        | Junc P 1423 - GRASSANO    | to airfields       |
| 12.        | Junc O 6632.              |                    |
| 13/        | GRAVINA-SPINAZZOLA-junc   |                    |
| 14.        | O 7789                    |                    |
|            | POTENZA-MELFI             |                    |
|            | POTENZA-PESCAPAGANO       | alternative costal |
|            | NICASTRO-PAOLA-SAPRI      | route.             |
|            | LAGONEGRO                 |                    |

3. TERMOLI lateral  
4. MOTTA-JELSI - Westwards  
5. CASTROVILLARI-LAGONEGRO  
6. SPEZZANO-TARANTO  
7. TITO - bdy 2/3 District.  
8. GIOIA-ALTAMURA  
9. LATERZA-MATERA  
10. June P 1423 - GRASSANO  
June O 6632.  
11. GRAVINA-SPINAZZOLA-june  
O 7789  
12. POTENZA-MELFI  
13. POTENZA-PESCOPAGANO  
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LAGONEGRO
- 

to airfields

alternative costal  
route.

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*Handwritten: 120*

Headquarters No 2 District  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.  
Office, A.C.O.

Ref./PW&U/LO/I8

29 May 1944 *14*

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*Handwritten: 120*

Subject:- Roads Resurfacing

To :- Lt.Col.Thompson  
----- PW&U Sub-Comm. -----

I. Herewith new road programme from O.E.  
2 District.

2. I am sending copies to the following  
Officers:

Major Hyland  
Major Perley  
Capt. Weeber  
Capt. Brownlee.

*Handwritten signature: W. Knight*

Major W.Knight  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.  
Officer at No 2 District

*Handwritten: 3787*

Headquarters No. 1 District  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Com  
Office A.C.C.  
Ref: W&U, 12/5  
1 May 1944 12

Subject : Monthly Situation Requirements for Main Roads

To : S. N. 1 District

Reference your letter CG/IOI dated 14 April 1944.  
1. Herewith are the requirements of Division 1 Situation for Maj based on Lt. Col. Laboon's programme given to you.

2. These requirements depend on the revision of transport, at the moment the request for transport has been refused by HQ A.A.I. and until this is produced much of the programme on hand cannot be done.

3. It is hoped that the request for boilers and spreaders from the Army will be met to enable the work to be got under-way with greater speed.

*W. Knight*  
Major W. Knight  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Com  
Officer at No. 1 District

Copy to :  
Lt. Col. Laboon  
Major Hyland  
Capt. Weeber  
Lt. Brownlee

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## REQUIREMENTS FOR MAY

Palermo for Patching

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| Barletta - Andria    | 25 Tons |
| Bari - Gravina       | 40 "    |
| Molfetta - Bisceglie | 20 "    |
| Taranto - Bari       | 20 "    |
| Taranto - Lecce      | 70 "    |

This was requested in April, but has not been released.

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Bari - S. Spirito  | 175  |
| Bari - Brindisi    | 20 " |
| Brindisi - Taranto | 50 " |
|                    | 50 " |

LECORNIA

|                     |         |
|---------------------|---------|
| Gravina Bay - Tolve | 80 Tons |
| Tolve - Tifo        | 40 "    |
| Tifo - Dist. Bay    | 30 "    |

CALABRIA

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Tiriolo - Soverato - Reggio | 50 Tons |
| Reggio - Tiriolo            | 50 "    |

Rossano  
Bagnara  
Cassano Jonio  
Cosenza

This may be replaced by  
situmen for patching. To be  
consigned by rail to these  
Towns.

Situmen solid e out back

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Bari - R. Oranto            | 125 Tons |
| " - Canosa                  | 125 "    |
| Barletta - Andria           | 50 "     |
| Bari - Brindisi             | 120 "    |
| Gravina - Tolve             | 280 "    |
| Tiriolo - Soverato - Reggio | 150 "    |
| Reggio - Lagonegro          | 15 "     |

265 Tons

30 APR 1944 12

LUCANIA

Gravina Bay - Tolve 80 tons  
 Tolve - Tito 40 "  
 Tito - Dist. Bay 30 "  
150

CALABRIA

Tiriolo - Cerveria - Rogliano 50 tons  
 Reggio - Tiriolo 50 "

Rossano  
 Bagnara  
 Cassano Jonio  
 Cosenza

100 " )  
 18 " )  
 18 " )  
 18 " )  
 18 " )  
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This maybe replaced by  
 bitumen for patching. To be  
 consigned by rail to these  
 towns.

Bitumen sold & sent back

Bari - R. Ofanto  
 " Canosa  
 Barletta - Andria  
 Bari - Brindisi  
 Gravina - Tolve  
 Tiriolo-Cerveria-Rogliano  
 Reggio - Lagonegro

125 tons } 250  
 125 " "  
 50 " "  
 120 " "  
 280 " "  
 150 " "  
 15 " "  
665 tons

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8-189/1944

*File*  
Dist. II  
H/

Headquarters No 2 District  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm  
Office A.C.C.  
Ref : PW&U/10/20  
4 May 1944

Subject : Transport

To : Lt. Col. Laboon  
HQ ACC

Herewith copy of letter from Brigadier  
Dixon to D.D.W. HQ A.A.I. reference CE/710/7 dated  
2 May.

Pointing out the whole transport situation  
as it affects this Sub-Commission work.

*W. Knight*

Major W. Knight  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm  
Officer at No 2 District

3784

Subject:- Transport for A.A.S.S. for Road Repairs.

14 C.E. WORKS,  
NO:2 DISTRICT.

Tele:Extn: 13436

Ref: CE/710/7.

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 44.

D.D.W.,  
H.Q. A.A.I. (Adm. Echelon).  
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1. Repeated requests have been made for transport for the A.A.S.S. in order that necessary Road maintenance can be carried out in 2 District.
2. Last February a Road repair and reconstruction programme was prepared in this Office and forwarded to the Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission, A.C.C. asking them to arrange for the carrying out of this programme. At a subsequent meeting with the Director of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Comm., as request was made for them for 70 - 3 ton lorries for the next six months and this demand was made on Headquarters 2 District. A ruling was given that this transport demand should be made by the A.C.C. on A.F.K.Q., and I understand that this was done. Up to date no transport has been forthcoming. In order that the ordinary maintenance should not be held up, application was made by this office to Headquarters 2 District for Class II vehicles to be released from the R.V.P. A total of 31 lorries have been released for road maintenance and this has met our urgent requirements both for normal maintenance and for new work.
3. A.C.C. are now proposing to commence the main maintenance and reconstruction programme and a further 50 - 3 ton class II vehicles have been asked for. The demand was put up for approval to A.A.I., and was turned down.
4. The situation, therefore, is that we have a very large Road programme to carry out summer. The demand made by Public Utility Companies for transport has, apparently, not been met, and our demand for Class II vehicles, in order to provide some sort of transport, has also been turned down.
5. The amount of transport at present provided for R.E. Works Services in 2 District is not sufficient to meet our requirements and progress of all work in all areas is dependent upon transport made available by Area headquarters. In consequence, it is impossible

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5. The amount of transport at present provided for R.E. Works Services in 2 District is not sufficient to meet our requirements and progress of all work in all areas is dependent upon transport made available by Area Headquarters. In consequence, it is impossible without seriously delaying the present Works commitments, to provide any transport for road maintenance and reconstruction. The road throughout 2 District have reached a point where, unless immediate maintenance is carried out, they are going to break up and will be unfit for use next winter. In many stretches the Macadam surface has already broken and only by continual patching is it possible to keep a reasonable surface going. The only possible method of saving the roads is to spray and blind and that should be carried out as quickly as possible. To complete all the roads required by the Army in 2 District necessitates the transport of many thousands

of tons of chippings, and the original demand of 70 lorries made by A.C.C., and 50 lorries by AMGOT for roads in FOGGIA Area, is the very minimum amount that could deal with the loads required. Unless these lorries are forthcoming, the roads in No. 2 District will not take heavy traffic next winter. Already two roads of great importance in the area are practically unusable, one the ORTANOVA - BOVINO road, and the other the JANOSA - CERIGNOLA road, and lack of transport is delaying the resurfacing of these roads.

6. It is, therefore, considered essential that, at least, 120 lorries, less 41 Class II vehicles already provided on a previous demand, are made available, otherwise roads in No. 2 District will break up and it will be impossible to ensure that they are usable for heavy traffic next winter.

7. It is, therefore, requested that the most urgent steps are taken to provide this transport if road communication is to be maintained throughout the area.

BECD/TJX.

Brigadier  
Chief Engineer

Copy to:- C.B. H.Q. A.A.I File CB/ICI.

SUBJECT:- Main Roads: Priority of Work.

ACC LG (Rda)  
HQ 2 District.

File 19  
14 CR Work  
No 2 District HQ  
Tel No 13205  
25 April 44

1. In accordance for work to be done in 2 District on main road resurfacing and seal coat work it is imperative that priorities of work as laid down in this office CE/101 of 24 Feb 44 be observed.
2. Regarding the contract you propose to arrange for seal coating BARI - BARIETTA please extend this to take in road BARIETTA - CEANTO R. and start work on this letter road.
3. The attention of ACC (Rda) offers in CALABRIA - LUCANIA and FOGGIA province should be drawn to the priority requirements as soon as possible.
4. It is understood that ACC (Rda) offer in FOGGIA province has put preliminary arrangements in hand for work on road FOGGIA - NAULIS from BOVINO across the district by to ARIANO. Please draw this Offer's attention to the following:-
  - (a) road FOGGIA - Dist Pdy 0 0694 is Priority II for surfacing
  - (b) portion from Dist - Zdy 0 0694 to ARIANO is outside 2 Dist
  - (c) proposal involving alternation of priorities and work outside 2 Dist Area must be submitted to this office for approval.

Brigadier;  
Chief Engineer.

2. Regarding the contract for proposed work on road BARLETTA - coating BRT - BARLETTA please extend this to take in road BARLETTA - OBANNO R. and start work on this letter road.

3. The attention of ACC (Rds) offers in CALABRIA - LUCANIA and PUGLIA province should be drawn to the priority requirements as soon as possible.

4. It is understood that ACC (Rds) offer in PUGLIA province has put preliminary arrangements in hand for work on road PUGLIA - NAPLES from BOVINO across the district by to ARIANO. Please draw this offer's attention to the following:-

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Brigadier;  
Chief Engineer.

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*File**Con Sec*Ref:- *FE/1805 9**6 Apr 44.**PW+U*

TO:- Colonel V.S. Thompson,  
Chief Highways Div.,  
P.W. & U. Sub-Commission, ACC. ✓

FROM:- A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Dear *Thompson,*

Many thanks for your letter of 29 Mar 44,  
and for the interesting report on your visit  
to this Province.

I quite understand that there was actually  
no reason for you to call here on the occasion  
in question. *Apologies for the stiff letter!*

Yours *onally*



Lt. Colonel,  
Provincial Commissioner,  
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

CCP/EGT.

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Desk 2

*See*  
Headquarters No 2 District  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.  
Office, A.C.C.  
Ref./PWAU/IC/48  
2 April 1966

Subject :- Maintenance of Roads

To :- Lt. Col. Thompson  
PWAU Sub-Comm.

The C.E. 2 District states the San-Sovere-Africans road is badly pot-holed and breaking up. He requests that patching gangs be put on to the road as soon as possible.

*W. Knight*  
Major W. Knight  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.  
Officer at No 2 District

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Headquarters No 2 District  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.  
Office, A.C.C.  
Ref./EWU/10/  
2 April 1944

Subject :- Supplies A.C.C.

To :- Director of Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.

1. I received a copy of Major Perle's letter to you on the above subject, dated 18 March 44.
2. I passed the letter to D.D.S.T. for his observations, and I attach copy of his reply.
3. When the Contractor S.I.C.E.I.P., who are working in Foggia area, and whose office is in Bari, have wanted P.O.L., they have put their request with me, and I have submitted it to D.D.S.T., who have always authorised the quantity to be purchased from C.I.P.
4. A.A.S.S. and any Contractors who require P.O.L. put their request to me, and I submit it to D.D.S.T. for authorisation.

to Col Laboon to note  
forward to Lt Col.  
Thompson

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Major W. Knight  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm.  
Officer at No 2 District

3779

Subject:- Issues to Civilian ContractorsURGENTH.Q. No. 2 District. C.M.F.  
ST/426/4.  
4 Apr. 44.A.S.C. I.O. (Roads)  
H.Q. No. 2 District (Room 6)  
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Ref your letter of even date enclosing copy of letter received from O I/c A.C.C. Roads Foggia.

1. The statement that the situation in respect of R.A.S.C. supplies for A.C.C. projects is very unsatisfactory, is not understood if it refers to P.O.L., as presumably, it does.

2. There is only one source of supply of Petroleum Products to civilians and that is Comitato Italiano Petrol. Where a Service has entered into contract with a civilian firm, applications for P.O.L. for the contractor will be submitted through S.T. Areas/Sub Areas to this H.Q. When issues are authorised, the contractor will purchase the products from Comitato Italiano Petrol.

3. On no account will Petroleum products be obtained from R.E. or R.A.S.C. sources for civilian contractors.

4. The above mentioned letter is returned herewith.

/PAL.

Colonel  
D.D.S.T.

Encl:

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ADVANCE NO 2 DISTRICT  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission

Office A.C.C.

Ref/ PW & U/10/4

25 March 1974

Subject :- Transport for A.C.C.

To :- C.E. No 2 District

1 Due to the acute situation which has arisen in NOGOLA Province over the lack of transport for the haulage of stone to the GORRANO road, Major Knight (C.E.) and Major Perley (Road Engineer, A.C.C. PW & U) No 2 District had an interview with DDSE and B.D.O.S., on the subject of availability of class 4, 5 ton and 45 H/W vehicles.

2 It was agreed that there were in the N.S. Vehicle Park, San Severo a number of vehicle (class 4) which would be suitable for haulage of stone, after slight repairs.

3 It is therefore asked, if you can obtain authority for the release of the following Class 4 vehicles from N.S. Veh. Pk. San Severo (for the use of A.C.C. PW & U Engineer NOGOLA Province)

25 - 5 Ton Lorries  
2 - 45 H/W Trucks

4 These vehicles would be driven by Italian drivers supplied by the Contractors C.I.N.R.S.P.. They could be held on charge by 334 works Sec B.S., and be under the supervision of Major Perley.

5 It is asked of the matter could be treated as urgent in view of the delay that has already occurred due to shortage of transport.

6 The transport asked for would also be available for the future programme of road reconstruction, laid down by you, and would also relieve the demand for transport from army sources.

7 After the demand for NOGOLA Province has been completed, it is asked if the request of 20 - 3 ton lorries for AMS might be considered from the same source.

*W. K. Perley*

To :- C.R. No 2 District

1 Due to the acute situation which has arisen in POCCHIA Province over the lack of transport for the haulage of stone to the OMBRONI - MONTINO road. Major Knight (N.C.) and Major Perley (Road Engineer POCCHIA) A.C.C. PW & U SC No 2 District had an interview with DNE, and D.L.O.S., on the subject of availability of class A, 3 ton and 45 H/W vehicles.

2 It was agreed that there were in the P.S. Vehicle Park, San Severo a number of vehicles (class A) which would be suitable for haulage of stone, after slight repairs.

3 It is therefore asked, if you can obtain authority for the release of the following Class A vehicles from N.S. Veh. Pk. San Severo (for the use of A.C.C. PW & U in inner POCCHIA Province)

25 - 3 ton Lorries  
2 - 45 H/W Trucks

4 These vehicles would be driven by Italian drivers supplied by the Contractors C.I.B.I.P.. They could be held on charge by 334 works Sec P.S., and be under the supervision of Major Perley.

5 It is asked of the matter could be treated as urgent in view of the delay that has already occurred due to shortage of transport.

6 The transport asked for would also be available for the future programme of road reconstruction, laid down by you, and would also relieve the demand for transport from army sources.

7 After the demand for POCCHIA Province has been completed, it is asked if the request of 20 - 3 ton Lorries for AASS might be considered from the same source.

Copy to :-

A.C.C. PW & U SC 4  
Major Perley

Major Knight 3777  
Public Works & Utilities Sub-Comm  
Officer at No 2 District

HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION  
HIGHWAY DIVISION ARMY AREA

VST/YR

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29 March 1944.

Provincial Commissioner, AMG.  
Foggia, Province.

Dear Col. Temperley:

Your letter reached me today having been sent on  
by Perley.

I regret not having seen you but I had to leave  
on Friday to meet Maj. Latimer at Campobasso. Please be  
assured that on no occasion have I had official business with  
Lt. Walsh and the only reason I saw him on my visit to Maj.  
Perley was that they happen to live together and were kind  
enough to put me up.

As you remember, I visited you immediately on my  
first trip to your Province and explained our function, which  
is certainly not in conflict with your and which was fully  
explained to Col. Whitley by Col. Jenny in the presence of  
Brig. Lush on one of his recent visits to Naples.

I shall hope to see you on my next visit to Perley  
which I try to make at approximately monthly intervals.

I enclose a copy of a memo submitted to Col. Jenny  
on my return last week.

V.S. THOMPSON  
Lt. Col. R.C.E.  
Chief Highways Div. Army Area  
P.W. & U Sub-Commission, AMG.

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Ref:- FP/1305

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24 Mar 44.

SUBJECT:- Roads.

TO:- Lt.Col. Thompson,  
c/o AMG, LUCERA DISTRICT.

FROM:- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

I understand from Lt. Walsh that you have been in LUCERA for a day or two in connection with No.2 District letter CE/101 of 18 Mar 44, in which the C.E. requests Region 5 to supply an Officer to carry on duties similar to Lt. Walsh's in areas to the North, and that Provincial boundaries be disregarded in connection with the road work.

Lieut. Walsh is one of my Staff Officers. Roads in the Province, insofar as A.M.G. is concerned, are still my responsibility. I am accordingly surprised that you have not come to see me since your arrival, but have been carrying on as if the Provincial Commissioner and the Provincial A.M.G. did not exist.

It is etiquette for any Staff Officer on arrival in an area to see the local Commander before he sets to work. In addition, with five months' experience of this Province I may well be able to give you some help in your task.

I shall be in all day and shall be obliged if you would call upon me at some time at your convenience.



Lt.Colonel,  
Provincial Commissioner,  
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

CET/BCFM.

SUBJECT: Road Maintenance and Bridge Reconstruction in the Province  
of Campobasso and Chieti.

14 CE Works N<sup>o</sup> 3 Dist.  
Tele: Extn. 13623 Ref CR/101  
Date 18 March 44

Regional Commissioner  
AMG Region V

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1. Attached is a copy of a letter received from Headquarters AMG Eight Army Main.
2. N<sup>o</sup> 2 District boundary has recently been extended northwards from the Northern boundary of APULIA up to a line VASTO-CAMPOBASSO Road inclusive. This area was originally Eight Army Area until taken over by 2 District, and the Road Maintenance and Bridge reconstruction in that area was carried out by Chief Engineer Eight Army in conjunction with AMG Eight Army.  
An Officer of AMG Staff was detailed as Roads officer and worked in conjunction and co-operation with CE Eight Army. The amount of road work and Bridge reconstruction in the area under consideration is very considerable. A large number of bridges are in process of reconstruction, all of which are being carried out by contract let by AMG and the roads are in such poor a state that constant maintenance with a large amount of labour is necessary. Total number of labour employed is approximately 3,000.

3. The AMG Road officer attached to Eight Army reorganized the AASS organization in the area. He collected necessary civilian labour, checked daily attendance and paid all labour. In addition, he dealt with all contracts and also supervised the running of the large quarry at Poggia Imperiale. The RE gave instruction to the AMG officer as to what work they required carried out by the AASS and all other civilian employees; prepared the necessary contracts for bridge reconstruction and supervised the whole of the work, providing necessary transport and all Stores and materials when not available from local resources.

4. Owing to the fact that AMG Eight Army have now ceased to be responsible in this area and have withdrawn their Road officer, there is no AMG officer to carry out this work; with the result that the CRE of the Area has been left with the whole of the Administration of Labour working on roads and there is nobody to control the AASS organization. In view of the fact that Road maintenance and Bridge reconstruction is now responsibility of ACC/AMG under instructions from the Allied Forces, it is requested that an AMG officer be posted immediately to this area in order that the work of Administration of Labour employed on the Roads and the looking after of the financial side of Contracts may be continued by AMG.

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5. It is understood that at the present time the AMG Provincial boundaries do not agree with military Sub-Area boundaries, and, in consequence the Area in question, i.e. 60 Sub-Area is under the control of two Provincial Commissioners. In view of the fact that there is only one CRE in 60 Sub-Area who deals with all roads, it is strongly recommended that the AMG officer detailed as Roads officer for this area be authorized to administer Labour and be responsible for the finance of all Roads including Bridge contracts in the whole of the area which forms 60 Sub-Area, and that any AMG boundaries are not taken into consideration as regards this officer's duties.

6. In view of the fact that the AASS organization has nobody to supervise and control its work at present and that all civilian labour will be due for pay at the end of the month, it is requested that this matter may receive urgent attention.

Brigadier  
Chief Engineer.

*Copy given to Major Harris  
21 March 44*

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SUBJECT: Road Maintenance and Bridge Construction.

Main HQ. AMG 8th Army  
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C.E. No 2 District.

1. This HQ. is authorised to provide funds and pay all labour employed on roads and bridges of military importance in the Eight Army and 5 Corps Area.
2. The recent re-adjustment of boundaries results in this service being no longer applicable to certain areas which now lie outside these boundaries. Further the enlargement of the new Army Area and Corps area prevents the service being extended outside this area even if authority were given owing to lack of staff.
3. It is therefore requested that you arrange to take over the administration of the labour, necessary for roads and bridges of Military importance behind the Eight Army and 5 Corps rear boundary, which is at the moment administered by this HQ with effect from the 15th March 1944. Approximately 3,000 labourers are involved.

(Sgd) xxxxxxxxxxxx

Group Captain  
Officer Commanding  
Hq AMG Eight Army Main

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2 Dist  
Subject - Contractors for Road and Bridge Work.

Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission,  
H.Q. A.C.C. A.P.O. 394.

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14 C.E. Works.  
No.2. District.  
Tel. No.13205.  
Ref. No.CE/101

19 March 44.

1. Reference your ACC/078/PWU dated 14th. March 44.

2. It is suggested that any civilian contractors that you propose to employ under contracts for road and bridge work be informed that a certificate to the effect that their plant and equipment will not be requisitioned, will be issued to them by this office. It is considered that this would satisfactorily meet the case and if you agree, perhaps you will submit details of such firms together with list of their plant and equipment (for record purposes) and scope of contract work involved and the necessary certificate will be prepared.

3. Your suggestion that their equipment be tagged is not considered practicable. If the firms representative on site in charge of the plant is furnished with a copy of the certificate, this should be sufficient to safeguard against irregular requisition.

Dixon  
Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

Lt. Col. Laboon  
Lt. Col. Thompson ✓

I want to discuss this with you two as soon as  
Lt. Col. Thompson is back.

Send to Perday for action.

3771  
L.A. JENNY,  
Lt.Col., C.E.,  
Director.

Subject :- Main Roads : Maintenance and Repurfacing.

14 C.E. Works,  
H.Q. No. 2 District  
Tel. No. 13205  
Ref. CE/101.

March 44.

D.D.W., FLAMBO.

PRESENT SITUATION

1. The condition of many roads of vital military importance in 2 District is very bad and in certain cases critical. APPX "A" and APPX "B" to this office CE/101 of 24 Feb 44 give the work to be done and the priorities based on the situation as it existed on or about 17 Feb 44 and have been used as a basis for estimating the requirements of critical stores and plant. It must be borne in mind that there has been marked deterioration of road surfaces and, in the case of rd SAN SEVERO - TERMOLI and rd GRAVINA - POTENZA failure of the road structure, since the beginning of the year and ordinary maintenance has not been able to overtake the rate of deterioration. The situation therefore is that, to avoid loss of road structure altogether all work of Priority I must be completed in 3 months and all work of Priority II in 6 months from 1 April 44.

CRITICAL STORES AND PLANT.

2. From available information the civilian resources available are confined entirely to the provision of labour, a small amount of crushing plant, not more than half a dozen rollers (heavy), a few tar boilers and an emulsion factory producing approximately 100 tons of bituminous emulsion per week using bitumen supplied by W.D. The responsibility therefore will fall on W.D. to provide the following critical items of stores and plant :-

Bitumen  
Solvent for cut back (Derv)  
Stone crushers  
Road Rollers  
Bitumen boilers and sprayers

Estimates have been prepared based on work of Priority I and Priority II to arrive at the minimum requirements.

REQUIREMENTS.

3. Bitumen. The most convenient form of bituminous binder for the proposed penetration and seal coat work is bituminous emulsion. In my estimates I have allowed for a production rate at the NECBIT factory in Bari of 400/500 tons emulsion per month for which W.D. will have to provide 250 tons per month of straight bitumen of suitable penetration value. It will be necessary to allocate the whole emulsion production to patching and minor maintenance by A.A.S.37 for the three months Apr/Jun 44. For the remaining three months of the dry weather period viz Jul/Sep 44 the emulsion production can be diverted to Priority I and Priority II work. If however the S.A.B.B.A. factory in BARI comes into production its output could be used for the priority work. I am not however, prepared to reduce the total bitumen demand by reason of any problematical saving in bitumen by the use of emulsion. All priority resurfacing and seal coating will have to be based on the use of hot bitumen out back with Derv to facilitate its use. The straight bitumen requirements therefore are:-

| Month  | Patching<br>Tons | Priority I<br>Tons | Priority II<br>Tons | Total tons<br>Per month |
|--------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Apr 44 | 250              | 1500               | 750                 | 2500                    |
| May 44 | 250              | 1500               | 750                 | 2500                    |
| Jun 44 | 250              | 1500               | 750                 | 2500                    |
| Jul 44 | -                | -                  | 750                 | 750                     |
| Aug 44 | -                | -                  | 750                 | 750                     |
| Sep 44 | -                | -                  | 750                 | 750                     |
| Total  |                  |                    |                     | 9750                    |

Should cutback bitumen become available in any quantity the total quantity of 9750 tons of straight bitumen could be reduced, allowing a ratio of approximately 11% solvent in cutback produced on the site by the addition of Derv.

4. Derv. From work already in progress in 6 Base Area it has been found that Derv is a suitable solvent for cutting back straight bitumen. The quantity will depend on aggregate size and thickness in grout work and temperature and no fixed figure can be given. Approximately 500 tons Derv should be allowed for.

5. Crushers. The total quantity of crushed stone required will be in the region of 225,000 tons of sizes minus 3". This allows an average of 3" consolidated in penetration work and a coverage 80 sq. yds. to the cubic yd for single seal coating (34 lbs/sq yd). No reliable figures of present civilian production are available 3769 it

is evident from the large quantity of stone required that W.D. crushers will have to be relied on to the maximum degree possible. There is at present one quarrying cog whose large crusher should produce 10,000 tons per month at MESSAGNE, a proportion of which will be available for roads. Even at this stage it is obvious that at least two more such crushers should be made available for installation as soon as possible. The stone requirements, exclusive of patching and light maintenance, are :-

| Month  | Priority I<br>tons | Priority II<br>tons | Total<br>tons |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Apr 44 | 43,000             | 16,000              | 59,000        |
| May 44 | 43,000             | 16,000              | 59,000        |
| Jun 44 | 43,000             | 16,000              | 59,000        |
| Jul 44 | -                  | 16,000              | 16,000        |
| Aug 44 | -                  | 16,000              | 16,000        |
| Sep 44 | -                  | 16,000              | 16,000        |

Total 225,000 Tons

The number of crushers required is :-  
 480/500 tons/day 2 no.  
 4 tons/hr 30 no.

This allows for a civilian production of approximately 7,000 tons/month of hard stone. Granulators of total capacity of 600 tons per day would be required in addition.

6. Road Rollers. Available information is that there are not more than about half a dozen civilian rollers available, all of doubtful condition. The requirements are that following W.D. rollers be made available :-

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| 10 ton  | 8 No.         |
| 6/8 ton | 15 No.        |
| Total   | <u>23 No.</u> |

7. Bitumen Bowlers and Sprayers. W.D. would have to supply 30 for Priority I and 16 for Priority II, making a total of 46.

8. Summary. Critical requirements, at rates per month as given in previous paras, are :-

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Bitumen, straight            | 750 tons.     |
| Derv                         | 500 tons.     |
| Crushers 400 tons/day        | 2 No.         |
| 30 ton/day                   | 30 No.        |
| Granulators, capacity        | 600 tons/day. |
| Road Rollers 10 ton          | 8 No.         |
| 6/8 ton                      | 15 No.        |
| Bitumen Boilers and Sprayers | 46 No.        |

#### 9. Conclusion.

(a) The minimum work necessary in order to have road communications of vital military importance constitutes a major task for which provisions by W.D. of bitumen, stone crushers, road rollers and bitumen boilers is urgently necessary, and of course, transport.--

(b) At some future date <sup>2</sup> Dist will expand to the northwest thus taking in an area in which road work will be an even greater problem than at present and may involve necessity for further major work being done before next winter. In the event, therefore, the drop in stores and plant for the period Jul/Aug envisaged in this report, will probably not take place.

(c) The labour requirement will have to be met in part by w.a in the form of a Road Construction Coy or Coys, particularly as experience up to the present reveals a marked disinclination on the part of civil organisations and contractors to proceed with work at anything like a normal pace.

Brigadier,  
Chief Engineer.

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