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HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES, SOUTHERN
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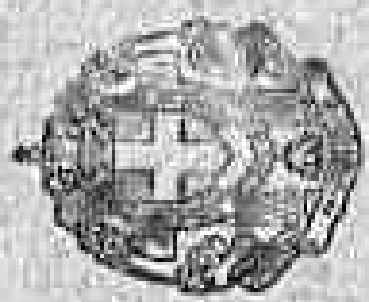
HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES - SOUTHERN

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Date	Ref	From	Subject
14-11-44	1/2/0	WQ92 ERE/CHP	Current construction
2	"	"	"
3	"	"	"
4	30-10-44	10530	Road maintenance
5	17-11-44	0785/6	Bridge repairs
6	24-11-44	"	Transfer of jurisdiction of Route 7 from base to Southern Region
7	28-11-44	"	Route 7
8	28-11-44	"	Military Roads
9	28-11-44	"	"
10	1-12-44	"	INOPS additional road maintenance
11	"	"	INOPS Military Highways
12	30-12-44	3 DICH/CHP	INOPS
13	5-12-44	0785/6	Bridge Reconstruction of Km 14+050 Route 6
14	3-12-44	Eng Serv 6/13 PPS	Bridge over Torrente Tappele
15	2-12-44	511	Route 7
16	21-12-44	0785/6	Military roads
17	21-12-44	"	"
18	5-12-44	0785/6	Bridge Route 6 Km 193
19	21-12-44	0785/6	Map and Report on Route 7
20	30-12-44	0785/6	Estimate of additional work for Road repair in maintenance Route 6
21	2-1-45	0785/6	Military Highways
22	20-1-45	0785/6	Route 2 Road Patambrai Subord
23	26-1-45	0785/6	Bridge reconstruction Km 14+070 (10099999) Route 6

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5	17-11-44	08/6/6			Transfer of jurisdiction of all roads from British to Southern Region
6	24-11-44	"			Route 7
7	28-11-44	"			Military Roads
8	28-11-44	"			"
9	28-11-44				ENL PDS additional Road maintenance
10	1-12-44	"			ENL PDS Military Highways
11	"	"			"
12	30-12-44	CEH13			Bridge Reconstruction of Km 14.050 Route 5
13	3-12-44	08/6/6			Bridge over Tomsche Tarsale
14	3-12-44				ENL PDS Route 7
15	12-12-44	08/6/6			Military roads
16	21-12-44	08/6/6			"
17	21-12-44	"			Bridge Route 5 Km 179
18	5-12-44	08/6/6			Mayfield Road Route 7
19	21-12-44	08/6/6			ENL PDS Submarine of all roads given to British Road reconstruction in maintenance Route 5
20	30-12-44	08/6/6			Military Highways
21	12-1-45	08/6/6			ENL PDS Road Submarine Submarine
22	30-1-45	CEH13			Bridge reconstruction Km 14.070 (12099999) Route 5
23	26-1-45	08/6/6			Bridge reconstruction Km 14.070 Route 5
24	26-1-45	08/6/6			Bridge reconstruction Km 14.070 Route 5
25	24-1-45	CEH13			CE 3 boat CMF Overport Reconstr. Route 5 Km 14.070 (12099999) Route 5
26	1-2-45	08/6/6			Bridge at Km 14.070 - Route 5
27	8-2-45	08/6/6			Route 85 - Vairano - Reconstr. Bridges
28	13-2-45	104/45			Reg Eng 50 Maintenance Raddis
29	23-2-45	08/6/6			Maintenance of Roads in Catanzaro & Cassano Pst.
30	24-2-45	08/6/6			Reg Eng 50 Route 18 - Route 30 -
31	26-2-45	ENG/NOV 3			ENG/NOV 3 E.S. (EN) AFHQ Roads Fogging Crec.



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G. SACCOONE - ROMA

MAJESTY SMITH (MR)

A.E.H.O.

C.M.F.

Tele. No. Freedom 218

SUBJECT :- Roads PUGLIA Area.

TO :- CM 3 District.

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P.W. & U. S/C A.C.

28 FEB 1945 Q78

MRG/1750/5.

26 Feb 45.

Ref your CM 4541 dated 11 Feb 45.

1. It appears that the only possibility of having these roads repaired in the near future is to request the assistance of the A.C.

2. The Chief of the Highway Division P.W. and U. Sub Commission A.C. has been approached and considers that the A.C. representative in PUGLIA will be able to help to a certain extent if transport can be provided by AAFSC or some other U.S. unit in the area. Stone and a crushing plant are available to A.C. and there should be no difficulty over labour.

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(a) The actual condition of these roads and the work required to keep them in use.

(b) Additional plant required which is not available to A.C. and whether it can be borrowed from USAFSC.

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At Col Thompson

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This note is not to be
filed. We will submit

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Ag Col Thompson

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B.B. AMERSON,
Adjutant,
Director of Works.

Please note & not to our files. We will await action on turnover. They cannot act on this info.

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Copy to :- C.E. AMERSON.

Director

Re A U Sub Commission A.C. - ref conversation Lt. Col. THURGOOD - Lt. Col. HOLMES 22 Feb. Will you please instruct your representative accordingly. A Plan of the roads involved is attached herewith.

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P.W. & U.S./C.A.C.
25 FEB 1945 078

HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SECTION

24 February 1945

OPN-135

SUBJECT: Letter Re - Bridge - Route 18 - Barizzo

TO : Lt. Col. V.S. Thompson Chief PW&U.Division AC. Rome

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Doubtless the approval has permitted the funds to go into circulation by this time however if you consider it advisable I will make a more careful investigation and give you my report. Please advise.

The other items in your letter are being reported upon separately.

For the Regional Engineer:

HHT/ldr

Col Thompson
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H. H. Townsend
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Southern Region AC.

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For the Regional Engineer:

H. H. Townsend
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Southern Region AC.

HHT/lar

Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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

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078/30/6/PWU

22 February 1945

Subject: Maintenance of Roads in Catanzaro
and Cosenza Province.

To : Public Works and Utilities S/C.
(Att: Lt.Col.V.S.Thompson).

1. Capt. Hibbard and I called on Lt.Col. J.R. Oxenham of the 9 CRE in Crotone. He stated that he was not satisfied with the progress the civilian road organizations were making with the maintenance and the snow removal of the roads in Catanzaro Province. He did state that they had improved some lately.

2. He listed the following roads that he wanted improved immediately some are being done at the present time.

- a. Route n°.106 from Crotone to Barco.
- b. Bonifica road from the intersection of route 106 at Barco to the intersection with route 107.
- c. Route n°.107 from Bivio Passovecchio on route 106 to Garga.
- d. Route n°.109 from S.Severina to Foresta and from Serasale to Taverna.
- e. The Provincial Road from Chiesa on route 109 to the west edge of Lago Ampollino.
- f. The Provincial Road from Serasale to the intersection with Route 106.
- g. The communal road from Zagarise to the intersection with Route 106.

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- h. Route 106 between the communal road and the Provincial road mentioned in " (g) ".
- i. Provincial Road in Cosenza Province from Longobucco to route n°.106 (north of Rossano).
- j. Route n°.106 from Provincial Road mentioned in " (i) " above to St.Calopezzati.
- k. Route n°.110 from (north of Serra S.Bruno) to the intersection of Route n°.106 at Marina di Monasterace.
- l. Provincial Road from Grage to Chiravalle to Soverato (on route n°.106).

3. Capt. Hibbard and I inspected some of the above roads and called on Eng.F.Rallo the Genio Civile of Catanzaro, Eng.L.Procopio the Provincial Engineer of Catanzaro Province and Engineer B.Rapisardi the Bonifica Engineer. We stated that it was very important that they immediately start work on the maintenance of the roads and bridges and also to keep the roads clear of snow. We told them to get contractors working and that the paper work could be approved later. The three Engineers agreed and stated they would start immediately. They also stated that some of the work listed was already being done. The Genio Civile stated that he had 123 men working.

4. On Route n°.109 there are four bridges that have to be rebuilt which will require four months to complete. This project alone will require 8 to 10 trucks. The four bridges will require 320,000 bricks and 150 tons of cement.

5. I informed Lt.Col.Oxenham in Crotone that it would take four months to built these bridges. He stated that they should be built.

6. Engineer Antony Reinaldi, the Provincial Engineer of Cosenza was contacted and he stated that he would start the repairing of the road in this province. 104

7. As you know these roads had very little military importance until a few months ago Prior to that time they were not listed as military roads and therefore no work could be done on them that required critical materials and since the

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transport situation has always been critical in Calabria we could not afford to use the few trucks that we had on non military highways. We have never been able to get sufficient cement for the bridges on the military highways.

8. The Genio Civile states that the transport situation is getting worse every day the eight trucks that they had from the Italian Army are now tied up most of the time for the lack of tires.

9. Maj. Chamberlain, Capt. Hibbard and I called on Major Osborne in his office in Naples and discussed the road and bridge situation in Calabria. He stated only the work on listed priority roads and not attempt to do the four bridges requested by the C.R.E.

10. Major Chamberlain stated that he would call the Genio Civile in Catanzaro and tell him not to proceed with the bridges.

N.W.H-
N.W. HYLAND
Major Spec. Res.
Area Engineer.

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Hq., A.C., P.W.U. Sect., Southern Region, APO 394, U.S. Army

13 February 45

TO : Hq., AC., Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission, APO 394.

1. This Division concurs with basic communication and forwards a copy to you for your information and attention.

Encl.

1 Rd Maintenance, 3rd District.

WFC/gt.

William F. Chamberlin
WILLIAM F. CHAMBERLIN
Major, F.A.
Regional Engineer,
Southern Region.

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Det Col Thompson

*This is just one more complaint.
We can do nothing until a policy
is established at higher level.*

W.F.C. 17/2

SUBJECT:- Road Maintenance - AAF Enclave.

Chief Engineer
3 District CMF.
Tel: Baseball 87.
CE 4511.

MGRE AFHQ

11 Feb. 45

AGD, HQ AAFSC
Major Chamberlin, Regional Engineer,
AC., Southern Region.

1. Further to my CE.4511 dated 22 Jan 45., the subjoined correspondence from HQ AAFSC has been received concerning the maintenance of roads in AAF Enclave.

The 28 roads as shown in thick lines on the AAF tracing attached and listed in Appendix 'A' were given priorities when a programme of work was arranged some time ago between the HQ AAFSC and the Regional Engineer, Southern Region.

2. It will be noted from Appendix 'A' that AAF Priorities II, III, Part IX, X, XI, XVIII, XXII, Part XXIII & XXVIII (total 9 roads) are already included in the 3 district Priority List.

3. The AC Roads Organization have been unable to complete the tasks set by HQ AAFSC and the repair of all roads other than the District Roads as para.2 (many of which are formerly tracks) would appear to be entirely an AAF concern as the AC with their limited resources cannot be expected to deal with both District Roads and Air Force accommodation roads.

4. An extract from a detailed report on Air Force Roads in FOGGIA Enclave by Lt-Col. James H. Courtney, Operation Officer, 21 Eng. Avn Regt, AAFSC is given in appendix 'B'.

5. It is presumed that AFHQ will make a decision as to whether this work will be done and the manner in which it will be carried out.

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AMO/CS.

Brigadier;
Chief Engineer.

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HQ AAFSC - MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS.

SUBJECT : Road & Public Utilities Construction in FOGGIA Area. 24 January 45.
TO : CE 3 District CMF. Ref/ AG600.1

1. Attention is invited to enclosed correspondence, subject as above, which

was discussed by telephone with Major Osborne, Roads SO of you Hq, and Lt. Col. Plomer, 12th CRE District.

2. The situation described, while not one of strictly operational urgency is nevertheless severely hampering air force operations in the area and the cumulative effect is serious.

3. Your comments are requested on the possibility of giving any additional assistance with troops, transportation, or any combination of these.

For the Commanding General:

(sgd) .

W.P. BROWNE,
Lt-Col., AGD
Adjutant Gen.

ABSTRACT FROM HQ AAFAC LETTER 004 DATED 16 JAN 45.

para.(f). Roads to Airfields:

(1) Present conditions of roads to airfields is covered in detail in inclosure. (1) which has been prepared by the Area Engineer, AAFEC/MTO. It will be noted that roads are in very bad condition and that drastic and prompt action must be taken if the 15th Air Force units in this area are to continue operations. This Headquarters has been unable to accomplish any work on roads due to lack of troops and equipment. The area Engineer AAFEC/MTO is in no position at present to repair and maintain these roads. The Allied Commission representatives state they can do little work on the roads. The solution is up to higher headquarters.

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ABSTRACTED FROM VI AVIATION ENGINEER AREA LETTER DATED 11 JANUARY 1945.

AIR FORCE ROADS - FOGGIA AREA.

Road No.	Location	District	Priority
I	RIPALTA - LESINA		
II	LESINA - APRICENA		2
III	APRICENA - S. SEVERO		2
IV	S. SEVERO - MARCO		
V	S. SEVERO - LUCERA		
VI	LUCERA - TROIA		
VII	TROIA - Jun FOGGIA - NAPLES Rd (Rd June MACELLO)		
VIII	" " " (Rd Inuc CARTIERA)		
IX	FOGGIA - TORTORELLA	Part 2	
X	June FOGGIA - TORTORELLA - LA SERPA		2
XI	Route 16 - ORTANOVA - ORDONA		2
XII	STORNARA - ORTONA		
XIII	STORNARA - STORNARELLA		
XIV	Route 16 - STORNARA		
XV	CERIGNOLA - SAN GIOVANNI		
XVI	CERIGNOLA - CANDELA		
XVII	CERIGNOLA - Rly Station		
XVIII	ORDONA - CASTELLUCCIO		2
XIX	LUCERA - CASTELNUOVA		
XX	CERIGNOLA - TORRETTA		
XXI	CERIGNOLA - VENOSA		
XXII	CANOSA - LAVELLO		3
XXIII	CANOSA - SPINAZZOLA	Part 1	3
XXIV	VENOSA - MONTE MILONE		
XXV	MONTEMILONE - PALAZZO		
XXVI	Rd June 'XXV' - - Rd June 'XXVIII'		
XXVII	PALAZZO - Rd June XXVIII		
XXVIII	SPINAZZOLA - GRAVINA		3

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APPENDIX "B".Estimate of Personnel and Equipment.

1. Estimate of roads repair is based on completion in 4 calendar months (it is unlikely that the weather will permit work during more than 1/2 of the next four calendar months) and on using one standard general Service Regiment plus one General Service Battalion with T/E equipment reinforced with the following additional equipment plus 2 operators for each piece of equipment:-

- 40 trucks, 2 1/2 ton, 6x6 dump.
- 5 rollers, 10 ton, 3 wheel.
- 2 rollers, 5-8 ton, tandem.
- 4 tractors, d-4 or R-4, with blade.
- 10 tractors, D-7, with blade.
- 6 scrapers, 8 cu yds road towed.
- 4 rosters, medium, 3 tooth, cable operated.
- 8 rollers, sheepsfoot triple drum unit.
- 3 graders, diesel, motorised, 12 ft moldboard.
- 2 graders, road towed, 12 ft moldboard.
- 2 shovels, 1/2 cu yd.
- 2 kettle asphalt, 165 gal.
- 6 1500 gal water semi-trailer with prime mover.
- 4 Rock crushers, trailer mounted, 7 1/2 ton per hour capacity.

2. Gravel is generally available within the area within reasonable haul distance. Rock quarries are also generally available but are lacking in crushing facilities. Crushed stone is required only for repair of asphalt roads. Asphalt is available in the area through normal supply channels.

3. The maintenance of main through routes is being done under British supervision. The maintenance of the roads listed in paragraph 1, is the responsibilities of Allied Commission. Allied Commission apparently is completely lacking in adequate supervisory personnel, in equipment and transport and are wholly dependent on civilians. Allied Commission has in many instances made funds available for civilian road works and for civilian contractors. However, here again lack of equipment and transport by the civilians has resulted in no practical benefit having been accomplished. Furnishing equipment and transport to the civilians would not be a solution since the civilians do not have the basic knowledge of methods and procedure or conception of speed necessary to cope with the existing military situation.

4. This headquarters has done considerable "off the record" work on road maintenance within the area as self defence measures as follows:-

APPENDIX "B"

a. N.C.O. and a daily average of 6-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton dump trucks for the past 12 months.

b. The above N.C.O. has "chiselled" a daily average of 1-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton cargo trucks for the past 12 months.

c. Each unit of this area has standing instructions to grade gravel roads after rains.

5. This area does not have supervisory personnel, equipment, equipment operators or hand labor required which can be spared from airfield construction and maintenance to undertake repair and maintenance of the roads.

6. This office has made expensive study of the roads with many inspections over the past 14 months. Numerous requests have been made to civilians, *the means* AMGOT, AMG, ACC, and AC for adequate repair and maintenance of roads but all attempts have failed due to lack of supervisory personnel, equipment and transportation.

The condition of the roads listed in paragraph I are directly responsible for the excessive tire damage and for excessive number of broken springs and damage to vehicles within the area. The repair and maintenance of these roads are essential to the operation of the 15th Air Forces within this area. The necessity for the repair and maintenance of these roads cannot be over emphasized. It is recommended that the units and equipment listed in paragraph IIa; be promptly made available to work wholly on these roads

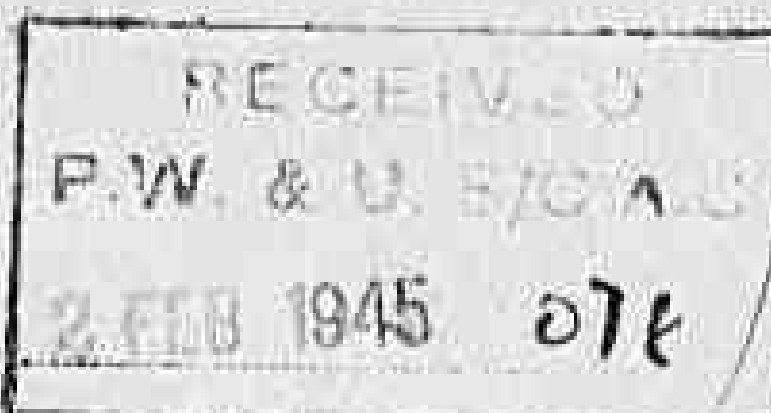
For the Area Engineer:

JAMES H. COURTNEY
Lt. Col., 21st Engr. Avn. Regt.,
Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN REGION, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394, U.S. Army
PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES SECTION

1 February 1945 26

OFN-84
SUBJECT: Bridge - Km. 174+70 Route 6

TO : HQ. AC. PW & U. Sub-Commission
(Attn Lt. Col. V.L. Thompson)

Ref.018/SO/6/PWU

Your letter Jan. 26, 45.

1. This job was approved by you Nov. 25, 1944 bids requested and contract let to contractor Cerracchio by the Genio Civile.

2. Wall in question is part of this job and will be built as per Major Osborne R.E. recent sketch.

3. Inspection with Genio Civile Engineer Verso made 1.31.45. No emergency exists. Contractor ready to start when Baley Bridge removed and Flambo put in, as per orders. British workmen on diversion Km. 164+50 advise they will start to remove Baley at 174+70 on Feb. 8, 45.

4. Contractor will continue as per plans plus new sketch unless otherwise informed.

For the Regional Engineer:

HHT/ldr
Copy to Major Osborne

H. H. Townsend
H.H. Townsend
Southern Region AC.

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Lt Col Thompson

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Rev. 6/2/45

SUBJECT:- Culvert Reconstr. Route 6 -
Rn 164+576 (MR H.033062).

Chief Engineer
 3 District CEF.
 Tel: Baseball 87.
 CR 4513.

Mr H.H. Townsend, PW & U Sub-Commission,
 HQ AC Southern Region.

24 Jan 1945.

Information: Col. L.J. Hensley, Reg Eng.,
 AC Southern Region.

18 CRE Works (Copy of plan attached)

Lt-Col. V.S. Thompson, HQ AC., ROHS — (Ref conversation
 with SO Rds - use
 of RSJs now can-
 celled.

1. The attached plan of culvert has been approved in
 accordance with dimensions tabulated:

MR	Rn	Span		Thickness Arch		Filling over Arch	
		Metres	Feet	Cms	Feet	Cms	Feet
H.033062	164+576	4.35	14'3"	60	2'0"	60	2'0"

2. It would assist if all bridge or culvert plans submitted to
 this office could be numbered, dated and detailed to indicate
 materials specified, including the estimated total cement required
 from WD sources.

3. Proposals and designs for any new work on Cat 'A' Roads
 should be sent direct to CE 3 District for approval in accordance with
 para. 3(1) of "Roads Organisation & Policy" memo CE.4503 dated 12 Dec 44.

4. The 40' BS Bailey will be removed on 7 Feb 45 and the site
 will then be available for the contractor.

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 P.W. & U. S/C
 27 JAN 1945 078

AAO/CS.

Pls discuss
 with me

Ref 28/1

(A. J. O'BORNE)
 Major R.E.
 for Brigadier,
 Chief Engineer.

Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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078/SO/6/PWU

26 January 1945

Subject: Bridge Reconstruction,
Km. 174+070, Route 6.

To : Chief Engineer, HQ., 3 District.

Reference your CE 4513 dated 20 January 1945.

1. The Regional Engineer, Southern Region, has been requested to immediately arrange for the reconstruction of the retaining walls on the up stream side of the above bridge site as shown on the survey attached to your letter.

2. A design for a permanent culvert (Cl. 70) to allow for construction inside the existing gap and below the flambo will be prepared without delay and submitted for your approval.

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

Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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

078/SO/6/PWU

26 January 1945

Subject: Bridge reconstruction, Km. 174+070, Route 6.

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Atts: Regional Engineer.)

Reference letter C.E.4513 from H.Q., 3 District
addressed to this HQ., with copy to Southern Region.

1. It is requested that arrangements be made immediately for the reconstruction of the wing walls on the up stream side of the above bridge site as shown on survey sketch prepared by 3 District. This reconstruction was first requested in our letter 078/SO/6/PWU dated 21 December 44.

2. Since the Chief Engineer has now decided that the existing flambo bridge and temporary revetment is not to be disturbed, please have the Genio Civile proceed without delay to design a permanent culvert (Cl. 70) which will allow construction inside the gap and below the flambo as shown on the sketch.

3. In the event a copy of the sketch was not attached to your copy of the C.E.'s letter you may secure one upon contact with S.O. Roads, 3 District.

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

SUBJECT:- Bridge Reconstruction Km. 174+070 (N.099999) - Route 6 50/6

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P.W. & U.S./C.A.C.
22 JAN 1945 078

Chief Engineer
3 District CEF.
Tel: Baseball 87.
CE 4513.

20 Jan 1945.

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

Information :

18 CRE Works
Col. L.J. Hensley, Reg Eng., Southern Region, NAPLES.
Mr. H.H. Townsend, c/o Reg Eng, Southern Region,
NAPLES.

1. Ref conversation Lt-Col. Thompson - SO Roads upon Bridge Contracts Route 6, the attached copy of survey prepared by 562 A Fd Coy RE shows the existing revetted gap at Km 174+070 and foundations for 74' DD Flambo.
2. After a recent examination of the site, it has been decided not to interfere with the existing revetment of the North side on account of the proximity of the Flambo bankseat and the extensive work involved in setting it back to suit existing foundations as suggested to you by Genio Civile. The limiting size of Flambo for Cl.70 is a 74' DD which entails bankseats in front of those existing for the 110' TS Bailey.
3. Please arrange for the design of a permanent culvert (Cl.70) to allow construction inside the gap and below the Flambo shown on the survey. The plans and details of materials required to be submitted to this office for approval.
4. Can an immediate contract be placed for the reconstruction of the retaining walls on the upstream side as shown on the survey and already discussed with SO Roads. This work can be done now without plans and is necessary to protect the Flambo bankseats, as any temporary revetment by military labour would obstruct the permanent work.

A.A. Osborne
(A.A. OSBORNE)
Major R.E.

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SOUTHERN REGION
ALLIED COMMISSION
BARI ZONE

Ref. 62/20/2/8
12. January 1945

SUBJECT: Road repairs

TO : Corpo reale del Genio Civile, Bari

1. The road Capruzzi in Bari town has need of immediate repairs. Will you undertake this work as work of utmost urgency.

Copy to: Regional Engineer, S.R.
Copy to: Hq AG P.A.R.U. Rome ✓

J. H. Chamberlin
Major H.F. Chamberlin
Public Works Officer
Bari Zone

Lt Col Thompson 90
M *Ref 15/1*

Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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30 December 1944

078/SO/6/PWU

Subject: Military Highways.

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern.
(Att: Regional Engineer).

1. Attached is copy of letter received from Chief Engineer, AFHQ., establishing P.B.S., priorities together with our reply.

2. It is believed that activities are already underway on all the roads listed which are in Southern Region, but in compliance with the new policy outlined in the Chief Engineer's letter, every effort must be made to relieve P.B.S., of all responsibility for maintenance.

3. P.B.S., Engineers are prepared to furnish whatever bitumen is necessary subject to your request.

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

SUBJECT:- Civil Road Organisation

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HQ AMI

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28 DEC 1944 018

HQ 82 CRE (works)
C. M. P.

Ref: 9/W

21 December 1944

The following is an estimate of the value of Military assistance given to the Italian Government including Military Labour, Transport, and Plant, on the maintenance of Route 6 and other main roads in the VAIRANO, VENTRO, PIEDIMONTE, areas for the months of AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, and NOVEMBER.

	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV
1. Route 6	4,100,000	6,300,000	5,500,000	3,400,000
2. VAIRANO, etc.	1,000,000	1,200,000	700,000	500,000
	5,100,000	7,500,000	4,200,000	3,900,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

Route 6	17,300,000 Lire
VAIRANO, etc.	3,400,000 Lire
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>	<u>20,700,000 Lire</u>

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W. Martin
Lieut-Colonel, RE.,
CRE 82 (works)

Copy to: CM 5 District
Chief Eng Public Works, 100 MI, ROME

Attilio Rhader
Thompson

Re note & file

This looks like a lot of money. 29/12
What after all is mainly for transport. M. 29/12

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6-12-44

Memorandum

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Report on Route 7

(May Island)

Copy in file OY&/L-U/6/PWU folio (35)

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Regl. 489081, Ext. 332

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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078/30/6/PWU

21 December 1944

Subject: Bridge, Route 6, Km. 174

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Att: Regional Engineer).

1. Advice has been received from C.E., 3 District that a recent inspection of the above bridge reveals that serious damage is indicated unless a wing wall is constructed on the West side of the north abutment.

2. Will you please arrange to have this condition investigated and proceed without delay with necessary corrective action.

3. The C.E., further advises that a flambo bridge will be placed at this site, therefore permanent reconstruction of the bridge should not be planned until further advised by HQ., 3 District.

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

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21 December 1944

Subject: Military Roads

To : Headquarters, Army Air Forces.
APO. 650

Reference 3rd Indorsement your Headquarters,
file 611, dated 22 November 1944 to letter from Headquarters
837th Engineer Aviation Battalion, subject as above dated
2 November 1944.

1. Attached is copy of our letter of 28 November 1944
to Army Air Forces Engineer Command. On the same date our Re-
gional Engineer, Southern Region, was requested to expedite this
road maintenance in every way possible.

2. Our Region will be again contacted immediately
to ensure that necessary action has been taken.

For the Chief Commissioner

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Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief. Public. Wks. Div.

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611.

SUBJECT: Military Roads.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, CMF, Public Works and
Utilities Sub-Commission, APO 394.

Information is requested as to action taken on 3d Indorsement,
this Headquarters, file 611, dated 22 November 1944, to letter from
Headquarters 837th Engineer Aviation Battalion, subject as above,
dated 2 November 1944.

For the Commanding General:

Ray A. Lange
RAY A. LANGE,
Major, Air Corps,
Actg Asst Adj Gen.
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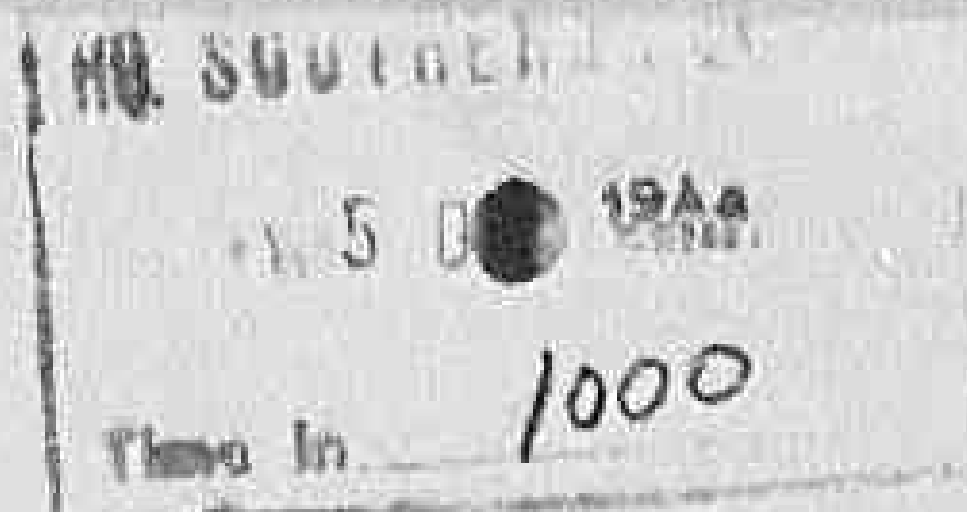
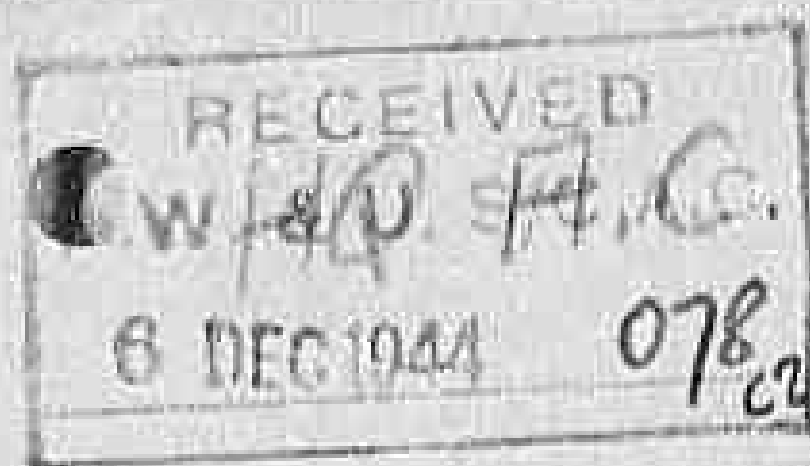
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ENGINEER SERVICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782,
3 December 1944.

TO: Chief, Public Works Division, P.W. & U. Sub-Commission, A.C.C., APO 394.

This Service concurs with action contained in paragraph 2, basic communication.



T. Neuman
for E. P. STRECK,
Lt. Colonel, C.E.,
Engineer Officer.

Det. Col. Thompson
Pls. note & file

W. H. M.

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 APO 394
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078/L-U/6/PWU
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24 November 1944

Subject: Route 7.

To : Engineer Officer, Rear Echelon.
 Peninsular Base Section.

Reference our 078/L-U/6/PWU dated 17 November to
 Regional Engineers of Southern and Lazio-Umbria
 Regions with copy to you.

1. The Regional Engineer Lazio has advised this
 HQ. that the section of the Route 7 from the Regional Boundary to
 Terracina is under contract and well in hand, including Bonifica
 drainage of the area, which is part of the problem. He further
 assures us that in conjunction with Compartimental Genio Civile
 arrangements are in effect which will ensure that the section is
 properly maintained.

2. In the light of the above information and at the
 earnest request of the Regional Engineer, Lazio-Umbria, our
 instructions transferring this section of road to the jurisdic-
 tion of Southern Region is hereby rescinded.

H. Thompson 82

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

copies to:
 Regional Engineer, Lazio-Umbria
 Regional Engineer, Southern.

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ENGINEER SERVICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 782,
2 December 1944.

Chief, Public Works Division, PW and U. Sub-Commission, ACC, APO 394
TO : ~~Headquarters Allied Commission, A.P.O. 394, Public Works and~~
~~Utilities Sub-Commission~~

1. Reference basic communication 24 November 1944 paragraph number 2.
2. Action noted. Concur.

E. P. STRECK,
Lt. Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Engineer Officer.

*Reference paragraph 2, basic communication, this
office concurs with action contained therein.*

1st Ind.

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ENGINEER SERVICE, SOUTHERN DISTRICT, PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, APO 732,
3 December 1944.

TO: Chief, Public Works Division, P.W. & U. Sub-Commission, A.C.C., APO 394.

This Service concurs with action contained in paragraph 2, basic
communication.



E. P. STRECK,
Lt. Colonel, C.E.,
Engineer Officer.

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5 December 1944

Subject: Bridge over Torrent Vaccale.

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Att: Regional Engineer)

Reference Major Chamberlain letter of 17 Nov. 1944

1. Two copies of plan and one copy of estimate covering reconstruction of a bridge over the Vaccale River are returned herewith approved.

2. In compliance with recent directives giving the Italian Government complete jurisdiction over Civil projects requiring no materials from Allied sources, projects of this nature need not be submitted to this Hq., for approval in future.

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

SUBJECT:- Bridge Reconstruction at Km 174.050
- Route 6.

Chief Engineer
3 District GEP.
Tel: Extn 24
CR 4513

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Lt-Col. V.S. Thompson, AG., ROSE
Capt Saul, AG., CATESTA (Plans returned)

1. Ref 1/2/0 dated 24 Nov 44. The Genio Civile plan for PONTA PISCICARIELLO at Km 174.050 is returned herewith and attention drawn to CR 4513 dated 11 Oct 44 para. 1. Apart from the 10 Girder Bridge not being Cl. 70, the existing gap has now been extensively revetted to suit a 74' DD Flambo.

2. The permanent work must consist of a semi-circular mass concrete arch to suit existing revetted gap with complete retaining walls to full height on upstream side as shown on plan submitted. The excavations for the new foundations must be timbered to ensure no interference with existing revetting.

3. The revised plan should be submitted direct to this office for approval. The retaining wall on the North-West side is required to retain the Flambo by backzets and can proceed now as a part of the bridge contract.

4. Attention is drawn to the need for further revetting on the South-East corner before the 74' DD Flambo can be substituted for the 110' TS Bailey.

Lt Col Thompson

L. A. GORRONS
(L.A. GORRONS)
Major R.E.
For Brigadier,
Chief Engineer.

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1 December 1944

Subject: Military Highways.

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
(Att: Regional Engineer)

1. The Engineer Officer, P.B.S. has requested that we included the following road in our Military Highway program for repairs and maintenance:

(a) All that portion of Route 87 from Caserta, North to the 24th Replacement Depot.

2. Attached is copy of letter from P.B.S. and a location map.

3. Will you please ensure that this road receives early attention.

2 enclosures.

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

Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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

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1 December 1944

Subject: Military Highways.

To : Engineer Officer, Rear Echelon.
Peninsular Base Section.

Reference your letter of 28 Nov. 44.

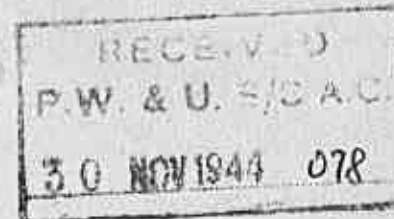
1. In compliance with your request, our Regional Engineer, Southern Region, is being asked to include the following road in the Military Highway program and to ensure that it is given early attention:

- (a) All that portion of Route 87 from Caserta North to the 24th Replacement Depot.

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

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT
PENINSULAR BASE SECTION
APO 782



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28 November 1944

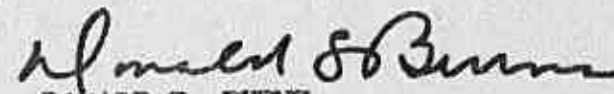
SUBJECT: Additional Road Maintenance

TO : Lt. Col. V.S. Thompson R.C.E.
Chief Public Works Division
Allied Commission
Rome, Italy

1. Current Military needs require the immediate repair and maintenance of the following road:

a. All that portion of Route 87 from Caserta, North to the 24th Replacement Depot, as shown outlined in red on the attached map.

2. It is requested that this repair work, which consists essentially of patching potholes in the asphalt macadam surface, be undertaken and completed with the least possible delay.


DONALD S. BURNS,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers,
Engineer Officer

1: Inclosure
cc: C.O. 357th Engrs.

Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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

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07B/30/6/TWU

28 November 1944

Subject: Military Roads

To : Army Air Force Engineer Command, M.T.O. (P)
(APO 528 U.S. Army)

1. Reference your request of 22 Nov. 44 that certain secondary roads in the Manduria and Oria Area be classified as Military roads.

2. Full information regarding these roads has been forwarded to our Regional Engineer, Southern Region, Naples, with the request that they be included in the Military highway program. Action will be taken to ensure that the roads are adequately maintained.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, AAF/MTO, APO 650, U.S. Army.TO: Headquarters, Allied Commission, CMF, Public Works and
Utilities Sub-Commission, APO 394.1. Attention is invited to basic letter and Indorse-
ments.2. While the roads involved are secondary roads, their
serviceability is essential to the operation of the 837th
Engineer Aviation Battalion. It is requested that subject
roads be declared "Military Roads" in order to permit the
necessary maintenance.

For the Commanding General:

*Thomas M. Lowe*THOMAS M. LOWE,
Colonel, A.C.
Deputy Chief of Staff.*Am*

1 Incl: n/c

*Col Thompson**24/11**Sent to Southern Region
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HEADQUARTERS
837TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION
APO # 528

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2 November 1944 *Am-611*

SUBJECT: Military Roads.

TO : Area Engineer,
VI Aviation Engineer Area,
Army Air Force Engineer Command, MTO (P),
APO # 528, U. S. Army.

1. It is requested that roads in the Manduria and Oria area be declared as "Military Roads", so that their maintenance and up keep will be effected.

a. The road from Manduria to Oria serves the 47th Wing Headquarters and the vehicular traffic of a bomb group and a service squadron. It also is the main connecting road between the Service Group headquarters in Manduria to the Air Force Sub-Depot located between Oria and Francavilla. This road, except within the limits of the villages named, has been somewhat reconditioned by this battalion. It yet needs drainage and will require further work on its surface. Within the limits of Manduria and Oria the road is only passable.

b. The road connecting the Manduria-San Panerazio highway to Torre S. Susanna, Oria, and Francavilla is a narrow asphalt macadam which, throughout its length, is in need of "pot-hole" repair. This road is the main connecting road for the air-force sub-depot, to Taranto, Manduria and San Panerazio. This Battalion Headquarters is located so that all traffic to and from it must use some portion of it at anytime and all of this road is used in the operations of this battalion. That part of the highway passing through Oria is in extremely bad condition and is only passable.

2. No effort is being made by the Italian Government to even maintain these roads. It is necessary to greatly improve them in order to avoid undue wear and tear on the allied government vehicles which must use them.

Robert E. Smith
ROBERT E. SMITH
Major, 837th Engr *72* Bn
Commanding.

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Date: 17 NOV 1944

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VI AVIATION ENGINEER AREA, ARMY AIR FORCE ENGINEER COMMAND, MTO (PROV), C/O
CO, 21ST ENGINEER AVIATION REGIMENT, APO 528. 14 November 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, Army Air Force Engineer Command, MTO (Prov), APO 528.

1. It is requested that the roads in the Manduria Area shown in blue on the inclosed map (Lecce, Italy, 250,000, Sheet #44) be designated by ACC as "Military Roads" and that repair be expedited and that they be adequately maintain:

a. These roads are the:

- (1). Oria - Manduria telford base road.
- (2). Francavilla - Oria, Torre S. Susanna - Erchie junction - Manduria - San Pancrazio Highway.

For the Area Engineer:

James H. Courtney
JAMES H. COURTNEY
Lt. Col., 21st Engr Avn Regt,
Operations Officer.

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1 Incl: As stated in par. #1.

2d Ind (F-4-7)

611. HQ, AAF ENGR COMD, MTO PROV, APO 528, 17 November 1944.

TO: Commander-in-Chief, AFHQ, APO 512.

THRU: Commanding General, AAF/MTO, APO 650.

1. Approval of request made in basic communication and preceding indorsement is recommended.

2. Units of this Command are actively engaged on airfield work and cannot work on roads without causing delay on their presently assigned project.

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For the Commanding Officer:

E. A. Barnes
E. A. BARNES,
Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

1 Incl: n/c
cc: ACC, Naples.

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Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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APO 394
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

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28 November 1944

Subject: Military Roads

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region
(Att: Regional Engineer)

1. The Army Airforce Engineer Command, W.T.O.(P) has requested that certain secondary roads in the Manduria and Oria Area be declared Military Roads and maintained as such.
2. Copies of the communications including a location map are attached for your information.
3. The inclusion of these roads in your Military highway program has the approval of this HQ., will you please contact the organization initiating this request as soon as possible and arrange that proper maintenance is ensured.

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

078/50/6/PWU

24 Nov. 1944

Subject : Route 7

To : Engineer Officer, Rear Echelon
P. B. S.

Copy in file 078/L-V/6/PWU

Tel. 489081, Ext. 1

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17 November 1944

Subject: Transfer of jurisdiction of Route No. 7 from Southern boundary line of Region 4 to Terracina, from Region 4 to Southern Region

To : Regional Commissioner, Southern Region.
Regional Commissioner, Lazio - Umbria.
(Att: Regional Engineers)

It has been suggested by Col. D.S. Burns of the Engineering Service of the Peninsular Base that the responsibility for the maintenance of Route No. 7 as far North as Terracina be assigned to the Southern Region. He states that this arrangement would fit in to their organization more satisfactorily because this section of the road is handled by his Naples office.

2. In order that the maximum of assistance may be secured from P.B.S. in plant transport and materials, it has been decided that this section of road shall be assumed by the South Region.
3. The present condition of this road has been discussed with Col. Burns and it is his desire that we take whatever action is necessary to ensure that it is maintained in a passable condition.

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

Copy to:
P.B.S. Engineer Regs.

HQ ACC FOR VISITING ROME

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FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Attention Major NELE. Exchanges re PETRACE bridge situation confused. Contractor asking me to assist in releasing timber but Capo MAYVHI states all timber arranged for. Full situation report to you tonight was on site yesterday and saw arches under construction but only about 10 cu metres of piling

RR Bridge

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OCTOBER 31/0900

SUBJECT: 0 Road Maintenance

HQ 82 CRE (Works)
C. M. F.

Lt-Col V.S. Thompson
CE ACC ROME

Ref: 1/2/0

Copy to: Capt SAUL, FE ACC CASERTA
OC 306 RE Wks Sec

11 November 1944

May arrangements please be made to maintain the following roads which have now been given District Category.

1. Rd junc H.185060 QUATTROVENTI - ALIFE - PIEDIMONTE.
2. Rd junc North of CAPUA N.170796 - TRIFLISCO Bridge N.219800.

These roads are priority below the roads previously handed over to you.

CJM/slw

W. M. M.
Lieut-Colonel, RE
C.R.E. 82 (Works)

Lt Col Thompson
Ref 1/2/0
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SUBJECT:- Culvert Construction

Lt-Col V.S. Thompson,
CE ACC ROME

HQ 82 CRE (Works)
C. M. F.

Ref: 1/2/0

11 November 1944

Copy to: Capt Saul FE ACC CASERTA
OC 717 AW Coy RE
DCRE 306 RE Wks Sec

A culvert at H.110992 on the road between
Route 6 and NAVISCANTIA has been washed away by floods.

A 90' DS Bailey Bridge is at present in
place and I am arranging for a diversion when the Bridge
will be removed.

Would you please arrange a contract for renewing
the permanent bridge. Since this road is not a Category A
Route the plans for this need not be submitted to the Chief
Engineer but should be submitted to me. Submission of the
plans need not delay the work, which may be started as soon
as you are ready even if the plans have not yet been sent.

W. Mark

Lieut-Colonel, RE.,
C.R.E. 82 (Works)

GJM/slw

Lt Col Thompson
14/11
W. M.

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SUBJECT:- Culvert Construction

HQ 82 CRE (Works)
C. M. F.

Lieut-Col. V.S. Thompson
CE ACC ROME

Ref: 1/2/0

Copy to: Capt SAUL, FE ACC CASERTA

11 November 1944

A culvert at H.085025 on the VAIRANO - VENAFRO Road has been washed away by flood.

Would you please arrange a contract for renewing the permanent bridge. Since this road is not a Category A Route the plans for this need not be submitted to the Chief Engineer but to me. Submission of the plans need not delay the work, which may be started as soon as you are ready even if the plans have not yet been sent.

CJMM/alw

William
Lieut-Colonel, RE.,
C.R.E. 82 (Works)

Lt Col Thompson

Ref 14/11

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