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# MINISTERO DELLE CORPORAZIONI

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3 August 1946

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Duties of Chief of the Utilities Division and Acting Deputy Director of Industry and Utilities Branch.

As Acting Deputy Director he has the responsibility for decisions and acts officially on matters in the absence of the Director of the Branch. This entails some knowledge of industrial, petroleum and coal activities.

As Chief of the Utilities Division the individual must act as the liaison between G-5 AFHQ and the Ministry of Public Works on all matters pertaining to public works such as roads, bridges, harbors etc; also to approve and get Ministry's approval on all projects in Uaine Province in excess of 1,000,000 lire.

Electrical matters involve relations between military agencies and the Inspector General of Electricity, Water and Gas of the Ministry of Public Works. This consists of military requests for power. *water treatment etc.*

Keeping the Acting Vice President of Economic Section informed on the situation with respect to power rehabilitation and availability.

Requires attendance at the regular monthly meetings of the Central and Southern Italy Advisory Committee Meetings which is a gathering of utility engineers for discussion of operating and rehabilitation problems pertaining to the electrical industry.

Attendance at the monthly meetings of the Governmental Committee for the control in the use of electric power, at which time all the monthly allocations for power for Central and Southern Italy are made.

Considerable time is spent in clearing up old accounts for electricity service rendered by utility companies to military establishments.

Manufacturing firms make frequent inquiries regarding collection of accounts for cement, materials etc. that have been supplied to various utility companies and public works projects. This often entails search in the files of A.G. and the regions for data and evidence.

Preparation of the monthly report on the activities of the Utilities Division.

LOUIS W. LAUGHLIN  
Major, C.E.

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UNDER OFFICE MEMO

11 June 1946

SUBJECT: Functions - Utilities Division

TO : Director, Industry and Utilities Branch

FROM : Utilities Division

1. Liaise and channel correspondence between the Allied Forces and Italian Government Agencies on matters pertaining to electric power, city water supplies, highways, and public works.
2. Insure that supply of electric power is made available to areas under XIII Corps control from power sources within Italian Government controlled territory.

LOUIS W. LAURELIN, Major  
Utilities Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Industry and Utilities Branch

Inter-Office Memorandum

25 March 1946

SUBJECT: Functions of Utilities Division, Industry and Utilities Branch

TO : Col. G. W. Walton,  
Acting Vice-President,  
Economic Section, A. C.

In accordance with discussion of this date the following are the functions of this Division as being performed at the present time:

- (a) Meet with the Central Commission for Electric Power (Italian Government) monthly and advise on bulk allocations of power for Regional Areas throughout Italy, and to insure that Allied military requirements are met.
- (b) Advise and assist the Italian Government in establishing effective rationing and control measures for utilization of electric power, working with the two Regional Control Commissions, namely North Italy and Central-Southern Italy.
- (c) Insure that supply of electric power is made available to area under XIII Corps control from power sources within Italian Government controlled territory.
- (d) Advise in the arbitration of any subsequent changes in the arrangement for the sale of electric power to France by Italian power companies in accordance with provisions of existing contract.
- (e) Assist the electric companies and the Italian Government in recovering power plant material and equipment removed from Italy by the Germans.
- (f) Advise the Italian Government and electric power companies on the economical rehabilitation program for the power system.

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(g) Advise in the furnishing of Public Works and Utilities supplies as required by KMT Corps.

Personnel in this Division are:

Col. George F. Parker (A)  
Maj. L. W. Laughlin (A)  
Pfc. A. Yurewicz (A)  
Two Italian civilian technicians  
One Italian typist

GEORGE F. PARKER  
Col, Inf.  
Chief, Utilities Div.

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LOMBARDIA REGION  
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Office of the Economic Commission for North Italy

RE/EC/PTU /PT/8

21 December 1945

SUBJECT: Closing of A.M.G. - Disposal of Projects.

TO : Asst. Regional Engineers - Lombardia-Venezia- Piemonte- Liguria.

1. No information is yet to hand regarding the future operation of P.W. & U. after the closing down of A.M.G. on 31st December 1945. No instruction can therefore be given regarding the disposal of project files held by Regional P.W. & U. offices.

2. It is however considered that all project files and files relative to records of work being done should all be boxed separately from all the files of policy, etc. which will be forwarded to Archives.

3. It is requested that a list of the projects be placed inside the lids of the boxes, in order to facilitate the finding of any particular project.

4. On receiving information of the future operation of P.W. & U. you will be informed regarding the disposal of project files etc.

*W. Knight* May. RE

W. KNIGHT Lt. Col.  
Regional Engineer North Italy.

copy to:

H.Q. Allied Commission. ✓

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
Public Works and Utilities Department

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26 Nov 45

SUBJECT : Approval of Public Works Projects.  
TO : Director, Industry & Utilities S/C.

1. Reference Economic Section letter E/S 1.38 dated 26 Nov 45.
2. A) The Public Works and Utilities Dept formerly as a Sub-Commission was made responsible by AFHQ for the maintenance of roads in Italy classed as military highways category A.  
Estimates for projects on these roads are submitted to the Hqs. of Public Works and Utilities for approval and with that approval, financial officers in Regions and Provinces allocate funds for such projects.
- B) a. In A.M.G. territory, the supervision of that maintenance and repair as well as the estimates is a direct responsibility of the Regional Engineer.  
b. In the British Districts, the C.R.E. directs those field operations. Estimates for such works are submitted to Public Works and Utilities by the AC Liaison Officer of the District for approval.  
c. Likewise in P.B.S. areas, a Liaison Officer submits estimates for approval and supervises the operations.  
In Italian Government territory, the British R.E. teams in Districts are being withdrawn which will place maintenance responsibility directly upon the Italian Government.
- C) In A.M.G. and P.B.S. territory, Allied Commission, Public Works and Utilities will continue to be responsible to AFHQ for approvals of projects and supervision of the roads specified in priority

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until all territory involved is turned back to the Italian Government or that A.M.G. terminates its policy of specifying priorities for road maintenance.

3. In A.M.G. territory particularly in the north, the Italian Government does not have power to approve projects nor to finance them without final approval by AC, Public Works and Utilities.

Projects are still being approved on important secondary roads and for unemployment works in order to ensure the reconstruction of roads in agricultural areas and other places of importance to the rehabilitation of the country and to assure a program for gainfully employing the unemployed in these large industrial centers.

If approvals of this type were terminated abruptly at this time, the process of financing would terminate and even under an improvised Italian system funds would not become available until after the worst of the winter season had passed and the need of urgent unemployment measures had been lost.

4. Particularly in the face of the present political crisis, it is deemed undesirable to hamper or embarrass the Italian Government by creating or augmenting a delicate labor situation by cutting off approvals.

E.J. RISTEDT,  
Colonel, C.E.

Enclosures : 1 Map  
: 1 letter Road Priorities.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
APO 394*originally  
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26 Nov 1945  
1050 hrs.  
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Tel. 267

20 November 1945

Ref. ES/138

SUBJECT: Pending Projects Industry &amp; Utilities Sub-Commission.

TO : Supply Group (Copy for Industry &amp; Utilities Sub-Commission)

1. Upon leaving for a trip to North Italy, the Acting Vice-President left notes with respect to pending projects now before Industry & Utilities Sub-Commission.

2. He lists the projects as follows :

- Col. Rustalt.*
- (a) Get out of the business of approving specific public works projects as soon as possible.
  - (b) Set up the committee on allocation of industrial materials which has been discussed.
  - (c) Continue to press the possibility of getting coal from European sources.
  - (d) Start building a PCL Division which can take over the requirement, screening and allocation control functions remaining to be performed when PETSEC goes out of business.

3. The Acting Vice-President requested that a progress report be made relative to the above on Monday 26 November.

For the Acting Vice-President :

L. D. DENSMORE  
Colonel, F. A.  
Deputy Vice-Pres.

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26  
25 Sep 45

Subject: Operations after the turnover  
of northern regions to Ital Govt.

To: Economic Section

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

130/PWU

21 September 1945

Subject : Functions and Activities of the  
Public Wks. & U. Sub-Commission

To : VICE PRESIDENT ECONOMIC SECTION, AC  
From : Director, P. Wks & U. S/C

1. The operations of the Public Works and Utilities  
Sub-Commission are grouped into two main divisions :

- A. Public Works Division
- B. Electrical Division.

A. - PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION1. - Activities(a) Headquarters :

1. Maintain liaison with Ministry of Public Works and advise on all Public Works problems as required.
2. Formulate over-all policies and establish general priorities of reconstruction.
3. Select and allocate qualified officer personnel.
4. Direct the activities of Regional Engineers and technical staff.
5. Maintain liaison with Military Units in the operation of the Military Highway programme.
6. Review and approve, technically and financially all projects costing in excess of 1 million lire.
7. Screen all requests for import of Public Works supplies and equipment.

(b) Regions :

1. Reorganize and direct Compartmental, Provincial and Communal Units of the Ministry of Public Works.

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2. Based on surveys of local conditions formulate plans for rehabilitation of all Public Works including highways, bridges, water works, housing, public buildings, land reclamation inland water ways, ports etc.
3. Maintain liaison with all Military Units in Region.
4. Provide direct supervision of maintenance and reconstruction of military highways.
5. Supervise award of contracts and furnish general supervision of construction activities.
6. Supervisory control of construction equipment and transport made available to Italian Government from Allied Sources.

## 2. - Accomplishment :

- (a) Complete reorganization of the Italian Government Engineering offices and staff in 17 Compartments including Provincial and Communal Sections.
- (b) Conceived and sponsored through the Ministry of Public Works and effective, comprehensive Decree providing for rehabilitation of private housing throughout Italy.
- (c) Initiation approval and direction of rehabilitation in Italy as shown on following table. The figures given in the above mentioned table are a total of all projects which were approved in this Headquarters but do not include the very extensive list of non military projects costing less than one million Lire each, for which authority to approve and initiate had been granted the Regional Engineers.

## 3. - Future Plans

- (a) To effect an orderly hand-over of Public Works activities in active Regions to Italian Agencies at such time as directed by higher authority.
- (b) Immediately after the closing of active Regions to reduce officer personnel to a minimum number required for essential liaison with Military Units and Italian Agencies.



- (c) Exercise control and general direction of military highway maintenance so long as deemed necessary by military authorities.
- (d) To maintain close contact with Ministry of Public Works at both Ministerial and Field level and to advise and assist as necessary on all Public Works problems.

#### 4. - General :

- (a) Highways and bridges all routes of civil or military importance are under maintenance and open to traffic. Destroyed bridges on these routes have been reconstructed, are under construction or are replaced with temporary structures. Adequate construction materials are available in Italy with the exception of bitumen which has been stated for import.
- (b) Housing :  
Total projects (units) initiated 13,268. Total cost 4,500 millions Lire. Projects under construction will rehouse approximately 372,000 persons. Approximately 1 million persons yet to be suitably housed.

#### PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS APPROVED

##### Military Projects

Roads	N° 1466	£. 4,431,100,000
Bridges	" 796	" 2,232,900,000

##### Miscellaneous Projects

Bridges	N° 1185	£. 3,028,900,000
Roads	" 407	" 1,219,200,000
Water Works	" 311	" 1,023,700,000
Bonifica	" 37	" 147,900,000
Ports	" 47	" 467,600,000
Buildings	" 515	" 2,387,100,000
Miscellaneous	" 197	" 645,200,000

Military Projects	£. 6,664,000,000
Miscellaneous Projects	" 8,919,600,000

GRAND TOTAL	£. 15,583,600,000
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B. - ELECTRICAL DIVISION

1. - The Electrical Division of Public Works and Utilities S/C is charged with the responsibility for the electric power supply through the operation of undamaged electric facilities, and the rehabilitation of generation and transmission facilities destroyed as a result of enemy demolition and combat operations.
2. - Initially the electric power supply was made available to meet military and essential civilian needs and was rationed in accordance with these requirements. The military requirements for electricity are many, and vary from railway and steel mill operation, through the range of repair workshops and hospitals, to offices and billets. Essential civilian requirements cover water pumping, food processing establishments and hospitals.
3. - The work of restoring essential electrical services was done by Allied Military Units, the Allied Commission, Allied Military Government Units, all of which worked with the civilian electrical companies. As the Allied Armies advanced, the earliest emergency rehabilitation work was undertaken by engineer units with the armies. The rehabilitation programme was based on and carried out by utilizing local Italian resources and personnel and with a minimum of import material required in the early stages of the Italian campaign.
4. - In order to coordinate the electric rehabilitation work on a national scale rather than on a regional basis it was decided that the rehabilitation of all major power plants, and transmission lines of 30,000 Volts and above would be carried out by the Electrical Division, P. Wks. & U. S/C and the operation and rehabilitation of all distribution systems below 30,000 Volts would be directly supervised by the Regional Public Works and Utilities Divisions in accordance with policies established by Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
5. - The Military Units have cooperated completely with Allied Military Government and Allied Commission representatives, and have repeatedly furnished valuable assistance in the form of vehicular transportation and materials, whenever available.

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6. - To facilitate electricity supply the individual electrical companies, with their transmission nets which had formerly operated more or less independently, were grouped to constitute electric transmission grids on an area basis. In order to coordinate the rehabilitation of electric facilities Regional Advisory Committees on Electric Power were formed, corresponding to the transmission grid areas. These committees included as members, technical representatives of the electric companies and hold monthly meetings under the chairmanship of the Chief of the Electrical Division of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. The Regional Committees for Italy are : Sicily, Sardinia, Southern Italy, Central Italy and Northern Italy.
7. - A National Advisory Committee on Electric Power for Italy was formed and the first meeting held on 27 July 1945 at the Ministry of Public Works building in Rome with Engineer Visentini, Inspector General Electric Power, Gas and Water, as Chairman. Membership of the National Committee includes selected representatives of the five Regional Committees and other engineers qualified to advise the Italian Government on matters relative to electric power. The Inspector General will be the permanent Chairman of the National Committee. The present schedule for the National Committee meetings will be once each month and after the Regional meetings have been held. Later the National Committees will meet at the direction of the Chairman.
8. - When the Allies landed in Sicily and on the Italian Mainland, they found many electric facilities inoperable, either because of battle damage, or because of intentional demolition by the retreating German armies. In consequence, there was a shortage of electricity both for military and essential civilian needs, and also for the resumption of the country's economic activity. This destruction was found to extend north as far as a line approximately passing through La Spezia - Bologna - Ravenna. Further north, the damage was sporadic, and slight in comparison to the amount of installed equipment. There was no damage to the Sardinia plants although they suffered from deferred maintenance.

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9. - The approximate percentage of operable systems upon liberation, present day and October 1946 estimate are shown below by regional areas :

Area	Generating equipment - % operable			High tension transmission systems - % operable		
	Liberation	Now	Est. Oct. 1946	Liberation	Now	Est. Oct. 1946
Sicily	70	85	85	60	100	100
Sardinia	100	100	100	100	100	100
Southern Italy	40	60	85	30	45	82
Central Italy	12	36	65	9	50	70
Northern Italy	90	92	98	75	90	98

While practically all electric rehabilitation work to-date has been accomplished through the use of local resources the above estimated October 1946 schedule is based on Italy receiving a certain amount of imported material such as copper, mica, shellac and other critical items necessary for the repair and production of electric machinery and equipment.

10. - At the time Allied Military Government was established in Italy, Utility Systems (Public & Privately owned) were in serious difficulties, from a financial standpoint as well as operational. De-valuation of the Lire, increased operating expenses, destruction of revenue producing properties, were among the major contributing factors. Application for permission to increase rates to consumers were soon filed by the various systems, and these were referred to the Electrical Division, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, for necessary action. Two basic considerations were involved :

- (a) The effect on the general economy of widespread increases in utility rates.
- (b) The necessity of maintaining the cash position of the companies sufficient to meet payrolls and other operating expenses of the utility systems.

11. - The impracticability of a detailed determination of utility rates on established principles, during the existing unstable conditions was soon recognized, and accordingly the following procedure was adopted :

- (1) No changes were permitted in basic rates.
- (2) Companies were allowed to apply a temporary flat percentage surcharge to the total amount of service bills to customers.
- (3) The amount of the percentage surcharge as determined by a simple formula which only required an examination of the companies "Profit and Loss" Statement, for the most recent billing period.
- (4) Only actual "out-of-pocket" expenditures were allowed. No allowances were made for depreciation, amortization, interest, dividends, or the cost of repairs of war-damage.

12. - In order to provide necessary working capital for the utility companies, arrangements were made, through the Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Finance, and the Finance Sub-Commission of Allied Commission to set up necessary procedures and controls, whereby funds would be made available to the companies to carry on the rehabilitation work. Under this plan the funds were advanced by the Italian Government and the loans are to be amortized by the companies over a period of years.

13. - Consistent with the policy for turning over to the Italian Government activities formerly carried out by the Allied Commission, the Electrical Division's future plans are as follows :

- (a) Advise the Ministry of Public Works (Italian Government) in appointing permanent chairman of all Advisory Committees on Electric Power and meet with these Committees, when considered appropriate.
- (b) Assist the Ministry of Public Works in securing supplies and material necessary for continuing the Public Utility rehabilitation programme, especially in Southern and Central Italy where the electricity supply is still critical, and will remain so for several months.



- (c) Turn over to and advise the Government on matters relating to utility rate changes.
- (d) Maintain liaison between the electrical companies and the Allied Military establishments in Italy to insure the military requirements for power are met and maintained.
- (e) Assist the electrical companies in recovering material and equipment which was taken by the Germans.
- (f) Advise the Ministry of Public Works in setting up an organization suitable to take over and carry on the work of the Electrical Division of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, and to further the development of electricity supply, and effect a more economical utilization of electrical energy.

2. Regarding future operations of public works projects, this Sub-Commission has encouraged the Genio Civile, an established government corps of engineers, to assume full and efficient responsibility for the continuance of these operations in accord with the policies established by this Sub-Commission.

3. For electrical reconstruction, the National and Regional Advisory Committees for Electric Power together with Government officials are quite capable of restoring full electrical rehabilitation.

4. Consequently, after final turn-over to the Italian Government, it is contemplated that only a very few officers or civilians need be retained in the Commission or on the Embassy staff in a purely advisory capacity.

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

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

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130/PWU

21 Sept. '45

Subject : Organization P. Wks & U.  
Division - Piemonte Region

To : Colonel C.R. Birchett

1. Your letter of 18th September has just been delivered to me.

2. In as much as the turnback date is not known in Italy as yet and may very probably not be 30 September, it is deemed advisable that the regional engineer and his staff stay at their posts until properly relieved or until extenuating circumstances arise in some possible personal instances.

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

cc : file 218

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P.W.&U. DIVISION

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18 September 1945

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SUBJECT : Organization P.W.&U. Division Piemonte Region  
TO : Col. RISTED - P.W.&U. Sub Commission Rome

1. A considerable amount of uncertainty exists as to the continuance of AMG in the north of Italy after 1st. of October. As of that date the work of the division will be practically complete since all projects possible of construction before winter will have been submitted, all materials released to Italian control, all transport released to Italian control and only slight supervision work could be accomplished.

2. Furthermore the transport available to P.W.&U. has been reduced and will be still further reduced on September 27th., thereby limiting the operations of this Region.

3. The Food, Public Health, Industry and some other Divisions have already turned over all functions to the Italian Government.

4. With these facts in mind the following plan is submitted.

- a) That Major Westwood be recalled from the Region as of 22 September.
- b) That Lt. Col. Bennet be recalled from the Region as of 24 September.
- c) That Col. Birchett and Major Robb be recalled not later than 30 September.
- d) This would leave Lt. Alsop and the Italian staff which would be reduced to those necessary for efficient operation.

Lt. Alsop (who has been strongly recommended for promotion to Captain) is well able to supervise the work and answer to the Regional Commissioner and maintain contact with No 2 District. At present his section is the only one maintaining contact with the Works Co. located in Turin. As to technical supervision he could answer to the P.W.&U. Milan office branch of Rome HQ.

5. If the above plan is approved it could be put into effect without the Region closing and would give the office personnel concerned some idea as to future operations.

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All three American officers are anxious to return home. Lt. Alsop has asked to remain.

6. If the plan in whole or in part is accepted it is requested that this office be so advised so that a survey of Italian Personnel could be made.

*C. R. Birchett*  
C R BIRCHETT  
Colonel CB  
Regional Engineer  
Piemonte

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

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22  
15 June 45

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

Present :

Col. E.J. Ristedt  
Lt.Col. V.S. Thompson  
Major N.W. Hyland  
Capt. R.W. Shepherd  
Mr. F.O. Griffith  
Major J.H. Frick  
Lt.Col. I.O. Ball  
1st Lt. L.A. Domleski  
Lt.Col. C.C. Murray  
Lt.Col. W.L. Simons  
Major E.C. Carson  
Major H.N. Jenner  
Major H.H. Johnson  
Capt. G.M. Black

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Engr.Sect.AFHQ.

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D.E.S., AFHQ.

G-4 Sect. AFHQ.

G-5 Sect. AFHQ.

DW., AFHQ.

Engr.Sect.P.B.S., South.

Engr.Sect.P.B.S., Main.

1. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether maintenance and repair of all military highways in Italy could be made an all Italian responsibility.

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

- (a). That adequate imports of bitumen be made available to the Genio Civile and that such bitumen be imported through an AC/Italian Government Agency and not through military sources as at present.

In connection with the above, the prewar source of bitumen was Albania. This supply is still available but so far has been denied to Italy for political reasons.

Sicilian asphalt is not available in sufficient quantity due to low percentage of oil produced.

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- (b). That the Requisition No. 180-ENG for machinery and transport be filled in its entirety and a supplementary requisition prepared and filled to take care of the added territory and changed conditions since the time of the original requisition. The urgent necessity of more transport was agreed to by all. The original 170 dump trucks is entirely inadequate even if they are all made available. So far we have received none.
- (c) That an adequate stock of spare parts be made available for all equipment and transport.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMO.

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16 Aug 45.

REFERENCE: 130/PWU

SUBJECT : Functions and operations of the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, A.C.

TO : Vice President, Economic Section, A.C.

1. The Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, in order to operate to the best advantage, has been organized into two divisions, the Public Works Division and the Electrical Division, which are coordinated under the Director.

2. The policies, activities and accomplishments of each division are shown herewith.

A. PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION.

(i) Activities:

Headquarters:

- (a) Maintain liaison with Ministry of Public Works and advise on all Public Works problems as required.
- (b) Formulate over-all policies and establish general priorities of reconstruction.
- (c) Select and allocate qualified officer personnel.
- (d) Direct the activities of Regional Engineers and technical staff.
- (e) Maintain liaison with Military Units in the operation of the Military Highway program.
- (f) Review and approve, technically and financially all projects costing in excess of 1 million Lire.
- (g) Screen all requests for import of Public Works supplies and equipment.

Regions:

- (a) Reorganize and direct Compartmental Provincial and Communal Units of the Ministry of Public Works.

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- (b) Based on surveys of local conditions formulate plans for rehabilitation of all Public Works including highways, bridges, water works, housing, public buildings, land reclamation, inland water ways, ports, etc.
- (c) Maintain liaison with all Military Units in Region.
- (d) Provide direct supervision of maintenance and reconstruction of military highways.
- (e) Supervise award of contracts and furnish general supervision of construction activities.
- (f) Supervisory control of construction equipment and transport made available to Italian Government from Allied sources.

(ii) Accomplishments:

- (a) Complete reorganization of the Italian Government Engineering offices and staff in 17 Compartments including Provincial and Communal Sections.
- (b) Conceived and sponsored thru the Ministry of Public Works an effective, comprehensive Decree providing for rehabilitation of private housing throughout Italy.
- (c) Initiation approval and direction of rehabilitation in Italy is shown on attached table. The figures given in the above mentioned table are a total of all projects which were approved in this Headquarters but do not include the very extensive list of non military projects costing less than one million lire each, for which authority to approve and initiate had been granted the Regional Engineers.

(iii) Future Plans:

- (a) To effect an orderly hand-over of Public Works activities in active Regions to Italian Agencies at such time as directed by higher authority.
- (b) Immediately after the closing of active Regions to reduce officer personnel to a minimum number required for essential liaison with Military Units and Italian Agencies.
- (c) Exercise control and general direction of military highway maintenance so long as deemed necessary by military authorities.
- (d) To maintain close contact with Ministry of Public Works at both Ministerial and Field level and to advise and assist as necessary on all Public Works problems.

Military Projects

Roads	No 1,294	L. 3,699,300,000
Bridges	No 745	L. 1,754,600,000

Miscellaneous Projects

Bridges	No 1,016	L. 1,915,800,000
Roads	No 291	L. 664,500,000
Water Works	No 209	L. 625,200,000
Panifica	No 27	L. 108,800,000
Ports	No 25	L. 288,300,000
Buildings	No 316	L. 1,134,100,000
Miscellaneous	No 150	L. 423,200,000

Military Projects	L. 5,453,900,000
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Miscellaneous Projects	L. 5,159,900,000
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Grand Total	L. 10,613,800,000
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B. ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

- (a) The Electrical Division of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission is charged with the responsibility for the electric power supply through the operation of undamaged electric facilities, and the rehabilitation of generation and transmission facilities destroyed as a result of enemy demolition and combat operations.



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The functions mentioned in the foregoing were performed under the direction of the Chief Electrical Division, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission. The rehabilitation work was followed by officers in the field, reporting to the Electrical Division.

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- (l) In addition to electricity supply the Electrical Division is charged with policies relating to gas and water supply. The rehabilitation of the gas and water supply systems however is carried out on a regional basis. The damage to gas and water supply systems was that resulting from bombing and shell fire - namely war damage, and was not so complete as the destruction suffered by the electric supply systems which resulted from enemy action by use of carefully planned demolition.
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- (n) Application for permission to increase rates to consumers were soon filed by the various systems, and these were referred to the Electrical Division, Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, for necessary action. Two basic considerations were involved :-
- (i) The effect on the general economy of widespread increases in utility rates.
  - (ii) The necessity of maintaining the cash position of the companies sufficient to meet payrolls and other operating expenses of the utility systems.



(c) The impracticability of a detailed determination of utility rates on established principles, during the existing unstable conditions was soon recognized, and accordingly the following procedure was adopted :-

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(d) In order to provide necessary working capital for the utility companies, arrangements were made, through the Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Finance, and the Finance Sub-Commission of A.C. to set up necessary procedures and controls, whereby funds would be made available to the Companies to carry on the rehabilitation work. Under this plan the funds were advanced by the Italian Government and the loans are to be amortized by the companies over a period of years.

(e) Consistent with the policy for turning over to the Italian Government activities formerly carried out by the Allied Commission the Electrical Division's future plans are as follows :-

- (i) Advise the Ministry of Public Works (Italian Govt.) in appointing permanent chairman of all Advisory Committees on Electric Power, and meet with these Committees, when considered appropriate.
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- (iii) Turn over to and advise the Government on matters relating to Utility rate changes.
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E. J. RISTEIT,  
Colonel, C.E.,  
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P. Wks. & U. S/O.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMO.

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REFERENCE: 130/PWU

15 Aug 45.

SUBJECT : Activities and responsibilities Electrical  
Division, P. Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

TO : Director, P. Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. The Electrical Division of Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission is charged with the responsibility for the electric power supply through the operation of undamaged electric facilities, and the rehabilitation of generation and transmission facilities destroyed as a result of enemy demolition and combat operations.

2. Initially the electric power supply was made available to meet Military and Essential Civilian Needs and was rationed in accordance with these requirements.

The military requirements for electricity are many, and vary from railway and steel mill operation, through the range of repair workshops and hospitals, to offices and billets. Essential civilian requirements cover water pumping, food processing establishments and hospitals.

3. The work of restoring essential electrical services was done by Allied Military Units, the Allied Commission, Allied Military Government Units, all of which worked with the civilian electric companies. As the Allied Armies advanced, the earliest emergency rehabilitation work was undertaken by engineer units with the armies.

The rehabilitation program was based on and carried out by utilizing local Italian resources and personnel and with a minimum of import material required in the early stages of the Italian campaign.

4. The early need for the coordination of the rehabilitation being carried out by the Military Engineering Units and A.C. became apparent. As a result the "Electrical Reconstruction Committee (ITALY)" was formed under A.F.H.Q. Memorandum No 43 dated 5th Oct. 44. The chairmanship was vested in the Chief Engineer A.F.H.Q. and the membership was made up of representatives of P.Wks. & U., A.C., D.W. A.F.H.Q., Pen Base Section Military Districts 1, 2 and 3, and the Military Railway Service.

5. In order to coordinate the electric rehabilitation work on a national scale rather than on a regional basis it was decided that the rehabilitation of all major power plants, and transmission lines of 30,000 Volts and above would be carried out by the Electrical Division, P.W. & U. S/C. and the operation and rehabilitation of all distribution systems below 30,000 Volts would be directly supervised by the Regional Public Works and Utilities

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Divisions in accordance with policies established by Public Works and Utilities Sub-Comm., A.C.

6. The Military Units have cooperated completely with Allied Military Government and Allied Commission representatives, and have repeatedly furnished valuable assistance in the form of vehicular transportation and materials, whenever available.

7. After formation of the "Electrical Reconstruction Committee", A.F.H.Q. delegated to the Allied Commission the responsibility for supervising the rehabilitation of civilian electric facilities, and since that time the Electrical Division of the Public Wks. & Utilities Sub-Commission has :-

- (a) Served as liaison between military units and the civilian electric companies, avoiding the confusion which would arise if each military unit made separate demands on the electric companies.
- (b) Supervised preparation of plans by civilian electric companies for the restoration of service to points most needing electricity.
- (c) Supervised operations of electric systems to extent of insuring that essential military and civilian electrical needs were met.
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17. In order to provide necessary working capital for the utility companies, arrangements were made, through the Ministry of Public Works, Ministry of Finance, and the Finance Sub-Commission of A.C. to set up necessary procedures and controls, whereby funds would be made available

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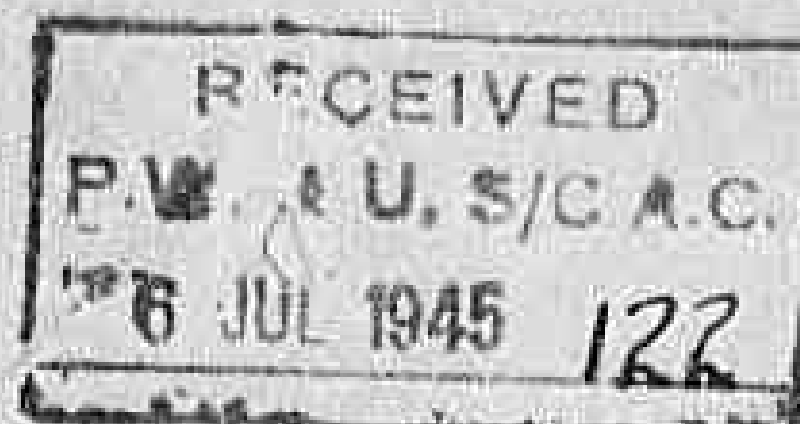


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GEORGE F. PARKER,  
1st Col., Inf.,  
Chief, Elec. Div.



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 220

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SUBJECT: Bus Transport

5 July 1945

TO : Regional Commissioner,  
Piedmont Region  
Att'n: Regional Transportation Officer

1. Reference PR/ENG/100.21, 30 June 1945, Public Works & Utilities Division and Regional Transportation Officer's 1st Ind.

2. Director, Transportation Sub-Commission and Director, Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission have agreed all matters referring to bus routes, operations, and etc. are the responsibility of Transportation Sub-Commission and Transportation Officers in the field.

*Meritt H. Taylor*  
MERITT H. TAYLOR,  
Director.

copies to: Director, Public Works & Utilities S/C ✓  
Economic Section  
Supply Division, Economic Section  
Road Division, Tn. S/C

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1st Ind.

The Regional Transportation Officer, Piemonte Region, Allied  
Military Government, APO 394, 1 July 1945. TO: The Director  
Transportation Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission  
APO 394 (Thru: The Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region, Allied  
Military Government.)

1. Reference basic communication, information is requested  
as to whom is responsible for the operation of bus  
lines and the application of tariff rates to such lines,  
Public Works and Utilities Division or Transportation  
Division.

*R. W. Saunders*  
R. W. SAUNDERS

Major Inf.

Regional Transportation Officer

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PR/ENG/100.21

30 June 1945

SUBJECT: Bus Transport

TO : Transportation Section  
(Attention Major Saunders)

Bus transport is a function of this Division. You will refer all matters referring to bus routes, operations, etc. to this Division.

/sgd/ C.R. BIRCHETT  
Colonel CE  
Regional Engineer  
Piemonte

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TRANSLATION

FROM: Interministerial Committee  
Of Reconstruction.

TO: Maj. Gen. E.B. Mac Kinley  
Allied Commission - Economic  
Section.-

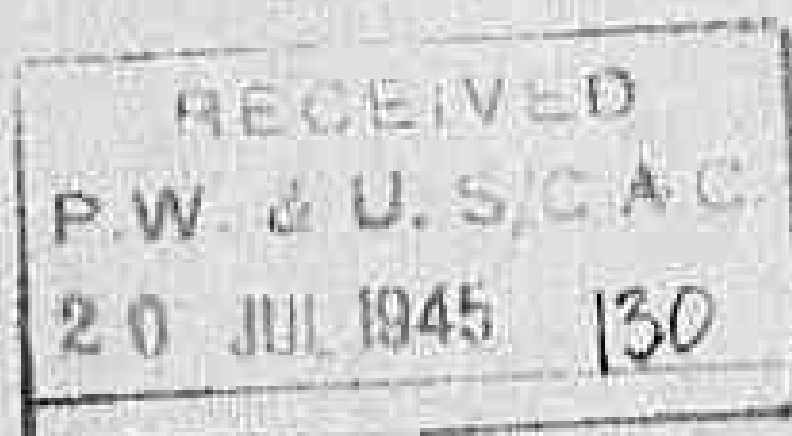
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30th June 1945

- 1.- The new Ministry of Reconstruction continues the activity of the interministerial Committee of Reconstruction (C.I.R.).-
- 2.- For the execution of this activity, the Ministry of Reconstruction must maintain a close collaboration with the Economic Section of A.C. and with the various Sub. Commissions as has been done up to now with very appreciable results in several occasions with the Interministerial Committee for Reconstruction.
- 3.- To coordinate better this collaboration, this Ministry in agreements with all the Ministers composing the Committee of Reconstruction informs you the necessity of:
  - a) That each Economic Sub. Commission should inform this Ministry of any action that may regard the work for which this Ministry has been established, of whatever sector they may be and whatever may be the Italian Administration in whose competence these acts fall.-
  - b) That this Ministry should be informed of the allocations and supplies of goods and products that through the Allied Authorities are sent to Italy except food supplies.-

I am sure you will agree on the advisability of our request and will take necessary actions that it may be carried out.-

THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
(Dr. Aldo Bozzi)



From  
CW Walton

*Approved by Col. [Signature]*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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## INTER OFFICE MEMO.

REFERENCE: 190/FWU 20 July 45.  
 SUBJECT : Letter from Ministry of Reconstruction.  
 TO : Acting Vice President,  
 Economic Section.  
 FROM : Director, P. Wks. & U. Sub-Commission.

1. In reply to the letter requesting that the Ministry of Reconstruction be advised by each Sub-Commission of its activities, the following is already in operation:-

Two representatives of Ministry of Public Works regularly visit our offices to maintain liaison with that Ministry and to transact such negotiations as may be pending. This practice was established while Mr. Ruini was the Minister of Public Works and he is quite familiar with it.

2. It is believed that the information desired by the Minister of Reconstruction can be obtained very readily from these liaison engineers better and quicker than by any other method if the necessary contacts are established between the Ministries of Public Works and Reconstruction.

*E. J. RISTEDT*  
 E. J. RISTEDT,  
 Colonel, C.E.,  
 A/Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Reference : 130/PWU

21 July 1945

Subject : Transportation Facilities Piemonte Region

To : DIRECTOR TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

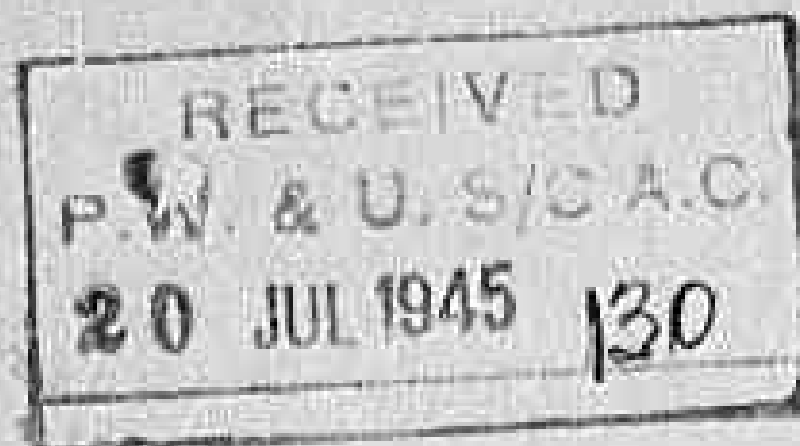
From : Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission

1. In accordance with our understanding regarding the operation of bus lines, tramways, short line railroads and steamships operating in Piemonte :

- On 15 July all bus lines were transferred to the Regional Transportation Officer.
- On 20 July all of the other above mentioned facilities were likewise transferred.

*EJR*  
E.J. RISTEDT  
Colonel, C.E.  
// Director P.W. & U. S/C  
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HEADQUARTERS  
PIEMONTE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394  
P.W.&U. DIVISION

17 July 1945

PR/ENG/7.15.1

SUBJECT : Transport other than passenger vehicles.  
TO : P.W.&U. Sub-Commission Rome

1. Your attention is invited to letter dated 28 Jan. copy of which is attached and marked inclosure n° 1. Upon arrival in this area local bus lines and railroads were given supervision. Upon arrival of Capt. Conway State Railroads were turned over to the Rail Transport Section.

2. On 9 July the Regional Commissioner was advised that the Public Utility Bus Lines would be turned over to the Transportation Section on 15 July. This was done. See attached letter marked inclosure 2.

3. It now seems desirable to turn over all Public Utility transport to the Transportation Section therefore acting in conformance with verbal orders issued by your office, as of 20 July all short line railroads, tram lines, steamship lines etc. will be turned over to the Transportation Section, Piemonte Region, for supervision.

C R BIRCHETT  
Colonel CE  
Regional Engineer  
Piemonte

c.c. to Regional Commissioner  
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INCLOSURE n° 1

HEADQUARTERS  
PIEMONTE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394

ENG/7.15.1

28 January 1945

SUBJECT : Trams, Filobus Lines, etc.  
TO : Hq Allied Commission  
(Att: P.W.&U. Sub Commission)

In order to avoid confusion at some later date, it is hereby made a matter of record that, in the absence of orders to the contrary being issued by AC, the Public Works and Utilities Division of Piemonte and Liguria Regions (combined) will assume responsibilities for tramways, filobus lines, funicular railways and similar local passenger transportation facilities within its territory. This work will be carried on in accordance with policy and procedure set forth in the Handbook prepared by this Division, copy of which is on file in your office.

For the Regional Commissioner:

C R BIRCHETT  
Lt. Col. C.E.  
Regional Engineer

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INCLOSURE N° 2

HEADQUARTERS  
PIEMONTE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394  
P.W.&U. DIVISION

PR/ENG/100.2

9 July 1945

SUBJECT : Public Utility Bus Lines  
TO : Regional Commissioner, Piemonte Region

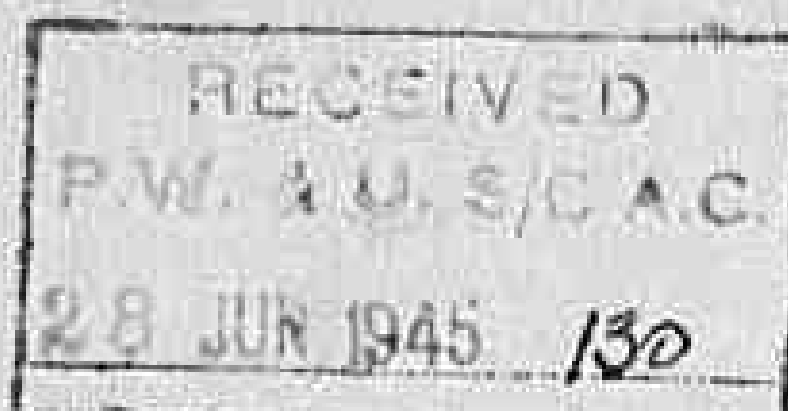
1. Public Utility Bus Lines have been set up and handled by this P.W.&U. Division. If it meets with the Regional Commissioner's approval, Public Utility bus lines will be turned over to the Transportation Section for administration as of July 15. This matter has been discussed with the Transportation Section and is desired by that Section.

C R BIRCHETT  
Colonel CE  
Regional Engineer  
Piemonte

c.c. to Transportation Section.

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HEADQUARTERS  
PIEMONTE REGION  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
APO 394  
P.W.&U. DIVISION

PR/ENG/7.5

25 June 1945

SUBJECT : Report on Turnover of Liguria Region.  
TO : P.W.&U. Sub-Commission AC Rome.

1. As set up by the AC Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, Liguria Region and Piemonte Region were to be under the direction of one Regional Engineer. Staff would be located at Piemonte Hq for overall supervision of the area and special officers would be provided for Genoa.

2. Staff was requested by me for Genoa to the number of 5 Public Works Officers. There were allotted 1 Ports Officer and 1 Public Works Officer. There was also allotted an Electrical Officer.

3. The undersigned gave written directions as to procedure and the sections though understaffed were ready to move into the area. With the first days of occupation this movement was accomplished and the office was set up.

4. After arrival of the engineer team of Piemonte in Turin contact was made with Genoa and the area visited and a program outlined.

5. The Ports area was under the direction of Major Goldson and all Ports works have been attended to by this officer who has done an excellent job. Projects are in hand and others are being initiated. Since Ports work is a special branch this officer had only an administrative contact with the Public Works Section.

6. The Electrical Section was represented by Capt. Parker who later was reinforced by a Maj. <sup>Goldson</sup> Snowden who still later was released. This electrical team assigned to the Region has never been heard from. Capt. Parker besides doing Electrical work also did various Public Work jobs and has done an excellent job and is to be commended on the performance of his duties.

7. Maj. Smith, the first Public Works <sup>5712</sup>Officer, did not approach the work in hand in a very energetic manner. He did not attempt to visit all the region and it was only after

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a program had been outlined by the undersigned that he began getting projects started. It was later learned that Maj. Smith had never read the instruction book issued to him or made any attempt to carry out instructions outlined in the book. Maj. Smith was ordered back to the States sometime in May and left without advising this office. On 26 May I received this information and ordered Maj. Rosson to Genoa to head the Public Works section, establish an office, select personnel and initiate a program. Between June 12 and 16 Maj. Rosson was ordered to Rome and the Liguria Region is now without a Public Works Officer.

8. In letter from AC P.W.&U. Sub-Commission dated 9 June 218/PWU I was advised that the Florence team would take over. I was later advised that Lt. Col. Lee was in Genoa. On 21 June I accompanied Col. Ristedt to Genoa to turn over to Lt. Col. Lee. I found that Lt. Col. Lee had been there but had left.

9. Since I have been advised that the Toscana Staff would take over and since Col. Lee has reported in I presume that the action is formal and the responsibility of P.W.&U. in Liguria is no longer a function of this office.

10. The staff of the P.W. Section consists of an American Sergeant who has done an exceptionally fine job and 8 civilian employees. One of these, a Lt. Calda, has done an outstanding piece of work but mainly in the communication field. Mr. Solomon of the P.W.&U. Section is at present initiating a housing program in Liguria Region.

11. During the first 50 days of occupation some 43 projects for nearly 30.000.000,= lire have been approved. In addition to this there is the Port work and an additional 10 projects approved by the undersigned on 23 June. It was reported at a meeting with the Genio Civile in Genoa that over 100 projects are being prepared.

12. The report of Maj. Robb is submitted as a part of this report and is attached Xhereto.

C. R. Birchett

C R BIRCHETT  
Colonel CE 5711  
Regional Engineer  
Piemonte & Liguria



COPYM E M O R A N D U M

PR/ENG/50.4

26 May 1945

SUBJECT : Inspection and T/D at Genova Office.

TO : Col. Birchett

1. In harmony with your orders, I proceeded to Genova on 17 May accompanied by Lt. Dini. The object of the trip was to assist Major Smith, Deputy Regional Engineer in charge of Liguria, in building up his organization, organizing an efficient administrative section and obtaining the equipment, space and personnel necessary for the prosecution of his work.

2. Upon arrival I reported to Col. Jordan, DRC, and told him of my plans. He offered his cooperation and assistance but requested that the plan be not too elaborate. At that moment Brig. Carr came into the office and also warned me against making any elaborate expansion of the Public Works organization.

3. Upon consulting with Major Smith I found that he had been severely handicapped by lack of equipment and space. He had not employed any engineers in view of the slowness with which projects were coming into the office. Major Goldson had the same thought.

4. I talked with Capt. Lyons (HQ Cmn&t) in an endeavor to obtain more space and more typewriters and equipment for Public Works. Space was not and will not be available in the HQ Building. Typewriters were promised when available hoped for in the near future.

5. After considerable study and observation, I proposed moving the Public Works Division to space in the same building with the Ispettore Generale of Genio Civile. That official was most cooperative and offered to make available all necessary equipment and furniture. I also learned that through the Genio Civile we could find competent engineers. As an office manager I suggested a present employee, the American-born and MIT-trained (2 years) Sig. Gioffre. The organization chart worked up called for 20 civilian employees.

6. When the foregoing tentative plans were made 5710 the entire matter was placed before Col. Jordan. He, in turn, presented it to Brig. Carr who ruled that no action was to be taken until he could study the proposals further. Since this decision could not be obtained in the next 24 hours, I did not remain but returned

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to Torino as directed in my originals orders from you.

7. During my stay in Genova, I believe I assisted Major Smith in clarifying the procedure for financing projects by arranging, with him, a meeting with the PFO. I also assisted Sgt. Zolozzi in certain of his office procedure. Incidentally, he is not a trained clerical man and while willing, is not eager to be given full responsibility for the management of the office.

J A ROBE JR  
Major Sig C  
Administrative Officer

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Tel. 320

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

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REFERENCE : 130/PWU

2 May 1945

SUBJECT : Terms of Reference.

TO : Economic Section.

1. Reference your letter ES/1.01 dated 19 April 45.

2. The following "Terms of Reference" are submitted as requested :-

(A) LISTING OF MISSION, H.Q. STAFF.In A.M.G. Territory.

To assist and advise all Regional Engineer Officers in connection with all problems of an Engineering nature within their Region.

In Italian Government Territory including Sicily and Sardinia.

To assist and advise the Italian Government in all matters pertaining to Public Works and Utilities. To this end frequent meetings are held at these Headquarters with the Minister of Public Works and/or his staff.

(B) LISTING OF OPERATING FUNCTIONS.Public Works Division at HQ. and in the Field.A.M.G. Territory.

1. Responsible for organisation and direction of Italian Civilian facilities for the maintenance and reconstruction of military roads and bridges designated by A.F.H.Q., Military Districts, Base Sections and other Military Units.



2. Responsible for rehabilitation and maintenance of all Public Works necessary to the prevention of disease and unrest, including sewers, water supply, ports, bonifiche, housing and roads and bridges of civil importance.

Italian Government Territory.

1. Liaison between military organisations and Ministry of Public Works on maintenance of military roads and review and financial approval of all schemes covering such maintenance.

2. Act in advisory capacity to Ministry of Public Works on all Public Works problems which are presented.

Electrical Division at HQ. and in the Field.

The following Extract from A.F. H.Q. Administrative Memorandum No. 58 dated 12 December 44, sets forth the functions and responsibilities of Allied Commission in so far as Electrical Reconstruction is concerned throughout the whole of Italy :-

- \* (1) Furnish Secretariat for the Electrical Reconstruction Committee.
- (2) Be responsible for planning power rehabilitation throughout Italy.
- (3) Maintain liaison with 15th Army Group and keep informed as to existence and conditions of power plants and probable rehabilitation needs in operational areas.
- (4) Ascertain power requirements from 15th Army Group, PBS, Districts (Br), and other sources.
- (5) Submit plans for rehabilitation to the Chief Engineer for consideration and approval of the Electrical Reconstruction Committee.
- (6) Using Italian labor and local materials, direct, administer and supervise construction work of rehabilitation and operate the power systems except those projects specifically assigned to other agencies by AFHQ and except as provided in Paragraphs 2d (2) and 2c (1).

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(7) Will issue all orders necessary to implement the program to Italian Power Companies or other civilian agencies.

(8) Keep the Chief Engineer, AFHQ, advised of its activities. "

(c) LISTING OF STAFF.

Headquarters.

Director  
Admin. Officer

Chief of Public Works Division  
Staff Officer to Chief P.W.Div.  
Field Engineer working from H.Q.

Chief of Electrical Division  
Staff Officer to Chief Elect.Div.  
Elect. Eng. Officer  
(Overall Planning)  
Supplies  
Utility Rates/Finance

Colonel  
Major and 2 clerks  
Lt-Colonel  
Captain and 2 clerks  
Major  
Lt-Colonel  
Major  
Lt-Colonel  
and 1 clerk  
Major and 1 clerk  
Major

Regions.

Italian Government Territory (Italy)

Public Works Officer

American Civilian

Umbria-Marche.

Regional Engineer  
Public Works Officers

Electrical Officer

Lt-Colonel  
3 Majors,  
1 Captain,  
1 American Civilian.  
Captain

Toscana.

Regional Engineer  
Public Works Officers  
Electrical Officers

Lt-Colonel  
3 Captains,  
2 American Civilians  
2 Majors

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Emilia.

Regional Engineer  
Public Works Officers

Electrical Officer

Lt-Colonel  
1 Major,  
2 Captains,  
1 2nd Lieut.  
Captain

Piemonte.

Regional Engineer  
Public Works Officers

Electrical Officers

Colonel  
2 Majors,  
2 Captains,  
1 1st Lieut.  
1 Lt-Colonel,  
1 Major.

Liguria.

Public Works Officers  
Electrical Officer

2 Majors  
1 Captain

Lombardia.

Regional Engineer  
Public Works Officers

Electrical Officers

Colonel  
1 Major,  
3 Captains.  
2 Majors

Venezia.

Regional Engineer  
Public Works Officers

Electrical Officers

Major  
2 Majors,  
2 Captains.  
1 Major,  
1 Captain,  
1 W.O. (j.g.).

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Military Liaison Officers.

District 1.

Major

District 3.

Captain

Electrical Reconstruction.

Northern Italy.

Lt-Colonel

Central Italy.

Major

Team No. 1

}

Operating

Major and 2 Captains

Team No. 2

}

in Northern Italy.

Major and 2 Captains

B. J. RISTEDT,  
Colonel, C.E.,  
A/ Director.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 504  
ECONOMIC SECTION

CHM/eng  
MAY 1945

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19 April 1945

SUBJECT: Terms of Reference

TO :	Agriculture	Sub-Commission
	Commerce	" "
	Finance	" "
	Food	" "
	Industry	" "
	Labor	" "
	P.M.S. & B.	" "
	Transportation	" "

Director, *sgR*  
Col. Thompson *MT*  
Col. Haggart *sub*  
*sgR*

1. It is requested that you prepare and submit an appropriate set of "terms of reference" applicable to your Sub-Commission, i.e., a listing of the mission, and staff and operating functions, of your Sub-Commission.

2. It is pointed out that under the "New Deal for Italy" derived from FM 467, the directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff dated 30 January 1945, a distinction will be necessary in setting forth the functions of your Sub-Commission as between activities in that part of Italy under Allied control, and the advisory powers which apply in Italian Government Territory.

*Paul M. Highland*  
PAUL M. HIGHLAND, Jr.  
Captain, Infantry  
Staff Officer  
Economic Section

H.W.  
R.W.  
E.D.

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Tel. 317

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

Reference : 130/PWU  
Subject : Handing to Italian Government  
To : Director of Public Works & Utilities S/C, AC  
From : Electrical Division

28 April 1945

1. It is recorded that the work of the Electrical Division of this Sub-Commission is being handed over to the Italian Government in the following manner.

2. Arrangements have been made for the Ministry of Public Works to make the following appointments on their staff and Eng. Asta has been with us for about three months:

- Eng. A. ASTA                      closely in touch with work carried  
    (with 2 assistants)              out by Chief of Electrical Division.

- Eng. MELE working with Maj. Price to take over supply of materials for Italian Government Territory.

- Eng. ROTA <sup>Engineer</sup> operation ~~engineer~~. Working closely with Lt.Col. Ranton for taking over all matters in connection with the operation of the Electrical Generating Stations and Grid System in Italian Government Territory.

3. It is anticipated that except for discussions at Ministry level and with Advisory Committee there will be no further need for the services of A.C. Electrical Officers in the present Italian Government Territory.

4. If and when the Italian Government Territory is extended to Florence we shall be quite ready to hand over to them.

W.M. LAPPER  
Lieut-Colonel,  
Chief Elec. Div.

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ENGINEER SECTION (HR)

RESTRICTED

A.F.H.Q.

C.M.F.

Tele. No. Freedom 817

SUBJECT:- Roads.

ENG/1750/3.

TO :- C.E. III District.

19 Apr 45.

Further to conversation (Brig. EDWARDS - Brig. KEANE)

on 17. 4. 45.

1. I think there is a danger that the functions of the new roads officer to be appointed in these areas of ITALY recently released from A/C. Control may be misunderstood. The following points are therefore brought to your notice to guide you in any instructions you may wish to make.

2. It is the intention of the Allied Governments that the Italians shall be given a chance to operate on their own in this zone now released to them. Were the Italian Government more firmly based and had it fully recovered its powers it would not be necessary for there to be any British roads officers in this zone. There are none in the comparable zones in FRANCE.

3. If our roads officers try and take over the detailed running of the maintenance of the roads the Army is interested in, they will prevent the Italians' own system from functioning and by so much delay the time when the Italians can again look after their own roads. There are not enough British road officers nor have they enough staff. It was never intended that they should have.

4. It follows that these road officers must work thro' the local Italian GENIO CIVILE and must never deal direct with a contractor employed by the GENIO CIVILE. The local contractors must look to the GENIO CIVILE for orders and if the roads officers think that work is not going well they must attack the GENIO CIVILE representative and not the contractor. If the local representative of the GENIO CIVILE appears to be inefficient, unhelpful or obstructive a full report will be sent by the British roads officer concerned to you. If you, after enquiry, think the report justified you should pass it with your remarks to your HQ Staff with the request that they will forward it to the Allied Commission.

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6. Ultimately the Italians will resume control, probably long before the Allied Armies leave the country, so that the framework you now set up should be so organised that control can gradually pass to the Italians. The sooner the Italians are able to manage on their own the better and the staff you are now setting up can be made available for use elsewhere.

B.B. EDWARDS,  
Brigadier,  
Director of Works.

Copies to:- C.E. II District.  
Chief, Highways Division, A.C.

File ENG/179.

Tel. 489081. Ext. 339

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

RWS/rlv

130/PWU

26 March 1945

subject: Major Goldson.

To : Regional Commissioner, Lazio-Umbria  
( Att: Regional Engineer ).

1. Arrangements have been made for Major Goldson to remain at Civitavecchia Port after 31 March on temporary assignment and will be responsible directly to the Headquarters.

By Command of Rear Admiral STONE:

V.S. THOMPSON  
Lt. Col. R.C.E.  
Chief, Public Works Div.  
*3708*



Tel 489081.  
Extn. 320.

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

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24 March 1945

SUBJECT: Transfer to P.B.S. of Military Highways.  
 Italian Government Territory.

TO : Headquarters P.B.S. (Main) -  
 Attention Col. Burns, Engineer Officer

1. Following through on our conferences of yesterday I should like to have arrangements concluded so as to turn over military highways in P.B.S. areas within Italian Government territory on or about April 1.

2. At the meeting yesterday you had asked that we permit A.C. officers now assigned at Naples and Livorno to act as A.C. liaison officers regarding work in above named territory. I advised you that it would be necessary for us to receive instructions from A.F.H.Q. allowing these officers to extend their activities to the Rome area as suggested by you. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if you would be so good as to have this matter cleared with A.F.H.Q. so that we may receive appropriate instructions, because under our present arrangement we are not to have any of our officers work in Italian Government territory.

3. Should you receive any approval or disapproval from A.F.H.Q. on this matter I shall be glad if you will please advise me. On the other hand if I should receive information first, I shall be very glad to keep you posted.

For the Chief Commissioner :

Copy to file 130 ✓

L.A. JENNY,  
 Colonel, C.E.  
 Director. 5699

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HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT  
LAZIO UMBRIA REGION  
(Engineering Division)

APO 394

22 March 1945

TO : HQ, LAZIO UMBRIA Region

SUBJECT : Closing down

IN REPLY QUOTE : P4/ENG/11

Reference my secret memorandum dated 21st Feb handed to Col.  
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whom he will work after 31st March.

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(f) Military Highways.

No decision received yet. -

As this is Top priority work possibly effecting Military operations  
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and vehicles after closing. In absence of fuel quarries will  
close down and all work on Military Roads cease. -

Meanwhile I am continuing to issue Fuel and will endeavour to  
avoid. -

Hold up of work - but no closing down is possible meanwhile.

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One large Military Road Project in progress will be handed to CRE 104.

*Col. Thompson  
new instruction. He  
is report to you.  
May*

*Col. Thompson  
has advised him on this  
May 1945*



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22 March 1945

TO : HQ. LAZIO UMBRIA Region

SUBJECT : Closing down

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(iii) All other matters will be in Italian Civil hands and when monthly report is written, closing down of this section will proceed and will be completed by 31st March. -

(h) Provinces (works) on completion of monthly report will be closed down by 31st March. -

(i) Mines Contract awaiting reply from Genio Civile LITTORIA for formal taking over of contract.

Checking of work done for final bill delayed by lack of transport. It will take 5 days in field.

Full reports and maps of <sup>area swept</sup> work done by 561 Coy sent to Ministro della Guerra, Genio Civile and Electric Companies.

*Col. Thompson*  
and instructions. The  
it report to you.

*Re advice from this*  
*at Col Thompson*  
*24/3/45*



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UMERIA.

General arrangements made with Regional Engineer Abruzzi Marche who is coming over here on 24th March. Later at a date convenient to him I will take him round important works probably 3 days tour.

My Electrical officer has handed over documents and is now on 4 day inspection of installations in UMERIA with Electrical officer of Marche. -

Maj. Evans and 3 officers have been handed over on paper to Regional Engineer Marche and agreement with Lt.Col. LATIMER & HQ. A.C. F.W. to ensure continuity. -

*Chadwell*

Lt.Col.R.E.

Regional Engineer

Lesio Umbria Region AMG.

✓ Copy to AC HQ (PW ov)

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Tel. 489081 Ext. 320

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

LAJ/ram

130/PWU

March 10 1945

SUBJECT: Turnover of Lazio-Umbria Region  
TO : Economic Section

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1. Reference your memorandum 5 March 1945 with attachments, which are returned herewith.

2. Reference, Paragraph 10, Public Works -

While it is true that A.F.H.Q. Directives indicated that A.C. should be the liaison between the military and the Genio Civile, the turnover does not affect this policy. The only difference is that the policy will be carried out at a high level instead of at a low level. The question of details of turnover are being considered by this Sub-Commission and have been the subject of several conferences with District 3, District 2 and P.B.S. headquarters.

3. We do not anticipate any serious difficulties in this turnover. It will take some time however before the military authorities are thoroughly familiar with the task to be performed and in this interim it may be necessary for us to have a liaison officer especially assigned for that purpose in Central Italy.

4. Paragraph 10, Electricity -

This is also being seriously discussed with all interested parties and we believe that with a little patience and a little time satisfactory arrangements can and will be made.

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

Attachments



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

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130/PWU

26 February 1945

SUBJECT: Sub-Commission Jurisdiction

TO : Executive Officer - Economic Section

1. I am attaching hereto copy of a letter received by us from the Commerce Sub-Commission with our footnote referring it to the Transportation Sub-Commission. There is also attached the reply received from the Transportation Sub-Commission.

2. While it is true that Regional Public Works officers have at one time been concerned with all transportation matters within their Region, we have for many months turned over to the Transportation Sub-Commission all requests coming to us regarding transportation matters and have concerned ourselves purely with public works and utilities.

3. There is apparently some difference of opinion as to who should handle Rope-Railways. Will you please settle this matter as to who should have jurisdiction over such properties. We have contended that all the railway properties, trolleys, buses, etc. including rates applicable to such properties were the concern of the Transportation Sub-Commission.

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

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

LAJ/ram

130/PWU

19 February 1945

SUBJECT: A. C. Responsibility in Italian Government Territory

TO : Vice-President, Economic Section  
Att'n: Col. L. D. Densmore

1. As I advised you a few days ago the Regional Engineer in Southern Region called me on the phone to tell me that they had received definite instructions regarding a change to be made effective March 1st. My answer was that this seemed premature and that we had no definite instructions as yet.

2. I have just received a communication from the Southern Region which seems to indicate that personnel of the A. C. staff are advising others that such a thing will take place and that the matter is even discussed with contractors and Italian engineers as you will note from the attached copy of the letter received by me.

3. It would seem that some definite instructions should be issued one way or the other. Either we should have instructions to proceed or Regional personnel should be stopped from discussing such matters until proper orders are issued.

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

Attachment  
Copy of letter

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

16th February, 1945

OFN-119

SUBJECT: Orders to close offices Southern Region  
(for the record)

TO : Colonel L.A. JENNY  
Director P.W. & U. Sub-Commission Rome

It has come to my attention that my letter to you dated Dec. 26, 1944 was partially read in a meeting of Public Works and Utilities Officers and special reference was made to the sentence: "I am now closing these field offices". I am informed that Col. Hensley was present and did not defend this statement as being his orders.

So that your files may reflect the facts Caserta and Salerno offices were closed under direct orders from Col. Hensley and with his full help and cooperation. I had been ordered to close other offices by him but this order was countermanded later.

I assure you I assumed he had been instructed to make this move by you and as I was acting under his orders at all times, I expected him to support my action if contested.

Should this region fall into civilian hands at any time in the near future, I am in a position to organize personnel to handle same.

*H. H. Townsend*

H.H. Townsend  
Executive Officer  
Southern Region AC.

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*At Col Thompson M*

*Pls note & file in Gen. Office.*

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18 FEB 1945

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

15 February 1945

OFN-112

SUBJECT: Caserta Meeting of Contractors  
"For the sake of the record"

TO : Major William M. Chamberlin  
Regional Engineer - PW & U. Section

A requested meeting of Southern Region Contractors was held in Caserta, February 14, 45 for the purpose of establishing good will and to expedite present work on essential Military jobs under way.

The meeting was made up of 112 contractors and engineers of the Genio Civile, Provincial and Communal Road Departments. They were informed of the necessity of getting their house in order, of assuming greater responsibilities as the military assistance would soon leave and the urgent need of getting use to standing on their own feet after these years of turmoil and national destruction. They were also informed that in America as well as Italy improper practices developed during emergencies and during these periods there might be some justifiable circumstances but from this date on our department would not tolerate any improper practices, and that it would not be necessary for any contractor to offer any awards or payments to any engineer or anyone for a contract or for the privilege of working.

If they were competent contractors their services were needed on a legitimate basis and more contractors were invited into the field, so that more employment would be created to assist in the reestablishment of prosperity in their country.

A round robin discussion was permitted to ease the tension of those present and written requests, complaints and suggestions were asked for.

The tenor of the meeting was inspirational to the speaker and, from all appearances and comments afterward, was helpful and of considerable value toward reconstruction.

*H. H. Townsend*  
H.H. Townsend  
Area Engineer  
Southern Region AC.

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Copy to:

Colonel L.A. Jenny Director PW &amp; U. Sub-Commission ROME



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