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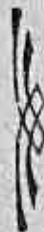
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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APO 394

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27 July 1944

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SUBJECT : Merger Region IV with Rome Region.
TO : Regional Engineers
Region IV
Rome Region

1. I have discussed the question of assignment of Engineer Officers in the consolidated Region IV with Rome Region at this Headquarters and also with both the Regional Engineers of the two Regions.

2. In view of the fact that this Sub-Commission is responsible for the furnishing of Engineer Officers for Regions to be activated farther north, and in view of the shortage of engineering personnel available to us, we must be able to be in a position to pool officers and to hold them ready for assignment if and when needed. To establish a reserve pool, we have permitted the assignment of more officers to Region IV and Rome Region than would normally be permissible under our present strength, but we have done so to permit these Officers to obtain some training preliminary to being assigned to Regions farther north if and when the requests for the activation of such Regions is made to us.

3. In view of the fact that the problems of Region IV are far greater than those of the Rome Region, and in view of the fact that Lt. Col. Findley is fully familiar with the problems of Region IV, this Sub-Commission has decided that Lt. Col. Findley be made the Regional Engineer for the combined Region and to take over as soon as possible. A request for official instructions to that effect has been made to the Establishment Branch.

4. Lt. Col. Birchett, who is now in charge of the Rome Region, has been tentatively slated for Region X but an agreement has been reached whereby he will remain in the Rome area and assist Col. Findley until Col. Findley and his new organization are prepared to take over completely unless a call is made for the activation of Region X before that date.

5. We have agreed that Col. Edwards may go to ¹⁰¹⁸⁷ ~~whichever~~ Region the other officers of Region IV will be assigned to. As we have made up our slate for all the Regions in the north, we shall be glad to discuss that problem with Col. Edwards when it is decided

as to which Region he will be assigned to.

6. It is therefore suggested that Lt. Col. Findley and Lt. Col. Birchett get together at an early date so that Col. Findley may familiarize himself with the problems of the Rome Region and to take over the duties of the combined Region as soon as orders are issued to that effect.

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

CC to: Economic Section
Establishment Branch
Regional Commissioner - Region IV
Regional Commissioner - Rome Region .

Director

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

VST/ET

28 June 1944

Subject: Report on Inspection trip to Rome and Region IV.

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

1. On instructions the writer proceeded to Rome on Monday 26 June.

2. Travelled Via Route 7, and the following points were noted:
Surface generally very good, except for bad diversion through the town of Itri, to provide for two way traffic. Presumably narrow bridge for South bound traffic on main road but this has not so far been confirmed. Subsequently confirmed.

* 3. Road continued good to Velletri, where a long diversion follows the East side of lake and returns to Route 7 at Castel Gandolfo. It is doubtful if this diversion is worth resurfacing but this will depend on the reason for leaving the main road. These two points were not investigated as the car carried Officers of another Sub-Commission.

4. On reaching Rome the writer visited Col. Edwards, Regional Engineer, and also saw Lt. Col. Fridley and Major, Ferley.

5. Arrangements were made for the latter to see Col. Streck PBS: first thing on Tuesday morning.

6. On Tuesday morning the writer proceeded to Avezzano, to meet Major Haise. (See separate report by Major, Haise) This is Route N° 5 and starts off well but the first obstacle is a blown bridge and poor diversion West of Tivoli.

7. The road is then good as far as Arsoli ²⁴⁸⁵ is not heavily damaged but just North of Arsoli a blown bridge necessitates a bad diversion through fields with no stone, which would be impassable on a wet day.

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Col. Edwards*

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8. A little further along another blown bridge forces the traffic to follow a farm trail for about a Km. finally crossing a ford which would undoubtedly become swollen and impassable after rain. In order to get back on the main road it is necessary to follow a gravel road from which large numbers (if not all) of Teller mines have been removed.

9. The town of Carsoli has been almost completely destroyed and there is a one way diversion across a weak bridge, estimated maximum class 12.

10. East of Carsoli, the road is good but there are three bad spots caused by the Germans having blown the side of the cliff away. An attempt has been made to bring down loose rock and in all three it is possible to get through on a ledge about 12 feet wide. The grades are bad and the surface is loose boulders and would be impassable for loaded civilian trucks and dangerous for Army trucks.

11. One civilian car burned out its clutch at one of these points. From Tagliacozzo to Avezzano, the road is excellent.

12. It is considered essential if this road, Rome - Avezzano, is to be used as a civilian supply route to put at least five gangs of 200 men each, total 1000, to work on the five worst spots.

13. Temporary bridges should be built to eliminate the first two diversions on the neighbourhood of Arsoli and the blown cliffs should be widened, levelled and surfaced with stone.

14. Outside of these spots, the road surface, mostly water-bound macadam, is good. From Avezzano, the writer turned South to Sora.

15. This road has some 25 or 30 diversions, mostly caused by the demolition of small bridges. It is passable for All Army transport but some of the grades on the diversions would stall civilian trucks. The surface is uniformly good.

16. From Sora South to Arce is excellent. There are three Bailey Bridges on this stretch one of which is a large two span double double.

*I was told that there were 2 Baileys but there are 218
now. nearly all the gaps are short and many of the
diversions could be improved by cutting back & filling to
improve the grades.*

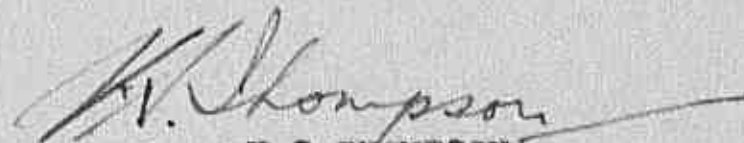
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17. Route 6 from Arce to Naples is in good shape, needs only normal maintenance and shows signs of being worked on. Thro Cassino all craters have been repaired permanently.

18. Conclusions:

There is noX doubt that the civilian supply routes North and East of Rome are going to present a major job to this Division of the Sub-Commission, aside altogether from essential Army requirements.

19. It is considered that Sig. Reggiani should be instructed to get all available forces on to Route 5, Rome-Avezzano, immediately and that the HQ., of this Division move to Rome to expedite this work without delay.



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Lt. Col. R.C.E.
Chief Public Wks. Div.
P.W.&U. Sub-Comm. ACC.

* A large masonry bridge is destroyed at Ariccia. P.B.S. is preparing a short by-pass on an existing loop south of this point. When this is completed the long by-pass mentioned in para 3 will cease to be used.

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