

Midland Railway.

CHIEF GOODS MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Circular No. 2725.

DERBY, 8TH JANUARY, 1918.

DEAR SIR,

COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE OF HORSE CHESTNUTS AND ACORNS FOR THE MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS (Department of Explosives Supply).

The Director of Propellant Supplies, Ministry of Munitions, has made a request for assistance to be rendered to the Department in the collection and despatch of horse chestnuts and acorns, and it has been agreed that the Companies shall do all they reasonably can to help the Government wherever this is possible without any undue interference with the ordinary traffic.

The following are the particular directions in which assistance is to be afforded:—

- (1) The Railway Companies are to accept at stations chestnuts and acorns tendered in the name of the Director of Propellant Supplies, or collect such by their own teams or by carting agents or by arrangements with other carriers.

In the event of any collection difficulties arising, the District Representative of the Ministry of Munitions must be communicated with at once. For particulars of the respective areas and officers for the same see Appendix at back hereof.

- (2) Where a request is made on the forwarding instructions for sacks to be supplied by the Railway Company, this is to be done where possible. When Government bags are supplied, the forwarding instructions will be endorsed to that effect; such bags will be sent to the stations in bundles for distribution to the senders, and the agents are to arrange for this to be done.

In the event of any delivery difficulty arising, the District Representative of the Ministry of Munitions must be communicated with at once.

- (3) Accounts for rail carriage and all other charges must be made out to the Explosives Department, Ministry of Munitions, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W. 1, and sent to the Chief Goods Manager, from whom you will receive instructions in due course in regard to clearance of the debits.

There will be no objection to your furnishing information on request as to the forwarding of the traffic, *e.g.*, the number of the sacks and the gross weight of the consignment.

Please give the necessary instructions to all concerned, so as to ensure assistance as above on the part of the Company being duly rendered.

Receipt of this Circular need not be acknowledged.

Yours truly,

HENRY EVANS,

Chief Goods Manager.

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APPENDIX.

COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE OF HORSE CHESTNUTS AND ACORNS FOR THE MINISTRY OF MUNITIONS (DEPARTMENT OF EXPLOSIVES SUPPLY).

PARTICULARS OF THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE EXPLOSIVES TRANSPORT OFFICERS.

Area No.	Particulars of Area.	Explosives Transport Officer.
ENGLAND AND WALES.		
1	Northumberland, Durham and Eastern portion of Yorkshire, taking a line drawn from the boundary of Durham, South of Darlington, direct to Goole. This district also includes Grimsby.	Mr. V. J. Attorton, Pearl Buildings, Northumberland Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
2	Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire, Cheshire, Flint, Denbigh, Carnarvon, Merioneth.	Mr. W. de C. Laffan, 70, Spring Gardens, Manchester.
3	Western portion of Yorkshire not covered by Area No. 1.	Lieut. H. M. Lyster, M.C., Quebec Chambers, Quebec Street, Leeds.
4	Lincolnshire (exclusive of the port of Grimsby), Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Montgomery, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Northamptonshire, and Oxfordshire.	Mr. F. Chaplin, 111, New Street, Birmingham.
5	Cardigan, Radnor, Pembroke, Carmarthen, Brecknock, Glamorgan, and Monmouthshire.	Lieut. L. Wade, Principality Buildings, Cardiff.
6	Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Dorset, Somerset, Devonshire, and Cornwall.	Lieut. J. C. Hill, Ministry of Munitions, Unity Street, Bristol.
7	Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdon, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Middlesex, Surrey, Kent, and Sussex.	Mr. K. Fair, Room 49, Storey's Gate, Westminster.
8	SCOTLAND.	Lieut. R. C. McGhee, Ministry of Munitions, Elm Bank Crescent, Glasgow, or Brathay Bank, Banchory.