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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
APO 612

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25 August 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: All Concerned.

SUBJECT : Italian Schooners.



1. Under the authority of the SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, the MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD is responsible for the proper control and operation of the Italian Schooner fleet.

2. This fleet includes all registered schooners of Italian nationality and the available tonnage totals approximately 60,000 tons.

NOTE: Unregistered schooners are not permitted to operate in the Mediterranean Area and are at all times liable to arrest by the naval authorities.

3. The MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD has submitted the following recommendations for the future control, allocation and operation of the Italian Schooner fleet:

Received by AFHQ letter file same as before dated 8 October 1944
a. All schooners of 500 tons and upwards shall be allocated for employment to the Principal Sea Transport Officer as an addition to the Mediterranean coasting fleet, at present under his control for allocation to service needs. Available schooners of this class total some 4,000 tons deadweight. *Note 10 copies sent to [unclear] for [unclear]*

b. 125 schooners, totalling approximately 25,000 tons deadweight shall be allocated for operation and maintenance by the Royal Army Service Corps. They will be employed, under the direction of G-4 (Mov & Tr) AFHQ, in the carriage of services traffic for the support of Allied naval, ground and air forces.

c. The present fleet of small schooners operated by M.O.I.C.'s for harbor work shall continue in their present employment. This fleet totals some 4,000 tons deadweight.

d. The balance of the schooners totalling some 27,000 tons deadweight will be employed to fulfill, as far as possible, the economic and civil needs for coastal traffic within the area, and shall be operated by a Schooner Control board comprised of a representative of CO.GE.M., a representative of MEDBO, and a representative of the Allied Control Commission.

4. These recommendations are confirmed and take effect immediately.

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5. a. The tonnage allocations set out in paragraph 3 will be varied only on the recommendation of the MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

b. Requests for the allocation of additional tonnage, permanently or for individual voyages will be submitted:

1. By the ROYAL N.VY and US N.VY to P.S.T.O.

2. By military branches and organizations to G-4 (Mov & Tn).

c. P.S.T.O. and G-4 (Mov & Tn) respectively will be responsible for checking the necessity and priority of such demands and for submitting them to the Board.

d. Whenever any of the controlling authorities, detailed in paragraph 3, is unable to employ its allocation fully and economically, the authority concerned will:

1. When tonnage is temporarily surplus to its requirements, offer the surplus lift to the other authorities.

2. When tonnage becomes permanently surplus, return the surplus lift to the MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD for reallocation.

By command of General WILSON:

R. H. Christie

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Acting Adjutant General.

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