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BLACK MARKET, ITALIAN NAVY
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/335/9/CA

2 June 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Navy in Black Market.

TO : R.C. Region V.

1. I refer to your R5/307/6 of 22 April 44.
2. Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic informs me that the Minister of Marine has been informed of the contents of our 335/7/CA of 11 May (copy to you) and has been told to ensure that the instructions therein are complied with.

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NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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To Hq. Region II, F.C.C. *31 MAY Recd*
Int. M. 160
SUBJECT. *C.A. 132*
ITALIAN NAVY IN THE BLACK MOUNT. U 9680

FROM THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.
DATE 24th May, 1944. **No.** T. 114/70.
TO HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
R.O. & S.G. SECTION.

With reference to your letter No. 315/1/CA of 14th May, the Minister of Marine has been informed of the contents and told to ensure that your instructions are complied with.

I must point out, however, that the Italian armed forces are responsible for obtaining part of their own rations from local resources and are therefore obliged to patronise the open market for the purchase of certain items.

B. V. Morgan
REAR-ADMIRAL.

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30 MAY 1944
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. Section
APO 394

Ref/335/1/DA.

11 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Italian Navy in the Black Market.

TO : Flag Officer, TARANTO and ANKATIC.

1. I have received reports from the Regional Commissioner Region V outlining the difficulties he is having in controlling black market operations in FOGGIA which involve Italian personnel of Taranto and Adriatic Naval troops driven by Navy personnel are often apprehended in black market operations in FOGGIA.

2. I understand that the Italian Minister of Marine has been informed that anyone desiring to purchase food stuffs in FOGGIA must first obtain a pass endorsed by a competent Allied authority. I must point out most emphatically that the only authority competent to issue such a pass is HQ. Allied Control Commission (Food Sub-Commission) in NAPLES. In view of the Italian Naval personnel being rationed from Allied sources should not require any additional supplies.

3. Your co-operation will be very much appreciated.

RZ/DA.

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M. G. LAM,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: R.C. Region V.
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Naval Sub-Com.
Food Section for Food Sub-Com. (2)

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A.M.G. REGION V
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4 May 1944

Ref. : R5/507/6

SUBJECT: Italian Navy in Black Market

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
Regional Control and Military Government Section.
(ATTENTION - Deputy Executive Commissioner)

1. Ref your 335/2/CA, herewith inclosures
mentioned in our communication Ref R5/507/6, subject:
Italian Navy in Black Market, dated 22 April 1944.



For the Regional Commissioner:

EARL A. BEASSLER,
Captain, C. M. P.,
Adjutant.

2 Incl.: Ltr FP/4042 dtd 11 Apr 44
Ltr FP/1040 dtd 11 Apr 44

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Ref:- FP/1042

11 Apr 44.

SUBJECT:- Italian Navy in the Black Market.

TO:- HQ AMB REGION 5.

FROM:- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Reference your letter R5/507/6 dated 29 Mar 44.

It is noted that the F.O., TARANTO AND ADRIATIC has informed the Italian Ministry of Marine that he must not send into this Province to purchase food-stuffs unless the purchasers are supplied with a Pass endorsed by a competent Allied Authority.

May it be pointed out in the most emphatic terms to the Flag Officer that the only Allied Authority competent to issue such a Pass is the Allied Control Commission Food-Sub-Commission in NAPLES. This AMG has been instructed by ACC not to honour any other authority in this matter.

Attached hereto is correspondence exchanged with Provincial Commissioner, TARANTO, which indicates that the Flag Officer considers the local ACC Authority is sufficient.

May this matter be cleared up as soon as possible please.

CET/EGFM.

Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Ref:- FF/1040

11 Apr 44

SUBJECT:- Purchase of Food.

TO:- Provincial Commissioner,
ACC, TARANTO.

Copy to:- HQ AMG REGION 5.

FROM:- AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE.

Reference your letter T/ACC/10 of 2 Apr. 44.

1. All articles of food-stuffs which are rationed or ammassabile under the Italian Laws are only obtainable legally in this Province through the Sezione d'Alimentazione of the Province at LUCCA. Such food-stuffs are supplied from official Consorzio warehouses at the official prices. All purchases except through these channels and from these sources are illegal Black Market purchases. Such purchases are usually at a very high price which encourages producers here to deal in the Black Market. The purchases are usually made sub-rosa.

2. This HQ is actively engaged in a War on Black Market dealings; anyone caught dealing in the Black Market or transporting contraband goods is subjected to the full rigor of the Italian Law or Allied Military Justice, and no exception can be made.

3. Release of ammassabile food-stuffs through the Sezione d'Alimentazione can only be made on the authority of the Allied Control Commission, Food-Sub-Commission, NAFLIS. This AMG is forbidden to release food-stuffs without this authority.

4. In accordance with the foregoing the Permit issued by the naval authorities is not in order it applies to ammassed foodstuffs which include certain vegetables (lett, fave etc.), in fact, about the only vegetable which could be acquired legally would be green stuff, of which it is understood, there is an ample supply in TARANTO.

5. This HQ would be obliged if you could regularise matters with the Navale authorities and urges you to see that any permits which have been issued by them for ammassabile food-stuffs are withdrawn as soon as possible, otherwise, the Italian truck and its contents is liable to confiscation and its occupants to prosecution.

6. If the Naval Authorities are successful in obtaining permits from ACC Food-Sub-Commission for exporting ammassabile foods from this Province the holder of the authority should be merely given permission to proceed to AMG, FOGGIA PROVINCE, LUCCA, where will be given the necessary releases etc.

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Such food-stuffs are supplied from official commissary warehouses at the official prices. All purchases except through these channels and from these sources are illegal Black Market purchases. Such purchases are usually at a very high price which encourages producers here to deal in the Black Market. The purchases are usually made sub-rosa.

2. This HQ is actively engaged in a War on Black Market dealings; anyone caught dealing in the Black Market or transporting contraband goods is subjected to the full rigor of the Italian Law or Allied Military Justice, and no exception can be made.
3. Release of ammassabile food-stuffs through the Sezione d' Alimentazione can only be made on the Authority of the Allied Control Commission, Food-Sub-Commission, NAPLES. This Act is forbidden to release food-stuffs without this authority.
4. In accordance with the foregoing the Permit issued by the naval Authorities is not in order; it applies to amassed foodstuffs which include certain vegetables (cavi, fave etc.), in fact, about the only vegetable which could be acquired legally would be green stuff, of which it is understood, there is an ample supply in TARANTO.
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CLT/EGFM.

Lt. Colonel,
Provincial Commissioner,
A.M.G. FOGGIA PROVINCE.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/335/2/CA

30 April 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Navy in Black Market

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region V

1. Reference your R5/507/6 of 22 April 1944, the two enclosures noted at the bottom of above cited letter, i.e. "Ltr FP/4042 dtd 11 Apr 44" and "Ltr FP/1040 dtd 11 Apr 44", were not attached when the letter was received in this office.

2. It is requested that copies of these letters be forwarded to us so that action may be taken on this matter.

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[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive Commissioner

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

29 APR Recd

From: Economic Section

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SUBJECT: Italian Navy in Black Market

FILE No. ES/42

TO: R.C. & M.G. Section.
rptd. Food Sub-commission.

25 April 1944

May two copies of your reply to R5/507/6, 22 April 44 be forwarded to Economic Section?

D. S. Adams
D. S. ADAMS
Colonel, C. E.
Executive Officer
Economic Section

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A.M.C. REGION V
C. M. F.

22 April 1944

Ref. : R5/507/6

SUBJECT: ITALIAN NAVY IN BLACK MARKET.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
Regional Control and Military Government section.

I am in receipt of reports from the Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province, outlining the difficulties he is having in trying to control Black Market operations involving the Italian Naval personnel of Taranto and Adriatic. Copies of the letters are attached.

In conformity with the food rationing policy of the Allied Governments, Italian Navy personnel are rationed by the Anglo-American military and should require no additional supplies. Nevertheless, naval trucks with naval personnel are often apprehended in Black Market operations in Foggia.

It is requested that the Flag Officer, Taranto, be advised of policy and the AMG in territory concerned be directed to desist from further issuance of passes and permits for Italian naval personnel to enter Foggia for unauthorized purposes.

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24 APR 1944

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2 Incl.: Ltr FP/4042 dtd 11 Apr 44
Ltr FP/1040 dtd 11 Apr 44

F. L. Whitley
F. L. WHITLEY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Regional Commissioner.

Copies to Food Sub-Commission
PC, Foggia Province
SCAO, Campobasso Province

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