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Provision-Of Schooners

July - Sept 1944

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To Chief Clerk:- NOT REGISTERED.

MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Ro/

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 9917/S/1 prot.

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P. M. 23 settembre 1944

Risposta al foglio N. del

Carte annesse

OGGETTO: noleggio navi per trasporti derrate in Sardegna.-

Hiring of ships for the transport of goods to SARDINIA.

ALA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI CONTROLLO PER L'ESERCITO
DELLA A.C.C.

ROMA

A seguito dispaccio n.7182/S/1 del 24/7 c.a.
si trasmette, per opportuna conoscenza, copia del
foglio n.2840/T.M. dello S.M.R.E. - Uff.Traspor-
ti- in data 17 c.m.-

p.IL MINISTRO

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Frederigo

Following our 7182/S/1 of 24 Jul. 44., we send you for
your information a copy of the S.M.R.E.'s letter 2840/T.M.-
Transport Office- of 17 Sep. 44.

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*S & T. MMMA.

Recd 23 Sep

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To Chief Clerk:- NOT REGISTERED.

Subject: Hiring of ships for the transport of goods to SARDINIA.

In reply to your 9586 of 13 Sep. 44.

S.M.R.E. has not failed to place proposals before both the Allied and Italian Authorities about the hiring of ships and their requisitioning requested by you for traffic from the Mainland to SARDINIA.

Up to now S.M.R.E. has not received any reply, in spite of their requests, copies of which are attached.

We justify ourselves in our delay in informing you of the ships available for hire by the Mercantile Marine (Cogema) as it is very difficult to have ships free from duties for the Allies, who in their RT/66 (?) of 31 Jul 44. requested S.M.R.E. to let them know the names of ships at the time free from requisition.

(Signed) A.SANTI, Gen.

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Ricevuto / R. M. di pro. Ho

P. M. 15, 12, 17 settembre 1944

O G G T T O: Isoleggio navi per trasporti corse in Sardegna.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA
 DIRETTORE: Servizi Commissariato Mil. Div. Sues. 40

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Ricevuto foglio 9586 del 13 corrente.

Questo S. M. non ha mancato di interessarsi presso le autorità Alleate e Italiane proposte alla requisizione e noli dei natanti richiesti a suo tempo da questa Direzione per il traffico del Continente alla Sardegna.

A tutto oggi nessuna comunicazione è pervenuta a questo S. M. al riguardo, malgrado i solleciti che si allegano in copia.

Si giustifica il ritardo nel segnalare i natanti da noliare da parte della Marina Mercantile (Cogema) data la non facile possibilità di avere navi libere negli impegni con gli Alleati i quali con foglio RT/26 del 14 luglio p. s. invocaavano questo S. M. di comunicare i nominativi di navi tutt'ora libere dalla requisizione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
 (Rit. A. Santi)

P. O. O.

Discontro foglio 9586 del 13 corrente.

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Si giustifica il ritardo nel segnalare i materiali da recuperare da parte della Marina Mercantile (Vogues) data la non facile possibilità di avere navi libere negli impegni con gli Alleati e quelli con foglio RT/66 del 11 luglio u.s. Intende avere questo S.M. di comunicare i nominativi di navi tuttora libere della requisizione.

IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(F:to A. Santi)

P.B.C.

IL DIRETTORE CAPO DIVISIONE
(Gen. Col. PIGNARO)



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TRANSLATION OF LETTER ON REVERSE

FROM: SMRE

TO : MIA

2522/T/M

22 Aug 44.

SUBJECT:- Requisitioning of Ships.

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With reference to your ST/66 of 15th Aug 44, we have communicated with the "COGENA" (Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi) which is at Naples to let us know as soon as possible the ships which will be at the disposition of the Allies for the purpose of requisition.

The answer from "COGENA" has not yet been received, but as soon as it arrives it will be sent to MIA.

Il Generale Addetto

sd/ Alessandro Santi.

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and 16 Aug 44
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ad/ Alessandro Santi.

for

U. S. T. M. M. A.
16 Aug
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STATO MAGGIORE REGIO ESERCITO
Ufficio Trasporti

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DATA	15/8/66
ORA	16.20

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No 2522/T/M di prot.

P.M. 151, li 22 agosto 1944.-

O G G E T T O: Requisizione navi.-

Requisizione di navi.

ALL'A.C.C. SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PER L'ESERCITO
ST/56

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In riferimento al vostro foglio ST/66 del 15 agosto, si comunica che è stato interessato al riguardo il "COGENA" (Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi), di stanza a Napoli, di segnalare al più presto a questo S.M. le navi che eventualmente si fossero rese libere dalla requisizione degli Alleati.-

La risposta del "COGENA", non appena perverrà, sarà subito comunicata a cotesta Sottocommissione.-

IL GENERALE ADDETTO  
(Alessandro Santi)



*[Signature]*



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IL GENERALE ADDETTO
(Alessandro Santi)

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Subject:- Schooners for Maintenance of SARDINIA.

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Army Sub Commission, (ISMA),
HQ, AGC, ROME.
ST/66. 33/11 ✓

S.M.R.E.

15 August 66.

Reference your message No. 2267/T/M of 21 July 66,
and further to this Hq letter ST/66 of 31 July 66.

1. Please report what progress has been made.

DW/bc

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B. L. FERNIVAL.
Lt. Col. RASC,
ADST,
for Major General,
Army Sub Commission, (ISMA).

See (85)
matter still
being pursued

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Subject: Movement of Food for Italian Armed Forces.

Army Sub Commission (M114)
H.Q., A.C.C.,
R.O.M.E.
A3/2

31 Jul 54

TO: MED SHIPPING BOARD

1. The policy of the Combined Chiefs of Staff is that the Italian Armed Forces shall be as self supporting as possible and make the minimum demands upon Allied transportation.

2. There are now, and will continue to be, Italian troops in SICILY and SARDINIA part of whose food supply must be moved from the mainland at regular intervals. At present we have a daily commitment of some 75 tons of Hqs and 5 tons of Olive Oil to move to SARDINIA. Much of these products comes from CALABRIA and APULIA and so can easily be shipped from GALLIPOLI and CROTONE.

3. It is therefore considered that the best way to avoid any call upon Allied transport and movement facilities is to form an Italian Water Transport Coy to ply between ISLBI, SICILY and SARDINIA.

4. This unit would consist of about 3 schooners of about 100 tons, would be manned and maintained by the Italian Armed Forces. They would be subject to all Allied regulations as regards clearances, shipping control, etc.

5. Would you please say if, in the event of the Italian Armed Forces being able to find any suitable craft, the necessary permission will be given to operate the unit.

P. J. Noakes

RMV/hh

P.J. NOAKES Lt. Col.

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For J. N. and

EJW/hh
Copy to:

NAV & TR HQ A.I.
CA HQ A.I.
Q HQ A.I.
ST HQ A.I.
NAV MMIA

R. J. ROBERTS Lt. Col.
For Major General,
Army Sub Commission, (MMIA).

17/10/47

"S & T, MMIA.

Recd 01 Aug

File ST/ 66

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Note: We had accepted the Navy's proposal to have a new shipyard at the 1st base in 1947/48.

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POST 935

Subject:- Schooners for Maintenance of SARDINIA.

S.M.R.E.

Copy to:- "Q" MIA.
Mov. LO, MIA.

Army Sub Commission (MIA),
HQ, AOC,
ROME.
ST/66- 33/11 ✓

31 July 44.

Reference your message No 2267/T/A, of 27 July, 44.

1. It will be understood that the operation of all vessels is under Allied control. Therefore this HQ is approaching the correct Allied authorities to obtain authority for the Italian Army to operate schooners, between the Italian mainland and Sardinia, as purely military vessels.

2. It is suggested therefore that in the interim you proceed with your investigations to discover suitable vessels. Such vessels should, it is suggested, be 'frozen' by you pending the result of this HQ application mentioned above and it is requested you will advise this HQ the following in respect of all vessels discovered by you:-

- a. Name of Vessel.
- b. Name and address of owner.
- c. Location of vessel.
- d. Cargo capacity.

3. If authority is obtained by this HQ for the Italian Army to operate such vessels it is considered they should be requisitioned by you and operated as an Italian Army Water Transport unit, with military personnel in charge of each vessel.

These details can be discussed at a later date, however.

The main task is first to find vessels which will be suitable for the work.

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B.L. PERCEVAL.
Lt.Col. RASC,
ADST, Army Sub Commission, ACC.
for Major General,
Army Sub Commission, ACC.

HP/EC

YES, pl. *(initials)*

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TRANSLATION.

TO : MMIA.

S.M.R.E. (TRASPORTI) No.2267/T/M in reply to 7482 of 24th of July.

The Director Gen. of Service Commissariato, (Rations Dir). Asks

Will MMIA please grant authorization for hiring of Schooners for Transport requirements.

Sd. S.M.R.E.

See (79)

"S & T. MMIA.

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M.M.I.A.

ROMA (fono a mano)

STAMAGGIORE TRASPORTI N.2267/T/M ALT RIFERIMENTO 7482 DEL 24
LUGLIO DEL MINISTERO GUERRA - DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMIS-
SARIATO MILITARE - DIVISIONE SESSISTENZE - ALT PREGASI CONCEDE-
RE AUTORIZZAZIONE NOLEGGIO MOTOVELIERI PER ESECUZIONE TRASPORTI
RICHIESTI ALT

27 Luglio 1944



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"S & T, MMIA

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Translation

File ST/

24 JULY 44

From: War Min

33/11

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To : SMRE (Marine Transport Department)

Copy to: MMIA (for information)
Dir. Com Bari (do)

Subject: Transportation of foodstuffs to Sardinia

MMIA desires that the refurnishment of Wine &
Oil to troops in Sardinia be increased. For said
purpose I suggest the requisition of eight boats
each of 100 tons freight which, with civilian crews
will effect the transport from GALLIPODI to
CAGLIARI.

Each boat should be under the surveillance of a
Board Commissary & Vice Commissary.

Please let us know the presumable date on which
said vessels will be available in order to start the
transporting.

Sd/ Gen Pelligra.

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MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

DIREZIONE GENERALE SERVIZI COMMISSARIATO MILITARE

Divisione Sussistenze

N. 44821 S. all. prot.

P. M. 107. R. 24 Luglio 1944

Risposta al foglio N.

del

Carte annessa

OGGETTO: Trasporto derrate per la Sardegna

Al ALLO STATO MAGGIORE R.E. - Uff. Trasporti
Marittimi

P.M. 151

e per conoscenza;

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALLEATA DI
CONTROLLO ESERCITO
ALLA DIREZIONE DI COMMISSARIATO
DI

R O M A

B A R I

La Sottocommissione Alleata di controllo desidera che siano incrementati i rifornimenti di vino e di olio per le truppe dislocate in Sardegna. A tal uopo suggerisce la requisizione di otto battelli, ciascuno da 100 tonn. di stazza netta, che, con equipaggi civili, effettueranno i trasporti da Gallipoli a Cagliari.

Ogni battello dovrà essere sotto la sorveglianza di un Commissario di Bordo e di un Vice Commissario.

Si prega cotesto S.M.R.E. di far conoscere la data presumibile in cui detti natanti saranno disponibili per potere iniziare i trasporti.

p. il MINISTRO

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Extract of ST/56 dated 23 Jul 44.

AQ EMIA.

1. Sardinia

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(v) At present strengths approx 75 tons of wine and 5 tons of Olive Oil are required to be shipped to Sardinia daily.

The present catch-as-can system of finding transport to get these quantities to Sardinia is highly unsatisfactory. The Min of War should be independent of Allied assistance so for this purpose and have at their disposal transport which they can rely upon to provide regularity of service.

I have instructed them to search for 3 suitable motor powered schooners to operate between Gallipoli and Cagliari. Most of the wine comes from Apulia and oil from Calabria. Consequently shipment from Gallipoli will reduce requirements for rail transport on the mainland.

3 schooners will be required to carry the tonnage, cover the turn round and allow for maintenance and periodical slipping of vessels.

If the M of War can find these vessels we should strongly support their request to operate them as Italian Army water transport on the lines similar to those adopted in British Army water transport companies.

Corsica.

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(ii) x x x Direct shipment can be made if Italian Army secures the schooners proposed above.

sd/ B.L.E. Lt.Col, 1932.

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