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THIRD ENDORSEMENT: to
British Naval Liaison Officer,
R.I.N. Duca Degli Abruzzi's ltr.
dated 28 March 1945.

NSC/2334
5 May 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
(MMIA)

Subject: Interference in Functions of B.N.L.O. by
Officers of Military Mission to Italian
Armies.

1. Forwarded.

2. It would be appreciated if the circumstances
of this incident could be investigated with a view to
eliminating the possibility of similar occurrences in the
future.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
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TRIPPLICATE

INTERFERENCE IN FUNCTION OF BRITISH NAVAL
LIAISON OFFICER BY OFFICERS OF MILITARY
MISSION TO ITALIAN ARMIES.

(British Naval Liaison Officer, R.I.M. Duce
Dagli Abussai's letter dated 28th Mar. 1945.)

II.

No. FORM 622-10-16.
CHIEF OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION, R.M.S.

Forwarded, requesting that this
matter may be taken up with the Military
Mission to the Italian Armies in order to
prevent any recurrence of unfortunate
incidents of this nature.

Northern Area
Mediterranean
At Naples.
27th April, 1945.

Signed : J. A. V. MORSE

REAR ADMIRAL.

TO : THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, MILAN.
(Copy to the U.S.S.S., Cagliari.)

DATE : 28th March 1945.

FROM : MR R.F.L.S. R.F.L.S. from 10011 (G.M.)

SUBJECT: Intervention in Protection of R.F.L.S. by the crew of Military Hospital to Italian Armies.

In accordance with instructions from The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, a detachment of 10 Royal Marine R.F.S. was despatched to R.F.L.S. from 10011 (G.M.) at 04.00 AM, for return to the mainland of Italy, by 10.00 hours on the 27th March. This party had been carrying on board amongst themselves the detachment at Cagliari.

Subsequently and based amongst themselves the detachment local Royal Naval authority - the R.F.L.S. Cagliari - and the local Italian Naval Command.

2. - The flag transporting the Marines to the ship did not arrive alongside until 14.00, at which time the ship was due to sail. This delay was caused by the obstruction of a Major Porter of the Military Hospital to Italian Armies, on the quay. He objected to their travelling on the quay as his presence had not been obtained. This in turn delayed the sailing of the ship for 20 minutes while the Marines waited, and also, were observed.

3. - Subsequently a Major Porter, U.S. Army, also of the Military Hospital to Italian Armies, who happened to be a passenger in the ship, intervened in the question of their accommodation which was being arranged between himself and one of the ship's officers. He then asserted that they be disembarked again, and only by strongest protests prevented this being done. His demand to go and to the hospital in charge of the detachment were most objectionable through, and his language was frequently obscene.

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4. - It is admitted that incidents such as these do mean damage to the prestige of the Royal Navy in the eyes of the Italian Navy. Further action is therefore recommended as to whether, in an Italian vessel operating under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and The Flag Officer Maritime Area, Mediterranean, R.F.L.S. should take orders from the competent local Naval authority as to the accommodation and accommodation of Royal Navy personnel. It is further, on the other hand, the Military Hospital to Italian Armies is to issue the orders.

J.F. R.F.S.
Major, C.M. R.F.S.
R.F.L.S.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet) - L/Office.
To : N.S.C. - A.C.H.Q.
Date: 25 Apr. '45
Ref.: 12/CO

Subject: Dredging Channel at Taranto.

Further to my N°8546/2 of 22nd inst.,
this Ministry issued instructions to Engineers
Section at Taranto to carry out dredging of channel
at Taranto as suggested by Allied Command.

Small charges of about 60 gr. of gelignite,
exploded at a safe distance, are to be used, plus
pneumatic gear and a dredger.

Furthermore, instructions were issued in
regard to financing the job and the commencement of
same reported.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Information has been requested as to
when the work has been completed

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROLES.

RESTRICTED.

YOUR 192002 MINISTRY OF MARINE INFORMS INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED MARITIME
TARANTO 11TH APRIL TO CARRY OUT DREDGING CHANNEL. CHARGES 60 GR. OF
GELICITE TO BE USED WITH PNEUMATIC GEAR AND DREDGING EQUIPMENT. INSTRUCTIONS
WERE ISSUED IN REGARD TO FINANCING WORK AND REPORT REQUESTED WHEN WORK IS
COMMENCED.

270941 B APRIL.

DIS. 3-9-10.

P.L.T.P. TOR 1102/27

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)

To : N.S.C. - Rome

Date: 22nd Apr. '45

Ref.: 9546/2

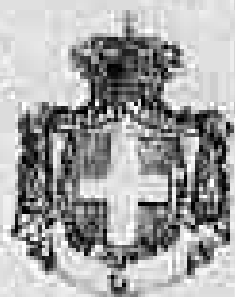
Subject: Channel Dredging at Taranto.

Re. your signal 201744 B of 21st inst.,
you are informed that instructions in regard to
this work were sent to Marigenimil Taranto on 11st
inst.

CHIEF OF CABINET

DG/P.

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Del. N.° 8546/S. Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Dragaggio canale navigabile Taranto.

Roma, 22 APR 1945

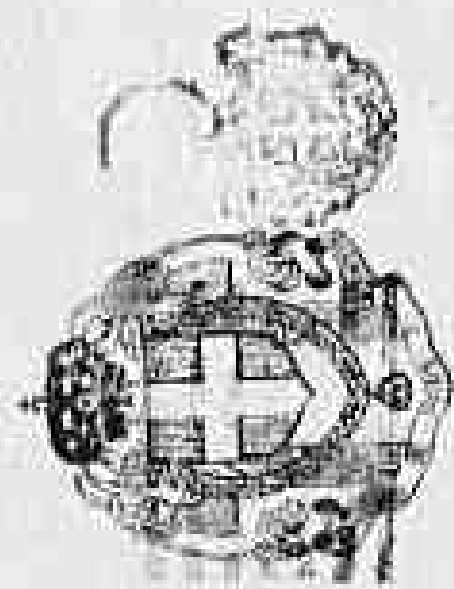
NAVY SUB COMMISSION
Headquarters AC.

Con riferimento al vostro messaggio
201744 B del 21.4.945, si comunica che
le istruzioni relative ai lavori al dra-
gaggio del canale navigabile di Taranto
sono state date a Marigenimil Taranto in
data 11 aprile c.a.



IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO
Ufficio Collegamento
INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Ord. N° 12/CO Allegate

Roma, 25 Aprile 1945

Al NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
Headquarters, AC.

ARGOMENTO: Dragaggio del canale navigabile di Taranto.

Prosecuzione mio foglio no. 0546/2 in data 22 corrente, questo Ministero ha impartito disposizioni al Comando del Genio Militare di Taranto di eseguire il dragaggio del canale navigabile di Taranto secondo quanto suggerito dallo stesso Comando Alleato.

Le disposizioni date riguardano l'esecuzione del lavoro di dragaggio mediante l'impiego di piccole mine (di circa gr. 60 di gellignite polare a debita distanza dai manufatti del canale) sussidiate da attrezzi pneumatici e l'uso del pontone a benna.

Inoltre sono state date disposizioni ai fini del finanziamento del lavoro ed è stata altresì chiesta assicurazione circa l'inizio delle opere.

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IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASILINI



Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO
Ufficio Collegamento
INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 12/CO Allegati

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
Headquarters, AC.

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AL CAPO DEL GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI

[Handwritten signature]

MINISTRY OF MARINE (R) TOTALI

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
ROME.

RESTRICTED IMPORTANT.

REFER LETTER NSC/2068 OF 9TH APRIL. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS BE ISSUED
MARITIME MIL IMMEDIATELY. MATTER IS NOW URGENT.

2017/4 B APRIL.

DTS. 3.9.10.

P.L.T.P. (TOTALI) HAND M OF M. TOB IN TRANSIT

21/4/45.

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NAVY SUB ROME

POTALI.

YOUR NBC/2068 OF 9TH APRIL. REQUEST YOU ADV MINISTRY OF MARINE TO
ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO MARIGRAPHIC PORTMOUTH. MATTER IS NOW URGENT.

192002 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

P.L.T.P. TOR 2248/19

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2068
9 April 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Dredging of Navigable Canal - TARANTO.
Enclosure: (A) Copy CINC Maritime Dept. Ionian & Lower Adriatic
ltr No. 11730/S.2. of 13 March 1945.
(B) Copy FOLI ltr No. T.A. 981/8 of 31 March 1945.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith for information.

2. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine issue the necessary instructions to Marigenimil to proceed with the work of deepening the channel at TARANTO by the method agreed to in paragraphs 1(a) and (b) of enclosure (B).

3. It is requested that I may be furnished with a copy of the instructions which are issued.

(Sgd) G. E. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
FOTALI



10 APR 1945

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IRN 14

From: Commander-in-Chief Maritime Department Ionian & Lower Adriatic.

Date: 13th March 1945.

No. 11730/S.2.

To : F.O.T.A.

DREDGING OF NAVIGABLE CANAL

1. With regard to the dredging of the Navigable Canal of Taranto you are informed that the Ministry of Marine has excluded the use of explosive charges for this purpose, for fear of damaging the stability of the banks, the pillars of the bridge and the tunnel under the canal and also because the work would be extensive and of long duration.

2. The Ministry therefore, has arranged that the suction dredger of the CIDONIO firm, which gave most satisfactory results at AUGUSTA be tried for this purpose, with a recommendation that the operation be confined to a safe distance from the walls of the canal.

The suction dredger of the CIDONIO firm has no slip at present and one would have to be built.

About 20 cubic metres of timber are required for this.

3. To execute the work in question, in addition to the craft which will be used to convey the refuse excavated to the dump, dredger pipes will be laid along both banks of the canal, to deposit the refuse on to the two beaches situated at the entrance of the canal.

4. It is to be borne in mind that as the dredger is to be secured to both banks of the canal, the work should be carried out only at night when the canal is free of traffic, except for small craft.

5. The dredging operations could be effected within a period of 60 working days after the completion of the slip mentioned in paragraph 2.

6. Your concurrence to the above will be awaited before experiments are initiated.

The Commander in Chief
Angelo PARONA
SENIOR REAR ADMIRAL

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(ENCLOSURE (A)).

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.
31st March, 1945.

No. T.A. 981/8.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
IONIAN AND LOWER ADRIATIC.

DREDGING OF NAVIGABLE CANAL - TARANTO.

With reference to your letter No. 11730/S.2 dated 13th March 1945, it is requested that you will inform the Ministry of Marine as follows:

(a) Tests for explosive required, compatible with safety, were carried out by Officer-in-Charge of Works on 13th March 1945, and in conjunction with representatives from Marigenimil on 14th March 1945. The results of the tests showed that, using a charge of 2 cns. polar gelignite at the bottom of a drill hole 70 cms. deep in stiff clay, the earth within a conical shaped hole of surface area 1.20 by 1.00 metres and depth 75 cms. was broken up into sizes suitable for grabbing. The earth was not blown clear of the hole and there was practically no concussion.

(b) The Director of Marigenimil and his representatives who were present at the test, agreed that the use of explosive on the above lines would not, in any way, have any detrimental effects on the foundations of the canal retaining banks nor on the bridge foundations. It was further agreed however, that as a matter of additional precaution, the loosening of the clay bed near the bridge would be done by pneumatic cutters.

(c) It is intended to employ the grab dredger G.A. 180 for this work.

2. The Ministry of Marine is being asked to issue the necessary instructions to Marigenimil in order to proceed with the work of deepening the channel at the required lines along the sides by the method agreed on in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

3. The proposals contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 of your letter are concurred in.

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(Signed) C.E. MORGAN
REAR-ADMIRAL.

(ENCLOSURE (B)).

OFFICE OF FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY, ROME.
(Naval Sub Commission)

STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

Subject Dredging of Canale Navigabile, Taranto.

Pack No.

FOTALIV TA 981/8 of 31st March, 1948.

Referred to

DATE: 6th April, 1948.
FROM: FOTALIV, ROME
TO: NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HQ, AG.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION and return of papers to FOTALIV.

Sfor REAR ADMIRAL.

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STAFF MINUTE SET.

Pack No. TA 98/18Subject Dredging in Canale Navigabile - TarantoOrigin O.C.W. (Administration) Taranto.

Referred to

Note New Paper

1. At the meeting held at Navy House on 11th March 1945 it was decided that the above work would have to be carried out by dredgers available at Taranto.

2. Dredgers available are (I) Suction Dredger Italia (II) Grab Dredger G.A. 180

3. Dredger "ITALIA" cannot dredge to the depth required, unless her combined cutting and suction arm is extended. These alterations would take approximately 3 months to complete.

4. The only available dredger, ready for use, is the grab dredger G.A. 180.

5. As stated in the report TA 4/1205 of 3.3.45 submitted by Lt. E. Thompson R.N.V.R. O.C.W. (A.S.) the hard clay at canal bed needs to be broken up before the grab can bite into it.

6. To do so by pneumatic excavator will take too long. The only alternative is use of explosive.

7. Tests for explosive required, compatible with safety, were carried out by this Department on 13.3.45 and 14.3.45. Representatives of Marigenimil Taranto were present on the latter date.

These tests show that, using a charge of 2 cbs. Folgar Pelignite at the bottom of a drill hole 70 cms. deep in stiff clay, the earth within a conical shaped hole of surface area 1.20 x 1.00 metre and depth 75 cms. was broken up into sizes suitable for grabbing.

The earth was not blown clear of the hole and there was practically no concussion.

8. The Director Marigenimil and his representatives agreed that the use of explosive on above lines would not, in any way, have any detrimental effects on the foundations of the canal retaining bank's nor on the bridge foundations. As a matter of additional precaution, however, it was agreed that the loosening of the clay bed near the bridge would, be done by pneumatic cutters.

9. It is requested, therefore, that the Italian Ministry please be informed that the use of explosive in small charges is safe and is essential if the work is to be executed in reasonable time, and that they be requested, therefore, to issue the necessary instructions to Marigenimil Taranto to proceed with the work of deepening the channel at the required lines along the sides.

Disposal

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These tests show that, using a charge of 2 ccs. Polar Gelignite at the bottom of a drill hole 70 cms. deep in stiff clay, the earth within a conical shaped hole of surface area 1.20 x 1.00 metre and depth 75 cms. was broken up into sizes suitable for grabbing.

The earth was not blown clear of the hole and there was practically no concussion.

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9. It is requested, therefore, that the Italian Ministry 2235 please be informed that the use of explosive in small charges is safe and is essential if the work is to be executed in reasonable time, and that they be requested, therefore, to issue the necessary instructions to Marigeminil Taranto to proceed with the work of deepening the channel at the required lines along the sides, by the joint method of loosening the earth with explosives and grabbing out the earth so loosened.

10. Details of the excavation considered necessary are shown DAG

Officer in Charge of Works

ADRIATIC

Tel. No. TARANTO 2260

Date 14. 3. 45

150, Corso Vittorio Veneto, TARANTO

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A. H. Orr. Ewing

COLONEL R.N.V.R.
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF WORKS ADRIATIC.

O. H. W. 18/3

K. H. W.

See 2/43

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FLAG OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

STAFF MINUTE SHEET

Our No.

Date

Subject

Bridging ~~the~~ of Navigable Canal - Toronto.

Incoming Reference and Date

C in C I & L A Co. No. 11730/S.2. of 13/3/45.

also ^{18/3} ~~18/3~~

K.H.H.

S.O.C.

Note.

S.O.(Li).

C.S.O.

v.r.s. para 1 and 2 reply will be made in memo
of O.C.W. para 7, 8, and 9.

Are para 3 and 4 approved plan?

M.H. Allen (cl)
17/3.

It will be necessary to write a letter to

C in C I & L A Co. to tell him that we intend

to bridge the canal by explosion and by

using the good bridges.

24/3. McKenzie

Propose to approach the Minister suggested by
O.C.W. and to inform C in C I & L A accordingly

Cliff
23/3

DW

AFTER ACTION

Inform H.S. to C in C I & L A.

W. A. T. Y. L. No. 11730/S.2 dated 13th March 1945
it is required that you will inform the Minister of
Navine as follows:-

(a) Tests for explosion required, compatible with

NOIC.

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CSO.

Are para 3 and 4 approved plan?

M. A. C. 12/3.

It will be necessary to write a letter to C in C 1st A. to tell him that an intent to bridge the canal by options and by using the good bridge. 22/3. Althunder

Propose to app. action suggested by C.C. 1st A. accordingly

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Propose 1st A. to C in C 1st A.

W. A. T. Y. L. No. 1730/S.2 dated 13th March 1945. It is requested that you will inform the Ministry of Marine as follows:-

(a) Tests for explosive required, compatible with safety, were carried out by my O.C. on 13th March 1945, and in conjunction with representation from New General on 14th March 1945. The results of the tests showed that, using a charge of 200g. of black gelignite at the bottom of a drill hole 70 cm deep in stiff clay, the earth within a conical shaped hole of surface area 1.20 sq by 1.00 meter and depth 75 cm was broken up into size suitable for grabbing. The earth was not blown clean off the hole and there was practically no concussion.

(710) G. P. 5065 3M 543 S.E.R. Ltd. Co. 671.

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O.V.E.R.

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(b). The Director of Management and Planning who was present at the test, agreed that the use of explosive on the above lines would not, in any way, have any detrimental effects on the foundation of the canal retaining banks nor on the bridge foundation. It was further agreed however, that as a matter of additional precaution, the loosening of the clay bed near the bridge would be done by pneumatic caissons. (c) It is further intended to employ the grab dredge in G. A. 180 for this work. 2. It is requested that the Minister of Marine be asked to issue the necessary instruction to Management in order to proceed with the work of deepening the channel at the required lines along the sides by the ~~grout~~ method agreed to in para (a) & (b) above.

A/Sec (C) Parents.

AFTER ACTION

3. The proposals contained in para 3 and 4 of your letter are concurred in. 2233

M. A. A. 2/12

Since it was better for M. of M. to be instructed by FOTPR: Rome?.

Propose to amend para. 2 above to:-
"The M. of M. is being asked to -----
and minute papers to FOTPR: Rome for necessary

action taken. *pleas* 29/3

M. A. A. 2/12

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PLAC OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.

31st March, 1945.

No. T.A. 904/G.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
IONIAN AND LOWER ADRIATIC.

DREDGING OF NAVIGABLE CANAL - TARANTO.

With reference to your letter No. 11730/S.2 dated 13th March 1945, it is requested that you will inform the Ministry of Marine as follows:-

(a) Tests for explosive required, compatible with safety, were carried out by Officer-in-Charge of Works on 13th March 1945, and in conjunction with representatives from Marignani on 14th March 1945. The results of the tests showed that, using a charge of 2 lbs. solar gelignite at the bottom of a drill hole 70 cms. deep in stiff clay, the earth within a conical shaped hole of surface area 1.20 by 1.00 metres and depth 70 cms. was broken up into sizes suitable for grabbing. The earth was not blown clear of the hole and there was practically no concussion.

(b) The Director of Marignani and his representatives who were present at the test, agreed that the use of explosive on the above lines would not, in any way, have any detrimental effects on the foundations of the canal retaining banks nor on the bridge foundations. It was further agreed however, that as a matter of additional precaution, the loosening of the clay bed near the bridge would be done by pneumatic cutters.

(c) It is intended to employ the grab dredger C.A. 180 for this work.

2. The Ministry of Marine is being asked to issue the necessary instructions to Marignani in order to proceed with the work of deepening the channel at the required lines along the sides by the method agreed to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

3. The proposals contained in paragraphs 2 and 4 of your letter are concurred in.

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DEEDING OF NAVIGABLE CANAL - TARAFIC.

With reference to your letter No. 14730/S.2 dated 15th March 1945, it is requested that you will inform the Ministry of Marine as follows:-

(a) Tests for explosive required, compatible with safety, were carried out by Officer-in-Charge of Works on 13th March 1945, and in conjunction with representatives from Marignin on 14th March 1945. The results of the tests showed that, using a charge of 2 ozs. polar gelignite at the bottom of a drill hole 70 cms. deep in stiff clay, the earth within a conical shaped hole of surface area 1.20 by 1.00 metres and depth 75 cms. was broken up into sizes suitable for grabbing. The earth was not blown clear of the hole and there was practically no excavation.

(b) The Director of Marignin and his representatives who were present at the test, agreed that the use of explosive on the above lines would not, in any way, have any detrimental effects on the foundations of the canal retaining banks nor on the bridge foundations. It was further agreed however, that as a matter of additional precaution, the loosening of the clay bed near the bridge would be done by pneumatic cutters.

(c) It is intended to employ the grab dredger G.A. 180 for this work.

2. The Ministry of Marine is being asked to issue the necessary instructions to Marignin in order to proceed with the work of deepening the channel at the required lines along the sides by the method agreed to in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

3. The proposals contained in paragraphs 3 and 4. of your letter are concurred in.

DRAFTED BY: AM/Secy NA

SEEN BY:

S. O. L. I.

Secy:

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REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From .. Commander in Chief, American Expeditionary Force, Europe.

Date .. 13th March 1945.

To .. C.O.S.A.

Subject ..

Designing of Mariampol Canal.

1. With regard to the designing of the Mariampol Canal of Mariampol you are informed that the Ministry of War has approved the use of explosives charges for this purpose, for fear of damaging the stability of the bridge, the pillars of the bridge and the tunnel under the canal and also because the work would be extensive and of long duration.
2. The Ministry therefore, has arranged that the auctioneer of the GIDETTO firm, which gave last week, has its own system for trial for the first time, with a recommendation that the operation be confined to a safe distance from the walls of the canal. The auctioneer of the GIDETTO firm has no slip at present and one would have to be built. About 20 cubic metres of timber are required for this.
3. To execute the work in question, in addition to the crane which will be used to convey the rafts across the canal, bridge piers will be laid along both banks of the canal, to support the rafts on to the two barchen situated at the entrance of the canal.
4. It is to be borne in mind that as the design is to be executed on both banks of the canal, the work should be carried out only at night when the canal is free of traffic, except for small craft.
5. The designing operations could be effected within a period of 60 working days after the completion of the dig mentioned in para. 2.
6. Your concurrence to the above will be sought before arrangements are initiated.

The Commander in Chief
Angelo Tavano
General Staff, AEF.

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FIELD OFFICER	
TANAPOL, 13 APRIL 1945	
DATE	16 MAR 1945
No.	5.606/941



Scavo Portuale
Sotto-Comando

Comando in Capo del Dipartimento Marittimo

Jonio e Basso Adriatico - Taranto

Ufficio Isp. Maridipart. - Taranto

Taranto, 13-Marzo 1945

Prot. N. 4430/32^a Alleg.

Al Rear Admiral C.E. MORGAN

P.O.T.A. = TARANTO

ARGOMENTO: Lavori dragaggio canale navigabile.

So (1)

1°)- In merito ai richiesti lavori di dragaggio del Canale navigabile di Taranto informo V.S. che il Ministero ha escluso l'uso di mine per il lavoro in questione sia per non compromettere la stabilità delle sponde, delle spalle del ponte e della galleria sottocanale sia anche perchè il lavoro si è fatto riuscire lungo e oneroso.

2°)- Il Ministero stesso ha perciò disposto che sia sperimentata la draga refluyente dell'Impresa CIDONIO che ha dato ottimi risultati ad Augusta, raccomandando di tenere lo scavo ad adeguata distanza dai muri di sponda del canale.

La draga refluyente dell'Impresa CIDONIO è attualmente sprovvista dello scalo che dovrebbe perciò essere costruito.

Per tale lavoro occorrono circa mc.20 di legname.

3°)- Per l'esecuzione degli scavi in argomento, escluso l'impiego di mezzi galleggianti per il trasporto a rifiuto dei materiali scavati, sarebbero installate lungo le due sponde del canale le tubolature della draga per scaricare i materiali stessi in due zone di spiaggia opportune, in prossimità dell'imbocco del canale.

4°)- Si dà tener presente che avendo la draga necessità di lavorare ormeggiata sulle due sponde del canale, il lavoro dovrebbe essere eseguito soltanto in ore notturne, col traffico interrotto nel canale, esclusi i piccoli galleggianti.

5°)- I lavori per lo scavo potrebbero essere effettuati in un periodo di 60 giorni lavorativi dalla ultimazione dello scalo di cui al precedente par.2°).

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L'AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE

Comandante in Capo

(Angelo PARONA)

[Handwritten signature]

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 3rd Apr. 1945
Ref.: SM.07252

SECRET

Subject: Request for "Limpeteers".

Ref. your NSC/1823 of 15th ulto.

You are informed that at Taranto a group of "Limpeteers" has been formed composed of one Petty Officer and six men to operate in Genoa harbour. As requested by you, this personnel will continue training at Taranto while awaiting drafting orders.

We also inform you that, due to the shortage of gear, the group will only be equipped with 2 in No "autorespirators".

CHIEF OF STAFF

DG/P.

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Off. P.M. 1°

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 25474/59 Allegato

Roma, 3 Aprile 1945A

ALL CHIEF NAVY SUP COMMISSION A.O.
Headquarters Allied Commis-
sion

ARGOMENTO: Richiesta di sommozzatori.-

SEGRETO

Riferimento al foglio NSC/1823 in data 15 marzo.-
Si informa che è stato costituito a Taranto un gruppo
composto da un sottufficiale e 6 sommozzatori per le ope-
razioni di sgombero del porto di Genova.-In accordo con
quanto richiesto con il foglio in riferimento il persona-
le continuerà gli allenamenti a Taranto in attesa siano
comunicati ordini per il suo trasferimento nella sede che
verrà indicata.-

Si informa che per le scarse disponibilità di materia-
le il gruppo sarà dotato di 2 soli autorespiratori.-

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

L. Accor

FINAL
(V) ADVISORY JIA, ADVISORY LIAISON:
C IN O MED:

DATE OF COMPLETION

CONFIDENTIAL ROUTINE.

SIX DIVERS LEFT TARANTO 16TH APRIL BY TRAIN FOR NAPLES, MINISTRY
REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE FOR ONWARD PASSAGE TO LEGHORN.
FORAM 698-37 DATED 23RD MARCH REFERS.

= 181240 B APRIL

DIST: 3.9.10.

F/L T/P

T O B 181530

18/4/45

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

(1) MARISTAT REP.M.D.S. = UFF.P.M.1

MESSAGGIO A MANO N. <u>435</u>	
indirizzato a:	e per conoscenza a:
Navy sub Commission	
Headquarters Allied	
Commission	
Data <u>13 aprile 1945</u>	Rif. _____ del _____

Testo: Richiesta di sommozzatori

SEGRETO - URGENTISSIMO

Riferimento fonogramma 091744 13 aprile
Si informa che il gruppo di 6 sommozzatori è partito da Taranto per Napoli la sera del giorno 16 via treno non avendo TOT, concesso automezzo per mancanza di istruzioni né riguardo.

Pregasi impartire istruzioni al FONAM per la prosecuzione del viaggio sino a Livorno.

CCORRETTI



FIRMA

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Autorità mittente.

Nuova-Grafiche S. A. - Roma - Ord. 208 (150.000) 21-12-942 XXI

WL 87206/DMSIS 1/44 10000 M C. & L. 51-7201

NAVAL MESSAGE.S. 1320e.
(Established—May, 1950)
(Revised—December, 1951)

To:

FOTALI

From:

NAVY SUB ROME.

RESTRICTED.

REFERENCE MY 111815 B APRIL

061136 (NOT TO YOU) BEING PASSED FOR INFORMATION.

121651 B APRIL.

DIS. LOG.

P.L.T.P.

TOD 121846

12/4/45.

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WT. 5725/D8815 1/44 10000M C & L 11/7901

NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320a.

(Established—May, 1960)
(Revised—December, 1961)

To:

TOTAL

FROM:

NAVY SUB REAR.

RESTRICTED.

REFERENCE MX 111815 B APRIL

061136 (NOT TO YOU) BEING PASSED FOR INFORMATION.

121651 B APRIL.

DIS. LOG.

P.L.T.P.

TOD 121836

12/4/45.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

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(NAVY) Wt. 40344/19.0367. 50.000M. 17 45-B-A-S-1 (10-51-7052)

S. 13206.
(Established—October, 1935)

NAVAL MESSAGE.

To: MINISTRY OF MARINE

FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION.

SECRET.

REFERENCE YOUR SM 07252 3RD APRIL. IT IS REQUESTED GROUP BE SENT TO
LEHORN WHERE ACCOMODATION HAS BEEN ARRANGED.
EXPECTED TIME ARRIVAL LEHORN SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE.

091744 B APRIL.

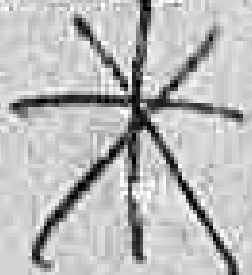
DJS. 3.9.10.

HAND P.L.

TOD. P.M. 9/4

9/4/45.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

TO: FOTALI ROME (R) FONAM C IN C MED. FROM: ? ?
(NOIC LEGHORN)

SECRET.

REFERENCE NSC/1823 15TH MARCH. IT IS REQUESTED THESE
MEN BE SENT NO. 1 M.B.D.U. LEGHORN. ACCOMODATION HAS
BEEN ARRANGED WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HERE. IT IS
ALSO REQUESTED E.T.A. BE COMMUNICATED AS QUICKLY AS
POSSIBLE.

061136 B APRIL

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7/4/45

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(11Y46) Wt. 40304/10.8387. 30,000M. 12 45. D. A. S. L10. 51-7852.

S. 1320h.
(Established—October, 1935)NAVAL MESSAGE.

To:

FROM:

TOTALI (R) C IN C MED. FONAM NOIG PARTY JIG.

NAVISUB ROME.

NO.1. M.B.D.U.

SECRET ROUTINE.

YOUR 111850A MARCH. MINISTRY OF MARINE ADVISES GROUP LIMPETEERS ONE PETTY
OFFICER SIX MEN FORMED AT TARANTO AWAITING ORDERS. DUE TO SHORTAGE OF
GEAR GROUP WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH ONLY TWO REPEAT TWO AUTORESPIRATORS.

061745 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

T.P. CYFBER TOD 1900/6

7/4/45.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1949

SECRET

26 March 1945. *File*

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Italian Divers for GENOA.

An early reply to letter NSC/1823 dated 15th March 1945 would be appreciated.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1823
15 March 1945

SECRET
S-E-C-R-E-T

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Italian Naval Divers for GENOA.

1. For the future operation of clearing the port of GENOA, it is desired to obtain the services of up to six Italian Naval divers to work under the direction of the Officer-in-Charge, Mobile Naval Bomb Disposal Unit. Their work would be to search areas of the harbour to be cleared of wrecks, mines, etc., which, when found, would be dealt with by two trained divers already attached to the unit.

2. It is suggested that the party should be under a Chief Petty Officer and that it can be made available from the unit being trained by Captain FORZA.

3. No date can be specified when they will be required and it is requested that the party continues with its present training program until called for.

(Sgd.) G. L. WARREN

REAR-ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



18 MAR 1945

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

(GY 440) W4 37264 (11.05.11) 12.500M, 12.41.00, A. S. 100. 117

S. 1320e.
(Established—May, 1930.)
(Revised—December, 1931.)

FROM: **FOTALI.**

FOTALI ROME
(R) C IN C MED: FONAM: NOIC PARTY JIG:
NO1.M.N.B.D.U.

RESTRICTED.

FONAM'S LETTER 698-37 OF 3RD MARCH.
REQUEST YOU TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH MINISTRY OF MARINE.

= 111850A MARCH.

DIST 6.9.

P/L T/P

TOR 2156/11

12/3/45

13 March, 1945
FOTALI ROME
NAVY SUB-COMM STON. HQ. AC.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

(GV446) WL 3786, D. 8512, 12,500 FT. 15, 13, 11, & S. 110, 12-1800

S. 1320e.

(Established - May, 1930.)
(Revised - December, 1951.)

FOTALI ROME
 (R) C IN C MED: FONAM: N O I C PARTY JIG:
 NO1.M.N.B.D.U.

FROM: FOTALI.

RESTRICTED.

FONAM'S LETTER 693-37 OF 3RD MARCH.

REQUEST YOU TAKE NECESSARY ACTION WITH MINISTRY OF MARINE.

= 111850A MARCH.

DIST 6.9.

P/L T/P

T O R 2156/11

12/3/45

DATE: 13th March, 1945
 FROM: FOTALI ROME
 TO: JAGM SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AG.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

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SECRET

Office of Flag Officer,
Northern Area,
Mediterranean.

A. NAPLES. 5th March, 1945.

No. 100000.598-37.

FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY.
(Copies to :- Commander in Chief, Mediterranean.
Flag Officer Liaison Italy (Rome) --
Naval Officer in Charge, Party "JIC".
No. 1 Mobile Naval Bomb Disposal Unit.)

ITALIAN NAVAL DIVERS FOR GENOA.

In order to progress the work of clearing the Port of Genoa after its capture for use by Allied shipping as quickly as possible, it is desired to increase the number of divers available to the Mine Disposal Unit and Salvage Parties working in the port.

With this object in view it is desired to obtain the services of up to six Italian Naval Divers to work under the direction of the Officer in Charge of the Mobile Naval Bomb Disposal Unit which is at present connected to party out this word, and it is requested that steps be taken to find out whether a party of this number under a senior Chief or Petty Officer can be made available from the unit being trained by Captain FORA, the party to be called forward when required.

As No. 1 Mobile Naval Bomb Disposal Unit is at present commanded by a Lieutenant R.H.F.P., it is not desired to have a more senior rating than Chief Petty Officer in charge of the Italian divers; their work will be to assist areas of the Harbour to be cleared and wrecks for mines etc. which when found would then be dealt with by the two trained divers attached to the unit.

In the event of this party being made available it is not considered necessary to have them up at Leghorn with Party "JIC" until called for, and it is assumed that all the men selected for this work will be sound swimmers from the point of view of their buoyancy.

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No. FOMMEL 698-27.

FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY.

(Topics to :- Commander in Chief, Mediterranean,
Flag Officer Liaison Italy (Rome)
Naval Officer in Charge, Party "JIG".
No. 1 Mobile Naval Bomb Disposal Unit.)

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In the event of this party being made available it is not considered necessary to have them up at Leghorn with party "JIG" until called for, and it is assumed that all the men selected for this work will be vouched for from the point of view of their integrity.

(Sgd) D. KIMBLEY, J.C.

FOR USE OF ADMIRAL.

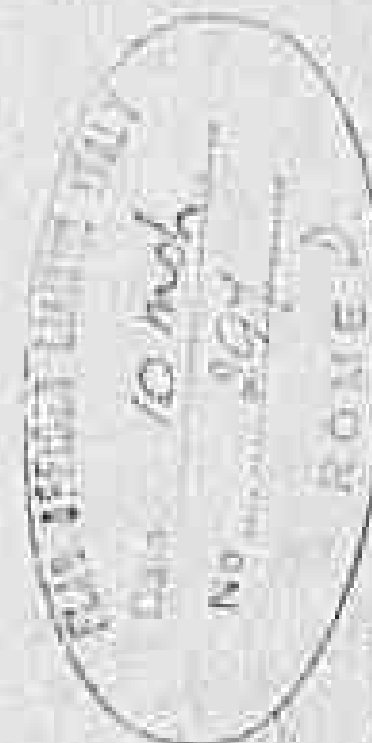
DATE: 10th March, 1948

FROM: FOTALL, ROME.

TO : NAVY SUB. COMMISSION, HQ. AC.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

REAR ADMIRAL



Office of Naval Officer in Charge,
Naples Area.

26th November, 1944.

No. 229/75

THE FLAG OFFICER,
NORTHERN AREA MEDITERRANEAN.

WORK PERFORMED ON ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS AND MERCHANT
VESSELS REQUISITIONED BY THE ITALIAN NAVY.

The question has arisen at NAPLES as to who should pay for repair work etc., to warships and Merchant ships coming under the following rough divisions:-

- (a) Italian Naval ships
- (b) Italian Fleet auxiliaries.
- (c) Vessels owned or requisitioned by the Italian Navy with Militarised civil crews, and
- (d) Vessels requisitioned by the Italian Navy but manned by civilians paid by the Royal Navy and operated entirely by the Royal Navy.

2. The various works at which repairs and docking are carried out at Naples are under the control of the Royal Navy and work is set in hand by Officers of the Naval Base. In consequence the bills are presented to the Royal Navy for settlement and it is important that the firm should be paid in order that they can continue to function, as they have very limited financial backing.

3. The Italian Navy is paying for the work performed upon Italian warships but settlement is for the moment being effected by the Royal Navy for most of the vessels detailed in categories (b), (c) and (d) of paragraph 1. These vessels are operated by and under the control of the Royal Navy.

4. The simplest solution would appear to be for the Royal Navy to continue to effect payment and under the provisions of Administrative Instruction No. 95 and in view of the policy outlined in Admiralty Fleet Order 1047/44, it would seem immaterial who effects payments as the line expended in any case have eventually to be redeemed by the Italian Government.

5. It is for consideration that this matter may be referred to the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy in order that, if practicable, a common line of action may be taken.

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(Sgd) JAMES C. COLWILL

CAPTAIN.

PAYMENT FOR WORK ON ITALIAN VESSELS.

(The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area's No. 229/75 dated
16th November, 1944.)

IN

No. 229/75-42.

THE FLAG OFFICER, LIAISON, ITALY (ROME).

(Copy to: The Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison,
Italy (Taranto).

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area).

Forwarded.

2. Your views are requested.

Northern Area,
Mediterranean.
AS 11/11/44.
5th December, 1944.

(Sgd.) G. AMFITION

For: REAR ADMIRAL.

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PAYMENT FOR WORK ON ITALIAN VESSELS.

(The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area's No. 229/75 dated 26th November, 1944.)

III.

No. L. 327/13.

FLAG OFFICER NORTHERN AREA,,
MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copy to : Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Naples.)

The view expressed in paragraph 4 of minute I is not concurred in, since there are indications that the policy expressed in A.F.O. 1047/44 may shortly be altered in which case it will become a matter of great importance as to whether payments in Italy are effected by the Italian or British governments.

2. Since the majority of repair work in the Taranto Area is carried out in the Royal Arsenal the question does not assume the same importance as in the Naples Area. It is however considered that the Italian Navy should pay for work performed on vessels under categories a), b), and c) of paragraph 1, minute I. Theoretically the Italian government should also pay for repairs to vessels under d), but as a matter of expediency, it is preferable that, when order to refit these vessels is given by British authorities, payment should be made by the Royal Navy.

3. In order to deny the Italians the opportunity of disclaiming responsibility for repairs carried out on vessels in categories a), b) and c), it is suggested that facilities be given for Italian Naval Officers to supervise the repair work in each instance.

ROME,
6th January, 1945

(SIGNED) I. PALMER
for REAR ADMIRAL

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WORK PERFORMED ON ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS
AND MERCHANT VESSELS REQUISITIONED BY THE
ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.

(The Naval Officer in Charge, Naples Area's
No. 229/75 dated 26th November, 1944.)

IV.

No. BONAN. 334-12.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE, NAPLES AREA.

For report as to whether it is
practicable to proceed on the lines proposed
in minute III.

Northern Area,
Mediterranean.
At NAPLES.
16th February, 1945

(Sgd) D. HAMBERSLEY JOHNSON
for REAR ADMIRAL.

WORK PERFORMED ON ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS AND MERCHANT
VESSELS REQUISITIONED BY THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY.

(The Naval Officer in Charge, Naples Area's No.
229/75 dated 26th November, 1945.)

V.

No 229/75.

THE FLAG OFFICER,
NORTHERN AREA MEDITERRANEAN.

This matter has been discussed with Maricost who have agreed to make payment for all work put in hand on or subsequent to 1st February, 1945, on vessels under categories (a), (b) and (c). Such work will be certified by Major Filo in accordance with the arrangements made by Admiral Casardi in signal timed 191740 copy attached.

2. The question of payments for the small number of vessels under (d) is being referred by Maricost to Italian Naval Authorities in Rome and will be considered on receipt of their reply.

(Sgd) I.C. COLVILL

CAPTAIN.

NAPLES AREA.
10th March, 1945.

Enclosure:

Copy of signal timed 191740 from Admiral Casardi.

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N-A-V-A-L M-E-S-S-A-G-E

TO : N.O.I.C NAPLES.

FROM : ADMIRAL CASARDI.

Following addressed Maricost and Navalgenio O.P.G. (R) N.O.I.C. Naples.= In accordance with NOIC's request as from 1st. February next, repairs to Italian Tankers and Tugs working for R.N. Fuelling Office, A.C.D., and Dockyard will be carried out under the technical direction of Navalgenio O.P.G. who will keep Maricost informed as the definition of the administrative side is entirely and exclusively Maricost's responsibility (.)

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WORK PERFORMED ON ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS, ETC.

(The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area's No. 229/75 dated 10th
March, 1945.)

VI.

No. ROMAN 334-12.THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copy to: Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic and Liaison Italy (Taranto
Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic and Liaison Italy (Rome))

Forwarded for your information.

Northern Area,
Mediterranean.
At NAPLES.
30th March, 1945.

(Sgd.) C. AFFLEION

for REAR ADMIRAL.

DATE: 7th April, 1945 224/13
FROM: FOTALI, ROME
TO: NAVY HQ, HQ, AC.



FORWARDED FOR APPROVING SECTION.

REAR ADMIRAL.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1959

SECRET

27 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AG.
To : Flag Officer Northern Area Mediterranean.
Subject: Planning for Occupation of North Italy.
Enclosure: (A) Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch,
AC ltr 94/PAT of 5 February 1945 (Copy).
(B) Civil Affairs Section, Patriots Branch,
AC ltr 94/PAT of 24 March 1945 (Copy).

Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith for
information and appropriate action.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AG.

Copy to:
Patriots Branch, AG,
less enclosures.



29 MAR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET

Ref : 94/PAT.

24 March 1945.

Subject : Planning for Occupation of N. Italy.

Tgo : Naval Sub-Commission.

1. Ref this Branch letter 94/PAT dated 5 Feb 45 copy attached.
2. No. 1 Special Force state that the matter has been passed to the B.L.O. Genoa, who is taking action. His reply will be forwarded to you as soon as received.
3. He is enthusiastic about this type of request and would like more on the same lines.

Sgd. F. Craig
F. CRAIG
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

MP/mfg.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APC 394
 CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
 PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET

Ref: 94/PAT.

Ext. 374

Subject: Employment of Patriots.

5th Feb, 45.

To : No. 1, Special Force.

The Navy have asked whether you can find for immediate employment and use in GENOVA, when it is liberated:

Pilots	24
Tugs, complete with crews.....	as many as possible.
Survey and Harbour engineers, complete staff.	
Shipwrights.....	As many as possible.
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Dock Labourers.....	" "
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Sgd. F. Craig
 F. CRAIG
 Lt. Colonel,
 Director
 Patriots Branch. 2209

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET.

Ref : 94/PAT.

24 March 1945.

Subject: Planning for occupation of N. Italy.

To : Naval Sub Commission.

1. Ref this Branch letter 94/PAT dated 5 Feb 45 copy attached.
2. No. 1 Special Force state that the matter has been passed to the E.L.C. Genoa, who is taking action. His reply will be forwarded to you as soon as received.
3. He is enthusiastic about this type of request and would like more on the same lines.

R Craig

F. CRAIG,
Lt. Colonel,
Director,
Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
PATRIOTS BRANCH

SECRET.

Ref: 94/PAT.

Ext. 374

Subject: Employment of Patriots.

5th Feb, 45.

To: No.1. Special Force.

The Navy have asked whether you can find for immediate employment and use in GENOVA, when it is liberated :

Pilots	24
Tugs, complete with crews	As many as possible.
Survey and Harbour engineers, complete staff.	
Shipwrights	As many as possible.
Diesel Engineers	" "
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Patriots Branch.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

File
NSC/1756
5 March 1945

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : The Ministry of Marine, Rome.

Subject: Crocei D. F. Station.

With reference to your letter No. SM. 02079 of the 29th
January, 1945, approval is given for the closure of Crocei D. F. Station.

M. W. ZIDOLI,
Comodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub Commission, AG.



9 MAR 1945

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OROSEI D.F. STATION

(Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison Italy (Rome)'s
No.L.18/1 of 6th February, 1945.)

II

No.Med.Y.F.28.

THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY (ROME)
(Copies to - The Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison
Italy.

The Flag Officer Northern Area Mediterranean.
The British Naval Liaison Officer Maddalena.
The British Naval Liaison Officer Cagliari.)

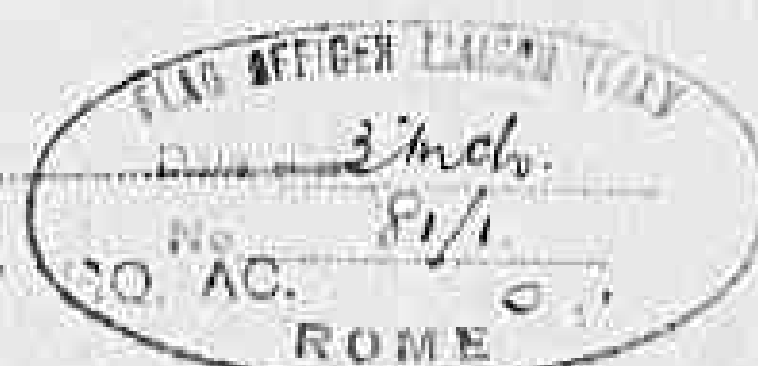
It is approved to close down this station.

MEDITERRANEAN.
23rd February, 1945.

Alfau...
for ADMIRAL

20 March, 1945

TO : NAVY SUB-COMMITTEE



FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.

dy REAR ADMIRAL

2205

FILE

OFFICE COPY

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

6th February, 1945.

No. L.18/1.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

(Copy to :- Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and
Liaison, Italy.
Flag Officer Northern Area, Mediterranean.
British Naval Liaison Officer, Maddalena.
British Naval Liaison Officer, Cagliari.)

CROSEI D. P. STATION.

The Ministry of Marine report that the Crosei D.P. Station, which carries out a listening watch on 500 kc/s, appears to be performing no useful function and that, throughout the months of November and December, there was no activity whatsoever.

2. In these circumstances and in view of the fact that considerable difficulty is encountered in maintenance, the Ministry have suggested that the station be closed down.

(Sgd.) G L WARREN
for REAR ADMIRAL.

2204

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : P.O.B.I. - Rome
Date: 29/1/45
Ref.: SM. 02079

Subject: OROSEI D.F. Station.

1. The above Station now carries out a listening watch on 500 kcs. (600 mts.) to intercept S.O.S. signals from damaged A/C. and Ships and to take D.F. bearings of Ships at sea on medium wave.

2. It has been found that the service carried out by this Station is absolutely negative: in fact, as an example, during November and December last no activity whatsoever took place.

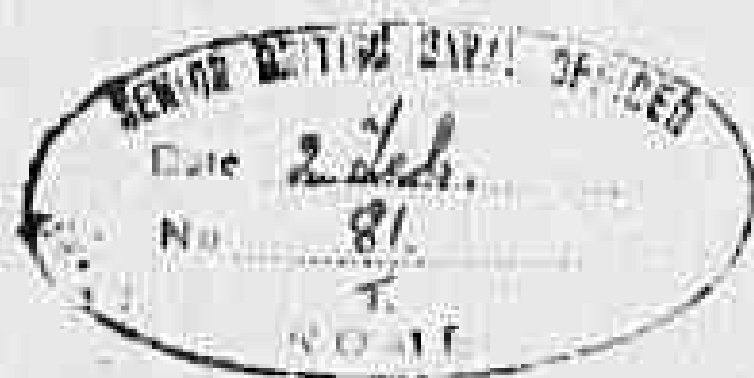
3. On the other hand considerable difficulty is being found to transfer stores to the Station due to lack of M/T.; moreover it is situated in an isolated and unhealthy spot.

4. In view of the above considerations it is suggested that the Station in question be closed down.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

DG/P.

2203



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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. MARINA

REPARTO M.D.S.Uff.Telecom.

Prol. N. Sm/02079 1^a Sezione
indir. teleg.: MARISTAT Allegati

F. O. L. I.

ROMA

Argomento: Stazione r.g. Orsini.-

SEGRETO

- 1° - La stazione r.g. in argomento svolge attualmente servizio di ascolto su kHz.500 (m.600) per intercettazione messaggi di soccorso di velivoli e navi sinistrate e per misura di rilevamenti r.g. di unità in mare su onde medie.-
- 2° - Si è constatato che il servizio svolto dalla stazione r.g. in questione è assolutamente negativo: infatti, ad esempio, nel bimestre Novembre Dicembre 1944 essa non è stata interessata in alcun modo a nessun servizio.-
- 3° - Sono d'altra parte notevoli le difficoltà che si incontrano in conseguenza della scarsità di mezzi di trasporto per il rifornimento di detta stazione r.g., situata in regione isolata; essa desta anche notevoli preoccupazioni di carattere sanitario data l'insalubrità della regione in cui è posta.-
- 4° - In base alle considerazioni sopra esposte si prospetta l'opportunità di chiudere al servizio la stazione r.g. in argomento.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

2202

(C.V.46) Wt. 37266/D.8313. 12,500M. 12/43. B. A. S. 14.1. 51-7061

NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320e.

(Established—May, 1920.)
(Revised—December, 1931.)

To:

From:

NOIC LEGHORN POTALE, POTAM, (R) C. M. C. MED.

NOIC NAPLES.

P.O.T.A.L.I. ROLAS.

RESTRICTED.

INTEND TO SAIL URANIA AT 284100A FOR ZANHOPE MOUTH TO SAN STEFANO TO ARRIVE SAN STEFANO 290900A. SHIP WILL WITHIN 1000 YARDS OF FOLLOWING POINTS TO REPLENISH ACETYLENE AT NIGHT POINTS.

A. GIANNUTRI.

B. CICLIO (REPLACING POINT AT GIANNUTRI)

C. PALLADIA.

D. PIONBRO.

E. LEGHORN.

F. CORCONA AND RETURN TO LEGHORN AND SAN STEFANO.

2. ON COMPLETION URANIA WILL SAIL TO NAPLES CALLING AT CIVITA VECCHIA AND GENOA.

3. SPEED THROUGHOUT 12 KNOTS.

4. CORMORANT TEAM PARTY ABLE GALL SIGN 166 ABOVE LOW.

5. URANIA GUARDS 500 F.C/S.

6. NOIC LEGHORN IS REQUESTED TO TESTER ROUTE URBAN, VICTOR AND 005 352.

8. ITALIAN AUTHORITIES INFORMED.

271747A.

DISE. 3,9,10,12.

P.L.T.P.

P.O.R. 017

DATE 28-1-45.

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WT. 22315/D7987. 1200M. 10/42. C. B. & S. LTD.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

S 1320L

(ESTABLISHED, OCTOBER, 1935.)

TO:

FREEDOM

FROM: AIDOL

CHIEF COMMISSIONER

URGENT. IMPORTANT.

ECONOMIC SECTION
CITE FREEDOM, BUREAU.

1. REFERENCE AIDOL'S 9559 OF 9TH JANUARY FURTHER DISCOMFORTS SHOWS THAT CRANE SHIP COULD NOT REPAIR DOCK BY WORKING INSIDE HARBOUR. ESTIMATED THAT REGULAR HEAVY GROUND SWELL WOULD MAKE WORKING OUTSIDE MOST HAZARDOUS EVEN WITH SEA-GOING TUG ASSISTANCE.
2. SALVAGE WORK BY ITALIANS NOW IN PROGRESS ON 80 TONS SKEERLEZ USED IN ORIGINAL HARBOUR CONSTRUCTION. ITALIANS ESTIMATE THAT THIS WILL BE RAISED IN THREE WEEKS TIME BUT THIS CONSIDERED OPTIMISTIC WITH PRESENT FACILITIES.
3. REQUEST INVESTIGATION EARLIEST POSSIBLE BY REPORT SALVAGE OFFICER TO SEE IF SALVAGE CAN BE HASTENED. ALSO REQUEST LOAN OF REPAIR SHIP PROGRESS, IF AVAILABLE AS MUCH USEFUL WORK COULD BE DONE BY HER.

-977 13 JANUARY 45.

DIST. 3,9,10,12.

P.L. HAND.

T.O.R. A.M.

DATE 16-1-45.

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(Sta. 121/35)

WT. 37266/TMSIP. 15 OCT 45. 12/45. 1. 1. 1. 51 7500.

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

(Published—May, 1920)
(Revised—January, 1933)

To:

FROM:

HQ ALCON BARR (E) P. SAFETY S.C. HQ 101 SUB AREA
AND USNS PALMCOALCON SIOILKA REGION
(CARR)RECORDED.

GENERAL SITUATION REPORT.

1. EQUATEL LAGUNA PROVINCE REMAINS TRANQUIL.
2. DISTURBANCE AT RARO AGRICULTURE PROVINCE NOW QUIETED AND SITUATION IS HARD.
3. URGENT REPORTED AT CARPENTIA DE KI HATA AND CARICATE AGRICULTURE PROVINCE.
4. REMAINDER OF ISLAND NOTHING TO REPORT.

-113205A.

DIST. 30/9, 10, 12.

P.L. REE. HATED.

T.O.R. A.M.

DATE 16-1-45. 2199

0097

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

(STA. 121/33)

PSSN/615/2-44/20,000 + 20,000

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

(Established - May, 1930)
(Revised - January, 1933)

To:

FOCALI ROME

FROM:

C. IN C. MED.

SECRET IMMEDIATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A REINFORCEMENT OF HVA MADRID'S 132000 PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION BEGINS. FIVE MAJOR SHIPS WILL LEAVE MAHON MONDAY 15TH AT EIGHT P.M. FOR ALGIERS. (THE LANDING CRAFT AND RAMAT WILL LEAVE MAHON AND 97 LANDING CRAFT 1. BARCELONA WILL LEAVE FOR ALGIERS WEATHER PERMITTING. EMBASSY SENT FULL REPORT TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS TUL. ENDS. ADDRESS BEING REQUESTED FROM HVA MADRID.

-141957A.

DIST. 3,4,9,10,12.

CYRUS T.P.

T.O.L. 05/8

DATE 15-4-45.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

(STA. 121/100)

PSSN/516/2-11/20,000-10,000

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—January, 1933)

To:

NOVALI ROME

FROM:

C. IN C. MED.

SECRET IMMEDIATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS A REEXAMINATION OF RMA MADRID'S 132000 PASSED TO YOU FOR INFORMATION REGIONS. RIV: MAJOR SHIPS WILL LEAVE MAHON MONDAY 15TH AT EIGHT P.M. FOR ALGIERS. (THE LANDING CRAFT AND RAMAY WILL LEAVE MAHON AND 77 LANDING CRAFT 111 BARCELONA WILL LEAVE FOR ALGIERS WEATHER PERMITTING. EMBASSY SENT FULL REPORT TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS TUCI. RECS. ADDRESS BEING REQUESTED FROM RMA MAHON.

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DIRT. 3,4,9,10,12.

OFFICE T.P.

T.O.1. 07.8

DATE 15-4-45.

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(STA. 121/33)

FSSN/515/2.44/20,000+20,000

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.
(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—January, 1935)

To:

FROM:

ROYALI (R) 77

CAS:ETA C.C.O.

IMMEDIATE. SECRET.

FOLLOWING IS A REPERITION OF R.N.A. M DIED'S 141954 JAMANE BE-JOE.
ANNOUNCED C. IN C. MED. FORUM DUTY C M CEN STREET MACAN, 14-47, VAN,
(R) FROM DUTY, ADMIRALTY FROM S.N.A. PABED.
RE 141954 AND 141950. COMBAT BAILONE FIGHT JANUARY 1971 U.S.O. 141954
JANUARY 1971.

151954:

DEST. 3,6,9,11,12.
FROM: 141954 OF STOPS FROM EACH REG ISLANDS.
141954 IS NOT RECD.

CYRIL 7.2. T.O.D. 1223 DATE 15-1-45

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785020

(STA. 121/13)

PSSN/515/2-44/20,000 + 20,000

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—January, 1933)

To:

FROM:

FORM (R) FORM, HIA MARIO FORM, MOTALI FORM
VAL.

C. IN C. MED.

SECRET IMPORTANT

IT IS INTENDED THAT SHIPS IN HIA MARIO'S 122030 SHOULD PROCEED FROM ALGIERS TO TARRANO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL, REQUEST YOU WILL REPORT WHEN SHIPS WILL BE READY TO SAIL.

2. FORM IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE C IS ITALIAN ESCORT FROM CAGLIARI TO ACT AS ESCORT FROM ALGIERS TO TARRANO, WHEN REQUESTED BY FORM.

0131023A JAN.

RE ITALIAN VESSELS SAILING FROM BA MARIO ISLANDS.

DISK. 9, 10, 12.

P.L. HAND.

T.O.R. A.M.

DATE 16-1-45.

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(STA. 121738)

PSSN/616/2-44/20,000+20,000

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—January, 1932)

To:

FROM:

NAVYCHARGE CASERTA

MADRID.

"MOST IMMEDIATE"SECRET.

TWO ITALIAN LANDING CRAFT AT BARCELONA ARE ENGAGED IN MOVEMENT OF ITALIAN
SHIPS AND WILL THEREFORE SAIL NIGHT 14TH JANUARY ? DEPENDENT AND WEATHER
PERMITTING. UNLESS OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED INTEND TO SAIL. THESE CRAFT
CRAFT COASTERS TO GIVE PALM THESE DIRECT TO ALGERIA.

14055 JAN.

DIST. 3,4,9,10,12.

R.L.hmd.

T.O.B. A.M.

DATE 16-1-45.

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SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY

 HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
 Naval Sub-Commission
 APO 394

File No.
 AL-3/CF36

Serial: 00724

15 September, 1944.

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From: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
 To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Via: Commander U.S. EIGHTH Fleet.

Subject: Operational Statistics of Italian Naval Units.

Reference: (a) My secret ltr. AL-3/CF36 Serial 00815 of 29 July, 1944.

Enclosure: (a) Table of Operational Statistics of Italian Naval Units for the period 1 July to 31 July, 1944.

1. Enclosure (a) is forwarded herewith for information.
2. Reference (a) forwarded similar statistics for the month of June, 1944.

H. G. EDGELL.

Copy to:

ONI
 Naval Sub-Com., APO
 NID, Naples.

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS ITALIAN NAVY
ALLIED TOWNS AND MATERIAL TRANSPORTED

1 July - 31 July, 1944.

TYPE OF SHIP	No. Ship Units Employed	No. of Troops Carried	Tonnage (Thousands)	Miles
BATTLESHIPS	---	2284	---	---
CARLERS	6	196	260	4323
DESTROYERS	3	276	30	1278
TORPEDO SUBS & CRUISERS	5	---	40	2243
SUBMARINES	---	---	---	---
PATROL & ASSEMBLY CRAFT	---	1701	1350	2712
MISCELLANEOUS	37	---	---	---
TOTAL - July, 1944	51	1025	1630	10454
TOTAL - Since Armistice 9 Sept. '43	110	1924	2775	15331

ALLIED CARRIES SHIPPED *

	No. of Convoys	No. ships Reported	No. of Escorts Reported	Tonnage Miles
DESTROYERS	---	---	---	---
CORVETTES	106	289	221	7152
TOTAL - July, 1944	106	289	221	7152
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* -- Figures include Italian escort work in company with Allied escorts in mixed escort groups.

ENCLOSURE (A) to DUEHIO Secret Mr. McS/AFK Serial 62724 dated 15 September, 1944.

SECRET

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS ITALIAN NAVY

1 July - 31 July, 1944

Type of Ship.	COMBAT OPERATIONS		CHARGE OF STATION		TRANSPORT OF 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000		No. Missions	Units Employed	Miles	No. Units	Miles	No. Ship	Units	Tonnage	Miles
	Employed	Units	Miles	Units	Miles	Units	Units	Tonnage	Miles						
BATTLESHIP	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
CRUISERS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1						
DESTROYERS	2	2	1,070	26	1,055	27	2,066	677	9,879						
TARP. BOMB & CANNON	23	23	29,96	10	3,300	3	10,98	120	1,683						
SUBMARINES	1	1	542	26	7,604	—	—	—	—						
PATROL & RESEARCH CRAFT	56	70	11,620	1	456	—	—	—	—						
MISCELLANEOUS	5	5	315	23	1,966	—	—	—	—						
TOTAL - July, 1944	88	102	16,509	98	24,527	31	23,646	806	11,590						
TOTAL - Since Armistice	761	835	174,269	1,606	2,2783	169	26,470	4,664	63,280						

REPORT OF ITALIAN COMBAT

Type of Ship	No. of Comrades	No. of Berchianti	No. Reports	Tonnage	Miles
COMBAT	1	1	1	1	1
DETERMINATIONS	13	16	13	23	295
TOTAL - July, 1944	14	16	14	29	2891
TOTAL - Since Armistice	116	142	142	590	35,285

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ENCLOSURE (1) to BUREAU of Secret 1st. 14-7/1946 Serial 00724 dated 13 September, 1944

SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY

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From: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
To: The Vice Chief of Naval Operations.
Via: Commander U.S. EIGHTH Fleet.
Subject: Operational Statistics of Italian Naval Units.
Reference: (a) By secret ltr. AL-3/TF36 Serial 00115 of 29 July, 1944.
Enclosures: (a) Table of Operational Statistics of Italian Naval Units for the period 1 July to 31 July, 1944.
1. Enclosure (a) is forwarded herewith for information.
2. Reference (a) forwarded similar statistics for the month of June, 1944.

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GENERAL STATISTICS ITALIAN NAVY

ALLIED TOWNS AND MATERIAL TRANSPORTED

1 July - 31 July, 1944.

TYPE OF SHIP	No. Ship Units Employed	No. of Troops Carried	Tonnage (Thousands)	Miles
BATHYSCAPH	—	—	—	—
CRUISERS	6	2,254	200	4,283
DESTROYERS	3	495	30	1,276
TORPEDO BOATS & CORVETTES	5	276	40	2,243
SUBMARINES	—	—	—	—
PATROL & MINESWEEP CRAFT	—	—	—	—
MISCELLANEOUS	37	1,701	1,350	2,712
TOTAL - July, 1944	51	1,228	1,620	10,554
TOTAL - Since Armistice 9 Sept. '43	110	1,994	2,975	4,531

ALLIED CORVOIS DESTROYED *

DESTROYERS CORVETTES	No. of Corvois	No. ships Sunk	No. of Escorts Used	Tonnage	Miles
—	106	889	221	7152	19,687
TOTAL - July, 1944	106	889	221	7152	19,687
TOTAL - Since Armistice 9 Sept. '43	652	662	1,307	51,073	142,278

* -- Figures include Italian escort work in company with Allied escorts in mixed escort groups.

REMARKS (A) to COMNAV Secut ltr, 14-1/1786 Serial 07/24 dated 13 September, 1944.

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS ITALIAN NAVY

1 July - 31 July, 1944

Type of ship	No. Aircraft Carrier	No. Destroyer	No. Submarine	No. Battleship	No. Cruiser	No. Transport	No. Other	No. Total
BATTLESHIP	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
CARRIER	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
DESTROYER	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
TRANSPORT	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
SUBMARINE	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
PATROL & ASSEMBLY CRAFT	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	16
MISCELLANEOUS	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
TOTAL - July, 1944	48	102	16,909	92	24,527	31	23,686	806
TOTAL - since initiation	9	763	391,364	1,008	24,773	169	24,670	1,004
9 Sept, '42	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

REMARKS: ALL SHIPS DESTROYED

Type of ship	No. of Carriers	No. of Destroyers	No. of Submarines	No. of Battleships	No. of Cruisers	No. of Transport	No. of Other
CARRIER	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
DESTROYER	33	16	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL - July, 1944	14	16	—	—	—	—	—
GRAND TOTAL - 1944	118	149	—	—	—	—	—

REMARKS: (A) 12 SHIPS OF SECRET LIT. 10-2/1000 SERIAL OTHER SHIPS 15 SHIPS OF SECRET LIT. 10-2/1000

OPERATIONAL STATISTICS ITALIAN NAVY
ALLIED TROOPS AND MATERIAL TRANSPORTED

1 June - 30 June, 1944

TYPE OF SHIP	No. Ship Units Employed	No. of Troops Carried	Tonnage (thousands)	Miles
BATTLESHIPS	—	—	—	—
CROISERS	8	763	255	4,796
DESTROYERS	2	447	21	942
TORPEDO BOATS & CORVETTES	2	18	9	550
SUBMARINES	—	—	—	—
PATROL & ASSAULT CRAFT	—	—	—	—
MISCELLANEOUS	—	—	—	—
TOTAL - June, 1944	12	1,228	285	6,288
TOTAL - Since Armistice 9 Sept. '43	59	15,186	1,355	34,877

ALLIED CONVOYS ESCORTED *

	No. of Convoys	No. Ships Escorted	No. of Escorts Used	Tonnage	Miles
DESTROYERS	5	44	5	295	1,430
CORVETTES	91	774	175	5,871	18,116
TOTAL - June, 1944	96	818	180	6,166	19,546
TOTAL - Since Armistice 9 Sept. '43	546	5,715	1,086	43,831	122,800

* — Figures include Italian escort work in company with Allied escorts in mixed escort groups.

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OPERATIONAL STATISTICS ITALIAN NAVY

1 June - 30 June, 1944

Type of Ship	COMBAT OPERATIONS		CHANGE OF STATION		TRANSPORT OF IT, TROOPS & MATERIAL	
	No. Missions	Units Employed	No. Units	Miles	No. Ship Men	Tonnage Miles
BATTLESHIPS	—	—	5	647	—	—
CRUISERS	—	—	18	8,533	23	9,237
DESTROYERS	3	3	11	3,963	4	1,931
TORP. BOATS & CORVETTES	39	39	32	7,746	1	220
SUBMARINES	1	1	6	1,361	—	—
PATROL & ASSAULT CRAFT	65	77	21	2,433	—	—
MISCELLANEOUS	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL - June, 1944	108	120	93	24,683	28	11,388
TOTAL - Since Armistice 9 Sept '43	675	733	916	325,256	138	51,848

ESCORT OF ITALIAN CONVOYS

Type of Ship	No. of Convoys Escorted	No. of Merchant Ships Escorted	No. Escorts Used	Tonnage (thousands)	Miles
CORVETTES	14	14	17	41	3,610
DESTROYERS	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL - June, 1944	14	14	17	41	3,610
GRAND TOTAL - 1944	104	133	128	561	32,394

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Argomento: Movimenti unità navali italiane.-

SEGRETO

Si rimette, per uso di codesto F.O.L.I.,
n° 1 tabella riguardante l'attività svolta
dalle unità navali italiane dal 1° al 31
luglio 1944.-

IL MINISTRO

*[Signature]**Copying letter to statement**showing movement of I.R.N. ships**during July '44*

Tipo di unità	Missioni di guerra			Trasferimenti		Trasporto truppe e materiali Italiani				Trasporto truppe e materiali Alleati			
	Numero missioni	Numero unità	Migliaia	Numero unità	Migliaia	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate	Migliaia	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate	Migliaia
Corazzate	-	-	-	1	.296	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incrociatori	-	-	-	28	10.855	27	22.648	677	9.679	6	2.284	200	4.223
CC. TT.	2	2	1.070	10	3.300	3	1.038	120	1.683	3	496	30	1.276
TT. e Corvette	23	23	2.956	28	7.604	-	-	-	-	5	276	40	2.243
Sommergibili	1	1	548	1	456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M.S. e M.A.S.	56	70	11.620	23	1.966	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navi varie	6	6	315	1	50	1	-	9	188	37	1.701	1.350	2.12
TOTALE	88	102	16.509	92	24.527	31	23.686	806	11.550	51	4.748	1.620	10.454
TOTALE GENERALE	763	835	191.369	1.008	349.783	169	96.670	4.064	63.398	110	19.934	2.975	45.331

Scorte esaurite da	Scorta convogli Italiani			Scorta convogli Alleati			Numero complessivo dei movimenti: 551
	Numero convogli	Numero unità scorta	Piroscafi	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Migliaia	Tonnellate (migliaia)	
CC. TT.	1	1	-	295	-	-	Totale gen.le: 3.571
TT. e Corvette	13	13	16	2.596	29	106	
TOTALE	14	14	16	2.891	29	106	Numero complessivo delle miglia 117.851
TOTALE GENERALE	118	142	149	35.285	590	652		Totale gen.le: 1.069.720

STATISTICA OPERATIVA

dal 1° Luglio 1944 al 31 Luglio 1944

I totali generali si riferiscono all'attività svolta dal 9/9/943 al 31/7/1944.-

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NOTE

- a) - I numeri rossi si riferiscono alle operazioni del 9 Settembre 1943.
- b) - La voce MISSIONI DI GUERRA comprende : missioni di guerra propriamente dette, missioni speciali, caccia a.s., posa di mine, vigilanza foranea delle corvette.
- c) - Alla voce TRASPORTO DI TRUPPE E MATERIALE ITALIANI, nel numero di uomini trasportati è compreso quello delle truppe italiane trasportate con mezzi vari dalla Corsica alla Sardegna nel periodo Ottobre - Dicembre 1943 (uomini 72.400).
- d) - Il numero complessivo delle operazioni compiute nel mese di Maggio è leggermente superiore alla media dei mesi precedenti.

Tipo di unità	Missioni di guerra			Trasferimenti		Trasporto truppe e materiali italiani				Trasporto truppe e materiali Alleati			
	Numero missioni	Numero unità	Migliaia	Numero unità	Migliaia	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate	Migliaia	Numero	Uomini	Tonnellate	Migliaia
Corazzate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	812	-	-	-
Incrociatori	-	-	-	21	12.327	21	16.567	754	6.949	1	72	3	342
CC. TT.	4	5	1.819	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TT. e Corvette	24	29	7.136	16	4.119	5	300	12	3.132	-	-	-	-
Sommergibili	3	3	1.631	3	905	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
M.S. e M.A.S.	37	37	4.155	24	2.267	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navi varie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALE	68	74	14.741	64	19.618	26	16.867	766	10.081	1	72	3	342
TOTALE GENERALE	506	546	137.246	741	280.809	89	37.657	1.842	33.169	44	13.261	1.043	27.662

Scorte compiute da	Scorta convogli italiani				Scorta convogli Alleati				Numero complessivo dei movimenti: 310 Totale gen.le: 2.241	
	Numero convogli	Numero unità scorta	Piroscudi	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Numero convogli	Numero unità scorta	Piroscudi	Tonnellate (migliaia)		
CC. TT.	-	-	-	-	1	1	26	180	350	
TT. e Corvette	6	6	6	16	64	138	774	6.033	15.051	
TOTALE	6	6	6	16	65	139	800	6.213	15.401	
TOTALE GENERALE	81	102	106	489	351	719	4.144	32.209	83.972	
									Numero complessivo delle miglia 86.501	
									Totale gen.le: 736.321	

STATISTICA OPERATIVA

dal 1° APRILE 1944 al 30 APRILE 1944

Tipo di unità	Missioni di guerra			Trasferimenti		Trasporto truppe e materiali Italiani				Trasporto truppe e materiali Alleati			
	Numero missioni	Numero unità	Migliaia	Numero unità	Migliaia	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate	Migliaia	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate	Migliaia
Corazzate	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	812	=	=	=
Incrociatori	=	=	=	20	7177	15	13.827	632	4735	=	546	21	=
CC. TT.	7	10	4993	7	1861	1	300	12	454	=	=	=	=
TT. e Corvette	27	23	6232	31	7537	3	=	=	620	3	149	6	927
Commergibili	1	1	532	2	496	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
M.S. e M.A.S.	26	28	5394	21:	2037	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
Navi varie	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
TOTALE	61	67	17151	81	19108	19	14.127	644	5809	3	697	27	927
TOTALE GENERALE	567	613	154939	819	299953	108	51.784	2.486	38976	47	13.958	1.070	28.589
Scorte compiute da	Scorta convogli Italiani					Scorta convogli Alleati					Numero complessivo dei movimenti: 365		
CC. TT.	Numero convogli	Numero unità scorta	Previsibili	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Migliaia	Numero convogli	Numero unità scorta	Previsibili	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Migliaia	Totale gen.le: 2.603		
	=	=	=	=	=	2	2	36	220	560	Numero complessivo delle miglia 95.692		
TT. e Corvette	9	9	13	31	1392	96	184	714	5109	18431	Totale gen.le: 532.591		
	9	9	13	31	1392	98	186	750	5329	18991	Numero complessivo delle miglia 95.692		
TOTALE GENERALE	90	111	119	520	28784	449	905	4894	37408	107963	Totale gen.le: 532.591		

STATISTICA OPERATIVA

dal 1° Maggio 1944 al 31 Maggio 1944

N.B. - Nella cifra relativa alle truppe italiane trasportate non sono comprese le truppe traghettate dalla Corsica alle Sardegna nel periodo Ottobre - Novembre 1943 (uomini 72.400)

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Il prospetto relativo all'epoca 1° Aprile - 30 Aprile è stato compilato in base ad una statistica "PROVVISORIA" (come è specificato in calce) e, nel numero degli uomini trasportati (alla voce Trasporto truppe e Materiali Italiani), è stato incluso quello relativo al traghetto dalla Corsica alla Sardegna a mezzo di MM.ZZ. e Pescherecci di un contingente di 72474 uomini nell'epoca Ottobre - Dicembre 1943.-

Quando, dopo il mese di Aprile, si è potuta fare una statistica definitiva, si è esclusa la cifra di uomini trasportati durante il suddetto traghetto ritenendo che fosse più opportuno considerarla a parte, trattandosi di traghetto e non di trasporto vero e proprio oltremare.-

Si allega :

- a) - uno statino della statistica "DEFINITIVA" dal 1° al 30 Aprile,
- b) - uno statino della statistica "DEFINITIVA" dal 1° al 31 Maggio contenente in calce una nota circa la cifra di uomini trasportati.-

Tipo di unità	Missioni di guerra			Trasferimenti		Trasporto truppe e materiali Italiani			Trasporto truppe e materiali Alleati		
	Numero missioni	Numero unità	Miglia	Numero unità	Miglia	Numero unità	Tonnellate	Miglia	Numero uomini	Tonnellate	Miglia
Corazzate	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
Incrociatori	=	=	=	22	9.863	16	14.631	560	1	870	380
CC. TT.	2	3	1.445	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
TT. e Corvette	38	43	8.976	25	6.314	=	=	=	=	=	=
Immergibili	3	3	2.472	9	1.984	=	=	=	=	=	=
M.S. e M.A.S.	37	41	7.398	28	2.974	=	=	=	=	=	=
Navi varie	=	=	=	1	154	2	150	333	=	=	=
TOTALE	80	90	20.291	85	21.289	18	14.781	893	1	870	380
TOTALE GENERALE	356	432	130.021	542	219.168	108	124.512	?	36	13.607	23.444
Scorte compiute da											
TT. e Corvette	Scorta convogli Italiani			Scorta convogli Alleati			Scorta convogli Alleati			Numero complessivo dei	
	Numero convogli	Numero unità scorta	Pirsonali	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Miglia	Numero convogli	Numero unità scorta	Pirsonali	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Miglia	movimenti
TT. e Corvette	=	=	=	=	=	2	2	51	330	650	365
TOTALE	5	6	5	14	1.209	82	163	704	5.169	18.104	Totale gen.le: X 1.889
TOTALE GENERALE	?	?	65	?	21.009	308	862	X 4.022	X 32.595	18.754	Numero complessivo delle miglia 70.103
											Totale gen.le: X 646.370

STATISTICA OPERATIVA PROVVISORIA dal 1° APRILE al 30 APRILE 1944

Blackburn
stati + necessari

Tipo di unità	Missioni di guerra (D.O.S.)				Trasferimenti				Trasporto truppe e materiali Italiani				Trasporto truppe e materiali Alleati			
	Numero missioni	Numero unità	Miglia	Numero unità	Numero unità	Miglia	Tonnellate	Uomini	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate	Miglia	Uomini	Tonnellate	Miglia	
Corazzate (BB's)	=	=	=	5	5	647	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	
Incrociatori (CV's)	=	=	=	18	18	8.533	23	18.468	665	9.237	8	763	255	4.796		
CC. TT. (DD's)	3	3	1.160	11	11	3.963	4	1.099	43	1.931	2	447	21	942		
TT. e Corvette	39	39	8.439	32	32	7.746	1	50	2	220	2	18	9	550		
Immergibili (SS's)	1	1	783	6	6	1.361	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=		
M.S. e M.A.S.	65	77	10.081	21	21	2.433	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=		
Navi varie (misc.)	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=		
TOTALE	108	120	20.463	93	93	24.683	28	19.617	710	11.388	12	1.228	285	6.288		
TOTALE GENERALE	675	733	174.860	916	916	325.256	138	72.984	3.258	51.848	59	15.186	1.355	34.877		
Scorte compiute da	Scorta convogli Italiani															
TT. (DD's)	Numero missioni	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Miglia	Numero convogli	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Miglia	Scorta convogli Alleati					
	Numero missioni	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Miglia	Numero convogli	Numero unità	Uomini	Tonnellate (migliaia)	Miglia	Numero complessivo dei movimenti:					
TT. (DD's)	=	=	=	=	=	5	5	44	295	1.430	Totale gen.le: 3.060					
	14	17	14	41	3.610	91	175	774	5.871	18.116	Numero complessivo delle miglia					
TT. e Corvette	14	17	14	41	3.610	96	180	818	6.166	19.546	Totale gen.le: 951.869					
	104	128	133	561	32.394	546	1.086	5.715	43.881	122.800						

EWS/ajp

A/CC 091.711

24 August 1944

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

The ships mentioned in memorandum No. 220/108 of 10 August are being prepared for special service by order of the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

After being surveyed, they were selected for this service because they were found to be too seriously damaged to justify repairing them in the present circumstances.

There could be no question of bringing these ships into use for the Italian Government only. If fit for normal service, they would pass into the Mediterranean Shipping Board pool for the general use of all the Allied war efforts.

Yours very truly,

ELLERY W. STONE
Captain, USNR
Acting Chief Commissioner

His Excellency Ivanoe Bonomi,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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c.c. Navy Sub-Commission.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE: 091.311

14 July 1944

SUBJECT: Customs Control.

To : Executive Commissioner
R.O. & M.G. Section
H.Q. A.C.C. Naples
for Navy Sub-Commission

1. Rear Admiral Antonio BOBBIESE, who has now assumed appointment of Commander Royal Italian Navy in SICILY with Headquarters at MESSINA, is concerned, as is A.C.C., with the continued movement of contraband by coastwise and island/mainland shipping.

2. The Admiral is pressing for the provision of three motor-vedettes to work

- a. SICILY Eastern Coast
- b. MESSINA Straits
- c. SICILY Western Coast (illicit wine trade)

3. This contraband trade is assuming serious proportions and full support of Navy Sub-Commission is requested for these proposals.

(SGD) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
(Tpd) A. N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner

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Copy to: Industry & Commerce Sub-Commission

NSC/603 1st Ind. H/tum
From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ ACC, APO 394, 24 July 1944.
To : FOTALI, Navy House, Taranto.

Forwarded.

(SGd) Commodore

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Food Sub Commission
A.P.O. 394

VRAC/et

13th August 1944

Acc 450 (Toronto file)
0037 13 July
ACC/80-1/FOOD

SUBJECT: Smuggling of olive oil from Mola
di Bari area into Albania

TO : Ministry of Agriculture and Forests

1. Reference conversation Col. Legg - Professor Bergami on the above subject.
2. This matter has been taken up with both the Navy Sub Commission and Public Safety Sub Commission.
3. The Navy Sub Commission states that the coast is constantly patrolled, and they have promised to instruct their patrols to keep a sharp lookout.
4. Public Safety Sub Commission are instructing local police etc to investigate on the spot.

W. J. Legg
W.J. LEGG,
Director,
Food Sub Commission.

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Copies (for info) to: Navy Sub Commission
Public Safety Sub Commission

File 2177
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NAVAL MESSAGE.

S. 1320h.
(Established—October, 1935.)

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There is an immediate requirement for 12 additional Italian M.F.V.'s for minesweeping. All M.F.V.'s of approx 20 tons fitted with double travel winches are to be held in the Naples Area until examined for suitability by Italian naval authorities.

2. This is an urgent operational requirement and every assistance is to be given to planning and preparation of this draft.

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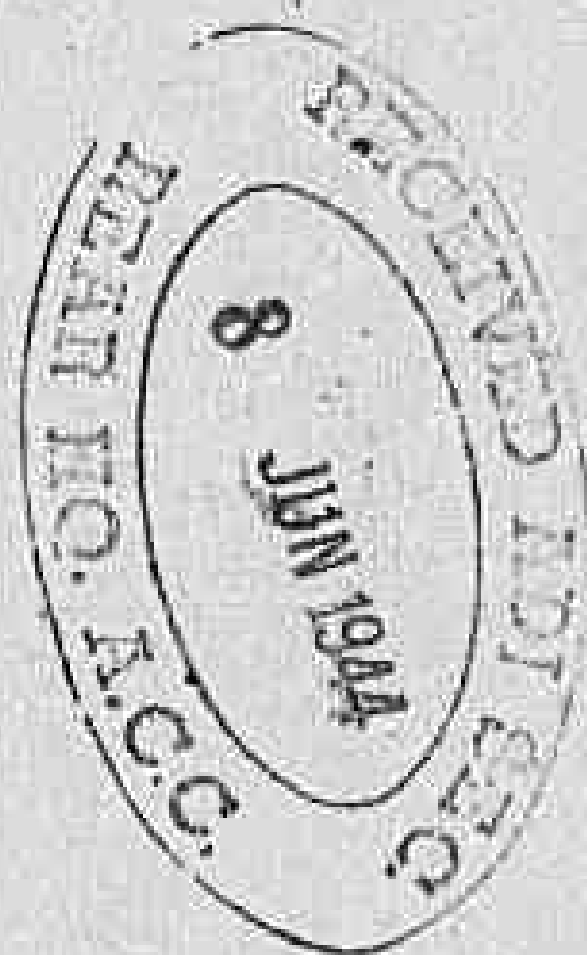
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ITALIAN NAVAL BRIGADE.

FROM.. FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE.. 15th January, 1944.

No.T.A.1031/6.

TO .. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

With reference to my letter No.T.A.1031/6 of 8th January, I did not intend to imply that I did not concur in the request raised by the Italians, but only that I did not see any operational necessity for this Brigade.

(Signed) R. POMERAI
REAR-ADMIRAL.

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POLICY OF COMMAND IN MIXED ITALIAN AND BRITISH ESCORT GROUPS.

FROM FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE 18th April, 1944.

No. T.A. 1001/12.

TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

Copies to: Vice Admiral Malta and Central Mediterranean.
 Flag Officer, Western Italy.
 Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

The Policy of Command as well as the proposal to introduce mixed escorts, as contained in your letter Med. Comd/20 dated 3rd April, 1944, has been discussed with the Minister of Marine and fully explained to him. His reactions were not favourable.

2. The decision of the Combined Chiefs of Staff as laid down in paragraph 7 of C.C.S. 515 of the 19th March, together with the facts given in paragraph 2 of your letter were made quite clear to him. He accepted all these facts but pointed out that (1) and (2), for which he was most grateful, affected material only and did not concern the larger issue of mixed escorts.

3. He maintained throughout the interview that the proposal to institute mixed escorts was directly contrary to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement which he had drawn up with Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

4. He referred to paragraph 3.(1) of this Agreement, in which it is laid down that the Italian Destroyers and Torpedo-boats "should be divided into escort groups working as units and that they should be based on Italian ports." He pointed out that these units had now been working together for six months and had been providing the escorts for the Augusta-Taranto and Augusta-Naples routes and he particularly requested that further consideration should be given before these groups are broken up.

5. From the reports received it would appear that these groups are carrying out their duties in a satisfactory and efficient manner and it is confidently anticipated that the tactical table, which is being erected at Taranto to give them practice in attack and defence problems, will increase their efficiency. Their interest and

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3. He maintained throughout the interview that the proposal to institute mixed escorts was directly contrary to the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement which he had drawn up with Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham.

4. He referred to paragraph 3.(c) of this Agreement, in which it is laid down that the Italian Destroyers and Torpedo-boats "should be divided into escort groups working as units and that they should be based on Italian ports." He pointed out that these units had now been working together for six months and had been providing the escorts for the Augusta-Taranto and Augusta-Naples routes and he particularly requested that further consideration should be given before these groups are broken up.

5. From the reports received it would appear that these groups are carrying out their duties in a satisfactory and efficient manner and it is confidently anticipated that the tactical table, which is being erected at Taranto to give them practice in attack and defence problems, will increase their efficiency. Their interest and enthusiasm has certainly been stimulated during the last few weeks by training on the mobile A/S attack teacher.

6. The question of command is a much more delicate problem. The Minister admitted the truth of fact (3) and (4) in paragraph 2 of your letter but after a long discussion, he stated that he could not agree to the suggestion that Italian officers must always act under the orders of British officers in case of seniority. He protested that it would be impossible for him to maintain the morale of his officers if he were to concur with an attempt to enforce this proposal. For the same reason, he said that he could not entertain the suggestion in paragraph 2 that the seniority of his Commanding Officers must be maintained.

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(Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic's No. T.A. 1001/12. dated 18th April, 1944.)

/ The Minister of Marine is most anxious to discuss these problems with you personally and he earnestly requests that no changes are made, either in the policy of command or in the composition and duties of the Italian escort groups until he has met you.

W. H. G. G. G.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRIGADE.

FROM.. FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE.. 8th January, 1944.

No.T.A.1031/6.

TO .. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Commodore Palmer.

The attached letter from the Minister of Marine is forwarded with reference to your memorandum No.091.711 of 10th December.

2. There is no objection to raise from the naval aspect, but on the other hand no naval requirement is seen for such a Brigade in the immediate future.

(Signed) R. McGRIGOR

REAR-ADMIRAL.

From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
 To: E.O.I.
 Date: 2nd January '44
 Letter No: 97/8

Subject: BRIGADE OF MARINES.

1) - During the War of 1915 - 18 the Italian Navy, which had no force of Marine Infantry, formed a "Brigade of Marines" from an Infantry Regiment and included some Landing Battery units and naval guns mounted in small monitors. This brigade did very good service in the actions which took place on the Isouzo and Piave Rivers, in areas where the land fronts approached the sea-coast.

After the War, only that Regiment remained which had been given the name "San Marco", formed in two battalions one of which was sent to China for service in the Shanghai International Settlement.

In the 1940 - 43 War, the San Marco Regiment has fought in North Africa and especially in Tunisia, where two battalions remained up to the last, while a third, coming from Libya and reduced to a few men, was transferred to Rome.

It has so happened that no part of the San Marco Regiment was to be found in Italian territory controlled by R.I.'s Government, after the Armistice.

On the other hand, the I.R.M. suddenly desires to offer all collaboration in this field.

The "San Marco" Regiment has been re-formed into two battalions, to be known under the old '15 - 16 names of GRADO and HAFIL, and which may be used to great advantage in amphibious coastal warfare.

If it is considered possible and desirable to strengthen this Regiment and provide it with formations of naval artillery to be used on a land front, the I.R.M. will be very proud to completely renew the "Brigade of Marines", demobilized in 1918.

For the time being only the principal nucleus of the San Marco Regiment has been formed.

2) The two battalions GRADO and HAFIL already have the necessary arms, with the exception of some pieces of artillery: (2 - "65/17s" with 8000 cartridges and 10 mortars "81" with 12000 charges, as also 20,000 perforating 20 m.m. shells), which the R.I. Army is agreeable to cede but from

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On the other hand, the I.R.M. ardently desires to offer all collaboration in this field.

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This is therefore the reason for our request to make shipment.

for THE MINISTER

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APC 394

MDT/hjp

10 December 1943

In reply refer to:
091.711

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commodore Palmer

The attached document from General Mariotti indicates that the Navy is forming a Naval Brigade and requires certain military stores. Will you contact Admiral McGregor and see if he concurs in this requirement? If so, I shall have to ask Algiers for authority to divert these Army ordnance stores.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

1 Incl:
Ltr, Stato Maggiore Arty Section
No. 598, dated 4 Dec 43

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PROSPETTO PAGHE

<u>Sottocapi e Comuni di Liva</u>		Terra	Bordo
Comuni di 2 ^a cl.		1,40	1,60
" " 1 ^a cl.	.....	1,80	2,00
Sottocapi	.....	2,10	2,40
Sottocapi dal 1° al 4° anno di rafferma	.....	3,50	3,50
" " 5° al 6° " " "	.....	3,50	3,50
<u>Sottocapi e Comuni Volontari</u>			
Comuni di 2 ^a cl.	.....	2,10	2,10
" " 1 ^a " con un anno di classifica	.....	2,10	2,10
Con un anno di servizio dalla data di classifica a comune di 1 ^a classe	.....	3,50	3,50
Dopo 4 anni di classifica a comune di 1 ^a classe	.....	5,50	5,50
Sottocapi Brevettati che hanno ultimato la ferma di anni 2	.....	7,30	7,30
Con altri 4 anni di vincolo annuale a premio	.....	8,50	8,50
il tutto aumentato del 70%			
Sergenti	.....	10,28	10,28
aumentato del 70%			
<u>2° Capi Volontari</u>			
Paga iniziale	.....	13,90	13,90
Con più di 7 anni di servizio	.....	15,25	15,25
Con più di 9 anni di servizio	.....	16,70	16,70
Con più di 12 anni di servizio	.....	17,90	17,90
Con più di 15 anni di servizio	.....	19,30	19,30
<u>Marescialli</u>			
Stipendi mensili netti			
<u>Capi di 3^a classe</u>			
Iniziale	.....	469,00	469,00
Per 10 anni di servizio o 4 di grado	.....	485,00	485,00
Per 14 anni di servizio o 8 di grado	.....	515,00	515,00
Per 17 anni di servizio o 11 " grado	.....	560,00	560,00
<u>Capi di 2^a classe</u>			
Iniziale	.....	507,00	507,00
Con 14 anni di servizio o 4 di grado	.....	545,00	545,00
Con 17 anni di servizio o 7 di grado	.....	598,00	598,00
Con 19 anni di servizio o 9 di grado	.....	643,00	643,00
<u>Capi di 1^a classe</u>			
Iniziale	.....	590,00	590,00
Con 16 anni di servizio o 4 di grado	.....	651,00	651,00
Con 19 anni di servizio o 7 di grado	.....	719,00	719,00
Con 22 anni di servizio o 10 di grado	.....	787,00	787,00
Con 25 anni di servizio o 13 di grado	.....	848,00	848,00
Con 28 anni di servizio o 16 di grado		908,00	908,00
il tutto aumentato del 70%			

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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FROM CINC MED

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SECRET CYPHER

SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF ACC. ITALIAN CRUISERS EMPLOYED ON BIZERIA-NAPLES TROOP
 FERRY MAY BE USED TO EVACUATE REFUGEES REFERRED TO IN YOUR 29 1756, NOT TO ALL
 ADDRESSES, DISSEMBLING THEM AT PALERMO EN ROUTE TO BIZERIA.

REF: 29 1756 APPROX 750 REFUGEES TWICE WEEKLY

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FOTALI RPTD DIRECTOR SEA TRANSPORT NAPLES FOWIT
MMIA LECCE GOC SARDINIA

REQUEST I MAY BE INFORMED WHEN CAMPIGDOGLIO WILL BE AVAILABLE PAREN TO FOTALI
RPTD DIRECTOR SEA TRANSPORT NAPLES FOWIT MMIA LECCE GOC SARDINIA FROM FATIMA
REAR SIGNED MACF/RLANE PAREN FOR USE IN TRANSPORTING TROOPS FROM SARDINIA
 CMA AND WHEN SHE MAY BE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT CAGLIARI

AUTHENTICATED:

E. J. ChioCCA
 E. J. CHIOCCA
 CWO, USA
 Asst Adj

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MESSAGE /sk

9 FEB 1944

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SVC/RELAY NO. 104/69

M/C NO : 6/09

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: WM 392

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : 081551A Feb

FROM : AGS CITE AGS F73

REC'D : 090450A Feb

TO : PBS FOR INFO TO FLAMBO FIFTH ARMY DISTWO
FATIMA ACOMF AND FILPOT PASS TO MMIA

Ship mentioned in our AGS 72 Italian cruiser SCIPIONE AFRICANO is the name.

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10 FEB 1944

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SVC/RELAY NO. 907/09

M/C NO : 17/09

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: WM 465

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : 091556A Feb

FROM : FABLE SIGNED WEBSTER CITE AGS F78

REC'D : 101020A Feb

TO : PBS INFO FLAMEO FIFTH ARMY DISTWO FATIMA ACMP
PASS TO MMIA

Ship reference 2nd subject our AGS F7 Pompeomalna is the name.

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10 FEB 1944

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SVC/RELAY NO. 902/09

M/C NO : 3/10

CLASS: SECRET

REF NO: 463

PREC : PRIORITY

FILED : 091551A Feb

FROM : AGS SIGNED WEBSTER CITE AGS 77

REC'D : 101020A Feb

TO : PBS INFO FLAMBO FIFTH ARMY DISTWO FATIMA AGMF
FILPOT PASS TO MMIA

Cable AGS F72 this Headquarters 8 February is corrected as follows: Delete "9 Line Company 193 Serial Number 69, Priority List 7"; amend USA Casuals for 3rd Replacement Battalion to read 16; amend ETA Duko to read 10 of February. This refers to ship named in AGS F73. With object intend to load on ship named later for arrival Duko 11 February Italian personnel as follows: 9 Line Company 202 Serial Number 69, Priority List 7; Det of 33 Bersaglieri Battalion 300, Priority List 7.

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13 FEB 1944

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /sk 757

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M/C NO : 15/12

CLASS: NOT GIVEN

REF NO: None

PREC : IMPORTANT

FILED : 121530A FEB

FROM : NOTAL

REC'D : 130800A FEB

TO : MEDIA RPTD CINC MED FLAMBO FATIMA ACME

(100950)

I have no report from naval sources in support of para. 1 of your 100940.
 Action should be taken locally with naval authorities concerned. Your para. 2
 merchant ships of over 300 tons are under the control of MEDBO in any case
 CAMIDOCILID not considered suitable as she is slow and derricks limited to
 1½ tons.

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Dial 52904

Mr Ian Campbell
 9 Via del chiosso
 Naples

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15 FEB 1944

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PRIORITY

MIA FROM DUCHESNE

FOTALI RPTD CINC MED PATRICK AGNE FLAMBO
FOR FELLOW FABLE FOR SIMMONS

1) SARDINIA REPORTS ITALIAN CRUISERS INCLUDING MONTECUCOLI DETAILED TO TRANSPORT ITALIAN TROOPS TO ITALIAN MAINLAND DELAY THERE TURN ROUND AND STATE THEIR AVERSION FOR THE WORK. FORECASTED THAT NUMBERS SHIPPED WILL NOT BE UP TO PROGRAM REQUIRED FOR ALLIED ARMIES. REQUEST PRODDING ACTION ON ITALIAN CRUISER COMMANDERS TO HELP OWN SIDE WITH MORE RESULTS.

2) DISADVANTAGE OF USE OF WARSHIPS FOR TROOPS CARRYING THAT THEY CANNOT BRING VEHICLES SO UNITS ARRIVE UNEQUIPPED FOR WORK FOR WHICH THEY ARE DESTINED WITH ALLIED ARMIES. UNDERSTAND EX LINER CAMPIDoglio SAID TO BE EMPLOYED ON TRANSPORT OF SALT ON COASTS CALABRIA AND CAMPANIA UNTIL MID FEBRUARY MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. CAN THIS OR ANY OTHER SHIP BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORT ITALIAN TROOPS INCLUDING VEHICLES BETWEEN SARDINIA AND ITALIAN MAINLAND?

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Fatima Rear.

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Request I may be informed when CAMPIGDOGLIO will be available
for use in transporting troops from Sardinia and when she may be
expected to arrive at CARLIARI.

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