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INTERNAL SECURITY FILEHEADQUARTERS MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS

Med. 45/219/3/23

6th April, 1945

Permission for French to visit Leghorn - Salvage of French
refrigerated fish carrier "MINERVA"

No.	From	To	Date
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The attached signal from the
Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic &
Liaison Italy (Rome) T.O.O. 291711
is referred for information.

2. In the absence of detailed information of the intentions of the French officers referred to it is not possible to express an opinion whether their journey is really necessary.

3. "MINERVA" is a French refrigerated fish carrier, her hull is badly damaged but the engines are considered salvable and from this aspect it is considered desirable that the officers should visit the vessel if so desired.

(SIGNED) J.R.B. BATES

Commodore Administration

30th April, 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

AC/14022/1/PS

Tel: 478000

12 April 1945

SUBJECT : Permission to enter Italy.
Marcel SPIERS and Emile FRINGUET, French.

TO : C-5, A.F. H.Q.

1. Reference letter C-5 390.4-4 dated 23rd March, 1945.
Signal Forali Rome 201711A March
Signal C and C Med. 061406H April
Signal AFHQ (FICBI) FX 56931 - 8 April, 1945.
2. The necessary authority has been secured to issue Civilian Movement Passes to the above named to travel to Leghorn.
3. They can obtain the passes from this Sub-Commission on application in due course.

W. Wilson Chapin
for JOHN F. CHAPIN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub-Commission

WCE/jwf

Copy to:
Navy Sub-Commission. ✓

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NOTAL ROME:

(1) FORM: H O A C DEFORM: G.5. SECTION A F H O:
PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMISSION A.C.
DESCRIBED RESTRICTED.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMISSION ATTEND COMMISSION HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING
SIGNAL FROM S H A H P THROUGH G.5. SECTION A F H O. ITEMS....

RE USR PERMISSION FOR SPACES WAREL AND PERSONNEL LEAVE FROM FRANCE TO
TRAVEL FROM FRANCE TO BEAT ON DUTY FOR MINISTERE DE LA MARINE FOR
SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON TRAILER LINENNA AT LEHOREL. END.....

(2) G.5. SECTION A F H REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER JOURNEY IS
NECESSARY.

- 221711A MARCH. . .

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FOTALI ROME (R) FONAM. NOIC LEGHORN. G.5 SECT. AFHQ.

C IN C MED.

PUBLIC SAFETY SUB-COMMISSION A.C.

RESTRICTED.

REPLY BEING MADE DIRECT TO G 5 AFHQ. YOUR 291711.

061406 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10. (PERMISSION FOR 2 FRENCH PEOPLE TO TRAVEL TO ITALY FOR M. OF M.)

P.L.T.P. TOR 1851/6

7/4/45.

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PA with press please.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
AFO 512

3492 KPM/jjr

G-5: 300.4-4

23 March 1945

SUBJECT: Travel of SPIESS and FRIBOULET (Fr.) from France.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, AFO 394

1. The following is a paraphrase of a signal received from
SHAET: -

Request permission for SPIESS, Marcel and FRIBOULET,
Emile, both French, to travel from FRANCE to ITALY on
Ordre De Mission from Ministere De La Marine for salvage
operations on trawler "MINERVA" at LEGHORN.

2. It is requested that you inform this HQ whether or not you
consider this journey should be made.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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K. P. MANNOCK
Jr. Comdr.

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FONAM (R) C IN G MED. FONAM LEGHORN

NOIC LEGHORN.

FOTALLI ROME.

CONFIDENTIAL.

A.M.C. LIVORNO HAS BEEN ASKED FOR THEIR PERMISSION FOR SPIESS, MARCEL AND PRIBOULET, EMILE TO TRAVEL TO LEGHORN. FOR SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON TRAWLER MINERVA. NO SIGNAL SUBSEQUENT TO C IN G MESS 291741 A MARCH HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY NOIC LEGHORN. FROM THE NAVAL POINT OF VIEW THE HULL IS NOT WORTH SALVING BUT IT IS INTENDED TO SALVAGE THE ENGINES AND NO ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS.

111215 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

12/1/45.

P.L.T.P.

TOR 1655/11

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INCOMING MESSAGE

Originator's Reference: RX56931
Date/Time of Origin: APR 081541B

Message Centre No. D/7193
Date Time Rec'd APO 090850B

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM : AFHQ SIGNED ALEXANDER CITE FHGBI

TO : ACTION SHAEF MAIN FOR G2, INFOR AICOM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION

SECRET PD

FRIBOULET AND SPIESS OF YOUR S 84020 of 4 April APPROVED FOR PERMITS.

PLEASE INFORM ETA AND ARRIVAL PLACE SO ALLIED COMMISSION CAN ARRANGE PASSES
TO GO NORTH OF REAR ARMY CONTROL LINE .

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INFO-ACTION : P.Safety S/C
INFOR; A/President
Chief Commissioner
C.A. Sec
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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 334

Navy Sub-Commission

N30/2197 FILE

13 April 1945.

From: NavySub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Captaincy of Port - VIAREGGIO.

With reference to your letter 34 6227 dated 29th March 1945, your request has not been approved as the Port is still blocked and it is considered that Captaincy of Port services are not yet required.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.



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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION (R) FOTALI NOIC LEGHORN

FONAM.

RESTRICTED.

YOUR 031626 B APRIL. DO NOT CONSIDER CAPTAIN OF PORT REQUIRED YET AS PORT
IS STILL BLOCKED. NOIC LEGHORN IS ARRANGING FACILITIES FOR LOCAL FISHERMEN.

051207 B APRIL.

DJS. 3.9.10. (REF. OFFICERS AND RATINGS FOR VIAREGGIO)

P.L.T.P. TOR 1818/5

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FORAM (R) POTALE NOIC LAGHORN

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION.

RESTRICTED.

MINISTRY OF MARINE STATE THAT WITH APPROVAL OF LOCAL ALLIED AUTHORITY CAPTAINCY
OF PORT SERVICES HAVE BEEN RESTARTED AT VIAREGGIO AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO
SEND FORWARD TWO OFFICERS AND ELEVEN RATINGS.

031626 B APRIL.

DIS. 3.9.10.

P.L.T.P. TOD 1733/3

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.H.Q.
Date: 29.3.45
Ref.: SM.6227

Subject: Captaincy of the Port at Viareggio.

With local Allied Authorities approval, the services of the Captaincy of the Port at Viareggio are being reorganized.

The renewal of said services has produced a considerable influx of public to the Captaincy and therefore it has become necessary to send sufficient personnel there to cope with the work.

You are requested to give your approval to this Maristat to send up 20 Officers, 3 Petty Officers and 8 Seamen to Viareggio Captaincy.

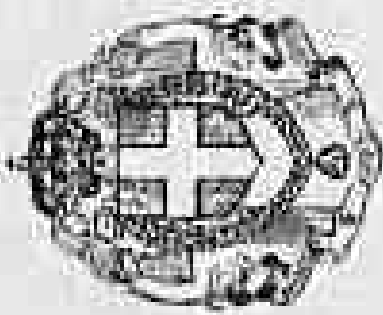
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Pluto. Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Off. P.M.1

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 4446 6227 Allegato

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All Chief, Navy and Commission

A.C.

ARGOMENTO: Capitaneria di porto di Viareggio.

Con il nulla osta della Autorità alleate io-
cui è stato iniziato il riordinamento dei servizi
della Capitaneria di porto di Viareggio.

La ripresa di tali servizi ha provocato un
notevole afflusso di pubblico presso la Capitaneria
stessa e pertanto si è riscontrata la necessità di,
sviluppare cioè il personale necessario per il regolare
funzionamento di detta Capitaneria.

Si prega comunicare se vi è nulla in contrario
da parte di questa sotto commissione e che questo Sta-
to Maggiore disponga per l'invio alla Capitaneria di
Porto di Viareggio di 2 ufficiali, 3 sottufficiali ed
3 marinai.

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IL DIRETTORE DI STATO NAZIONALE

J. A. C. C. C.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

WSC/2168.
18th April, 1945.

FILE

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

Subject : Release of Carbide and Oxygen for Salvage and Work on Italian Ship "ANTILOPE".

With reference to the Ministry's letter No. SM/4421 of 6th March, 1945, enquiries have been made which reveal that the firm OMERO-TENSI-ORLANDO are not at present in a position to undertake work involving burning.

2. The extent to which stripping could be undertaken was stated in Navy Sub-Commission Letter No. 1378 of the 22nd December, 1944, and it is regretted that, owing to the acute shortage of skilled labour, burning equipment and the necessary gases, approval cannot be given for OMERO-TENSI-ORLANDO to proceed with any work on the "ANTILOPE" involving the employment of such resources.



H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Captain, U. S. Navy,
for
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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RELEASE OF CARBIDE AND OXYGEN

(Rear Admiral, Chief, Navy Sub Commission's letter No. NSC/2026
dated 3rd April, 1945.)

II.

No. 145/48/3.
Rear Admiral,
Chief, Navy Sub Commission.

Copies of correspondence relating to the application
to strip "ANTILLOPE" are forwarded as requested.

R. M. O. Mackay

Leghorn.
9th April, 1945.

CAPTAIN.
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

W. H. F. 101

Re: no. 145/48/3

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VI.
(Enclosure to Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn's Minute II
No. 145/48/3 dated 9th April, 1945.)

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/1197
20 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission
To: Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn.

Subject: Salvage of Corvette ANTILOPE's Engines.

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine 1 tr SM/21028 dated
16th November, 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for comment and if possible for approval of the Ministry of Marine's request that the O.T.C. Company at LEGHORN be permitted to salvage Corvette ANTILOPE's engines and machinery.

Sgd....H. W. ZIROLI
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
For Chief, Navy Sub Commission, A.C.

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(Enclosure to Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn's Minute
No. 115/48/3 dated 9th April, 1945.)

From: I.R.N. Staff Office

To: F.O.L.I., Rome.

Date: 16.11.44.

Ref: 34/24028.

Subject: Salvage of Corvette ANTILOPE's Engines.

1. On the slipway at the O.T.O. Yard, Leghorn Corv. ANTILOPE lies half sunk; but her Engine Room is not flooded and she is therefore in a particularly favourable position for the salvaging of her Diesel engines and auxiliary machinery.

2. As the Salvage Section at Leghorn is unable to carry out salvage with the gear available, we shall be glad if you will ask Allied Authorities at Leghorn to give their approval for the O.T.O. Company at Leghorn to be entrusted with this job, which is especially important due to the present paucity of spare parts necessary for maintenance of Units in service.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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copy.
(Enclosure to Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn's Minute
No. 48/3 dated 9th April, 1945.)

Office of Naval Officer in Charge,
LEGHORN.

15th December, 1944.

No. 134/26.
Navy Sub Commission Headquarters,
Allied Commission.

SALVAGE OF CORVETTE "ANTILOPE"'s ENGINES.

With reference to your letter NSC/1197 dated 20th November, 1944, there is no objection to O.T.O. Leghorn undertaking the stripping of readily accessible machinery. Considerable burning is involved for the removal of the main machinery which cannot be undertaken owing to shortage of equipment.

Sgd.: R. McQ. MACKENZIE.
CAPTAIN.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

WEC/ 2026
3rd April, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : The Naval Officer in Charge, Loughorn.

Subject: Release of Carbide and Oxygen.

It is requested that copies of the correspondence relating to the application to strip "ANTIOPS" referred to in paragraph 2(a) of your letter No. 145/48/1 of the 25th March, 1945, may be forwarded in order that a suitable reply quoting the original application and the conditions then agreed on the proposal, may be sent to the Ministry.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.



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Office of the Naval Officer in Charge,
LEGHORN.

25th March, 1945.

No. 145/48/1.

Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

RELEASE OF CARBIDE AND OXYGEN

With reference to your letter NSC/1861 of 16th March, 1945, the following is the position regarding work on "ANTILOPE" at Leghorn.

2. (a) A request that the corvette might be stripped was received some months ago. It was agreed to do this, provided the firm of Odero-Terni-Orlando had no more urgent operational commitments, but, pointed out that any stripping requiring burning could not be done, owing to the acute shortage of burning gear which is required to be conserved. Certain parts were subsequently removed and the matter was considered closed.

(b) The requirements stated in your letter indicate that the Ministry of Marine are again asking for stripping by burning and while there is no change in the supply of burning gear, it is desired that the Ministry be reminded that the firm of Odero-Terni-Orlando is not in the position to act as a private firm and that all skilled labour is being directly employed by the Royal Navy.

3. Operational commitments of the Royal Navy at Leghorn are such that there is no prospect of an undertaking such as this being carried out for some time.

R. M. O. MacKinnon
CAPTAIN.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission AFO 394

HSC/1861
16th March, 1945.

From: Navy Sub Commission, Ho. Allied Commission.
To : The Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn.

Subject: Release of Carbide and Oxygen.

The Ministry of Marine state that 600 M3 (cubic metres) of Oxygen are required for the purpose of salvage work on "ARTIOPPE" now being undertaken for the Ministry by the C.F.C. Company at Leghorn.

2. Information is requested as to whether this requirement can be met from base stocks at Leghorn. An allocation of calcium carbide for the same purpose is being arranged in Rome.



REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

20 MAR 1945

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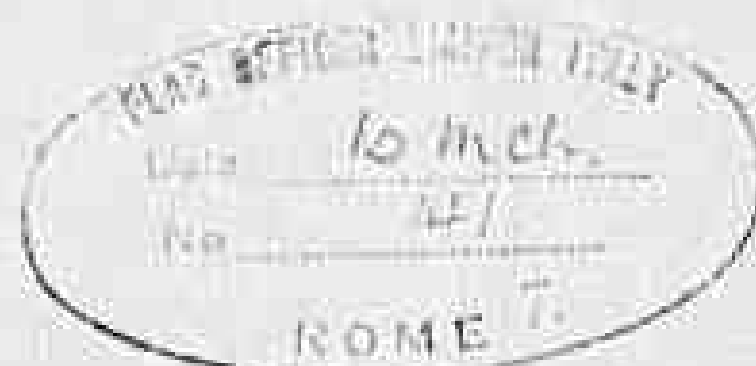
From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 6.3.45
Ref.: SM.4421

Subject: Release of Carbide and Oxygen.

In view of the serious shortage of spare parts for Corvettes at present in service, I.R.N. has entrusted salvage works to the O.T.O. C^o. at Leghorn to recover ex-Corvette ANTILOPE, which is in a half-sunken condition, so as to utilize her for spares.

To carry out this work, C^o. in question requires 2000 Kgs. of calcium carbide and 600 M3 of oxygen.

Request you kindly arrange allocation of the above.



for CHIEF OF CABINET

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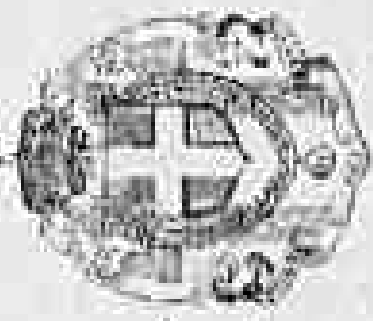
10th March, 1945

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[Signature] REAR ADMIRAL.

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. *M* C.R.A.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Post. N. 7. *km 0.1. Allegati*

Roma, 5.3. 1942

M. F.O.L.I. ROMA

ARGOMENTO: Sblocco di carburo ed ossigeno.

In considerazione della grave penuria di pezzi di ri-
spetto per le Corvette attualmente in servizio, la R. Marina
ha affidato alla Ditta O.T.O. di Livorno i lavori di ricupero
della ex Corvetta ANTILOPE, semiaffondata in quella sede, in
modo da utilizzare come rispetti i materiali recuperati.

Per eseguire tale lavoro la Ditta ha bisogno di Kg. 2.000
di carburo di calcio e di m³ 600 di ossigeno.

Si pregherebbe voler disporre per l'assegnazione delle
materie suddette.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

[Signature] 3002

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

WGC/1378
22 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - HOME.
Subject: Salvage of Corvette ANTILOPE's Engines.

1. In answer to Ministry of Marine letter SM/21028 of 16 November, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, LEGHORN, has stated that there is no objection to the O.T.O. Company, LEGHORN, undertaking the stripping of readily accessible machinery in the ANTILOPE. However, considerable burning is required for the removal of the main machinery which cannot be undertaken owing to shortage of equipment.

H. W. ZEROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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Office of Naval Officer in Charge,
LEGHORN.

15th December, 1944.

No. 134/26.
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

SALVAGE OF CORVETTE "ANTILOPE"'S ENGINES.

With reference to your letter No. NSC/1197 dated 20th November, 1944, there is no objection to O.T.O. Leghorn, undertaking the stripping of readily accessible machinery. Considerable burning is involved for the removal of the main machinery which cannot be undertaken owing to shortage of equipment.

R. M. O. Mackenzie

CAPTAIN.
ROYAL NAVY.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

MSC/1197
20 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Naval Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn.
Subject: Salvage of Corvette ANTILOPE's Engines.
Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine ltr SM/24028 dated 16 November 1944.

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H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A. C.

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From: I.R.N. Staff Office
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 16.11.44
Ref.: SM/24028.

Subject: Salvage of Corvette ANTILOPE's Engines.

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For CHIEF OF STAFF

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Roma. 16 Novembre 1944 A=

F.O.I.I.

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

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LA BIBLIOTECA DI FERRAFINO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prof. N. S. P. M. / No. 28, Millgate

ARGOMENTO: Ricupero macchinari Corvetta INTITOLO: -

I. - A Livorno sullo scalo di alaggio del Cantiere O.T.O. trovasi semiaffondata la Corvetta ANTILOPE, con i locali motori non allagati e perciò in particolari favorevoli condizioni per effettuare il ricupero dei motori termici e dei relativi macchinari ausiliari.

2. - Non essendo possibile alla Sezione Ricuperi di Livorno eseguire con i propri mezzi il lavoro suddetto, si pregherebbe interessare le Autorità Alleate di Livorno a concedere il nulla osta perché venga affidato alla Ditta O.T.O. di Livorno tale ricupero che riveste particolare importanza data la scarsità dei pezzi di rispetto attualmente esistenti ed indispensabili per mantenere la efficienza delle Unità in servizio.

IL CLPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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FROM..... FLEET SALVAGE OFFICER, MEDITERRANEAN,
Offices of the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, A.P.H.Q.

DATE..... MARCH 24th, 1945.

Ref: 4013/6/B

TO TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION, H.Q. ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394

SALVAGE OF NON-OPERATIONAL AND PRIZE CRAFT

With reference to your No.AC/526/Tn.3 of 15th March.

1. The Salvage Committee that has been formed deals only with British and Allied Vessels and Prizes of War.
2. If the barges and pontoons mentioned in your para 2 are Italian Craft they should be referred to the Italian Ministry of Marine, who I understand have a Colonel Gazzo in charge of this work.
3. There is no reason therefore, why you should not accept local offers for Salvage work, subject to para 2 above.
4. There can be no question of recompensation in the event of the craft being requisitioned by the Allies, and to obviate this point arising each salvage job should be treated as a specific self-contained job.

CAPTAIN R.N.V.R.

Copy to : Navy S/C.
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D.O.H.Q. c/o
complete Committee

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

AC/326/TM.3

15 March 1945

SUBJECT: Salvage of Non-Operational and Prize Craft.

TO : Fleet Salvage Officer A.F.H.Q.

1; Reference C in C Med's letter No. Med/41/213/2/2 dated 7th March advising the formation of a Salvage Committee.

2. This Commission is at present receiving from various Italian Shipping Companies offers to salvage barges and pontoons, which when seaworthy would be extremely useful craft for work under our control.

3. It would be appreciated if an early ruling could be given if these local offers for salvage work may be accepted, and if so whether a promise of recompensation can be made to these firms should at a later date, the craft which they have salvaged be requisitioned by the Allies.

FOR THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

M.B. THOMAS

Colonel

Deputy Director

TRANSPORTATION S/C

Copies to:
Shipping Sub-Commission
Ports & Warehouse Division
Navy Sub-Commission ✓

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Dott. ALDO ACCORONA
STUDIO COMMERCIALE MARITTIMO
VIA MATTEO SCHILIZZI, 16
NAPOLI
Ref. N° 122.

March 28th, 1945.

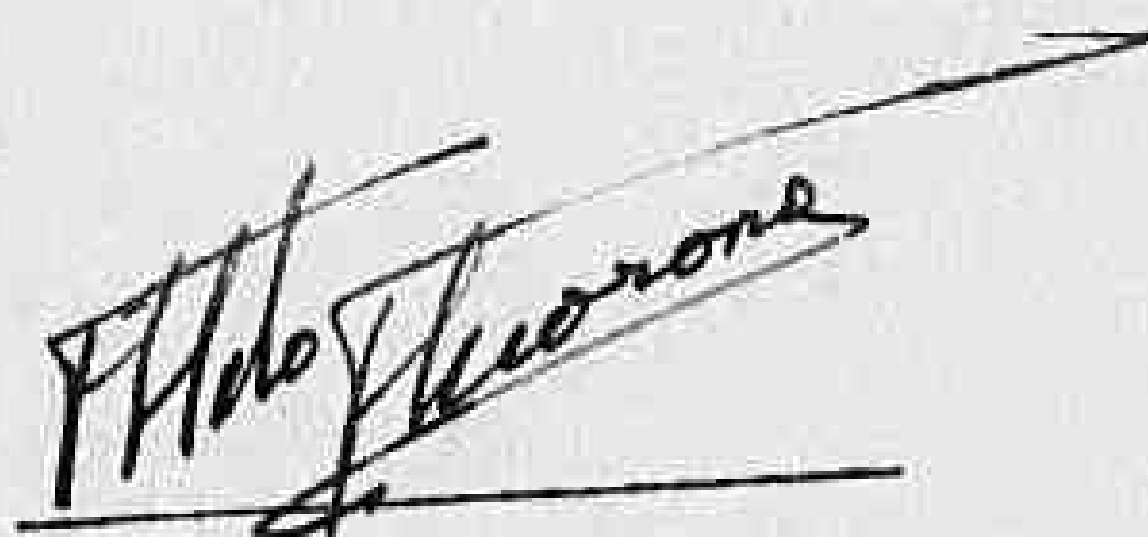
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, APO 394

Attention: Commodore U.S.N. Zirolì.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter NCS/1805 dated 23rd March 1945 in reply to my letter of February 5th, 1945 in which I expressed the desire to purchase salvable U.S. Navy Landing Crafts which are sunk along the Italian coast.

I also want to thank you for the information you have kindly furnished me, which will enable me to file the proper application as soon as I have collected the data requested.

I remain very truly yours


Aldo Accorona

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Navy Sub-Commission

AFV 374

RSC/1980
30 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Economic Section, Hq. AC.
Subject: U.S. Landing Craft - Salvage of.

1. With reference to enclosures and offer to purchase salvable U.S. landing craft which are sunk along the Italian Coast, it is the policy of the United States Navy to strip damaged craft of all useable parts and offer the bulk for sale when it is not in the interest of the Navy to salvage it.

2. It is necessary for the interested purchaser to furnish sufficient data to completely identify each craft, the United States mark or number, and the exact location.

3. The Italian Ministry of Marine has cognizance over Italian salvage facilities and it is essential that correspondence should pass via the Ministry.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

ESG/1805
13 March 1945

Port. ALDO ACCORONA
Studio Commerciale Marittimo
Via Matteo Schilizzi, 16
Naples.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgement is made of your letter 5 February 1945, in which you expressed a desire to purchase salvable U.S. Navy landing craft which are sunk along the Italian coast.

It is the policy of the United States Navy to strip damaged craft of all useable items and offer the hulk for sale when it is not to the interest of the Navy to salvage it. Such sale would normally be in the form of a sealed bid sale, with award to the highest satisfactory bidder.

Prior to offering landing craft for sale, it is necessary that you furnish sufficient data to completely identify each craft, the United States Navy mark or number, and the location of each one that you desire to purchase. Upon receipt of such information further action will be taken by this office.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Italian Ministry of Marine in Rome as that office has cognizance over Italian salvage facilities. It is requested that you forward any future correspondence on this matter via the Ministry of Marine.



H. W. KIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

Copy to:
Ministry of Marine.

14 MAR 1945

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File No.
QS15

UNITED STATES EIGHTH FLEET

Serial: 1353

5 MAR 1945

From: Commander United States EIGHTH Fleet.
To: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.
Subject: Italian Offer to Purchase Damaged United States Navy Landing Craft.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub Com ltr NSC/1653 dated 13 February 1945.

1. In reply to reference (a) you are advised that it is the policy of the United States Navy to strip damaged craft of all useable items and to offer the hulk for sale when it is not to the interest of the Navy to salvage it. Such sale would normally be in the form of sealed bid sale, with award to the highest satisfactory bidder, taking into account any recommendations by the Sales Officer.

2. Prior to offering the Landing Craft mentioned in reference (a) for sale it is necessary that this command be furnished sufficient data to completely identify each craft, the United States Navy mark or number, and the location of each.

3. Upon receipt from you of the information outlined in paragraph 2, clearance with the Italian Government or Navy will be requested through diplomatic channels and you will be advised accordingly.

Spencer S. Lewis
SPENCER S. LEWIS
CHIEF OF STAFF

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1653
13 February 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander United States EIGHTH Fleet.
Subject: Italian Offer to Purchase Damaged U.S. Navy
Landing Craft.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Dott. AINO ACCORONA ltr No. 622 dated 5
February 1945.

1. Enclosure (A), which is forwarded herewith contains an offer by an Italian individual, Dott. AINO ACCORONA, Via Matteo Schilizzi 16, Naples, to purchase salvable U.S. Navy landing craft which have been sunk along the Italian coast.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be notified of the policy of Commander U.S. EIGHTH Fleet in regard to the sale of salvable U.S. Navy landing craft to Italian individuals and firms in order that appropriate reply may be made to the request from Dott. ACCORONA.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.



18 FEB 1945

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Dott. ALDO ACCORONA
Studio Commerciale Marittimo
Via Matteo Schilizzi, 16
NAPOLI

February, 5th 1945

Filo No. 022

To: NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED COMMISSION
Via Vittorio Veneto
R O M A

(Att. Commodore Zirolli)

REQUEST TO PURCHASE DAMAGED LANDING CRAFTS.

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Our organisation together with the cooperation of associated firms dealing with salvage and repairs, and with unlimited financial possibilities will enable us to salvage and repair crafts within a reasonable period of time.

We feel that in such a way a large contribute in relieving the ever pressing request of tonnage for transportation should be obtained, and in the eventuality, that we want to discard, that the war is not over yet, a contribute to the war effort could be added.

We are prepared to submit a bid to the proper Authority as it will be indicated.

Full bank reference can be furnished upon request.

Your kind reply will be greatly appreciated.

very truly yours,

/s/ (Dott. Aldo Accorona)

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F I L E

Dott. ALDO ACCORONA
STUDIO COMMERCIALE MARITTIMO
VIA MATTEO SCHILIZZI, 16
NAPOLI

February, 5th 1945.

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Aldo Accorona
(Dott. Aldo Accorona)

NAVAL MESSAGE

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TO:

TOTALI ROME (R) VAM. NOIC MESSINA FROM:

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SNOESY TOTALI
RESTRICTED.

APPROVED YOUR 161006 ON THE ASSUMPTION CRAFT WAS SALVAGED
BY THE ITALIAN NAVY.

2. COST OF SALVAGE REPAIR SHOULD BE BORNE BY ITALIAN
GOVERNMENT.

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(REG. ITALIAN LIGHTER G.R.117 SALVAGED MESSINA)

DIS. 3.6.9.10.

P.L.T.P.

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NAVAL MESSAGETo: **FOHAM (B) NOIC LEGHORN.**

From:

S. 13208.
Established May 1940
Revised January 1942
NAVY SUB COMMISSION.**RESTRICTED. DEFERRED.****YOUR 191019A AND NOIC LEGHORN'S 171548.****FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION, A.C. STATES THAT MATTER OF PAYMENT FOR REPAIRS
TO LIGHT INSTALLATIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO PROVINCIAL FINANCE OFFICER,
LIVORNO PROVINCE, LEGHORN.**

-241043A-

REF. REPAIRS TO LIGHT INSTALLATIONS ON PIANOSA AND PEGLIAIO ISLANDS.**DIST. 9, 10.****T.P.****P.L.****T.O.D. 1215.****24/2/45.**

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub - Commission

NSC/1890

21 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: IAW Officer for Pisa and Viareggio.

1. With further reference to your letter SM 4257 dated 3rd March, careful consideration has been given to your request and it is regretted that approval cannot be given at the present time.

2. The particular duty of salvaging and safeguarding captured materials in the Pisa-Viareggio area, it is felt, can be best carried out by officers already attached to the I.R.N. Centre, Leghorn who are in contact with Allied Authorities in that area, and who operate in close liaison with Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean and Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AO.

cc: FONAM
NOIC, Leghorn
(with copy of M of M ltr.
SM 4257 of 3/3/45)



22 MAR 1945

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.H.Q.
Date: 17.3.45
Ref.: SM.5281

Subject: I.R.N. Officers for Pisa and Viareggio.

Ref. you NSC/1778 of 9th inst.

Officers appointed or attached to
I.R.N. Centre Leghorn are the following: -

- C.F.	RAVERA	I/C. Centre
- T.V.	MORELLI	Assistant
- S.T. CREM	FORESI	Assistant
- T. G.N.	CAMMAROTTA	Assistant
- Cap.Comm.	MARESCA	Administration of the Centre
- C.C.	FERRAU	Liaison with N.O.I.C.
- Ten.Col.G.N.	ZAMPETTI	N.Engs'. Office
à Cap. Porto	GARGIULO	Officer attached to British Office for Fishing Organization.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

DG/P.

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17 MAR 1945

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Roma.

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

M Navy Sub-Commission

Headquarters, Allied Commission

Reg. M.D.S. 244 P.M.1

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 5281 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Ufficiali R. Marina per Pisa e Viareggio.

Riferimento al foglio NSC/1778 in data

9 marzo 1945.

Gli Ufficiali designati o in forza amministrativamente presso il Centro R. Marina di Livorno sono i seguenti:

- U.F. RAVERA	Comandante Centro
- M.7. MORILLI	Addetto
- S.2. CREM. FORMISI	Addetto
- T. G.N. CAMMAROTTA	Addetto
- Cap. Coma. MARSCA	Amministrazione Centro
- C.C. FERRARI	Colleg. coi M.D.I.C.
- Tec. Col. G.N. LAMBERTI	Ufficio Tecnico G.N.
- Cap. Porto GARGIULO	Ufficiale addetto all'Ufficio Brit. per organizzazione pesca.

NEL LAGO S. LAURO MAGGIORE



HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

HSC/1778
9 March 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: IRN Officer for Pisa and Viareggio.

1. With reference to your letter SM.4257 dated 3rd March 1945, it is requested that you furnish a complete list of the officers attached to the Navy Centre at Leghorn, as it is presumed that an officer appointed for the Pisa Viareggio area would be attached to that Centre.

(Signed) H. W. ZIROLI

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



9 MAR 1945

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 3.3.45
Ref.: SM.4257

Subject: I.R.N. Officer for Pisa and Viareggio.

The Italian Army and Air Force for some time have had Officers stationed in the above area for the recovery of materials belonging to them.

I.R.N. also has numerous materials thereabouts which are continuously being dispersed and handled due to lack of a proper control there.

We request, therefore, that you recognize Capt. BERTELLI, Fortunato as I.R.N. representative in the Pisa-Viareggio area, with the particular duty of salvaging and safeguarding I.R.N. materials to be found there.

Has a residence in that area.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

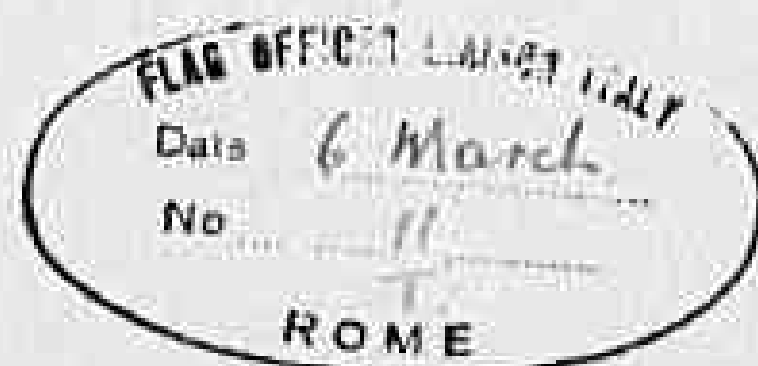
7th March, 1945

FROM: F.O.L.I. - ROME
TO : NAVY SUB- COMMISSION, ROME

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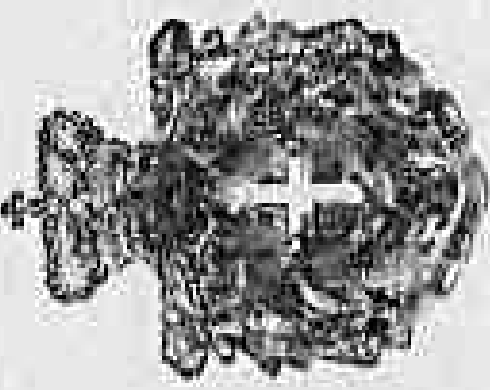
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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

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Roma, 13 MAR. 1945
Marzo 1945 19 A

M. F. O. I. I.

ROMA

ARGOMENTO. Ufficiale della R. Marina a Pisa e Viareggio.-

Gia da tempo ufficiali del R. Esercito e della R. Aeronautica si trovano nella zona di Pisa e Viareggio per recupero di materiali di proprietà delle amministrazioni militari italiane.

Anche la R. Marina ha numeroso materiale depositato in tali zone, che é sottoposto a continue dispersioni e manomissioni per mancanza di adeguato controllo.

Si prega pertanto voler riconoscere il C. V. BERTELLI Fortunato quale rappresentante della R. Marina nella zona di Pisa e Viareggio, con il particolare compito di recuperare e salvaguardare le proprietà della R. Marina in tali zone.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
Accorru

Leg. 25/10/93

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Sanctus 8/11/93

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d

Established - Mar. 1930
Revised - January 1932

To:

From:

C IN C MED. (R) VAM. SNOESY POTALLI

POTALLI ROME.

NOIC MESSINA

RESTRICTED.

MINISTRY OF MARINE REQUEST ITALIAN LIGHTER G.R. 117 SALVAGED MESSINA
WHEN RECONDITIONED BE HANDLED OVER TO ITALIAN R.N. COMMAND MESSINA
AND MANNED BY ITALIAN R.N. PERSONNEL. SHE WILL THEN BE PLACED
AT THE DISPOSAL OF ALLIED AUTHORITIES.

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DIN: 3.6.9.10.

P.L.T.P. TOD 16/1030

16/2/45

in 4982¹⁹

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WT 11/24/1945 11.00AM 12/15 1.15 11.00AM

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1370d.

Established—July 1955
Revised—January 1957

TO:

AMCIC NAPLES (R) C. IN C. MED. FORAM

FROM:

FOTALLI ROME.

TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMM.

RESTRICTED.

DEFERRED.

TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION A.C. INFORMS NAVY SUB COMMISSION THAT EARLY
REMOVAL SUNKEN SHIP OFF PIER WAREHOUSE 676. CIRCO WHARF NAPLES IS HIGHLY
DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO INCREASE USE OF PIER AND REQUESTS SALVAGE WORK BE
INSTITUTED TO RENDER PIER FULLY SERVICABLE.

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DIST. 3,4,9,10.

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P.L.

T.O.D. 1315.

14/2/45.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel: 454
Our Ref: AC/541/110/Tn.3.

8 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Removal of derelict-Naples

TO : Naval Sub-Commission

1. Several requests have been made both by phone and letter to the 8th Port Engineers, requesting that the sunken ship off the end of the pier at Warehouse 676 (Cirio Wharf) be removed. (Warehouse 676 is outside the Port Area about a quarter mile south of Gate No.7.)
2. The first request was made in November last by letter, but apparently no action has been taken other than a preliminary Survey.
3. The use of the pier could be greatly enhanced by the removal of this sunken ship which was dumped into its present location almost a year ago by a salvaging crew.
4. Can this matter be taken up by you please?

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1628
6 February 1945

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION

Subject: Italian S.S. "POLCEVERO".

1. With reference to your enquiry EWS/4fe dated 5 January 1945, information has now been received that the above named vessel was sunk in the Aegean in 180 fathoms and salvage is considered impossible.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.



7 FEB 1945

IRN-19

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

EWS/dfe

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

5 January 1945

Naval Subcommittee:

Can you give me any information as to the location of the sinking of the Italian Steamer POLCEVERO, 4000 tons, on the 27th of December, 1943. The owners would like to undertake salvage operations if at all practicable.

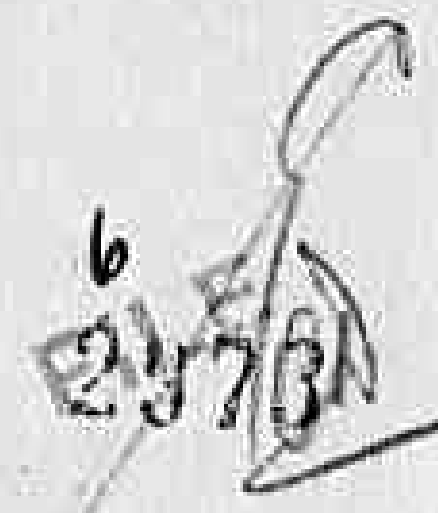


ELLIOT W. STONE
Rear Admiral
Chief Commissioner

POLCEVERO -

EGCO

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S. 1320d

Published—May, 1920
 Revised—January, 1929

P.O.E. 24.

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LOCAL INFORMATION CONFIRMS ITALIAN S.S. FOLIGNO 2609 GRT SUNK ON
THE 27TH NOV. 1943 IN POSITION 37 DEGS. 48 MINS 20 SECS NORTH
26 DEGS 35 MINS 20 SECS. EAST IN 180 FATHOMS VESSEL WAS EMPTY AND
SANK 15 TO 30 MINS AFTER LEAVING KARLOVASSI HARBOUR SALVAGE
CONSIDERED IMPOSSIBLE. YOUR 451753 REFERS.

901 20723

REF. MINISTRY OF MARINE REQUESTS INFORMATION OF I.S. POLICEVER.

DEB. 3, 9, 10, 12.

P.L.T.P.

TOR 30/2134

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Will you write this one please

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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Established - May, 1980
Discontinued - January, 1981

F.O.L.E.M.

F.O.T.A.L.I. ROME.

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REQUEST EARLY REPLY TO NY 151753.

271653A.

RE ITALIAN S.S. POLICEVERO'S WHEREABOUTS AND POSSIBILITY OF SALVAGE.

DIST. 3,9,10,12. 6.

P.L.T.P.

T.O.B 1800

DATE 27-1-45.

PA with for memo.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

(Established - May, 1936)
(Revised - January, 1937)

To:

From:

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RESERVED. DEFERRED.

MINISTRY OF MARINE ENGINEERING FOLLOWING INFORMATION OF ITALIAN CRAFTSMAN
POLIGNA 4, 60: THIS CRAFTSMAN TO HAVE BEEN BORN IN ANZAN 27TH DECEMBER
1905.

(A) LOCATION OF CRAFTSMAN.

(B) POSSESSION OF CRAFTSMAN.

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BY: 3, 4, 9, 0, 18.

P. L. P. A.

P. L. P. A.

DATE: 16-4-35. 2375

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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XSO/1585
30 January 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Transportation Sub-Commission, Hq. A.C.
Subject: Salvage Work at CIVITAVECCHIA.

1. Reference your AC/543/92/Tn.3 dated 25 January 1945, enclosing copy of letter G-4 (Mov & Tn) COL3/45/OPM of 20 January 1945.
2. The Ministry of Marine have sent to CIVITAVECCHIA a salvage expert, Captain (Genio Navale) GULINO, Sante, together with two divers. An Office has been opened at the Comando Marina, CIVITAVECCHIA and will supervise all salvage work in ports of Iasio.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

Copy to:
D.C.M.C. (Mov & Tn) AFHQ.
Shipping SC.AC.



2 FEB 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

Tel: 470701
Our Ref: AO/543/92/En.3.
25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Salvage Work at Civitavecchia
TO : Navy Sub-Commission

Herewith copy of a letter reference COL/3/45/GDM
dated 20 January 1945.

Will you be good enough to take action in accordance
with the last paragraph of the letter.

TO : Allied Commission G-4 (Nav & En) COL/3/45/GDM
En. Sub. Comm. Rome. 20 Jan. '45.
Tel: FREEDOM 302.

1. Reference the Minutes of a meeting held at your HQ.
on Sunday, 7 Jan. respecting a development and reconstruction
of the Port of Civitavecchia.
2. An extract from a letter received from C in C MED in
reply to a request for a Naval Salvage Officer to visit Civitavecchia
is given herewith.

"As all Royal Naval Salvage resources and personnel are
fully occupied with operational salvage and port clearance work,
it is impracticable for a Royal Naval Salvage Officer to be sent
to Civitavecchia as requested.

Civitavecchia, being a non-operational port, is an
Italian commitment.

The Italian Council of Ministers, has however, appointed
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It is suggested therefore that you refer the matter to the Allied Commission and invite them to arrange through the Italian Ministry of Marine, for the appointment of a suitable salvage expert to supervise the work at Civitavecchia.

signed: V.KING, Major,
for Brigadier
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn)

Copy to: Shipping S/C

Merritt H. Taylor
MERRITT H. TAYLOR
Director

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Wt 37345, D5713, 15, 12/43, E.114, 51-7300

POWELL ROME

NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 13204.
C. 3H C. MED.

To

From

CONFIDENTIAL

INCHON VESSEL IS NOT SUITABLE FOR WORK OF THIS NATURE
YOUR 161751.

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REF. MINISTRY OF MARINE REQUESTS M.V. EMPIRE LORENZO TO SALVAGE
TUG MARIA CIGRETTI.

DIST. 3,6,9,10,12.

T.P.

P.L.

T.O.R.0033.

20/4/65 2372

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1455
6 January 1945.

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

Subject: Salvage of Italian Navy Craft in Harbors of Elba.

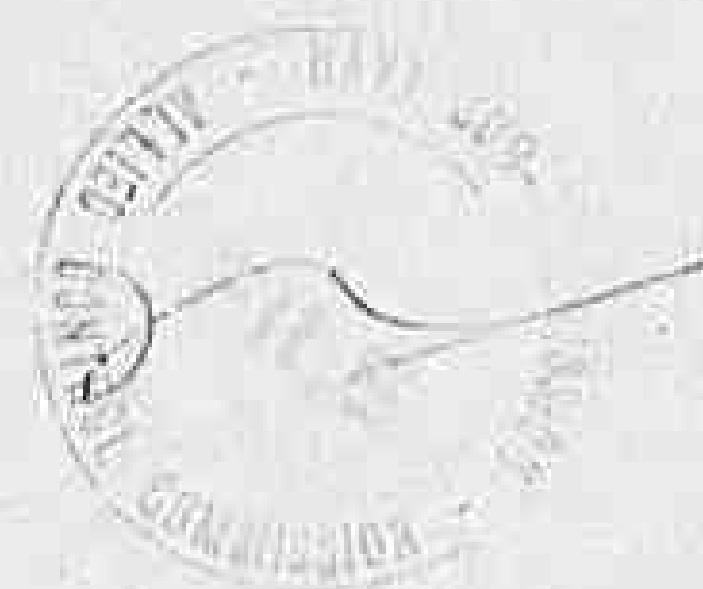
1. Reference is made to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1322 of 12 December which informed the Ministry of Marine that approval had been received from Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean for the Ministry of Marine to salvage Italian Navy craft in the harbors of Elba.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission now has been directed by Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean to inform the Ministry of Marine that the approval granted for salvaging craft in the harbors of the Island of Elba in no way infers that it is safe to embark on any such operations whether on account of mine danger or other hazard.

3. Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean has directed that prior to proceeding with salvage operations at Elba the operations should be staged from Piombino and made subject to the concurrence of the Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn.

H. B. WIRCH I,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

CC: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
FOUR.
MOIC, Leghorn



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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
26th December, 1944.

Med. 45/219/3/6
THE FLAG OFFICER, LIAISON, ITALY (ROME)

(Copies to:-
The Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean
The Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn)

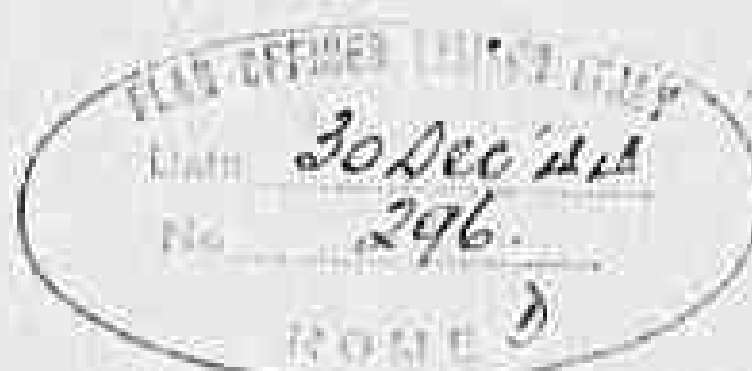
ITALIAN SALVAGE AT ELBA

With reference to Med. 45/219/3/6 dated 6th December, 1944, wherein it was approved to treat the harbours in the island of Elba as non-operational for the purpose of Mediterranean Temporary Memorandum 211, paragraph 11, it should be made clear to the Italian Minister of Marine that such approval in no way infers that it is safe to embark on any such operations, whether on account of mine danger or other hazard.

2. Should it be decided to proceed with salvage operations at Elba they should be staged from Piombino and made subject to the concurrence of the Naval Officer in Charge, Leghorn.

J.W. Hames

For ADMIRAL



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Italian Naval Liaison
Officer(Sv)

Allied Commission
Naval Sub-Commission

9 dic. 1944

Arg. Richiesta permesso

Il Com. Gianturco Leone fa parte della Società
Ricupero Navi S.I.C.A.M. in qualità di Diret-
tore Tecnico, che lavora alle dipendenze di ques-
to Ufficio per i recuperi di carattere operativo
diretti dal Royal Navy Fleet Salvage Dept.
Si prega codesta Autorità di voler rilasciare
al suddetto Signore un permesso per potersi re-
care a Livorno e Viareggio ove la Ditta ha at-
tualmente lavori in corso.

Il T.Colonnello del G.N.

Italian Naval Liaison Officer(Sv)

(Franco Spinelli)

Gianturco
361076
361139

20/12/45
Permanent Port Pass

Franco Spinelli

File Salvage

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1322
12 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Salvage of Italian Navy Craft in Harbors of ELBA.

1. In answer to Ministry of Marine letter SM/24108 of 17 November 1944, the Navy Sub-Commission has received approval from Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, for the Ministry of Marine to salvage Italian Navy craft in the harbors of ELBA as is deemed appropriate.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1194
20 November, 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Salvage of IRN Vessels in Harbors of ELBA.

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2. It is requested that necessary approval be given for the Italian Navy to salve such craft in the harbors of ELBA as is deemed appropriate.

(signed) H.W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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SALVAGE OF I.R.N. VESSELS IN HARBOURS OF ELBA.
(Headquarters, Allied Commission's No.NSC/1194 dated 20th
November, 1944.)

II.

No.MED.45/219/3/6.
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON, ITALY (ROME)
(Copy to: The Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean.)

Approved.

MEDITERRANEAN.
6th December, 1944.

W. Hume
for ADMIRAL



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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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MSC/1194
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H. F. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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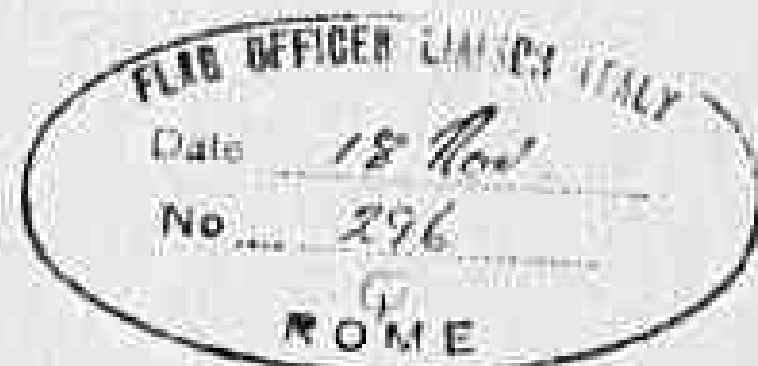
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From: I.R.N. Staff Office
To / F.O.L.IK - Rome
Date: 17.11.44
Ref.: SM/24103.

Subject: Sunken Craft in ELBA's Harbours.

1. In the harbours of the Isle of ELBA there are many sunken craft belonging to I.R.N. which are readily salvageable.

2. In view of the scarcity of craft for harbour duties etc. in the various Bases affecting both I.R.N. and Allied Commands, we shall be glad if you will obtain the necessary approval for the above craft to be Salvaged. The work would be carried out by Italian Naval personnel.



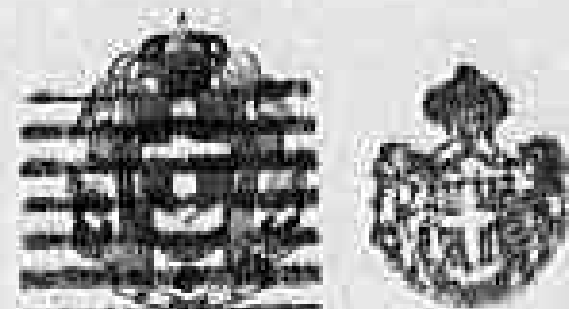
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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

M. T.O.L.I.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Inet. N. 24108 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: Natanti affondati nei porti
dell'Isola d'Elba.

1. Nei porti dell'Isola d'Elba risultano affondati molti natanti appartenenti alla R. Marina, facilmente recuperabili.
2. In considerazione alla scarsità dei natanti stessi che prestano servizio nelle varie Sedi sia per la R. Marina che per i Comandi Alleati, si prega interessare le competenti Autorità Alleate a dare il nulla osta perchè i suddetti mezzi possano essere al più presto recuperati. Tale recupero potrà essere effettuato a mezzo personale della R.M.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1296
9 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Viareggio Harbor - Non-operational Salvage in.

1. The Cantieri Picchiotti Societa per Azioni letter of 16 November 1944, in which the company requests consideration for performing non-operational salvage work in the harbor of Viareggio, is forwarded herewith. The company has been informed that all non-operational salvage work is controlled by the Inter-ministerial Committee and that inquiries in connection with such work should be made to the Ministry of Marine.

2. Inasmuch as Viareggio Harbor is in the Army zone and has not yet been designated as an area in which non-operational salvage is authorized, no actual operations should be commenced without prior approval from the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, through the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

H. W. ZIBOLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1154W
12 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROUE.
Subject: Salvage in PIOMBINO Harbor.

1. Reference is made to your letter 766/FO of 14 October 1944, which forwarded a list of sunken craft that the Ministry of Marine desires to salvage in the Port of Piombino.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission has determined that there is no objection to the salvaging of the vessels listed, with the exception of the Dredger PORTO S. STEFANO. The Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean intends that it be salvaged under the direction of a British Royal Naval Salvage Party.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1154W
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H. W. STROLL,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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SALVAGE IN PIOMBINO HARBOUR.

(The Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and
Liaison Italy's letter No.L.296/5
NSC 1000/W of 17th October, 1944)

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Med.217/4/26.

THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC
AND LIAISON ITALY.

Paragraph 2 of minute I is confirmed
with the exception of the Dredger PORTO S.
STEFANO. It is intended that this vessel
shall be salvaged under the supervision of
a Royal Navy Salvage Party.



MEDITERRANEAN.

30th October, 1944.

for ADMIRAL



From: MINISTRY of MARINE (Cabinet)
 To: P.O.L.I. - Rome
 Date: 14.10.44
 Ref.: 766/PO - 1 Encl.

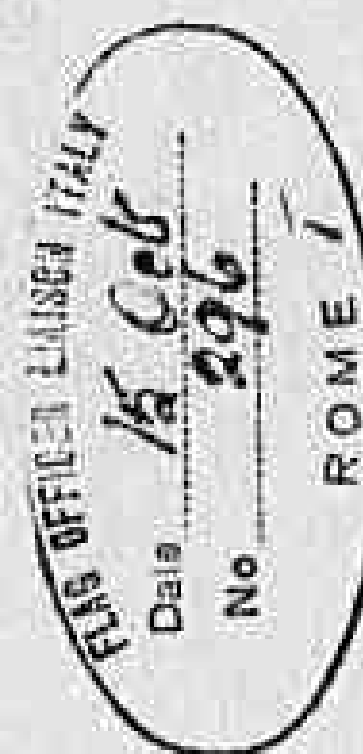
Subject: Salvaging in Piombino Harbour.

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2) It is the intention of this Ministry to proceed with recovery operations.

3) You are therefore asked to kindly inform us if these operations can be effected without interfering with current Allied military operations.

4) Should you have no objection, request you kindly notify Allied Authorities at Piombino not to place difficulties in the way of the salvage work in question.



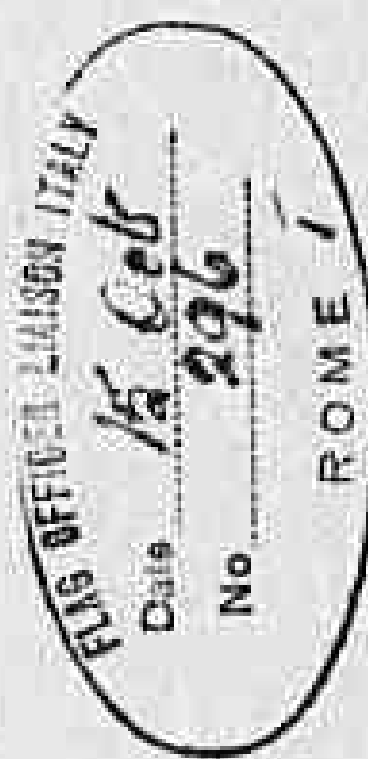
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UNITA' ANFONDARE A PIOMBINO

No. 3 chiatte trasporto minerale libero
 Draga "Porto S. Stefano"
 Piccolo rimorchiatore
 Rimorchiatore FH libero
 Motozattera

No. 2 zatteroni senza motori
 Piroscalo "GERBET"
 Motozattera

Motoscafo senza motore
 Motocisterna C.G.S. 161 R.M.
 Pontone battenti libero
 Chiatte trasporto minerale libera
 Pontone legno "GIOVANNA III"

Chiatte in legno
 Chiatte in ferro
 Relitti di motovelieri
 Barcone in legno

Chiatte a due stive
 Relitti di chiatte in legno
 Rimorchiatore 100 HP libero
 Piroscalo "RILINI" e nave scuola
 Motoveliero

Piroscalo "CAPITANO SAURO" R. Marina

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 Rimorchiatore "ARCO" libero
 Relitto motozattera
 Relitto in legno
 Chiatte in legno
 Relitti varf.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, ROME

17 October 1944.

No. L. 296/5
NSC 1000/W

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copy to: Naval Officer-In-Charge, PIOMBINO).

SALVAGE IN PIOMBINO HARBOR

Enclosed herewith is Ministry of Marine letter 766/FO dated 14 October 1944 which requests that approval be given to the Ministry for salvaging a number of vessels in PIOMBINO Harbor.

2. Confirmation is requested that the recovery of the vessels listed constitutes non-operational salvage and that there is no objection to the Ministry of Marine undertaking the proposed operations.

(Sgd.) I. M. PALMER.

REAR-ADMIRAL

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

5th November, 1944.

No. L.296/5.

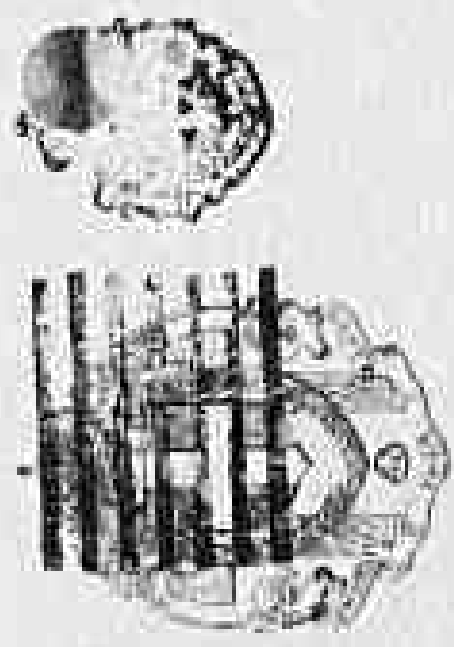
SECRETARY TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

SALVAGE IN PISAPIA HARBOUR.

An early reply to my letter No. L.296/5 of
the 17th October, 1944, would be appreciated.

M. V. HARVEY

for REAR ADMIRAL.



Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Ord. N° 466 / Fo. 11 luglio 1

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M. P.O.L.I. - ROMA

ARGOMENTO: Ricupero nel Porto di Piombino.

1. Nel porto di Piombino vi sono numerosi natanti affondati, di cui si allega un elenco, che possono essere facilmente recuperati.
2. E' intendimento di questo Ministero procedere alle operazioni di recupero.
3. Si prega pertanto voler comunicare se tali lavori si possono effettuare senza intralciare le operazioni militari Alleate in corso.
4. Qualora non vi fosse nulla in contrario, si prega di voler interessare le Autorità Alleate di Piombino affinché non ostacolino le accennate operazioni di recupero.

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



Dist. 766 / Fo. 11/10/41

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

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RECOMMENDATIONS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION

Navy Sub-Commission
200 794

WSS/799

2 September 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ADC.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Salvage Operations at Civitavecchia Harbour.

1. Recommendations were made in Flag Officer Liaison Italy Letter No. I. 236/4 of 2 September 1944, for a continuation of a directive relating to non-optional salvage. A request has been received by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, ADC, from the Headquarters, Region IV, ADC, for authority to conduct salvage work at Civitavecchia Harbour. This request was made as a result of a report made by the Inspector Generale Comandante in Capo Golfo Civile per il Lazio A. Ubbia, directing attention to the urgent need for repairing the harbour breakwaters prior to the commencement of winter storms.

2. In order to carry out the above work, it is proposed to salvage a floating crane (70 tons capacity) mounted on two floats, property of Societa Italiana Lavori Marittimi which organization before and during the war had charge of works in the harbour. For work in connection with the crane, it is proposed to utilize the tug "DOCTRINA" (HP 350) with pump, which is sunk at the end of the Sardinia pier. The firm of PORCHI & CO. - IMBURNI & SIVIGNANI of Civitavecchia, are interested in the work at an estimated cost of L. 500,000.-

3. Information is requested as to whether the above described salvage work falls in the category of non-optional salvage referred to in ITC letter No. I. 196/4 of 2 September 1944, which is to be supervised by the Italian Ministry of Marine in which case the project will be referred to that office. If not, instructions are requested as to the procedure to be followed to accomplish the necessary salvage work.

4. An early reply is requested in view of the urgent necessity of proceeding with this work without delay.

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NAV, IV, MED DIV

IL. R. VIGORE,
Commander, U. S. Fleet,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ADC.

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116 • **Topic:** Major Supreme Court cases, 1790-1850.
 116 • **Content:** In *Chief of Justice*, Madison, 1790.

Subjects: Savage, Quentin; 60; Dittmann, David.

1. Recommendation now made by Vice Officer Lindson in letter No. 1, 296/4 of 2 September 1942, for a reconsideration of a restrictive ruling to non-qualified persons, a request has been received by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, 403, from the Headquarters, Region IV, 403. Our authority to conduct surveys work at Civitavecchia Harbour. This request was made as a result of a report made by the Inspector Generale Comandante del Porto Civita per il Porto di Ustica, inviting attention to the urgent need for regarding the harbour's need for the development of winter steam.

2. In order to carry out the above work, it is proposed to employ a Scientific Survey Team (70 tons carrying capacity) mounted on two motor launch, and a Landing Craft (LCM) to assist in the operation between the property of the State and the property of the Government. For work in connection with the above, it is proposed to assign the tug "PROTECTOR" (No. 350) with pump, which is kept at the end of the Seaside pier, the term of 100000 2.00. - PROPOSED A SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS, are interested in the work at an estimated cost of £ 500,000. -

5. Information is requested as to whether the above described exchange would fall in the category of non-operational exchange referred to in T-1 letter No. T-256/4 of 2 September 1945, which is to be supervised by the Liaison Division of War Relocation Authority. If not, the conditions are requested as to the referred to that office.

It is requested to be followed to accomplish the necessary exchange work.

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W. H. HARRIS,
Commissioner, U. S. Forest
Service, Great Smoky Mountains National Park,
P.O. Box 28, Gatlinburg, Tenn. 37738

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
17th September, 1944.

Med. 217/4/19.
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC (ROME).

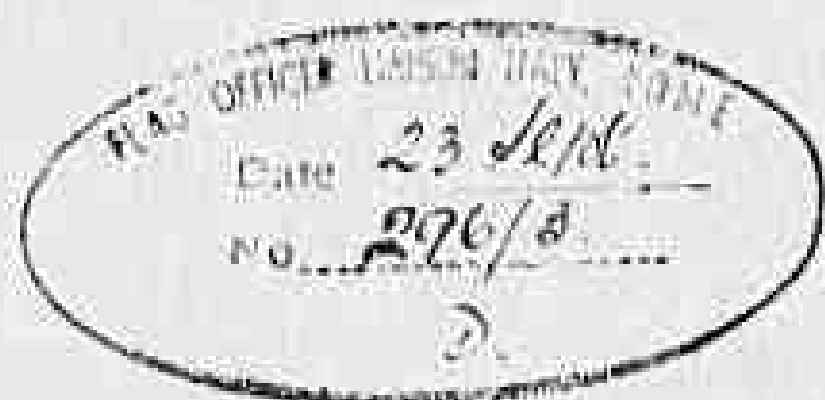
SALVAGE OPERATIONS AT CIVITA VECCHIA.

With reference to the Chief, Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission's letter NSC/799 of 5th September, 1944, it is confirmed that the work referred to should be considered as non-operational salvage and therefore the responsibility of the Allied Control Commission.

2. It is understood that during the Assistant Fleet Salvage Officer's recent visit to Rome, the question of which Italian Government Department was responsible to the Allied Control Commission for the carrying out of such work was discussed, and that a decision by the Allied Control Commission was expected within a few days.

3. In view however of the urgency of the work proposed it is suggested that the Allied Control Commission put this in hand through whichever Italian Government department they decide is the most competent to carry out the work.

4. The financing of this project would appear to be the responsibility of the Italian Government.



J.M. Hamer
for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/889

24 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.

Subject: . CIVITAVECCHIA Harbor - Salvage Operations at.

1. The Inspettore General Compartimentale del Genio Civile per il Lazio & Umbria through the Headquarters, Region IV, ACC, advises that a project has been proposed for repairs to Civitavecchia Harbor prior to the commencement of winter storms. In order to carry out this work, it is necessary to salvage a floating steam crane (70 tone capacity) mounted on two floats property of Societa Italiana Lavori Marittimi which organization before and during the war is stated to have had charge of works in the harbor. In order to raise the crane it is proposed to salvage the tug "DOMENICO" (HP 350), which is sunk at the end of Sardinia Pier. The firm of FOSCHI & CO - RIMORCHI & SALVATAGGI of Civitavecchia are interested in the work at an estimated cost of L 500,000.

2. The Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, considers that the salvage work involved is non-operational and should be financed by the Italian Government. The President of the Council of Ministers was requested on 16 September 1944, to inform the Allied Control Commission whether the Italian Ministry of Marine or the Italian Ministry of Public Works is responsible for the broad planning and coordination of harbor clearance and reconstruction work including actual salvage operations. In view of the urgency of the salvage work proposed in Civitavecchia Harbor, it is requested that the Ministry of Marine, pending a reply from the President of the Council of Ministers, make an investigation of the salvage operation proposed and submit recommendations to the Allied Control Commission. An early report is desired in order that the commencement of work will not be delayed.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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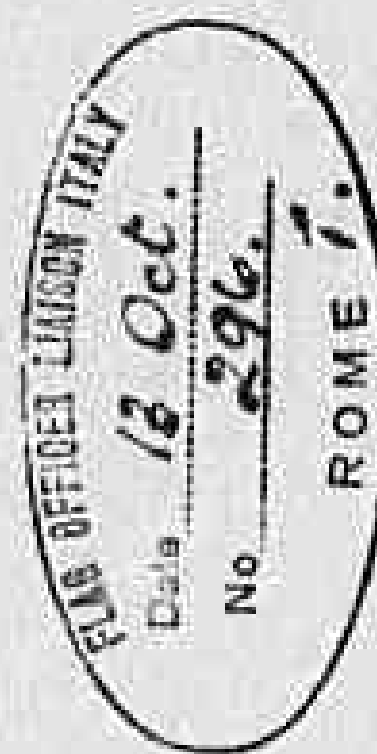
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From: I.R.X. Staff Office
 To: P.O.L.L. - Rome
 Date: 11.10.44
 Ref.: SM/19294

Subject: Ship Salvage.

Following verbal communications, it is confirmed that a letter is being forwarded to the Presidency of the Council by the Ministry of Marine in which it is established that the Ministry of Marine will take over the control and co-ordination of salvaging ships sunk or damaged in harbours and along the Italian coasts, with the exception of those jobs which for operational reasons remain under the direct control of the Allied Forces.



FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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Subject: Shilo Salvare.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF

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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. MARINA

REPARTO M.D.S.

Prot. N. *Sm/14943*

Indir. teleg.: MARISTAT

Allegati

Argomento: Ricupero naviglio.

AL F. O. L. I.

ROMA

XXX, *h 11* ottobre 1944

A seguito di comunicazioni verbali si conferma che é in corso di invio alla Presidenza del Consiglio da parte del Ministro della Marina una lettera, con la quale si precisa che il Ministero della Marina assume il controllo ed il coordinamento dei lavori di ricupero del naviglio affondato o danneggiato nei porti e lungo le coste italiane, ad eccezione dei lavori che per ragioni operative rimangono sotto il diretto controllo delle Forze Alleate.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

L. Accorva

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Prot. N. *Sm/1494*
Indir. telegr.: MARISTAT

Argomento: Ricupero naviglio.

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IL CPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

L. Accorva

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APC 394

NSC/1009W

18 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AGC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Salvage of Merchant vessels in North African Waters.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr No. 5880 of 27 July 1944.
(b) Ministry of Marine ltr No. 9373 of 31 August 1944.
(c) Ministry of Marine ltr No. 7638 of 29 August 1944.

1. Reference (a), (b) and (c) contain requests that individual Italian Merchant seamen be permitted to travel to North African waters for the purpose of conducting salvage operations.

2. After careful consideration, it has been determined that the travel of such individuals to North Africa cannot be permitted at this time.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AGC.



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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To : F O LI -Rome.
Date: 31.8.44
Ref : 8373

Subject: Authorization to Salvage Italian M/Schooners
Sunk in French North African Waters.

1) Ref. your letter No. TA 296 of 9th instant and further to our No. 5680 of 27th ulto. the Merchant Seamen concerned have given me assurance of being able to effect salvage of their M. Schooners without need of the help of others and without interfering with port operations.

2) Therefore, it is requested that you re-examine and accept our proposal, as it concern transport craft which would be of considerable use in meeting present transport requirements, also to the common war effort.

(Sgd.) CHIEF OF CABINET.

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FROM: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To : F O L I - Rome
Date: 20.8.44
Ref. 7838

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Subject: M.Fishing Vessel "S. ANTONIO".

1) The above M/F.V. on 6th November 1942, as the result of an air-attack on Benghazi, was sunk in that harbour due to leaks sprung by bomb-splinters.

2) The Owner, Sig. BALESTRIERI, Antonio, living at Isola delle Formine (Palermo) has submitted a declaration to this Ministry in which he states that it is his intention to salvage the vessel, and to accomplish this it would be necessary to send on the spot Merchant Mariners CARDINALI, Gaspare di Salvatore and CARDINALI, Gaetano di Salvatore, Skipper and M. Mechanic respectively.

3) In view of the fact that it is of interest to salvage as many M/Fish.VS. as possible to assist in improving the Country's food situation, we request you to approach Allied Authorities concerned so that the above two Merchant Seamen may be allowed to go to Benghazi.

(Sgd.) CHIEF OF CABINET.

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File No.
S94

19 DEC 1944

Serial: 3661

THIRD ENDORSEMENT to
Comdb.NOB Palermo
ltr.EF36/S94 ser.
2952 of 21 Oct.'44.

From: Commander, United States EIGHTH Fleet.
To : Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

Subject: Two German Motor Minesweepers - salvage of.

1. Returned, inviting particular attention to the report required in the last sentence of the Second Endorsement.

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H. O. BELANGER
By Direction.



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File No.
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UNITED STATES EIGHTH FLEET

Serial: 5600

5th November 1944.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to
U.S. Nob, PALERMO, SICILY
Lt. EF/36/S94 serial
2952 of 21st Oct., 1944.

From: Commander, U.S. EIGHTH Fleet.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Two German Motor Minesweepers - salvage of.
1. Forwarded.

(Sgd) J.M. BOIT
By Direction

2348

File No: U.S. 10th AIR OPERATING BASE
EF/36/894 Palermo, Sicily

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Serial: 2952

21st October, 1944.

From: Commandant.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Via: Commander U.S. EIGHTH Fleet. (Ops)

Subject: Two German Motor Minesweepers - salvage of.

Reference: (a) Comando Superiore R.I.N. Sicilia ltr.
of October, 14, 1944. ref 6815/G.N.

Enclosure: (A) Original of reference (a) and copies of
translation thereof.

1. Enclosure (A) forwarded herewith, recommending
approval.

cc: (Sgd) C.L. NICHOLS
Marisicilia-Messina.

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MARISICILIA-MESSINA

October 14, 1944.

From: Admiral Bobbiese, Marisicilia Messina.
To: Commandant, N.O.B. Palermo.

Subject; Two German Motor Minesweepers - salvage of

1. I wish to inform the Commandant that the Italian Salvage Division, has salvaged 2 ex-German motor minesweepers, one at Trapani and one at Marsala.

2. If the subject minesweepers are not desired by the N.O.B., the Italian Navy would like to repair them and when ready, assign to the Italian Navy Trapani for minesweeping purposes.

/s/ Admiral Bobbiese.

Translated:
Lt. Cladi, R.I.N.

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DISPOSAL OF 2 SALVO GREEN MINE SWEEPERS.
(The Commander, United States Eighth Fleet's No. 54/
5600 of 24th November, 1944)

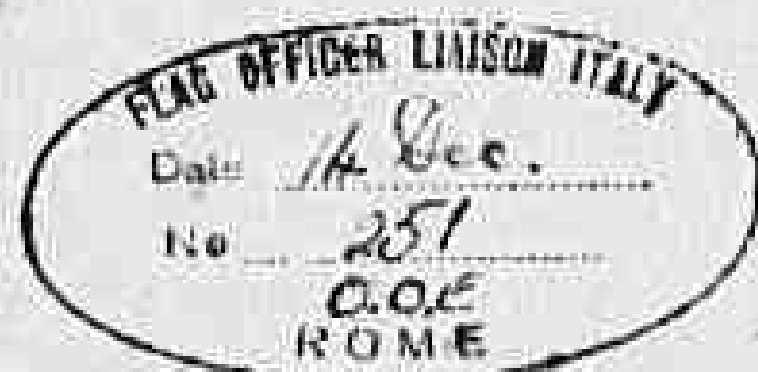
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Ref. 15/219/14.
THE COMMANDER, NAVAL OPERATING BASE, PALERMO
(through The Commander, United States Eighth Fleet)
(Copies to:-
The Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic, Italy
The Flag Officer, Lissone Italy (Rome))

Approved for the Italian Navy to repair
these minesweepers. It is requested that details
of the craft may be furnished to the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean and a report made to him when they
are ready for service.

MEDEVAC
24th December, 1944.

CLAS. H. A. WICKES
FOR ADMIRAL



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1297
9 December 1944.

Cantieri Picchiotti, Societa per Azioni,
Limite sull'Arno, Italy.

Your letter of 16 November 1944 has been referred
to the Italian Ministry of Marine for consideration by the
Italian Interministerial Committee, which has been organized
to co-ordinate non-operational salvage.

Any further matters in this connection should be
referred to the Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIFOLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy.



16 DEC 1944

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NEC/1265
4 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Naval Officer-in-Charge, LEGHORN.
Subject: Salvage of JASON, PENNA, and tug ARKO.
Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine ltr. 16109 of 30 November 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for comment, and if appropriate for approval of the salvage of subject vessels and transfer of necessary salvage gear from Alba to Leghorn.

R. W. SIBBELL,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
 To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
 Date: 30.11.44
 Ref.: 16109

Subject: Salvage of M/Vs. "JASON" and "PERSIA"
and Tug "ARNO" owned by ILVA Co.

The "Ilva" Co., which administers industrial establishments at Piombino, Bagnoli and Torre Annunziata for the production of steel - of great importance to the war effort and whose renewal of operations has been arranged in the works - programme established by the Italian Government in conjunction with Allied Authorities, has urgently requested the salvaging of the following craft which it owns:

- M/V/ JASON, 600 T.D.W. Sunk in the port of Leghorn
- M/V. PERSIA, 1200 T.D.W. " " " " "Portoferraio
- Tug. ARNO, " " " " " Leghorn

The two M/Vs. had been requisitioned and therefore their salvage is a matter for I.R.N. to undertake.

It is required that the salvage operations at Leghorn be carried out by I.R.N. Advance Salvage Group operating in that area under Royal Fleet Salvage; those concerning M/V "Persia", by the Ministry of Marine (Salvage Division).

As craft is concerned essential to renew "Ilva" Co's industrial activities, it is requested that you give your assent to the above programme and approval for the necessary salvage gear to be transferred to Elba Island (Portoferraio).



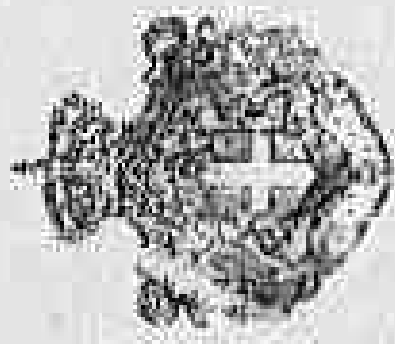
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(Sgd) THE MINISTER

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 16109

Allegati

Roma

M. F. O. L. I. - R O M A

ARGOMENTO: Ricupero Piroscali "JASON" e "PERSIA" e rim. "ARNO" di proprietà della Società "Ilva".

La Società "Ilva" che gestisce gli stabilimenti industria li di Piombino, Bagnoli e Torre Annunziata per la produzione di acciaio e laminati, che è di preminente interesse bellico, e la cui riattivazione è stata decisa nel programma stabilito dal Governo Italiano con le Autorità Alleate, ha richiesto l'urgente ricupero del seguente naviglio di sua proprietà:

- P/fio "Jason" di tonn. 600 DW arroncato nel porto di Livorno
- " " "Persia" " " 1200 DW arroncato nel porto di Portoferraio
- Rim. "Arno" arroncato nel porto di Livorno.

I due piroscali erano requisiti e pertanto il loro ricupero è di competenza della R. Marina.

Si richiede che i lavori di ricupero possano venire eseguiti, quelli relativi agli scali arroncati a Livorno dal Gruppo Avanzato ricuperi R. Marina che opera in quella sede alle dipendenze della Royal Fleet Salvage; quelli riguardanti il piroscalo "Persia" a cura del Ministero della Marina (Divisione Ricuperi).

Trattandosi di naviglio indispensabile per la ripresa della attività industriale degli stabilimenti dell'Ilva, si prega di voler dare l'assenso al programma sopra indicato ed il relativo nulla osta per l'accesso dei mezzi necessari al lavoro nell'isola dell'Elba (Portoferraio).

I L M I N I S T E R O

16109

Allegati

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1223
28 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Merchant Vessel NENNELLA.

1. In regard to your letter No. 14037 of 8 November, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, ANCONA has informed the Navy Sub-Commission that the NENNELLA must remain in her present position as she is re-inforcing the damaged breakwater. It is regretted, therefore, that permission cannot be given for her salvage at this time.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.



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30 NOV 1944

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1153W
11 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Naval Officer-in-Charge, ANCONA.
Subject: Merchant Vessel NENNELLA Sunk in Ancona Harbor.
Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine ltr. 14037 dated 8 November 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for comment.
2. Information is desired as to whether local Allied assistance may be made available to aid in salvaging NENNELLA or if no such assistance is possible whether there is any objection to her being recovered by Italian resources.

H. W. ZIERLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.



15 NOV 1944

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome.
Date: 8.11.44
Ref.: 14037

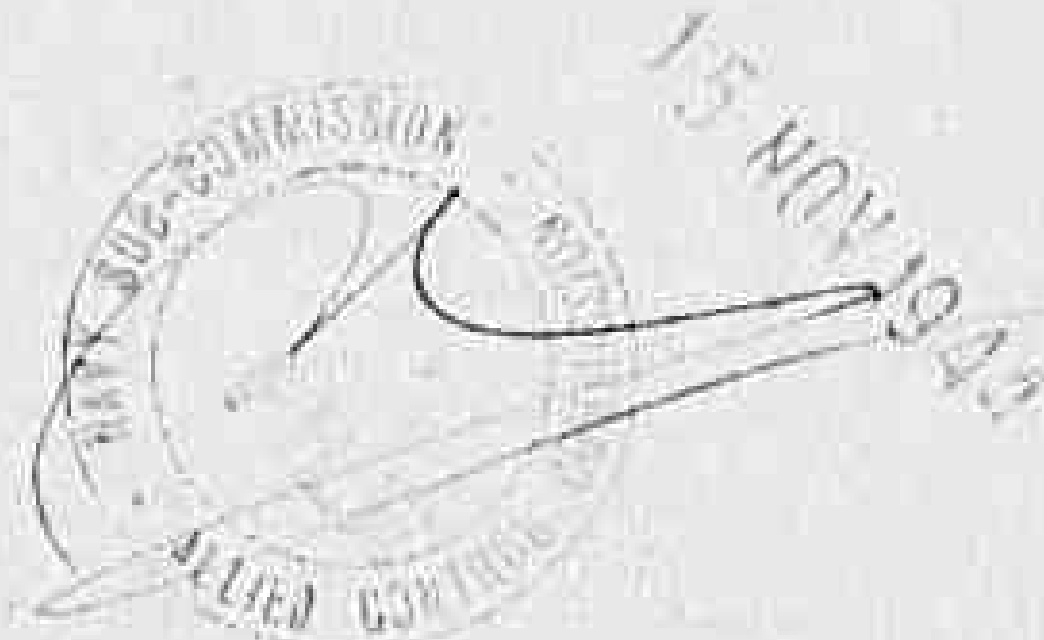
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Subject: M/V. "NENNELLA" 1,300 tons - Sunk in ANCONA Harbour.

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2. In March '44 this ship was at Ancona loaded with Ammi. and was scuttled to avoid danger of blowing up as she had caught fire after an air-raid.
3. Actually she had suffered very light damage.
4. The diver sent down by the Shipowner has confirmed the above, and the vessel could be readily salvaged.
5. It appears that Allied Authorities at Ancona intend to use the ship as a jetty.
6. In view of the above, we shall be glad if you will examine the possibility of the vessel in question being salvaged.

CHIEF OF CABINET.

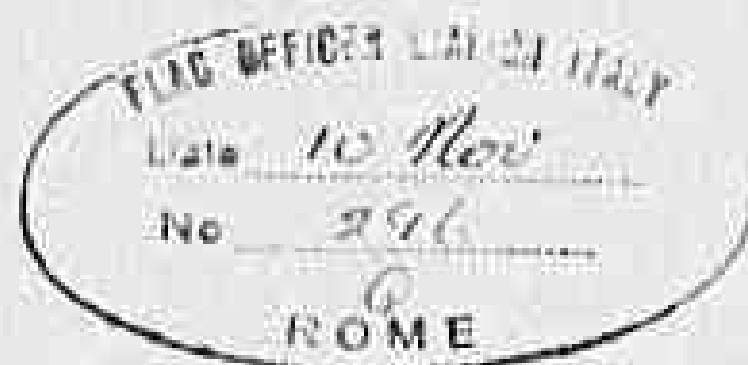
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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 8.11.44
Ref.: 14031.

Subject: M/V. "RENNELLA", 1,300 tons - Sunk
in ANCONA Harbour.

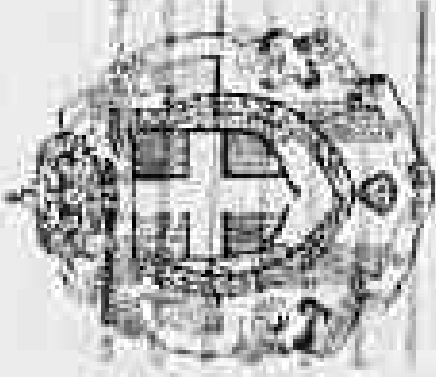
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CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

14038 *Allegato*

Roma. 8 NOV 1944

A. F.O.L.I. = ROMA =

ARGOMENTO: Piroscabo "Nennella" di 1300 tonn. di stazza affondato nel porto di Ancona.

1. Il piroscabo in argomento alla data dell'8 Settembre 1943 era noleggiato per uso delle Forze Armate Italiane. Dopo tale data è stato catturato dai tedeschi che lo hanno utilizzato per loro conto.
2. Nel marzo 1944 tale piroscabo si trovava nel porto di Ancona carico di munizioni e veniva autoaffondato per eliminare il pericolo di esplosioni dovute ad un principio di incendio provocato da incursione aerea.
3. Date le condizioni in cui è avvenuto il sinistro, la nave ha praticamente subito lievissimi danni.
4. Da una visita allo scafo eseguita da un palombaro per conto dell'armatore proprietario, si ha la conferma che i danni sono praticamente lievi e risulta che il piroscabo è facilmente recuperabile.
5. Sembra che sia intenzione delle Autorità Alleate in Ancona di trasformare tale piroscabo in banchina.

GABINETTO

F.O.L.I. = ROMA =

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

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5. Sembra che sia intenzione delle Autorità Alleate in Ancona di trasformare tale piroscabo in banchina.
6. Per quanto sopra si prega di voler prendere in esame la possibilità del recupero del piroscabo in argomento.



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

[Handwritten signature]

Office of N.O.I.C.,
Navy House, Ancona.

22 November 1944.

Ref. No S1/162.

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

M/V "MENNELLA".

With reference to your letter NSC/1155W, dated 11 November 1944, it is regretted that M/V "MENNELLA" must remain in her present position as she is re-inforcing the damaged breakwater.

K.S. Backhouse

(K.S. Backhouse)
COMMANDER
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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CONFIDENTIALNSC/1217
28 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: Tug PORTO ADRIANO.

1. Reference is made to your letter SM/22584 dated 7 November, which requested that consideration be given to the return of tug PORTO ADRIANO to the Italian Navy.

2. It has been determined that during July 1944 the PORTO ADRIANO was under salvage by U. S. Navy personnel. When U. S. Navy salvage facilities were required more urgently in other locations, the work was continued by Italian Naval personnel at the request of the U. S. Navy which needed the tug badly.

3. At present the tug still is in need of a large number of repairs in order to place it in serviceable condition. The Commandant U. S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, has stated that the decision to repair the vessel after 14 months submersion was based on a very real existing need for its services.

4. It is the present intention of Commandant, U. S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, to complete repairs on the PORTO ADRIANO and to utilize it to the extent that its services are required. 2934

5. When the need for the PORTO ADRIANO no longer exists, the Ministry of Marine will be notified and arrangements will be made for its return to Italian Navy control.

R. W. STROLL,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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ComNOR-PALERMO. ✓

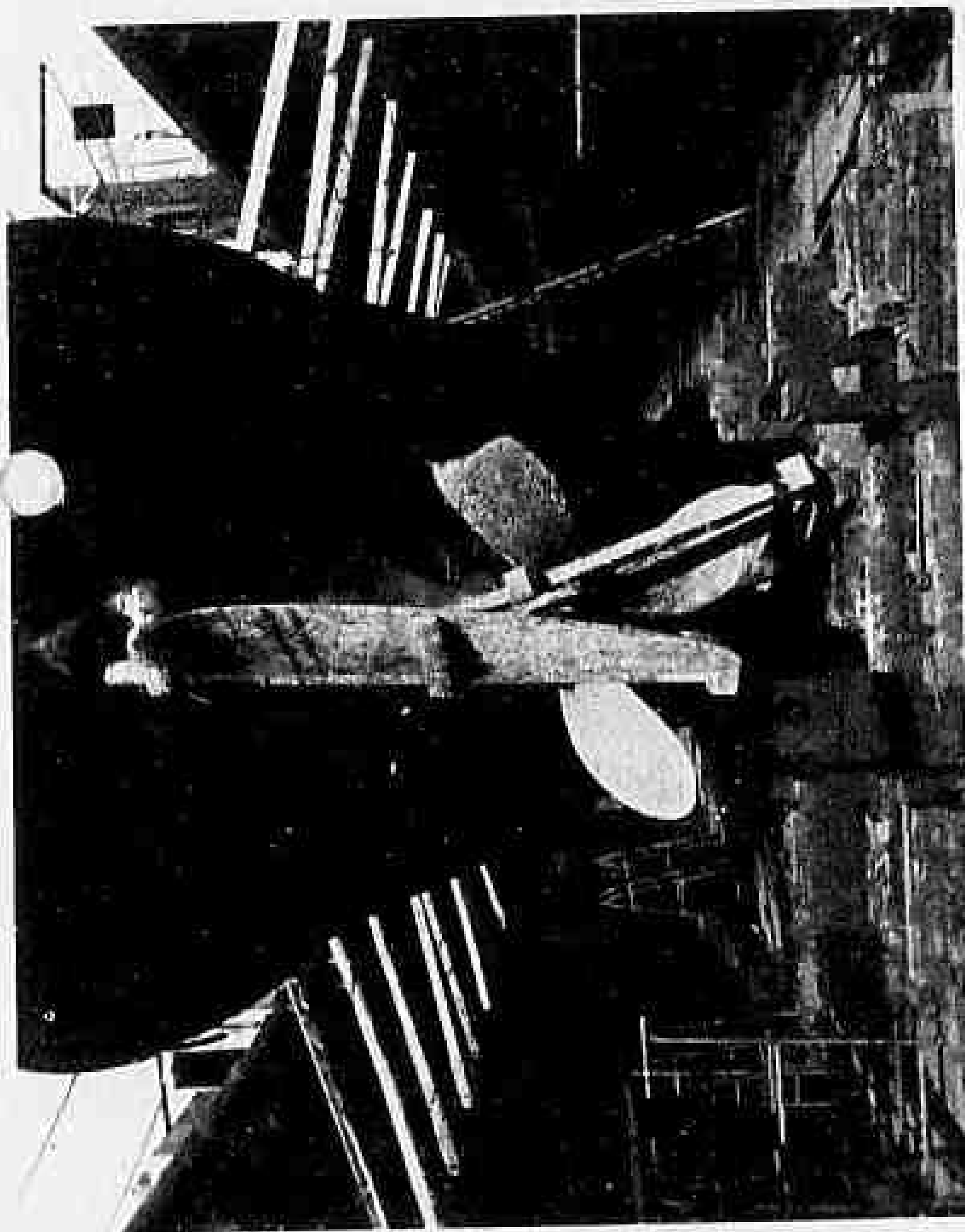


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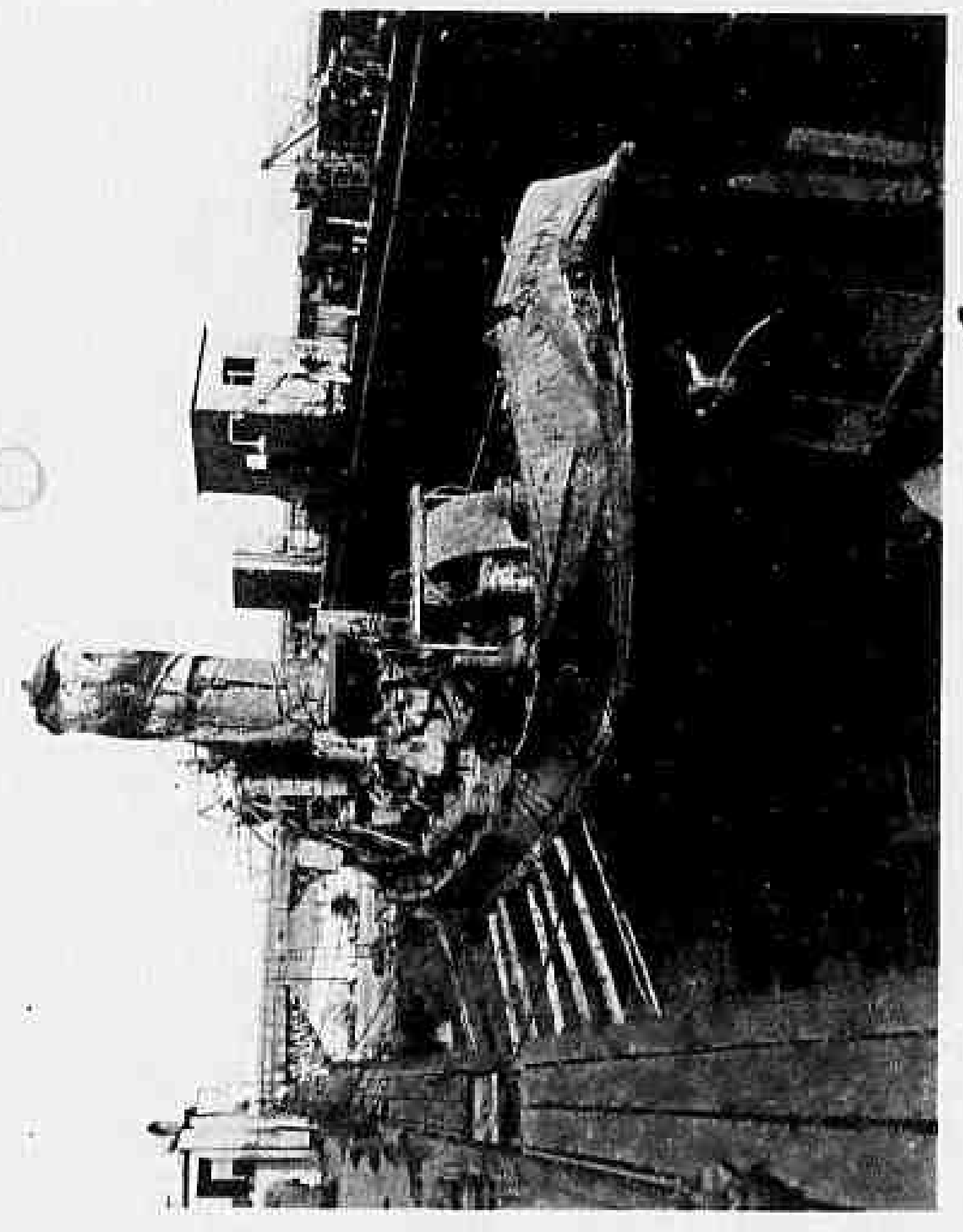
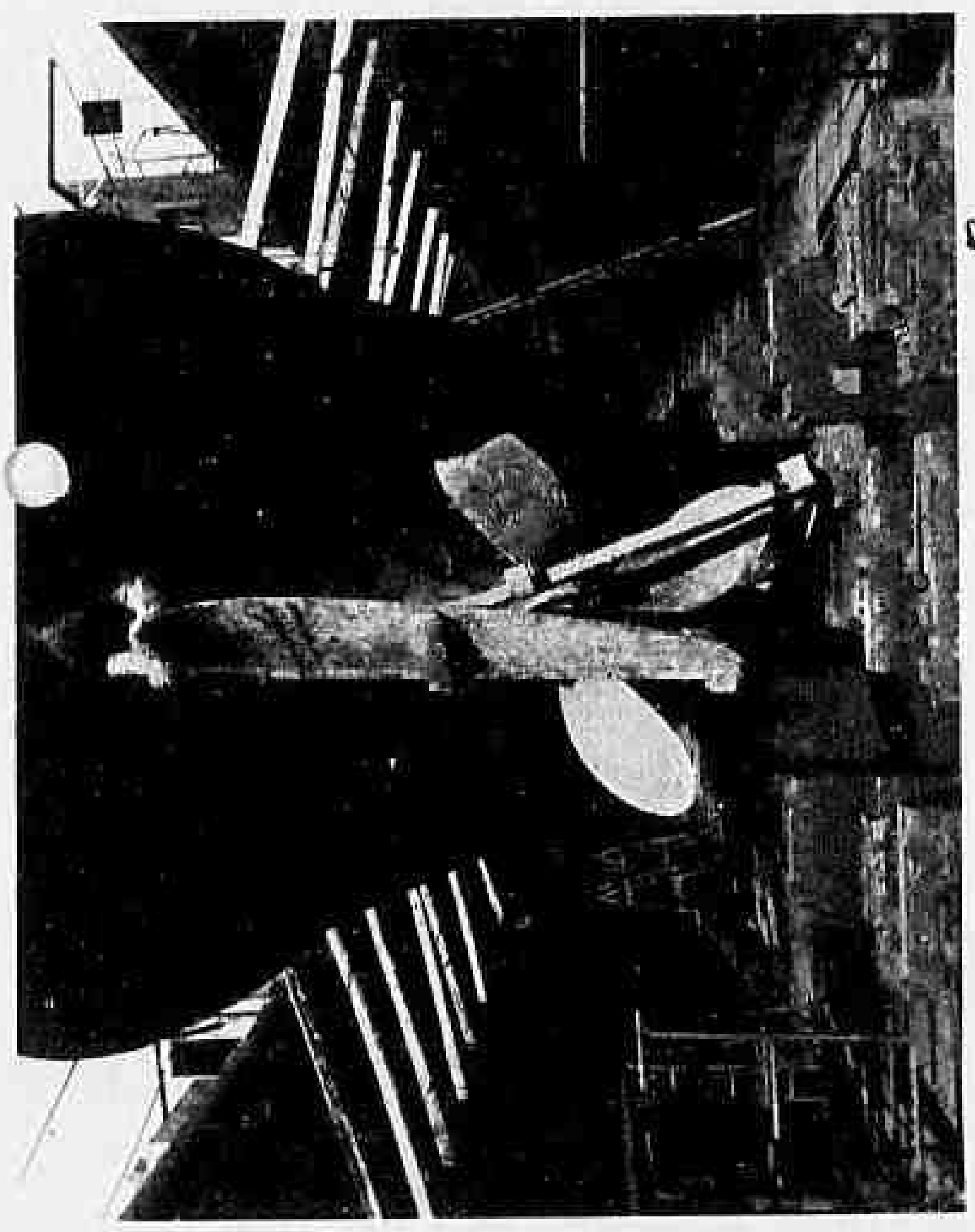


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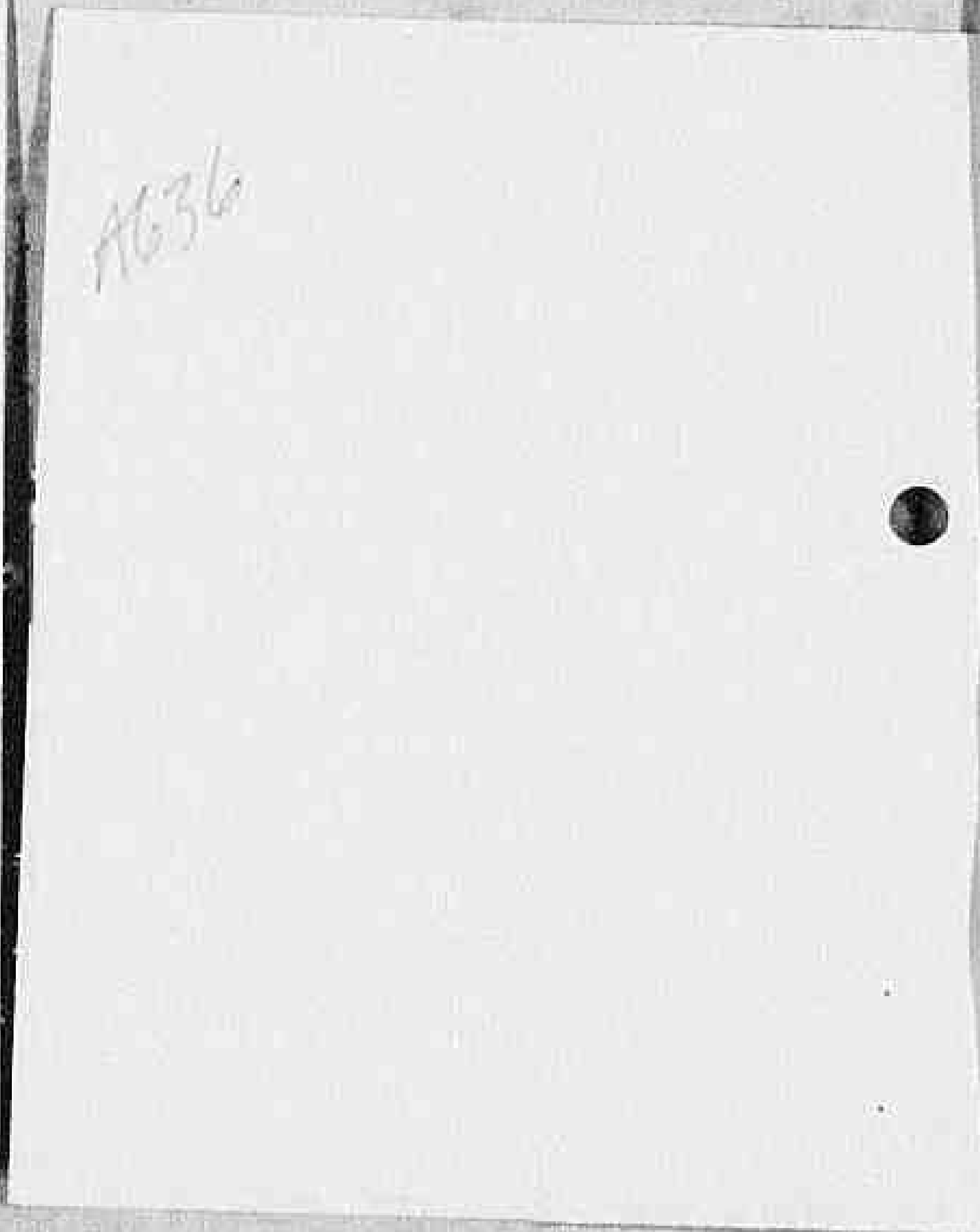
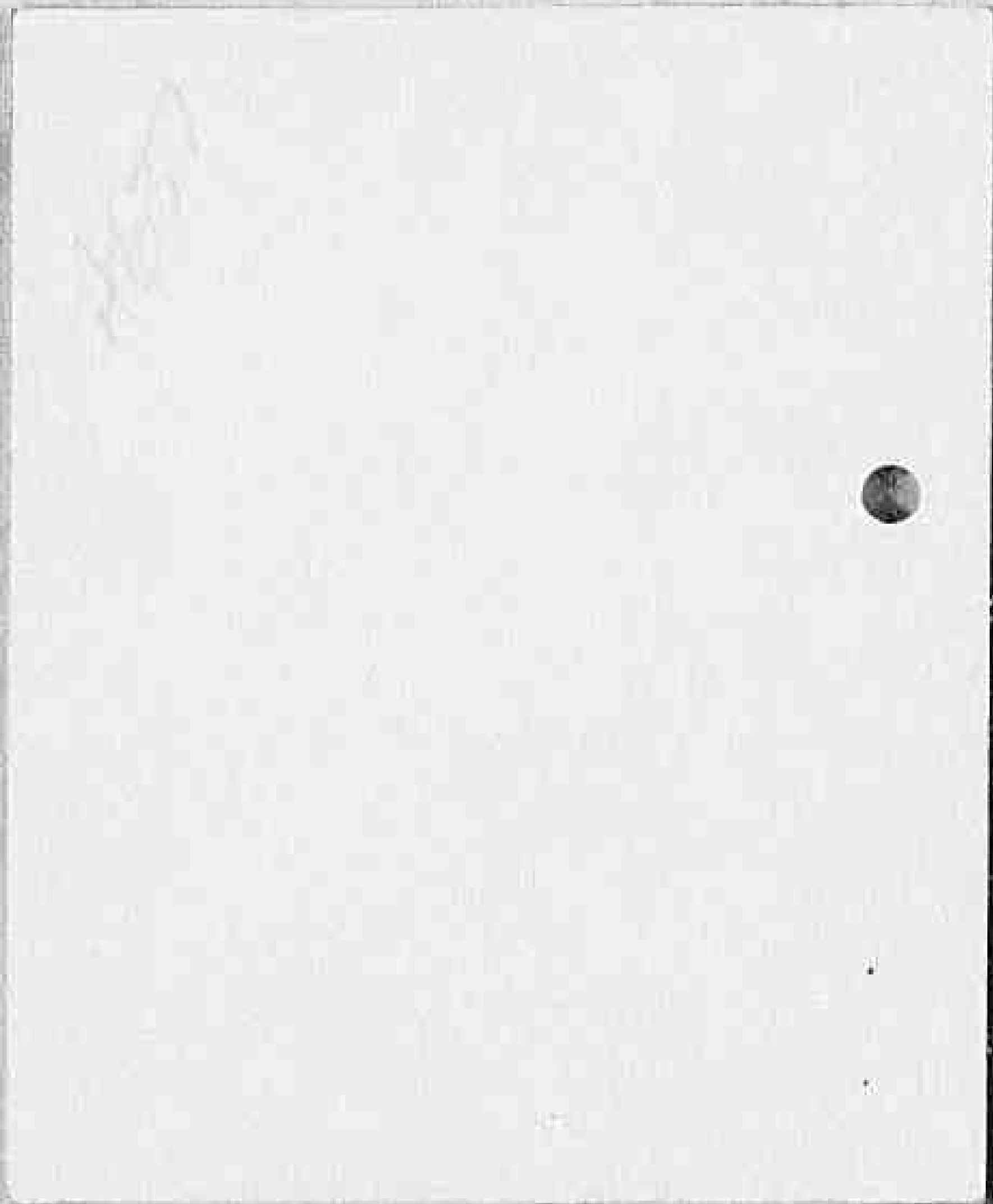
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U.S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY
Navy 157, c/o F.P.O., N.Y.C.

EMR/sb

Serial: 4032

18 November 1944

C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T-I-A-L

From: Commandant.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394.

Subject: Tug PORTO ADRIANO.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/11457 of 10 Nov. 1944.

Enclosure: (A) NOB Photograph A-635 (2-prints).
(B) NOB Photograph A-636 (2-prints).
(C) NOB Photograph A-637 (2-prints).

1. The enclosures represent views of the Porto Adriano taken when the vessel was drydocked on 24 September 1944.

2. This vessel was under salvage by USN salvage personnel during July 1944 but work was suspended when the salvage force was transferred for the operation in Southern France. Upon arrival of the salvage personnel of the Italian Navy, a request was made by the Commandant of the Naval Operating Base Palermo that work on the vessel be continued. The vessel was subsequently raised by the efforts of Italian Naval salvage personnel, for which all credit is given, but it should be pointed out that the work of raising the ship was at the request of the U.S. Navy, which needed the tug badly.

3. Enclosure (A), a view from the floor of the dock, shows the damaged rudder, propeller, rudder post and stern frame, and the stern structure of the vessel. Enclosure (B), taken from the centerline of the dock blocks, shows the amount of misalignment of the rudder post and stern frame. A great deal of work will be involved in straightening this structure and there is no idea, with the present heavy drydock schedule, when the dock time will be available. The propeller and rudder have been removed. The rudder and rudder stock has been straightened and a new propeller has been cast but not yet machined.

4. Enclosure (C), shows the condition of the superstructure. The work of repair can be seen as extensive. The Deck house, stack, engine room skylight, etc., have been removed but not repaired.

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Serial:

18 November 1944

Subject: Tug PORTO ADRIANO.

5. The boiler and engine room material were in fairly good condition, hence the initial decision to repair the vessel was made. The boiler has been removed, repaired, tested, and is awaiting reinstallation when the shipyard work load permits. The main machinery repairs are awaiting the casting and machining of two main engine columns (from base to engine cylinders) and one section of the base of the main engine. The auxiliaries have been worked over completely. The generating plant armature has been rewound.

6. From the foregoing it may be seen that the decision to repair the vessel after 14 months submersion was based on the existing need for its services. It is the present intention to complete repairs when the work load permits, utilize the vessel as long as it is needed at MOB Palermo, and to turn it over to the Italian Navy when that need no longer exists. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine be so advised.

C. L. Nichols
C. L. NICHOLS

cc: COM EIGHTH FLEET (w/c enclosures)

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U.S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY
Navy 157, c/o F.P.O., N.Y.C.

FMR/sb

Serial: 4032

18 November 1944

C-C-N-E-I-U-E-T-I-1-1

From: Commandant.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission,
APO 394.

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C. L. NICHOLS

cc: COM EIGHTH FLEET (w/c enclosures)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/1145W
10 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commandant, Naval Operating Base, PALERMO.
Subject: Tug PORTO ADRIANO.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has received a request from the Italian Ministry of Marine that subject tug be turned back to Italian Navy control and handed over to the Italian Naval Command, Sicily.

2. From the information forwarded with the request, it appears that tug PORTO ADRIANO is an Italian Naval Auxiliary and that after her salvage by the Italian Navy on 26 September 1944, she was turned over to Commandant, NOB, Palermo.

3. It is requested that consideration be given to the Ministry's request and that PORTO ADRIANO be returned to Italian control as soon as is conveniently possible. An indication is desired as to the approximate date when her turn back may be effected so that appropriate notification may be given to the Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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From: I.R.N. Staff Office
To : P.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 7.11.44
Ref.: SA/21504.

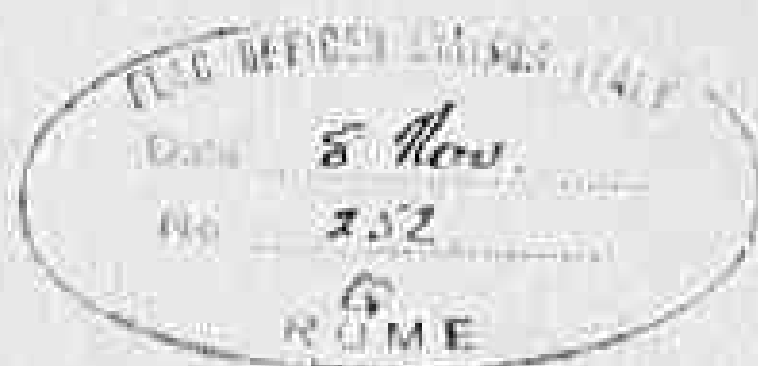
Subject: Tug "PORTO ADRIANO".

1. I.R.N., Command in Sicily has informed that the above Tug, salvaged by I.R.N. Salvage Office on 25th Sept. last, has been handed over to the American I.C.F. at Palermo, following their request.

2) As an I.R.N. Aux. vessel is concerned, we shall be glad if you will approach Allied authorities concerned to restore Tug. "PORTO ADRIANO" to I.R.N., handing her over to the Italian Naval Command, Sicily.

CHIEF OF STAFF

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Roma. 7. 11. 1944

M. F. O. L. I. - ROMA

Rep. Oper. M. Nav.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 2584 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: R. Rimorchiatore "PORTO ADRIANO". -

1. - Il Comando Superiore della Sicilia ha fatto presente che il Rimorchiatore in argomento, recuperato dall'Ufficio Ri-cuperi della R. Marina il 25 Settembre u.s. è stato consegna-to al M.O.B. Americano di Palermo, in seguito a sua richie-sta.
2. - Trattandosi di unità appartenente al R. Naviglio, si pre-gnerebbe voler interessare la competente Autorità Alleata affinché il Rimorch. "PORTO ADRIANO" venga restituito alla R. Marina, e consegnato al Comando Superiore dei Servizi della R. Marina in Sicilia.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE
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ITALIAN REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO USE 60 TON FLOATING
CRANE IN NAPLES HARBOUR.

(The Port Commandant, Naples' letter No. NEC/1039 dated
23rd October, 1944)

III.

No. 168/37.

THE FLAG OFFICER,
NORTHWEST AREA MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Control
Commission).

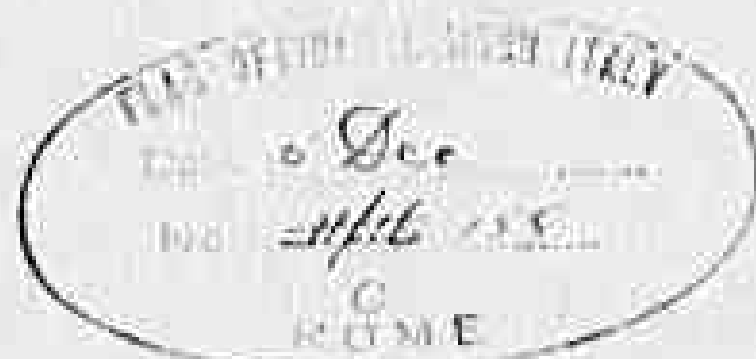
There is no objection to the salvage of
IDA ORLANDO.

2. The 60 ton American floating crane referred to
is not available, but the Italian Naval Salvage
Organisation now has the matter in hand using the large
Italian Naval Crane (G.R.7) from Castellammare.

(Sgd) JAMES G. CONYER

CAPTAIN.

NAPLES AREA.
27th November, 1944.



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2525

Navy Sub-Commission AFU 3/4

WSC/1196
20 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - PORT.
Subject: Motor Schooner BICE, Salvage of Machinery in.

1. Reference is made to your letter 13541 dated 31 October 1944, which requested permission to salvage Motor Schooner BICE and her cargo of machinery in the Port of ANCONA.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission has been informed by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, ANCONA that it will be permissible to salvage the machinery from BICE, but that the operation cannot be undertaken at present by salvage crews in ANCONA due to more urgent requirements. It has not been possible to secure permission to salvage BICE herself.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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Office of N.O.I.C.,
Navy House, Ancona.

9 November 1944.

Ref.No. SI /132.

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.

MOTOR SCHOONER BICE.

With reference to your letter NSC/1113W of 3rd November 1944, permission is given for salvaging machinery from the above ship. The operation cannot be undertaken at present by salvage crews in Ancona in view of more urgent requirements.

2. The schooner is re-inforcing the damaged break-water.

W.S. Packhouse
(K.S. Packhouse)
COMMANDER
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/11137
3 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Naval Officer-in-Charge, ANCONA.
Subject: Motor Schooner BICE sunk in Ancona Harbor.
Enclosure: (A) Translation Minister of Marine ltr 13541 dated
31 October 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for remarks in connection with the Ministry of Marine's request that BICE be salvaged or that permission be granted for operations to recover machinery in her holds.

H. ST.J. BUTLER,
Captain, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.I.I. - Rome.
Date: 31.10.44
Ref.: 13541

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Subject: Motor Schooner "BICE" sunk in Ancona Harbour.

1. It is the intention of Allied Naval Authorities at Ancona to convert the above M/Schooner into a jetty.
2. You are informed that in BICE's holds when she sank there was considerable machinery destined for I.R.N. Salvage Ship "PROTEO" of 1200 tons.
3. Moreover, it appears that the M/Schooner's hull is still in good condition.
4. In view of the above your Command is requested to kindly consider the possibility of BICE being salvaged.
5. Should this not be possible due to more urgent operational requirements, request that you approach the Allied Authorities concerned to allow at least the salvaging of the machinery in her holds and which is of the greatest importance for equipping salvage vessels and I.R.N. salvage Section.

CHIEF OF CABINET.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
 To: P.C.L.T. - Rome
 Date: 31.10.44
 Ref.: 11541

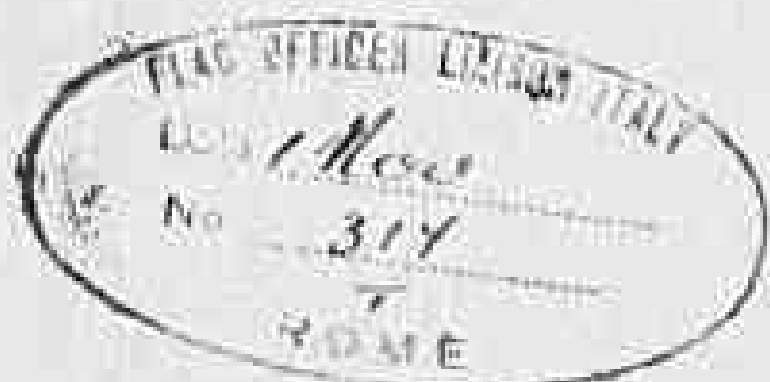
Subject: Motor Schooner "DICK", sunk in Aegean
Harbour.

- 1) It is the intention of Allied Naval Authorities at Athens to convert the above M/Schooner into a jetty.
- 2) You are informed that in DICK's holds when she sank there was considerable machinery destined for L.R.F. Salvage Ship "PROTEO" of 2200 tons.
- 3) Moreover, it appears that the M/Schooner's hull is still in good condition.
- 4) In view of the above your Command is requested to kindly consider the possibility of DICK being salvaged.
- 5) Should this not be possible due to more urgent operational requirements, request that you approach the Allied Authorities concerned to allow at least the salvaging of the machinery in her holds and which is of the greatest importance for equipping salvage vessels and L.R.F. salvage stations.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1171W
17 November 1944.

Ing. Rege Giamas Feto
Ten. Colonnello della R. Aeronautica
Terlizzi, Bari Province.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter to the Allied
Commission in regard to salvage operations.

As the Allied Commission does not handle matters in
regard to non-operational salvage, it is suggested that you
communicate with the Italian Ministry of Marine, Rome.

H. W. ZIPOLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy.

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To: Navy Sub-Commission

FROM: TN S/C

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HQ A.C.C. ECONOMIC SECTION

13 Nov 44
(Date)

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CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION	
ESTABLISHMENT SECTION	
For: Appropriate action	☒
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Investigation & Report	
Information	
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Remarks:
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 Navy SIG with
 this. We have nothing to do
 with the Salva guns
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TO the Allied Control Commission

I undersigned Engineer (A.I.C.E.) Rege Gianses Febo, with the Capitano di Vascello Aloisi Paolo (who is now P.O.W in the 304 Camp in Egypt (Helwan)) would be glad if it would be possible for us to assume the work of recovering the ships sunk near the coasts of the Mediterranean Sea and of the Red Sea.

The Capitano di Vascello Aloisi is an expert one in this camp, because he has already recovered some ships for the Italian Navy.

He is a diver too and he has directed the school for divers of the Royal Navy.

I could help him in the technical part, for the calculation, study of recoverings, for the reparations and the operations of the cut under the water. It wouldn't be difficult in Italy to find a good number of some expert divers.

If that is of some interest for you, will you, please, let me know the office, whom I may meet to talk about this matter, the conditions of and the practical drawing up?

Ing. Rege Gianses Febo
Ten. Colonnello della R. Armata
Perizzi (Bari) Province

Original of letter returned to

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1141W
10 November 1944.

A. Alfino & Sons,
Via Museo Biscari, 16
Catania.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter to the Allied Commission of 6 November in regard to the salvage of your tug and barges in Civitavecchia.

As the operation of the Port of Civitavecchia and also all non-operational salvage is now the responsibility of the Italian Ministry of Marine an interview with an individual of the Allied Commission would serve no useful purpose.

It is suggested that you contact Lieutenant Colonel SPINELLI, IRN. Viale Liegi, 28, Rome, Telephone 863-595, who is at present coordinating non operational salvage for the Italian Ministry of Marine.

H.W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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A. ALFINO & FIGLI

ARMATORI - AGENTI MARITTIMI

CATANIA

PIAZZA DUCA DI GENOVA, 27

VIA MUSEO RISCARI, 18

TELEGR. : ALFINO - CATANIA
C. P. C. CATANIA 453311251
TELEFONI : 12974

Rome, November 6th 1944.

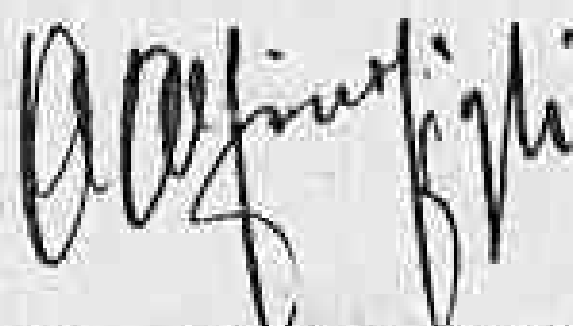
HEAD QUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION
FOR NAVAL SALVAGE COMMISSIONR O M E
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We are the owners of sunken tug and barges which are sunk in the harbour at Civitavecchia.

It is necessary that I should inspect these vessels in company with my engeneer to arrange salvage.

May I have an interview with some Official in your section to discuss the matter? We enclose a list of the sunken material.

Yours sincerely.



My address in Rome is Lungotevere Michelangelo, 9 tel. 34233 (34233).

A. ALFINO & FIGLI

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VIA MUSEO BISCARI, 16

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LIST OF THE SUNKEN MATERIAL IN THE HARBOUR OF CIVITAVECCHIA

Tug-boat ELISA HP 29,58

Barge	NORD	200 tons	d.w
"	SAATI	120	" d.w
"	GINA	130	" d.W
"	GUERRA	50	" d.w
"	L'Idea	50	" d.w
"	RISPOSTA	50	" d.w
"	SPERANZA	50	" d.w
"	L'ATTESA	50	" d.w

A. Alfino & Figli

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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HAC/1143W
10 November 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: Request for Permission to Use 60 Ton Floating
Crane in Naples Harbor.

1. Reference is made to your ltr. 11272 of 29 September 1944 which requests temporary use of the 60 ton American floating crane in Naples Harbor.

2. Headquarters, 8TH Port of Embarkation, Naples has stated that before arrangements for the use of the 60 ton crane can be made, it will be necessary to have more complete information regarding the weight and nature of the lift.

3. It is requested, therefore, that a representative of the Ministry of Marine who is familiar with the operation contact the Superintendent, Water Division, 8TH Port of Embarkation, Naples, to discuss technical aspects of the work. It is hoped that arrangements then may be made locally for the crane's use.

4. Appropriate notification has been given to the Superintendent, Water Division by the Navy Sub-Commission to the effect that a Ministry of Marine representative will visit him in the near future.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APD 394

NSC/1143W
10 November 1944

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To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
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H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/1144W
10 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Headquarters, 8TH Port of Embarkation,
APO 780.

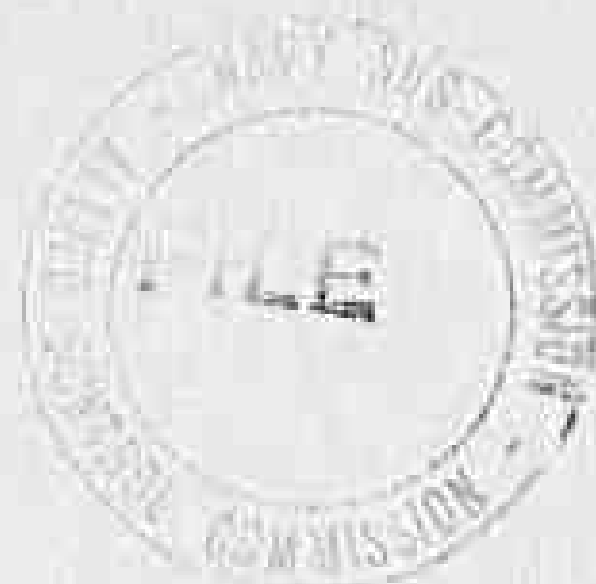
Subject: Italian Request for Permission to Use 80
Ton Floating Crane in Naples Harbor.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 5 November, which requests that an officer of the Navy Sub-Commission contact the Superintendent, Water Division, 8TH Port of Embarkation in regard to arrangements for the use of U.S. Army 80 ton floating crane by the Italian Ministry of Marine.

2. As the salvage of the IDA ORLANDO is being handled entirely by Italians and as the technical aspects are not known to the Navy Sub-Commission, a representative of the Italian Ministry of Marine has been asked to contact the Superintendent, Water Division. It is hoped that arrangements then can be made locally for satisfying the Ministry of Marine's request.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS
8TH PORT OF EMBARKATION
APO 780

5 November 1944

SUBJECT: Italian Request for Permission to Use 60 Ton Floating Crane
in Naples Harbor.

TO : Chief, Navy Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission,
APO 394, U.S. Army

1. Request for permission to use U.S. Army 60 ton floating crane
in assisting with the salvage of the merchant vessel "Ida Orlando"
alongside S. Vincenzo Mole, Naples, has been forwarded to this head-
quarters.

2. More complete information regarding the weight and nature of
the lift to be made with the crane is desired by this headquarters before
arrangements for the use of the crane are completed. It is requested
that an officer of the Navy Sub-Commission familiar with this operation
contact the Superintendent, Water Division, 8th Port of Embarkation, in
regard to this matter.

Francis J. Loomis
FRANCIS J. LOOMIS,
Lt. Col., TC
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1101B

3 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Salvage Operations, Port of San Stefano.

1. In reply to your letter No. 824/FO of 25 October 1944, the Ministry of Marine is authorized to undertake non-operational salvage at San Stefano within the area defined in paragraph 2 of FOWIT Confidential letter No. 698 of 19 October 1944, a copy of which was forwarded to you by Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1100B of 2 November 1944.

2. In order that this office may be kept informed, it is requested that a brief summary of the salvage operations undertaken be furnished periodically.

M. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

2911

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.B.I. - Rome
Date: 25.10.44
Ref.: 824/70

Subject: Salvaging Sunken Vessels.

- 1) In the Port of Santo Stefano and along the coast there are numerous sunken vessels, some of which had been requisitioned by I.R.M. for auxiliary services. Many of them are salvageable.
- 2) It is this Ministry's intention to proceed with these operations.
- 3) Request therefore that you kindly inform if they may be carried out without interfering with Allied operations in the above Port.
- 4) In the event of there being no objection, please request Allied authorities at Port Santo Stefano not to place any difficulties in the way of salvage operations to be organized by this Ministry.



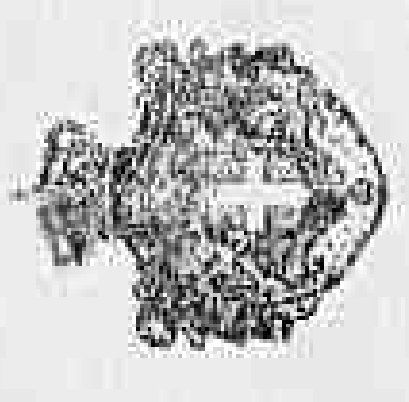
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Ministero della Marina

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Dist. N. 824 / Fo. Magenta

Roma 22 Ottobre 1944

Al R. O. L. I.

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ARGOMENTO: Ricupero natanti affondati.

- 1°) - nel Porto di Santo Sterano e litorale limitrofo, vi sono numerosi natanti affondati, di cui alcuni requisiti dalla R. Marina per i suoi servizi. Molti di essi possono essere recuperati.
- 2°) - E' intendimento di questo Ministero procedere alle operazioni di ricupero.
- 3°) - Si prega pertanto di voler comunicare se tali lavori si possono effettuare senza intralciare le operazioni in corso da parte degli alleati in detto porto.
- 4°) - Qualora non vi fosse nulla in contrario, si prega di voler interessare le Autorità Alleate di Porto Santo Sterano affinché non ostacolino le accennate operazioni di ricupero, da organizzare da parte di questo Ministero.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
G. di V. Basiliani

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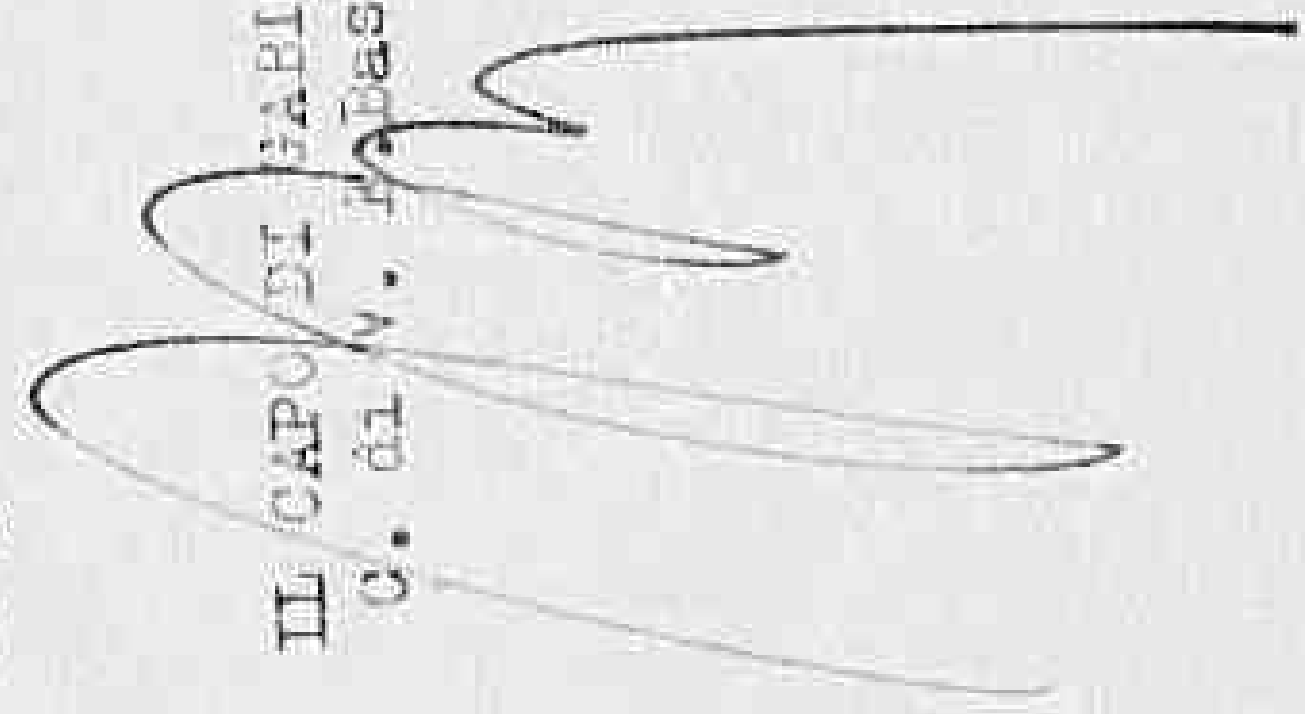
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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
G. di V. R. Baslini



HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/1039

23 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Flag Officer Western Italy.
Subject: Italian Request for Permission to Use 60 ton
Floating Crane in Naples Harbor.

1. Attached hereto is a translation of Ministry of Marine letter 11272 dated 29 September, which requests permission to use temporarily a 60 ton American floating crane to assist in salvaging the merchant vessel IDA ORLANDO which is sunk alongside the S. Vincenzo Mole, Naples.

2. It is requested that F.O.W.I.T. confirm that there is no objection to the salvage of the IDA ORLANDO and if possible arrange for the use of the crane as requested by the Italian Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIROLI
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/1099

23 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Flag Officer Western Italy.
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H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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29 OCT 1944

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.M.I. - Taranto.
Date: 29.9.44 Received for translation on 17.10.44
Ref : 11272

Subject: Salvage of M/Sch. "Ida Orlando" at Naples.

1. In Naples, alongside the S. Vincenzo Mole, the M/Sch. "Ida Orlando" is lying sunk due to war causes, and it would be useful to salvage her so as to augment the number of small coastal vessels.

From Diver's reports, it is apparent that the M/Sch. could readily be salvaged if some sunken barges which are resting on her hull could be shifted away.

To do this, it would be necessary to use for a few days the 60 - Ton American floating-crane which, it appears, is not always being utilized in Naples Harbour.

2) If there are no objections on your part, this Ministry would be obliged if you approached A.M.I.T. so that in turn he could contact the American Authorities in Naples for the temporary loan of the floating crane in question.

Naturally, the interested parties would be prepared to pay for the hire of crane.

3) Please inform us as to what can be done under this heading.

CHIEF OF STAFF.



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.W.I. - Taranto
Date: 29.9.44 Received for translation 17.10.44
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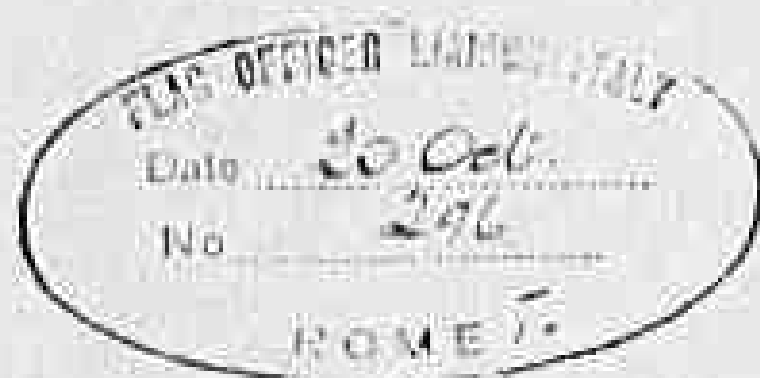
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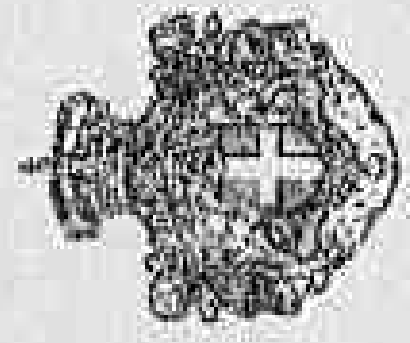
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Roma, 29 settembre 1944

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

All R. O. L. I.

Taranto

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 11272 Allegati 2

ARGOMENTO: Recupero M/V "Ida Orlando" a Napoli.

1°) - In Napoli, presso il Molo S. Vincenzo, è arrondato per cause di guerra il M/V "Ida Orlando", che sarebbe interessante poter recuperare per incrementare sempre più il piccolo ca botaggio.

Da osservazioni eseguite da palombaro, è stato accertato che il M/V sarà facilmente recuperato allorchando saranno tolte alcune pettoline che attualmente, pure arrondate, giacciono sopra lo scafo.

Per tale operazione, sarebbe necessario poter utilizzare per qualche giorno gru da 60 tonnellate americana che, a quanto risulta, non sempre è in funzione nel porto di Napoli.

2°) - Ove non vi siano difficoltà da parte di cotesto FOLL, questo Ministero pregerebbe voler interessare il FOWLT arim che questa ultima Autorità interessi a sua volta le autorità Americane in Napoli per la temporanea utilizzazione delle gru in parola.

Naturalmente gli interessati, sarebbero disposti a pagare il noleggio fissato per il natante.

3°) - Si prega comunicare quanto potrà essere deciso in merito.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 785030

ARGOMENTO: Richiedo M/V "Isa Orlando" a Napoli.

1°) - In Napoli, presso il Molo S. Vincenzo, è arroncato per cause di guerra il M/V "Isa Orlando", che sarebbe interessante poter recuperare per incrementare sempre più il piccolo cantiere.

Da osservazioni eseguite da palombero, è stato accertato che il M/V sarà facilmente recuperato allorché saranno tolte alcune pestoline che attualmente, pure arrondate, giacciono sopra lo scafo.

Per tale operazione, sarebbe necessario poter utilizzare per qualche giorno gru da 60 tonnellate americana che, a quanto risulta, non sempre è in funzione nel porto di Napoli.

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
C. di V. M. Bassini

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/1039

23 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To: Flag Officer Western Italy.
Subject: Italian Request for Permission to Use 60 ton
Floating Crane in Naples Harbor.

1. Attached hereto is a translation of Ministry of Marine letter 11874 dated 20 September, which requests permission to use temporarily a 60 ton American floating crane to assist in salvaging the merchant vessel IDA ORLANDO which is sunk alongside the S. Vincenzo Mole, Naples.

2. It is requested that F.G.W.I.T. confirm that there is no objection to the salvage of the IDA ORLANDO and if possible arrange for the use of the crane as requested by the Italian Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIRCH
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
For Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/1039

23 October 1944

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H.W. ZIROLI.
Commodore, U.S. Navy.
For Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AOC.

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No. FORAM 213.
NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, NAPLES AREA.
(Copy to: Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission).

For investigation and report.

Northern Area Mediterranean,
at Naples.
8th November, 1944.

(Sgd.) C. APPLETON 2302
For REAR ADMIRAL.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, ROME

17 October 1944.

No. L. 296/5
NSC 1000/W

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
(Copy to: Naval Officer-In-Charge, PIOMBINO).

SALVAGE IN PIOMBINO HARBOR

Enclosed herewith is Ministry of Marine letter 766/FO dated 14 October 1944 which requests that approval be given to the Ministry for salvaging a number of vessels in PIOMBINO Harbor.

2. Confirmation is requested that the recovery of the vessels listed constitutes non-operational salvage and that there is no objection to the Ministry of Marine undertaking the proposed operations.

REAR-ADMIRAL

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Correspondence
in Feli file

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From: MINISTRY of MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome.
Date: 14.10.44
Ref.: 766/FO - 1 Encl.

Copy

Subject: Salvaging in Piombino Harbour.

- 1) In the port of Piombino there are numerous sunken craft, list attached which could be salvaged easily.
- 2) It is the intention of this Ministry to proceed with recovery operations.
- 3) You are therefore asked to kindly inform us if these operations can be effected without interfering with current Allied military operations.
- 4) Should you have no objection, request you kindly notify Allied Authorities at Piombino not to place difficulties in the way of the salvage work in question.

CHIEF OF CABINET.

DG/P

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UNITA AFFONDATA A PIOMBINOCOPY.

No. 3 chiatte trasporto minerale libero
Draga "Porto S. Stefano"
Piccolo rimorchiatore
Rimorchiatore PH libero
Motozattera
No. 2 zatteroni senza motori
Piroscalo "GERBET"
Motozattera
Motoscifo senzamatore
Motocisterna C.G.S. 181 R.M.
Pontone battipali libero
Chiatte trasporto minerale libera
Pontone legno "GIOVANNA III"
Chiatte in legno
Chiatte in ferro
Relitti di motovelieri
D arcone in legno
Chiatte a due stive
Relitti di chiatte in legno
Rimorchiatore 100 HP libero
Piroscalo "DUMINI" e nave scuola
Motoveliero
Piroscalo "CAPITANO SAURO" R. Marina
2 V.A.S.
Rimorchiatore "ARCO" libero
Relitto motozattera
Relitto motozattera
Relitto in legno
Chiatte in legno
Relitti vari.

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/889

24 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: CIVITA VECCHIA Harbor - Salvage Operations et.

1. The Inspettore Generale Compartimentale del Genio Civile per il Lazio & Umbria through the Headquarters, Region IV, ACC, advises that a project has been proposed for repairs to Civita Vecchia Harbor prior to the commencement of winter storms. In order to carry out this work, it is necessary to salvage a floating steam crane (70 tons capacity) mounted on two floats, property of Società Italiana Lavori Marittimi which organization before and during the war is stated to have had charge of works in the harbor. In order to raise the crane it is proposed to salvage the tug "DOMENICO" (HP 350), which is sunk at the end of Sardinia Pier. The firm of BOSCHI & CO - RIMORCHI & SALVATACCI of Civita Vecchia are interested in the work at an estimated cost of £ 500,000.

2. The Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, considers that the salvage work involved is non-operational and should be financed by the Italian Government. The President of the Council of Ministers was requested on 16 September 1944, to inform the Allied Control Commission whether the Italian Ministry of Marine or the Italian Ministry of Public Works is responsible for the broad planning and co-ordination of harbor clearance and reconstruction work including actual salvage operations. In view of the urgency of the salvage work proposed in Civita Vecchia Harbor, it is requested that the Ministry of Marine, pending a reply from the President of the Council of Ministers, make an investigation of the salvage operation proposed and submit recommendations to the Allied Control Commission. An early report is desired in order that the commencement of work will not be delayed.

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Utilities SC, ACC.
Hq. RMN 4, ACC.

H. W. MITOLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
17th September, 1944.

Ref. 217/4/19.
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC (ROME).

SALVAGE OPERATIONS AT CIVITAVECCHIA

With reference to the Chief, Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission's letter NSC/799 of 5th September, 1944, it is confirmed that the work referred to should be considered as non-operational salvage and therefore the responsibility of the Allied Control Commission.

2. It is understood that during the Assistant Fleet Salvage Officer's recent visit to Rome, the question of which Italian Government Department was responsible to the Allied Control Commission for the carrying out of such work was discussed, and that a decision by the Allied Control Commission was expected within a few days.

3. In view however of the urgency of the work proposed it is suggested that the Allied Control Commission put this in hand through whichever Italian Government Department they decide is the most competent to carry out the work.

4. The financing of this project would appear to be the responsibility of the Italian Government.

Sgd. Haines
for ADMIRAL

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters,

23rd August, 1944.

Ref. 217/4/17.

THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC (ROME)

NON OPERATIONAL SALVAGE IN ITALIAN WATERS

The attached draft directive for the carrying out of non-operational salvage in Italian waters (including the Islands) is forwarded for your remarks. When concurrence has been obtained on the final form of this draft, the Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic will be requested to bring it to the notice of the Allied Control Commission and the Italian Ministry of Marine, for their information and remarks.

2. It is desired that this directive, amended as may be necessary, shall be issued at an early date as, at the present moment, non Operational salvage is not coordinated to the best advantage.

L. H. PHILLIPS

for ADMIRAL

Enclosure:

Draft directive.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

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NSC/894

26 September 1944

Ditta Dino PROCCHI
Via Piave 8,
ROME.

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of 25 September 1944,
the issuance of a voyage permit for the tugs and barges
referred to therein from Piombino to Rome, will be considered
when the salvage operations are completed.

The Ministry of Marine Prot. N. 40274 of 21
September 1944, forwarded with your letter is returned herewith.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.



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From: MINISTRY of MARINE (Ship Salvaging Committee)
To : Dino PROCCHI C° - Rome
Ref.: 40274
Date: 21.9.44

Subject: Salvaging of Tugs "Alabattos", "Alcione" and "Tritone"

In reply to the request put forward by your Company, you are informed that this Committee has no objection whatsoever to your Company's salvaging the 3 above-mentioned Tugs and 4 barges of 25 to 60 tons. each, which are sunk in Postiglione Harbour, belonging to the Montecatini C°, provided that the proper arrangements have been made with the Owners.

Please advise this Ministry when the salvage work is completed.

DG/P

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From: MINISTRY of MARINE (Ship Salvaging Committee)
To : Dino PROGGI C^o - Rome
Ref.: 40274
Date: 21.9.44

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Please advise this Ministry when the salvage work is completed.

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Rome 25 / 9 / 44

To the Allied Naval Commission

R O M E

enclosed the letter iust arrived from the Italian Navy Office
about the request we made to recover the folloing towing boats:

" ALEATROS "

" ALCIONE "

" TRITONE "

and four barges

As we had the pleasure to say these towing boats are necessary to
tow to Rome a large quantity of charcoal we have to deliver to the Munici=
pality. For this purpose we ask the permit to sail from PIOMBINO to ROME.

Ditta Dino PROCCHI

D. Procchi

Via PIAVE 8 - ROMA

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/799

5 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Salvage Operations at Civitavecchia Harbor.

1. Recommendations were made in Flag Officer Liaison Italy letter No. L. 296/1 of 2 September 1944, for a promulgation of a directive relating to non-operational salvage. A request has been received by the Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission, ACC, from the Headquarters, Region IV, ACC, for authority to conduct salvage work at Civitavecchia Harbor. This request was made as a result of a report made by the Ispettore Generale Compartimentale del Genio Civile per il Lazio & Umbria, inviting attention to the urgent need for repairing the harbor breakwaters prior to the commencement of winter storms.

2. In order to carry out the above work, it is proposed to salvage a Floating Steam Crane (70 tons capacity) mounted on two floats, property of Societa Italiana Lavori Marittimi which organization before and during the war had charge of works in the harbor. For work in connection with the crane, it is proposed to raise the tug "DOMENICO" (HP 350) with pumps, which is sunk at the end of the Sardinia pier. The firm of FOSCHI & CO. - RIMORCHI & SALVATAGGI of Civitavecchia, are interested in the work at an estimated cost of £ 500,000.-

3. Information is requested as to whether the above described salvage work falls in the category of non-operational salvage referred to in FOLI letter No. L 296/1 of 2 September 1944, which is to be supervised by the Italian Ministry of Marine in which case the project will be referred to that office. If not, instructions are requested as to the procedure to be followed to accomplish the necessary salvage work.

4. An early reply is requested in view of the urgent necessity of proceeding with this work without delay.

Copy to:
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PW & U SC, ACC.
Hq. Rgn. IV
Rgn. IV Eng. Div.
NOIC-Civitavecchia

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.



Tel: 489081

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Works and Utilities Sub-Commission
APO 394

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ACC/109/PWU

1 Sept. 44

SUBJECT: Clearance of the Port of Civitavecchia

TO : Navy Sub-Commission
attention Commodore Palmer

Following our recent conversation as to who should handle ship salvage in non-operational ports of Italy, and the agreement reached that, while we have military operations going on, the Italian Navy, under the direction of your Sub-Commission, should carry on such tasks, I have received a letter from Region IV concerning Civitavecchia. This letter is forwarded to you with the suggestion that you look into the question of raising ships in that harbor so that we in turn may be able to make repairs to structures when the time is opportune.

Will you please advise me on the above?

L.A. Jenny
L.A. JENNY,
Lt-Colonel, C.E.,
Director.

C.C. Regional Engr. Reg.IV.

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HEADQUARTERS REGION IV
Allied Control Commission
(Engineering Division)
APO 394

GdeCEP/sc.

28th August 1944.

TO : HQ. ACC. (Public Works & Utilities Sub-Commission) ✓ 3 copies
SUBJECT: Repairs and Salvage at CIVITAVECCHIA Harbour.
IN REPLY QUOTE: R4/ENG/59

1. The Ispettore Generale Compartimentale del Genio Civile per il Lazio & Umbria has drawn my attention to the Urgent need of carrying out repairs to certain parts of the harbour prior to winter storms starting.

Unless ~~done~~ portions of the harbour will be unfit for use. A project for this is being prepared.

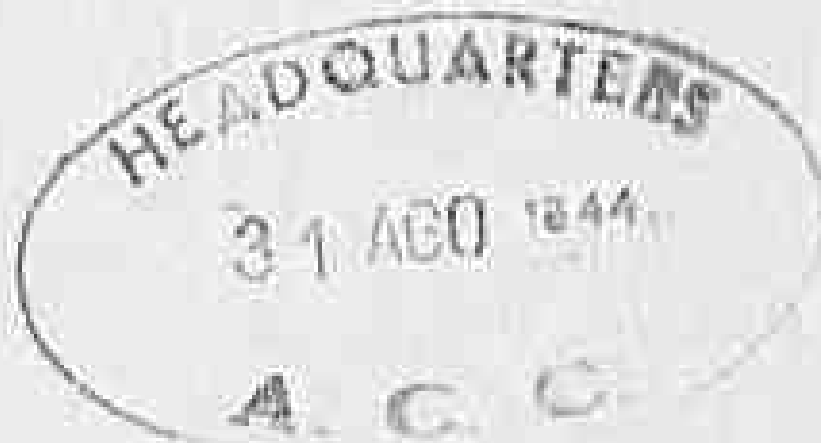
2. In order to carry out these works it is necessary to salvage a Floating Steam Crane (70 tons capacity) mounted on two floats property of Società Italiana Lavori Marittimi who before and during war had charge of works in the Harbour.

3. To tackle the raising of the CRANE it is necessary to have a tug and it is proposed to raise the tug "DOMENICO" (HP 350) with Pumps which is sunk at the end of the SARDINIA pier.

The firm of FOSCHI & C. - RIMORCHI & SALVATAGGI of CIVITAVECCHIA, are the firm interested.

The cost is estimated at £. 500.000.-

4. Permission of Allied Navy is requested to carry out these works.



Lt. Col. R.E.
Regional Engineer ACC. IV.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/774

31 August 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Salvage of Fishing Schooners at Piumicino.

1. On 9 August 1944 Colonel Spinelli, (Viale Liegi 28, Rome, Telephone 863595) was directed by the Flag Officer Western Italy to contact Lieutenant Colonel Hartman, Director of Agriculture Sub-Commission, ACC, and the Senior British Naval Officer, Rome, with regard to the subject salvage operations. As Colonel Spinelli has not yet reported, it is requested that he be directed to contact this office at the first practicable opportunity.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.C.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

MSC/734

13 August 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Flag Officer Liaison Italy, Rome.
Subject: Naval and Mercantile Vessels Sunk in Palermo
Harbor - Salvage of.

1. With reference to the Minister's letter No. 427/P.O. of 26 June 1944, the matter of salvage of Italian naval and mercantile vessels sunk in Palermo Harbor has been referred to the Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo, who advises that a temporary study of the salvage situation was made by Colonel Acquaviva, Royal Italian Navy Repair Officer in January 1944. No further requests were made except that contained in the Minister's letter of 26 June 1944.

2. On 13 July 1944, Admiral Bobbiese, Commander-in-Chief, Italian Navy in Sicily, was given full approval for any salvage operations undertaken by the Royal Italian Navy in Palermo Harbor, provided there is no interference with the operation of the port.

R. W. ZIROLLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER,
EASTERN SICILY,
AUGUSTA.

22nd July 1944.

Ref. No. 113546/53.

SALVAGE.

The proposals referred to in your
S94/NSC of 8th July 1944 are concurred in.

A. Don Cameron

CAPTAIN R.N.

CHIEF of
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.C.
NAVY HOUSE, TARANTO, ITALY.

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File No.
394/USC.

Serial: 39

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

8 July, 1944.

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.
Subject: Salvaging of Ships Sunk in Sicilian and Calabrian Ports.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Italian Minister of Marine letter No. 427/P.O.
of 26 June, 1944.

1. The Italian Minister of Marine in Enclosure (A) requests that representatives of the Salvage Department of the Italian Navy be permitted to participate in salvage operations in the subject ports with particular reference to Palermo.

2. Your comments in this premise would be appreciated.

H. St.J. BUTLER,
Commander, U. S. Navy.

for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: (With copy Enc. (A)).
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From: Ministry of Marine. Cabinet.
Date: 26 June 1944. No: 427/F.O.
To : F.O.L.I.

SALVAGING OF SHIPS SUNK IN SICILIAN & CALABRIAN PORTS

From information received, it appears that the Allied Naval Authorities have not yet allowed Royal Naval Italian Officers to make a study of the situation relative to the numerous naval and mercantile ships sunk in PALERMO Harbour.

Instead, the aforesaid Authorities have entrusted to private firms the salvage or demolition of units on the bottom, disregarding the large interests of the Italian State which are involved because these ships, being for the major part requisitioned shipping, are insured by the state.

It is hoped that the necessity for allowing delegates of the Salvage Department of the Royal Italian Navy to exercise freely their activities in all the ports in non-occupied territory, will be recognised.

Of course, that Department, as it already does, will keep in close contact with Allied Authorities in each port and will take into proper account, when establishing the degree of priority to be given to each undertaking, any request it receives which may be prompted by exigencies of a military nature.

/s/ THE MINISTER

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ENCLOSURE (A).

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File No.
S94/NSC

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto

Serial: (45)

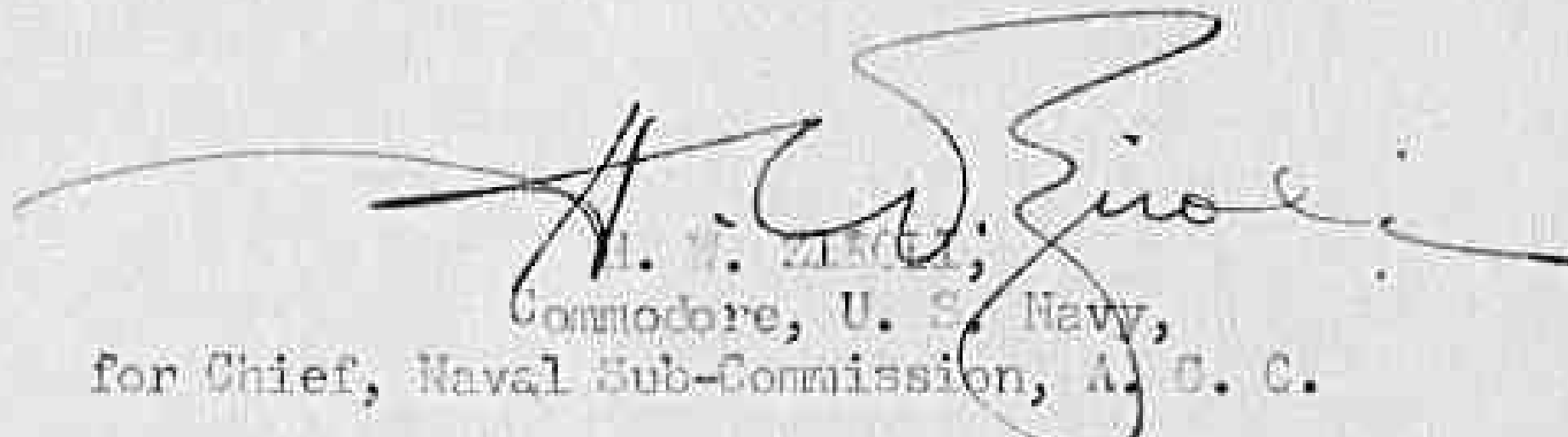
30 July, 1944.

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Taranto.
To : Naval Sub-Commission, Headquarters A.C.C., Rome.

Subject: Salvaging of Ships Sunk in Sicilian and Calabrian Ports.

Enclosure: (A) Comdt. NOB Palermo ltr. NB/S94 Serial 2386 of 15 July, 1944.
(B) Italian Minister of Marine ltr. No. 427/FO of 26 June, 1944.
(C) Copy Naval Sub-Commission, AGC ltr. S94/NSC Serial 39 of 8 July, 1944.

1. Enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded herewith for necessary action.


H. W. Zia,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A. C. C.

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File: NB/S94
Serial: 2386

U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE,
PALERMO, SICILY

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15 July 1944.

From: Commandant.
To: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
Subject: Salvaging of Ships Sunk in Sicilian and Calabrian Ports.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Italian Minister of Marine Letter No. 427/F.O. of 26 June 1944.
(B) Copy of Naval Sub-Commission A.C.C. letter of 8 July 1944.

1. The Commandant Naval Operating Base, Palermo, Sicily, has never entrusted to private firms the salvage or demolition of units sunk in Palermo Harbor. Salvage of a military nature only has been done under his direction by a U. S. Navy Salvage Unit located here.

2. The Commandant is aware, however, that the Allied Control Commission in Palermo has entrusted to private firms the salvage of vessels sunk in the harbor.

3. A temporary study of the salvage situation in Palermo Harbor was made by Colonel Acquavica, Royal Italian Navy Repair Officer in January 1944. No request for study of the salvage situation in Palermo has ever been received from the Royal Italian Navy until request mentioned in paragraph 4 of this letter.

4. Full approval for any salvage operation undertaken by the Royal Italian Navy not interfering with the operation of the port, has been given Admiral Bobbiese, Commander-in-Chief, Italian Navy in Sicily on his request to this command July 13, 1944.

C. L. Nichols
C. L. NICHOLS

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From: Ministry of Marine. Cabinet.
Date: 26 June 1944. No:427/F.B.
To : F.O.I.I.

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/s/ THE MINISTER

DE COURTEN

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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File No.
S94/NSC

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
NAVY HOUSE, TARANTO, ITALY

Serial: 39

8 July, 1944.

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To: Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.
Subject: Salvaging of Ships in Sicilian and Calabrian Ports.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Italian Minister of Marine letter No. 427/F.O. of 26 June, 1944.

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/s/ H. St. J. BUTLER,
Commander, U.S. Navy.

for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: (With copy Enc. (A)).
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ENCLOSURE (B)

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
NAPLES.

9th August, 1944.

No. POWIT 223/1.
COMMODORE I.M. PATER, D.S.C.,
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
A.P.O. 394.

SALVAGE OF FISHING BOATS AT FIUMICINO

With reference to your M.S.C./561 of 18th July and M.S.C./609 of 23rd July, 1944, the Italian salvage resources are now being co-ordinated to work entirely under the direction of Colonel Spinelli, (Viale Liegi 28, Rome, Telephone 863595) who represents Italian Ministry of Marine for all salvage matters.

2. Colonel Spinelli has been directed to contact you with regard to the salvage of the fishing vessels in Fiumicino Area.

3. Copies of Flag Officer Western Italy's memorandum No. 223 of 9th August, 1944, to Colonel Spinelli and Admiralty instructions referred to in your letter are attached.



FOR REAR ADMIRAL

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
NAPLES.

9th August, 1944.

No. FOWIT 223.
COLONEL SPINELLI,
VIALE LIEGI 28,
ROME.
(Copy to:-
Commodore I.M. Palmer, D.S.C.,
Naval Sub-Commission,
Allied Control Commission)

SALVAGE OF FISHING SCHOONERS AT FIUMICINO

The Allied Control Commission are anxious to have salvaged a number of fishing vessels sunk in the Fiumicino Area, in order to augment food supply in the Rome Area.

2. You are therefore directed to contact Lieutenant Colonel Hartman, Director of Agriculture Sub-Commission, and the Senior British Naval Officer, Rome, both at Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, with regard to this matter.

3. A report on your proposed action should then be sent to Fleet Salvage Officer, Offices of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, Naples for approval.

(Sgd) D. H. EVERETT

for REAR ADMIRAL

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M.T. 43.

C. ITALIAN MERCHANT VESSELS.

(i) In Libyan Waters.

as for (B) above.

(i) In Italian, Sicilian or Sardinian waters.

Ex Italian ships etc salvaged in these waters are to be delivered to the Italian Government, and claims for repairs reported to Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic Liaison Italy. Claims for salvage are to be forwarded through the normal service channels to the Admiralty with a copy to Flag Office, Taranto and Adriatic Liaison Italy, in the normal manner. The procedure for fixing such claims against Italians is at present under consideration.

2. As a matter of policy it is undesirable to institute or sponsor the sale of any of the vessels referred to in (A), (B), and (C) (i) above or to neutrals for use as free ships. If the condition of a ship is such that repair facilities cannot justifiably be expended on her for Government service the use of those facilities by a neutral with a view to the ship subsequently trading free from the restrictions on British or Allied tonnages would be strongly deprecated. Similarly vessels should not be sold for breaking up or for the recovery of equipment or scrap unless control over the disposal of the material is established as a condition of contract. In this connection it is desired to secure for the home market as much scrap material as can be loaded into empty ships homeward bound.

(A.L. 31297/43 of 12/11/43 A.M. 240627 February 1944)

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PP

Savage of Schooners

Understand there is a good deal of back history to this. Beyond informing the h.h. there does not appear to be any action required on this letter however.

to further action until all
 Cdr Buller's Special Report. Pls return
 this correspondence to also File in G
 Concern - Z.

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File No.
S94/NSC

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto

Serial: (45)

30 July, 1944.

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, Taranto.
To : Naval Sub-Commission, Headquarters A.C.C., Rome.

Subject: Salvaging of Ships Sunk in Sicilian and Calabrian Ports.

Enclosure: (A) Comdt. NOB Palermo ltr. NB/S94 Serial 2386 of 15 July, 1944.
(B) Italian Minister of Marine ltr. No. 427/FO of 26 June, 1944.
(C) Copy Naval Sub-Commission, ACC ltr. S94/NSC Serial 39 of 8 July, 1944.

1. Enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded herewith for necessary action.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A. C. C.

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Tel: 363

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/560

18 July 1944.

TO : Italian Navy Commissioner, Rome.

SUBJECT : Italian Salvage Firms.

1. Enclosures 1 to 4 inclusive, proposals from Italian salvage firms are forwarded herewith.

2. While the C in C Mediterranean exercises control over all salvage operations in the Mediterranean, he is primarily concerned with operational salvage. Commercial salvage operations normally will be carried out under the direction of the Italian Government.

3. Any civilian firms who are properly equipped for such operations should address themselves to the Italian Ministry of Marine who will determine whether or not the company is competent and can be utilized.

Commodore,
S.B.N.O., Rome.

Encls 1 - 4 .

Copy to:
FOTALI
FOWIT
Naval Sub-Comm, Taranto.

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
NAPLES.

1st July, 1944

No. Powit 2237
HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION.

SALVAGE OF FISHING SCHOONERS AT FIUMICINO

In reply to your memorandum No. 50010/AGR of 26th June it is pointed out that whilst the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean exercises control of all the Salvage Operations in the Mediterranean he is mostly concerned in operational salvage.

2. Arrangements have been made with the Italian Government to demise all Italian owned salvage firms and their equipment to the Italian Government and for the Italian Government to utilise the companies under the direction of a skilled salvage expert to salvage commercial craft, both at Fiumicino and Gaeta, and other places nominated by the Commander in Chief. As in accordance with Admiralty instructions transmitted by the Allied Control Commission all vessels salvaged in Italian waters are to be handed over the Italian Government. It is most desirable that the Italian Government carries the expenditure for the salvage.

3. Any civilian firms who are properly ^{equipped} for such operations should address themselves to Admiral Brivense, Italian Admiralty, Taranto, who will decide whether the firms are of bona fide standing or just interested speculators. It is the intention that the salvage operations at Fiumicino and Gaeta shall be undertaken as soon as the financial arrangements between the Italian Government and the existing well equipped firms is concluded.

4. With the existing minesweeping commitments it is unlikely that Fiumicino will be cleared in the near future. Arrangements are being made to make a start at Gaeta.

5. You may rest assured that everything possible is being done to expedite this matter.

Signed - C. App 2378

FOR HEAD ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSO/560

18 July 1944.

TO : Italian Navy Commissioner, Rome.

SUBJECT : Italian Salvage Firms.

1. Enclosures 1 to 4 inclusive, proposals from Italian salvage firms are forwarded herewith.

2. While the C in C Mediterranean exercises control over all salvage operations in the Mediterranean, he is primarily concerned with operational salvage. Commercial salvage operations normally will be carried out under the direction of the Italian Government.

3. Any civilian firms who are properly equipped for such operations should address themselves to the Italian Ministry of Marine who will determine whether or not the company is competent and can be utilized.

Commodore,
S.B.N.O., Rome.

Encls 1 - 4 .

Copy to:
FOTALI
FOWIT
Naval Sub-Comm, Taranto.

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

HOFM/cc

10 July 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage of sunken fishing vessels

To : Regional Commissioners: Region Eight, Four,
Five and Rome Region. (Att. Agricultural Officers)

1. Reference is made here to attached letter from the Office of Flag Officer Western Italy, Naples, 1 July 1944 (N° Fowit 223). It regards the salvage of fishing schooners in recently liberated waters along the Mediterranean and the Adriatic seas. It is sent for your information and action.

2. Attention is especially called to paragraph three of the attached letter. Civilian Firms must secure permission from Admiral Brivonesse, Italian Admiralty, Taranto; before starting salvage operations. Such request should be sent via the Flag Officer Western Italy, Naples Attention Capt. Doust, R.N., Salvage Officer, if in the Mediterranean, and via Flag Officer Taranto if on the Adriatic.

W.A. HARTMAN
LT. Col.
Director

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ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Agriculture Sub-Commission
APO 394

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10 July 1944

SUBJECT: Salvage of Fishing Boats in Region VIII

To : Regional Commissioner Region VIII. (Att. Agricultural Officer)

1; This is to advise you that the canal at St. Libe-rata, near Santo Stefano, will be cleared by Naval means to allow an exit to fishing boats and other craft block-aded there. This was learned in a conference between Capt. Doust, R.N., Office of FOWIT, Naples and Lt. Comdr. B.C.F. Mulieri, chief of our fisheries division.

2. On a visit in the area Lt. Comdr. Mulieri was told by Capt. C.J. Dunn, C.A.O., at Orbetello that an estimate had been made to clear the canal and that it would cost 500.000 lire. Capt. Dunn should be advised that an Allied Salvage unit will do the work.

W.A. BLAYMAN
LT. Col.
Director

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/561

18 July 1944.

TO : FOWIT

SUBJECT : Salvage Operations.

1. With reference to your No. FOWIT 223 of 1 July 1944 to Agriculture Sub-Commission, ACC, it is requested that I be advised further as to the arrangements made with the Italian government for salvage operations and furnished with a copy of the Admiralty instructions referred to in paragraph 2.

Commodore,
S.B.N.O., ROME.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

N80/594

22 July 1944.

TO : Italian Navy Commissioner, Rome.
SUBJECT : Italian Salvage Firms.

1. Enclosure No. 1, letter from the Direttore della Marina Mercantile dated in Rome 11 July 1944 is forwarded herewith.

2. The steps to be taken before any civilian firm is entrusted with salvage work are set out in my letter of 18 July 1944.

3. The Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile should be informed of this procedure.

Commodore,
~~S.B.N.O. Rome.~~

1-Incl:
Ltr 11 July '44 from
General Director.

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FROM: Navy Ministry

TO: the Navy Sub-Commission
Rome.

Mr. Giuseppe ALFINO fu Agostino is the proprietor of the tow boat "Elisa" which is duly inscribed in the port-register of Civitavecchia.

It is kindly requested to grant to Mr. Alfino, Capt. Romolo Gonnelli and Renato De Luca, navy fireman, a pass for going to Civitavecchia in order to salvage the above mentioned tow-boat and other floating constructions which have been sunk there, in all they comprise a total of 700 tons.

The GENERAL DIRECTOR
(illegible)

COPY OF TRANSLATION

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FROM: Navy Ministry

TO: the Navy Sub-Commission
Rome.

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Commodore
S.B.N.O., Rome.

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From: Navy Ministry

To the Navy Sub-Commission
Rome

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MINISTRY OF MARINE

No. 81 di prot.

Rome, 1 July 1944

TO: Commodore I.M. Palmer,
British Liaison Officer.

In case the proposals should be of some interest, I am transmitting two letters of the "Societa Recupero e Salvataggi Marittimi" with dates 27 June and 1 July respectively.

Besides I am transmitting a list of the material belonging to the R.E.S.M.A.R.

ADMIRAL OF DIVISION
(Alberto LAIS)
(sgd)

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MINISTRY OF MARINE

Rome, 1 July 1944

No. 21 di prot.

TO: Commodore I. M. Palmer,
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ADMIRAL OF DIVISION
(Alberto LAIS)
(sgd)

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Ministero della Marina
No. 11 di pref.

al Comandante L. M. Talamo

In case the proposals should be of some interest, I am transmitting two letters of the ^{Maritime} Society "Records and Review" in date 27 June and 1 July c. a.

Besides I am transmitting a list of the material belonging to the No. 1. M. G. C.

L'Amministratore di Direzione

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1 July 1944

MINISTRY OF MARINE
OFFICE OF THE LIAISON OFFICER
British & American Navies.

ROMA

In reply to your letter of the 30th June U.S.N. 76 di prot are we are enclosing herewith a list of the material of our property, which indicate the locality where this was the last time we had news of same.

With regard to the personnel we have in Rome our President Dott. Cesare Valentini-Maritime Captain who has directed the rescue works up to the present with assistance of Technical Director Engineer Ennio De Renzi, Ex-officer of machinery of the navy and other technical and administrative personnel, master carpenter, two divers, electrical experts, etc.

At Orbetello we have a great part of the crew of our tugboat "Nullo Chiesa", the other part being at present in the zone occupied by the Germans (Viareggio-Carrara).

It wouldn't be difficult to complete our personnel if we are allowed and are provided with a permit to visit the requested localities.

SOC. AN. R.E.S.M.A.R.

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Dr. G. A. Mc. ~~Mc.~~

811 1/7/48.

In reply to ~~the~~ your letter of the 30th. of June w. S. n. 76 di Proh. we are enclosing a list of the material of our property, with a list by indicated the locality where it was when we had the last notices of it.

As for what concerns the persons we have in Rome our President Dott. Cesare Valentini - Maritime Dept. who has directed the rescue work until at present under the technical Director: Ing. Emilio De Renzi ex-officer of machinery in the marine various technical and administrative personnel - a mechanical expert, master, two divers, technical, electricians etc.

As Orsello we have a great part of ~~our~~ the crew of our Motor "Duca" Mulo Priore. The other parts

In reply to ^{your} ~~the~~ letter of the 30th of June u. l. n.° 16 di Troh. we are enclosing a list of the material of our property, with a note by indicating the locality where it was when we had the last notices of it.

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As Petrucciello we have a great part of ~~our~~ the crew of our motor tug "Mulo Bianco". The other part is with the force still occupied by the

German (Vareggio-Barrara).

It should not be difficult

at any time to complete see previous
 if we had the permission to go
 to the requested localities.

W. C. D. E. J. A. G. D.

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27 June 1944

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OFFICE OF THE LIAISON COL COMMANDER
INTER-ALLIED MINISTRY OF MARINE

ROMA

The undersigned Company request hereby to be allowed to proceed as soon as possible with her own means of transportation, hereunder indicated to the ports of Civitavecchia, Orbetello, Talamone and Peombino (the sooner to the latter port) to repair and recover our salvage materiel dispersed and hidden in above ports during the German occupation.

During the time of the occupation of above places by the German, unable to work, we did everything within our power to prevent this materiel falling into the hands of the German.

The material comprise: 1 tugboat of 110 H.P. 1 charriot ferryboat 9 draining pumps(motor) funnels and the relative accessories, diver's equipment and other materiel for towing, recovering and salvaging.

To authorization to go to the named localities is thus requested hereby for Doctor Valentini Cesare, President of the Company and for the Engineer De Rinzi, Ennio, Technical Director and also Mr. Alimenti Francesco, Procurator of the same.

Upon recovering of above listed materiel, same will be put at the disposition of the Allied Authorities for salvage works as well as port service.

Looking forward for a reply,

Soc an. R.E.S.M.A.R.
(sgd)

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Motor transport for which permits are requested:

Fiat 508 Targato Roma 53321
Camioncino Fiat 508 Targato Roma 75975
Motorcycle B.S.A. Targato Roma 10341

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The undersigned Society ^{to go} makes the request to be allowed ^{to go} as quick as possible, with her own means, hereunder, indicated, to the ports of Givaraecchia, Orbetello, Calamare and Giombino, as soon as possible in this last locality, to make out and recover her own materials of despoiled and hidden in the same locality during the German occupation. In fact not having wanted to work during the last period for the German authorities, we have done whatever was possible so that it could not be found. The materials concerned:

1. Motor - two of 110 H.P. - 1 carrier
1. Ferry boat - 9 draining - pumps.
1. With motor, Gimmels (and) the relative accessories, divers material and other various material ⁷⁵⁸³ during recovering and returning.
- The authorities to go to the named localities is requested to be named for the

request to the extent as far as possible, with her own means, hereunder, indicated, to the port of Gibraltar, Orbetello, Calabrone and Trionfano, as soon as possible in the least locality, to make out and recover her own materials of dispersed and hidden in the same locality during the German occupation. In fact, not having worked so much during the said period for the German authorities, we have done whatever was possible. So that it could not be found. The materials concerned:

1. Motor - two of 110 H.P. - 1 chariot
 Ferry boat - 2 draining - pumps.
 With motor, Gimmels (and the relative accessories, divers material and other various material ⁷⁵⁵³ ~~7553~~ towing recovering and rescuing.

The authorization is requested for the time being for 1000 for the time being. For the Valentin Cesare Pedicini of the Society and for the Ing. De Renzi Fund, Technical Director and

for Mr. Belmont's suggested prosecution
of the same.

As soon as all or part of the
material will be recovered, we
it is understood that we will
set ourselves at the disposition
of the Fleet Committee for
works of naval recovery or harbor
works.

For G. A. No. 6. 1. H. A. P.

Motor means for which the
permission is requested:

Motor "Fiat" 508 - Plate No. 53321

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 ed ourselves at the disposition
 of the Allied Headquarters for
 docks of naval recovery or harbour
 works.

for G.A. No. 6. 1. 14. G. 6.

Motor means for which the
 permission is requested:

Motor "Fish" 508 - Plate No. 53321.
Small truck "Fish" 508 - Plate No. 75985.

Motor cycle mark "B. 1. 2." - Plate

No. 10341.

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MATERIEL PROPERTY OF R.E.S.M.A.R.

AT CIVITAVECCHIA: On board the "Orione" in which salvage works were underway before 8 September 1943:

3 draining pumps with 1500 tons of accessories, etc.
1 diving set with machinery, diving apparatus and accessories.
Other sundries (small accessories, etc).

AT ORBETELLO:

In the channel giving access to the lagoon at Santa Liberata:
Motor tugboat "nullo Chiesa" 110 H.P. completely equipped for salvage and rescue works. The motor was put out of commission on purpose to prevent the German from requisitioning this, notice of which requisitioning order was served on us way back on June 4th.

AT TALAMONE:

In a warehouse near the Delegation of Spiaggia:
3 draining pumps, salvaging equipment, rescue, diving sets, diving bells, accessories, underwater torches, etc.

AT PIOMBINO:

Sunk in three meters water in the small haven of the Soc. "Ilva"
Ferry boat "Consfonda", lifting power 10 tons with motor, 3 draining pumps, cables, 250 meter of rubber, accessories, etc.
Diving and tug accessories.

Besides we have considerable materiel and accessories of all kind hidden in private houses at Piombino, orbetello and in the neighborhood. All this to avoid the seizure and obligation to work for the German authorities.

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Soc. An. R.E.S.M.A.R.

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Material belonging to
The R. G. & V. R. Co. Co.

Get Guinevere: On board of the
"Orion" of which the
rescue was undertaken
before the 8/9/1943.

3 draining pumps with the human
of more than 4500 tons. Many with
pumps and the relative accessories.
1 diver pumps with co-axes, ~~found~~
and all the accessories.

Various small material
Get Orbeillo: in the ~~space~~ ^{space} giving access
to the lagoon at Santa Liberata;

the docks. "Tullo Phier", 110 b.t. completed
rigged for the recovery and rescue
and the ^{the motor of} the ~~the~~ had been
spoiled since solely as to escape.
The requisitioned ordered by the gateway
authorities and we have notice of
it until the 7 June 1943.

Get Galamone: in a warehouse near
2961

The Deception of the Magpie:

3 draining pumps, various rescue ma-
terials and other diving bells, ~~found~~

to town, with most ^{and hand} "verifiable" ~~the~~ having on board a complete assortment of cables, ladders, etc. as well as three draining pumps and more than 250 meter of rubber "blowpipe" ~~the~~ of various caliber with valves etc. Various material for dives and dug material

Besides we have various material and accessories hidden in private houses at Toulon, Orbeville and in the neighborhood.

All this to avoid the seizure and the obligation of having to work for the German authorities.

To C. S. M. A. K.

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1 July 1944

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27 June 1944

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Soc. An. R.E.S.M.A.R.

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Ministero della Sanita a
N° 84 di prot.
82

In case the proposals should
be of some interest to you, two
letters are being transmitted
from the "I. M. C. R. S." respecti-
vely in date 28/6/ and 1/8/54.

Besides 3 copies of letters
are transmitted.

L'ammiraglio di
Divisione.

82
1.1.44.

in answer to the letter n° 3 on date 30/6, we may say to take notice that for the recovery and rescue work we

dispose of
a) 13 pumps and complete rigging for
diver, carcass, helmet, shoes, sleeve,
etc. etc.)

b) various draining motor pumps for a
complete reach of 1.500 tons' capacity
and furnished with more than
30 m. of tube

c) an electric propeller group "Eridania",
d) turbines for the extraction of sand,
clay and heavy waters.

e) a pumpson Derrick gauging 92.75 ton.
measuring length m. 124, 60. Breadth m. 7.50.
height m. 4, 60.

f) a geyometer establishing with the relative
handles, tubes etc. etc.

g) a small rigging for workshop 2355
h) some vertical tubes amongst which
a dig depth motor great tubes of 100/270
H.P. ready to be placed upon some
table to do the use of a

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diver, carcass, helmet, etc., leave,
etc. etc.)
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complete reach of 1500 tons hourly
and furnished with more about
30 m. of tube
- c) an tele. progene group "Pudista",
d) turbines for the extraction of sand,
clay and heavy waters.
- e) a pondoon Derrick gauging 92 1/2 tons.
measuring length m. 124, 60. breadth m. 750.
height m. 4, 60.
- f) a gyrometer establishing with the rotating
handles, tubes etc. etc.)
- g) a small rigging for workshop 2056
It) some reserve tubes amongst which
a dig. vent. motor & cylinder of 200/2 1/2
hp. ready to be placed upon some
trip. the table to the side of a
powerful dig.
but this material is in Rome
and in consequence nearly unusable.
directly distinguish having but to
complete the mounting of because
all the pieces have been dis-

mounted and hidden so that the German should not see them.

In Naples where the society has its own launch and on the end of September 1943 was doing some works for the rescue of the "Maddalena" on behalf of the U.S. Navy.

a) other groups of motor pumps gauging more than 1,000 tons, horizontal tubes furnished with the relative tubes of m/m 200 and m/m 150 diameter. b) other complete rigging for divers and relative pumps. c) complete establishment of "water" in other localities already occupied by the allied troops or about to be (Porto Ferraro, Livorno, Leghorn) we have the following floating:

- a) Tailoon "Laco" gauging ton 500.
- b) diver boat "Cervara" ton 250.
- c) diver boat "Netuno" ton 250.
- d) sailing boat "Marcella" ton 250.

Length 13-10 upon which some work has been done for the eventual establishment of a sea di us for which

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more than 1000 tons / hourly fault
furnish head with the relative tubes
of m/m 200 and m/m 150 diameter.

b) other complete rigging for divers and
relative pumps.

c) complete establishments of scuba
in other localities or close to it.

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(Porto-ferrais, Timbido, Leghorn) we have
the following floating:

a) Tailor boat "Caco" going on 50 tons

b) diver boat "Cavada" ton 25.

c) diver boat "Netuno" ton 25.

d) sailing boat "Marcella" ton 25.

length 13-10 upon which some
work has been done for the

eventual establishment of a sea
motor "Devity" di 45 tons which

we also designate.

e) sailing - boat "S. Badalato" of 44 tons,
length 14,5 m.

Finally in "Cala Italia" we have
other groups of motorpumps, motors,
other complete
other establishments of "water cutter", etc.

material will ready and that the
difficulties of transportation in these
last months depicted ~~is~~ so
make over in due time to Rome.

For what concerns the personnel
which we have here the personnel
of our technical and Administrative
Director, we have in Naples three
divers with whom we have already
taken contact in these days, and
still so for all the relative personnel.

You consider we are able to start
in a few days the work with the
means actually at our disposition
and may count upon a progressive
increase of productivity by and
by we recombine and can start
upon the place where the work is
done, the materials and people
aim for which rejoining we have
asked the permission to go to
Naples by car of our Administrative
for and technicals.

ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
EC & AG SECTION

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Handwritten text, likely a memorandum or report, written in cursive script. The text is oriented vertically on the page and appears to be a continuation of a document, as indicated by the word "Continued" at the bottom. The handwriting is somewhat faded and difficult to decipher in many places, but it seems to contain several paragraphs of text. The first line of the visible text is "Continued" and the last line is "Continued".

43/44
29.6.44

The undersigned M. G. R. C. & establish
in Rome - P. Giraldo Fabrizio N. 2. - permits
itself to make presents.

1. No have in Naples her own branch
constituted last June and settled
down near the Lig. Filippo d' Ambrosio
in Gaivano (Naples) regularly gives
notice of the Provincial Office of the
Corporations of Rome near which Society
it is inscribed with the n. 42-1852.
2. That last September she was working
in the harbour of Naples for the under
secretary of the M. Barin to recover
the steamer "Goodica".

From what is written here above
it is evident ^{and} necessary that this
Society should be able to send as
quickly as possible to Naples, her own
administrators and technicals all the
more that the Society is providing with
activity to put into activity her ²⁸⁵⁴ ~~2854~~
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 so as to be able to send to Naples.
 The said people we can dispose of
 the Fiat cost 1.100 - plate 68423-Rome

and therefore permit ourselves to ask
 to this honorable Ministry to be
 so kind as to concede us a circulate^{tion}
 permit for a voyage Rome Naples
 and return with the named vehicle.

We permit to make present that
 this Society with the letters ^{enclosed} enclosed
 of which we enclose copy directed to
 the Allied Command in Rome and
 at the No. 6 of the harbor of Rome
 sed, at the depositary of said office
 for eventual works and the same
 thing it does with the present
 donated this Ministry

M. G. No. 6.

Enclosed: three copies.

London, 23/6/44.

Our Society having been requested by the owners of such her or her of damaged ships in the matter of assistance, for their recovery or release permit me to ask to this Command the authorization of immersion for her own interest to as to visit the damaged ships.

2) The permission of circulation for as matter means besides the force of the command of home to as to pass for machinery, rigging and the personal needed for the development of her own activity 3) The authorization to direct the recovery for the ships for which it should be possible.

2353

Re: 124/6/1944

making suite to over in date 9
and 23 c. we led you know that for
the ^{thing} these and reverse work over too
is rigged with.

a) various complete rigging for direct
b) various drawing pumps joined
to motor ganging in complete near
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suspended with tubes for setting
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e) various rigging for work hop and
to each with stop!

f) "piston" bitaguo.
All this material is here in some
and therefore in conditions of
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Let that, where the society has
been and last item

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 - b) various drafting plans traced to master ganging in complete near 1.500 hours hourly, furnished with the necessary rules.
 - c) electrical work "brackets"
 - d) complete establishing of geometry furnished with sheets for setting or soldering sheets
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 - f) "joints" "bitaguo."
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- At Naples, where the society has her own branch and last depot. Her head in course the "edice" works for the ship "Modica", we have other groups of master ganging, establishing for "water settlers", other complete rigging for diver etc. etc. near term

that we hope to receive as soon as we will be able to go to that town.

In other locations already occupied we need to be occupied by the called troops (Portuguese, Vietnamese, Hmong) we have different floating ^{for boats} diver-boats, sailing boats as well as marine motors and material other groups of motor pumps, other "water cutters" etc that we acquired recently and that we could not make arrive in time in due time.

In complete we require to be at the high to start directly the work with the means actually at our disposition and if we can receive an additional progressive potentiality as soon as we can have in hand the material catalogue.

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STAFF MINUTE SHEET

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Subject Transfer Pontone ArchimedeOrigin Dep NSC

Referred to

A/SEC

Have you any previous information on this? WW 26/5

After action
circulationReturns to
NSC

Disposal

B. U.

We have informed the Minister that this pontoon is being taken to halter to repair some of the damage wreaked by the Italian bombing of the island. Suggest J & C SC. be informed in this sense.

Sub
A/Sec
27/5.

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Continue, if necessary, on a FRESH minute sheet.

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INDUSTRY & COMMERCE SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

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Brindisi 2843

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MAY 26 1944

ROYAL NAVY

COMMITTEE FOR SALVAGING SHIPS

No. 32

TO - Ministry of works,
Industry and Commerce.

Via - Navy Staff.

Subject: - Pontoon Archimede of the Enterprise for
Port Works, Catania.

1. This Committee has learned that the Pontoon in question, situated at Catania, will be transferred to Malta by order of the English Command.

2. This pontoon is absolutely indispensable for salvage operations which are being developed in Sicily; operations which would have to be discontinued as it would not be possible for the moment to send to Sicily any machinery for raising.

2. Since, among other things, the pontoon mentioned is at the moment the only means available for lifting heavy objects, it is requested that the Ministry try to persuade the British authorities to stop the transfer of the above mentioned float to Malta.

for the Minister.

Bruto Brivonesi.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

27 May 1944.

From:
To :

Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, Allied
Control Commission.

Subject:

Transfer of Archimede Pontoon from Catania to
Malta.

Reference:

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1. Reference (a) forwarded a letter from the Italian Ship Salvage Committee regarding the transfer of subject pontoon from Catania to Malta.

2. Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic, Liaison Italy, has recently informed the Italian Minister of Marine that due to the need for the pontoon at Malta, it can not be allowed to remain at Catania.

3. As FOTALI has informed the Naval Sub-Commission that this decision is final, no further action is contemplated.

H. W. ZIEROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to:

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