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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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FROM: CAPTAIN C I NICHOLS

TO : SUSNLO ROME INFO AC ROME, COM 8TH FLEET

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Expect arrive ROME with Labor Officer 27 March discussion connection wage problems.

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UNITED STATES EIGHTH FLEET

Serial: 3044

31 DEC 1944

SECOND ENDORSEMENT to
Navy Sub-Comission ltr.
NSC/1279 dated 8
December 1944.

From: Commander U. S. EIGHTH Fleet.
To : Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

Subject: Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board Labor and Wages Control Committee.

1. The wage scales promulgated by Commander in Chief, Mediterranean, letter Med. 45/316/4/1 of 29 November 1944 are those listed in Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Circular No. 47 dated 16 November 1944, copies of which were forwarded to the Senior U. S. Naval Liaison, Italy, and the Commandant, Naval Operating Base, Palermo under date of 22 November 1944.

H. O. Belanger

H. O. BELANGER,
By Direction.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1279
8 December 1944.

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

Subject: Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board Labour and Wages Control Committee.

1. It is requested that a copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, letter Med. 45/316/4/1 of 29 November 1944, relating to the rates of pay in Sicily, established by the subject board, be forwarded to the Commandant, U. S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO.

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

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ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN) BOARD LABOUR AND WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE.

(Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission's letter No. NSC/1279 dated 8th December, 1944.)

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Med.45/316/4/1.

CAPTAIN S. R. EDSON, U.S.N.,
U.S. NAVY HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES.

(Copies to: - Commodore H. W. Ziroli, U.S. Navy,
Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, Rome.
Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base,
Palermo.)

Forwarded please, as arranged in our telephone message this afternoon, Sunday.

2. Med.45/316/4/1 of 29th November, 1944 promulgated to the Royal Naval authorities, the rates of pay for Italian employees approved by the Labour and Wages Control Committee of the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board at their meeting on 16th November, 1944. It is presumed that you issue these decisions to the U.S. Naval authorities concerned.

Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
24th December, 1944.

[illegible] E. BEALL
CAPTAIN (S) R.N.
FLEET SUPPLY OFFICER.

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UNITED STATES EIGHTH FLEET

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1A12
30 December 1944.

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

Subject: Transfer of Italian Port Party to CIVITAVECCHIA.

1. Reference is made to Ministry of Marine letter SM/27628 of 30 November 1944.

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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

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NSC/1413
30 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Transportation Sub-Commission, Hq. A.C.

Subject: Port Labor.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Com. ltr NSC/1100B of 2 November 1944 to Ministry of Marine. Subject: Italian Ports - Organization of.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Ministry of Marine ltr SM/27628 of 30 Nov. 1944.
(B) Copy Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C. (AMIK) ltr SD/19 of 24 Dec. 1944.
(C) Navy Sub-Com. ltr NSC/1412 of 30 Dec. 1944. (Copy)

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4. It will be noted in enclosure (B) that Italian Army labor troops have been placed in either British or U.S. categories, both of which are under Allied command. Such troops are available for only such duty as is assigned by the government concerned.

5. In the event that the need for Italian Army labor in Italian controlled ports is deemed to be sufficiently great, the Navy Sub-Commission will be glad to present the matter to Allied Force Headquarters if supplied with specific requirements and sufficient facts to justify transferring such labor troops from Allied operated ports.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION - NAVY

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30 December 1944.

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To : Transportation Sub-Commission, Hq. A.C.

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Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 759220

From: I.R.N. Staff Office. COPY
To : F.C.L.I. - Rome.
Date: 30.11.44
Ref.: SM/27628

Subject: Proposal to Transfer an Italian Port Labor Party to CIVITAVECCHIA.

1. The proximate arrival at Civitavecchia of several Allied M/Vs carrying supplies for the Italian civil population is foreseen. The number of civil stevedores there is less than will be required to unload the M/Vs. in question, nor is it possible to increase it by employing labour from the surrounding district, as workers do not want to go to Civitavecchia where they could not find food and lodging.

2. To increase the ports' unloading capacity, it would be very useful to transfer to Civitavecchia a Company of Lt. Auxiliary troops engaged under "Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C."

3. I request therefore that you kindly obtain above Sub-commission's approval to the transfer to Civitavecchia of a Company of the Auxiliary Troops already mentioned. Italian Army Authorities concerned have been informed of this request and are favourable to its acceptance.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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(ENCLOSURE (A)).

Declassified E.O. 12356 Section 3.3/NND No. 758120

COPY:

Subject: Port Labor Party.

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/19
21 December 1944

To : Navy Sub Commission ALCOM

Copy to: AFHQ for G-3 (Org)

Reference your NSC/1308 of 10 December 1944.

1. The Italian War Ministry has been allowed a small number of troops for administration, services, hospitals, etc. No labor units are available in this category. Therefore it is not possible for the War Ministry to assist in the operation of ports with troops at its disposal.

2. All Italian Army labor units are in either the British or US categories, both of which are under Allied command, fully employed, and are a national commitment of the Government concerned. Therefore these units are available for only such duty as is assigned by the Government concerned. Both the British and US Armies are employing such units in the operation of British and US ports. The British Army is also employing some Italian Naval personnel in port operations; these are included in the Italian Army (British) ceiling; and the Italian Navy is maintained wholly by the British Government.

3. It is believed that it will be necessary for the Italian Government to utilize civilian labor for operation of ports under Italian control.

CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA).

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(ENCLOSURE (B)).

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1412
30 December 1944

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To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.

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

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(ENCLOSURE (C)).

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Subject: Port Labor Party

Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)
Rome
SD/19
14 December 1944

To : Navy Sub Commission, ALCOM

Copy to: AFHQ, for G-3 (Org)

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CLAYTON P. KERR, Colonel
for Major General
Land Forces
Sub Commission, AC (MMIA)

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NAVSUB/1264
4 December 1944.

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

Subject: Proposal to Transfer an Italian Port Labor Party to Civitavecchia.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Ministry of Marine ltr SM/27628 dated 30 November 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded with the request that the Land Forces Sub-Commission grant the necessary approval for the transfer of a company of Auxiliary Italian Army troops to Civitavecchia.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission supports the Ministry of Marine's request in view of the fact that the Port of Civitavecchia has been turned back to the Italian Government and the Italian Navy now is fully responsible for its administrative and operational efficiency.

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

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COPY:

From: I.R.M. Staff Office.
To : F.O.I.I. - Rome.
Date 30.11.44
Ref.: SM/27628

Subject: Proposed to Transfer an Italian Port Labor Party to CIVITAVECCHIA.

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3. We request therefore that you kindly obtain above Sub-Commission's approval to the transfer to Civitavecchia of a Company of the Auxiliary Troops already mentioned. Italian Army Authorities concerned have been informed of this request and are favourable to its acceptance.

for CHIEF OF STAFF.

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From: I.R.N. Staff Office
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 30.11.44
Ref.: SM/27623

Subject: Proposal to Transfer an Italian Port Labour Party to CIVITAVECCHIA.

1. The proximate arrival at Civitavecchia of several Allied M/Vs. carrying supplies for the Italian civil population is foreseen. The number of civil stevedores there is less than will be required to unload the M/Vs. in question, nor is it possible to increase it by employing labour from the surrounding district, as workers do not want to go to Civitavecchia where they could not find food and lodging.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 3 Dec
No 22
ROME 6

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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STATO MAGGIORE DELLA R. MARINA

REPARTO M.D.S.

Prot. N. Sm/27628 Allegati

indir. telegr.: MARISTAT

Roma, li 30/11/1944

AL F. O. L. I.

ROMA

Argomento: Proposta di trasferimento di una compagnia italiana di lavoratori portuali a Civitavecchia.-

1. - E' previsto il prossimo arrivo a Civitavecchia di alcune navi mercantili Alleate con rifornimenti per la popolazione italiana. Il numero degli scaricatori portuali civili é inferiore a quanto occorrerebbe per effettuare lo scarico dei sopracitati piroscafi, né é possibile aumentarlo ricorrendo a mano d'opera dai paesi circonvicini, perché i lavoratori non vogliono recarsi a lavorare a Civitavecchia, ove non hanno possibilità di trovare vitto e alloggio.

2. - Per aumentare la capacità di scarico del porto di Civitavecchia potrebbe riuscire molto utile il trasferimento in tal porto di una compagnia delle truppe ausiliarie dell'Esercito Italiano alle dipendenze per l'impiego della "Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.".

3. - Si prega pertanto codesto F.O.L.I. di voler chiedere alla suddetta Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. l'autorizzazione per il trasferimento a Civitavecchia di una compagnia delle Truppe Ausiliarie del R.Esercito Italiano. Le Autorità competenti del R.Esercito Italiano sono state informate della richiesta, e sono favorevoli di massima al suo accoglimento.

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE 3252

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1302
10 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.

Subject: Proposal to Transfer an Italian Port Labor Party to Civitavecchia.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter SC/19 of 6 December, which in answer to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1264 of 4 December, states that there are no Italian Army Labor Units available for use in the port of Civitavecchia.

2. As previously indicated, the operation of the Port of Civitavecchia has been made the responsibility of the Italian Navy. The ports of San Stefano and Piombino likewise have been returned to the control of the Italian Navy and it is anticipated that a similar return of other ports to Italian control will be made in the future. In all of these ports there is a shortage of manual assistance. At the same time, it is extremely desireable that the ports be placed in efficient operation to relieve the forward ports from the necessity of handling civilian supplies while their facilities are required for military equipment and personnel.

3. Therefore, in view of the great need for port labor and in view of the importance of establishing a definite policy as to the manner in which it may be obtained, it would be appreciated if the Navy Sub-Commission could be informed of the policy of the Land Forces Sub-Commission in regard to the utilization of Italian Army Labor Units. Information is particularly desired as to whether assistance may be expected from such Italian Army units in the future and if so to what degree.

4. Also the Navy Sub-Commission would appreciate additional information for use as the basis of a reply to the Ministry of Marine. It is considered that elaboration is required in the reply as the operation of Civitavecchia is an Italian Government responsibility and their request is apparently supported by the Italian Ministry of War.

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

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SUBJECT: Assignment of Labour Units.

Land Forces Sub-Com. A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
SD/19
8 DEC 44

TO : Navy Sub Com. A.C.

Ref your letter NSC/1264 of 4 Dec 44.

It is regretted that there are no Italian Army units which could be used for this purpose.

J.M. Ingledew.
Major General
M.M.I.A.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1312
15 December 1944.

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

Subject: Conditions of Employment and Wages Scales for Italian Civilian Employees.

Enclosure: (A) Copy CinC-MED ltr A5/316/4/1 dated 23 November 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information.

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

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
23rd November, 1944.

Med.45/316/4/1
THE FLAG OFFICER, NORTHERN AREA, MEDITERRANEAN
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC, ITALY
THE FLAG OFFICER, (LIAISON), ITALY (ROME)
THE COMMODORE SUPERINTENDENT, TARANTO
THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, EASTERN SICILY
THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. "HANNIBAL"
THE NAVAL OFFICERS IN CHARGE, BARI, BARLETTA, BRINDISI,
MANFREDONIA, TARANTO, NAPLES AREA, ISCHIA,
LEGHORN, ANCONA, MADDALENA, PARTY JIG, PARTY MIKE,
PARTY NAN, PARTY OBOE, PARTY ITEM
THE RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICERS, CASTELLAMARE, SYCUSE, CATANIA
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CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES SCALES FOR ITALIAN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

With reference to Med.45/316/4/1 of 5th November, 1944, the following increases in the Allied Forces Basic Wage Scale are effective from 16th November, 1944 inclusive, within all territory under Italian Government control (including Naples Area):-

a. Daily Wage Group

Present Wage	Authorized Increase	New Total Daily Wage
85 Lire	60 Lire	145 Lire
90 "	60 "	150 "
95 "	60 "	155 "
100 "	60 "	160 "
105 "	60 "	165 "
110 "	60 "	170 "
115 "	60 "	175 "
120 "	60 "	180 "
125 "	57 "	182 "
130 "	55 "	185 "
135 "	52 "	187 "

From 140 lire to 165 lire inclusive, add 50 lire to each category

170 "	47 "	217 "
175 "	45 "	220 "
180 "	42 "	222 "
185 "	40 "	225 "

From 185 lire and above, add 40 lire to each category

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THE SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, EASTERN SICILY
THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. "HANNIBAL"
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125 "	57 "	182 "
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From 140 lire to 165 lire inclusive, add 50 lire to each category

170 "	47 "	217 "
175 "	45 "	220 "
180 "	42 "	222 "
185 "	40 "	225 "

From 185 lire and above, add 40 lire to each category

b. Monthly Wage Group

Present Wage	Authorized Increase	New Total Monthly Wage
Up to and including		
3000 Lire	1560 Lire	4560 Lire
3100 "	1530 "	4630 "

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Med. 45/316/4/1 dated 23rd November, 1944 (cont.)

b. Monthly Wage Group (cont.)

Present Wage	Authorized Increase	New Total Wage
Up to and including		
3200 Lire	1480 Lire	4680 Lire
3300 "	1430 "	4730 "
3400 "	1380 "	4780 "
3500 "	1330 "	4830 "
3600 "	1300 "	4900 "

From 3700 lire to 5000 lire inclusive, add 1300 lire.

5100 "	1230 "	6330 "
5200 "	1180 "	6380 "
5300 "	1130 "	6430 "
5400 "	1080 "	6480 "
5500 "	1040 "	6540 "

For 5600 lire and over, add 1040 lire.

for Admiral

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3300	"	1430	"	4730	"
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23rd November, 1944

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90 "	60 "	150 "
95 "	60 "	155 "
100 "	60 "	160 "
105 "	60 "	165 "
110 "	60 "	170 "
115 "	60 "	175 "
120 "	60 "	180 "
125 "	57 "	182 "
130 "	55 "	185 "
135 "	52 "	187 "
From 140 lire to 165 lire inclusive, add 50 lire to each category		
170 "	47 "	217 "

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170 "	47 "	217 "
175 "	45 "	220 "
180 "	42 "	222 "
185 "	40 "	225 "

From 185 lire and above, add 40 lire to each category

b. Monthly Wage Group

Present Wage	Authorised Increase	New Total Monthly Wage
Up to and including 3000 lire	1560 lire	4560 lire
3100 "	1530 "	4630 "

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b. Monthly Wage Group (cont.)

Present Wage	Authorized Increase	New Total Monthly Wage
Up to and including		
3200 Lire	1480 Lire	4680 Lire
3300 "	1430 "	4730 "
3400 "	1380 "	4780 "
3500 "	1330 "	4830 "
3600 "	1300 "	4900 "
From 3700 to	5000 lire inclusive, add 1300 lire	
5100 "	1230 "	6330 "
5200 "	1180 "	6380 "
5300 "	1130 "	6430 "
5400 "	1080 "	6480 "
5500 "	1040 "	6540 "

For 5600 lire and over, add 1040 lire.

C. H. Mumford.

for ADMIRAL

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Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

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16th May, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : The Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject : Employment of Italians in Far East.

With reference to your letter No.5218/2/SC of the 12th May, 1945, negotiations for the employment of Italian labour in the Eastern Theatre are known to have taken place between the British and Italian Governments, and the British Admiralty sent representatives to Rome to conduct detailed investigations during April, 1945.

2. The problem has been handled through diplomatic channels and the Navy Sub Commission has no reliable information as to the proposals made to, or their acceptance or otherwise by the Italian Government.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

EXC/el

12 May 45

Ref: 5218/2/EC

SUBJECT: Employment of Italians in Far East

TO : Navy Subcommission, Hq, AC

1. At the Executive Commissioner's meeting on 11 May, the subject of employment of Italians in the Far East was brought up, and statement was made to the effect that the British Royal Navy had entered into a contract for the employment of some 15,000 Italians in the Far East.

2. The Executive Commissioner wishes to have a complete report on this matter.

J. W. Stearns
Chief Staff Officer,
for Executive Commissioner. Maj.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
28th April 1945.

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THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON ITALY (ROME)
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(d) All food imported or indigenous to the North must be priced as for (c).

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(e) A scale for medical supplies will be issued shortly. In the interim landed cost plus distribution costs are to apply.

(f) All transport rates will be fixed at level for entire Northern Area, scale to be issued soon. In the meantime 50% off 30th January 1945 tariff for the present Italian Government territory is to apply.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 2 May.
No 331.
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2nd May, 1945.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/1581
30 January 1945.

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

Subject: Italian Navy Personnel - Employment of.

Enclosure: (A) Copy AFHQ secret ltr AG 091.713/031 GBI-O of 10 January 1945.

1. In accordance with the provisions of enclosure (A) the Office of Strategic Services and the Inter-Services Liaison Detachment (British) are required to procure Italian Naval personnel when needed through the Allied Commission, except for personnel to be used for secret intelligence or Morale Operations.

2. Representatives of the Office of Strategic Services have indicated that 100 men may be required from the Italian Armed Forces as wireless operators, drivers, etc., in the course of a year. Authority has been requested by the Office of Strategic Services to approach Italian depots and installations direct in search of suitable recruits. Application will then be made via the Allied Commission for the employment of the men selected. It is stated that this procedure is essential in order to procure men on short notice.

3. The above data are furnished in order that the interested Allied authorities may be cognisant of the procedure which is contemplated.

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

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CHIEF OF STAFF,AC.

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: Initials: :
: 10 January 1945 :

AG 091.713/031 GBI-O

10 January 1945

SUBJECT: Procurement of Italian Government Personnel for Secret Intelligence and Morale Operations by United States and British Secret Intelligence Agencies.

TO: President, Allied Commission.

1. Request made by the 2677th Regiment, Office of Strategic Services, (Provisional), and the Inter Services Liaison Detachment (British), on the Italian Government for Military, Air or Naval personnel will be made through the Allied Commission, except for the employment of personnel to be used for Secret Intelligence or Morale Operations.

2. Requests for personnel to be used for secret Intelligence or Morale Operations may be made by the 2677th Regiment, Office of Strategic Services, (Provisional) and the Inter Services Liaison Detachment (British) directly to the Italian Government Agency or Department concerned.

By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

(sgd) Jack Carter,
JACK CARTER,
Captain, AGD.
Asst Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff

29 January 1944

Ref. 529/2/COS.

Record of Meeting Held on 27 January 1945 to Discuss the Channels for the Provision of Recruits for OSS and ISLD.

There were present:

Major Smith, 2677 Regiment
Major Cagianti, 2677 Regiment
Lt. Col. Ricca, 2677 Regiment
Major Pinkley, Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA)
Flight Lt. White, Air Forces Sub Commission
Lt. Wotherspoon, Navy Sub Commission
Capt. Morden, Office of the Chief of Staff.

1. The officers representing 2677 Regiment attended HQ Allied Commission with reference to AFHQ letter dated 10 Jan 45, reference AG 09. 713/031 GBI-O.

2. Para 1 of this letter notifies that requests for recruits from the Italian Armed Forces for OSS or ISLD will be made through the Allied Commission.

3. The visiting officers from 2677 Regiment (OSS) wished to clarify with the Services Sub Commissions the procedure necessary to comply with the above mentioned instruction. Major Smith explained that the number of personnel required would not be large, probably 100 in the course of the year, but at any time they might require 15 to 20 men at short notice. It was desired that all should be in agreement on the channels to be followed so that when the need for personnel arose no time would be lost. The men required would be of different types such as wireless operators, drivers, etc. and in order to select them OSS asked permission to go direct to units of the Italian Armed Forces.

4. The Services Sub Commissions raised the question of the effect this recruiting for OSS would have on their ceilings but it was finally agreed that the number required was so small its effect would be negligible.

5. The three Services Sub Commissions agreed that there was no objection to OSS making a direct approach to Italian depots and instructions in search of suitable recruits and when selection had been made details 3238 or request would be forwarded to HQ Allied Commission.

as appropriate

6. Lt. Col. Ricca on behalf of 2677 Regiment (OSS) agreed to formulate in writing the details of this approach and the procedure it was proposed to follow for these intakes into OSS.

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H. Morden
Office of Chief of Staff.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.
(Amended—May, 1939
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To: R.N.O. CATANIA (R) SHORT

From: F.O.T.A.L.I. (NOME)
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~~PRIORITY~~ DEFERRED

~~YOUR LETTER OF 30 OCTOBER AND SIGNAL NO. 13335/225 OF 12 OCTOBER.~~

MINISTRY OF MARINE AGREES THAT BOOM PARTY, CATANIA NOW IS MILITARISED AND REGULARLY PAID BY MARINA AUGUSTA. ALSO THAT ACTION HAS BEEN INSTITUTED BY MARINA MERCANTILE TO PROVIDE REGULAR PAYMENT OF PILOTS AND BOOMING PARTY.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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(Established—May, 1939)
(Revised—January, 1943)

TO: ROYALX ROME, (R) FORAK, ROYALL.

FROM: C. IN C. MED.

CONFIDENTIAL.

PASS FOLLOWING TO A.F.L.R.B. R.A.A.C. ESCAPE:-

YOUR 201300. FOLLOWING CIVILIANS EMPLOYED ON ESSENTIAL WORK FOR THE ROYAL NAVY AND WORKING IN OPEN AIR URGENTLY IN NEED OF CLOTHING.

NAPLES AREA.....14000.

LEGHORN.....3000.

TARANTO.....2500.

#22,1528A.

DEST.3,9,10,12. A.F.L.R.B. ROME.

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T.F. P.L. F.O.R.0207. 25/1/45.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
HEAD QUARTERS,
ROME.

22nd December, 1944.

No.L.36/2.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

ABSENTEES FROM CIVILIAN LABOR CORPS -
REGISTRATION AND EXEMPTION OF.

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for REAR ADMIRAL.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1260

3 December 1944.

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

Subject: AFHQ Administrative Memorandum No. 47. Subject: "Conditions of Employment and Wage Scales for Civilians Employed by the Allied Forces in Italy, Sicily & Sardinia".

Enclosure: (A) Two copies of subject memorandum.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information.

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

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1213
24 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Allied Force Headquarters, APO 512.

Subject: Administrative Memorandum - Request for.

Reference: (a) Administrative Memorandum No. 47, dated 16 November 1944.

1. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission, A. C. be supplied two copies of reference (a).

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, APO 512, 27 November 1944

TO: Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., APO 394

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2 copies sent to ComNOB, PALERMO
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NSC/1249

1st December 1944

From: Navy Sub Commission, Hq. AC.
To: Labour Sub Commission, Hq. AC.

Subject: Italian Civilian Wage Increase.

1. With reference to your letter No. LAB.4G. of 16th October, paragraph 3, it is requested that as much notice as possible may in future be given to proposed Italian Government wage increases to civilians, in order that due warning may be given to Allied Naval Authorities employing Italian civilians.

Commodore, U. S. Navy,
For Chief, Navy Sub Commission, AC.

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LABOR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

JOS/mca

16 October 1944

Ref. Lab. 464

SUBJECT: Wage Discrepancies in the Taranto Area

TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. This is in reference to your memorandum of 28 September 1944, enclosing a statement by the Officer in Charge of the Armament Supply, Taranto Area, which points out that civilians, privately employed, are receiving higher wages than civilians employed by the Armed Forces.

2. Effective as of 1 October 1944, the Armed Force Wage Scale was increased, the increases ranging from 10 to 33% in the different categories. It was believed at the time this action was begun that this increase would solve the kind of problem mentioned in your memorandum.

3. Since 1 October 1944, the Italian Government has proposed a blanket increase in the wages of all privately employed civilians. If this proposal is approved it will mean further revision in the Armed Force Wage Scale.

4. Will you please notify the Officer in Charge of Armament Supply that we are fully aware of his problem and that corrective action will be taken as soon as final action has been taken on the proposals of the Italian Government.

JUNIUS R. SMITH
Colonel, QMC
Acting Director
Labor Sub-Commission

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

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28 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Labor Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.

Subject: Discrepancy Between Wages of Taranto Civilians.

Enclosure (A): OCAS (FOTALI) ltr No. T.A. 4/44 of 16 September 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for appropriate action.

2. It will be noted that a cessation of work has been avoided by the Officer-in-Charge of Armament Supply (FOTALI) only by his promise to investigate the wage discrepancy. It is requested that the Labor Sub-Commission act to clarify the situation as soon as possible and that this office be informed of all action taken.

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

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Ref. No. T.A. 4/44

Navy House,
Taranto.

16th September 1944.

Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic.

Wages of Locally Employed Civilians

Considerable dis-satisfaction is being caused among the locally employed Italians engaged by this Department over the current rates of pay authorised by the Allied Forces. I am employing at the moment approximately 150 men in the Taranto area at the standard rate of Lire 65 per 8 hour day plus overtime at Lire 12 per hour. The majority of these men are engaged on very heavy work at Buffoluto Ammunition Depot, and find themselves in close daily contact with workers employed by the Italian Naval authorities, who are in receipt of very much higher wages for considerably less arduous work. The rate of pay for the lowest paid Italian-employed worker is understood to be Lire 114.17 per 8-hour day plus overtime for hours in excess of eight, made up as follows:-

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"	31.43	%age increase granted in February'44.
"	22.00	War Risk allowance
"	9.90	War bonus
"	10.00	Bonus for regular attendance
"	5.00	Travelling allowance
Lire	114.17	

This sum is the standard rate for a single man. It is understood that there is also a scheme of marriage and family allowances which bring a married man's wages above this figure.

The wide discrepancy between these rates and those authorised by the Allied authorities, coupled with a recent advertisement by a labour contractor offering Lire 120-150 per 8-hour shift for labourers discharging merchant ships in the port, led to a temporary strike at Buffoluto a few days ago. A complete cessation of work was only avoided by a promise to investigate the men's complaint that the Allied Forces are paying only half the local Italian rates of pay. The result of this investigation, made as thoroughly as possible, is given above.

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It is considered that, should any of the men now working for this Department be tempted to leave their employment by the inducement of higher wages offered by local Italian firms etc. it will be extremely difficult to replace them, and this might in time lead to an almost complete cessation of work at the Ammunition Depot.

It is therefore submitted that

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It is therefore submitted that the above facts may be represented to the appropriate committee of the Allied Control Commission, with a view to obtaining some degree of correspondence between the wages authorised by the Allied Forces and those paid locally by the Italians.

Sgd. Illigible
Officer in Charge of Armament Supply,
Taranto Area.

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APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission NSC/1209

24 November 1944.

MEMORANDUM :

To : Chief Commissioner, HQ, AC.
Via : Labor Sub-Commission, HQ, AC.

Subject : Reply to Letter to Prime Minister.

1. The attached correspondence file No. 8004/005 of 23 November 1944 is returned herewith. A chronological sequence of events leading to the settlement of the matter of employment of Italian merchant seamen through the offices of Port Captaincies is indicated below:

(a) Letter from Prime Minister No. 10514/13/8 of 2 August 1944 received about 8 August 1944.

(b) Copy of Prime Minister's letter 2 August referred to Shipping Sub-Commission, AC (MEDBO) for comments, 11 August 1944.

(c) Prime Minister's letter 2 August 1944, acknowledged 12 August 1944 requesting additional particulars to determine facts involved.

(d) Letter received from Shipping Sub-Commission, AC dated 19 August recommending Italian merchant seamen be employed through Port Captaincies.

(e) Shipping Sub-Commission, AC letter 19 August 1944 referred to Labor Sub-Commission, AC 23 August 1944 for comments.

(f) Labor Sub-Commission, AC letter LAB 091.411 of 30 August received, objecting to employment of seamen through offices Port Captainciee, stating that all labor must be employed through Provincial Labor offices.

(g) Navy Sub-Commission, AC letter NSC/816 of 8 September 1944 transmitted to C. in C., Med. for decision, inasmuch as employment through Port Captainciee had been approved by C. in C., Med. as early as 18 February 1944.

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(h) Prime Minister requested by AC letter A/CC/040 of 11 September 1944 to furnish additional information requested in letter 12 August 1944.

(i) Letter received from MEDBO dated 15 September 1944 adhering to decision that merchant seamen be employed through Port Captaincies. This letter was referred to Labor Sub-Commission, AC by hand with understanding that reply would be prepared by that Sub-Commission.

(j) C.in C., Med's letter No. 0080/8 of 30 September 1944 received concurring in MEDBO's letter 15 September 1944. Copy of this letter was referred to Labor Sub-Commission by hand.

(k) Prime Minister's letter No. 16642/10616/13A of 16 October 1944 received 19 October 1944 containing the additional information requested on 12 August 1944 and 11 September 1944.

(l) Navy Sub-Commission, AC letter NSC/1033B of 21 October 1944 informed Labor Sub-Commission that reply to MEDBO's letter of 15 September 1944 and C.in C., Med.'s letter of 30 September 1944 had not been received.

(m) Labor Sub-Commission, AC letter LAB 4622 of 25 October 1944 enclosed copy of Labor Sub-Commission letter of 3 October 1944, not previously received, adhering to original position that seamen should be employed through Provincial Labor offices.

(n) Dispatch 0310244, copy attached sent to C.in C., Med. (INFO) MEDBO requesting conference.

(o) Conference held in Labor Sub-Commission, AC offices 10 November 1944 at which agreement was reached that merchant seamen would be engaged through the offices of Port Captaincies. Labor Sub-Commission agreed to inform Navy Sub-Commission by letter, conditions under which facilities of Port Captaincies could be utilized for employment of merchant seamen.

(p) Labor Sub-Commission, AC letter 091.469Z of 10 November 1944 received 17 November 1944 stating conditions referred to above.

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(q) Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1176 of 18 November prepared informing Prime Minister that there is no objection to the establishment or engagement or registration offices for Italian seamen under Port Captaincies.

2. It is noted from above correspondence that Navy Sub-Commission, AC acted in the capacity of an intermediary in view of the fact that the original letter from the Prime Minister dated 2 August 1944 was referred to this Sub-Commission for action. Furthermore, complete information was not received from the Prime Minister until 16 October 1944 or over two (2) after it was first requested, on 12 August 1944.

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

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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File B

From: Office of the Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Reply to letter from the Prime Minister

FILE No. 800.4/COS.

23 November 44 194

TO: Navy Subcommission, Hq, AC

Reference your letter NSC/1176, dated 18 November 44, addressed to the Prime Minister, for the signature of the Chief Commissioner, the latter desires an explanation as to the reason for the three-and-a-half-month delay in preparing this reply to Bonomi's letter #10616/13.8 of 2 August 44.

for J. M. Stearns Maj
Chief Staff Officer
To the Chief of Staff

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Please return Complete file.

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NSC/1176

13 November 1944.

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

In reply to your letter No. 10616/13.8 of 2 August 1944, there is no objection to the re-establishment of Engagement or Registry Offices for Italian seamen under Port Captaincies, provided, as stated in your letter No. 16642/10616/13.8 of 16 October 1944, no fees are charged and no monopolies are created over the process of employment.

The interested Allied authorities will be informed accordingly.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Ellery W. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

Prepared by: /s/ H. C. T. J. 3223

Capt. H. C. T. J. BUTLER
Captain, U.S. Navy
Navy Sub-Commission

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USC/1176 28 November 1944.

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MILBRY H. STONE
Commodore, USNR
Chief Commissioner

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

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REMARKS If attached ltr is approved pls forward to Chief Commissioner for signature

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Approved:
T. H. Lewis
Col. A.G.D.
Labor Sub-Co.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1181
20 November 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR LABOR SUB-COMMISSION.

1. If approved please forward the attached letter NSC/1176 of 13 October 1944 to the Chief Commissioner for signature.

H. W. [illegible]
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1203
24 November 1944.

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

Subject: Employment of Civilian Labor.

Enclosure: (A) CinC.MED. ltr Med. 45/316/4/1 dated 16 November 1944 and attached directive.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information.

2. It is suggested that request be made to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, to place Commandant Naval Operating Base, PALERMO on the distribution list for appropriate communications in regard to the employment of civilian labor.

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

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters,
16th November, 1944.

Med. 45/316/4/1
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THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC, ITALY
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THE COMMANDING OFFICER, H.M.S. "HAMILCAR"
THE NAVAL OFFICERS IN CHARGE, BARI, BARLETTA, BRINDISI,
MANFREDONIA, TARANTO, NAPLES AREA,
ISCHIA, LEGHORN, ANCONA, MADDALENA, PARTY JIG,
PARTY MIKE, PARTY NAN, PARTY OBOE, PARTY ITEM
THE RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICERS, CASTELLAMARE, SYRACUSE, CATANIA
(Copy to each)
Copy to: The Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean)

EMPLOYMENT OF CIVILIAN LABOUR.

The attached directive, Reference No. CIV/3/209 of 4th November 1944, issued by D.A.D.L. is forwarded for information in continuation of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Med. 45/316/4/1 of 5th November 1944.

(s) -

for ADMIRAL

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Subject: Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour.
Ref:-CIV/3/209

To: All Employment Units.

In continuation of this office letter CIV/3/131 dated 11th Oct. 44 and Appendices thereto.

D.D.L.,H.Q., 3 District letter 3Dis/356/L dated 3 Nov 44 is appended for information and implementation.

H. E. DAVY
Major,
D.A.D.L. (Civil),
2905 Civil Labour Unit.

Subject: - Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour.

3 District
Ext 30
3Dis/356/L
3 Nov 44

FULL LIST (Less 18 Group PC)

1. Arising out of the meeting of the Labour and Wages Control Committee on 20 Oct 44, the instructions set out in para 2 below concerning:-

(a) deductions to be made from pay in respect of non-attendance at work of civilian employees on monthly rates of pay.

(b) the calculation of the hourly rate of pay for civilian employees on monthly salaries, including calculation of overtime pay.

Have been agreed by the Fiscal Director AFHQ, Financial Adviser AFHQ and Financial Adviser RAF.

(b) Deductions from pay in respect of Non-attendance.

As pay (except in the Executive, Professional Workers, Senior Administrative Assistants, Sub-Professional Workers, Hotel, Mess and Club grades) has been assessed on a monthly average of 26 working days, the deduction in respect of the whole days of lost time will be the fraction of the monthly pay calculated in accordance with the following formulae:-

Executive, etc. grades

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Other Grades.

Monthly Pay X $\frac{\text{number of working days for which pay is inadmissable}}{\text{actual number of working days in the particular month.}}$

(b) Calculation of hourly rate of pay in respect of employees on monthly salaries who are eligible for overtime pay.

The hourly rate of pay of employees paid by the month entitled to overtime pay shall be 1/208th of the monthly salary.

3. The instructions contained in para 2 above should be regarded as effective from 1 Oct 44, ie. the date of introduction of the revised Allied Forces Basic Wage Scale.

(Signed) K.R. Hayward, Major.

for (C.R.B. KNIGHT) Colonel, DDL

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
16th November, 1944.

Med.45/316/4/1
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for A D M I R A L

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 18 Nov.
No 231
ROME

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Subject:- Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour.
Ref:- CIV/3/209

To:- All Employing Units.

In continuation of this office letter CIV/3/131 dated 11th Oct.44 and Appendices thereto.

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H.E.DAVY
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Subject:- Instructions Regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour.

3 District
Ext 30
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3 Nov 44

FULL LIST (Less 18 Group RC)

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Other Grades.

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for (C.R.B.KNIGHT) Colonel, DDL.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1181
20 November 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR LABOR SUB-COMMISSION.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1175
19 November 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Labor Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Employment Italian Merchant Seamen.

1. In accordance with your letter reference 091.4692 of 10 November 1944, received 17 November 1944, a reply has been prepared for the Chief Commissioner's, A.C. signature to the President of the Italian Council of Ministers advising that there is no objection to the re-establishment of Engagement or Registry Offices for Italian seamen under the Port Captaincies, provided no fees are charged or monopolies of employment created.

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H. M. Zirolli,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A. C.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
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for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A. C.

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Subject: Employment Italian Merchant Seamen.

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2. At the conference which was held on 10 November 1944 to discuss the above matter, your letter LAB 4692 of 17 October, enclosing a copy of Ministry of Marine's letter PROT 700/P of 2 October 1944, was returned for further consideration in view of the decision reached on the question of employment of merchant seamen. As this correspondence has not been returned, it is assumed that the Labor Sub-Commission will take the necessary action.

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

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NSC/1178
19 November 1944.

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

Subject: Italian Civilian Labor Corps, Sicily - Exemption from Arrest.

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/994B of 13 October 1944, advice is requested as to the action taken to prevent further arrests for desertion of persons who were formerly in Civilian Labor Corps and who are now employed by Allied Forces.

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

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4 November 1944.

The President of the Council
of Ministers, Italian Government,
Rome.

S i r :

In order that appropriate instructions may be issued at an early date, it would be appreciated if a reply could be given to the Acting Chief Commissioner's letter A/CC 091.711-2 of 16 September 1944, which requests information as to 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 re-construction work and salvage operations.

For the Acting Chief Commissioner:

H. W. ZINOLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

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RESTRICTED. By arrangment with Commander in Chief Mediterranean employees of Firm of FRANCO TOSI of TARANTO were loaned on 9 Sept for period 3 to 4 weeks to assist in repair of diesel engine in SAN PAOLO power house ROME. 5 men were originally requested for this work being named VIGNATI, FUSETTE, CUSPI, MAZZA and MAURI and 4 of them were actually sent. The 5 men have not yet returned to TARANTO and are urgently wanted there. Request you ensure their immediate return and signal ETA.

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CA SECTION

3/11B/CA

15 Oct 44

SUBJECT : Visit of Labour Delegation to Taranto.

TO : Naval Sub-Commission.

In accordance with your request I send you the Director of Labours report to Economic Sec (of 3 Oct) on the visit to Taranto of the Labour Delegation. You will no doubt make it available to us if we should require it egain.

S.H. WHITE Lt Col,
for CSO CA Section

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ECONOMIC SECTION
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SUBJECT: Visit of Labor Delegation to Taranto.
TO: V. P. Civil Affairs Section.

1. Reference attached correspondence regarding the visit of the Labor Delegation to Taranto.

2. A report on this matter has been obtained from Labor Sub-Commission and is forwarded herewith. We have nothing further to add to this report.

~~3. Please file 336/31 when returned.~~

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A. G. ANTOLINI
Acting Head
Economic Section

CC: Labor S/C

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SUBJECT: Visit of Labour Delegation to Taranto. 3 October 1944

TO : Economic Section

FROM : Labor Sub-Commission.

1. Reference is made to letter No. 3/864 from Commodore Superintendent Powell, Taranto, 10th September 1944, subject: visit of Labor Delegates to Taranto.

2. The International Trades Union Delegation came to Italy under the aegis of AFHQ, AAI and ACC. It was accompamied by Major E. Scicluna, Labor Relations Officer, AEC Labor Sub-Commission, in the capacity of Interpreter. There were no limitations put to the Delegation in respect of their movements in Liberated Italy or in connection with their activities and investigation of the Trade Union situation in Italy. There was not the slightest suggestion made to ACC Labor Sub-Commission that it was its duty to check upon or interfere with any arrangements the Delegation chose to make.

3. ACC Labor Sub-Commission at no time assumed responsibility to arrange any meeting public or otherwise on behalf of the Delegation. In this particular instance at Taranto, Major Scicluna informs us that all arrangements were made by the Trade Union leaders of Taranto and the local authorities, the Delegation being merely invited to attend. Major Scicluna had no reason to believe that arrangements would have been made without the necessary authority being sought from the competent authorities; neither was he nor the Delegation informed as to what loss of manhours were involved in the Dockyard or any other establishment in Taranto.

4. There is no reason to believe that the meeting held in Taranto was likely to have any ill-effects on the labor situation in view of (a) vague promises made, and (b) the creation of a very false impression of the capacity of Allied post-war aid to Italy. Major Scicluna assures me that if it was time to say that some hopes were raised for material aid by one of the delegates (Mr. Antonini), it was equally true that the addresses of the other four delegates effectively brought out the following points:-

(i) The Italian workmen must solve their own problems and should not rely on the outside world for help.

(ii) The Italian workman was inclined to be emotional and the solution of the present problems call for calm collected action and much sacrifice.

(iii) If the Italian people had suffered as a result of this war

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it should be borne in mind that Allied countries had suffered the same and worse. Self-pity was not going to help.

(iv) The Italian workman must accept a large share of the responsibility for the advent of Fascism. Irresponsibility, lack of discipline and disunity might lead to a similar situation.

5. The attached resume on the mass mutiny is substantially correct, but fails to bring out the dominant note of warning which four of the five delegates introduced into their addresses. The rather emotional address made by Mr. Antonini, of course, made a deep impression on a crowd that regarded him as one of them but was on the whole off-setted by the rational and sober speeches of the rest of the Delegation. ACC Labor Sub-Commission acting through Major Scicluna was of course not authorised to vet the speeches which any of the delegates were intending to make at any public or other meeting during the course of their tour.

J. R. Smith
Colonel,
Acting Director Labor Sub-Commission.

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Navy Sub-Commission
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NSC/956

5 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Commerce Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.

Subject: Supply of Overalls for Dockyard Workers.

1. With reference to Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic letter No. T.A. 1031/38 of 8 March, 1944, forwarded to you by Headquarters, A.A.I., a further request has been received for overalls for the dockyard workers in FRANCO TOSI's Yard and TARANTO Dockyard. Apart from 1,000 overalls supplied from British naval stocks, no clothing has been obtainable for these men up to date and the situation has deteriorated considerably since the date of the original application.

2. Paragraph 2 of your letter to Headquarters, A.A.I., No. ACC/5134/IC of 25 March 1944, stated that requisitions for the supply of overalls from civilian sources were not expected to be filled for five or six months. As this period has now elapsed, information is requested as to the possibility of obtaining 11,000 overalls for the workers in the FRANCO TOSI and TARANTO Dockyards. Should no overalls be available, an equivalent quantity of suitable canvas and thread would be acceptable. No such materials are available at Taranto.

3. Commodore Superintendent Taranto has stressed the importance of meeting this request as a matter of urgency.

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

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SUPPLY OF OVERALLS FOR DOCKYARD WORKERS

FROM.. .... FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE :::::: 8th March, 1944. No. T.A. 1031/38.

TO ..... ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ADV. ADM. ECHELON.

Franco Tosi's Shipyard Taranto have requested that a certain number of overalls for their employees be supplied on payment. Overalls are not available for local resources in this area and it is requested that reference be made to the appropriate authorities to ascertain whether overalls are available in any other part of occupied Italy.

2. Should overalls not be available from loca resources it is requested that the necessary authorisation may be given for their supply from service sources in accordance with Allied Force Headquarters No. 194 of 24th January.

3. Tosi's Shipyard is employed almost exculsively on construction work for the Allies and the supply of this clothing is strongly recommended.

4. If this can be favourably considered the numbers required will be ascetained.

(Sgd) R. MACGRIGOR

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From:-Franco Tosi Shipyard, Taranto.
Date:-March 1st-1944.
To. :-Captain Superintendent,
Dockyard, Taranto.

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We beg you to consider the possiblity of letting us have on payment, from the Allied Authorities, a certain number of working-suits to be destributed to the workers busy on the various ships and who, haveing their working clothes exceedingly worn out, cannot buy themselves new ones since there are none on the market.

We reserve to ourselves, in the case you deem our request to be met with, to let you know the number and the sizes of the strictly necessary working-suits.

Franco Tosi Shipyard.

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SUBJECT:- Supply of Overalls for Dockyard Workers.

HQ A.C.M.F.
(Adm Echelon)
C.M.F.
31/22/Q.3

12 Mar 44

Deputy President
A.C.C.

1. Attached is copy of letter T.A. 1031/38 dated 8 Mar 44 received from Flag Officer, TARANTO and ADRIATIC, which is referred to you in accordance with para 10 of AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon Administrative Instruction No. 24 dated 24 Jan 44.

2. Would you please state if overalls as demanded can be made available from civilian resources? If not, are you agreeable to supply from service sources, if this can be arranged?

3. Your early reply would be appreciated.

Sgd. Illigible
Major-General
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to:- Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic.

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EERK/ejc

Ref. ACC/5134/IC

25 March 1944

SUBJECT: Supply of Overalls for Dockyard Workers.

T O : HQ AAI (Ad Ech)

1. Your 31/22/Q 3. of 12 March enclosing copy of letter TA 1031/38 of 8 March from Flag Office Taranto.

2. It is regretted that no overalls are available for supply from civilian resources. Requisitions have been made but are not exepcted to be filled for 5-6 months.

3. This H.Q. is agreeableto supply being made from Service sources if this can be arranged.

For Lieutenant General MASON MACFARLANE:

Sgd. Illigible
for W.P. EVANS
Colonel
Director, Industry &
Commerce Sub-Comm.

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SUBJECT: Supply of Overalls for Dockyard Workers.

H,Q., A.A.I.
(Adm Echelon),
C.M.F.

3407/1/Q(AE)

Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic. 29 Mar 44.

Reference your letter T.A. 1031/38 of 8 Mar 44, and this headquarters 31/22/Q3 of 12 Mar 44 addressed to Allied Control Commission.

1. Attached is a copy of Allied Control Commission reply ACC/5134/IC of 25 Mar, from which it will be seen that there is no objection raised by Allied Control Commission to supply of overalls being made from Service sources.

2. Would you please confirm that you will be meeting this requirement ffom Naval sources.

(sgd.) Illigible.
Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

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SUPPLY OF OVERALLS FOR DOCKYARD WORKERS

FROM.....FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE ....12th April, 1944. No.T.A. 1031/6.

TO ....HEADQUARTERS A.A.I. (ADM. ECH.) C.M.F.

With reference to your letter No. 3407/1/4(AE) of 29th March, present Naval stocks will not permit the supply of these overalls. It would be appreciated fi they could be released from Army stocks. 2,000 overalls are required.

(Sgd) C.E. Morgan

REAR ADMIRAL.

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HQ AAI
3807/1/Q(AE)
23 Apr 44

Subject: Supply of Overalls for Dockyard Workers

Flag Officer Taranto & Adriatic

Reference your T.A. 1031/8 dated 12 Apr 44.

1. It is regretted that, without special provision being made, the issue of 2000 overalls cannot be made from Army Stocks.

2. Action is now being taken with AFHQ and you will be notified if and when these can be supplied.

(SGd) Illigible

Major General
Chief Administrative Officer

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OFFICE OF FLAG OFFICER,

TARANTO AND ADRIATIC,

AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,

TARANTO.

11th May, 1944.

No. T.A. 1031/8.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY (ADMI ECH).

SUPPLY OF OVERALLS FOR DOCKYARD WORKERS

An early reply to my letter No.T.A. 1031/8 of 12th April would appreciated.

(Sgd) C.E. Morgan

REAR ADMIRAL.

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Subject: Supply of Overalls for Dockyard Workers.

HQ AAI
8807/1/Q(AE)
18 May 44

Office of Flag Officer
Taranto and Adriatic.

Ref your letters T.A. 1031/8 dated 12 April and 11 May. The stock situation of overalls and denims is not good and at present will not permit of an issue to all Italian units forming part of the British Order of Battle.

In the circumstances it is regretted that i is not possible to issued these to Italian dockyard workers.

(3Rd) Illigible .

Major General, 3198
Chief Administrative Officer.

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Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/934H

2 October 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
To : Industry Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.

Subject: Clothing for Civilian Employees of the Royal Navy.

1. With the approach of winter, the question of the provision of clothing for Italian civilians employed by the Royal Navy in lieu of Royal Navy personnel has arisen. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has requested information as to whether there are any suitable factories now operating in Italy which could manufacture clothing for these persons. Boots, warm underclothing and oilskins are the items principally in demand.

2. It would be appreciated if information regarding the manufacture and distribution of civilian clothing in general could be furnished in order that an effort may be made to obtain clothing for Royal Navy employees.

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

Copy to:
Commander-in-Chief, Med.
Flag Officer Taranto & Adriatic.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
23rd September, 1944.

Med. 212/6/1.
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND
LIAISON ITALY (ROME).
(Copy to:- The Flag Officer, Taranto and Adriatic.)

MANUFACTURE OF CLOTHING IN ITALY.

With the approach of winter conditions there will be many requests for clothing for Italian Naval ratings and for Italian civilians employed by the Royal Navy in lieu of Royal Naval personnel - for instances, cooks and stewards and motor transport drivers etc.

2. In the case of Italian Naval ratings their uniform should be supplied by the Italian Naval authorities and for the manufacture of uniforms, materials are being supplied from the United Kingdom. It is requested that enquiries be made of the Allied Control Commission whether there are any suitable factories now in operation in Italy or which could be made operable in a short time so that the provision of this clothing and provision for the civilians mentioned above could be expedited. Stocks of British Naval clothing on the station are limited and they are in fact, not suitable for wear by men not in the Royal Navy.

3. The items principally of interest are boots, warm underclothing and oilskins.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY, ROME
Date 21 Sept. 194
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H.B. Hall 3196

for ADMIRAL

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28 August 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Commandant Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

Subject: Employment of Italian Military and Civilian Personnel in CMF.

Enclosures: (A) Copy of Hq. AAI Administrative Instructions No. 52.
(B) Copy Navy Sub-Commission, ACC, ltr. 772 of 28 August 1944.

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

2. Information received by the Navy Sub-Commission in answer to enclosure (B) will be forwarded upon its receipt.

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

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28 August 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Headquarters - AAI.

Subject: Employment of Italian Military and Civilian Personnel in CMF.

Reference: (a) Hq. AAI Administrative Instruction No. 52.

1. In view of paragraph 11 of reference (a), which provides that AAI Administrative Instruction No. 52 is not applicable to Italian personnel employed by U.S. Forces, information is requested as to what instructions are applicable to such personnel employed by United States military activities.

2. The Naval Operating Base, Palermo, is operated by the United States Navy and is a large employer of Italian labor, both military and civilian. Unless other suitable instructions are currently in effect, it is requested that the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, be added to the list of exempting authorities in paragraph 10 of reference (a).

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

Copy to:
ComNOB - Palermo.

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HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO. 52

Terms and Conditions of Employment in CMF Of Italian Military, Naval and Air Force personnel and Civilians

1. GENERAL

As a result of the additional commitments undertaken by the Italian Authorities to provide Italian Units for employment as such with the Allied Forces it is essential that the required Italian personnel be made available for service in these units now being organised.

All Italians liable to enlistment, who are in Allied employment, will continue in that employment only if certain conditions are met.

In view of the amendments which it has been necessary to make from time to time to the instructions originally issued on this subject, it has been decided to consolidate below all existing instructions, and, where necessary, to amplify them.

2. ITALIAN ARMED FORCES.

(a) Personnel in classes up to and including 1913 may continue in employment subject as mentioned in para 4(a) below.

(b) Skilled personnel of 1914-24 classes may continue in employment subject as mentioned in para 4(b) below.

(c) Unskilled personnel of 1914-24 classes may continue in employment as mentioned in para 4(c) below.

(d) Individuals and/or parties of formed Italian units may continue in employment as mentioned in para 4(d) below.

3. CIVILIANS.

(a) Skilled personnel liable for calling up within 1914-24 classes may continue in employment subject as mentioned in para 4(b) below.

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(b) Unskilled personnel liable for calling up within 1914-24 classes may continue in employment subject as mentioned in para 4(c) below.

(c) Personnel not liable to call up within 1914-24 classes may continue in employment subject as mentioned in para 4(c) below.

4. EMPLOYMENT

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4. EMPLOYMENT

(a) Personnel within Paras 2(a) and 3(c) may be employed only in accordance with the conditions laid down in the pamphlet published by this HQ in March 1944 "Instructions regarding the Employment of Civilian Labour (Sicily and Italy)" as amended.

(b) Applications will be made for authority to employ personnel within paras 2(b) and 3(a) in the following manner:-

(i) Application forms (Appendix 'A') will be completed by the employing unit in respect of all personnel affected and submitted in triplicate to/

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to the appropriate Exempting Authority (see para 10)

(ii) Exemptions will only be granted by the Exempting Authority where the employment is:-

(a) within the WE of the employment unit, whether or not the WE provides for the employment of Italian personnel, and

(b) considered to be vitally and operationally necessary and more valuable to the war effort than if the person were in the Armed Forces.

(iii) If the employing unit considers that the retention of personnel in excess of the WE is justified the application Form will be submitted through normal channels to 'A' Branch, HQ AAI for consideration. In all such cases the circumstances under which the employment is considered justifiable will be stated on the application form and verified by the next higher formation.

(iv) Where exemption is granted the Exempting Authority will complete a certificate of exemption (Appendix 'B')and forward it, together with one copy of the application form, to Colonel NEGRONI, Italian Military Mission, HQ AAI.

(v) The certificate of exemption will be sealed and countersigned on behalf of the Italian Authorities and returned to the Exempting Authority for onward transmission to the employing unit who will hand it to the person exempted.

(c) Applications for exemption of personnel within paras 2(c) and 3(b) will be submitted in triplicate to 'A' Branch, HQ AAI for consideration (Appendix 'A' will be be used). Only in ver exceptional circumstances will exemption be granted.

(d) Application will be made to 'A' Branch HQ AAI for permission to employ any personnel coming within para 2(d) hereof. The application will give full details of the personnel employed, stating name, class, military number, nature of present employment and whether or not employment is within WE. Applications under this and preceeding sub-para will be submitted through normal channels.

5. DURATION OF EXEMPTION.

Exemptions granted under the provisions hereof will be valid only for a period of three months wef date of exemption. Application for further exemption will be submitted in the same manner except that the form will be marked "RENEWAL" and previous authority quoted.

6. NOTIFICATION

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(a) Exemption Authorities will notify this HQ by the 5th of each month of the number of:-

(i) Exemptions granted
(ii) Extensions granted and
(iii) Exemptions withdrawn.

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(b) Employing units will notify the Exempting Authority of any person to whom exemptions has been granted who is subsequently released from employment, and will instruct the released employee to report to the nearest Reali Carabinieri Hq for direction to the nearest Italian Military District.

(c) Exempting Authorities will supply full particulars to Col NEGRONI of all personnel whose exemption is cancelled or expires.

7. CIVILIAN FIRMS

Application for exemption will be made by units in similar form and on similar grounds/

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APPENDIX '10' to ADM INST 6-52

PARTICULARS

1 SERIAL NO.	2 SURNAME	3 CHRISTIAN NAMES	4 MILITARY CLASS	5 MILITARY NUMBER if any.	6 HOME ADDRESS	7 NAME OF ITALIAN UNIT IN WHICH SERVING / LAST	8 ITALIAN MILITARY DISTRICT TO WHICH BELONGING	9 CIVIL TRADE	10 NATURE OF PRESENT EMPLOYMENT	11 WHETHER EMPLOYED WITHIN WE	12 GROUNDS of APPLICN IF SUBMITTED TO WE.

DECISION OF EXEMPTING AUTHORITY:

EXEMPTION GRANTED IN RESPECT OF SERIAL NOS. FOR 3 MONTHS FROM DATE

EXEMPTION REFUSED IN RESPECT OF SERIAL NOS.

Signature.....

Name of Exempting Authority.....

Date.....

Signature.....

Name of Employing Unit.....

Date.....

(*) Delete whichever is inapplicable.

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APPENDIX 'B' to
ADM INSTR 52

DICHIARAZIONE
(Certificate)

Al Comando del Distretto Militare di.....
(To the Command of the Military District of)

Si dichiara che il Sig.....(Nome e Cognome)
(Name)

della classe.....presta servizio presso.....(occupazione)
(is employed by) (occupation)

Si prega volerlo esonerare dal richiamo alle armi
(It is requested that he be exempted from Military Service)

Firmato.....
(Signed)

.....(data)
(date)

Timbro Mandato RE

Navy J.C. 7312
J 9154

Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
NAPLES.

24th May, 1944.

No. WOWIT ~~SC~~ 123
THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.
(Copies to:-
The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, Naples and Algiers.
The Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section
The Allied Control Commission ✓
The Allied Military Government
The Commander 57 Area
The Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean
The Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy)

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6. It is requested, therefore, that very early approval may be given to the forming of a small corps of Italian ancillaries to be recruited and attached to the Royal Navy and that conditions of service should include:-

(a) Clothing (a modified uniform), accommodation and victualling to be arranged by Royal Navy.

(b) Rates of pay to remain as at present laid down in Naples Area but in addition to the extra benefits received will be by nature of a separation allowance in order that they may arrange for the support of their families in their absence.

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28 MAY 1944
A. C. C.

Naval Sub-Commission
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION(e).....
Navy House, Taranto
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(c) The Royal Navy to organise for prearranged amounts to be paid weekly to the dependents of these men at Naples, the balance being paid to the men themselves at their port of employment.

(d) Such men to be covered for health insurance and death by the "Istituto per l'Assicurazione contro gli Infortuni sul Lavoro" as for normal civilian employees.

(e) Other details to be arranged by the Royal Navy.

7. It is not considered that this measure will have an appreciable effect on the labour market. The proposed auxiliaries would be recruited from the permanent civilian employees and possibly to a small extent from the contractors' workmen employed on behalf of the Royal Navy. The total of such employees is unlikely to exceed 500 in the first instance.

8. I attach great importance to this project; it is in the common interest that the rehabilitation of newly opened ports should be achieved in the minimum practicable time and this is likely to be seriously prejudiced if it is to be achieved only by available trained Naval manpower.

Previously I have refrained from putting forward this scheme as it departs from the principle of complete uniformity in the treatment of labour by the Services but, with the march of events, it now appears the only possible solution to a common problem.

(Sgd) J. H. V. MORSE

REAR ADMIRAL

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(GTA. 121/28)

27/08944. 7,500M. 4/43. C.B.&S.Ltd.

NAVAL MESSAGE.

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

To:

FROM:

F.O.W.I.T. (R) F.O.T.A.I.I.

O IN C MED.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Request that did be made to see for 70 GOOD quality CIVILIAN CARS be requisitioned in newly captured territory. These are intended for future Ports in place of Staff Cars Xxxx unobtainable from other sources.

(2). Also to obtain qualified and mobile/transport motor civilian drivers as follows:-

(A). Enough to release R.A.S.C.men in CIVITA VECCHIA estimated at 40.

(B). Enough to man balance of vehicles for party NOW not driven by RASC Personnel anticipating 60 will be supplied by HQ. A.A.I. estimated at 60.

(C) Up to the 250 requested in Rv 081523 to FOTALI being passed to FOWIT.

(3). Request report on progress made.

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T.C.R.110610

Ref. Obtaining of Italian Drivers

Dis! SEC. A/SECS. CSO. SSO. SOI. BOI. UNRRA. MTO. Gen

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To:

From: Story File in SP/MSC

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CONSON TARANTO

~~SECRET~~ ~~IMMEDIATE~~

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For R.C. and M.G. Section (R) Internal Transportation S.C., Naval representative SALERNO.

Urgent operational requirements exists for 250 ITALIAN drivers for Royal Navy. Request your early assistance in meeting this requirement from:

a) ITALIAN soldiers recently discharged for harvest work

or b) any other civilian source

(2) Would appreciate report of action taken

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TOO 11 1225 June
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Par: 3 " Payment must be in accordance with Memo referred to above in Par:I.
Wages scales cannot be confused with the payment for meals, and should be treated as a separate issue with Labour Sub-Commission"

~~Yours,~~

Enclosed in Personal
letter to Comm Powell 29/2/44

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COMMODORE.

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Major General
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cc to G-4 ST

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INCOMING MESSAGE /sk Ref. 043036Z File Time 171730B APR Confidential

FROM: AAI ADM ECH NAPLES CITE FLAM FOR 184

TO : MMIA INFO DISTWO FLAG OFFICER TARANTO & ADRIATIC FOWIT ACC REAR FOR NAVY

Request received from Distwo for providing basic military rations for Naval dock workers Taranto, Brindisi andNaples. Fatima Rear confirmsthese are naval personnel. Request information whether these included in strength Italian navy furnished AFHQ for CCS. Strength appears approximately 14300. If these in fact enlisted or commissioned portion of navy and raised ceiling as reported AFHQ immediate reports of facts desired. Issue food not authorized until your reply.

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INCOMING MESSAGE /sk Ref. AQ 987 File Time APR 182146B Confidential

FROM. MMIA CITE FLAMBOR 184

TO : DISTWO RITD FILPOT, FOTALI, FOWIT, FATIMA REAR FOR NAVY

Refer Filpot 043036Z of 17th. 1st. Unable trace relevant details of this matter. 2nd. Request you send MMIA copy of your signal to Filpot. 3rd. Request you state to all concerned whether personnel are enlisted man or civilians.

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COMMODORE PALMER

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PLEASE PASS TO COMMODORE PALMER HEAD OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION FOLLOWING IS A REPETITION OF FOTALI'S 101117E X BEGINS ADDRESSED:

FROM FOTALI TO FATIMA REAR X FOR COMMODORE PALMER HEAD OF NAVAL SUB COMMISSION X YOUR LETT NO. 100/44 OF 30/3 JUST RECEIVED X

REQUEST FOLLOWING POINTS BE BROUGHT UP AT MEETING X

1. RATIONS AND PAY FOR TARANTO DOCKYARD WORKERS X MY LETTER TA 1030/20 OF 2/4 AND TA 1149/16 OF 24/2 REFERS X TARANTO DOCKYARD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ALLIED ASSET IN SOUTHERN ITALY AND EVERY-THING MUST BE DONE TO INCREASE ITS OUTPUT X REQUEST YOU WILL IMPRESS ON THE COMMISSION THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER X

2. SHORTAGE OF TYRES AND TRANSPORT FOR ITALIAN NAVY X THIS ALSO CAUSING CONCERN AND AFFECTS DOCKYARD WORK X

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SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR DOCKYARD WORKERS.

FROM .... FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE .... 2nd April, 1944. No. T.A. 1030/20.

TO .... GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, NO.2 DISTRICT.
(Copies to: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Commodore Superintendent, Taranto.
Headquarters, 52 Area, Taranto.
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3. The suggestion advanced by the Minister of Marine is that all Dockyard workers (inclusive of the non-manual type) should receive rations from the Allies on scale B. He has mentioned in his letter "the grave difficulties for the workers to keep their families supplied", which is liable to misinterpretation and I have pointed out to him that the rations, if approved, would be for the actual workers, not their families. If issued in bulk, no doubt it will go to augment the larder of the average family but the real point at issue is that in Taranto alone the local resources would be relieved of the strain of providing for 12,000 men, with the resultant benefit to their families.

4. The financial aspect of conceding Ration B to the Dockyard workers cannot be considered in its entirety without knowing the monetary value of the ration. Assuming it to be in the nature of L.24 a day, it is recognised that it is too heavy a sum to deduct from wages which are lower than those authorised by Administrative Instruction No.24. My T.A.1149/16 of 24th February to Allied Control Commission refers to this, giving a table of comparisions, and is now under consideration by the Labour Sub Commission. Pending an improvement in wages I am assured by the Italian Authorities that part of the cost of this ration "B" if granted, would be borne by the Navy, [illegible] the workers family budget will not be

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3. The suggestion advanced by the Minister of Marine is that all Dockyard workers (inclusive of the non-manual type) should receive rations from the Allies on scale B. He has mentioned in his letter "the grave difficulties for the workers to keep their families supplied", which is liable to misinterpretation and I have pointed out to him that the rations, if approved, would be for the actual workers, not their families. If issued in bulk, no doubt it will go to augment the larder of the average family but the real point at issue is that in Taranto alone the local resources would be relieved of the strain of providing for 12,000 men, with the resultant benefit to their families.

4. The financial aspect of conceding Ration B to the Dockyard workers cannot be considered in its entirety without knowing the monetary value of the ration. Assuming it to be in the nature of L.24 a day, it is recognised that it is too heavy a sum to deduct from wages which are lower than those authorised by Administrative Instruction No.24. My T.A.1149/16 of 24th February to Allied Control Commission refers to this, giving a table of comparisions, and is now under consideration by the Labour Sub Commission. Pending an improvement in wages I am assured by the Italian Authorities that part of the cost of this ration "B" if granted, would be borne by the Navy, sufficient to ensure that the worker's family budget will not be adversely effected.

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5. In forwarding this request from the Minister of Marine I wish to stress that I regard this concession as a matter of paramount importance, and one that I trust will be put into practice with the minimum of delay. It is obviously preferable to take immediate steps now than to await the inevitable crisis which will force the issue in any case. Furthermore I am convinced that the results will be a marked improvement in the output of the Dockyard workers and a far better spirit of co-operation will be achieved. If this larger scheme is adopted, the proposal forwarded under cover of my T.A.1030/20 of 3rd March should be considered cancelled

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From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To : F O L I
Date: 30.3.44.
Ref : 212/F.O.

Subject: FOOD RATIONS FOR MILITARISED WORKERS.

Workers engaged in establishments and shipyards under I.R.N. were "militarised" and became subject to penal and disciplinary measures in June 1940.

On 1st February last, all Military-Naval personnel ashore, even if not living in messes, and the "militarised" personnel were given Type "B" rations supplied by the Allies.

In the computed figures, this Ministry did not include the "militarised" workers, as it considered this concession could not be extended to personnel not militarised as above.

Subsequently it has become known that:-

a) The "militarised" civil workers in Italian Army and Italian Air Force establishments receive the above food ration;

b) The Naval-Military Command at Sardinia, in accord with Allied Authorities and in view of the local difficult food situation, on 15th inst. commenced the distribution of the above food ration to workers at the La Maddalena Naval Base.

c) Workers under Marina Naples are in a state of ferment with the object of obtaining the daily distribution of the food ration on a par with the distribution which is already practiced in that Base in regard to the Italian Army, on orders issued by the Allied Forces Command in Campania (Province).

On the other hand, it is necessary to bear in mind that the Naval-Military Administration has, up to now, issued a mid-day plate of thick soup to the workers, the cost of which has been borne in large part by the Administration: but to-day it is extremely difficult to continue doing so, as the ingredients for its preparation are unobtainable.

The difficulty of obtaining food for the civil population causes grave difficulties for the workers to keep their families supplied so that the desire to receive the daily ration is very strong indeed.

All this finally reduces itself to a lowering in production (to the detriment of I.R.N. and Allied Navies alike) and to a discontent, the outcome of which cannot be foreseen.

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For example, at Brindisi, the serious situation of the food market has occasioned a strong movement among the operatives at the Mixed Naval Works, who threaten to abstain from work if this situation is not improved, but the Political Authorities are not in a condition to take the necessary steps because of the small stocks of food and the well-known transport difficulties.

With the object of obviating agitations and abstentions from work, which would have repercussion totally disadvantageous to the establishments of the I.R.N., and to regularise the situation, it is considered an absolute necessity that an urgent concession of "B" rations should be given to all civil "militarised" workers who depend from the Administration of the Military-Maritime Authorities.

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I consider that this provision would not meet with serious difficulties, on the other hand it would cause a reduction in the consumption by the civil population of the localities concerned.

The number of rations involved daily would be the following :-

TARANTO	12,000
NAPLES (including Castellammare	700
LA MADDALENA (including Cagliari where distribution already takes place)	1,000
BRINDISI	600
Total:	14,300

(Signed) THE MINISTER.

H/DG).

Translator's Note: Postscript in the Minister's handwriting "I strongly beg you to take this important problem into the most attentive consideration".

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FLAG OFFICER, LIAISON, ITALY.
A.C.H.Q. TARANTO.

22nd March, 1944.

No.T.A. 1149/16

LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

Payment of Taranto Dockyard Workers

Your letter No.091.46145 of 14th March, states that questions of rates of pay for direct or contractual employees should be referred to Headquarters No. 2 District.

2. Unfortunately the Taranto Dockyard fall into neither of these categories, but are direct employees of the Italian government. Any question of an increase of pay for these men must therefore be taken up with the Italian government. Whether the difference of pay should be borne by the Allies is, I consider, a matter for the Commission to decide as, whatever arrangements are made, the increase is most strongly recommended.

3. There is a natural tendency for potential workers for Taranto Dockyard to drift into direct employment with the Allies where the pay is higher. Until the disparity in pay is removed, this tendency cannot be checked.

(Signed) C.H. Duffett,
for REAR-ADMIRAL.

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Headquarters
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Labor Sub-Commission
APO 394

091.46145 14 March, 1944.

SUBJECT: Civilian Labor for Armed Forces - Rates of Pay.

TO: FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

1. The Labour Subcommission has received your communication of 24 February 1944 to which was attached a schedule of the rates of pay in the Taranto dockyard. In your communication you stated that the rates were too low, and that you were having some difficulty securing employees as a result.

2. Owing to the fact that Taranto is administered by Hq. No. 2 District, A.C.M.F. you are advised to submit all recommendations with respect to rates of pay for direct or contractual employees of the Armed Forces to the Control of Wages Committee at that Headquarters. Such matters cannot be dealt with directly by the Labor Sub-Commission.

(Signed) J.T.R. Bain,
Colonel,
Director, Labor Sub-Commission.

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RATES OF PAY TO DOCKYARD WORKERS

From: Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic.

Date: 24th Feb. 1944 No. T.A.1149/16

To: ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
(through Head of Naval Sub-Commission).

The attached statement shows the rates of pay paid to Italian workers in the Dockyard at Taranto in comparison with the approved Allied rates of pay for the Naples area.

2. These rates are clearly too low and are having the effect of discouraging otherwise suitable men from entering dockyard employment. I attach the greatest importance to giving all possible inducement to such workers to increase the output of the Dockyard.

3. It is requested you will bring this matter before the Allied Control Commission for their consideration and such action as they consider necessary.

(Signed) R. McGRIGOR
Rear-Admiral.

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ANALYSIS OF TARANTO DOCKYARD WORKERS WAGES

For a group of 18 trades.
Allied daily rate.....Minimum.....80-85 lire) Married or single
Maximum....100-120 l.) irrespective of children.
Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....54 lire for single man.
Maximum...68-70 l...married with one child.
94 lire...married with ten chn.

For a group of 16 trades.
Allied daily rates.....Minimum...80-85 lire } Married or single
Maximum..105-110 lire } irrespective of chn.

Dockyard daily rate.....Mimimum...60 lire for single man.
Maximum...92 lire...married man with 1 child
116 lire... " " " 10 children.

For a group of 16 trades less easily classified.
The minimum Italian wage is well below the Allied minimum, and the maximum Italian wage for a married workman with one child is well below the Allied maximum.

For Apprentices.
Allied daily rate.....Minimum.....30 lire.
Maximum.....60 lire.

Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....24 lire.
Maximum.....31 lire.

For unskilled labourers.
Allied daily rate.....65 lire.

Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....48 lire....single men.
Maximum.....65 lire....married with 4 children.

NOTES.

(1) It has not been possible to ascertain what proportion of workers is paid at the minimum or maximum rates.

(2) There is a deduction of 1.5 lire from the Italian figures for contribution to two Societies applicable to State employees only. The State contributes a further 1.5 lire.

The Societies are:

UMBERTO I. (National Institution for Assistance to State Employees.) Supplies medical assistance, repays partially for the medicines, gives half pay for each day of sickness.

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National Institute for Social Help - (Instituto Nazionale Prevedenza Sociale). Gives a pension in case of invaliding, pays a pension for old age, tuberculosis and unemployment.

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Major Weller - A.B.O.A
Allied A.C. for F. Hq.

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REAR-ADMIRAL.

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= Classified Artisan and Skilled Grades =																
=Foreman.....(1)*			63,73		72,24		73,86		75,35		76,93		80,29		83,05	
(Capo gruppo)			81,87		90,38		92,00		93,49		95,07		98,43		101,79	
=Chief Foreman..... (2)*			59,10		70,79		73,12		75,31		77,49		81,89		86,24	
(Capo Operaio)			72,52		84,21		86,54		88,73		90,91		95,31		99,66	
=Apprentices, all grades	30		24,05		=		=		=		=		=		=	
(Apprandista)	60		30,54		=		=		=		=		=		=	
=Artisan Mate (Helper...	70		48,53		57,14		59,27		60,20		61,63		64,79		76,85	
(Aiutante)	90		54,55		63,16		65,20		66,22		67,65		70,80		73,87	
=Armature Winder.....	90		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Bobinatore)	130		81,12		89,73		91,86		93,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Armourer.....	90		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Traccietore carp.)	130		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Blacksmith.....	80		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Fabbro fucinatore)	105		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Battery worker.....	80		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Elettricista acc.ri)	105		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Boilermaker.....	80		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Caldereio)	105		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Bookbinder.....	85		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Legatore libri)	110		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Bricklayer.....	80		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Muratore)	105		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Boilerman.....	80		53,94		62,55		64,68		65,61		67,04		70,20		73,26	
(Fuochista)	105		58,99		67,60		69,73		70,66		72,09		75,25		78,31	
=Carpenter.....	80		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Carpentiere)	105		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	
=Caulker.....	80		59,67		68,28		70,41		71,28		72,77		75,93		78,99	
(Calafato)	105		81,12		89,73		91,86		92,79		94,22		97,38		100,44	

*(1) Foreman (Artisan and skilled labour) 10 lire per day more than highest paid man

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= Classified Artisan and Skilled Grades =									
	63,73	72,24	73,86	75,35	76,93	80,29	83,05	92,29	95,50	98,50
	8T,87	90,38	92,00	93,49	95,07	98,43	TOT,T9	IIO,40	II3,64	II6,70
*	59,TO	70,79	73,I2	75,31	77,49	8T,89	86,24	TOI,09	I05,64	IIO,23
	72,52	84,21	86,54	88,73	90,91	95,31	99,66	I04,51	II9,06	I23,65
	24,05	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
	30,54	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=
	48,53	57,I4	59,27	60,20	6T,63	64,79	76,85	77,26	79,28	83,68
	54,55	63,I6	65,20	66,22	67,65	70,80	73,87	83,28	86,00	89,40
	59,67	68,28	70,41	7I,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	9I,06	94,46
	8I,I2	89,73	9I,86	93,79	94,22	97,38	I00,44	I09,85	II3,I7	II5,97
	59,67	68,28	70,4I	7I,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	78,40	9I,06	94,46
	8I,I2	89,73	9I,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	I00,44	I09,85	II3,I7	II5,97 ·
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	59,67	68,28	70,4I	7I,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,48	9I,06	94,46
	8I,I2	89,73	9I,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	I00,44	I09,85	II3,I7	II5,96 ·
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	8I,I2	89,73	9I,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	I00,44	I09,85	II3,I7	II5,97 ·
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,6I	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,I9	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,85	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	59,67	68,28	70,4I	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	9I,06	94,46
	8I,I2	89,73	9I,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	I00,44	I09,85	II3,I7	II5,97 ·
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=Checker.....:	65	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Magazziniere)	80	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Coach builder.....	80	59,67	68,20	70,41	71,28	72,67	76,93	78,99
(Falegname)	105	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,00
=Coppersmith.....	80	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Ramista e tubista)	105	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Compositor.....	90	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,97	75,93	78,99
(Tipografo compositore)	110	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Chainman.....:	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Fabbro comune)	100	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31
=Concreter.....	70	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	73,77	75,93	78,99
=(Cementista)	105	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Cooper.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Bottaio)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Chauffer or driver...	70	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Autista)	90	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,76	62,09	75,25	78,31
=Coremaker(Foundry)...	80	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	76,93	78,99
(Modellatore fond.)	105	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Driver,Truck.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Conducente trattore)	100	58,99	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25
=Driver,Crane or winch	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Conduttore gru e verr)	100	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Driver Engine Loco...	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Condutt.macch.vapore)	100	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Electricians.....	85	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Elettricista)	110	58,99	67,70	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31
=Fireman Oil Fuel.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Fuochista cald.nafta)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Fireman coal steam loco	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Fuoch.cald.carb.loc.)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Foundryman.....	70	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Fonditore)	90	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,39	100,44

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53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
59,67	68,20	70,41	71,28	72,67	76,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,00	109,85	113,17	115,77
59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	73,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,60	69,73	70,76	62,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	76,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,70	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,39	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97

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Rank.	Allied rates of pay. Min.max.	= Italian rates of pay in Taranto Dockyard = Single Mi.Ma	Married Mi.Ma.	1 Ch. Mi.Ma.	2 Ch. Mi.Ma.	3 Ch. Mi.Ma	4 Ch. Mi.Ma.	5 Ch.... Mi.Ma.
=Glazier.....	75	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Vetraio)	95	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Greaser.....	70	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Ingrassatore)	90	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Hammerman or Striker	70	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Battimazza)	90	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Joiner.....	85	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Stipettai)	110	81,12	89,73	91,86	93,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Lithographer.....	90	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Cianografo)	130	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Mechanics,Instr...	90	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Mecc.di prec.ne)	110	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Moulders.....	80	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Modellisti)	105	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
=Painter,Signwriter	85	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Pittore)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,76	72,09	75,26	78,31
=Plumber.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,28	73,26
(Ottonaio)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Plasterer.....	90	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Modellisti gesso)	120	81,12	89,73	91,68	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
= Rigger.....	85	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Attrezzatore)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	98,31
=Rivetter.....	85	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	87,04	70,20	73,26
(Ribaditori chiodi)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Rivetter,Hold Up...	70	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Aiutante ribaditore)	90	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31
=Sawyer.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Condutt.Macch.Faleg)	100	58,99	67,60	69,72	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31
=Saw Repair,sharp...	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Operaio Attrezz.)	100	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
=Sheet Metal Worker.	80	59,67	68;28	72,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Carpen.in ferro)	105	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44

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	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
	81,72	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
	81,72	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
	81,72	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
	81,72	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
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	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,28	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
	81,72	89,73	91,68	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,72	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84
	59,67	68,28	72,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
	81,72	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97

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Tinsmith.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Stagno)	105	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
Toolmaker.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Cong. Attrezzatore)	110	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31
Tailor.....	80	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Sarto.)	110	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
Turner.....	80	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Tornitore)	110	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
Time keeper.....	70	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Marcatempo)	120	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
Welder.....	85	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99
(Saldatore Elett.)	105	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44
Warehouseman.....	80	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,81	67,04	70,20	73,26
(Magazziniere)	120	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31
Unclassified Grades								
Unskilled Labour, male (Manovale)	65	48,24	56,85	58,98	58,91	61,34	64,50	67,56
~~Boys up to 17.....~~	~~35~~	51,06	~~59,67~~	~~61,80~~	~~62,73~~	~~64,16~~	~~67,32~~	~~70,38~~

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of ex.	Single Mi.Ma.	Married Mi.Ma.	1 Ch. Mi.Ma.	2 Ch. Mi.Ma.	3 Ch. Mi.Ma.	4 Ch. Mi.Ma.	5 Ch.....8 Ch. Mi.Ma.	9 Ch. Mi.Ma.	10 Ch. Mi.Ma.
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84 ×
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,61	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,25	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84 ×
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	83,40	91,06	94,46
	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	88,40	91,06	94,46
	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	83,40	91,06	94,46
	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	59,67	68,28	70,41	71,28	72,77	75,93	78,99	83,40	91,06	94,46
	81,12	89,73	91,86	92,79	94,22	97,38	100,44	109,85	113,17	115,97
	53,94	62,55	64,68	65,81	67,04	70,20	73,26	80,67	85,19	88,79
	58,99	67,60	69,73	70,66	72,09	75,26	78,31	85,72	90,44	93,84 ×
	= Unclassified Grades=									
?	48,24	56,85	58,98	58,91	61,34	64,50	67,56	76,97	79,69	83,09
	51,06	~~59,67~~	~~61,80~~	~~62,73~~	~~64,16~~	~~67,32~~	~~70,38~~	~~79,79~~	~~83,51~~	~~85,91~~

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ANALYSIS OF TARANTO DOCKYARD WORKERS WAGES.

For a group of 18 trades.

Allied daily rate.....Minimum.....80-85 lire.) Married or single
Maximum.....100-120 lire.) irrespective of children.

Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....54 lire for single man.
Maximum.....68-70 lire...married with one child.
94 lire...married with ten children.

For a group of 16 trades.

Allied daily rate.....Minimum.....80-85 lire.) Married or single
Maximum.....105-110 lire.) irrespective of children.

Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....60 lire for single man.
Maximum.....92 lire...married man with one child.
116 lire...married with ten children.

For a group of 16 trades less easily classified.

The minimum Italian wage is well below the Allied minimum, and the maximum Italian wage for a married workman with one child is well below the Allied maximum.

For Apprentices.

Allied daily rate.....Minimum.....30 lire.
Maximum.....60 lire.

Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....24 lire.
Maximum.....31 lire.

For unskilled labourers.

Allied daily rate.....65 lire.

Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....48 lire....single man.
Maximum.....65 lire....married with 4 children.

NOTES.

(1). It has not been possible to ascertain what proportion of workers is paid at the minimum or maximum rates.

(2). There is a deduction of 1.5 lire from the Italian figures for contribution to two Societies applicable to State employees only. The State contributes a further 1.5 lire.

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The Societies are:-

UMBERTO I. (National Insitution for Assistance to State Employees).

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For a group of 16 trades.

Allied daily rate.....Minimum.....80-85 lire.) Married or single
Maximum.....105-110 lire.) irrespective of children.

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Maximum.....92 lire...married man with one child.
116 lire...married with ten children.

For a group of 16 trades less easily classified.

The minimum Italian wage is well below the Allied minimum, and the maximum Italian wage for a married workman with one child is well below the Allied maximum.

For Apprentices.

Allied daily rate.....Minimum.....30 lire.
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Dockyard daily rate.....Minimum.....24 lire.
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Allied daily rate.....65 lire.

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The Societies are:-

UMBERTO I. (National Insitution for Assistance to State Employees). Supplies medical assistance, repays partially for the medicines, gives half pay for each day of sickness.

National Insitute for Social Help - (ISTITUTO NAZIONALE PREVIDENZA SOCIALE). Gives a pension in case of invaliding, pays a pension for old age, tuberculosis and unemployment.

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Unofficial strike involving 1000 men started in dockyard today for more food or wages.

(2) Ministry has promised an increase in wages of 12 to 15% on 1st July.

(3) Toni's yard are on strike for increase of 30 lire a day all round.

(4) Remires new Under Secretary Vice Albago is coming down.

(5) It is hoped that work will be resumed tomorrow 21st June.

(6) Most of those men are receiving civilian A ration for heavy workers.

(7) C in C Med Malta pass to Admiral Morgan.

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Major C. Palmer
Naval Representative

GMS/BGM

23 May 44

On the basis of AFHQ authority 30 Jan 44, AFHQ Adv Adm Echelon 47/49, 6 Feb 44 authorized the issue of a mid-shift meal for Italian civilians performing manual labour for the benefit of the Allied Forces. The shift was to be of 8 hours or more duration and Base Section, District or Area Commanders were made responsible for the provision of facilities necessary to prepare and serve such meals.

The meal consisted of 1/3 lb bread, 6 oz fresh vegetables (or equivalent scale of dried vegetables), and 4/5 oz dehydrated soup. For this meal the worker was charged 7 lire which was deducted from his daily wage.

52 Area Q 442, 11 Feb 44 advised the Capt. Superintendant of the Taranto Dockyard that this issue would be available from 15 Feb 44.

When investigating the causes of the discontent of the Taranto Dockyard workers my Labour Officers discovered that only dehydrated soup had been issued and that the authority to draw bread and vegetables had not been exercised.

I hope that the authority to draw the full mid-shift meal is now being used and that the dockyard workers are satisfied that they are receiving the maximum amount of food permitted by the existing supply situation.

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE
Lieutenant General
Chief Commissioner

Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, D.S.O., R.N.
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PRESENT OVER ITALIAN NAVAL LABOUR AS FOLLOWS. FIRST. NO 1 SUBMARINE BASE (FIRST ITALIAN LST GUY) NOW FORMED AND MOVING VIDE MY SD 622 OF 7 APRIL. SECOND. ABOVE LST GUY BEING FORMED WITH 3 OFFRS 125 RATINGS AS NUCLEUS VIDE MY SD 621 OF 07. TRIED. STILL AWAITING ANSWER AS TO AVAILABILITY REMAINING TWO GUYS AT LATER DATE VIDE MY SD459 OF 31 MARCH. FOURTH. ITALIAN NAVAL LABOUR IS WORKING SATISFACTORILY AND HAS INCLUDED 380 ITALIAN SAILORS IN THEIR LABOUR FORCE IN TARANTO HAS PROVIDED 92h DOCKS OF GUY. FIFTH. FORMATION OF UNIT IN SECOND TASKS PRIORITY THERE ONE NAVA NEAT TIME DELAY FORMATION OF SECOND DOCK OF GUY. SIXTH. ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL NOW REQUIRED IN PRIORITY AS FOLLOWS (1) BALANCE 125 PERSONNEL END SECOND LST GUY (2) 450 PERSONNEL TO ENABLE COMPLETION OF SECOND DOCKS OF GUY FROM MILITARY LABOUR (3) 800 PERSONNEL TO ENABLE COMPLETION OF THIRD AND FOURTH DOCKS OF GUY (4) 500 PERSONNEL TO COMPLETE THIRD AND FOURTH LST GUYS. I REQUEST YOU STATE AVAILABILITY DOCKS.

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To : F.C.W.I.T.

Subject: Rates of Pay - ITALIAN.

A copy of memorandum dated 11th April 1944 issued by Army Sub-Commission, A.C.C., is forwarded for information.

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394

TO : Senior U.S.Naval Officer, Italy.

Subject : Food ration for Italian Heavy workers.

Enc : (A) Copy Labour Sub-Com ltr LAB 091.467 of 28 March 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information with particular reference to the proposed elimination of the present mid-day meal for Italian workers. Additional data will be furnished when available.

H.St.J.Butler,
Comdr.U.S.N.
Member ,Naval Sub-Commission

Copy to:

Comdt.N.O.B.Palermo.

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From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

To. : Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.
Copy to F.O.T.A.L.I.
F.O.A.I.T.

Date: 5 April 1944. Ref. 111/44

Subject:- Increase in Food Ration to Italian Heavy Workers.

A copy of memorandum dated 28 March 1944 issued by Labour Sub-Commission, A.C.C., is forwarded for information.

(Sgd) E.N. PALMER.

C O M M O D O R E.

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From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

To : The Commodore Superintendent, Dockyard, TARANTO.

Date: 5 April 1944. Ref. 114/44.

Subject: Employment of Civilian Labour.

For your information, I enclose booklet "Instructions regarding the employment of Civilian Labour (Italy and Sicily)" issued by H.Q. A.C.M.F. (Admin. Sch.), March 1944.

COMMODORE.

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22 April 1944

SUBJECT: Additional rations for the militarised civilian personnel of the Naval dockyards.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

Reference letter No. DCC 091.711 dated 21 April.

While very glad to assist in any coordination in regard to policy, it is pointed out that in my position as Liaison Officer on matters of policy, I am unable to deal authoritatively with the question of rations, the whole of which is dealt with by Q Branch at Army Sub-Commission, Main HQ.

As can be seen from the file I passed to you today, the decisions taken in regard to rations at the recent high-level conference at A.A.I. Adm. Ech. at which the Chief Commissioner was present, seem to have been partially negatived by the A.F.H.Q. letter.

Col. NOAKES (AQ MG Army Sub-Comm., Main HQ.) was at CASERTA yesterday discussing this matter. I have been trying to get hold of him in NAPLES today, so far without success.

In my opinion, before the matter is discussed with Food and Labour Sub-Commissions, the terms of reference should be fixed by direct liaison between Q Branch at LECCE and the Naval authorities at TARANTO, who presumably are familiar with the conditions detailed by Admiral DE COURTEN.

F. Rendwick Lt. Col.

Copy to:
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /sk

SWC/RELAY NO.

CLASS: CONFIDENTIAL

PREC : ROUTINE

FROM : FOTALI

TO : ACTION AAI, INFO FATIMA REAR, DISTWB, MMIA, FOWIT

I/C NO :

REF NO : DTG 211253B

FILED : 220829B APR

REC'D : 231545B APR

(Navy Sub-Commission)

Pass to Fatima Rear. This a reencypherment of Fotali's 211253. Begins.

AAI's G4 30362 of H17 and MMIA's AQ 987 of 18th Italian dockyard workers are mobilized and subject to military discipline but are not naval ratings.

Fowit pass to AAI and Fatima Rear.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION INCOMING MESSAGE /msr

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TO : DISTWO FOR AMG REGION II FOR ZELLARS FOR FRAZER FOR SCICLUNA INFO TO FOTALI INFO TO DISTWO FOR AMG REGION II FOR KNIGHT INFO TO FATIMA REAR

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A scale authorised in substitution and not in addition to existing supplementary ration scale heavy workers. Ration cards and all instructions for issue scale A rations will be in possession supply officer Taranto within few days. Scale effective from 12 May.

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FROM ALLIED FORCE LOCAL RESOURCES (ITALIAN)BOARD LABOUR & WAGES CONTROL COMMITTEE - MINUTES. Ref: 5/2/LR of 3 Apr '44.

"5. A letter from HQ ACC, Labour Sub-Commission, on the increase in food ration to Italian Heavy Workers - reference LAB 091.467, dated 28 MARCH 44 - was received.

The Chairman stated that before this letter was considered he desired, with the approval of the Committee, to take stock of the present situation as regards the supply of food to Italian civilians and to place on record certain basic facts and principles. In his opinion: -

(a) The primary requirement of the Armed Forces is that an adequate supply of satisfied labour is available for military purposes.

(b) At the present time the standard civilian ration is inadequate to produce maximum officiency from the worker especially in the heavy classes.

(c) Extra food is not supplied as additional pay, as a morale builder, to assure equality with others, as an inducement or bribe, or as result of pressure brought about by labourers through threatened strikes, or for any other purpose then with the sole object of giving the labourer sufficient strength to do the maximum amount of work required of him, when it is evident that the normal civil ration will not do this.

(d) He must be given these extra calories in kind and not in cash.

(e) It is primarily the responsibility of ACC to feed the civil population.

(f) The Armed Forces have not, at the present time, sufficient reserves within the theatre to permit them to issue food to the civilian labour employed by them.

(g) It therefore appears only reasonable to admit that ACC has the final decision as to what rationed food shall be given to any type of civilian, subject to any over-riding direction by AFHQ.

(h) ACC have stated that they are prepared to give extra rations to workers known as "pesanti" and "pesantissime," but that they are not at present in a position to do so for "operai leggeri" or "impiegati" (Appendix "B" attached).

(i) AFHQ Signal 44282, dated 30 JAN 44, authorises a mid-shift meal for Italian civilians employed at hard labour by Allied Forces and for no others (Appendic "C" attached). Hard labour, or as we have termed it manual labour, is heavy physical labour of sufficiently sustained nature to require

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so high a degree of expenditure of physical energy that above-normal food intake is required to sustain the strength of the labourer to perform the work for which he is hired.

(j) The supplementary ration is not a free issue and ACC state that it must be paid for by the worker."

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
LABOUR SUB-COMMISSION
APO 394

LAB 091.467

28 March 1944

MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT:- Increase in Food Ration to Italian Heavy Workers. (As corrected by HQ AAI (ADM SECTION) LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION C.M.F. letter Ref: - 5/2/LR of 3 April 1944.)

1. As a result of several recent wage increase demands a conference was called by Lieut.General Sir Mason MacFarlane, Chief Commissioner, ACC, at which it was reaffirmed that the real issue is food and it was agreed to increase the present food ration to all heavy workers connected with the war effort, whether directly hired by the Armed Services or not. At a conference held yesterday in Salerno attended by Marshal Badoglio, General MacFarlane, the Italian Minister of Labour, and members of the Labour Sub-Commission, it was reaffirmed that wages must be kept at the present level, and for that purpose, AMG/ACC labour institutions were given continuing validity.

2. The Labour Sub-Commission, in closest co-operation with the Food Sub-Commission, has and is making strenuous efforts to hold the wage line. Exact enquiry at all levels reveals that the proper amount of food in the workers' possession will answer practically all labour problems.

3. At General MacFarlane's meeting it was determined that the present midday meal be eliminated with the exception of the dehydrated soup which shall be available to all personnel, qualified as above, employed by the Allied Armed Forces, and its components incorporated in a supplemental ration issue which, however, would give an overall increase. Specifically, the present basic ration to everyone is 200 gms. of bread daily. The majority of workers for the Allied Forces are now receiving in addition 113 gms. of flour (equivalent to 135 gms. of bread) plus a bowl of soup. The proposed increase will place every heavy worker, whether employed by the Armed Forces directly, or by contractors, or by private employers on a basis which will give him the equivalent of 400 gms. of bread daily plus a daily issue of 30 gms. of dehydrated soup. The actual makeup will be 275 gms. of bread daily, 30 gms. of dehydrated soup daily, and 700 gms. of pasta weekly.

4. It is proposed to have the issue considered an extra privilege earned by a heavy worker; that distribution depots be set up wherever possible so as to distribute these extra rations on the job, thus maintaining the primary incentive to come to and stay on that job. It is possible that distribution on the job may eliminate the necessity for extra ration cards or coupons. The furnishing of actual pasta will fill the greatest single food demand the worker has made.

5. Entitlement of extra rations will be granted to workers known as "peasanti" or "peasantisized" or to others jointly at the discretion of Base Section or Area Commanders and the local ACC authorities, provided that the total workers involved receiving the increased ration do not exceed 10% of the population of the Province or Region concerned.

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6. These proposals do not apply to work done in combat areas.

7. The Armed Services, and the Labour and Food Sub-Commissions can achieve fullest success in their missions only by the uniform adherence of all groups to the above distribution. From our own experience, we know that the Italian worker

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20 March 1944

MORANDUM:

SUBJECT: - Increase in Food Ration to Italian Heavy Workers. (As corrected by H[illegible] AAI (ADM ECHELON) LOCAL RESOURCES SECTION C.M.F. letter Ref: - 5/2/iR of 3 April 1944.)

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is least likely to protest or be dissatisfied when aware that without equivocation, all employers, military or otherwise, are treating his fellow workers at a completely uniform level with respect to food.

J.T.P. BAIN,
Colonel,
Director, Labour Sub-Commission.

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C04N C MED NAPLES (R) A.C.C.

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UNOFFICIAL STRIKE INVOLVING 10[illegible] MEN STARTED IN DOCKYARD TODAY FOR MORE FOOD OR WAGES.

(2) MINISTRY HAS PROMISED AN INCREASE IN WAGES OF 12 TO 15% ON 1ST JULY.

(3) TOSI'S YARD ARE ON STRIKE FOR INCREASE OF 30 LIRE A DAY ALL ROUND.

(4) RAMIREZ NEW UNDER SECRETARY VICE ALBAGO IS COMING DOWN.

(5) IT IS HOPED THAT WORK WILL BE RESUMED TOMORROW 21ST JUNE.

(6) MOST OF THESE MEN ARE RECEIVING CIVILIAN A RATION FOR HEAVY WORKERS.

(7) C IN C MED NAPLES PASS TO ADMIRAL MORGAN.

T.O.O. 201831 JUNE

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

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(Established, October, 1935.)

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TO:

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FROM:

CG TAMANTO

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Your 201831 to C in C Med Naples. Arsenale strike ended 0900 today. Negotiations with Ministry of Marine continue. Tosi and Contractors workmen still on strike and I am informed Prefect has meeting at 1700 with representatives today. It is necessary to reconcile 30 lira per day extra asked for with 7 lira offered.

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DAILY RATIONS ISSUED TO "NORMAL" AND"HEAVY"

DOCKYARD WORKERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED

WHOLLY ON ALLIED

WORK

ITEM OF FOOD	NORMAL RATION	OLD RATION "HEAVY"	OLD RATION "EXTRA HEAVY"	NEW RATION H - E - A - V - Y ACC	NEW RATION LOCAL*	NEW RATION TOTAL
BREAD	200.0	300.0	350.0	200.0	150.0*	350.0
CONC. SOUP	8.3	16.6	16.6	15.0	28.5*	43.5
PASTA	—	—	—	—	100.0*	100.0
VEGETABLES, DRIED	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	--	13.3
OIL	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	—	10.0
SUGAR	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	—	8.3
MEAT & VEG. STEW	13.3	13.3	13.3	13.3	—	13.3
CHEESE (when available)	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	—	5.0
TOTAL GRAMS	258.2	366.5	416.5			543.4
TOTAL OZS.	9.22	13.1	14.88			19.4

* A supplementary ration for mid-shift is supplied by employer from civilian sources under supervision of the Italian Local Alimenation Board. All other rations are supplied to employees by ACC through the Royal Navy and employer.

As of 12 May 1944 "Heavy" and "Extra Heavy" have been merged into the one classification of "Heavy". This single classification is known as "A" scale and is for labor engaged on heavy work employed by the Allied Armed Forces either:

(a) directly

(b) by contractors and/or industries who in turn are employed by the Allied Armed Forces. 100% 31%7

"B" scale has been temporarily discontinued though it is expected to reappear again June 1, 1944 as the name of the scale for:

(a) labour engaged on heavy work employed by contractors who are employed less than 100% by the Allied Armed Forces - e.g. Public Utilities.

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The supplemental ration for a scale "B" worker will be 350 grams of pasta weekly. (The "A" and "B" scale mentioned above should not be confused with the "A" and "B" scales which refer solely to military rations.)

Information obtained by Lieutenant Wotherspoon, U.S.N.R. from Captain Sampson, B.A., Supply Officer A.C.C. Taranto. Figures have all been converted to a daily basis therefore slight discrepancies may be noted between these and usually quoted weekly and monthly figures.

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DAILY RATIONS ISSUED TO "NORMAL" AND "HEAVY" DOCKYARD WORKERS WHO ARE EMPLOYED WHOLLY ON ALLIED WORK

13 May 1944

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SUGAR	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3	—	8.3
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(Established—May, 1930)
(Revised—January, 1933)

To:

From:

Dia.2 for Zallan, Fraser, Evans, (R) FOTALI, Dia 2 for Kings

ACC Malta for Adene.

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Signed MacFarlane. Ref. ic 438.

AELF scale authorised in six tiffins and not (repeat) not in addition to existing supplementary ration scale heavy workers.

Ration cards and all instructions for issue scale AELF rations will be in possession Supply Officer Taranto within few days.

Scale effective from 12th May.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ECONOMIC SECTION
APO 394

JTRB/tbw

26 April, 1944

LAB 091.46145

SUBJECT: Taranto Dockyard

TO : Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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1. With reference to your letter dated 22 April, 1944, subject Supply of Food for Dockyard Workers, there is attached for your information a copy of notes of a meeting held in Taranto with the parties concerned.

2. The concession at Para. 3 is thought reasonable, but no further concessions can be made. New "heavy" worker rations will be announced almost immediately, and will be uniformly and firmly applied. There can be no question of a "B" ration scale being granted, and any other differentials found to exist will be eliminated.

By Command of Lt. General MASON MACFARLANE:

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

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Taranto
17th April, 1944

NOTES ON MEETING HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE PREFECT

PRESENT:

Representatives of the R. Italian Dockyard Workers
Two Italian Admirals,
The Prefect and Staff
Commodore Powell, R.N.
Colonel J. F. R. Bain,
Major Craig
Captain Scicluna
Captain Bothen
Captain Frazer

Having heard the claims of the workers and retired to discuss the matter with Commodore Powell, Colonel Bain stated:

1. THAT there could be no question of striking in any form, stay in, lie down or stay out. Both General MacFarlane and Marshal Badoglio intended to take strong lines, and any strike in the Dockyard at this time would be regarded as sabotage.

2. THAT the issue was one of FOOD, not wages. Allied Government was sympathetic, but in face of a world shortage, with only limited supplies available for this sector, all must be treated alike. Special provision could not be made. The oft referred to Black Market was an institution the working classes were best able to combat. Cooperatives could be formed. (Later Commodore Powell said that he hoped to be able to help with transport to enable goods to be brought in from the outlying districts). It would be difficult after so long a period of Fascism, but they must learn to help themselves. It was basic in Democracy that leadership came from below.

3. THAT, however, with a view to assisting them he had decided that he would regard the Dockyard workers as being in the same category as other workers employed directly by the Armed Forces. There would be the same uniformity in hardship.

4. THAT he was the Director of the Labor Sub-Commission and not of the Food Sub-Commission. He promised, however, to see the Food Officer (Colonel Legg) and would recommend that in spite of shortage he should authorize additional food. He could not compromise - the Colonel in his absence, but believed that it could be arranged to let the heavy worker, posanti, have a total of 400 grams of bread, 100 grams of pasta and 30 (additional) grams of soup powder.

5. THAT there could be no question of raising wages until the whole wage structure had been examined. This review was at the moment under consideration by officers of the Labor Sub-Commission. None wanted inflation, and although at the moment things might appear to be harder than necessary, he thought that if we held the line now, it would be for the more lasting good of Italy.

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No. 1904 Gab. 18 April, 1944.

Subject: Grievances of workers at Royal Arsenal and "Tosi" Navy Yard.

To: Ministry of Interior,
Salerno.

Yesterday, the 17th, a meeting was held in my office to examine the demands for betterment and for food put forward by workers of the Tosi Navy Yard and the Royal Arsenale. Present were Colonel Bain, Chief of the Sub-Commission for Labor and other Allied officials; Commodore Powell, Superintendent of the Yards, Chief of the Provincial Commission of Control for the Allies, Admirals Fioravanzo and Correale for the Royal Navy, The Director of the Tosi Navy Yard, The Commissar Extraordinary of the Union of Industrial Workers; three representatives of the Royal Arsenal. The meeting took place from 1100 to 1300 and from 1400 to 1730.

During the first period of the meeting the directors and workers, on invitation of the English Colonel expressed freely their demands. All directors and workers participated in these discussions.

The thoughts and demands of the above may be summarized as follows:

- Italian laborers are inspired by the greatest spirit of sacrifice in collaborating with the Allies for the ending of the war and attaining victory.

- Italian laborers have always been friends of England and the United Nations.

- The strike, therefore, should not be interpreted as a hostile act against the Allies, but only as a protest against the serious economic and alimentary conditions existing and in which the workers and their families have to live.

The minimum demands of the workers are:

(1) Granting of Type B military ration (or equivalent).
(2) Just compensation for the high cost of living in the following amounts:
Workers of both sexes over 18 years of age Lire 60
Workers under 18 years of age Lire 35.
(3) The number of workers involved in these demands in Taranto are

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Arsenal	12500
Tosi Yards	3000
Firms working in the Arsenal	2000
Port Companys and miscellaneous	500
	18000

For Col. Rutter
Dir. B

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During the second period the Colonel, Chief of the sub- Commission for ~~xx~~ Labor, advised the workers that he had carefully examined all that had just been discussed, and must, first of all, note that the demands of the workers did not justify a strike and that both General McFarland and Marshal Badoglio were in agreement that any future movement of the kind would be considered an act of sabotage. He further stated that substantially the questions ~~raisxx~~ raised by the workers involved the problem of insufficient food rather than an increase in salary and that, in any case, The Allied Governments, even if they considered the problems of the Italian workers with sympathy, they meet the same difficulties in feeding the people as they have in all other countries of the world, and that everything that comes into Italy must be equally divided among all Italians.

He added that he recognized that the black market had become an institution, but that the workers must fight this by ~~xxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxx~~ creating cooperatives with the purpose of reducing to the minimum the cost of purchases and that if ~~thix cooperationsxxxxxxx~~ these cooperatives do not exist, as is well known, it ~~xxxxx~~ is up to the workers to organize and run such organizations. Concerning the desires of the workers themselves he stated that he had decided to recognize them as directly employed under the Allied Command and admitting that this does not represent the ideal for the workers, he pointed out that if suffering must be borne, it must be borne equally by all.

While the recognition here set forth carries an increase in the ration of bread to 400 grams daily; the concession of 100 grams daily of pasta, and 30 grams of soup, he promised to take up ~~thexxxxxxxx~~ as soon as possible, with Colonel Leik, with a view to obtaining the concessions as quickly as possible.

As regards the question of salaries, he advised that for the present there ~~xxxxxxx~~ of increases, as there are many complex questions involved which

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As regards the question of salaries, he advised that for the present there is no possibility of increases, as there are many complex questions involved which are now being studied by the competent sub-commission. However, he pointed out that the objections of the authorities to granting the increases was to avoid a greater inflation which would result in further suffering by the Italians whose well-being is the desire and hope of the Allies.

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Regarding the delcarations of Colonel Bain a discussion took place in which the directors and workers participated, declaring their dissatisfaction, and reaffirming the demands put forth. Colonel Bain, declining all responsibility for what was decided by the masses, replied and advised them that it was not within his power to make further concessions and that it was useless to continue the discussions which could only revolve around the same arguments, already fully discussed. He held that it was more opportune for the workers, in their own interest, to take action to take advantage quickly of the concessions made.

To close the discussions I thanked the representatives of the Allies for the interest they demonstrated in the questions and for what they had ~~conceded~~. conceded.

Il PREFETTO.

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N. 1904 Gab. li 18 aprile 1944.

Oggetto - Vertenza operai R° Arsenale e Cantiere Navale " Tosi ".

AL MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO

Salerno

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- gli operai italiani si sono ritenuti sempre amici dell'Inghilterra e delle Nazioni Unite;
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- le richieste minime degli operai sono:

1. Assegnazione della razione militare tipo B (o equivalente);
2. Indennità integrativa di carovita nella seguente misura:
   Lavoratori di ambo i sessi di età superiore ai 18 anno L. 60
   Lavoratori al di sotto di 18 anni.....3139[35]
3. Lavoratori ineteressati in Taranto alla richiesta (cifre arrotondate):

Arsenale.....	12500
Cantiere F. Tosi.....	3000
Ditte che lavorano in Arsenale.....	2000
Compagnie Portuali e varie.....	500

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Totale L.....	18000

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Nel secondo periodo il Colonnello Capo della Sotto Commissione del Lavoro ha comunicato agli operai che ha preso in attento esame quanto era stato discusso precedentemente e doveva innanzi tutto far presente che le richieste degli operai non potevano giustificare uno sciopero e che sia il Generale Mc. Farlane, che il Maresciallo Badoglio erano d'intesa che sarebbe stato ritenuto per atto di sabotaggio qualsiasi ulteriore movimento del genere. Successivamente affermava che sostanzialmente le questioni trattate dagli operai si risolvevano in un problema di insufficienza di vettovaglie, anzichè di aumento di salari e che, ad ogni modo, i Governi Alleati, anche se considerano il problema degli operai italiani con simpatia, incontrano per gli approvvigionamenti le stesse difficoltà che si riscontrano in tutti i paesi del mondo e che tutto quanto può arrivare in Italia non può che essere ripartito egualmente fra tutti gli italiani.

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Per chiudere la discussione ho ringraziato vivamente i rappresentanti

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IL PREFETTO

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TO: FOTALI

FROM: FOWIT (31)

WRITE ACROSS

Your letter No TA 1030/20 of 3 March was raised and discussed at L and W C C meeting on 20th. March and also with Q.A.A.I. and will be reconsidered at next meeting on 5th. April. In meantime wages could be raised within limits of Ad. Instruction No.24 as regulated by local percentage variation to cover increased cost of food.But food is issueable to manual workers only and approval for issue ~~of food~~ to non manual workers is considered improbable.

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FROM: THE COLCHESTER SUPERINTENDENT,
DOCKYARD, H.M.DOCKYARD.

DATE: 24 March 1944. Ref: 3/278.

TO: COMMANDER PELHAM,
H.M.S. HMS CORNWALL, SALERNO.

SUPPLY OF FOOD TO DOCKYARD WORKERS IN TORANTO AREA.

I would be grateful for any hastening action you are able to take to get approval to my predecessor's proposals in para 5 of his letter No.3/208 of 23rd February,1944 addressed H.Q. No.2 District (copy to you and others).

2. I see no difficulty in getting rations for 7,500 and distributing these to 10,000 - we take no more from the general pool than we have a right to.

3. The question of agreement as to payment is perhaps more difficult but I would urge that no more than 1 lira for each meal can be charged out of the dockyard mens wages which are so much lower than those of men employed directly by Allies.

4. The matter is of very real urgency and of the utmost importance to the output from the yard.

K 99/44
29/3/44

[signature]

COLCHESTER SUPERINTENDENT.
TORANTO.

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Forwarded for Superintendent

Toronto.

Ref. 5/278.

Para 2.

The amended fractions to be known as
governed by A.H.Q. Memo w/Q 1260 6th Feb 44
of the establishment as stated are an
additional 10% Sick wastage - that is Domestic
and Mess Officers Lottery.

Para 3. Payments must be in accordance
with Memo referred to in para 2.
Wages scales cannot be confused
with the Assignment for meals and should
be treated as a separate issue with
Customs Sub-Commissariat.

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From:- The Captain Superintendent,
Dockyard, TARANTO.

Date:- 23rd. February 1944. Ref. No. 3/208.

To:- H.Q. No. 2 District.
(Through Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy).

(Copies to:- H.Q. 52 Area, Taranto.
Flag Officer Western Italy, Naples.
Commodore PALMER, Naval Sub Commission, Salerno.
Naval Officer in Charge, Brindisi.
A.C.C. Liaison Officer, Taranto.)

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2. The following factors make it undesirable to apply the instructions to the Dockyards in the precise form laid down :-

(a). The labour is not employed directly by the British Naval Authorities, and the pay and conditions of the workers are regulated by the Italian Ministry of Marine in accordance with long-established rules.

(b). The scale of wages is appreciably lower than that authorised by A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, C.M.F., No.19/2 dated 24th. January 1944, and the Italian Authorities are of the opinion, with which I concur, that forced deduction from wages to pay for the meal would result in labour troubles. If the payment is voluntary, the majority of the men would not take up their meal, and the whole object of the special provision would be lost.

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(c). Cooking arrangements are controlled by the Italians, and the kitchens are communal. Any attempt to differentiate between manual and non-manual workers would necessitate complete reorganisation of the existing commissariat. British staff are not available to supervise the preparation or issue of the meal.

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From:- [illegible]

To:- H.Q. No. 2 District.
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Flag Officer Western Italy, Naples.
Commodore PALMER, Naval Sub Commission, Caserta.
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A.C.C. Liaison Officer, Taranto.)

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(d). Under the present system all classes of workers share in the midday meal, which is stiffened with the concentrated soup issued by the Allied Authorities. If restricted to manual workers only, the meal for the non-manual workers will become inadequate or disappear altogether.

3. Since January 1943 the Italians have made provision for an extra ration midday meal for all Dockyard workers. This was necessitated by the general food shortage, and by the disposal of the workers to considerable distances from TARANTO to avoid bombing. In its original form the meal consisted of :-

.....Macaroni.....

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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO DOCKYARD WORKERS IN TARANTO AREA (CONT'D).

Macaroni	60 gr.
Tomato Sauce	3
Olive Oil	8
Potatoes	100
or	
Beans	20
Cheese	8
Salt	7

The cost of this meal was 1.20 lire, of which the workers paid one third. The ingredients were made available by the Civil Authorities in bulk, and paid for by the Ministry of Marine.

4. After the Armistice, the Civil Authorities could no longer continue to issue the ingredients owing to supplies from North Italy having been cut off, and to shortage of transport for bringing in vegetables from the country, and it became necessary for the Allies to provide tinned meat and the concentrated soup. In BRINDISI, a modified form of the original meal has been continued, but the conditions there are easier owing to the small numbers involved and the close proximity of vegetable-growing areas.

5. It is understood that the ingredients required for the meal described in paragraph 3 are still unobtainable in sufficient quantities in the TARANTO area, and that the simplest solution of restoring the original meal is impracticable.

6. After discussion with the local Allied Control Commission representatives and with the Italian Authorities it is proposed that :-

(a). Supplies of the ingredients referred to in the A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon's instruction quoted above should be issued in bulk, and through the proper channels to the Italian Dockyard Commissariat Department on the scale laid down for the number of manual workers employed (i.e. those holding Italian heavy workers' extra civil ration cards). It is estimated that these are between 70 and 75% of the total employed.

(b). The ingredients supplied should be cooked in the communal kitchens and issued impartially to manual and non-manual workers.

(c). Payment should be made by the Italian Ministry of Marine.

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7. For TARANTO Dockyard alone, the approximate weekly requirements for the 10,000 workers on the basis proposed in paragraph 6 would be:-

Flour (for macaroni).....5460 Kgs.
or
Bread.....7275 Kgs.
Fresh vegetables.....8190 Kgs.
Fresh Meat.....1365 Kgs.
or
Concentrated Soup.....1095 Kgs.

The inclusion of BRINDISI Dockyard, S.A.C.A. Works, FRANCO-TOSI Shipyard, and other small private firms in the scheme would increase the above quantities by about 50%.

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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO DOCKYARD & MINES IN TAMANDO AREA (CONT'D).

5. Having regard to the vital importance to the war effort of the Naval work being carried out in the TAMANDO area, and the necessity for exploiting all available resources to their maximum capacity, it is requested that very early authorisation in principle of the above proposals may be sought.

(Sgd) G. V. B. FAULKNER

CAPTAIN R.N.
Captain Superintendent,
TAMANDO.

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Copy.

Subject : ITALIAN NAVAL LABOUR.

31/5/Q(AE)

H.Q. A.A.I.(Adm Echelon
C.M.F.

Naval Sub- Commission
A C C.

I. Italian Military labour at present employed in Districts is likely to be replaced to a certain extent by Italian Naval personnel.

2. It is assumed that you will be responsible for the clothing and equipment of such personnel.

Will you please confirm this ?

Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

Copy to 2 District.
5 District.
Labour.

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

Forwarded.

Salerno.
21st March 1944.

Commodore.
Head of Naval Sub-Commission

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
ACTION SHEET

10/3/44
Date

Suspense_____

FROM		TO
	Deputy President	
	Chief of Staff	
	Vice Chief of Staff	
	Public Relations Officer	
	Liaison Section	
	Military Section	
	Political Section	
	Econ. & Admin. Section	
	Communications Section	
	Administrative Directorate	
	Economic Directorate	
	Finance Sub-Commission	
	Public Works-Mines Sub-Commission	
	Agric., Forests-Fisheries Sub Com	
	Legal Sub-Commission	
	Education Sub-Commission	
	Executive Officers	
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	Adjutant General	
	Files	
	Personnel	
	Publications	
	Message Center	
	Miscellaneous	
	Pool of Interpreters	
	Archives & Reference Library	
	Hq. Commandant	
✓	FOOD SUB COMMISSION	✓ 12/3
✓	NAVAL SUB COMMISSION	X

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REMARKS:_____

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SUPPLY OF FOOD FOR DOCKYARD WORKERS.
(The Captain Superintendent, Taranto's letter No.3/208 dated 23rd February, 1944.)

II.

No.T.A.1030/20.

GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING,
NO.2 DISTRICT.
(Copies to:- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Captain Superintendent, Taranto.
Headquarters, 52 Area, Taranto.
Flag Officer Western Italy, Naples.
Commodore Palmer, Sub Commission, Salerno.
Naval Officer in Charge, Brindisi.
A.C.C. Liaison Officer, Taranto.)

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2. I entirely agree with the proposals of the Captain Superintendent, and that Taranto and Brindisi Dockyards S.A.O.A. Works and Franco Tosi Dockyard should be included in the scheme. The instructions in A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, C.M.F. No.47/44 dated 6th February, 1944, cannot be applied in their entirety in these yards.

2. It is particularly requested that these proposals may receive approval without any delay.

TARANTO.
3rd March, 1944.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From:- The Captain Superintendent,
Dockyard, TARANTO.

Date:- 23rd. February 1944. Ref. No. 3/208.

To:- R.Q. No. 2 District.
(Through Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy).

(Copies to:- H.Q. 52 Area, Taranto.
Flag Officer Western Italy, Naples.
Commodore P.L.O.R. Naval Sub Commission, Salerno.
Naval Officer In Charge, Brindisi.
A.C.C. Liaison Officer, Taranto.)

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To:- H.Q. No. 2 District.
(Through Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy).

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Flag Officer Western Italy, Naples.
Commodore P.L.O.R., Naval Sub Commission, Salerno.
Naval Officer in Charge, Brindisi.
A.C.C. Liaison Officer, Taranto.)

SUPPLY OF FOOD TO DOCKYARD WORKERS IN TARANTO AREA.

With reference to A.F.H.Q. Adv. Adm. Echelon, C.M.F. No.47/AQ dated 6th. February 1944, consideration has been given to the method by which the instructions can be applied to workers in the Dockyards at TARANTO and BRINDISI, and in associated private firms whose employees must necessarily be treated similarly.

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(d). Under the present system all classes of workers share in the midday meal, which is stiffened with the concentrated soup issued by the Allied Authorities. If restricted to manual workers only, the meal for the non-manual workers will become inadequate or disappear altogether.

3. Since January 1943 the Italians have made provision for an extra ration midday meal for all Dockyard workers. This was necessitated by the general food shortage, and by the dispersal of the workers to considerable distances from TARANTO to avoid bombing. In its original form the meal consisted of :-

.....macaroni.....

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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO DOCKYARD WORKERS IN TARANTO AREA (CONT'D).

Macaroni	60 gr.
Tomato Sauce	3
Olive Oil	8
Potatoes	100
or	
Beans	20
Cheese	8
Salt	7

The cost of this meal was 1.20 lire, of which the workers paid one third. The ingredients were made available by the Civil Authorities in bulk, and paid for by the Ministry of Marine.

4. After the Armistice, the Civil Authorities could no longer continue to issue the ingredients owing to supplies from North Italy having been cut off, and to shortage of transport for bringing in vegetables from the country, and it became necessary for the Allies to provide tinned meat and the concentrated soup. In BRINDISI, a modified form of the original meal has been continued, but the conditions there are easier owing to the small numbers involved and the close proximity of vegetable-growing areas.

5. It is understood that the ingredients required for the meal described in paragraph 3 are still unobtainable in sufficient quantities in the TARANTO area, and that the simplest solution of restoring the original meal is impracticable.

6. After discussion with the local Allied Control Commission representatives and with the Italian Authorities it is proposed that :-

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(b). The ingredients supplied should be cooked in the communal kitchens, and issued impartially to manual and non-manual workers.

(c). Payment should be made by the Italian Ministry of Marine. 3126

(d). No relief of wages, in addition to that already in force, to be extracted from the workers.

7. For TARANTO Dockyard alone, the approximate weekly requirements for the 10,000 workers on the basis proposed in paragraph 6 would be:-

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7. For TARANTO Dockyard alone, the approximate weekly requirements for the 10,000 workers on the basis proposed in paragraph 6 would be:-

Flour (for macaroni).....5460 Kgs.
or
Bread.....7275 Kgs.
Fresh vegetables.....8190 Kgs.
Fresh Meat.....1365 Kgs.
or
Concentrated Soup.....1095 Kgs.

The inclusion of TARANTO Dockyard, S.A.C.A. Works, NAVIGO-TOSI Shipyard, and other small private firms in the scheme would increase the above quantities by about 50%.

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SUPPLY OF FOOD TO DOCKYARD WORKERS IN TARANTO AREA (CONT'D).

8. Having regard to the vital importance to the war effort of the Naval work being carried out in the TARANTO area, and the necessity for exploiting all available resources to their maximum capacity, it is requested that very early authorisation in principle of the above proposals may be sought.

CAPTAIN R.N.
Captain Superintendent,
TARANTO.

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From : The Head of the Naval Sub- Commission.
Allied Control Commission, SALERNO.

To : The Secretary General, Allied Control Commission, NAPLES.

Date : 1st March 1944. No. L./75/41/

Insurance of Civilian Labour.

The attached papers on the Insurance of Civilian labour employed by contractors, and direct labour working for the British Navy, are forwarded for consideration.

2. It is presumed that the questions raised have already been discussed by the pertinent sections of the Commission, and if the decisions arrived at could be communicated to me, I would be much obliged, as the respective Flag Officers and Accountant Officers interested require this information.

COMMODORE.

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Office of Flag Officer,
Western Italy,
Naples.

8th February, 1944.

No. FOWIT 123.
DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER,
A.C.M.F. ADVANCED ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON.
(Copies to:- Senior Civil Affairs Officer,
Allied Military Government, Region III,
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section,
Commander, 57th Area,
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area,
Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison,
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5. Further it would seem that a definite ruling is required as to what insurances are to be paid. If the various insurances totalling some 45% are all to be paid by contractors in effect this sum becomes a charge to the Services and will correspondingly increase all bills.

x 6. Where contractors have been reimbursed on a cost of wages and materials basis the wages paid have been scrutinised to ensure that they are in line with rates paid by the Allied Services.

7. It is not clear, however, how a check is to be kept on wages paid by contractors who carry out work at an agreed lump sum price.

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In this case the workers may only be employed part of the time on work for the Royal Navy and may also be doing work for other Services or civil work in the remainder of their working hours. Also it is not clear whether payment for piece work is to be prohibited.

8. It would be quite impracticable for all wages paid by contractors wholly or partially employed by the Royal Navy to be scrutinised as to their correctness. Neither the staff nor the machinery exists for this and it is thought that other Services must be similarly placed. Moreover, even if it was possible to exercise such control, it would be of little constructive value unless steps were taken to ensure that all firms, irrespective of whether they were working for civil or military requirements, to be similarly controlled.

9. It is requested therefore that the matter may be clarified. It is suggested that a proclamation of the official rates allowed should be made (including the fact that extra pay for holidays is not allowed).

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REAR ADMIRAL.

Enclosures:

1. Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples' No.479/219 of 29th December, 1943 and Labor Division, Allied Military Government's letter of 5th January, 1944.

2. Notes on Social Insurance and Benefits Payments.

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ENCLOSURE N.° 1 To FLAG OFFICER, WE
ITALY'S N.° FOWIT. 123 OF 8th Feb. 1944

Office of Naval Officer in Charge,
Combined Headquarters,
NAPLES.

29th December, 1943.

No. 479/21.

HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT REGION. 3.
NAPLES.
(Copy to:- Flag Officer, Western Italy).

INSURANCE SCHEME FOR CIVILIAN LABOUR.

The Royal Navy employs a certain number of contractors who supply labour and/or materials for Naval use. In the case of labour, the question of payment of the various contributions, insurances etc., (amounting to 50% of the wages) has been under consideration. It is understood that the British and American Services are not required to pay taxes and contributions, (e.g. when labour is directly employed and not through a contractor) but if contractors are required to pay the contributions, they cannot fail to pass these charges on, in which case the Service is in fact paying them. In view of this it seems reasonable to make no differentiation between the directly and indirectly employed so far as wages or contributions are concerned, with a consequent saving of money to the Services.

2. It is requested that I may be informed of your views on this matter and if the contributions are to be paid, it is further requested that full details of the contributions and taxes etc., may be supplied. As the matter is now urgent, it would be appreciated if an early reply could be given.

CAPTAIN.

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A.M.G. REGION III
LABOUR DIVISION

Naples, 5th January 1944.

TO: Naval Officer in Charge
Combined Hq., Royal Navy

SUBJECT: Social Insurance Coverage for Civilian Labor

1. Reference is made to your letter of 29th December, 1943, addressed to Hq., AMG Region 3, requesting our views on the question of insurance coverage for civilian labor employed by contractors serving the Allied Forces.

2. Social insurance provisions in Italy fall within three main categories, each of which is administered by a national agency, with branches in each province; namely:

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(2) Insurance against sickness, with provision for medical care and compensation-- administered by Istituto per l'Assistenza di Malattia ai Lavoratori (Institute for Sickness Assistance to Workers).

(3) Insurance against industrial accidents and occupational disease-- administered by Istituto Nazionale per l'Assicurazione contro gli Infortuni sul Lavoro (Institute for Insurance against Accidents at Work).

3. The above insurances are obligatory with respect to employers and employees under Italian law. Although certain of the benefit provisions--notably those for underemployment and military service-- are temporarily suspended by AMG order, all of the insurance contributions are currently subject to collection from Italian employers. Moreover, we are encouraging the insurance agencies (which are under supervision of the AMG Labor Division in Region 3) in the conduct of a law-enforcement drive. We are of the opinion, therefore, that it would be unfortunate and indefensible to exempt Army or Navy contractors from compliance with the social insurance laws and to permit them to disregard obligations toward their employees which other Italian employers are compelled to recognize.

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3. Because of the complexity of the various insurance schemes and variations in rates, it is not possible to furnish you with a simple set of percentages which would be applicable to all contractors serving the Royal Navy. A typical figure would be about 45% of the payroll, with variations of as much as 5% either way. This would include variable health, accident and social insurance premiums averaging about 14% and the following fixed contributions for particular purposes:

(a) Family allowances (assegni familiari) paid as part of wage and determined by size of family and past earnings..... 20%

(b) Compensation for underemployment (Casse Integrazione) by reason of less than normal work week..... 5%

(c) Fund for workers recalled to Italian armed forces--to finance allowances to their dependents:

For laborers..... 1%
For other employees..... 3%

We shall be glad to have an exact determination made of the percentage contributions and premiums for which any particular Italian contracting firm is liable, should you so desire. We can also undertake to furnish more detailed information as to the different insurance programs upon request.

(Sgd) THOMAS A. LANE
Lt. Col.
Director, Labor Division

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(d) The scales of payment were modified in 1942 as follows:
Employees from 3% 5% by D M of 20.8.42
Workers " 0.4% 1% by C.C. of 21.7.42

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5 ASSICURAZIONE SOCIALE (Social Insurance)
Comes under four headings

Invalidita e vecchiaia	(Disability & old Age)
Tubercolosi	(Tuberculosis)
Disoccupazione	(Unemployment)
Nuzialita & Natalita	(Marriage & Maternity)

(a) Contributions Employers 2/3 Employees 1/3
(b) Scale of contributions (I) Salaried employees. On rising scale up to L.1400 per month, at and beyond which payments are, Employers L. 151,55 & Employees L.71,45 p.month
(II) Workers, non agricultural. On rising scale up to 156 lire per week at and beyond which payments are, Employers L.15,90 and Employees L.9,10 per week
(III) Workers; agriculture
(IV) Domestic Servants. Fixed rates with scales for big Towns & for smaller Communes.
(c) Payments The following examples show p/age rates on wages and salaries in section (I) & (II)

SCALE	Daily Rate	Employers Contribution	Employers p/age	Employees Contribution	Employees p/age.
Salary L.1.400 p.month	55	151,55	9.32	71,45	5.1
L.2.000 " "	79	"	6.57	"	3.57
Wages L. 156 p.week	26	15,90	10,19	9,10	5.83
300	50	"	5,3	"	3.05
450	75	"	3.53	"	2.02

The top limits of Salaries are L. 1.400 per month & of Day L. 156 per week.
The employer buys stamps for the whole, & deducts the workers part from the salary.
See details for methods for each case in separate Appendix.
(d) Scales of payment Modified by R.D. legge 18.5.43

6 ASSICURAZIONE CONTRO GLI INFORTUNI SUL LAVORO (Accident Insurance)

(a) Contributions Employers 100% Employees 0%
(b) Scale of contributions Varies according to risk. Each Employer has to make a contract with the Istituto Nazionale per l' Assicurazione contro gli infortuni di lavoro.
Example - Building trades II - 13% on wages.
(c) Payments Made by the employers to the Istituto Nazionale etc: who pay out and give medical assistance, & pay pensions in the event of permanent disability.

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7 53.a SETTIMANA (Gratuity called the 53rd week)

(a) Contribution Employer 100% Employee 0%
(b) Scale of Contribution 1/52 of the weekly wage every week. Account requires to be taken of this in assessing cost of any job
(c) Payment In form of gratuity at S. Natale (Xmas). Only regular workers concerned. No payment for casual labour.

7 A 13.mo Mese (Gratuity called 13th Month)

For Salaried employees, basis of 1/12 of the monthly salary every month, otherwise as at 7.

8 FERIE ANNUALI PAGATE (Annual paid holidays of one week)

As with 7 The cost of this has to be absorbed weekly in any assessments of costs.
This however only refers to the workers, as salaries are taken care of under. Spese di amministrazioni (Overheads).

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TREATMENT OF CIVILIAN LABOUR.

FROM.. FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE.. 26th January, 1944. No.T.A.1028/12.

TO .. ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
Commodore Palmer.

A copy of Flag Officer Western Italy's letter No.123 of 8th January is forwarded for your information in continuance of my T.A.1030/9 of 18th January, 1944.

2. From experience at Taranto the remarks contained therein can be most strongly endorsed in every respect and apply to Heel Ports as much as to the Naples area.

3. An alternative suggestion to the ration cards mentioned in paragraph 10, would be to establish a Dockyard Canteen under Allied control as regards prices in such places as Taranto Dockyard and the Tosi and Saca Works. Provided it was kept adequately stocked this should go far to alleviate the present discontent at the serious food deficiency.

4. I must again emphasise the desirability of early action to improve the situation. In a recent report I have received from Tosi Yard it is stated that the number of workers absent each day is high because many of the workers go away in the hope of finding better wages and food in other places.

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(Signed) R. MORGAN
REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From .... The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Salerno, Italy.

Date .... 23rd. January, 1944. No.745/663.

To .... Commodore I.M.Palmer, D.S.O.,R.N.,
Naval Section, Allied Control Commission.

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The following summary of arrangements in force relative to food for Italians employed by the Royal Navy at Salerno, and my remarks are submitted for your information and action should you deem such action necessary.

Present Scheme.

(1) Italian manual labourers employed in the Port, in the Barracks, and in the Naval Dockyard:

(a) A bowl of free soup issued at 1200A (supplied by D.A.D.L. issued by R.N.) see F.O.C.O.T.171.

(b) An additional allowance of bread from A.M.G. sources.
(at present is as follows = Civilians 150 grammes bread - Civilians employed by any of H.M. ~~Ships~~ Services + 50 grammes bread).
This bread must be purchased by the Civilian.

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Officers' Servants.

Only those employed on the following scale are eligible.
2 Officers - one servant. 3-7 Officers - two servants.
8-11 Officers - 3 servants.

Messmen, Galley hands etc.,

(b) Only Cooks and Galley hands victualled in as far as they replace Naval ratings.
Messmen and Cooks will be victualled in outstations on a scale not exceeding one messman or cook to every ten Ratings providing such ratings are employed on duties which prevent them preparing their own meals. (see F.O.C.O.T. 165)

(3) Crews of requisitioned Boats employed entirely by R.N. and manned by Italians.

A limited Naval standard Ration which forms a basis for an adequate diet (does not include vegetables and other fresh items).
(see F.O.C.O.T. 129)

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NOTES ON 1 - 2 and 3.

Para.1. The soup is drawn in bulk from D.A.D.L. (or Naval Victualling Store, Naples as ~~required~~ required), cooked and prepared for Barracks employees in the Barracks Galley and for Docks employees in a soup kitchen in the Naval yard.

Para.2. The position relative to Stewards, women employees and Servants in Officer's Messes is not quite so satisfactory. Frequently they have an unofficial mid-day meal consisting of scraps from the Wardroom or from Mens' messes. It is intended that the women should be issued with the Soup ration also, but it is not clear as to the dividing line

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between manual and non-manual labour. Unofficially overtakes the broad view of this.
Para.3. We have two Tugs entirely manned by Italians and at present these men appear to be quite satisfied with their conditions.

4. As Contractor's workmen and non-manned Naval employees are not entitled to the free soup Ration Messes. Sorrienti's employees do not draw soup and, in fact, no food allowance is provided for them except the extra bread ration referred to in 1 (b).

5. Suggestions.

(a) The soup ration, at the moment, is a temporary measure - this should be made permanent whilst any food difficulties exist in Italy.

(b) It would be greatly appreciated by these employees if a small allowance of biscuits could be added to the Soup ration. This is a small item but considered very important nevertheless.

(c) All Italian employees are complaining bitterly that they are unable to purchase essential foodstuffs (meat, bread and vegetables) at reasonable prices and are afraid to complain through Official sources owing to the possibility of not being able to obtain any food at all, if they become known as complainants. This "Black Market" is seriously interfering with production in all respects.

(d) The supply of soup and the institution of regularised soup kitchens for duly approved Contractors' labourers could be investigated but I am not, at present, in favour of extending these privileges to them.

6. It is requested that this summary be treated as a personal and confidential letter.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER, R.N.V.R.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Salerno.

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FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC,

AREA COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,

TARANTO.

18th January, 1944.

No.T.A.1030/9.

COMMODORE PALMER,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
SALERNO.

FOOD SITUATION, ITALIAN DOCKYARD WORKERS.

For information. You should press these cases as strongly as possible.

2. The transport situation has now reached a crisis and the speedy supply of vehicles for this purpose is imperative.

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FROM .... FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE .... 18th January, 1944. No.T.A.1030/9.

TO .... ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

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2. I must, however, draw your attention to the dissatisfaction which still exists among dockyard workers as regards the food situation generally and which was the reason for a recent half-day strike at Taranto. This dissatisfaction is due to the smallness of the rations allowed to civilian workers and to the fact that this authorised ration cannot always be obtained. Added to this the price of unrationed food is prohibitive.

3. I imagine it is quite impossible to differentiate between dockyard workers, amongst whom I include workers in private yards such as the Tosi Yard and the Saca Works, and other civilians, so steps taken to improve their food situation must presumably affect the whole civilian population.

4. The present situation is unsatisfactory and affecting output and I consider urgent steps are necessary to improve the scale of rations and to make them available. This non-availability is, I understand, due largely to poor control and distribution as a result of the grave shortage of transport. In Taranto for instance, the Municipality have been relying on Italian naval transport to a certain extent, but this has now had to be withdrawn as the Italian naval authorities are finding the greatest difficulty in collecting and distributing the food made available for Italian naval ratings, owing to their own grave shortage of transport and lack of replacements. This shortage has also reacted directly on the dockyard, where essential motor transport has also been withdrawn, with resulting interference with output.

5. It has been pointed out to me that practically none of the transport requisitioned at the original landing in September has been returned and now owing to wear and tear a crisis has arrived.

6. I am sure the Allied Control Commission fully realise this situation and have the matter in hand, but as it so seriously affects the large numbers of workers employed in the naval and civil yards and works, on whom our Fleet relies, I feel it my duty to draw special attention to it and to state my views as to the urgency of increasing rations and of providing sufficient transport to ensure proper distribution at the earliest possible date.

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7. I shall be grateful for information as to the steps being taken in these two respects and the date on which improvement will be evident.

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8. I attach a further letter on the subject from the Minister of Marine which follows on my No.T.A.454/25 of 23rd December.

(Sgd.) R. McGRIGOR.

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DUPLICATE

From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
Date: 12th January 1944
To: FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY = Taranto
Letter N°: 56/S
Subject: MOTOR TRANSPORT
SECRET & URGENT.

As I brought to your knowledge in letter N° 451 of 16th December 1943, the situation in respect of motor transport available to the R. Italian Navy is as critical as ever.

I explained therein that R.Italian Navy transport has to undertake the conveyance of food supplies for the civil population as well, and that the need for this service increases daily. The food problem of Taranto is closely linked with the availability of motor lorries; the latter being essential to bring the produce from the areas surrounding the city.

The scarcity of food in the town in responsible for the continual increases in prices, which in turn produce the effect of making the workers' wages inadequate to cover their necessities. This factor caused a strike among the R.Dockyard workers recently, a phenomenon which was repeated on 10th January on a still larger scale.

With the object of avoiding this state of affairs, which could give rise to very serious consequences on conduct generally and execution of work in the R.Dockyard, it has become urgent to form Workers' Committees for those employed therein.

The setting up of such Committees is indispensable to achieve the dual purpose of stemming the rises in prices and ensuring that the civil population obtains a minimum of food, thus avoiding discontent and disorder in the important working organization of the R.Dockyard.

The lack of suitable motor transport and relative equipment generally in the Free Territories, daily aggravates the critical seriousness of the transport situation of the R.Italian Navy, the latter being such that the minimum number of lorries required for conveyance of food supplies 3710 no longer be guaranteed.

I therefore repeat the extreme urgency of procuring the lorries already requested of F.O.L.I. in letter N° 451 and, should it not be possible to obtain allocation of the entire number stated, I ask that at least a proportion be granted without delay, to enable the very grave problem of the [illegible] working and service population to be faced.

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My direct interest in reaching a solution of the problem, one to which I am prepared to contribute all within my power, is inspired principally by my earnest wish to ensure that the R.Dockyard will always respond in full measure to the requirements of both the R.Italian and Allied Navies.

For the identical reason I trust and hope that every effort will be made on your part to collaborate w me in the matter under discussion, giving me the transport consequently the food which I am unable to provide but whic is essential to the realization of the aim in view.

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I therefore count upon your efficacious contribution and await your early reply.

THE MINISTER

(Signed) DE COURTEN

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Translator's Note:- (As per MARISTAT) The Workers' Committees mentioned herein would be of a NON-POLITICAL CHARACTER; they would consist of members elected by the workers, to supervise their welfare generally, particularly with regard to food.



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From .. Ministry of Marine, Cabinet.

Date .. 12th January, 1944. No.58/F.O.

To .. F.O.L.I.

WAGES OF THE TARANTO DOCKYARD WORKERS.

Some time ago, it was agreed between the representatives of the "NEPTUNIA" Harbour Enterprise and the British Authorities (D.A.D.L.) that the daily rate of pay of Dockyard Workers should be fixed at 50 lire plus 0.5 lira per ton of goods embarked or disembarked.

Taking as a basis that an average of 80 tons is handled daily by each "hand", the average rate of pay of a worker reached about 90 lira a day.

From this figure must be deducted the percentage for social insurance (accidents, family allowance, etc.) that is to say about 15% in all - amount which by law is at the charge of the employer. However, since this percentage was not recognised by the D.A.D.L. on the assumption that it was the result of social laws promulgated by the Old Regime, it results that this percentage remains at the charge of the worker who does not then receive anymore the theoretical amount of 90 lire a day, but instead 90 lire less 15%. - This however in the best conditions and taking for granted that each hand can handle 80 tons daily. - Because of the considerable traffic at the jetties the afflux and deflux of goods is not such as to allow for a sufficiently quick loading and unloading of ships in order that every hand may reach the estimated 80 tons.

The daily compensation of the workers is thus much below the lowest limits taken(for wage assessment basis) at the time by both the contracting parties.

In addition, owing to the cost of living being at present higher than at the time when the above amount was fixed, and taking into consideration that for reasons which they cannot control the workers never reach the estimated wage minimum, it has become an absolute necessity to amend the rates to ensure that work be fairly paid for.

Consequently the system adopted up till now and which has proved unsuitable in the present conditions should be dropped and it is proposed to pay the personnel according to the scales adopted by us for the other categories of workers, that is to say, previous rates increased by 60%, subject to alteration afterwards as conditions may require.

Eventually all the advances would be paid by us according to 3108 customs and laws, and the expenses will be debited to the British Authorities under the heading of "Advances for services and labour".

THE MINISTER.

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WAGES OF THE TARANTO DOCKYARD WORKERS.
(Ministry of Marine's letter No.58/T.A. of 12th January, 1944)

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No.T.A.1149/4.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
(Copies to:- General Officer Commanding No.2 District.
Officer Commanding No. 52 Area.)
Commodore Taranto.

Forwarded, concurring, subject to workers of the same category receiving the same wages whoever may employ them.

TARANTO.
18th January, 1944.

(Signed) E. MORRISON
REAR-ADMIRAL.

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TREATMENT OF CIVILIAN LABOUR AND CIVILIANS GENERALLY - NAPLES AREA.

FROM.. Flag Officer, Western Italy, Naples.

DATE.. 8th January, 1944. No.FOWIT 123.

TO .. A.F.H.Q., Advanced Administrative Echelon
(Copies to: Flag Officer Taranto and Adriatic & Liaison,
Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military Government, Region II.
Commander, 57th Area,
Vice Admiral, Malta.)

Although the Royal Navy is only a comparatively small direct employer of labour there are latge numbers of contract workers and employees of shipbuilding and ship repairing yoards on whose work much depends. Moreover, as regards the direct labour employed the number of permanently employed Italians (nearly 2,000) is greater than the number of naval personnel shorebased in Naples: this has been necessary owing to the acute shortage of trained personnel to meet present manning commitments at Sea. The efficient functioning of the Royal Navy ashore, therefore, is dependant to a very considerable extent on the loyal co-operation and standard of the work of Italian employees.

2. It is felt that the present policy pursued with regard to civilian labour and civilians generally is calculated to lead to a progressive deterioration in their work and even acts of sabotage or strikes unless there is a radical change in the policy pursued.

3. First and foremost is the food problem. All the civilians can obtain on their ration cards is one hundred grammes of bread a day (approximately three and a half ounces); other items released have been negligible. Supplies of food in addition to this have to be obtained from a flourishing black market. The following are understood to be some of the current black market prices together with the official rates:-

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4. It is apparent, therefore, that the problem of adequately feeding his family (and families run to Victorian lengths is Italy) is almost insoluble for any employee or contractor's workman on a wage between 50-120 lire a day. With starvation threatening the family at home satisfactory and loyal work cannot be expected.

5. The language difficulty makes it necessary to employ as many bilingual workers as possible to obatin satisfactory work. This means that many employees tend to be of a higher educational and social level than would normally be the case in peace time and they are in consequence accustomed to a higher standard of living.

6. Until recently the only employees allowed to be fed were the actual manual workers in the port area: these men received a mid-day soup ration. This has now been extended to cover all direct employees engaged on manual work as a temporary measure until such time as the amount of bread available can be increased.

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TREATMENT OF CIVILIAN LABOUR AND CIVILIANS GENERALLY - NAPLES AREA (Contd.)

7. There are other and minor considerations where a more generous treatment would achieve more whole-hearted co-operation. Examples are:-

(a) Instructions were issued by Allied Military Government that all employees were to be informed that it was their responsibility to set aside out of their salaries the necessary money to cover both employers and employees insurance contributions (which are considerable) and income tax. In practice, of course, little or no money has been set aside, every available lire being spent on the necessities of life.

It is understood that this decision is likely to be annulled but no cancellation of the order has yet been received.

(b) Italians attach considerable value to their "festas" but no provision is made for any extra pay for holiday work although a circular has been issued stating that considerable absenteeism can be expected on "festa" days. Merely to ensure that reasonable numbers attend to carry on the war effort it would be an advantage to treat work done on "festa" days as overtime.

8. It is only natural that the Italians should now compare the treatment meted out to them with that encountered under German yoke and the comparison is not always in favour of the Allies. The Germans imported considerable quabtities of food into the Naples area and it is understood that Christmas 1943 was the first Christmas since the outbreak od war that no additional rations were forthcoming for the civilian population. Such treatment is bound to be of adverse propaganda value to sympathisers with the Allied cause in Northern Italy.

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REAR ADMIRAL.

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FOOD SITUATION - ITALIAN DOCKYARD WORKERS.

FROM .... FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE .... 2nd January, 1944. No.T.A.1030/3.

TO .... ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.
(Copy to: General Officer Commanding,
No.2 District.
Commodore Palmer.)

I have recently had under consideration the question of the amount of food issued to heavy workers in the Taranto Dockyard. I am informed that the extra ration of macaroni has recently been withdrawn. While the number of rationed articles is admittedly few, workers are unable to purchase unrationed food both through shortage and high cost.

2. I should be grateful therefore if you would reintroduce the extra macaroni ration to these workers as soon as possible.

3. I am most anxious that these workers should get enough food to enable me to get a better day's work out of them.

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(Sgd) R. McGRIGOR.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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TO COMMODORE PALMER. K

IMPORT OF CITRUS FRUIT FROM SICILY.
(Ministry of Marine's letter No.1491 dated 23rd December, 1943.)

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No.T.A.1030/7.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
BRINDISI.

Referred. There is no objection from a Naval point of view.

(Signed) R. McGRIGOR
REAR-ADMIRAL.

TARANTO.
30th December, 1943.

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From .. Ministry of Marine . Cabinet .

Date .. 23rd.December 1943 . No. 1491.

To .. F.O.I.

IMPORT OF CITRUS FRUIT FROM SICILY.

It would be very useful if Italian ships calling in Sicily could bring citrus fruits to Taranto.

2. Attempts made by our ships up till now to acquire this kind of foodstuff have always met with difficulties on the part of the Allied Authorities.

3. It is therefore requested that the matter may be taken up with the competent authority, so that a regular authorisation may be issued for the transport of fruit from Sicily to Taranto for account of Maricommi (Commissariat Department), taking whenever opportunity arises.

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THE MINISTER.

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COPY. (FOR COMMODORE PALMER.)

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STANDARDISING OF WAGES PAID TO ITALIAN WORKERS.

FROM .... FLAG OFFICER TARANTO AND ADRIATIC.

DATE .... 26th December, 1943. No.T.A.947/6.

TO .... ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION.

I have been informed that some skilled workers have been enticed away from Taranto and other dockyards by the higher rate of pay offered by other Services and in particular that the United States Air Force pay at higher rates than others. If this is true, it is a matter of great concern to the Allied Fleets in view of the existing shortage of skilled workers in the dockyard.

Request I may be informed what measures have been taken to ensure that there should be no competitive bidding for workers between the Services, and that wages paid to the different grades of workers are standardised wherever they may be employed.

If no such measures have been taken, request the matter may be taken up as a matter of the gravest urgency.

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(Signed) R. McGRIGOR.

REAR-ADMIRAL

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