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DESERTERS, EMPLOYMENT, PERS.-6
ARREST OF.
JULY 44 - APR. 45

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To: N.S.C. Rome
Date: 30 Apr. 74
Ref.: 92/CO.

Subject: Yugoslav Deserter COGLIEVINA,
Gregorio.

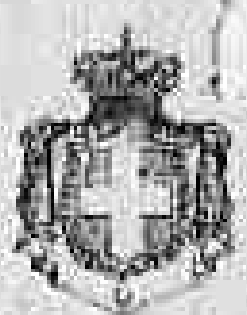
With ref. to request put forward
at meeting held on 24th inst., I transcribe
particulars of above deserter :-

- Carpenter Gregorio COGLIEVINA, S.Nº. *Island*
71746, son of Gregorio and Mary
ELEMAIGH, born at Cherso (Pola) on
7.3.1922 and his address there is :-
Via S. Elena Nº.382. -

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Roma, 30 Aprile 1945

Ministro della Marina

GABINETTO

Ufficio Collegam.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Prot. N° 92/00 Allegato

ARGOMENTO. Disertore jugoslavo COGLIEVINA Gregorio.

Con riferimento a quanto richiesto nella riunione tenutasi il 24.4.1945, trascrivo i seguenti dati relativi al disertore jugoslavo in argomento :

- Carpentiere Gregorio COGLIEVINA, matricola 71746, di Gregorio e di ELEMAIGH Maria, nato a Cherso (Pola) il 7.3.1922 ed ivi domiciliato in Via S.Elena No.382.

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

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SECRET

JAG/hjn

12 April 1945

NOTE TO: Chief Commissioner

1. Sir,

Reference attached letter HSC/2067 of 10 April 1945, at 1630 hrs today, 12 April, Mr. Philip BROAD phoned from CASERTA to say that the Yugoslav authorities were threatening to make a 'cause celebre' out of this incident, as the man is alleged to have been wearing Yugoslav uniform at the time of his arrest. The court-martial is apparently due to open tomorrow, 13 April.

Mr. Broad strongly suggested that the Italian authorities be urged, in their own interests, to postpone the court-martial while a solution was being sought through diplomatic channels.

2. I spoke to Mr. Halford and Mr. Dowling, both of whom agreed with Mr. Broad's suggestion.

3. I informed Admiral Warren of the whole of the foregoing and he will at once place Mr. Broad's suggestion before the Italian Navy Minister.

J.A.Q.

1800 hrs.

Admiral Warren tells me that he has seen Admiral de Courten who has phoned TARANTO postponing the court-martial but giving orders that the man is to remain in custody.

There the matter now rests till we hear more from Caserta.

J.A.Q.

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cc: A/President
Exec Comm'r
Navy S/C ✓

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2067
10 April 1945.

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

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.
Subject: Royal Yugoslav Navy Personnel - Arrest of by Italian Authorities.

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2. The arrest was reported to the Vice-Admiral, Malta, who informed the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, that the Commander-in-Chief, Royal Yugoslav Navy is naturally perturbed by the incident and is informing his own government that British authorities are taking up this matter. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, advises that the Resident Minister, AFHQ is informing the British Ambassador at Belgrade of what has occurred and has referred the matter to the Allied Commission for any further action which may be considered necessary.

3. The Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, has adopted a policy of non-interference with the internal administration of the Italian Navy, but maintains that the Italian Navy has every right to arrest a deserter and take disciplinary action against him in accordance with their regulations. He has informed the Italian authorities that their action in the matter has his full concurrence, as he considers that it would be impossible to maintain discipline if any man who claimed to be of Yugoslav origin was permitted to desert from an Italian ship and join the Yugoslav Navy.

4. The above data are furnished for your information in order that you may be cognizant of the situation in the event further action is required.

Copy to:
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, AC.
POLITICAL ADVISOR, (RR) AC.
POLITICAL ADVISOR, (A) AC.
LIAISON DIVISION, AC.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

HSC/2067
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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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POLITICAL ADVISOR, (BR) AC.
POLITICAL ADVISOR, (A) AC.
LIAISON DIVISION, AC.

Copy forwarded to
Adm. Com. T. AC
13/4/45

12 APR 1945

SECRET

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean,
Allied Force Headquarters.
1st April, 1945.

MED.45/0060/14.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.
ROME.

ARREST OF JUGOSLAV PERSONNEL.

The enclosed copies of signals between the Vice Admiral Malta and Central Mediterranean, and the Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy, are forwarded for any action considered necessary.

2. The Resident Minister, Allied Force Headquarters, is informing the British Ambassador at Belgrade of what has occurred.

M. B. Harring

for ADMIRAL

Enclosures:

Copies of signals.

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DUPLICATE

SECRET

Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean,
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H. A. PACKER.
for ADMIRAL

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Enclosures:
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FOOTALL
(R) C IN C MED.

V A MALTA
291823 March.

SECRET

Captain Kern has received a report that 2 R.Y.N. ratings serving on R.Y. PT boat No. 209 were arrested by Italian Military police at Taranto on the charge of being deserters from the Italian Navy. One was subsequently released but the other is reported as (being in?) custody.

2. In view of operations of R.Y.N. from bases in Italian territory, it appears essential that R.Y.N. personnel be guaranteed freedom from molestation on the charge of desertion from Italian forces.

3. I should be glad to hear the circumstances and the result of these arrests because the C IN C R.Y.N. is naturally perturbed by the incident and is informing his own government that British authorities are taking up this matter.

= 29 1823 March.

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V A MILTA
(R) CINC MED.

FOITALI
30 1709A March

SECRET

Your 291823. I have never yet interfered with the internal administration of the Italian Navy and I think it is highly undesirable to do so at this stage but I maintain that they have every right to arrest a deserter and take disciplinary action against him in accordance with their regulations. Only one man was arrested. He was formerly stationed at TARANTO and admits being a deserter.

2. With the advent of the Yugoslav ships in my area there would soon be chaos and it would be impossible to maintain discipline if any man who claimed to be of Yugoslav origin, and there are many of them, was permitted to desert from an Italian ship and join the Yugoslav Navy.

3. I consider this irregular practice should be very decisively nipped in the bud and I have informed the Italian authorities that their action in this matter has my full concurrence.

4. FOITALI ROME's letter number L 36/3 of 28th February to CINC MED only and my letter number L 36/ of 6th January refer.

30 1709A March.

Ref. Reported arrest of 2 RYM ratings.

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Matter discussed in VAM 291823 and TOTALI 301709 has been referred to Allied Commission for any further action considered necessary. Resident Minister, A.F.H.Q. is informing British Ambassador at Belgrade of what has occurred.

P.O.O. 01 1101 April

Ref: Secret. R.Y.N. Deserters from the Italian Navy.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1819
15 March 1945.

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

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has initiated action with a view to obtaining the return of deserters to Italian Navy control who are the subject of the following Ministry of Marine letters:

<u>LETTER NO.</u>	<u>DATE:</u>
B.6181	31 Dec.
B.6135	31 Dec.
B.6183	31 Dec.
B.6179	31 Dec.
B.6177	31 Dec.
B.5809	31 Dec.
B.5807	31 Dec.
B.6185	31 Dec.
B.5813	31 Dec.
B. 348	12 Jan.

2. In regard to Ministry of Marine letter B. 5811 of 31 December, no action is possible without the full name and address of the Allied Commands which are employing CIUCCHI and ANDERLICH. In the event they are employed in units under Yugoslav administration, the matter of their return should be discussed with representatives of that Government.

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

for: REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.

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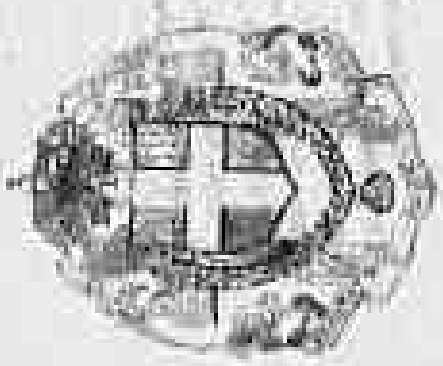


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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Cod. V. B. 5841 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: Militari disertori.

1. - Si fa riferimento alla lettera n. 1086/FO. in data 7 dicembre c.a. di questo U.G.
2. - Il Comando Gruppo Motozattere di La Maddalena ha segnalato che il 7 ottobre u.s. i sottoportati militari, imbarcati sulla Motozattera 737 di passaggio a Bastia (Corsica), si allontanano arbitrariamente da bordo rendendosi disertori:
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 - Cannoniere O. ANDERLICH Francesco di Antonio, matr. 61492 - cl. 1921, nato a Riferbergo (Gorizia).

Detti militari si trovano attualmente incorporeati in una compagnia di lavoratori slavi con sede a Bastia, alle dipendenze degli Alleati.

3. - Si resta in attesa di conoscere le decisioni di codesto Ufficio a norma dell'ultima parte della sua lettera n. L/36/1 in data 23 settembre c.a.

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Ord. V. D. 584 Allegati

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

[Handwritten signature]

DESERTERS FROM THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY

(The Flag Officer Liaison, Italy (Rome)'s letter No. L.36/3,
dated 28th February, 1945.)

II

Med. 45/0060/14
THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY (ROME)

With reference to your letter L.36/3 of 28th February, 1945, the Royal Yugoslav Navy is under the operational but not administrative control of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station. Individual personnel of the Royal Yugoslav Navy are not, therefore, considered to be covered by paragraph 5 of the Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy's letter T.A. 940/5 of 24th June, 1944, where the reference is to deserters "directly under Anglo-American control".

2. The fact that the Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean, rightly or wrongly let the men in question be recruited does not imply that he is entitled to give orders for them to be returned.

3. This matter should, it is suggested, be raised by the Italian Government with the Yugo-Slav Government.

16th March, 1945.
MEDITERRANEAN
12th March, 1945.



for ADMIRAL 4002

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1794
12 March 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - Rome.
Subject: BERNACCHIA, Primo, PALLOTTA, Lino - Italian Naval Ratings, Arrest of.

1. Enclosed are copies of Military Police reports covering the arrest of the above named, together with signed receipts of Comando Stazione CC.RR Ancona principale, dated 22nd February 1945, when they were handed over to Italian authorities.

2. An identity card and leave pass taken from PALLOTTA, Lino, are also attached.

H. W. ZIEMI,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
for REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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14 MAR 1945

MILITARY POLICE REPORT.

200/Pro/38/2

To: The Officer Commanding,
200 Provost Company,
C.M. POLICE.

Sir,

I have to report that at ANCONA on 22 FEB 1945 at about 0805 hrs I was on duty at the Railway Station where I was checking the Permits of passengers alighting from the train.

On requesting BERNACCHIA PRIMO 93005, MONTE RAMO, SENEGALIA, to produce his Permit he was unable to do so, but stated that he was a member of the crew of Italian ship "ITALIA" and belonged to 78 Engineer Group, R. Italian Navy. He had been taken prisoner by the Germans but had eventually managed to escape and make his way to his home. He had not reported his return to the proper authorities, I conducted him to the Carabinieri where he was detained.

Handing over receipt attached.

In the Field.
22.2.45

/s/ J. Chappel L/Clp.
200 Provost Company
C.M. POLICE.

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(Note: Original sent to
Ministry of Marine)

MILITARY POLICE REPORT.

200/Pro/40/1.

To: The Officer Commanding,
200 Provost Company,
C.M. POLICE

Sir,

I have to report that at ANCONA on the 22.2.45 at about 0800 hrs I was on duty at the Railway Station checking Permits of passengers riding on WD Trains.

PALLIOTTA LINO residing at 13 VILLA FONTE, MONTE MARCIANO, was found to be travelling on a WD train without a Permit. He was conveyed to the Military Police HQ where upon being interrogated was found to be absent from the Italian Navy.

PALLIOTTA LINO stated that in December 1943 while serving in the Italian Navy was admitted to Hospital, after being discharged from the Hospital he was sent home on convalescent leave. While home on leave he obtained employment and had never reported back to the Navy.

I arrested him and conducted him to the Carabinieri Barracks where I handed him over on receipt. Documents and receipt attached to this report.

/s/ E. Center
1/Cpl.
200 Provost Company
C.M. POLICE.

COPY:
(Note: Original forwarded
to Ministry of Marine.

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Subject: Discipline - C.M.P. Reports.

Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.
(M. M. I. A.) ROME
A/6

6 Mar 1945

To: Navy Sub Comm. A.C.

The attached C.M.P. Reports are forwarded for onward transmission to the proper authority in order that disciplinary action may be taken.

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F. J. Noakes
F. J. NOAKES, Col.
for Major General,
M. M. I. A.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : P.O.L.I. - Rome and for Info Military Attorney General.
Date: 19.2.45
Ref.: B.2196

Subject: Absentees from Civil Labour Corps Registration
and Exemption.

1. Further to our N°1169/TO of 29th Dec. last.
2. The investigations undertaken by Military Attorney General (Procuratore Generale Militare del Regno) have disclosed that I.R.N. "militarized operatives" are concerned, namely: -
 - STRULA, Luigi, who abandoned his work at Taranto Dockyard on 17th July 1943.
 - ZERBO, Rosario and CAPRIOTTI, Salvatore.
It is not known to which part of Sicily they went; but it had already been proposed to cancel penal action in their regard.
3. The Attorney General has been asked to shew leniency to the three above-mentioned.
4. In any case, a manifesto is to be published shortly which will regularize the position of all militarized workers who left their work during the period 10th July - 3th Sept. 1943.

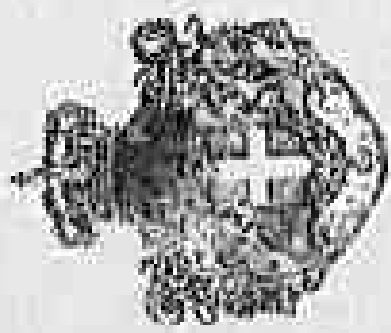


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Roma 19 FEB 1945

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 5.2196 Allegati

Al F. O. L. I. = R O M A

e. per conoscenza:

PROCURA GENERALE MILITARE
DEL REGNO presso il Tribu-
nale Supremo Militare

R O M A

(rif. fg. 370/P.G. del 5/1/45)

ARGOMENTO: Assenti dal corpo lavoratori civili. Registrazione ed
esenzione.

1. - Prosecuzione lettera 1159/FO. in data 29 dicembre u.
s. di questo U.G.

2. - Le indagini compiute dal Procuratore Generale Militare
del Regno hanno fatto accertare trattarsi di operai milita-
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STRULA Luigi allontanatosi arbitrariamente dall'Arsena-
le M.M. di Taranto il 17 luglio 1943;

ZERBO Rosario e CAPRINTI Salvatore - Si ignora ancora

dove giunsero in Sicilia; ma già esi-
ste per essi proposta di revoca dell'azione pe-
nale.

3. - Il Procuratore Generale del Regno è stato interessato
ad applicare nei confronti dei tre prefetti le note dispo-
sizioni di clemenza.

4. - In ogni modo si approfitterà della prossima pubblica-
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ti i militari che si assentarono dal servizio

Prot. N. B. 2196 Allegati

(rif. fg. 370/P.C. del 9/1/45)

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IL CAPO DEL CABINETTO
G. DI V. P. BASILINI

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION
SECURITY DIVISION

REF : SD/550.1-203 17 February 1945

SUBJECT : 2nd C.P.O. ARRESTI, Cesari. I.R.N.

TO : Ministry of Marine.

1. Reference your letter 2 Feb. 1945 No. D. 1348.
2. The above named was transferred from the Civilian Internee Camp to a Prisoner of war Camp on the 28 Dec. 1944.
3. Presumably he is considered to have served with the Fascist Republican Forces.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN,
Colonel J.A.S.D.
Director Public Safety
Sub Commission

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CBH/nb

*Per 6**Ad FILE*

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
Date: 2.2.45
Ref.: B.1343

Subject: 2nd C.P.O. ARRESTI, Cesare, I.R.N.

1. On 15th Aug. last "Field Security Section" men arrested the above in the Empoli area (Cortina and Manderli Factory), apparently on the charge of having collaborated with the Republican Navy and thieving from other refugees.

He is now in Camp 371 P.W. at Padula (Salerno) as a civilian prisoner.

2. From documents presented by ARRESTI's wife it appears that he abandoned his duties after 8th Sept. '43 and in the beginning of 1944 he was captured by the Germans, but returned a few days later to his family.

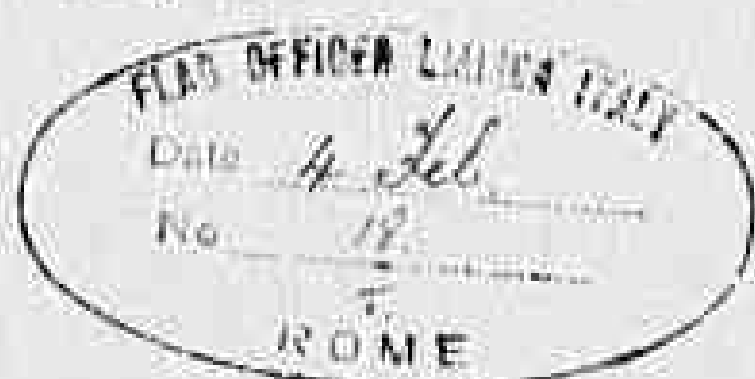
Statements by Authorities and private citizens affirm that during his stay in various localities where refugees had gathered and until the arrival of the Allies, ARRESTI's behaviour was irreprehensible.

3. I.R.N. would be grateful to Allied Authorities to know the real reasons for ARRESTI's imprisonment and whether it would be possible for him to be handed over to Italian Naval Authorities to examine his Service position.

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(Sgd) THE MINISTER

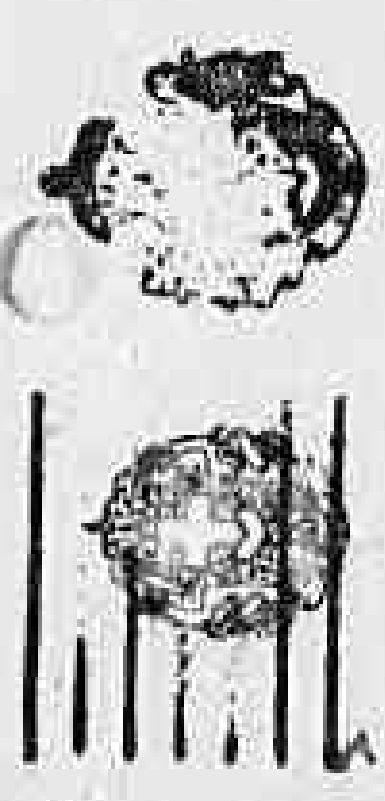
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SEGRETO



Roma, 22 FEB 1945

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

M. F. O. L. I.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Dir. M. B. 1348

Allegati

ARGOMENTO: 2°Capo della R. Marina ARESTI Cesare.

- I - Il 15 agosto 1944, elementi del "FIELD SECURITY SECTION" procedevano, in territorio di Empoli (Fattoria Cortina e Mandorli), al fermo del 2°Capo della R. Marina ARESTI Cesare sembra sotto l'accusa di avere collaborato con la marina repubblicana e per avere perpetrato un furto in danno di altre persone come lui sfollate in località vicinore. Detto militare si troverebbe ora, quale internato civile, nel campo n. 371 P.W. in Padula (Salerno). 3993

- 2 - Da documenti presentati dalla moglie del militare predetto risulterebbe che costui, abbandonato il servizio dopo l'8 settembre 1943, nei primi del 1944 sarebbe stato catturato dai tedeschi rientrando dopo pochi giorni in famiglia.

Dichiarazioni di autorità e privati cittadini, attestano che l'ARESTI durante la sua permanenza in varie località di sfollamento in cui risiedette fino all'arrivo degli Alleati...

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Dichiarazioni di autorità e privati cittadini, attestano che l'ARRESTI durante la sua permanenza in varie località di sfollamento in cui risiedette fino all'arrivo degli Alleati, mantenne contegno irreprensibile.

3 - La R.Marina sarebbe grata alle Autorità Alleate se si compiacessero fornire qualche elemento delucidativo in ordine alle causali effettive dell'internamento dell'ARRESTI e se, possibilmente, quest'ultimo venisse consegnato alle Autorità Militari Marittime italiane, per l'esame della sua posizione militare.

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File no. 23-10-44
WSC/1035B

22 October 1944.

From: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
To: Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO.
Subject: Arrest of Naval Operating Base Employees by Italian Authorities.
Reference: (a) COMNAV PALERMO ltr 2849 of 6 October 1944.
(b) POLI, Rome, ltr. No. L. 36/2a of 2 October 1944.
(c) Navy Sub-Com. ltr. WSC/9942 of 13 October 1944.
(d) Navy Sub-Com. ltr. WSC/9953 of 13 October 1944.

1. The Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, in reference (a) reports that STIOLA, Luigi Vincenzo, has been arrested by Italian authorities pursuant to an order issued by the Tribunale Militare Scrivania di Taranto on 2 May 1944, charged with desertion under article 126 of the Codice Penale Militare di Guerra. It is further stated that other arrests are now pending and requested that steps be taken to prevent such arrests which have a serious adverse effect on the employees of the U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO.

2. The Flag Officer Liaison Italy, Rome, in reference (b) directed the Italian Ministry of Marine to issue a proclamation to regularize and exempt from arrest persons who were in Italian Civilian Labor Corps under military control and are either absentees or deserters similar to the proclamation issued by Rear Admiral ROBBIESE, USN, in Sicily to regularize the position of absentees or deserters from the Italian Navy. The arrest of STIOLA was reported to the Navy Sub-Commission, ACC, on 3 October 1944. The Ministry of Marine was informed of the arrest of STIOLA by reference (c) and requested to expedite the issuance of the proclamation to regularize the position of absentees or deserters from Civilian Labor Corps under military control.

In reference (d) and the/ 3992
3. The Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Air Force Sub-Commission, ACC, were requested to direct the respective Italian Ministries to issue proclamations to regularize the position of absentees or deserters from the Italian Army, Air Force and Civilian Labor Corps in Sicily. The Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, will be kept informed as to the progress which is made to effect the issuance of the necessary proclamations or orders. In the meanwhile, this office should be informed whenever any further arrests are made.

Copy to:
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COMSTH FLEET
POTALI (TARANTO)
AIR FORCE SC, ACC.
ARMY SC, ACC.
HQ. SICILY ECH.

H. W. ZIROLI.

H. S. J. BUTLER

By direction

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

Serial: 2848

6 October 1944.

From: Commandant.
To: Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
Subject: Arrest of Naval Operating Base Employees by Italian Authorities.
Reference: (a) ComNob ltr. 1 July 1944, Serial 2276, Subject: ARREST OF NOB CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES.
(b) Naval Sub-Commission First Endorsement to MGHC. ltr. RC/045.7 of 14 July 1944, dated 1 Aug 1944, Par. 6 and 7, Subject: REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL, SICILY.
(c) Navy Sub-Commission, HQ ACC ltr. 21 Aug 1944, Subject: ITALIAN EMPLOYEES, NOB PALERMO, ARREST OF.
(d) Ltr. from Military Tribunal, Sicily, Subject: MILITARIZED WORKER ARRESTED AND RELEASED ON PROVISIONAL LIBERTY.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).
(B) Copy of reference (d).

1. References (a), (b) and (c) refer to the arrest of civilian employees of this base during June on the grounds of desertion and to their subsequent release. At that time it was understood, as a result of the above correspondence and conversation with local Allied Control Commission and Italian officials, that arrangements had been made to prevent the execution of further warrants of arrest on such grounds for personnel employed by the U. S. Navy.

2. On 30 September STURLA Luigi di Vincenzo, employed as a machinist, was arrested and jailed by Italian authorities pursuant to an order of arrest issued by the Tribunale Militare Marittimo di Taranto on 2 May 1944. Sturla was charged with desertion under Article 146 of the Codice Penale Militare di Guerra. On 5 October his release on provisional liberty was obtained from the Italian Military Tribunal via the Allied Control Commission Regional Legal Officer as shown in Enclosure (B). Considerable difficulty was encountered from Italian authorities in obtaining the release. In accordance with Enclosure (B), Paragraph 3, arrangements are being made with the Italian Navy Sub-Commission (Marisip) in Palermo for the release of Sturla from a militarized status.

3. Sturla, together with other "militarized" civilian shipyard personnel, was taken to Taranto by the Italian government on 13 June 1943. On or about 15 July, having been refused permission to depart, he left Taranto and returned to Palermo, where he obtained employment with the U. S. Navy in August 1943.

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Subject: Arrest of Naval Operating Base Employees by Italian Authorities.

4. Arrests of this nature, which under the circumstances appear unwarranted, have an adverse effect on the morale of employees and are detrimental to the work in progress at this base. It is understood that further arrests are now pending. In view of these facts, and the opinions stated in the references listed, it is strongly urged that immediate steps be taken to prevent any further such arrests. It is requested that this command be advised of the nature of the steps taken to this end. Attention is invited to the fact that regardless of the technicalities involved, the personnel concerned are in effect being prosecuted for direct aid and service to the Allies.

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C. L. NICHOLS.

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Serial: 2276

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

1 July 1944.

From: Commandant.
To: Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic Liaison Italy.
Subject: Arrest of Naval Operating Base Employees by Italian Authorities.
Reference: (a) ComNob letter 29 June, 1944, Serial 2264, File NB/LL.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Reference (a).

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.
2. The two individuals arrested have been provisionally released through arrangements made with the Regional Legal Officer of the Allied Control Commission, and the president and prosecutor general of the Italian military tribunal in Palermo. The Regional Police Commissioner has made provision to prevent the serving of any further such warrants now pending or which may be received, pending settlement of the matter via the Regional Legal Officer and the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission.
3. The warrants already served were issued by Italian military authorities in Taranto, charging desertion under Section 146 of the Wartime Penal Code.
4. Several hundred skilled workers and technicians currently employed on this base are affected by the above procedure. Arrests already made have had a definitely adverse effect upon their morale, and the removal of any appreciable number of such men would seriously hamper production.
5. It is therefore requested that direct representation be made to the Italian authorities in order to further final clarification of this matter.

C. L. NICHOLS.

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cc: ComNavNAW
ComNavAdvBases.

ENCLOSURE (A)

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U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY

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Serial: 2264

29 June 1944.

From: Commandant.
To: Regional Legal Officer, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Prisoners, Request for release of.

1. The following named employees of the Naval Operating Base were arrested by Carabinieri on 27 June and confined in the Palermo jail:

Zerbo Rosario
Capritti Salvatore

2. These men were part of a large group of technicians mobilized and transported to various shipyards in German controlled Italy, prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to our invasion, these men made their way back to Sicily (Allied territory) and started to work for the U. S. Navy in Palermo.

3. On orders of arrest issued by the Italian government in Taranto, these two employees have been charged with desertion under the Wartime penal code and placed in confinement.

4. The above situation is one that not only gives rise to misgivings among all other Naval Operating Base employees in the same position but, if permitted to continue, will seriously interfere with the function of this U. S. Naval Operating Base.

5. It is understood that numerous other employees are now pending arrest for the same reason. It is therefore requested that the men in question be released, and that necessary steps be taken with the proper authorities to prevent any further such arrests.

C. L. NICHOLS.

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ENCLOSURE (A)

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PROCURA MILITARE DEL REGNO

Presso il Tribunale Militare Territoriale della Sicilia

N. 6669..di Prot.

P. M. 126 li 5 Ottobre 1944

OGGETTO: Operaio Militarizzato detenuto ammesso oggi al beneficio della
liberta provvisoria.-

ALLA DIREZIONE DELL'ARSENALE NAVALE DI

P A L E R M O

Comunicansi che l'Operaio meccanico STURLA Luigi di Vincenzo e
di Pantinella Antonina nato a Palermo il 21 Febbraio 1914 e stato escarcerato
oggi perche ammesso al beneficio della liberta provvisoria.

Lo stesso in data odierna viene avviato alla S.Commissione per
la Marina in Palermo che provvedera ad avviarlo al corpo di appartenenza
cioe all'arsenale di Taranto dove lo stesso faceva servizio.

Qualora codesta Direzione giudicasse indispensabile la opera dello
stesso Sturla, ne potra richiedere il congedo direttamente al Comando della
S.Commissione per la Marina in Palermo, nulla ostando da parte di questo
ufficio per il suo collocamento in congedo.

IL PROCURATORE MILITARE

(Tne. Col. ff.g.s. Princigalli Antonio)

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ENCLOSURE (B)

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
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NSC/995B

13 October 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Army Sub-Commission, ACC.
Air Force Sub-Commission, ACC.

Subject: Deserters from Italian Armed Forces and Civilian Labor Corps in SICILY.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr end. NSC/651 of 1 August 1944.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/828 of 9 September 1944.
(c) Army Sub-Commission ltr A/216 of 2 July 1944.
(d) POLI, Rome, ltr No. L. 36/a of 2 October 1944.

Enclosure: (A) Copy POTALL ltr No. T.A. 1140/33 of 17 August 1944.
(B) Copy COMNAV-PALERMO serial 3747 of 19 September 1944.
(C) Copy Sicily Rgn Hq. ltr RLE 013.21/EXM of 3 Oct. 1944.
(D) Copy Proclamation issued by Rear Admiral BOBBIESE, IRN.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission, ACC, in reference (a) summarized the situation in Sicily with respect to deserters from the Italian Armed Forces and Civilian Labor Corps. The recommendations therein were approved in enclosure (A), however, in view of the time which had elapsed since the first arrests of the Italian personnel were reported by the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, in July 1944, further comments were requested by that office in reference (b).

2. The Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, in enclosure (B), advises that exemptions are being obtained for civilian employees who were members of the Italian Armed Forces through the Army Sub-Commission, ACC. This procedure is in accordance with instructions issued by the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, in reference (c). It is further stated that no instructions have been issued to regularize the position of persons who were in Civilian Labor Corps under Military Control.

3. The Regional Legal Officer, Sicily Region Headquarters, in enclosure (C), reports a further arrest of STRUZA, Luigi, a civilian employed at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO, and requests that steps be taken to prevent future arrests. The Italian Ministry of Marine has already been requested in reference (d) to issue a proclamation to regularize the position of absentees or deserters from Civilian labor

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Subject: Deserters from Italian Armed Forces and Civilian labor Corps
in SICILY.

Corps in SICILY similar to the proclamation issued by Rear Admiral BOBBIER, IRN, to regularize the position of absentees or deserters from the Italian Navy in Sicily. It is requested that the Italian Ministry of War and the Ministry of Air be directed to issue similar proclamations as recommended in paragraph 4 and 8 of reference (a). A copy of the instructions issued by Rear Admiral BOBBIER to regularize the status of absentees or deserters from the Italian Navy in SICILY is forwarded herewith as enclosure (D) for information.

H. W. ZIMOLI,
Commander, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
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Com8TH FLEET
POTALI (Taranto)
ComNob-Palermo
Hq. Sicily Rgn.



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17 OCT 1944

REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL, SICILY.
(Naval Sub-Commission's No. NSC/651, dated 1st August, 1944)

II

No. T.A. 1140/33

SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER, ROME.
DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION.
(Copy to each)

I fully concur with the remarks and proposals contained in minute I. Request Senior British Naval Officer, Rome, will take necessary action with the Minister of Marine, and the Deputy Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission with the Army and Air Force Sub-Commissions

/s/ C. MORGAN

TARANTO.
17th August, 1944.

REAR-ADMIRAL.



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

Serial: 2747

19 September 1944.

From: Commandant.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
Subject: Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel,
Sicily and Arrest of Members of Inducted Civilian
Corps.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/828 dated 9 Sept. 1944.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission First Endorsement NSC/651
dated 1 August 1944.

1. Requested exemptions of civilian employees who were members of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Corps have been granted by the Army Sub-Commission Allied Control Commission (AMIA) Liaison Officer, Sicily. No further trouble is anticipated on this particular question.

2. Though this office is not cognizant of any instructions which regularize the position of persons who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, arrests have ceased for the time being.

3. I am in complete accordance with opinion as set forth in paragraph 7 of reference (b).

/s/ C. L. NICHOLS

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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COPY

FILE: RLE 013.21/EKM

3 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Arrest and Detention of Civilians at N.O.B.

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

1. With further reference to my letter to you RLE 013.21/PLV of 1 July 1944 and your letter to N.O.B. reference NSC/742 of 21 August a further civilian employed at the N.O.B. named Sturle, Luigi, has now been arrested as an Italian Deserter on orders from the Italian Court Martial Authorities at Taranto. It is understood that many further arrest are again threatened.
2. As previously pointed out this matter is viewed with great concern by the Naval Authority here and might cause serious dislocation of essential work as most of the men affected are skilled technicians.
3. I have accordingly been able to arrange through the ACC Public Safety Division for the temporary release of the A/M man.
4. Will you be good enough to again approach the Army Sub-Commission and / or appropriate Italian Authorities with a view to final clarification of this matter. It is respectfully suggested for consideration that the warrant of arrest issued by the Italian Military Authority should contain an instruction to the arresting police that the warrant shall not be executed if the person concerned is found to be employed by the Allies on essential work as could be testified on the warrant by the signature of the employing agency.
5. Unless something on the above lines is effected this trouble will be continually occurring even in this area alone.

For the Regional Commissioner:

N. K. MATTHEWS, Captain,
Regional Legal Officer.

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PROCLAMATION

Considering that:

(A) Following war and political events in Italy, since July 9, many Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, underheads and sailors of the R. Navy have found themselves in Sicily and in South Calabria without regular destination and consequently occupy illegal positions.

(B) It is necessary to regulate the position of this personnel so as to bring about an administrative readjustment.

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that all Officers, Non-commissioned Officers, Underheads and sailors of the R. Navy who are now present in Sicily and South-Calabria between VIBO VALENTIA (included) and PUNTA STILO who have not been regularly assigned by the Ministry of the R. Navy after Sept. 8, 1943, must present themselves to the Authorities of the R. Navy hereby specified within the time indicated by the following form:

REGULATIONS

(1) Appropriate Sub-commissions have been constituted at the seats of MESSINA, PALERMO, TRAPANI, PORTO EMPEDOCLE and AUGUSTA with orders to receive personnel of the R. Navy who must present themselves and take necessary steps to legalize their position.

(2) Personnel residing within the limits of cities in which a Sub-commission is located must present themselves at once.

Personnel residing outside of these limits must present themselves at the nearest CC.RR. station and leave their proper information, then return to their own residence and wait for word to present themselves at the Sub-commission to which they will be called. The RR.CC. stations will indicate to the Subcommission easiest to reach (considering travelling difficulties) the information of personnel of R. Navy which has presented itself and will address them there when they will be summoned by an appropriate card.

The Sub-Commission ordered to receive the personnel of Calabria is the MESSINA Sub-Commission. The personnel living in the area north of the boundary lines of the city of Villa S. Giovanni and south of the boundary lines of Reggio Calabria must consider itself in the same seat of Sub-Commission as Messina and must therefore present themselves there directly; the remaining personnel residing in localities outside of the Sub-commission seat must in the first place present itself at the RR.CC. station and later when called must present itself at the aforesaid Sub-Commission. 0081

The RR.CC. of Calabria will forward to the Sub-Commission of Messina the records of military men who have presented themselves and will send to same the aforesaid military men when these will be called by appropriate cards. FILE

All the personnel coming from Calabria who must pass the Straits must go to the Ufficio Tappa of the R. Navy in Reggio Calabria for information.

3. The Sub-Commissions

- (a) will certify the registered positions of each and will take down all the necessary data for the eventual liquidation of all fees left unpaid.
- (b) will provide to have them registered at the nearest Navy Command so as to qualify for payments from the day of presentation at the Sub-Commission.
- (c) they will provide to send out all the personnel on indefinite leave pending further decision for the discharge of those who have terminated compulsory military service and for eventual utilisation of those who are still subject to this compulsory service.

4. The personnel must present itself

- (a) if living within the limits of the city in which the Sub-commission is located within five days from the date of this proclamation at the sub-commission.
- (b) if living outside of such limits at the nearest RR.CC station within 20 days from the date of this proclamation.
- (c) the successive presentation of personnel as per item (b) at the Sub-commission must be on the date as fixed on the appropriate card; eventual delay must be justified by documents issued by the CC.RR. Station.

5. In order to facilitate travelling for the military personnel who are not living in the same locality where there is a sub-commission the RR.CC Stations will provide to furnish them with documents and money and to help them to find a vehicle for said travel.

6. All the personnel who will go to present themselves must be provided with valid identification documents.

N.B. All military personnel of the R. Navy who are presently employed in Offices or Establishments directed by the Allied Authorities should present themselves at the Sub-Commission provided with documents proving their present work. Following presentation of said documents they will not be removed from their employment unless by special authorization of the Allied Authorities which will employ them.

ADMIRAL OF DIVISION
 COMMANDANTE SUPERIORE DEI SERVIZI DELLA MARINA
 IN SICILIA
 (Antonio Bobbiese)

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
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NSC/974B

10 October 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Regional Legal Officer,
Sicily Region Headquarters.
Subject: Arrest and Detention of Civilians Employed at
U.S. Naval Operating Base, PALERMO.
Reference: (a) Sicily Region Hq. ltr RLE 013.21/cia of 3
October 1944.
(b) FOLI ltr No. L. 36/2a of 2 October 1944,
(Copy to Sicily Rgn. Hq.).

1. In reply to reference (a), the Italian Ministry of Marine was requested in reference (b) to issue a proclamation requiring all persons in Sicily who are deserters or absentees from Civilian labor corps to report for registration and to exempt such persons from punishment for desertion. The Ministry of Marine will be informed that further arrests have occurred and requested to expedite action on the issuance of a proclamation. In addition, the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, and Air Force Sub-Commission, ACC, will be requested to have the Italian Ministry of War and the Italian Ministry of Air, respectively, issue similar proclamations.

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



ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
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FILE: RIE 013.21/ENT

3 October 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and Detention of Civilians employed at
F.O.E.

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

1. With further reference to my letter to you RIE 013.21/ELV of 1 July 1944 and your letter to H.C.B. reference NSG/742 of 21 August a further civilian employed at the F.O.E. named Sturla, Luigi has now been arrested as an Italian Deserter on orders from the Italian Court Martial Authorities at Taranto. It is understood that any further arrest are again threatened.

2. As previously pointed out this matter is viewed with great concern by the Naval Authority here and might cause serious dislocation of essential work as most of the men affected are skilled technicians.

3. I have accordingly been able to arrange through the ACC Public Safety Division for the temporary release of the A/M man.

4. Will you be good enough to again approach the Army Sub-Commission and / or appropriate Italian Authorities with a view to final clarification of this matter. It is respectfully suggested for consideration that the warrant of arrest issued by the Italian Military Authority should contain an instruction to the arresting police that the warrant shall not be executed if the person concerned is found to be employed by the Allies on essential work as could be testified on the warrant by the signature of the employing agency.

5. Unless something on the above lines is effected this trouble will be continually occurring even in this area alone.

For the Regional Commissioner:

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E. K. MATTHEWS, Captain,
Regional Legal Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, ROME

2 October 1944.

No. L. 36/2a

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN SICILY

A report was received from the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo in July 1944, that the following named employees of the base had been arrested by the carabinieri on 27 June 1944 and confined to jail;

ZERBO, Rosario
CAPRITTI, Salvatore.

2. These men were part of a large group of technicians employed and transported to various shipyards in German controlled Italy prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to the invasion they made their way back to Sicily and were employed by the U.S. Navy in Palermo. The orders for the arrest issued by the Italian Government in Taranto charged the men with desertion under Section 146 of the Wartime Penal Code. The arrests had serious implications as doubt was created as to the status of numerous essential workmen at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo. Representations were therefore made by the Sicily Region Headquarters, ACC, to Italian Police authorities at Palermo and the men were released from arrest. Subsequently the following information was received in an extract from the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Liaison Log with the Italian Ministry of War.

"It appears that the men, prior to the Armistice were destined to go on labour in Germany. The men in question, ZERBO Rosario and CAPRITTI Salvatore, escaped and were immediately put down as deserters. After the Armistice the men escaped to Sicily and were taken on in the Naval Dockyards.

As the names of the men had been circulated throughout Italy, the Italian Authorities on discovering that they were employed by the Allies, arrested them for desertion.

As soon as their crime was found out, they were immediately released and are now free. The whole matter appears to have been a mistake".

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L. 36/2a

2 October 1944.

Subject: REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN SICILY

3. From the above review of the facts involved in the arrests of ZERBO and CAPRITTI, it would appear that the case is closed, nevertheless, it is considered highly important that the future position of men in a similar status who have rendered valuable services to the Allied Nations be regularized. This office is not cognizant of any instructions which have been issued to regularize the position of Italian Civilians who were inscribed or inducted in Civilian Corps under military control and who are either deserters or absentees from such service. Under Article 10 of the Italian Codice Penale Militare di Pace e di Guerra, the Military penal law is applied to persons considered as military personnel and to persons inscribed or inducted in civilian groups under military control. Apparently, in accordance with this article, ZERBO and CAPRITTI were considered as deserters or absentees from Italian civil labor corps and subject to punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Code.

4. Article 15 of the Code provides that for the purposes of the penal military law during war, the offenses committed by Italian Military personnel or by persons not included in the Armed Forces of the Italian State to the damage of military personnel or of the Armed Forces of an Allied State, shall be considered as having been committed to the damage of the military personnel or of the Armed Forces of the Italian State. If personnel of Italian civilian labor corps are subject to punishment under Italian law for offenses committed against an Allied Nation, it follows that they should receive the benefits which accrue for services rendered to Allied Nations. Therefore any men inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, who left Italian employment in German controlled Italy and took employment under Allied authorities, should not be considered as deserters.

5. A copy of a proclamation issued by Rear Admiral Bobbiese, Commander, Royal Italian Navy in Sicily, with the approval of the Allied authorities is enclosed herewith. The proclamation provides for the registration of Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily to regularize their position. Admiral Bobbiese further issued orders that deserters or absentees from the Italian Navy who are employed in establishments directed by Allied authorities are not to be taken away from their employment. A copy of these instructions dated 13 July 1944 is enclosed herewith. It is requested that similar instructions be issued to regularize the position of Italian civilians who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control and are subject to being charged with desertion. This readily can be accomplished under paragraph 2 of Article 146 of the code which provides that legitimate

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2 October 1944.

Subject: REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN SICILY.

absentees report within two days, unless there are good reasons to the contrary. The proclamation should be issued by the Ministry of Marine requiring all persons in Sicily who are deserters or absentees from Civilian corps to report for registration on a prescribed day or within a certain period thereafter. The instructions should provide that any persons who have been or are now employed by Allied authorities are declared to be exempt from punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Code. It is requested that I may be informed when the instructions have been issued.

REAR ADMIRAL

Copy to:

HQ. AAI (ADM ECH)

COM 8TH FLEET

FOURTH

COMNAVANTY BASES

COMCOR-PALERMO

ARMY SC AGO

AIR-FORCE SC AGO

SICILY REGION HQ.

(Refers Navy Sub-Com.

Ltr NEG/828 of 9 Sept.

1944).

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PROCLAMATION

Considering that

(A) Following war and political events in Italy since July 9, many Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Underheads and sailors of the R. Navy have found themselves in Sicily and in South Calabria without regular destination and consequently occupy illegal positions.

(B) It is necessary to regulate the position of this personnel so as to bring about an administrative readjustment.

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that all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Underheads and sailors of the R. Navy who are now present in Sicily and South Calabria between VIRO VALENTIA (included) and PUNTA STILO who have not been regularly assign by the Ministry of the R. Navy after Sept. 8, 1943, must present themselves to the Authorities of the R. Navy hereby specified within the time indicated by the following form:

REGULATIONS

(1) Appropriate Sub-Commissions have been constituted at the seats of MESSINA, PALERMO, TRAPANI, PORTO EMPEDOCLE and AUGUSTA with orders to receive personnel of the R. Navy who must present themselves and take necessary steps to legalize their position.

(2) Personnel residing within the limits of cities in which a Sub-Commission is located must present themselves at once.

Personnel residing outside of these limits must present themselves at the nearest CC.RR. station and leave their proper information, then return to their own residence and wait for word to present themselves at the Sub-Commission to which they will be called. The CC.RR. stations will indicate to the Sub-Commission easiest to reach (considering travelling difficulties) the information of personnel of R. Navy which has presented itself and will address them there when they will be summoned by an appropriate card.

The Sub-Commission ordered to receive the personnel of Calabria is the MESSINA Sub-Commission.

The personnel living in the area north of the boundary lines of the city of Villa S. Giovanni and south of the boundary lines of Reggio Calabria must consider itself in the same seat of Sub-Commission as Messina and must therefore present themselves there directly; the remaining personnel residing in localities outside of the Sub-Commission seat must in the first place present itself at the RR.CC. station and later when called must present itself at the aforesaid Sub-Commission.

The RR.CC. of Calabria will forward to the Sub-Commission of Messina the records of military men who have presented themselves and will send to same the aforesaid military men when these will be called by appropriate cards.

All the personnel coming from Calabria who must pass the Straits must go to the Ufficio Tappa of the R. Navy in Reggio Calabria for information.

(3) The Sub-Commissions

- (a) will certify the registered positions of each and will take down all the necessary data for the eventual liquidation of all fees left unpaid.
- (b) will provide to have them registered at the nearest Navy Command so as to qualify for payments from the day of presentation at the Sub-Commission.
- (c) they will provide to send out all the personnel on indefinite leave pending further decision for the discharge of those who have terminated compulsory military service and for eventual utilisation of those who are still subject to this compulsory service.

(4) The personnel must present itself:

- (a) if living within the limits of the city in which the Sub-Commission is located, within five days from the date of this proclamation at the Sub-Commission.
- (b) if living outside of such limits at the nearest RR.CC. station within 20 days from the date of this proclamation.
- (c) the successive presentation of personnel as per item (b) at the Sub-Commission must be on the date as fixed on the appropriate card; eventual delay must be justified by documents issued by the CC.RR. Station.

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(5) In order to facilitate travelling for the military personnel who are not living in the same locality where they is a Sub-Commission the RR.CC Stations will provide to furnish them with documents and money and to help them to find a vehicle for said travel.

(6) All the personnel who will go to present themselves must be provided with valid identification documents.

N. B. All military personnel of the R. Navy who are presently employed in Offices or Establishments directed by the Allied Authorities should present themselves at the Sub-Commission provided with documents proving their present work. Following presentation of said documents they will not be removed from their employment unless by special authorization of the Allied Authorities which will employ them.

ADMIRAL OF DIVISION

COMANDANTE SUPERIORE DEI SERVIZI DELLA MARINA

IN SICILIA

(Antonio Bobbese)

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Comando Superiore Dei Servizi
R. Marina in Sicilia

Messina July 13, 1944.

UFFICIO C.I.P.
Protocollo N. 2381

Subject: DESERTERS FROM THE R. NAVY EMPLOYED IN ESTABLISHMENTS
DIRECTED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES IN SICILY.

(1) Owing to the fact that many military men have become deserters in Sicily since September 8, 1943, and are now being employed in Allied establishments and offices so that their immediate transfer to the Army Corps which they belong to would damage the activities of these establishments and offices, it is disposed that when such deserters can prove with valid documents their occupations, they should not be taken away from their employment, but instead signed to Marisicilia with indication of the kind of work in which they are occupied and the assignment they had when in service; so that Marisicilia can carry into effect with the Allied authorities the necessary measures for their timely substitution.

(2) With the present we pray the Legion Commanders of the RR.CC in Sicily to give same dispositions to the dependant RR.CC stations.

ADMIRAL OF DIVISIONE

Comandante Superiore dei Servizi M.M.

in Sicilia

(Antonio Bobbione)

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Serial: 2747

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

19 September 1944.

From:

Commandant.

To :

Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.

Subject:

Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel,
Sicily and Arrest of Members of Inducted Civilian
Corps.

References:

- (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/828 dated 9 Sept. 1944.
- (b) Navy Sub-Commission First Endorsement NSC/651
dated 1 August 1944.

1. Requested exemptions of civilian employees who were members of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Corps have been granted by the Army Sub-Commission Allied Control Commission (AMCA) Liaison Officer, Sicily. No further trouble is anticipated on this particular question.

2. Though this office is not cognizant of any instructions which regularize the position of persons who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, arrests have ceased for the time being.

3. I am in complete accordance with opinion as set forth in paragraph 7 of reference (b).

/s/ C. L. NICHOLS.

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

22nd December, 1944.

No.L.36/2.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

ABSENTEES FROM CIVILIAN LABOR CORPS -
REGISTRATION AND EXEMPTION OF.

The Ministry of Marine was requested in paragraph 5 of Flag Officer Liaison, Italy letter No.L.36/2n of 2nd October, 1944, to issue instructions to regularize the position of Italian civilians who were inscribed or inducted in Civilian Labor Corps under military control and are subject to being charged with desertion. It was further requested that the instructions provide that when such persons have been or are now employed by Allied authorities, that they be declared exempt from punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Italian War Time Penal Code. Navy Sub-Commission letter 356/994 of 13th October, 1944, requested that the promulgation of the proclamation referred to in Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, Rome, letter of 2nd October, 1944, be expedited.

2. The Ministry of Marine letter 1086/70 of 7th December, 1944, in paragraph 1, states that instructions have been issued to avoid carrying out arrests of deserters employed in organizations working for the Allied Armed Forces. It is not stated whether any steps have been taken towards the issue of the proclamation requested. Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the Ministry of Marine letter of 7th December, 1944, are irrelevant, in that they apparently refer to actual deserters from the Italian Navy, whereas, the proclamation requested to be issued is for the purpose of regularizing the position of civilians who were inscribed or inducted in Civilian Labor Corps under military control prior to the Armistice and are technical deserters or absentees. The purpose of the proclamation is to clarify the status of these persons and not to register actual deserters from the Italian Navy.

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REGISTRATION AND EXEMPTION OF.

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1. For the reasons stated above, it is requested that the issue of instructions to clarify the status of civilians who are technically deserters or absentees from Civilian Labor Corps in Sicily be expedited.

FOR REAR ADMIRAL.

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

2nd October, 1944.

No.L.36/2a.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN PERSONNEL IN SICILY.

A report was received from the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo in July 1944, that the following named employees of the base had been arrested by the carabinieri on 27th June, 1944 and confined to jail :

ZERBO, Rosario
CAPRITTI, Salvatore.

2. These men were part of a large group of technicians employed and transported to various shipyards in German controlled Italy prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to the invasion they made their way back to Sicily and were employed by the U.S.Navy in Palermo. The orders for the arrest issued by the Italian Government in Taranto charged the men with desertion under Section 146 of the Wartime Penal Code. The arrests had serious implications as doubt was created as to the status of numerous essential workmen at the U.S.Naval Operating Base, Palermo. Representations were therefore made by the Sicily Region Headquarters, ACC, to Italian Police authorities at Palermo and the men were released from arrest. Subsequently the following information was received in an extract from the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Liaison Log with the Italian Ministry of War.

"It appears that the men, prior to the Armistice were destined to go on labour in Germany. The men in question, ZERBO Rosario and CAPRITTI Salvatore, escaped and were immediately put down as deserters. After the Armistice the men escaped to Sicily and were taken on in the Naval Dockyards.

As the names of the men had been circulated throughout Italy, the Italian Authorities on discovering that they were employed by the Allies, arrested them for desertion.

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2nd October, 1944.

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As soon as their crime was found out, they were immediately released and are now free. The whole matter appears to have been a mistake".

3. From the above review of the facts involved in the arrests of ZERBO and CAPRITTI, it would appear that the case is closed, nevertheless, it is considered highly important that the future position of men in a similar status who have rendered valuable services to the Allied Nations be regularized. This office is not cognisant of any instructions which have been issued to regularize the position of Italian Civilians who were inscribed or inducted in Civilian Corps under military control and who are either deserters or absentees from such service. Under Article 10 of Italian Codici Penali Militari di Pace e di Guerra, the Military penal law is applied to persons considered as military personnel and to persons inscribed or inducted in civilian groups under military control. Apparently, in accordance with this article, ZERBO and CAPRITTI were considered as deserters or absentees from Italian civil labor corps and subject to punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Code.

4. Article 15 of the Code provides that for the purposes of the penal military law during war, the offenses committed by Italian Military personnel or by persons not included in the Armed Forces of the Italian State to the damage of military personnel or of the Armed Forces of an Allied State, shall be considered as having been committed to the damage of the military personnel or of the Armed Forces of the Italian State. If personnel of Italian civilian labor corps are subject to punishment under Italian law for offenses committed against an Allied Nation, it follows that they should receive the benefits which accrue for services rendered to Allied Nations. Therefore any men inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, who left Italian employment in German controlled Italy and took employment under Allied authorities, should not be considered as deserters.

5. A copy of a proclamation issued by Rear Admiral Bobbiese, Commander, Royal Italian Navy in Sicily, with the approval of the Allied authorities is enclosed herewith. The proclamation provides for the registration of Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily to regularize their position. Admiral Bobbiese further issued orders that deserters or

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absentees from the Italian Navy who are employed in establishments directed by Allied authorities are not to be taken away from their employment. A copy of these instructions dated 13th July, 1944 is enclosed herewith. It is requested that similar instructions be issued to regularize the position of Italian civilians who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control and are subject to being charged with desertion. This readily can be accomplished under paragraph 2 of Article 146 of the code which provides that legitimate absentees report within two days, unless there are good reasons to the contrary. The proclamation should be issued by the Ministry of Marine requiring all persons in Sicily who are deserters or absentees from Civilian corps to report for registration on a prescribed day or within a certain period thereafter. The instructions should provide that any persons who have been or are now employed by Allied authorities are declared to be exempt from punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Code. It is requested that I may be informed when the instructions have been issued.

REAR ADMIRAL.

Copy to :

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(refers Navy Sub-Com.

ltr NSC/828 of 9 Sept.

1944).

(Enclosed copy of ComNOB-Palermo

ltr.serial 2747 of 19 Sept.1944).

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

TBJ/PJS/jjjr

G-5: 000.5

23 October 1944

SUBJECT: Registration of former Italian Naval Personnel
in Sicily.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

In connection with the attached letter from
AAI and its inclosure, it is requested that the contents
of the letter from the Flag Officer Liaison Italy be
taken up with the Italian Government with a view to
accomplishing the recommendation contained therein.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

Incl: Ltr Ref: 3129/14/A(O)
dtd 11 Oct 44 from
AAI with inclosure.

T. B. JACKMAN
Lt. Colonel.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, ROME

2 October 1944.

No. I. 36/p. (a)

MINISTRY OF MARINE, ROME.

REPRESENTATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL IN SICILY.

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2. These men were part of a large group of technicians employed and transported to various shipyards in German controlled Italy prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to the invasion they made their way back to Sicily and were employed by the U.S. Navy in Palermo. The orders for the arrest issued by the Italian Government in Taranto charged the men with desertion under section 146 of the Maritime Penal Code. The arrests had serious implications as Zerbo was created as to the status of numerous essential workmen at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo. Representations were therefore made by the Sicily Region Headquarters, ACC, to Italian Police authorities at Palermo and the men were released from arrest. Subsequently the following information was received in an extract from the Army Subg 962 Commission, ACC, Liaison Log with the Italian Ministry of War.

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5. A copy of a proclamation issued by Rear Admiral Bobbiese, Commander, Royal Italian Navy in Sicily, with the approval of the Allied authorities is enclosed herewith. The proclamation provides for the registration of Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily to regularize their position. Admiral Bobbiese further issued orders that deserters or absentees from the Italian Navy who are employed in establishments directed by Allied authorities are not to be taken away from their employment. A copy of these instructions dated 13 July 1944 is enclosed herewith. It is requested that similar instructions be issued to regularize the position of Italian civilians who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under Military control and are subject to being charged with desertion. This readily can be accomplished under paragraph 2 of Article 146 of the code which provides that legitimate absentees report within two days, unless there are good reasons to the contrary. The proclamation should be issued by the Ministry of Marine requiring all persons in Sicily who are deserters or absentees from Civilian corps to report for registration ^{or} and a prescribed day or within a certain period thereafter. The instructions should provide that that any persons who have been or are now employed by Allied authorities are declared to be exempt from punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the Code. It is requested that I may be informed when the instructions have been issued.

REAR ADMIRAL.

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Serial: 2741

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

19 September 1944.

From: Commandant.

To: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.

Subject: Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel,
Sicily and Arrest of Members of Inducted Civilian
Corps.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/828 dated 9 Sept. 1944.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission First Endorsement NSC/651
dated 1 August 1944.

1. Requested exemptions of civilian employees who were members of the Italian Navy, Army or Air Corps have been granted by the Army Sub-Commission Allied Control Commission (MMIA) Liaison Officer, Sicily. No further trouble is anticipated on this particular question.

2. Though this office is not cognizant of any instructions which regularize the position of persons who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, arrests have ceased for the time being.

3. I am in complete accordance with opinion as set forth in paragraph 7 of reference (b).


C. L. NICHOLS.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/623

9 September 1944

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Commandant, Naval Operating Base, PALERMO.
Subject: Registration of Former Italian Naval Personnel, Sicily.
References: (a) Navy Sub-Comm First Endorsement NSC/651 of 1 Aug 1944.
(b) Navy Sub-Comm. ltr NSC/773 of 28 August 1944.
(c) Navy Sub-Comm. ltr NSC/772 of 28 August 1944.
(d) HQ. AAI 1st. endorsement AAI. 420.2 - NSCAG of 2 Sept. 1944.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).
(B) Copy of reference (d).

1. The Navy Sub-Commission in reference (a) summarized the situation in Sicily with respect to deserters from the Italian Armed Forces. The proposals made therein have been approved by the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy. However, in view of the time which has elapsed and subsequent events, it is considered appropriate to review the situation to determine whether any further action is required at this time.

2. A copy of Administrative Instruction No. 52, the latest directive issued by Headquarters, AAI, for the employment of Italian Military personnel, was forwarded by reference (b) to the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo. A clarification of Administrative Instruction No. 52 was requested by reference (c) in view of paragraph 11, which stated that the directive is not applicable to Italian personnel employed by the U.S. Forces. Reference (c) further requested that the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, be added to the list of the exempting authorities. HQ. AAI, in reference (d) advises that while the details of Administrative Instruction No. 52 are applicable only to British Forces, the policy underlying the instructions are applicable to all services.

3. Therefore before any further action is taken in connection with reference (a), comments and recommendations are requested from the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

Copy to: *Palermo*
HQ. AAI. (ADM RCH)
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ARMY SC. ACC.
AIR FORCE SC. ACC.
LEGAL SC. ACC.
SICILY REGION HQ.
(loss enclosures)



H. W. ZIFOLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC. 69

11 SET 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy-Sub Commission
APO 394

NSC/651

1 August 1944

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
RG. Hq. ltr RC/045.7
of 14 July 1944.

TO: Chief Naval Sub-Commissioner, Taranto.

SUBJECT: Registration of Former Italian Naval
Personnel, Sicily.

Reference: (a) Sicily Region, Hq. ltr. RC/045.7 of 8 May 1944.
(b) NSC ACC secret ltr, serial 0035 of 4 July 1944.
(c) NSC ACC ltr serial 40 of 17 July 1944 to Hq. AAI.
(d) ComNOB-Palermo ltr. serial 2276 of 1 July 1944 to FOTALI.

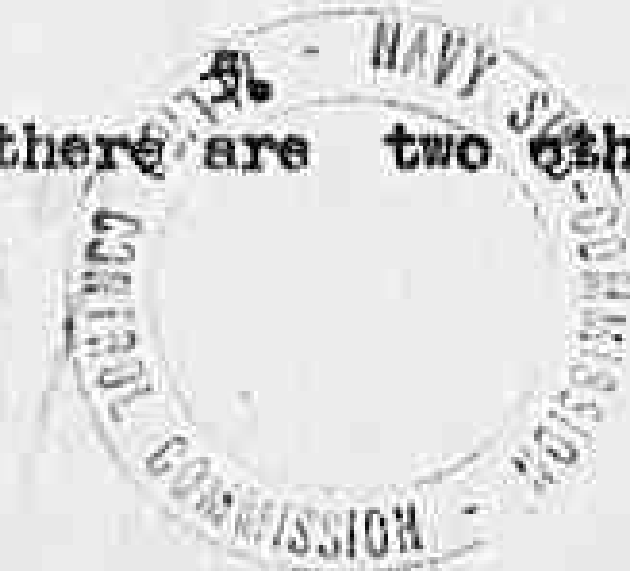
1. Forwarded.

2. Sicily Region Headquarters, ACC, in reference (a) forwarded a proposed draft for reinstating Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily. The Regional Commissioner recommended that Admiral Bobbiese submit the draft to the Italian Ministry of Marine for promulgation by the Minister after discussion and approval by the Naval Sub-Commission, ACC. It was further recommended that the proposed draft be extended to include the Italian Army and Air Force.

3. The basic correspondence forwards a BANDO which has been approved by Admiral Bobbiese for issue. The BANDO is a revision and modification of the proposed draft submitted in reference (a), and includes a provision that all Italian military personnel of the Royal Navy, employed by Allied authorities, will not be removed from their employment without special authorization. This provision is in accordance with Army Sub-Commission letter A/216 of 2 July 1944, copy enclosed, except that it is applicable only to Naval personnel. In enclosure 2 of the basic letter, Admiral Bobbiese issued instructions to Italian Naval authorities in Sicily that deserters from the Royal Navy who are employed in establishments directed by Allied authorities are not to be taken away from their employment.

4. As the instructions issued by Admiral Bobbiese in the basic correspondence apparently regularize the position of Italian Naval deserters or absentees in Sicily, it is recommended that they be approved. It is further recommended that the Army Sub-Commission and Air Force Sub-Commission endeavor to have similar instructions issued by the respective Italian Ministries.

5. In addition to actual deserters from the Italian Navy, there are two other distinct classes of deserters; namely: technical



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deserters for failure to register for military service and desertions by persons inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control who are considered as military personnel. Adequate instructions have been issued by Hq. AAI to exempt technical deserters from military service who are employed by Allied authorities in essential war work. The Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, was furnished with copies of these instructions by reference (b). In reference (c), Hq. AAI was advised that the threatened arrest of deserters in Sicily, who are employed by Allied authorities, has serious consequences and requested to take measures to prevent such action by Italian authorities in the future. It is considered that adequate measures have been taken with respect to actual deserters by the basic correspondence, and with respect to technical deserters by the references quoted in reference (b).

6. This office is not cognizant of any instructions which regularize the position of persons who were inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control and who are either deserters or absentees from such service. Apparently, paragraph 3 of reference (d), refers to deserters in this category. These men are reported to be part of a large group of technicians mobilized and transported to various shipyards in German-controlled Italy, prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to the invasion, they made their way back to Sicily and were employed by the U.S. Navy in Palermo. Under Article 10 of the Italian Codice Penale Militare Di Pace e di Guerra, the military penal law is applied to persons considered as military personnel and to persons inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control. Apparently, in accordance with this article, deserters or absentees from Italian civilian laborcorps are subject to punishment for desertion under Article 146 of the code.

7. Article 15 of the code provides that, for the purposes of the penal military law, during war, the offenses committed by Italian military personnel, or by persons not included in the Armed Forces of the Italian State, to the damage of military personnel or of the Armed Forces of an Allied State, shall be considered as having been committed to the damage of the military personnel or of the Armed Forces of the Italian State. If personnel of Italian civilian labor corps are subject to punishment under Italian law for offenses committed against an Allied Nation, it follows that they should receive benefits which accrue for services rendered to Allied Nations. Therefore, any man inscribed or inducted in civilian corps under military control, who left Italian employment and took employment under Allied authorities, should not be considered as deserters.

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8. Paragraph 2 of Article 146 of the code provides that legitimate absentees report within two days, unless there are good reasons to the contrary. It is recommended that the Minister of Marine issue instructions requiring all persons now in Sicily who are absentees from civilian corps under military control to report for registration on a prescribed day or within a certain period thereafter. The instructions should provide that any persons who have been or now employed by Allied authorities are declared to be exempt from punishment under Article 146 of the code. It is further recommended that the Army Sub-Commission have similar instructions issued by the respective Italian Ministries.

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Hq AAI (Adm Ech CMF)
ComNavNAW
ComNavAdvBases
Army SC, ACC
Air Force SC, ACC
Legal SC, ACC.
Sicily, Reg, Hq.

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AAI/420.2/MCAO 1st Ind.
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400
U.S. ARMY. 2 September 1944.

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

1. While the details of the reference instructions do not apply to other than British forces, the policy underlying these instructions are applicable to all Services.

2. It is not the intention of this Headquarters to request that instructions be issued to the Commander of U.S. Naval Forces to comply with this policy. For the sake of uniformity it is suggested that he adopt a policy similar to that set forth for the British ground forces. The officer to whom is delegated the authority to exempt is a matter for him to determine.

3. In this connection it should be noted that the U.S. ground forces grant no exemptions. In other words, whenever a worker is called up for service by the Italian Government, that worker is immediately released for his service.

4. Attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the attached memorandum.

/s/ A. L. HAMBLEY
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO.

1 Incl:
Memo 3074/A(0) of 27 Aug from AAI.

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(ENCLOSURE (1)).



Subject: Italian Army - Exemptions from Call-Up.

S E C R E T
HQ. ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY
Tel: FILPOT Ext 226
3074/A(0)
27 Aug. 44

C.G. FIFTH Army
C.G. P.B.S.

Copy to: - G-4
Colonel NEGRONI

1. Reference this HQ letter 3110/A(0) of 17 Mar 44 and 3074/A(0) of 20 Mar, 30 Mar, 4 May and 11 May 44.
2. Enclosed is a detailed instruction (Adm Instr No. 52 of 22 Aug 44) concerning the exemption of Italians from calling up for duty with Italian Armed Forces. This instr does not apply to Italian personnel employed by U.S. Forces as it is understood that any exemptions previously granted by you have been cancelled and no further exemptions will be granted. (PBS letter AG 327.3 (BPLNO-1) of 6 June 44 refers.
3. This instruction is based on the following policy:-
 - (a) To make available to the Italian authorities as many Italian personnel of the 1914-24 classes as possible to enable the authorities to meet the additional commitments undertaken by them.
 - (b) With the above intention in mind to restrict the employment by the Allied of Italian personnel to those only whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary and more valuable to the war effort than if in the Italian Armed Forces.
 - (c) To limit the Authorities empowered to grant exemption from call-up Armies, Base Sections and their equivalents.
 - (d) To ensure adequate notice is given to the Italian Authorities of exemptions granted and withdrawn so that necessary action may be taken by them.
4. If, at any future date, the U.S. Army policy changes as regard employment of Italian personnel and it is decided to grant exemptions from call-up then the policy outlined in para 3. above will apply.
5. Letters referred to in para 1 above are hereby cancelled.

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Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY REGION HEADQUARTERS
APO 394

FILE:RC/045.7

14 July 1944.

SUBJECT: Registration of former Italian Naval Personnel -
SICILY.

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

Further to my RC/045.7 of 8 May.

1. Following further discussions on the regularisation of former Italian Naval Personnel now at liberty in SICILY the attached copy BANDO has been approved for issue by Rear-Admiral Antonio BOBBIESE, Commander R. Italian NAVY in SICILY.

2. The discussions were completed in accord with British and U.S. Naval Base Commanders.

3. The final clause of the proclamation safeguards continuity of employment as long as required of naval personnel working under the Allies and affected by the proclamation.

4. Attached letter 2381 of 13 July from Admiral Bobbiese on the subject of Deserters has also received approval of Allied Naval Base Commanders.

A. N. HANCOCK
Colonel
Regional Commissioner.

2 Encls -

Encl 1-Bando (copy) re former Italian Naval Personnel.

Encl 2-Letter, Admiral Bobbiese to --, Protocollo n. 2381
13/7/44. re Deserters.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400,
U.S. ARMY. 2 September 1944.

TO: Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission, APO 304, U.S. Army.

1. While the details of the reference instructions do not apply to other than British forces, the policy underlying these instructions are applicable to all Services.

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A. L. HAMILTON
Brigadier General, U.S.A.
DCAO

1 Incl:

Memo 3074/A(0) of 27 Aug fr AAI.



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AAI/420.2/DCAO 1st Ind. ALH/rjs
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY, ADMINISTRATIVE ECHELON, APO 400,
U.S. ARMY. 2 September 1944.

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

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Memo 3074/A(O) of 27 Aug fr AAI.

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/772

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. ZUPOLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

Copy to:
ComNOB - Palermo.

3952

SECRET

Subject:- Italian Army - Exemptions from Call-Up. SECRET

HQ, ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY

Tel: FILPOT Ext 226

3074/A(O)

C.G. FIFTH Army
C.G. P.B.S.

27 Aug. 44.

Copy to:- G-4
Colonel NEGRONT

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2. Enclosed is a detailed instruction (Adm Instr No. 52 of 22 Aug. 44) concerning the exemption of Italians from calling-up for duty with Italian Armed Forces. This Instr does not apply to Italian personnel employed by U.S. Forces as it is understood that any exemptions previously granted by you have been cancelled and no further exemptions will be granted. (PRS letter AG 327.3(2PLNO-1) of 6 June 44 refers.
3. This instruction is based on the following policy:-
 - (a) To make available to the Italian authorities as many Italian personnel of the 1914-24 classes as possible to enable the Authorities to meet the additional commitments undertaken by them.
 - (b) With the above intention in mind to restrict the employment by the Allied of Italian personnel to those only whose continued employment is considered vitally or operationally necessary and more valuable to the war effort than if in the Italian Armed Forces.
 - (c) To limit the Authorities empowered to grant exemption from call-up to Armies, Base Sections and their equivalents.
 - (d) To ensure adequate notice is given to the Italian Authorities of exemptions granted and withdrawn so that necessary action may be taken by them.
4. If, at any future date, the U. S. Army policy changes regarding employment of Italian personnel and it is decided to grant exemptions from call-up then the policy outlined in para 3. above will apply. 3951
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JSS/VRT

Major General,
Chief Administrative Officer.

SECRET

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C.G. P.B.S.

3074/A(O)

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Major General.
Chief Administrative Officer.

SECRET

REGISTRATION OF FORMER ITALIAN NAVAL PERSONNEL, SICILY.
(Naval Sub-Commission's No. NSC/651, dated 1st August, 1944.)

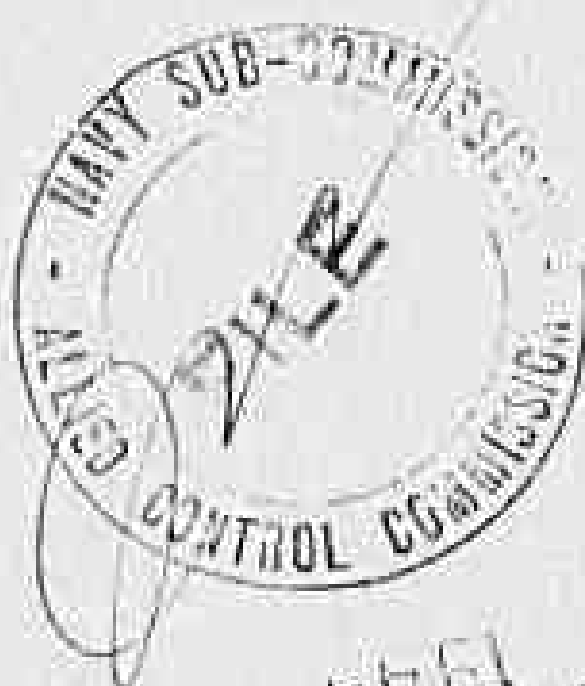
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No. T.A. 1140/55.

SENIOR BRITISH NAVAL OFFICER, ROME.
DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION.
(Copy to each).

I fully concur with the remarks and proposals contained in minute I. Request Senior British Naval Officer, Rome, will take necessary action with the Minister of Marine, and the Deputy Chief of the Naval Sub-Commission with the Army and Air Force Sub-Commissions.

TARANTO.
17th August, 1944.



REAR-ADMIRAL.

3950

SUBJECT:- Arrest and detention of civilians employed at R.C.B.

HQ ALLIED ARMIES IN ITALY.

AAI/3074/15/A(0).

29 Jul 44.

ACC Naval Sub-Commission,
Navy House, TAPANTO.

Reference your 14/NSC, Serial 40, dated 17 Jul 44.

1. If the affected personnel are of the 1920-24 classes, application for exemption should be made under the provisions of the four HQ AAI Amm Bch letters quoted in your letter.

2. If the personnel are not within the 1920-24 classes, application for their exemption should be submitted to this HQ giving the following information:-

Full name.
Military Class.
Military Number.
Private Address.
Occupation.
Present Employment.

JSE/TV.



10 Dec 1944

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MINING CONTROL COMMISSION
STONEY RESERVE AND CLAIMS
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1992 July 15, 1992

$$\text{EQUATION 1: } LG/\text{GmS} \cdot \text{yr}$$

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A.C. & M.C. Section
R.R. A.C.C. Staples
For Navy Sub-Commission

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21 JUL 1944

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E. H. Harnett
A.H. HARNETT
Colonel
Regional Commissioner : 3948

Encl 1- Memo (copy) re former Italian Naval Personnel.
Encl 2- Letter, Admiral Bonvicini to ---, protocollo n. 2861
15/7/44. re deserters.

B A N D O

Considerato che:

- A) In seguito agli avvenimenti bellici e politici verificatisi in Italia dopo il 9 luglio 1943 molti Ufficiali, Sottoufficiali, sottocapi e comuni della R. Marina sono venuti a trovarsi in Sicilia e nella Calabria meridionale senza regolare destinazione ed ivi permangono tuttora in posizione illegale.
- B) E' necessario regolarizzare in posizione del predetto personale ed addivenire alla sua sistemazione amministrativa.

O R D I N O

CHE TUTTI GLI UFFICIALI I SOTTOUFFICIALI I SOTTOCAPI ED I COMUNI DELLA R. MARINA, COMUNQUE PRESENTI IN SICILIA E NELLA CALABRIA MERIDIONALE FRA VIBO VALENTIA (COMPRESO) E PUNTA STILO, SENZA ESSERVI STATI REGOLAMENTARI DESTINATI DAL MINISTRO DELLA REGIA MARINA DOPO L'8 SETTEMBRE 1943, SI PRESENTINO ALLE AUTORITA' DELLA REGIA MARINA APPRESSO SPECIFICATE ENTRO I LIMITI DI TEMPO INDICATI DALLE SEGUENTI MODALITA' :

- M O D A L I T A' -

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- 2°) IL PERSONALE RESIDENTE ENTRO I LIMITI DEL COMUNE IN CUI HA SEDE UNA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE SI PRESENTERA' AD ESSA DIRETTAMENTE. IL PERSONALE RESIDENTE FUORI I PREDETTI LIMITI SI PRESENTERA' ALLA PIU' VICINA STAZIONE CC.RR. PER LASCIARE LE PROPRIE GENERALITA' E FARA' RITORNO ALLA PROPRIA RESIDENZA IN ATTESA DI COMUNICAZIONI PER LA PRESENTAZIONE ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DALLA QUALE SARA' CHIAMATO. LE STAZIONI CC.RR. SEGNERANNO ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE PIU' FACILMENTE RAGGIUNGIBILE (ANCHE IN CONSIDERAZIONE DEI MEZZI DI TRASPORTO E DELLA VIABILITA' STRADALE) LE GENERALITA' DEI MILITARI DELLA R. MARINA PRESENTATISI E PROVVEDERANNO AD AVVIARLI AD ESSE QUANDO QUESTE LI CHIAMERANNO CON APPOSITA CARTOLINA. LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE INCARICATA DI RICEVERE IL PERSONALE DELLA REGIA E' QUELLA DI MESSINA.

IL PERSONALE RESIDENTE NELLA ZONA DELIMITATA A NORD DAI CONFINI DEL COMUNE DI VILLA S. GIOVANNI ED A SUD DAI CONFINI DEL COMUNE DI REGGIO CALABRIA DOVRA' CONSIDERARSI NELLA STESSA SEDE DELLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI MESSINA E PRESENTARSI PERTANTO DIRETTAMENTE AD ESSA; IL RIMANENTE PERSONALE, ESSENDO RESIDENTE IN LOCALITA' FUORI SEDE SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DOVRA' IN UN PRIMO TEMPO, PRESENTARSI ALLA STAZIONE CC.RR. PIU' VICINA E, SUCCESSIVAMENTE, QUANDO SARA' CHIAMATO, DOVRA' PRESENTARSI ALLA PREDETTA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE.

I CC.RR. DELLA CALABRIA INVIERANNO ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE DI MESSINA LE SEGNALAZIONI DEI MILITARI PRESENTATISI ED AVVIERANNO ALLA STESSA I PREDETTI MILITARI QUANDO QUESTA LI CHIAMERA' CON APPOSITA CARTOLINA.

TUTTO IL PERSONALE PROVENIENTE DALLA CALABRIA PER TRAGHETTARE ATTRAVERSO LO STRETTO DOVRA' ROVOLGERSI ALL'UFFICIO TAPPA DELLA R. MARINA A REGGIO CALABRIA.

3°) LE SOTTOCOMMISSIONI:

- a) ACCERTERANNO LA POSIZIONE MATRICOLARE DEI SINGOLI E PRELEVERANNO TUTTI I DATI NECESSARI ALL'EVENTUALE LIQUIDAZIONE DI COMPETENZE ARRETRATE;
- b) PROVVEDERANNO A FARLI PRENDERE IN FORZA DAL PIU' VICINO COMANDO MARINA PER LA CORRESPONSIONE DELLE COMPETENZE DAL GIORNO DI PRESENTAZIONE ALLE SOTTOCOMMISSIONI;
- c) PROVVEDERANNO AD INVIARE TUTTO IL PERSONALE IN LICENZA INDETERMINATA CON RISERVA DI ULTERIORI DETERMINAZIONI PER IL COLLOCAMENTO IN CONGEDO DI COLORO CHE HANNO ULTIMATO GLI OBBLIGHI DI SERVIZIO MILITARE E PER L'EVENTUALE GRADUALE UTILIZZAZIONE DI COLORO CHE ANCORA SONO SOGGETTI A DETTI OBBLIGHI.

4°) IL PERSONALE DOVRA' PRESENTARSI:

- a) SE RESIDENTE ENTRO I LIMITI DEL COMUNE NEL QUALE HA SEDE LA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE, ENTRO CINQUE GIORNI DALLA DATA DEL BANDO ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE;
- b) SE RESIDENTE FUORI DEI LIMITI PREDETTI, ALLA PIU' VICINA STAZIONE CC.RR. ENTRO VENTI GIORNI DALLA DATA DEL BANDO;
- c) LA SUCCESSIVA PRESENTAZIONE DEL PERSONALE DI CUI ALLA LETTERA b) ALLE SOTTOCOMMISSIONI DOVRA' AVVENIRE NEL GIORNO FISSATO NELL'APPOSITA CARTOLINA; EVENTUALI RITARDI DOVRANNO ESSERE GIUSTIFICATI CON DOCUMENTO RILASCIATO DAI COMANDI STAZIONE CC.RR.

5°) ALLO SCOPO DI FACILITARE IL VIAGGIO AI MILITARI CHE NON RISIEDONO NELLA STESSA LOCALITA' DOVE HANNO SEDE LE SOTTOCOMMISSIONI, LE STAZIONI DEI CC.RR. PROVVEDERANNO A FORNIRE LORO DOCUMENTI E DENARI PER IL VIAGGIO NONCHE' A FACILITARE LORO LA UTILIZZAZIONE DI UN MEZZO PER IL VIAGGIO STESSO.

6°) TUTTO IL PERSONALE CHE SI RECHERA' A PRESENTARSI DOVRA' ESSERE

MUNITO DI VALIDI DOCUMENTI DI RICONOSCIMENTO.

N.B. TUTTI I MILITARI DELLA REGIA MARINA PREDETTI CHE ATTUALMENTE SONO OCCUPATI PRESSO UFFICI O STABILIMENTI GESTITI DALLE AUTORITA' ALLEATE DOVRANNO PRESENTARSI ALLE SOTTOCOMMISSIONI PROVISTI DI DOCUMENTI COMPROVANTI IL LORO ATTUALE LAVORO. DIETRO PRESENTAZIONE DEI SUDETTI DOCUMENTI COMPROVANTI TALE LAVORO ESSI NON NE SARANNO DISTOLTI A MENO DI SPECIFICA AUTORIZZAZIONE DELLE AUTORITA' ALLEATE CHE LI IMPIEGANO.

L'AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE
COMANDANTE SUPERIORE DEI SERVIZI DELLA R.MARINA
IN SICILIA
(Antonio BOBBIESE)

Messina 13 Luglio 1944.

COMANDO SUPERIORE DEI SERVIZI
R. MARINA IN SICILIA

UFFICIO C.I.P.

Protocollo n.2381

MARINA = MESSINA
MARINA = TRAPANI
MARINA = AUGUSTA
e per conoscenza:
COMANDO LEGIONE CC.RR. =
PALERMO
" " " =
MESSINA
SOTTOMISSIONE = MESSINA
" = PALERMO
" = TRAPANI
" = AUGUSTA
" = P. EMPEDOCLE

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OGGETTO: Militari della R.Marina disertori occupati presso Enti gestiti da Autorità Alleata in Sicilia.

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- 12) Tenuto conto che diversi militari resisi disertori in Sicilia dopo l'8 settembre 1943 si trovano occupati presso stabilimenti od uffici Alleati e che la loro immediata traduzione al Corpo al quale appartengono nuocerebbe all'attività svolta dai predetti stabilimenti ed uffici si dispone che quando i disertori possono comprovare con validi documenti tale loro occupazione non siano distolti da essa e vengano invece segnalati a Marisicilia con l'indicazione delle generalità del lavoro in cui sono occupati e della destinazione che aveva in servizio in modo che Marisicilia possa esperire con le Autorità Alleate le pratiche necessarie per la loro tempestiva sostituzione.
- 22) Con la presente si pregano i Comandi Legione CC.RR. Sicilia di voler dare analoghe urgenti disposizioni alle dipendenti Stazioni CC.RR.

L'AMMIRAGLIO DI DIVISIONE
Comandante Superiore dei Servizi M.M. in
Sicilia
(Antonio Bobbiese)

PROCLAMATION

Considering that

A) Following war and political events in Italy, since July 9 many Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, underheads and sailors of the R. Navy have found themselves in Sicily and in South Calabria without regular destination and consequently occupy illegal positions

B) It is necessary to regulate the position of this personnel so as to bring about an administrative readjustment.

I ORDER

that all Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, Underheads and sailors of the R. Navy who are now present in Sicily and South-Calabria between VIBO VALENTIA (included) and PUNTA STILO who have not been regularly assigned by the Ministry of the R. Navy after Sept. 8. 1943, must present themselves to the Authorities of the R. Navy hereby specified within the time indicated by ^{the} following form:

REGULATIONS

1) Appropriate Sub^{com}missions have been constituted at the seats of MESSINA, PALERMO, TRAPANI, PORTO EMPEDOCLE and AUGUSTA with orders to receive personnel of the R. Navy who must present themselves and take necessary steps to legalize their position

2) Personnel residing within the limits of cities in which a Sub-Commission is located must present themselves at once.

Personnel residing outside of these limits must present themselves at the nearest CC. RR. station and leave their proper information, then return to their own residence and wait for word to present themselves at the Subcommission to which they will be called. The RR. CC. stations will indicate to the Subcommission easiest to reach (considering travelling difficulties) the information of personnel of R. Navy which has presented ^{itself} ~~themselves~~ and will address them there when they will be summoned by an appropriate card.

The Sub-Commission ordered to receive the personnel of Calabria is the MESSINA Sub-Commission.

The personnel living in the area north of the boundary lines of the city of Villa S. Giovanni and south of the boundary lines of the Reggio Calabria must consider ^{itself} ~~themselves~~ in the same seat of Sub-Commission as Messina and must therefore present themselves there directly; the remaining personnel residing in localities outside of the Sub-Commission seat must in the first place present itself at the RR.CC. station and later when called must present itself at the aforesaid Sub-Commission

The RR.CC. of Calabria will forward to the Sub-Commission of Messina the records of military men who have presented themselves and will send to same the aforesaid military men when these will be called by appropriate cards.

All the personnel coming from Calabria who must pass the Straits must go to the Ufficio Tappa of the R. Navy in Reggio Calabria for information

3) The Sub-Commissions

- a) will certify the registered positions of each and will take down all the necessary data for the eventual liquidation of all fees left unpaid
- b) will provide to have them registered at the nearest Navy Command so as to qualify for payments from the day of presentation at the Sub-Commission
- c) they will provide to send out all the personnel on ⁱⁿ definite leave pending further decision for the discharge of those who have terminated compulsory military service and for eventual utilisation of those who are still subject to this compulsory service

4) The personnel must present itself:

- a) if living within the limits of the city in which the Sub-Commission is located, within five days from the date of this proclamation ³⁹⁴² at the Sub-Commission
- b) if living outside of such limits at the nearest RR.CC. station within 20 days from the date of this proclamation
- c) the successive presentation of personnel as per item b) at the Sub-Commission must be on the date as fixed on the appropriate card;

eventual delay must be justified by documents issued by the CC.RR. Station

5) In order to facilitate travelling for the military personnel who are not living in the same locality where there is a Sub-Commission the RR.CC.Stations will provide to furnish them with documents and money and to help them to find a vehicle for said travel.

6) All the personnel who will go to present themselves must be provided with valid identification documents

N.B. All military personnel of the R.Navy who are presently employed in Offices or Establishments directed by the Allied Authorities should present themselves at the Sub-Commission provided with documents proving their present work. Following presentation of said documents they will not be removed from their employment unless by special authorisation of the Allied Authorities which will employ them.

ADMIRAL OF DIVISION
COMANDANTE SUPERIORE DEI SERVIZI DELLA MARINA
IN SICILIA
(Antonio Bobbiese)

COMANDO SUPERIORE DEI SERVIZI
R.MARINA IN SICILIA

UFFICIO C.I.P.
Protocollo n. 2381

Messina July 13 1944

MARINA = MESSINA

MARINA = TRAPANI

MARINA = AUGUSTA
AND FOR NOTICE

COMANDO LEGIONE RR.CC. = PALERMO

" " " " = MESSINA

SOTTOCOMMISSIONE = MESSINA

" = PALERMO

" = TRAPANI

" = AUGUSTA

" = P. EMPEDOCLE

SUBJECT: DESERTERS FROM THE R.NAVY EMPLOYED IN ESTABLISHMENTS

DIRECTED BY ALLIED AUTHORITIES IN SICILY

1) Owing to the fact that many military men have become deserters in Sicily since September 8.1943 and are now being employed in Allied establishments and offices so that their immediate transfer to the Army Corps which they belong to would damage the activities of these establishments and offices, it is disposed that when such deserters can prove with valid documents their occupations, they should not be taken away from their employment, but instead signed to Marisicilia with indication of the kind of work in which they are occupied and the assignment they had when in service; so that Marisicilia can carry into effect with the Allied authorities the necessary measures for their timely substitution.

2) With the present we pray the Legion Commanders of the RR. CC in Sicily to give same dispositions to the dependent RR.CC. stations

ADMIRAL OF DIVISIONE
Comandante Superiore dei Servizi M.M.
in Sicilia
(Antonio Bobbiese)

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/749

21 August 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ, ACC.
To : Commandant, U. S. Naval Operating Base,
Palermo, Sicily.

Subject: Italian Employees, NOB, Palermo, Arrest of.

Reference: (a) NOB Palermo Serial 2264 of 29 June 1944.

1. Reference (a) forwarded information regarding the arrest of two (2) Italian employees of the U. S. Naval Operating Base, Palermo, and requested that necessary action be taken to prevent any further such arrests.

2. The following extract from the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, Liaison Log with the Italian Minister of War is quoted for your information. It appears that the matter is now closed.

+ "It appears that the men, prior to the armistice were destined to go on labour in Germany. The men in question, ZERBO Rosario and CAPRITTI Salvatore, escaped and were immediately put down as deserters. After the Armistice the men escaped to Sicily and were taken on in the Naval Dockyards.

As the names of the men had been circulated throughout Italy, the Italian Authorities on discovering that they were employed by the Allies arrested them for desertion.

As soon as their crime was found out, they were immediately released and are now free.

The whole matter appears to have been a mistake."

H. W. MIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Subcommission, ACC.

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U.S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY

BFM/lc

Serial: 2264

From: Commandant.
TO: Regional Legal Officer, Allied Control Commission.
Subject: Prisoners, Request for release of.

1. The following named employees of the Naval Operating Base were arrested by Carabinieri on 27 June and confined in the Palermo Jail.

Zerbo Rosario
Capriotti Salvatore

2. These men were part of a large group of Technicians mobilized and transported to various shipyards in German Controlled Italy, prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to our invasion, these men made their way back to Sicily (Allied Territory) and started to work for the U.S. Navy in Palermo.

3. On orders of arrest issued by the Italian government in Taranto, these two employees have been charged with desertion under the Wartime penal code and placed in confinement.

4. The above situation is one that not only give rise to misgivings among all other Naval Operating Base employees in the same position but, if permitted to continue, will seriously interfere with the function of this U.S. Naval Operating Base.

5. It is understood that numerous other employees are now pending arrest for the same reason. It is therefore requested that the men in question be released, and that necessary steps be taken with the proper authorities to prevent any further such arrests.

/s/
/t/

C.L. NICHOLS.
C.L. NICHOLS.

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LT. COL. MILLEFIORINI

Was informed of the answer given by the Naval Authorities on the arrest of personnel employed by US Navy in the dockyards Palermo.

It appears that the men, prior to the armistice were destined to go on labour in Germany. The men in question, ZERBO Rosario and CAPRITTI Salvatore, escaped and were immediately put down as deserters. After the Armistice the men escaped to Sicily and were taken on ~~km~~ in the Naval Dockyards.

As the names of the men had been circulated throughout Italy, the Italian Authorities on discovering that they were employed by the Allies arrested them for desertion.

As soon as their crime was found out, they were immediately released and are now free.

The whole matter appears to have been a mistake."

Major.

To. Naval Sub Com.

I think this is now closed.
The above is an extract from our liaison log
with Minister of War.

19 Aug.

F. J. Noakes
MMIA

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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

S E C R E T

THE FOLLOWING SIGNALS WERE EXCHANGED WITH ITALIAN LIGHT CRUISER SCIPIONE AFRICANO DURING HER RECENT VISIT.

(A) ADDRESSED SCIPIONE AFRICANO FROM FONAM.

A NUMBER OF ITALIAN CO-OPERATORS ARE ABSENT FROM THEIR UNITS.

(2) IT IS CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SOME MAY HAVE EMBARKED IN SCIPIONE AFRICANO. REQUEST SEARCH AND REPORT BEFORE SAILING.

(3) ANY MEN FOUND SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO ROYAL MARINES POLICE AT TRANSATLANTIC BUILDING. T.O.O. 070117 END.

(B) ADDRESSED FONAM. FROM SCIPIONE AFRICANO.

YOUR 070117. SEARCH WAS MADE WITHOUT SUCCESS ANOTHER CHECK WILL BE MADE DURING VOYAGE. TOO 070732.

2. NO REPORT OF THE FURTHER CHECK ON VOYAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND ARMY AUTHORITIES HERE NOW CONSIDER THAT ABOUT 30 CO-OPERATORS WERE PROBABLY SMUGGLED ON BOARD SHIP AS RETURNING LIBERTY MEN.

3. NORMAL LEAVE RETURNED FROM GASPI TO SHIP.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

Established—May, 1939
Revised—January, 1943

To:

From:

F.O.T.A.L.I. ROME (R) C.S. TARANTO N.O.I.C. TARANTO

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

RESTRICTED.

THE SERVICES OF THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN NAVAL RATINGS ARE REQUIRED
BY THE R.N. AT TARANTO (A) FOR DUTIES IN THE DOCKYARD.

1 C.P.O. (WINNERS MATE)
3 OOD RATINGS (ELECTRICAL)

(B) FOR DUTIES AT NAVY HOUSEL
1 C.P.O. (M/T DRIVER MECHANIC) C.P.O. ALVI
AIRICO IS RECOMMENDED.

2. REQUEST EARLY ACTION BE TAKEN WITH MINISTRY OF MARINE TO EFFECT
THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE ABOVE PERSONNEL AND REPORT RESULT BY SIGNAL.

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DIS. 3.6.9.10.

P.L.T.P.

TOR 10/1210

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(STA. 121/33)

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

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

To:

FROM:

F.O.N.A.M. (R) N.O.I.C. NAPLES

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

SECRET.

AWHQ INFORMS NAVY SUB-COMMISSION THAT WILLIAM ACQUAFREDA AND ENZO MECOZZI ITALIAN NATIONS DESERTERS FROM ARMED GUARD S.S. SESTIERE APPREHENDED AND DEPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES WILL ARRIVE NAPLES ONBOARD S.S. JOHN CHANDLER ABOUT 23RD FEB. REQUEST MEN BE TURNED OVER TO ITALIAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION. REPORT OF CHARGES INVOLVED IF AVAILABLE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO NAVY SUB COMMISSION. MINISTRY MARINE INFORMED.

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DIS. 3.9.40.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1639

10 February 1945.

SECRET

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AO.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: S.S. GASTIERE; Deserters from.

1. With reference to Navy Sub-Commission, AO letter NSC/1408 of 29 December 1944, information has been received that the deserters from the subject vessel named therein, will arrive at Naples via the SS JOHN CHANDLER about the end of February 1945.

2. The Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean has been requested by despatch to turn the men over to Italian Naval authorities for disciplinary action.

3. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission, AC be informed when the men are delivered and the action taken.

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



14 FEB 1945

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

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

To:

FROM:

F.O.N.A.M. (F. N.O.I.C. NAPLES)

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

SECRET.

AFHQ INFORMS NAVY SUB-COMMISSION THAT WILLIAM ACQUAFREDA AND
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 MINISTRY MARINE INFORMED.

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NAVAL MESSAGE.

For use in
Signal
Department
onlyOriginator's Instructions
(Indication of Priority,
Intercept Group, etc.)

ROUTINE

Code/Plaintext

SECRET

No. of
Groups

TO:

FROM:

~~FOTOTALI~~ FONAM (R) NO: Naples.

FOTALI ROME

AFHQ INFORMS NAVY SUBCOMMISSION THAT WILLIAM ACQUAFREDA
AND ENZO MECOZZI ITALIAN NATIONALS DESERTERS FROM ARMED
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Operator

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Date 3931

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SECRET

Navy

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

KPM/jjjr

G-5: 091.713-1 Italy

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Deserters from Italian Navy.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394
(Attn: Navy Sub-Commission)

WILLIAM ACQUAFREDDA and ENZO MECOZZI

1. Reference is made to HQ. A.C. (Navy Sub-Commission)
Signal 8970 dated 29 Dec. 44.

2. The above named deserters, Italian Nationals, are
being deported from United States on JOHN CHANDLER, 23 Feb.
45 at DUKO.

3. It is requested that these persons are delivered
to Italian Naval authorities at port of entry.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

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2 FEB 1945
A. C.

K. P. Mannock Jr.

K. P. MANNOCK
Jr. Comdr.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:



K. P. MANNOCK
Jr. Comdr.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

S. 1320d.

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

To:

ALCOM

FROM:

AFHQ.

(Signed SACMED)

Secret Important.

Cite MEGG.

Information has been received that Italian Nationals William ACQUAFREDA and ENZO MICOZZI who were assigned as armed guards aboard the SS SIESTRIERE deserted the ship at New York on 22nd April 1944 are being held on deportation charges by Department of Justice. They are considered deserters from the Italian Navy. Your view as to disposition in event of deportation is desired.

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Public Safety S.C. request Navy S.C. takes necessary action.
Dist. 4,9,11.

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T.O.R. A.M.

D to 28-12-44.
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OUTGOING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

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PRIORITY

SECRET YOUR TWO SEVEN ONE SIX ONE FIVE A REQUEST DESERTERS BE
HANDLED OVER TO ITALIAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES PAREN FROM NAVY SUBCOM
HQ ALCOM ACTION AFHQ PAREN AT PORT OF ARRIVAL IN ITALY FOR
APPROPRIATE ACTION PD NAVY SUBCOM AC SHOULD BE INFORMED EXPECTED
TIME AND PORT OF DEBARKATION AND FURNISHED WITH FACTS INVOLVED IN
CASE.

NAVY SC HQ AC

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1408
29 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: SS. SESTRIERE - Deserters from.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. has been informed by Allied Force Headquarters that the following named Italian Nationals who were on duty in the Armed Guard crew aboard the SS. SESTRIERE, deserted from the ship on 22 April 1944, at New York, New York.

ACQUAFREDA	William
MECOZZI	Enzo

2. The above named men are being held by the United States Department of Justice and are subject to deportation. In the event they are deported, they will be turned over to the Italian naval authorities at the port of arrival in Italy for appropriate disciplinary action. The Ministry of Marine will be informed when further information is received.

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

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OUTGOING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION

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SECRET YOUR TWO SEVEN ONE SIX ONE FIVE A REQUEST DENOTING BE
HANDLED OVER TO ITALIAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES PAPER FROM NAVY BUREAU
IN ALICE ACTION AFTER PAPER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL IN ITALY FOR
APPROPRIATE ACTION PD NAVY BUREAU AC SHOULD BE INFORMED EXPECTED
TIME AND PORT OF DESIGNATION AND FURNISHED WITH FACTS INVOLVED IN
CASE

Copy to:
Public Safety D.C.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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

To:
ALCOM

FROM:
AFHQ.
(Signed SACMED)

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Cite FHGEG.

Information has been received that Italian Nationals William ACQUAFRIDA and ENZO MECOZZI who were assigned as armed guards aboard the SS SESTRINE deserted the ship at New York on 22nd April 1944 are being held on deportation charges by Department of Justice. They are considered deserters from the Italian Navy. Your view as to disposition in event of deportation is desired.

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Public Safety S.C. request Navy S.C. takes necessary action.

Dist. 4,9,11.

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ACTION: AICOM

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- Action - P Safety (2)
- Info - Chief Commissioner
- CA Sec
- Navy SC
- Legal SC
- Disper & Rep
- File

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Ministero della Marina

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M. F.O.L.I.

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N.°

B/344 - Allegati 1

ARGOMENTO. Cannoniere O. TROIANO Pasquale -
matr. 18040-classe 1920.

Riferimento nota NSC/1330 in data 14
Dicembre 1944.

Il Cann.O. TROIANO Pasquale presta
servizio presso l'Headquarters Air Force
Ordnance Depot come risulta dal certifi-
cato a lui rilasciato il 18 Ottobre 1944,
che qui si allega in copia. -

*Enclosing note
from Air Force Ordnance
Dept. H.Q. stating that they
require further TROIANO's
services.*

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

Referenced
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No action taken in view of
action with AFHQ to regularize
position of Italian Navy Personnel
employed by Allied Forces
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HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE ORDNANCE DEPOT 8
APO 528

Date - 18 October 1944

SUBJECT: Deferment Of Italian Civilians.-

Si certifica che Pasquale TROIANO é ora impiegato quale artificiere presso l'ATOD 8 e che il suo lavoro é necessario allo sforzo di guerra Alleato. - Perciò non si consente che egli venga rilasciato. -

Per l'Ufficiale Comandante.

WILLARD F. STEWART,
1st Lt. Ord. Dept
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission, APO 394

NSC/1330
14 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Comm. O. TROIANO, Pasquale.

1. In reply to Ministry of Marine's letter 1087/FO of 7 December, regarding subject deserter, the Allied unit designation and its location are not stated. If this information is supplied, request for regularization of TROIANO's status will be put forward.

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



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15 DEC 1944

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
 To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
 Date: 7/12/44
 Ref.: 1087/FO

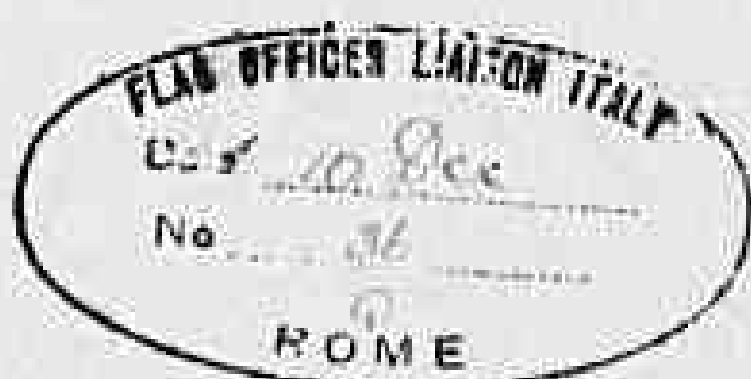
Subject: Gunner TROIANO, Pasquale, S.N°.13040
of 1920 Class.

1. Ref. made to letter 1086/FO of to-day's date.
2. The above was sent on 15 days' leave to Manfredonia (Foggia) expiring on 14th June last by his Command, I.R.N. Cruiser "Duca degli Abruzzi".
3. Accused of desertion, TROIANO was searched for by the R.Carabinieri at Manfredonia to be taken back to his Ship.
4. He was found to be engaged on work of interest to Allied Authorities and these would not release him.
5. We await to be informed of your Command's decisions based on the latter part of your letter N°.L.36/1 of 23rd Sept. last.

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Ord. N. 1087/70. Allegato

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

ARGOMENTO: Cann.O. TROIANO Pasquale matricola 18040, della classe 1920.

1. - Si fa riferimento alla lettera odierna N. 1086/70 di questo U.G.
2. - Il Cann.O. TROIANO Pasquale matricola 18040 della classe 1920 venne dal suo Comando (R.Incr. Duca degli Abruzzi) inviato in licenza di giorni 15 a Manfredonia (Foggia) con l'obbligo di rientrare a bordo il 14 giugno u.s.
3. - Essendo il TROIANO incorso nel reato di diserzione i CC.RR. di Manfredonia sono stati interessati a curarne la sua traduzione a bordo.
4. - L'Arma stessa ha però comunicato che il militare era ingaggiato in lavori interessanti le Autorità Alleate e che queste non ne hanno consentito l'allontanamento.
5. - Si resta in attesa di conoscere le decisioni di questo Ufficio a norma dell'ultima parte della sua lettera n. L 36/1 in data 23 settembre u.s.

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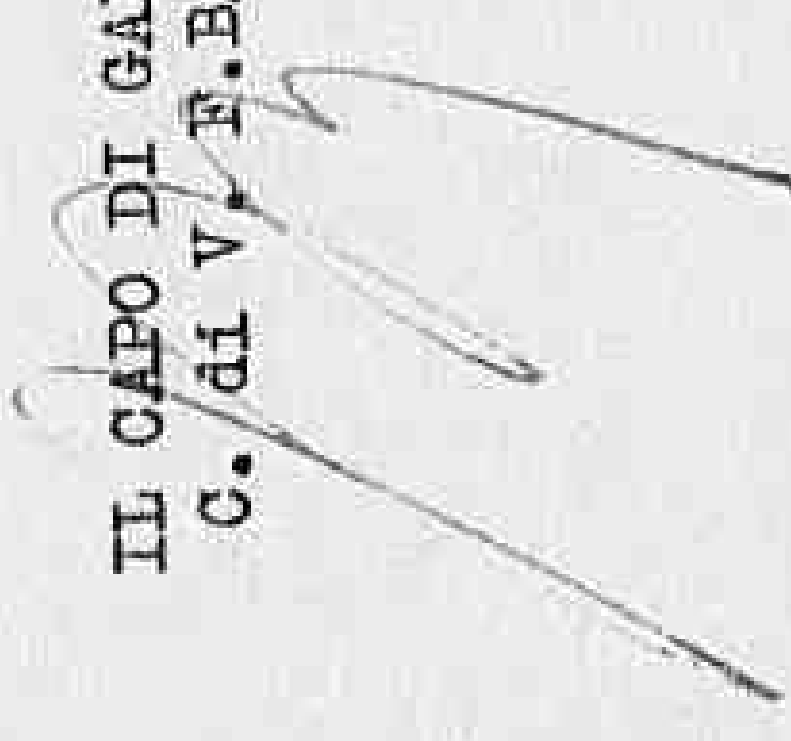
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI

Prod. 1084/50 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Cann.O. TROIANO Pasquale matricola 18040, della classe 1920.

1. - Si fa riferimento alla lettera odierna *B. 1086/50* di questo U.G.
2. - Il Cann.O. TROIANO Pasquale matricola 18040 della classe 1920 venne dal suo Comando (R.Incr. Duca degli Abruzzi) inviato in licenza di giorni 15 a Manfredonia (Foggia) con l'obbligo di rientrare a bordo il 14 giugno u.s.
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IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI



FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
ALLIED COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS
ROME

2 January 1945.

No. L 36/2

MINISTRY OF MARINE
ROME

ABSENTEES FROM CIVILIAN LABOR CORPS - REGISTRATION AND
EXEMPTION OF.

The Ministry of Marine was requested in paragraph 5 of my letter L 36/a of 2 October 1944 to issue instructions to regularize the position of persons who are absentees from Civilian Labor Corps. Further arrests were reported in Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/9948 of 13 October 1944. In paragraph 2, thereof, it was clearly pointed out that it was not known by whom the arrests were ordered. Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/1173 of 19 November 1944, requested information as to the action taken by the Ministry of Marine in this connection.

2. The Ministry of Marine letter 1086/FO of 7 December 1944, stated that the cases had been immediately attentively examined and instructions issued to avoid carrying out arrests of deserters from the Italian Navy employed by the Allied Armed Forces. From paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 thereof, it was apparent that the Ministry of Marine referred to deserters from the Italian Navy instead of absentees or deserters from Civilian Labor Corps. Flag Officer Liaison Italy letter No. L 36/2 of 22 December 1944, pointed out this difference and requested the Ministry to issue instructions to clarify the status of the latter persons as originally requested on 2 October 1944.

3. Ministry of Marine letter No. 1169/FO of 29 December 1944, states that the Italian Navy has never had a Civilian Labor Corps attached to it and that the Attorney General of the Regia has been requested to review the order for the arrests of ZERRO, CAPRUTTI and STRILA so as to know the initial circumstances regarding these persons. In view of paragraph 1 of Ministry of Marine letter 1086/FO of 7 December 1944, which states that the cases were immediately and attentively examined on receipt of my letter of 2 October 1944, it would appear that the Ministry of Marine is already cognizant of the facts involved.

4. In view of the above, the Ministry of Marine is requested to obtain and submit full particulars regarding the control of Civilian Labor Corps in order that appropriate action may be taken with the Italian authorities concerned to regularize the position of these persons.

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for HEAD ADJUTANT.

ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

BSA/ep

From: WMD & IPW Sub Commission

SUBJECT: Repatriation of Assault Craft
PersonnelFILE No. 1/2/239TO: Navy Sub Commission, HQ A.C.
Attention Commodore M.W. ZIROLI8 December 1944

- 1/. Reference your MSC/916C of 29 September 1944, we have to-day learned that the following Italian POWs have been approved for repatriation and will be returned from U.S. to Italy by water:
- Sottocapo Tindaro Paratore 7WI8535
 - Secondo Capo Damos Guaccagnini 7WI8526
 - Secondo Capo Alessandro Rollieri 7WI8466
 - Chief Petty Officer Pietro Zanibone 7WI8590
 - Sergeant Luigi Barla 7WI2363
 - 1st.Lt. Franco Costa TI459NA
- 2/. We will advise your office of any further information regarding this group.

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lt. Colonel
Director WMD & IPW Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1332
14 December 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Repatriation of Assault Craft Personnel
Reference: Ministry of Marine letter 382/FO of 5 September
1944 to FOLI, Rome.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission is informed that the following subject Italian Navy personnel on list sent with reference have been approved for repatriation from the United States:

Sottocapo Tindaro Paratore	-	7W18535
Secondo Capo Danos Quaccagnini	-	7W18526
Secondo Capo Alessandro Follieri	-	7W18466
Chief Petty Officer Pietro Zanibone	-	7W18590
Sergeant Luigi Barla	-	7W12363
1st. Lt. Franco Costa	-	7W1459NA

2. The Ministry of Marine will be advised if any further information regarding subject group.

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

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission
APO 394

NSC/916C

29 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
To : War Materials Disposal & Prisoners
of War Sub-Commission, Hq, ACC.
Subject: Assault Craft Personnel in POW Camps.
Enclosure: Copy of list of subject.

1. Enclosed list of subject personnel has been forwarded from Ministry of Marine with request for priority consideration for repatriation.

2. It is requested that this Italian Navy personnel be included in total repatriation plans but the responsible operational authorities concerned do not recommend priority consideration for this group.

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



30 OCT 1944

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INQUERITERRA

Guardiamarina	RECCIOLI	Giorgio	-	Campo	13
Sottotenente A.N.	MORELLO	Agostino	-	"	13
Sottocapo Palombaro	PIRELLI	Carlo	-	"	13
Sottocapo Palombaro	CUCILINNO	Giuseppe	-	"	13
Sottocapo Palombaro	COCCHI	Ferdinando	-	"	13
Sottocapo Palombaro	VARINI	Dino	-	"	13
Sottocapo Palombaro	PARRICELLI	Colombo	-	"	4 bis
Sottocapo Palombaro	FERRODDI	Giuseppe	-	"	45
Sottocapo Palombaro	LUCIANI	Luciano	-	"	17
Nocchiere	BOTTI		-	"	13
2°Capo Infermiere	GHIANOLI		-	"	35
Sottocapo Palombaro	PEDRINI	Enrico	-		
Secondo Capo Is. Id. Fis.	MARCHISIO		-		
Marinaio					

ALGERIA

Sottotenente Artiglieria DEQUAL Pulvio - 6° Depot. P.C. Seida

AMERICA

Tenente di Vascello	- COSTA	Francesco	-	Campo	Clark Missouri
Capo Meccanico	CAPRIOTTI	Fiorenzo	-	"	"
2°Capo Palombaro	-PACCAGNINI	Demos	-	"	"
2°Capo Motor. Navale	-FOLLINERI	Alessandro	-	"	"
Sottonocchiere	-PARATORE	Tindaro	-	"	"
Secondo Nocchiere	-ZANTIBONI	Pietro	-	"	"
Sottocapo Palombaro	-BARIA	Luigi	-	"	"

SUD AFRICA

Capo Palombaro 3° classe	BIANCHI	Emilio	-		
Secondo Capo Palombaro	MARINO	Mario	-		
Secondo Capo Palombaro	MARABELLI	Noto	-		
Sottocapo Palombaro	PAVALLI	Luigi	-		
Palombaro	SCHERCAT	Spartaco	-		

INDIA

Capitano di Ireguta	GIORGINI		-	Campo	26
Tenente di Vascello	PAGGIONI	Luigi	-	"	26
Tenente di Vascello	BRUNETTI		-	"	26
Tenente di Vascello	FRANZINI		-	"	26
Capitano Armi Navali	STEFANINI	Gustavo	-	"	28
S. Tenente di Vascello	CABRINI	Angelo	-	"	28
S. Tenente di Vascello	FRESSETTO		-	"	24
			-	"	26

Sottocapo Palombaro	COCCINI	-	Dino	13	"	
Sottocapo Palombaro	VARINI	-	Colombo	4 bis	"	
Sottocapo Palombaro	PAMOLLI	-	Giuseppe	45	"	
Sottocapo Palombaro	FARCIDI	-	Luciano	17	"	
Nocchiere	LUCIANI	-		13	"	
2°Capo Infermiere	BOTTI	-		35	"	
Sottocapo Palombaro	CIANOLI	-	Enrico			
Secondo Capo Is.Md.Fis.	PEDRINI	-				
Marinaio	MARCHISIO	-				
A L C E R I A						
Sottotenente Artiglieria DEQUAI		-	Fulvio		6° Depot. P.C. Saide	
A M E R I C A						
Tenente di Vascello	- COSTA	-	Francesco		Campo Clark Missouri	
Capo Meccanico	CAPRIOTTI	-	Fiorenzo	"	"	
2°Capo Palombaro	- PACCAGNINI	-	Demos	"	"	
2°Capo Motor.Navale	- FOLLIERI	-	Alessandro	"	"	
Sottococchiere	- PARATORE	-	Tindaro	"	"	
Secondo Nocchiere	- ZANIGONI	-	Pietro	"	"	
Sottocapo Palombaro	- BARRA	-	Luigi	"	"	
S U D A F R I C A						
Capo Palombaro 3° classe	BIANCHI	-	Emilio			
Secondo Capo Palombaro	MARINO	-	Mario			
Secondo Capo Palombaro	MARELLI	-	Noto			
Sottocapo Palombaro	FAVALE	-	Luigi			
Palombaro	SCHERCAT	-	Spartaco			
I N D I A						
Capitano di Fregata	GIORGINI	-	Luigi	26	Campo	
Tenente di Vascello	FACCIONI	-		26	"	
Tenente di Vascello	BRUNETTI	-		26	"	
Tenente di Vascello	FRANZINI	-		26	"	
Capitano Armi Navali	STEFANINI	-	Gustavo	28	"	
S. Tenente di Vascello	CABRINI	-	Angelo	29	"	
S. Tenente di Vascello	FRESSETTO	-		24	"	
S. Tenente di Vascello	CACCIOPPO	-	Luigi	26	"	
S. Tenente di Vascello	CALCAGNO	-	Aristide	27	"	
Tenente Genio Nevele	PELLERINELLI	-	Luigi	27	"	
Guardiamarina	MAGGELLIO	-	Giovanni	27	"	
Sott. Tenente Medico	SPACCAPELLI	-	Giorgio	24	"	
Secondo Capo	BECCATI	-	Antonio		Gruppo lavoratori Bombay	
Sottocapo	BARBIERI	-	Emidio	"	"	
Capo di 2° classe	DE VITO	-	Alessio	"	"	

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D J U (INDIE PORTOCHESI)

Internato:

Capitano Genio Navale TOSCHI ELIOS

DUPLICATE

18/5

From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To: P O L I - Rome
Date: 5.9.44
Ref.: 582/PO.

Subject: Repatriation of "Assault Craft" Personnel
from P.O.W. Camps.

As you are aware, since the Armistice to-date only 7 Officers and 1 Ldg. Hand have been repatriated from POW Camps.

This Ministry considers it to be opportune and urgent that all, or at least a great part of, the personnel under discussion should return to their Command, in which their ability and experience in the use of "Assault craft" could be made great use of, as has been shown in recent operations undertaken with these weapons.

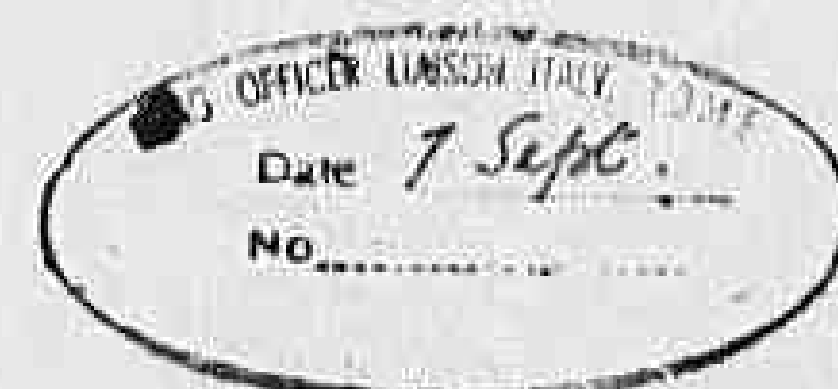
It must be borne in mind, apart from other reasons, that the fact that only a few "Assault Craft" personnel have been repatriated and that the lower ranks are practically excluded from this number, occasions depression and bitterness amongst the latter who are still awaiting repatriation and who, therefore, cannot place their services at the Allies' Command in aid of the common cause.

In sending attached list of personnel whose repatriation has already been requested, we shall be glad if you will approach British Authorities concerned so that, in view of the above, they will benevolently consider the possibility of conceding the desired repatriation and to issue the necessary orders as soon as possible.

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(Sgd.) CHIEF OF CABINET.

DG.-)



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

10th September, 1944.

No. L.18/5.

FLAG OFFICER TARANTO, ADRIATIC
AND LIAISON ITALY,
TARANTO.

REPATRIATION OF "ASSAULT CRAFT"
PERSONNEL.

Request contained in Ministry of Marine's letter No. 582/FO of 5th September, 1944, is not recommended for priority consideration at this time. Approval is requested however, for forwarding request to War Materials Disposal and Prisoners of War Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, for inclusion of these Italian Royal Naval personnel in complete repatriation plans.

2. Return of papers is requested.

(Sgd.) I. M. PALMER.

For REAR ADMIRAL.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean,
Allied Force Headquarters.
10th October, 1944.

No. MED. 00470/4.
THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO, ADRIATIC AND LIAISON, ITALY. (ROME)
(Copy to: The Flag Officer, Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison,
Italy.)

REPATRIATION OF ASSAULT UNIT PERSONNEL.

With reference to the Flag Officer, Taranto,
Adriatic and Liaison, Italy's letters No. 1027/143 of 8th May,
1944, T.A. 1027/9 of 14th March, 1944, and 1027/9 of 27th May,
1944, the following is the present position :

2. All names requested have been forwarded through
the military authorities to the Commands concerned.

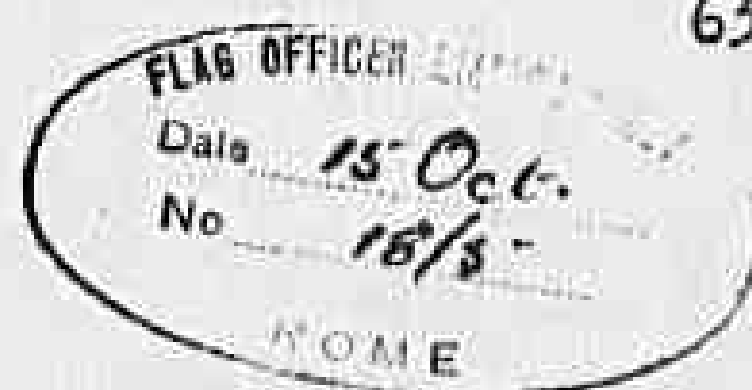
3. The following four men ex South Africa have now been
embarked for repatriation and will be routed by M.E.F. as soon as
possible to the British Naval Authorities at Taranto. It is
requested that their full names, places and dates of birth, may
be supplied :

	Ldg. Dvr.	FAVALE L.
2nd Cl.	ditto	MARINO M.
2nd Cl.	ditto	MORBELLI
C.P.O.	Dvr 3rd Cl.	BIANCHI E.

4. Ldg. Dvr. SCHERGAT S. is medically unfit and will
not be included.

5. The following will not be included for repatriation,
as there are objections to their release on security grounds.

70202 LUCIANI, Luciano
8687 DE VITO, Alursio
63117 GIANOLI, Andrea.



M. B. Laving
for ADMIRAL

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

No. L. 18/5
MSC 10950 ✓

2 November 1944.

MINISTRY OF MARINE,
ROME.

REPATRIATION OF ASSAULT CRAFT PERSONNEL

Request for repatriation of assault personnel made in earlier correspondence most recent of which was your letter 582/FO of 5 September 1944, have been forwarded to authorities concerned as received.

2. Information has been received that the following men of this group are to be repatriated shortly:

Ldg. Dvr.	FAVALE I.
2nd. Cl. Ldg. Dvr.	MARINO M.
2nd. Cl. Ldg. Dvr.	MORBELLI
C.P.O. Dvr 3rd Cl.	BIANCHI E.

It is requested that the full names, dates and places of birth be supplied this office as soon as possible.

3. Ldg. Dvr. SCHERGAT S. is medically unfit and cannot be returned at this time.

4. The following will not be repatriated for some time for security reasons:

LUCIANI, Luciano	70202
DE VITO, Alursio	8687
GIANOLI, Andrea	63117

5. Additional information on subject personnel will be passed to you as soon as it is received. 111

WILLIAM M. PALMER.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

FROM: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
 To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
 Date: 2.12.44
 Ref.: 1061/RO.

Subject: Repatriation of Assault Craft
Personnel.

With ref. to Para. 2) of your letter L.13/5 of 2nd ult., we give you the particulars relative to Assault Craft personnel who have returned from confinement, with the exception of Chief Diver (3rd Cl.) Bianchi, Emilio not repatriated due to illness.

- Favale, Luciano - 1st Diver - Serv. No 53349 - 1920 Class - Volunteer 1939/40 Course - Son of Nicola and Cricefieso, Magnolia - Born on 13th Dec. 1920 at Monterone (Lecce); his address there is via S. Sillio No 39.
- Marino, Mario. - 2nd Ch. Diver - S. No 35357 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Salerno Port Captaincy - Son of Antonio and Durente Maria - Born on 27th March 1914 at Salerno; his address there is via Giulio Tesano (Pastena).
- Mortelli, Giuseppe - 2nd Ch. Diver - S. No 35350 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Savona Port Captaincy - Son of Balio and Cacciabue Maria - Born on 2th Aug. 1914 at Rivalta Bormida (Alessandria); his address there is via dell'Impero No 75. **3510**
- Schergat, Spartaco - Diver - S. No 13469 - Recalled 1920 Cl. - attached to Trieste Port Captaincy - Son of Pietro and Marbade Marie - Born on 12th July 1920 at Capo d'Istria (Pola); his address there is Via Barodel No 75. **X**
- Bianchi, Emilio - Particulars asked for are not known. **X**

Personnel.

With ref. to airc. 2) of your letter L.1.2/5 of 2nd ulto., we give you the particulars relative to Assault Craft personnel who have returned from confinement, with the exception of Chief Diver (3rd Cl.) Bianchi, Emilio not repatriated due to illness.

- Favale, Luciano
 - 1st Diver - Serv. No 53343 - 1920 Class - Volunteer 1939/40 Course
 - Son of Nicola and Gricefisso, Magnolia - Born on 13th Dec. 1920 at Monterone (Lecce); his address there is via S. Silio No 33.
- Marino, Mario.
 - 2nd Ch. Diver - S. No 35857 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Salerno Port Captaincy - Son of Antonio and Durante Maria - Born on 27th March 1914 at Salerno; his address there is via Giulio Tesano (Pastena).
- Morbelli, Giuseppe
 - 2nd Ch. Diver - S. No 35850 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Savona Port Captaincy - Son of Bai. io and Cacciabue Maria - Born on 9th Aug. 1914 at Rivalta Bormida (Alessandria); his address there is via Cell'Impero No 73. **310**
- Schergat, Spartaco
 - Diver - S. No 13463 - Recalled 1920 Cl. - attached to Trieste Port Captaincy - Son of Pietro and Marbada Maria - Born on 12th July 1920 at Capo d'Istria (Dola); his address there is Via Barodel No 75. **X**
- Bianchi, Emilio
 - Particulars asked for are not known. **X**



CHIEF OF CABINET

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

6th December, 1944.

CONFIDENTIAL

No. L. 18/5.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

REPERCUSSION OF ASSAULT CRAFT PERSONNEL.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No. Med.00470/4 of 10th October, 1944, the Ministry of Marine has supplied the following identifying data for the four subject ratings :-

RAVAIN, Luciano - Leading Diver - Serv. No. 53349 - 1920 class - Volunteer 1939/40 Course - Son of Nicola and Griseofisso, Magnolia - Born on 15th December, 1920, at Monterone (Lecce), his address there is Via S. Silio n. 38.

MARINO, Mario - 2nd Chief Diver - Serv. No. 35857 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Salerno Port Captaincy - Son of Antonio and Durente Maria - Born on 27th March, 1914, at Salerno; his address there is Via Giulio Cesare (Postuma).

MONTALLI, Giuseppe - 2nd Chief Diver - Serv. No. 35850 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Savona Port Captaincy - Son of Biagio and Cacciabue Maria - Born on 9th of August, 1914, at Rivalta Bormida (Alessandria); his address there is Via dell'Impero No. 75.

BIANCHI, Emilio - Particulars asked for are not known.

2. The following information is supplied for Leading Diver SCARLAT, Spartaco listed in paragraph 4 :-

SCARLAT, Spartaco - Diver - Serv. No. 43459 - Recalled 1920 class - attached to Trieste Port Captaincy - Son of Pietro and Mariade Maria - Born on 12th July, 1920, at Capo d'Istria (Pola); his address there is Via Baradel No. 75.

No. L.18/5.

COMMANDEER-IN-CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

DISSEMINATION OF ASSAULT CRASH PERSONNEL.

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No. Med.00470/4 of 10th October, 1944, the Ministry of Marine has supplied the following identifying data for the four subject ratings :-

PAVALI, Imogene - Leading Diver - Serv. No. 53343 - 1920 class - Volunteer 1939/40 Course - Son of Nicola and Gricefleso, Magnolia - Born on 13th December, 1920, at Monterone (Lecce), his address there is Via S. Silio n.38.

MARINO, Mario - 2nd Chief Diver - Serv. No. 33957 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Salerno Port Captaincy - Son of Antonio and Durante Maria - Born on 27th March, 1914, at Salerno; his address there is Via Giulio Teseo (Pastena).

MONTEBILI, Giuseppe - 2nd Chief Diver - Serv. No. 35850 - Volunteer 1934 Course - attached to Savona Port Captaincy - Son of Riegio and Cacciabue Maria - Born on 9th of August, 1914, at Rivalta Bernida (Alessandria); his address there is Via dell'Impero No.75.

BIANCHI, Emilio - Particulars asked for are not known.

2. The following information is supplied for Leading Diver SCHERAT, Spartaco listed in paragraph 4 :-

SCHERAT, Spartaco - Diver - Serv. No. 43469 - Recalled 1920 class **43469** attached to Trieste Port Captaincy - Son of Pietro and Mariada Maria - Born on 12th July, 1920, at Capo d'Istria (Vola); his address there is Via Baredel No.75.

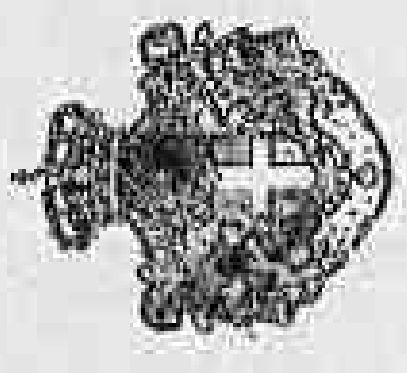
(Sgd.) I. M. PALMER.

For REAR ADMIRAL.

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

Al F.O.L.I. = K O R E =

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO ROMA - ROMA

Indirizzo 582/10 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: Rientro dalla prigionia di militari già appartenenti ai mezzi di assalto.

SEGRETO

Come è noto dall'epoca dell'armistizio ad oggi sono rientrati dalla prigionia soltanto 7 ufficiali ed un sergente.

Questo Ministero ritiene che sarebbe opportuno ed urgente che tutti od almeno gran parte del personale ai cui trattasi fossero fatti rientrare al reparto di origine, nel quale la loro competenza ed esperienza nell'uso dei mezzi d'assalto potrebbero rendere ottimi servigi, analogamente a quanto si è dimostrato in recenti operazioni compiute con tali armi.

E' doveroso tener conto, tra l'altro, che il fatto di aver disposto il rientro dalla prigionia solo per alcuni componenti gli equipaggi dei mezzi d'assalto e di avere invece escluso dalla concessione i militari di bassa forza, costituisce motivo di depressione ed amarezza per questi ultimi che ancora sono in attesa di venire rimpatriati e che perciò non possono mettere la loro opera a disposizione degli alleati per la causa comune. 3908

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Prot. N. 582/10 Allegato

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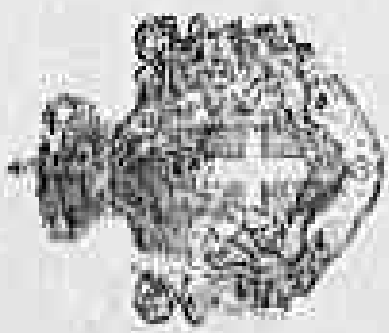
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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
C. di V. M. Baslini

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Ministero della Marina

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 1001/Sp. Allegati

Roma - 2 DIC 1944

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

ARGOMENTO: rimpatrio di personale dei mezzi d'assalto.

Con riferimento al paragrafo 2) del foglio di cotesto F.O.L.I. n. 10/3 del 2 novembre u.s., si comunicano i dati richiesti relativi al personale dei mezzi d'assalto rientrati dalla prigionia ed eccezione del Capo Palombaro di 3° classe bianchi bml lo non rimpatriato perche ammesso.

- Ravale Luciano - S. Capo Palombaro - matricola 33349 - classe 1920 - volontario del corso 339:940 - di n. 1 cola e di Cricerisso Magnolia - nato il 13 dicembre 1920 a Monterone (Lecce) ed ivi domiciliato in via S. Silio n. 38 -
- Marino Mario - 2° Capo Palombaro - matricola 33021 - volontario del corso 1934 - ascritto alla Capitaneria di Salerno - di Antonio e di Durente Maria - nato il 21 marzo 1914 a Salerno ed ivi domiciliato in via Giulio Cesare (Pastene).
- Morbelli Giuseppe - 2° Capo Palombaro - matricola 33030 - volontario del corso 1934 - ascritto alla Capitaneria di Porto di Savona - di Biagio e di Giacabue Maria - nato il 9 agosto 1914 a Riva di Bormida (Alessandria) ed ivi domiciliato in via dell'Impero n. 12.
- Senergat Spartaco - Palombaro - matricola 13409 - richiamato classe 1920 - ascritto alla Capitaneria di Porto di Trieste - di Pietro e di Maria Marbede - nato il 12 luglio 1920 - a Capo d'Istria (Pola) ed ivi domiciliato in via Barodel n. 3.

Prospetto 1001/50 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: RIMPATRIO DI PERSONALE DEI MEZZI D'ASSALTO.

Con riferimento al paragrafo 2) del foglio di cotesto F.O.L.I. n. 10/2 del 2 novembre u.s., si comunicano i dati rionali sui relativi al personale dei mezzi d'assalto rientrati dalla prigionia ed eccezione del Capo Palombaro di 3° classe Bianchi Emilio non rimpatriato perche ammalato.

- Ravale Luciano - S. Capo Palombaro - matricola 33349 - classe 1920 - volontario del corso 939:940 - di Nicola e di Gricelesso Magnolia - nato il 13 dicembre 1920 a Monterone (Lecce) ed ivi domiciliato in via S. Sillio n. 30 -
- Marino Mario - 2° Capo Palombaro - matricola 33027 - volontario del corso 1934 - iscritto alla Capitaneria di Salerno - di Antonio e di Larente Maria - nato il 27 marzo 1914 a Salerno ed ivi domiciliato in via Giulio Cesare (Pastena).
- Morbelli Giuseppe - 2° Capo Palombaro - matricola 33030 - volontario del corso 1934 - iscritto alla Capitaneria di Porto di Savona - di Biagio e di Giacabue Maria - nato il 9 agosto 1914 a Riva di Bormida (Alessandria) ed ivi domiciliato in via dell'Impero n. 12.
- Bonergat Spartaco - Palombaro - matricola 13405 - rioniamato classe 1920 - iscritto alla Capitaneria di Porto di Trieste - di Pietro e di Maria Marbede - nato il 12 luglio 1920 - a Capo d'Istria (Pola) ed ivi domiciliato in via Barodel n. 3.
- Bianchi Emilio - non si conoscono i dati richiesti.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
G. di V. Baslini

C-O-P-Y

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394.

13 May 1944.

Ref 185/17/CA.

SUBJECT: Deserters and Absentees from the Italian Army.

TO : R.C. Region V.

1. I consider the rounding up of deserters and absentees from the Italian Armed Forces to be a matter of great importance and one to which your attention is drawn with emphasis. The Chief Commissioner has decided however, that owing to the vital necessity of harvesting the crops, the Foggia area must receive special treatment.
2. You are directed to take the following action immediately in regard to Foggia Province:
 - (a) Ensure that all deserters and absentees who are required for agriculture work be registered forthwith but NOT removed. An exemption certificate for one or two months must be given them.
 - (b) The Carabinieri must be given full authority to make investigations and to remove any person without a certificate as in (a) above.
3. This situation requires immediate action:
 - (a) Because of the imminence of the harvest.
 - (b) Because the Minister of War is shortly to issue a proclamation declaring that all deserters and absentees will be treated in future as if their act were "in face of the enemy".
4. please send a report of the action taken by you on this letter to reach this HQ with a copy to Army Sub-Commission (Main HQ Lecce), by 31 May. This report must include a list of those given exemption certificates, vide para 2 (a) above.

NORMAN E. FISKE,
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

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Copy to: Army Sub-Commission (Main HQ Lecce)
Economic Section - For Agriculture Sub-Commission (2).

C-O-P-YHEADQUARTERS
A.M.G. REGION V
C.M.F.

Ref: R5/514/20

30 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Deserters and Absentees, Italian Army.

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

In re your 185/17/CA - received 15 May.

1. The Provincial Commissioner, Foggia Province, was apprized of the contents of the above communication and has taken the steps indicated as to the registration of deserters and absentees and has arranged to have the Prefect submit lists of exemptions monthly as of the 20th of the month. This first report does not include names requested, since the people have not had sufficient time to register, because the instructions have not been out sufficiently long to reach them.
2. Lists of names as Appendix "A" will be forwarded later.
3. The carabinieri have been accorded full authority in Foggia Province to carry on the required investigations and procedure.
4. The plan as set up appears to be working out satisfactorily and should any unfavorable developments manifest themselves appropriate corrective measures will be taken.

For the Regional Commissioner:

EARL A. REASSIER,
Major, C.M.F.
Adjutant.

Copy to Army Sub-Commission (Main Hq, Lecce)

3905

#32
File No.
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Serial: 13

7 June 1944.

From: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To : Regional Control and Military Government Section, ACC.
Subject: Deserters from the Armed Forces in Areas Controlled
by the Allies.

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Italian Commander-in-Chief, Maritime Department of Ionian and Lower Adriatic letter No. 28205/C.O. of 30 May 1944, with reference to the return of Italian Naval deserters who are under Allied jurisdiction.

2. Information is requested as to the policy established for the return of deserters to Italian Naval authorities so that the Italian Commander-in-Chief, Maritime Department of Ionian and Lower Adriatic may be advised.

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

Copy to:
NAV REP NSC-Salerno
TOTALI

3904

From: Commander In Chief, Maritime Department of Ionian and
Lower Adriatic.
Date: 30th May, 1944.
To : F.O.T.A. Taranto.
No : 28205/C.C.

Subject: DESERTERS FROM THE ARMED FORCES IN AREAS CONTROLLED
BY THE ALLIES.

The Commanding Officer of the Royal Carabinieri
station at CERIGNOLA (FOGGIA) replying in a letter No. 22/535
of the 12th instant to a request by the Naval Command at HARI
for the apprehension and restitution of a Service-man, replied;

"The Officer of the Allied Military Government of
CERIGNOLA has given orders that no Service man who have deserted
or who for any reason find themselves in the territory under his
jurisdiction be arrested, let alone brought back and sent to the
Italian Royal Naval Station or Departments.

He has also forbidden the execution of warrants
of arrest against the deserters."

I request that you advise this Command in Chief
whether such are the orders of the Allied Military Government
for the District of CERIGNOLA.

Signed - A. DA ZARA.

Admiral,

Commander in Chief.

3903

(ENCLOSURE).

SUBJECT:- Recall to Colours of
 Civilians employed in
Naval Dockyard PALERMO

Army Sub Commission MMIA (Adv)
 R O M E

A/216

2 Jul 44

J. B.

Lt Col Lester R. Albert
 MMIA LO - PALERMO

Copy to:- HQ 3 District
 MMIA Main HQ - LEQUIL
 Naval Sub Commission (Adv) ✓

1. Civilians, now being recalled to Italian Armed Forces, are in certain instances essential workers in the Naval Operating Base PALERMO.
2. Request you arrange that under no circumstances is any man removed from the N.O.B. if he is essential to the Naval work.
3. N.O.B. will provide full list of the personnel concerned as early as possible. Arrange with 56 Area to obtain the correct exemption for these personnel.

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FILE:RC/045.7

SUBJECT: Recruiting for Italian Navy and Armed Forces

TO : Executive Commissioner
 R.C. & M.G. Section
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1. Discussions on the attached proposals on Italian naval recruiting have taken place between

- a. Ammiraglio Bobbiese and High Commissioner SICILY
- b. Ammiraglio Bobbiese and Regional Commissioner SICILY
- c. Generale Mariotti, Comd XII Corps has also participated in discussions.

2. Ammiraglio Bobbiese first suggested that the High Commissioner should issue a Bando: this was discouraged by Regional Commissioner, who also considered original draft controversial. This led to final draft which is attached.

3. At final discussion Regional Commissioner recommended that Ammiraglio Bobbiese submit a draft to his Ministry for discussion with Navy Sub-Commission prior to promulgation, and after prior agreement with Headquarters, A.C.C.

4. It was also recommended that such proclamation, if it be approved, be issued in the name of the Minister of Marine.

5. An extension of the proposals in accord with Italian Army and Air Authorities is inherent in the Italian Navy's proposals. It is strongly recommended that any approval that is given be inclusive of all services, and not in any way unilateral.

A. N. Hancock
 A. N. HANCOCK
 Colonel
 Regional Commissioner

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Copies TO: Navy Sub-Commission
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 Interior Sub-Commission

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COPYPROCLAMATION

HAVING CONSIDERED THAT:

- A. DURING the retreat from Tunis and following the occupation of the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa various military personnel of the Royal Navy moved into Sicily and remained there with no destination;
- B. During the occupation of Sicily various Officers and military personnel of the Royal Navy who had a destination in Sicily ~~and~~ did not move toward the continent and still find themselves in the island in a free state;
- C. During the occupation of Sicily and after the armistice, various officials and military personnel of the Royal Navy who had a destination on the continent and aboard naval craft entered Sicily on liberty, on duty, and upon their own initiative and did not return to their destination;
- D. It is necessary to legalize the position and also to arrive to some administrative adjustment of ~~the~~ all the above mentioned personnel still in Sicily without ~~however~~ having been duly destined by the Ministry of the Navy after the restoration of the island to Italian administration.

I ORDER.....

THAT ALL THE ABOVE INDICATED PERSONNEL PRESENT ITSELF TO THE AUTHORITIES
HEREIN SPECIFIED.

METHOD:

1. Beginning on date.....appropriate Subcommissions of the Royal Navy entrusted to receive personnel shall operate in the following localities: Reggio Calabria, Messina, Palermo, Trapani, Porto Empedocle, Augusta.
2. Personnel residing at the same seats of the Subcommissions will present itself directly to these; personnel outside of these seats will present itself to the nearest Carabinieri Station and submit their information. They will then return to their own residence to await communications for their presentation to the Subcommissions.
3. The Subcommissions:
 - A. Shall ascertain the registration of the individuals and take all information necessary for the eventual liquidation of back payments;
 - B. Shall provide for their enlistment with the nearest Navy Command for compensation to begin from the day of presentation to the Subcommissions; 3300
 - C. Shall provide to send all the personnel on indefinite leave with the right for further determinations for the discharge of those who have terminated their obligations of military service and for the eventual gradual utilization of those who are still subject to said obligations.

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4. The personnel must present itself:

A. If at the seat of the Subcommissions, within 5 days from the above mentioned date of functioning of the said Subcommissions (See No. 2).

B. If not at the seat of the Subcommissions, to the nearest Carabinieri Station within 20 days from the date of the proclamation.

C. Presentation of personnel as per item b to the Subcommissions must take place on the day fixed according to the appropriate card; eventual delays must be justified with documents issued by the Station Commands of the Carabinieri.

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5. For the purpose of facilitating the trip for the military personnel who do not reside in the same localities where Subcommissions have their office, The Carabinieri Stations shall provide ~~them~~ the personnel with documents and money for the trip as well as facilitating for them the utilization of a means of travel for said trip.
6. All the personnel which presents itself must be provided with proper identification documents.
7. The Harbor Offices shall furnish the locations of the offices of the Subcommissions.
8. For the present there shall be exempt from presentation the officers, non-commissioned officers, other ranks and sailors of the Royal Navy who are prisoners in concentration camps and those who do not have documents proving their status of paroled prisoners.

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Considerato che:

- a) - Durante la ritirata dalla Tunisia ed in seguito alla occupazione delle isole di Pantelleria e Lampedusa vari militari della R.Marina affluirono in Sicilia ed ivi rimasero senza destinazione;
- b) - Durante la occupazione della Sicilia vari Ufficiali e militari della R.Marina che avevano una destinazione in Sicilia non ripiegarono verso il continente e si trovano tuttora nell'isola allo stato libero;
- c) - Durante la occupazione della Sicilia e dopo l'armistizio vari Ufficiali e militari della R.Marina che avevano una destinazione in continente e a bordo di unita' navali affluirono in Sicilia in licenza e in missione e di propria iniziativa e non fecero ritorno alla loro destinazione;
- d) - E' necessario legalizzare la posizione ed anche addivinare alla sistemazione amministrativa di tutto il personale predetto comunque in Sicilia senza esservi stato regolarmente destinato dal Ministero della Marina dopo la restituzione dell'isola all'amministrazione Italiana.

ORDINO

CHE TUTTO IL PERSONALE SOPRA INDICATO SI PRESENTI ALLE AUTORITA' appresso specificate:

MODALITA':

- 1) - A decorrere dal giorno apposite Sottocommissioni della R.Marina incaricate di ricevere il personale funzionario nelle seguenti localita': Reggio Calabria, Messina, Palermo, Trapani, Porto Empedocle, Augusta.
- 2) - Il personale residente nella stessa sede delle Sottocommissioni si presentera' ad esse direttamente; quello fuori di dette sedi si presentera' alla piu' vicina Stazione CC.PP. per lasciare le proprie generalita' e far ritorno alla propria residenza in attesa di comunicazioni per la presentazione alla Sottocommissioni.
- 3) - Le Sottocommissioni:
 - a) - Accerteranno la posizione matricolare dei singoli e preleveranno tutti i dati necessari alla eventuale liquidazione di competenze arretrate;

b) - Provvederanno a farli prendere in forza dal piu' vicino

stato libero;

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- b) - Provvederanno a farli prendere in forza dal piu' vicino Comando Marina per la corresponsione delle competenze dal giorno di presentazione alle Sottocommissioni;
- c) - Provvederanno ad inviare tutto il personale in licenza indeterminata con riserva di ulteriori determinazioni per il collocamento in congedo di coloro che hanno ultimato gli obblighi di servizio militare e per l'eventuale graduale utilizzazione di coloro che ancora sono soggetti a detti obblighi.

4) - Il personale dovra' presentarsi:

- a) - Se in sede di Sottocommissioni, entro 5 giorni dalla data sopra indicata di funzionamento delle Sottocommissioni stesse (v. n.2).

- b) - Se non in sede di Sottocommissioni, alla Stazione piu' vicina dei CC.RR. entro 20 giorni dalla data del bando;
- c) - La successiva presentazione del personale di cui alla lettera b) alle Sottocommissioni dovra' avvenire nel giorno fissato nell'apposita cartolina; eventuali ritardi dovranno essere giustificati con documento rilasciato dai Comandi Stazione dei CC.RR.
- 5) - Allo scopo di facilitare il viaggio ai militari che non risiedono nella stessa localita' dove hanno sede le Sottocommissioni le Stazioni dei CC.RR. provvederanno a fornire loro documenti e denari per il viaggio nonche' a facilitare loro la utilizzazione di un mezzo per il viaggio stesso.
- 6) - Tutto il personale che si rechera' a presentarsi dovra' essere munito di validi documenti di riconoscimento.
- 7) - Le Capitanerie di Porto forniranno le indicazioni sulla ubicazione degli Uffici delle Sottocommissioni.
- 8) - Sono esenti per ora dalla presentazione gli Ufficiali, i Sottufficiali, i S.Capi e Comuni della R.Marina che si trovano prigionieri nei campi di concentramento e quelli che sono provvisti di un documento attestante la loro posizione di prigionieri liberi sulla parola.

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

File No.
14/ESC

Serial 40.

17 July 1944.

From: Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
To: Headquarters AAI., Administrative Echelon, CCF.
Subject: Arrest of Naval Operating Base, Palermo, employees by Italian authorities.

References: (a) HQ AAI Adm Ech CCF 3110/A/(O) of 17 March 1944.
(b) HQ AAI Adm Ech CCF 3074/A/(O) of 20 March 1944.
(c) HQ AAI Adm Ech CCF 3074/A/(O) of 4 May 1944.
(d) HQ AAI Adm Ech CCF 3074/A/(O) of 11 May 1944.

Enclosure: (A) Sic Reg Hq RLE 013.21/PLV of 1st. Jul.
(B) Comdt NUB Palermo Ser: 2264 of 19 June 44.
(C) Comdt NUB Palermo Ser: 2276 of 1 July.

1. Enclosures (A), (B), and (C), are forwarded herewith. They contain information regarding the arrest of two Italian employees of the Naval Operating Base, Palermo, on charges of desertion. The men were part of a large group of technicians who were mobilized and transported to various ship yards in German controlled Italy prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. After the Allied occupation of Sicily, they returned and were employed by the U. S. Navy at the Naval Operating Base, Palermo.

2. The two individuals arrested have been provisionally released through arrangements made with the Regional Legal Officer of the ACC and the president and prosecutor general of the Italian Military Tribunal in Palermo. However, there are numerous other employees of the Naval Operating Base who are in a similar category, and similarly threatened with arrest.

3. Copies of references (a), (b), (c) and (d) have been sent to the Commandant, NUB Palermo, so that proper exemption may be obtained for all skilled workmen who are subject to Italian military service. It appears, however, that the men referred to in enclosures (A), (B), and (C) are in a status peculiar to themselves. Due to the vital nature of the work being performed by NUB, Palermo, and due to the serious consequences which result from any interference with its employees by Italian authorities, it is requested that measures be taken to prevent such action by Italian agencies in the future.

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H. W. SINGLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer in Italy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, ACC.

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

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File No.
14/NSC

17 July 1944.

Serial 40.

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(c) HQ AAI Adm Ech CWF 3074/L/(O) of 4 May 1944.
(d) HQ AAI Adm Ech CWF 3074/L/(O) of 11 May 1944.

Enclosure: (A) Sic Reg Hq PUB 013.21/REV of 1st. Jul.
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Commander, U. S. Navy,
Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer in Italy,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
SICILY UNION HEADQUARTERS
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C O P Y

File: RIE 013.21/FLV

1st July 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and detention of civilians employed at N.O.B.

TO : Naval Sub-Commission - A.C.C. Headquarters - A.P.O. 304.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of a communication received by the Legal Office, which is self explanatory.

2. This office realizing that serious consequences might result if arrests of civilian employees of the N.O.B. continue, has contacted the officials of the local Italian Military Tribunal and urged them to grant provisional liberty to the accused ~~PIRE~~ Rosario and ~~CAPRITTI~~ Salvatore to enable them to return to their employment. With regard to other employees who are pending arrest, this office has secured the co-operation of the Regional Public Safety Officer, Lt. Col. Snook, who has contacted the Italian Police Authorities and has requested them to stay the serving of such warrants of arrest pending receipt of further instructions.

3. This Office has been informed that there are about four or five hundred employees of N.O.B. who may be subjected to arrest for desertion. If such arrests take place, it would paralyze the operations of our Naval Base.

4. It is deemed advisable that the Naval Sub-Commission contact the appropriate Italian Government Authorities with the view of reaching some accord as to the disposition of charges against these civilian employees, without hampering the proper functioning of the U. S. Naval Operating Base.

For Colonel A. W. HARGOOD:

/s/ FRANK L. VECCHIOLIA
Major, JAGD.
Regional Legal 3892.

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U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILYC O P Y

Serial: 2264

29 June 1944.

FROM: Commandant.
TO: Regional Legal Officer, Allied Control Commission.

SUBJECT: Prisoners, Request for release of.

1. The following named employees of the Naval Operating Base were arrested by Carabinieri on 27 June and confined in the Palermo jail:

Gerbo Rosario
Capriotti Salvatore

2. These men were part of a large group of technicians mobilized and transported to various shipyards in German controlled Italy, prior to the Allied invasion of Sicily. Subsequent to our invasion, these men made their way back to Sicily (Allied territory) and started to work for the U. S. Navy in Palermo.

3. On orders of arrest issued by the Italian government in Taranto, these two employees have been charged with desertion under the wartime penal code and placed in confinement.

4. The above situation is one that not only gives rise to misgivings among all other Naval Operating Base employees in the same position but, if permitted to continue, will seriously interfere with the function of this U. S. Naval Operating Base.

5. It is understood that numerous other employees are now pending arrest for the same reason. It is therefore requested that the men in question be released, and that necessary steps be taken with the proper authorities to prevent any further such arrests.

C. L. NICHOLS.

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

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Serial 2276

1 July 1944.

From: Commandant.
To : Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic Liaison Italy.
Subject: Arrest of Naval Operating Base employees by Italian authorities.
Reference: (a) ComNav letter 20 June, 1944 serial 2264, File NR/LL.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Reference (a).

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.

2. The two individuals arrested have been provisionally released through arrangements made with the Regional Legal Officer of the Allied Control Commission, and the president and prosecutor general of the Italian military tribunal in Palermo. The Regional Police Commissioner has made provision to prevent the serving of any further such warrants now pending or which may be received, pending settlement of the matter via the Regional Legal Officer and the Naval Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission.

3. The warrants already served were issued by Italian military authorities in Taranto, charging desertion under Section 146 of the wartime Penal Code.

4. Several hundred skilled workers and technicians currently employed on this base are affected by the above procedure. Arrests already made have had a definitely adverse effect upon their morale, and the removal of any appreciable number of such men would seriously hamper production.

5. It is therefore requested that direct representation be made to the Italian authorities in order to further final clarification of this matter.

C. L. NICHOLS.

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

4 July 1944.

Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.
Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Salerno.

Arrest of Naval Operating Base employees by
Italian authorities.

(a) JCSOR Salerno ltr 22/LL serial 2275 of 1
July 1944.

- (A) Copy HQ AAI secret ltr 3110/A(O) of 17 Mar 44.
- (B) Copy HQ AAI secret ltr 3074/A(O) of 30 Mar 44.
- (C) Copy HQ AAI secret ltr 3074/A(O) of 4 May 44.
- (D) Copy HQ AAI secret ltr 3074/A(O) of 11 May 44.
- (E) Copy E.C. & S.C. section, ACC. ltr. Ref/139/25/GA
of 23 June 1944.
- ✓ (F) Copy of HQ AAI ltr 2086/1/2 of 3 May 44.

1. The flag officer, Taranto Adriatic Liaison Italy, was advised by reference (a) that two Italian workmen employed at the U.S. Naval Operating Base, Salerno, have been arrested for desertion by Italian authorities and that several hundred skilled workmen employed on the base are subject to the same procedure. It is not clear whether the men arrested are actually deserters from the Italian Armed Forces or technical deserters for failure to report for military service.

2. A conference was scheduled to be held in Rome on 2 July 1944, between the representative of the Commandant, U.S. Naval Operating Base, Salerno, the Army Sub-Commission, ACC, the Navy Sub-Commission, ACC and the Senior U.S. Naval Officer, Italy, to discuss the matter. Pending information as to the outcome of this conference, the following data is furnished.

3. Enclosures (A) to (E) inclusive, outlines the procedure to be followed to exempt skilled workmen employed by the Allied Armed Forces from Italian military service. Enclosure (F) authorizes Commandants of Districts, Base Sections or equivalent formations to approve exemptions and provides that each man exempted be furnished with a certificate as evidence for production to the Italian military authorities.

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Wing E. Bell
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File No.
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

4 July 1944.

Serial 0035

SECRET

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Subject: Arrest of Naval operating base employees by
Italian authorities.

4. Enclosure (F) provides that requests for the
demobilization of Italian Naval personnel employed by the Italian
Armed Forces be forwarded to Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic Liaison
Italy.

5. Additional information will be furnished as soon as
possible.

H. St. JOHN BUTLER,
Commander, U.S. NAVY,
for Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, ACC.

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File: RLE 013.21/FLV

1st July 1944

SUBJECT: Arrest and detention of Civilians employed at N.O.B.

TO : Naval Sub-Commission - A.C.C. Headquarters - A.P.O. 394.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of a communication received by the Legal Office, which is self explanatory.

2. This office realising that serious consequences might result if arrests of civilian employees of the N.O.B. continue, has contacted the officials of the local Italian Military Tribunal and urged them to grant provisional liberty to the accused ZERBO Rosario and CAPRITTI Salvatore to enable them to return to their employment. With regard to other employees who are pending arrest, this office has secured the co-operation of the Regional Public Safety Officer, Lt. Col. Snook, who has contacted the Italian Police Authorities and has requested them to stay the serving of such warrants of arrest pending receipt of further instructions.

3.- This office has been informed that there are about four or five hundred employees of N.O.B. who may be subjected to arrest for desertion. If such arrests take place, it would paralyze the operations of our Naval Base.

4. It is deemed advisable that the Naval Sub-Commission contact the appropriate Italian Government Authorities with the view of reaching some accord as to the disposition of charges against these civilian employees, without hampering the proper functioning of the U.S. Naval Operating Base.

For Colonel A.N. HANCOCK:

/s/
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FRANK L. VECCHIOLLA
FRANK L. VECCHIOLLA
Major, JAGD.
Regional Legal Officer.

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U. S. NAVAL OPERATING BASE
PALERMO, SICILY

BFM/lc

Serial: 2264

29 June 1944

From: Commandant.

TO: Regional Legal Officer, Allied Control Commission.

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3. On orders of arrest issued by the Italian government in Taranto, these two employees have been charged with desertion under the Wartime penal code and placed in confinement.

4. The above situation is one that not only give rise to misgivings among all other Naval Operating Base employees in the same position but, if permitted to continue, will seriously interfere with the function of this U.S. Naval Operating Base.

5. It is understood that numerous other employees are now pending arrest for the same reason. It is therefore requested that the men in question be released, and that necessary steps be taken with the proper authorities to prevent any further such arrests.

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

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1 July 1944. *File*

From: Commandant.
To: Flag Officer, Taranto Adriatic Liaison Italy.
Subject: Arrest of Naval Operating Base employees by Italian authorities.
Reference: (a) ComNav letter 29 June 1944, Serial 2264, File BB/LL
Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).

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4. Several hundred skilled workers and technicians currently employed on this base are affected by the above procedure. Arrests already made have had a definitely adverse effect upon their morale, and the removal of any appreciable number of such men would seriously hamper production.

5. It is therefore requested that direct representation be made to the Italian authorities in order to further final clarification of this matter.

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