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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1944

24 March 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : War Material Disposal & Prisoners of
War Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
Subject: Italian Merchant Navy POW Cooperators.

With reference to your memorandum IPW/40/2b dated 20th February 1945, enclosing copy of letter CR/3845/G1(Br) from DAG, G.I.(Br), Allied Force H.Q., attached is a copy of letter B 3361 dated 17th March 1945 received from Ministry of Marine which we hope will prove useful.

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

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Copy ltr M. of M. B3361
17th March 1945.



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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
 To : F.O.L.I. - Rome
 Date: 17.3.45
 Ref.: B.3361

Subject: Italian Merchant Navy P.O.W. in Middle
East Camps.

To reply to your 1709 of 27th ulto., it is necessary to go back to April 1944.

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CHIEF OF CABINET

SM/DG/P. 20 Nov. 1944.

FROM: FORTAL, ROME
TO: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION NO. 40

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

REAR ADMIRAL



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17 MAR 1945

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

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

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Indirizzo B 3361 Alloggiati

ARGOMENTO: Personale della Marina Mercantile italiana prigioniero nei campi del Medio Oriente.

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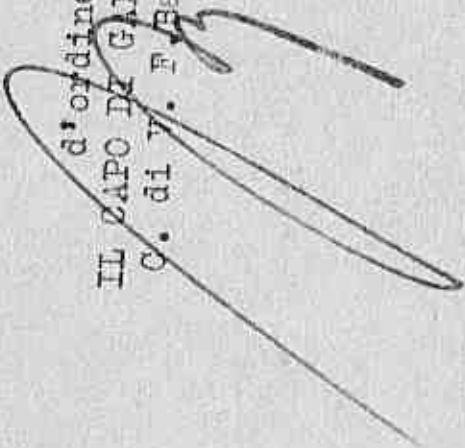
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ca Settentrionale.

3°) - Non sono ancora pervenute notizie da Algeri circa questi
imbarchi; si fa riserva pertanto di comunicare notizie precise non

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appena esse perverranno a questo Ministero.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
C. di V. F. Baslini



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Navy Sub-Commission

File
NSC/1709

27 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Italian Naval POWs.
Enclosure: (A) List of Italian Cooperators.

1. Information has been received that the thirty six (36) Italian cooperators listed in Enclosure (A) have been despatched from the Middle East to North Africa to be placed on arrival in North Africa at the disposition of the Italian Naval Mission for employment in the Italian Merchant Navy.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission requests to be informed whether or not the Ministry of Marine has knowledge of above plan and if so, how this request was made and what employment is intended for these individuals.

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



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COPYNominal roll of Italian Merchant Seamen

000726	ULCIGRAI	REMIGIO
00113	MACINOVICH	Giovanni
00112	VESSELLI ZZA	Domenico
302202	GIUSTO	Pasquale
000712	MARTINERO	Silvio
000212	RUGGERO	Ugenio
000120	PALOMVA	Domenico
000110	MORLE	Aniello
365879	IGHINA	Enrico
000211	ROSSI	Attilio
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379683	MUZIO	Luigi
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000351	RIGOTTI	Giuseppe
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30554	ROSSI	Nardiso
1707368	TREMAROLI	Armando
000349	CARDINALE	Giovanni
000355	MOTTECH	Giovanni
000353	REGLIA	Romeo
204879	SPETTINA	Giuseppe
204880	ANTONINI	Domenico
204877	CLARICH	Attilio
204878	ROMA	Marco
3797079	GRAMIGNA	Cosimo
379384	CASTELLO	Italo
379807	MUNDA	Giovanni
319866	POLLASTRO	Attilio
204866	MAGGI	Giulio
204883	ANGELLINELLI	Carlo
204885	BOSCHI	Pietro
000103	GIRIBALDI	Aldo
310166	SCOTTI-GALLETTA	Romolo
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		Giovanni

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File
NSC/1710

27 February 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
To : War Materials Disposal and Italian
Prisoners of War Sub-Commission, Hq, AC.
Subject: Italian Cooperators from Middle East.
Reference: WMD & POW S/C Inter-Office Memo. IPW/40/2b of
20 February 1945.

In reply to referenced inter-office memorandum,
inquiry has been made to the Ministry of Marine as to
whether or not this plan was made by or with knowledge of
the Ministry.

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



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INTER OFFICE MEMO

From: WMD & IPOW Sub-Commission

SUBJECT: Correspondence forwarded.

FILE No. IPW/40/2b

TO: Navy Sub-Commission ✓

20 February 1945₁₉₄

Reference attached.

Can you throw any light on this matter, please?

J.A. Campbell
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Com.

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SUBJECT: - Italian naval Prisoners of War.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

CR/3045/G1 (Br)

8 Feb 45

Headquarters,
Allied Commission.
(IPW Sub Commission).

1. This Headquarters has been informed by Headquarters, B.T.N.A. that the Italian Naval Mission has advised them that the Italian co-perators named in the attached nominal roll have been despatched from the MIDDLE EAST to NORTH AFRICA, and that on arrival they were to be placed at the disposal of the Italian naval mission for employment in the Italian Merchant Navy.
2. There is no trace of these men in NORTH AFRICA yet, but it is thought that possibly they will arrive there very soon.
3. Will you please investigate this matter and inform this Headquarters fully of the position, quoting authority, on which it is proposed to transfer these men from the MIDDLE EAST to NORTH AFRICA to be released to the Italian Naval Mission.

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Encl.

T.R. CONDRON, Captain
staff Captain
for Major General,
DAG, G.1(Br)

Copy to:- Commander in Chief,
MIDDLE EAST FORCES.

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Naval Liaison Officer, AFHQ.

Headquarters,

B.T.N.A. (Your A/390/5/18 of 25 Jan 45 ref 305)

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