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

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 794  
LEGAL SUB-COMMISSION

AC/4005/L.

14 June 1946

SUBJECT : Arrest in Rome by French Secret Police  
of Italian citizens accused of supplying  
information to the detriment of France.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. Reference your NSC/5138 of 10 June 1946.
2. This matter has been handed over to POLAD's  
for their opinion on any action which may be contemplated.
3. The illegality of the arrest by French Police  
appears to be beyond question. However, it would be  
better to ask the French Embassy for an explanation before  
taking the matter up again through official channels.

*G. G. Hannaford*  
G. G. HANNAFORD,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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*Matter is now being handled by Col Hannaford with French Embassy*

*Ed*  
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NSC/5138  
10 June 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Director Legal Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.  
Subject: Arrest in Rome by French Secret Police of Italian  
Citizens accused of supplying information to the  
detriment of France.

1. An early reply to Navy Sub-Commission letter  
NSC/4889 dated 10 April 1946 would be appreciated.

O. F. MENTZ,  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR  
REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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**TOP SECRET**

NSC/4885  
10 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Director Legal Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

Subject: Arrest in Rome by French Secret Police of Italian  
Citizens accused of supplying information to the  
detriment of France.

1. Copies of the Minister of Marine's letters No. 902/U.T.  
and 1071/U.T. dated 21st March 1946 and 30th March 1946 respectively  
are forwarded.

2. It is requested that this case may receive your  
consideration and be referred to appropriate authorities for necessary  
action and the Navy Sub-Commission be advised in due course in order  
that a reply may be made to the Minister of Marine.

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

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11 APR 1946

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*[Handwritten signature]*

FROM: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)  
 TO : A.C. - N.S.C.  
 DATE: 30th March 1946.  
 REF.: 1071 /U.T.

Subject: Arrest in Rome by French secret police, of Italian citizens accused of supplying information to the detriment of France.

Further to letter No. 302/UT of 21st March.

From further information received by this Ministry it is known that the Military Tribunal of Algiers in its verdict on the cases referred to in para. 4 of the above letter has awarded the following sentences:

- MANCA Raffaele - Sergeant Major CC.RR. - 10 years hard labour (imprisoned);
- TASSOTTI Vanzareno - mechanic - 10 years hard labour (imprisoned);
- BOCCARELLA Mario - door-keeper at the French Embassy, Rome - hard labour for life (imprisoned);
- BRACCO Giovanni - Captain of CC.RR. - sentenced to death (in his absence);
- RIGOLDI Amedeo - Sergeant Major CC.RR. - sentenced to death (in his absence);
- TACLIARINI Calogero - Sergeant Major CC.RR. - sentenced to death (in his absence);
- OSSERA A. Maria - Head maid of the French Naval Attache, Rome - sentenced to death (in her absence).

Because of services rendered to French citizens during the Nazi-fascist occupation, Commissario of Public Security D'ACUTOLO and maresciallo of Public Security SCARFINO have been pardoned.

2. The three condemned prisoners (MANCA, BOCCARELLA and TASSOTTI) are still held in military prisons in Algiers; the other four (BRACCO, RIGOLDI, TACLIARINI and OSSERA) are still in Italy and consequently exposed to the peril of eventual action by the French secret police.

3. The Allied Commission is again requested to support the request made to the French government, through the Foreign Ministry, so that the three prisoners may be released and that an assurance may be given that the other four Italian citizens condemned to death in their absence will not be molested in any way.

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THE MINISTER.

From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet).  
To : Navy Sub-Commission, A. C.  
Date: 21 March 1946.  
Ref.: 902/UT.

Subject: Arrest in Rome, by French secret police, of Italian citizens held responsible of intelligence activities detrimental to France.

1. Towards the end of 1937 the counter - espionage branch of the I.R.N. ascertained that the French Naval Attache in Rome was engaged in considerable intelligence activities on behalf of the "2<sup>o</sup> Bureau" in maritime and naval matters.

Among other things the said branch was able to establish that the Naval Attache, Cdte. DE LAFONDE, frequently contacted - even in his office - Italian and foreign elements suspected of intelligence activities harmful to Italy.

2. Having effected the necessary observations and having penetrated to the places frequented by Cdte. DE LAFONDE and to the offices of the Naval Attache in the French Embassy, the counter - espionage departments succeeded in obtaining photographic reproductions of reports and documents of an intelligence character which had been prepared by the said Naval Attache, and also of numerous "fiches" of agents of the "2<sup>o</sup> Bureau" who were operating in Italy.

3. In July 1944 in Rome, MANCA Raffaele, a senior N.C.O. of the CC.RR who had taken part in the above work, was tricked by elements of the French secret police into a "rendezvous" in the Piazza del Popolo; they kidnapped him, and all trace of him was lost for a long time.

At the same time the same Police captured Mario BOCCABELLA - doorman at the Farnese Palace - and TASSOTTI Nazzareno - mechanic - who were believed to be accomplices of MANCA and collaborators of the I.R.N. Counter - espionage Service.

The circumstances attending the capture of the three fellow - countrymen are described in the attached memorandum.

4. From a report which appeared in issue No. 58 of the "GIORNALE DELLA SERA" of Rome, dated 9th instant, it is learned that the Tribunal of Algiers has recently passed sentence upon ten Italians accused of espionage, for having removed documents and photographs from the French Embassy in Rome during the period from 1936 to 1939.

Of four of them in custody, three appear to have been condemned to hard labour and one acquitted, while the other six have been convicted, three incurring the death penalty and three periods of imprisonment.

5. It is considered that MANCA, BOCCABELLA and TASSOTTI are included in the above judgement.

In any case it must be evident that the arrest of MANCA Raffaele - an N.C.O. in regular service - constitutes a manifest violation of the armistice clauses regulating the treatment of members of the Italian Armed Forces operating with the Allied Armed Forces in a state of co-belligerency.

In fact MANCA belonged to the Legion of Carabinieri in Rome, to which he reported as soon as the Capital was liberated, after having lived in hiding during the period of the Nazi - Fascist occupation.

This arrest, which took place more than a month after the arrival of the Allied Forces in the Capital, should have been requested of the appropriate Allied services by the French Police, the former alone being competent to decide upon, and undertake, the arrest of Italian servicemen on grounds appertaining to intelligence and counter - espionage activities.

6. The arrest of BOCCABELLA and TASSOTTI, both Italian citizens, having been carried out on the same grounds as that of MANCA, assumes the aspect of an act of recrimination against Italian citizens who, collaborating with Italian counter - espionage departments in the interests of their own Country and on Italian territory, have worked meritoriously, as have the many French citizens who, whether within or outside the boundaries of their native land, have all dared in the struggle against the intelligence and counter - espionage services of the enemy.

7. Above all the action of the French police, so different from that followed in similar cases by the Anglo - American services, is clearly in contrast with the relative understandings reached with the Allies, and with the spirit of cordial and sincere collaboration which animates the Italian Intelligence and Counter - espionage Services.

In communicating the above, this Ministry will be grateful if the Allied Commission will lend its authority in support of the request for the release of MANCA, BOCCABELLA and TASSOTTI which has been made through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. -

(Sgd) THE MINISTER...

MEMORANDUM

Arrest and deportation of MANCA Raffaele, BOCCABELLA Mario and TASSOTTI Nazzareno.

1. MANCA Raffaele - Senior N.C.O. of CC.RR. in regular service.

On the morning of 14th July 1944 he was arrested in Roma by elements of the French Secret Police. From information obtained it has been possible to ascertain that this N.C.O., who was lodging at the house of Miss DANIELI Tatiana - No. 101 Corso Umberto, failed to return to his lodgings in his usual manner on 14th July 1944. His absence lasted for several days and this induced Miss DANIELI - who had been unable to obtain news from the various Commands of the Service in the Capital - to insert an enquiry for him, together with photograph, in the newspaper "L'AVANTI" on 26th July 1944.

Following this an unknown man visited DANIELI and said that he was able to give her news of him. In fact, he stated that on the morning of 14th July 1944 while in the Podgora Barracks, MANCA was invited by an unknown person to go at once to the Piazza del Popolo to collect a letter from Sardinia bringing him news of his family living there.

On arriving there he was stopped by the French Police and taken to No. 35 Via C. Baccaria, the office of the French Secret Police.

Thence MANCA was taken to the "Regina Margherita" Barracks and afterwards to Algeria, where he was confined in the military prison of Algiers and given the number 8881.

During his detention in Rome MANCA was unable to have contact with anyone. He is still at Algiers whence he last communicated to DANIELI on 4th September 1945.

2. BOCCABELLA Mario - former doorman at the French Embassy in Rome.

He was arrested by the French Police in the Embassy area, where he lived, immediately after the liberation on a day which it has been impossible to define, because his family is no longer to be found in the Capital.

However, from information obtained with regard to him, it has been ascertained that BOCCABELLA was taken by air to Algiers almost at once, and he is still there.

The arrest of BOCCABELLA seems to have accompanied that of Vice-Brigadier (Public Safety Branch) SCARPINO, formerly an officer of the S. Eustachio P.S. Dept. and detailed for permanent surveillance of the French Embassy during the pre-war period.

3. TASSOTTI Nazzareno - formerly mechanic at the Bologna Co. (Safes and Metal cupboards).

At about 1300 hours on 17th July 1944, three members of the French Police, one in civilian clothing, visited No. 2 Via Nicolo III to arrest TASSOTTI. Not finding him at home they made his wife accompany them to his place of work in Via S. Teodoro, at the mechanical workshops of the Bologna Co.

TASSOTTI having been found, his wife was set free, but he was taken in the first place to the Vidoni Palace, offices of the French Headquarters, and then to the "Regina Margherita" barracks, in Via Legnano, which was occupied by French troops.

On 9th August 1944 he was moved to Naples, and on 3rd September following to Algeria where he was confined in the Algiers Military Prison and given the number 8882. From there he first sent news to his wife on 28th October 1944.

During his short detention in the "Regina Margherita" barracks, TASSOTTI was allowed to have short talks with his wife.

The above is still in the military prison in Algiers, as is indicated also in a letter from the International Red Cross Committee.

Rome, 11th March 1946.

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Roma 30 MAR 1946

## Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO  
UFFICIO TRATTATIHa COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
- Sottocommissione Navale -

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 1071/MT Regole

ARGOMENTO: Arresto in Roma ad opera della polizia segreta francese di cittadini italiani ritenuti responsabili di attività informativa ai danni della Francia.

Si fa seguito al dispaccio 902/UT del 21 marzo.

1°) - Da ulteriori notizie ricevute da questo Ministero risulta che il Tribunale Militare di Algeri nella sua sentenza di cui è cenno nel paragrafo 4 del foglio in riferimento ha inflitto le seguenti condanne:

- MANCA Raffaele - maresciallo maggiore CC.RR. - anni 10 di lavori forzati (detenuto);
- TASSOTTI Nazzareno - operatore meccanico - anni 10 di lavori forzati (detenuto);
- BOCCABELLA Mario - portiere dell'Ambasciata francese a Roma - lavori forzati a vita (detenuto);
- BRACCO Giovanni - Capitano dei CC.RR. - pena di morte (contumace);
- RICOLDI Amedeo - maresciallo maggiore CC.RR. - pena di morte (contumace);
- TAGLIARINI Calogero - maresciallo maggiore CC.RR. - pena di morte (contumace);
- OSSENA A.Maria - prima cameriera dell'Addetto Navale francese a Roma - pena di morte (contumace).-

Sono stati assolti in riconoscimento dei servizi resi ai cittadini francesi durante l'occupazione nazifascista, il Commis-

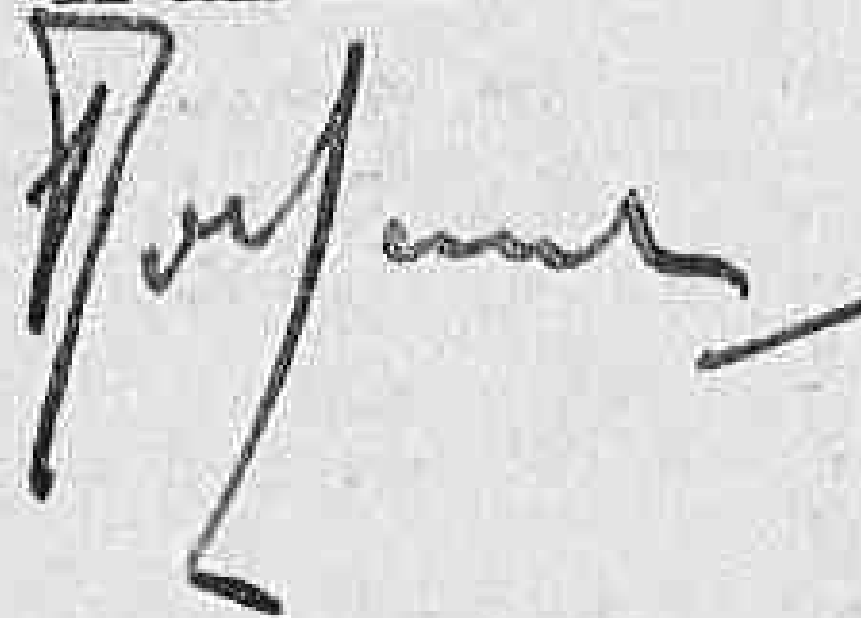
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sario di P.S. D'ACUTOLO e il maresciallo di P.S. SCARPINO.

2°) - I tre condannati detenuti (MANCA, BOCCABELLA e TASSOTTI) si trovano tuttora nelle prigioni militari di Algeri; gli altri quattro (BRACCO, RIGOLDI, TAGLIARINI e OSSENA) sono tuttora in Italia e pertanto esposti al pericolo di un'eventuale azione da parte della polizia segreta francese.

3°) - Si prega nuovamente codesta Commissione Alleata di voler appoggiare la richiesta fatta, tramite Ministero degli Esteri, al Governo francese perchè i tre detenuti siano liberati e perchè sia data assicurazione che gli altri quattro cittadini italiani condannati a morte in contumacia non siano in alcun modo molestati.

IL MINISTRO



*Ministero della Marina*

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UFFICIO TRATTATI

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Roma 21 MAR 1949

LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA  
- Sottocommissione Navale -

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 902/UT Allegato uno

ARGOMENTO:

Arresto in Roma ad opera della polizia segreta francese di cittadini italiani ritenuti responsabili di attività informativa ai danni della Francia.

- 1) - Verso la fine del 1937, gli organi controinformativi della R. Marina, accertavano che l'Addetto Navale francese a Roma, svolgeva in Italia notevole attività informativa nel settore marittimo e navale, per conto del 2ème Bureau.

Detti organi potevano stabilire, fra l'altro, che l'Addetto Navale, Comandante DE LAFONDE, aveva frequenti contatti, anche nel suo ufficio, con elementi italiani e stranieri sospetti di attività informativa ai danni dell'Italia.

- 2) - Attuati i necessari servizi di osservazione e di penetrazione negli ambienti frequentati dal Comandante DE LAFONDE e negli uffici dell'Addetto Navale, siti nei locali dell'Ambasciata francese, gli organi di C.S. riuscivano a procurarsi riproduzioni fotografiche di relazioni e di documenti di carattere informativo approntati dallo stesso Addetto Navale, nonché numerose "Fiches" di informatori del 2ème Bureau operanti in Italia.

- 3) - Nel luglio 1944, elementi della polizia segreta francese, in Roma, attratto con inganno ad un convegno in Piazza del Popolo, il Maresciallo dei Carabinieri Reali MANCA Raffaele, che

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aveva partecipato all'esecuzione dei servizi di cui sopra, lo rapivano, facendone perdere per molto tempo le tracce.

Contemporaneamente, la stessa polizia procedeva alla cattura dei nominati Mario BOCCABELLA - portiere di Palazzo Farnese - e TASSOTTI Nazzareno - operatore meccanico - ritenuti complici del MANCA e collaboratori del Servizio di Controspionaggio della R. Marina.

Le circostanze che accompagnarono la cattura dei tre connazionali, sono illustrate nel pro-memoria che si allega.

- 4) - Da una corrispondenza apparsa sul n.58 del "GIORNALE DELLA SERA" di Roma, in data 9 corrente, si apprende che il Tribunale di Algeri ha giudicato recentemente dieci italiani accusati di spionaggio, per avere trafugato nel periodo dal 1936 al 1939 documenti e fotografie presso l'Ambasciata francese in Roma.

Di quattro di essi - detenuti - tre sarebbero stati condannati ai lavori forzati ed uno assolto, mentre per gli altri sei, sarebbe stata pronunciata sentenza di condanna, per tre alla pena capitale e per gli altri alla reclusione.

- 5) - E' da ritenersi che nel giudizio penale di cui sopra siano stati coinvolti il MANCA, il BOCCABELLA ed il TASSOTTI.

Si deve comunque rilevare che l'arresto del Maresciallo CC.RR. MANCA Raffaele - sottufficiale in servizio permanente effettivo - costituisce una palese violazione alle clausole dell'armistizio che regolano il trattamento degli appartenenti alle Forze Armate Italiane, operanti, in istato di cobelligeranza, con le Forze Armate Alleate.

Il MANCA, infatti, apparteneva alla Legione CC.RR. di Roma, alla quale si era spontaneamente presentato all'atto della liberazione della Capitale, dopo di avere vissuto "alla macchia" durante il periodo dell'occupazione nazifascista.

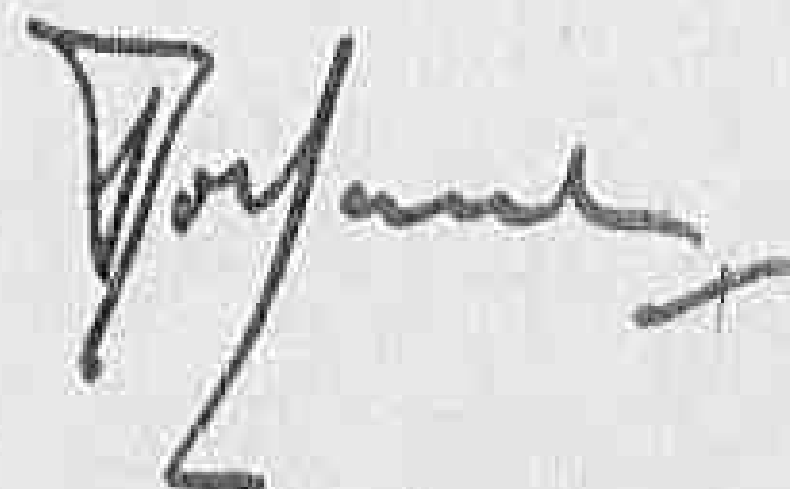
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La sua cattura, avvenuta dopo oltre un mese dell'arrivo delle Forze Alleate nella Capitale, avrebbe dovuto essere richiesta dalla polizia francese ai corrispondenti servizi alleati, soli competenti a decidere e ad operare arresti di militari italiani per fatti attinenti ad attività di natura informativa e controinformativa.

- 6) - L'arresto del BOCCABELLA e del TASSOTTI, entrambi cittadini italiani, essendo stato operato per gli stessi fatti che motivarono la cattura del Maresciallo MANCA, assume l'aspetto di un'azione di rappresaglia contro cittadini italiani che, collaborando con organi controinformativi italiani nell'interesse del proprio Paese ed in territorio nazionale, hanno operato e benemeritato alla stessa stregua di tanti cittadini francesi che dentro e fuori i confini della loro Patria hanno tutto osato nella lotta contro i servizi informativi e controinformativi avversari.
- 7) - L'azione della polizia francese, ben diversa da quella seguita in casi del genere dai similari servizi anglo-americani, è, oltre tutto, in netto contrasto con le intese intercorse in materia con gli Alleati e con lo spirito di cordiale e sincera collaborazione che anima i servizi informativi e controinformativi italiani.

Nel segnalare quanto sopra, questo Ministero sarà grato se codesta Commissione Alleata vorrà appoggiare con la sua autorità la richiesta fatta, tramite il Ministero degli Esteri, al Governo francese perchè il MANCA, il BOCCABELLA e il TASSOTTI siano liberati.

IL MINISTRO



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P R O - M E M O R I A

ARRESTO E DEPORTAZIONE DI MANCA Raffaele, BOCCABELLA Mario e TASSOTTI  
Nazzareno -.

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- 1) - MANCA Raffaele - maresciallo CC.RR. in carriera continuativa.

Il mattino del 14 luglio 1944 fu fermato in Roma da elementi della polizia segreta francese. Da informazioni assunte è stato possibile accertare che il sottufficiale - alloggiato presso la Signorina DANIELI Tatiana, abitante al Corso Umberto n. 101 - il 14 detto non rincasò, come di consueto. L'assenza del MANCA si protrasse per più giorni e ciò indusse la DANIELI - che nel frattempo non era riuscita ad avere notizie presso i vari comandi dell'Arma della Capitale - ad inserire sul giornale "L'AVANTI" del 26 luglio detto l'annuncio di ricerche con relativa fotografia.

In seguito a ciò si presentò alla DANIELI uno sconosciuto che si disse in grado di fornire notizie al riguardo. Infatti precisò che il maresciallo MANCA, il mattino del 14 luglio 1944 mentre trovavasi nella caserma Podgora, fu invitato da persona ignota a recarsi subito in Piazza del Popolo per ritirare una lettera proveniente dalla Sardegna e recante notizie dei familiari colà residenti.

Qui giunto, il sottufficiale fu fermato dalla polizia francese e condotto in via C. Beccaria n. 35, sede dell'ufficio della polizia segreta francese.

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Da qui il MANCA fu condotto nella caserma "Regina Margherita" e successivamente tradotto in Algeria, ove venne rinchiuso nella prigione militare di Algeri ed immatricolato col n. 8881.

Durante la detenzione in Roma, il MANCA non ebbe contatti, nè poté comunicare con alcuno. Lo stesso trovavasi tuttora ad Algeri da dove, per ultimo, ha dato notizie alla DANIELI il 4 settembre 1945.

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- 2) - BOCCABELLA Mario - ex portiere dell'Ambasciata francese in Roma.

Fu fermato dalla polizia francese nei locali dell'Ambasciata, ove abitava, immediatamente dopo la liberazione di Roma in giorno non potuto precisare anche perchè la di lui famiglia non è più reperibile nella Capitale.

Tuttavia, da informazioni assunte al riguardo, è stato accertato che il BOCCABELLA fu quasi subito tradotto, per via aerea, in Algeria ove tuttora trovasi.

Il fermo del BOCCABELLA pare sia concomitante con quello del vice brigadiere di P.S. SCARPINO, già effettivo al Commissariato di S.Eustachio ed adibito al servizio continuo di vigilanza alla sede dell'Ambasciata francese durante il periodo pre-bellico.

- 3) - TASSOTTI Nazzareno - già operaio meccanico della ditta Bologna (casseforti ed armadi metallici).

Verso le ore 13 del 17 luglio 1944, si presentarono in via Nicolò III° n.2, tre elementi della polizia francese, di cui uno in abito civile, per procedere al fermo del TASSOTTI. Non avendo trovato in casa, i predetti si fecero accompagnare dalla di lui consorte sul luogo del lavoro in via S.Teodoro, sede dell'officina meccanica della ditta Bologna.

Rintracciato il TASSOTTI, mentre la moglie fu posta in libertà, questi fu condotto prima a Palazzo Vidoni, sede del Quartier Generale francese e successivamente tradotto alla caserma "Regina Margherita", sita in Via Legnano, occupata dalle truppe francesi.

Il 9 agosto 1944 fu trasferito a Napoli ed il 3 ~~15~~<sup>1586</sup> ~~settembre~~ successivo in Algeria dove fu rinchiuso nella prigione militare di Algeri ed immatricolato col n.8882. Da quella località diede le prime notizie alla consorte il 28 ottobre 1944.

Al TASSOTTI - durante la sua breve detenzione nella caserma "Regina Margherita" - fu consentito di avere brevi colloqui con la di lui consorte.

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Il predetto trovasi tuttora nella prigione militare di Algeri, come rilevasi anche da una lettera del Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa.

Roma, li 11 marzo 1946.



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NSC/2752  
18 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Ministry of Marine (Cabinet).  
Subject: Investigation made in Cagliari.

1. Investigation was made concerning subject matter and information received as follows:

- (a) After extensive search of the records no evidence of (19) bundles can be found now or in the past.
- (b) No mention has ever been made of impounding 25,000 lire, nor does his signed statement mention either the candles or the lire.
- (c) Investigating Authority states it would appear that Francesco Baffigi is making a false claim.

W. G. L. WOODHEAD

REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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19 MAR 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
ECONOMIC SECTION  
FINANCE BRANCH  
APO 394

13016/F

5 March 1946

SUBJECT : Investigation made in Cagliari.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission  
HQ Allied Commission

1. Reference is made to your letter NSC/4415  
of 11 January 1946.

2. G-5 A.F.H.Q. to whom your request was referred  
to, has forwarded to this office a copy of correspondence,  
received from 6709 CID Platoon (Cvhd) APO 782 on above  
subject, which is attached herewith for your information.

  
B.E.L. SIMMONS, Lt.Col.  
Director, Finance Branch  
Economic Section

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## Investigation made in Cagliari

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1. After extensive search in the records of this Headquarters, no evidence of nineteen (19) bundles of I.R.M. candles can be found or of ever being in the possession of this organization. Any confiscated goods not American Supplies or property is never kept but turned into proper Italian authorities. If said candles were confiscated, they would have been turned over to the Italian Civil Police Agencies.

2. In an exhaustive review of the case report on this investigation no mention whatsoever is made of IRM candles nor of 25,000 lire.

3. In connection with the illegal sale of U.S. canned goods in this case, a sum of \$ 194.58 was impounded and turned into the Finance Office under Symbol No. 211-235 and receipted for Major J.M. MOORE, E.D. by F. E. HOBAC, Deputy Finance Officer, AAF/OTO on 31 October 1944.

4. In the signed statement of BARRIGI Francesco at Cagliari 6 August 1944, no mention was made of any IRM candles nor of 25,000 lire having been confiscated.

5. It would appear that BARRIGI Francesco is making a false claim against the U.S. Government.

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LEWIS D. ERWIN,  
Lt. Col., C.M.P.,  
Director, CID

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
FINANCE SUB-COMMISSION  
APO 394

13016/F

14 January 1946

SUBJECT : Investigation made in Cagliari.

TO : G-5 (Financial Adviser), AFHQ.

1. Attached are copies of correspondence recently received from Navy Sub-Commission.
2. You may desire to bring this matter in MTOUSA to which C.I.D. reports, for appropriate action.

(Signed) B. E. L. TIMMONS  
Lt. Col  
Director  
Finance Sub-Commission

Encl.

Copy to :

Navy Sub-Commission  
(NSC/4415 of 11 Jan. refers). ✓

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4415 ✓  
11 January 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Finance Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
Subject: Investigation made by the C.I.D. in Cagliari.

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine letter B.90 dated 5 January 1946 is forwarded herewith for your information and any action deemed appropriate.

2. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed of the action taken.

G. F. MENTZ,  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,  
FORREAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

12 JAN 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)  
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.  
Date: 5th January 1946  
Ref.: B.90

Subject: Investigation made by the C.I.D. in Cagliari.

1. On 3rd August 1944 during an investigation made in Cagliari by the Criminal Investigation Division (C.I.D.) with respect to P.O. (Cox'n) BAFFIGI Franco of the late Adamo (Baffigi), in command of the tug "ERMES", who was suspected of receiving goods stolen from Allied Armed Forces, 19 bundles of I.R.N. Candles and the sum of 25,000 lire belonging to him were confiscated.

Mr. Simon Demas was in charge of the investigation.

2. Since the candles and the sum of money did not constitute the basis of a charge no mention was made of them in the charge-sheet against BAFFIGI before the Oristano Military Tribunal, and so Marina Cagliari wrote its letter No. 21898 dated 19th January 1945 (copy attached) to the C.I.D., A.P.O. 360, Caserta and for information to C.I.D. Florence, where Mr. Simon Demas was serving, stating the above and requesting that arrangements be made for the return of the candles and the money, as was legitimate.

3. As no reply was received to the above letter, Marina Cagliari re-opened the matter on 15th March 1945, causing the Senior Liaison Officer, Colonel L.R. Albert of the U.S. Army, to intervene in writing, without, however, obtaining any result.

4. In view of the above it is requested that the Navy Sub Commission may approach the appropriate Allied Authorities in order that Marina Cagliari may recover the property for which it asks.

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From: Comando Marina (I.R.N. Headquarters), Cagliari  
To : Criminal Investigation Division A.P.O. 360 - Caserta  
and for Info.: Criminal Investigation Division - Florence  
Date: 19th January 1945  
Ref.: 21828

Subject: P.O. Cox'n BAFFIGI Francesco, of the late Adamo  
(Baffigi) commanding the Tug "ERMES".

On 3rd August 1933 in the course of an investigation made by the C.I.D. in Cagliari in respect of the above rating, who was suspected of receiving goods stolen from Allied Armed Forces, 19 parcels of I.R.N. candles and the sum of 25,000 lire belonging to him were confiscated from the above.

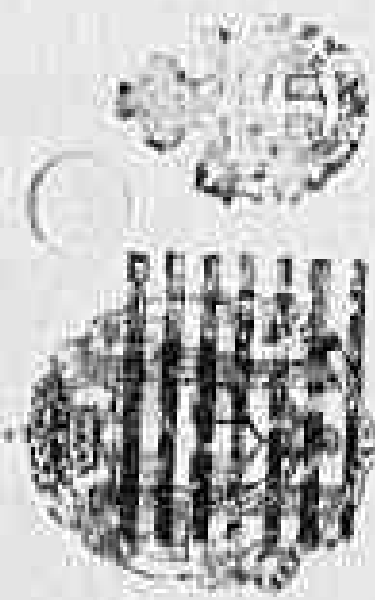
The investigation was made by Mr. Simon Demas who is now serving with the C.I.D. at Florence.

Since neither money nor candles formed the basis of a charge and no mention was made in the charge-sheet against Baffigi at the Military Court, it is requested that arrangements be made for their return to the abovementioned through this Command.

Commander Luigi Borghi I.R.N.  
in command.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION  
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

14611720 TELEGRAFICO: MARINA ROMA

Prot. N. 23.90

ARGOMENTO: Perquisizione effettuata dal C.I.D. in Cagliari.

1. In data 3 Agosto 1944, nel corso di una perquisizione effettuata in Cagliari dal Criminal Investigation Division - C.I.D. - nei confronti del Capo Nocchiere Militarizzato BATTIGI Franco fu Adamo, Comandante del Rimorchiatore "ERMES", sospetto di ricettazione in danno delle Forze Armate Alleate, venivano sequestrate al predetto 19 pacchi di candele della R. Marina e la somma di lire 25 mila (venticinque mila) di sua proprietà.  
La perquisizione venne effettuata sotto la direzione di Mr. Simon Demas.
2. Poichè le candele e la somma di danaro non costituivano corpo di reato, nel verbale di denuncia del BATTIGI al Tribunale Militare di Cristano non venne fatta alcuna menzione in merito, per cui Marina Cagliari in data 19.1.1945 con foglio n° 21828, di cui si allega copia, scrisse nel senso al C.I.D. A.P.O. 360 Caserta e per conoscenza al C.I.D. Firenze, ove risultava trovarsi in servizio Mister Simon Demas, pregando di voler disporre per la legittima restituzione della somma e delle candele.
3. Non essendo pervenuta alcuna risposta al foglio di cui sopra, Marina Cagliari faceva un seguito in data 15.3.1945 provocando, in data successiva, un intervento scritto del Senior Liaison Officer, Colonnello I.R. Albert dell'Esercito Statunitense, senza peraltro ottenere alcun esito.
4. In considerazione di quanto sopra si prega codesta S. Commissione Navale di voler interessare le competenti Alleate nell'intento di ottenere il recupero di quanto richiesto da Marina Cagliari.

Prot. N. 13.90

Allegato

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IL CAPO DI CABINETTO  
C. di V. G. MARINI

COMANDO MARINA - CAGLIARI.

CAGLIARI 19/1/1945

Ufficio S. - Sezione 2^

AL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
DIVISION A.P.O.360

Prot.n°21828

CASERTA

e per conoscenza:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION  
FIRENZEARGOMENTO: Capo Nocchiere militarizzato BAFFIGI FRANCESCO fu  
Adamo Comandante Rimorchiatore "ERMES".

In data 3 Agosto 1944 sul corso di una perquisizione effettuata in Cagliari ad opera di codesto C.I.D. in danno del militare in argomento, sospetto autore di ricettazione in danno delle FF. AA. Alleate, venivano sequestrate al predetto 19 pacchi di candele della R. Marina e la somma di lire 25.000 di sua proprietà.

La perquisizione venne effettuata ad opera di Mister Simon Demas, che attualmente presta servizio presso il C.I.D. di Firenze.

Poichè tanto le candele che la somma predetta non costituivano corpo di reato, e non è stata fatta menzione nel verbale di denuncia del BAFFIGI al Tribunale Militare, si prega voler disporre per la loro restituzione al medesimo, tramite questo Comando. =

IL CAPITANO DI FREGATA COMANDANTE  
F/to LUIGI BORGHI 1573

PER COPIA CONFORME

IL CAPITANO DI FREGATA  
(Luigi Baroni)

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)  
 To : F.O.I.I. - Rome  
 Date: 19th April 1946  
 Ref.: B.3046

Subject: I.R.N. Censorship service

Further to cypher No. 115006 dated 8th June 1945, a copy of which is attached, the I.R.N. is at present operating the censorship offices in Rome, Naples and Taranto, in addition to censorship afloat.

Owing to the fact that on 15th April 1946 the ending of a state of war in Italy is foreseen, and excepting orders to the contrary, censorship offices operating under the I.R.N. will close down on that date.

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DATE: 30 April 1946  
 FROM: FLAG OFFICER CLAY & LIAISON  
 TO : NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, HQ. AC.

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Cypher No. 118006/4.

P.M. 3800 - 8th June 1945.

S E C R E T.From: Chief of Staff, Army Inspectorate of  
Military Censorship.

Ref. No. 118006

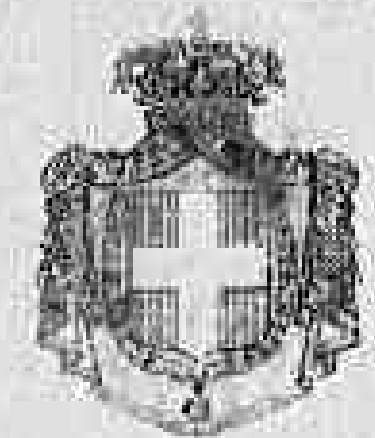
Further to signal 117887/4. Cons. Dated 3rd inst. Allied Authorities concerned have decided on 15th inst. to close down U.M.C.G. Rome and Naples, not mentioned in the previous signal. Dealing with offices under Allied control, executive orders for closing as well as handing over documents, treatment civilian personnel etc. will be handed to Heads of Italian Military Offices by Allied Officers. Of the above offices, the military section of the I.R.N. will continue to operate; executive orders for these will also be given by Allied Officers.....Ends.....

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Roma 10 APR. 1946

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Ord. N° B.3646 *Uleggi*

ARGOMENTO Servizio Censura per la R.Marina.

In seguito al telecifrato n° 118006 in data 8  
Giugno 1945, di cui si unisce copia, la R.Marina mantie-  
ne tuttora in funzione gli uffici censura di Roma, Napo-  
li e Taranto, oltre agli organi di censura di bordo.

In considerazione che per il 15 Aprile c.a. è  
prevista la cessazione dello stato di guerra in Italia,  
salvo disposizioni contrarie, con tale data verranno chiu-  
si gli uffici censura ancora in funzione nella R.Marina.

IL MINISTRO

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TELECIFRATO No. 118006/4~

P.M. 3800 - 8 Giugno 1945

S E G R E T O

Da Stamagione Esercito Ispettorato Censura Militare 1108006  
Cens.Prot. alt Seguito fonogramma 117887/4~ Cens. data 3 c.m.  
alt Autorità Alleate competenti hanno deciso sotto data 15  
c.m. chiusura U.M.C.G. Roma et Napoli non considerati nella  
segnalazione precedente alt Trattandosi di uffici sotto con-  
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mento carteggio virgola trattamento personale civile etc ver-  
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leati controllo alt Di detti uffici rimarranno in funzione  
le sezioni militari della R.Marina punto e virgola anche per  
queste le modalità esecutive verranno date dagli ufficiali  
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Senior USN Liaison Officer

Rome, Italy

11 February

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ITALY - GENOVA - Steamship Company "ITALIA" - Situation of.

Enclosure: (A) Copy, in Italian, of C.M.I. della Società di Navigazione "ITALIA" decree, subject "Assicurazione delle Fiere che hanno collaborato alla lotta di liberazione nazionale per volontà ed ordine del popolo," dated Geneva, 25 April 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) and the following information, dated May 1943 on the subject was received by cable command from Industrial Inspection Unit, I.I.I., C-2 (S Forces) 15th Army Group.

2. "Italia" - Soc; di Navigazione is the main steamship company which, through the participation of the IRI (Industrial Reconstruction Institute) and the FIMMEX (Financial Maritime Company), belongs to the state.

3. On January 1937 all major Italian shipping lines were merged into four groups as follows:

- (a) "Italia" - Head Office: Genoa  
Services from Genoa and Trieste to North Central and South America including the Pacific coast.
- (b) "Oriente" (ex-Lloyd Triestino) - Head Office: Trieste  
Services from Trieste and Genoa to India-Panama-East-Australia and non Mediterranean Africa.
- (c) "Marittima" - Head Office: Venice  
Services from Venice to Near East and Black Sea
- (d) "Maremma" - Head Office: Naples  
Services from Naples and Fiume to the Western Mediterranean and North Europe.

4. "Italia" line owned pre-war about 450,000 tons passenger and cargo vessels. Among them were the "Jaca" and "Jante di Savoia" about 5,000 G.T. each. Only the following, according to source, are now serviceable: 1568

- (a) s/s "Gastania" - 24,000 G.T. requisitioned by the Allies.
- (b) s/s "Falconia" - 24,000 G.T. at Venice
- (c) s/s "Conte Grande" - 25,000 G.T. chartered by the Allies

1941 - 1945 - Steamship Company "Italia" - Situation of

Enclosure: (A) Copy, in Italian, of C.N.I. della Societa di Navigazione "Italia" decree, subject "pressioni esercitate dalle forze che hanno collaborato alla lotta di liberazione nazionale per volonta ed azione del popolo," dated Genova, 25 April 1945.

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- (a) "Italia" - Head Office: Genoa  
Services from Genoa and Trieste to North Central and South America including the Pacific coast.
- (b) "Lloyd Triestino" - Head Office: Trieste  
Services from Trieste and Genoa to India-East-Australia and the Mediterranean, Africa, and the Middle East.
- (c) "Adriatica" - Head Office: Venice  
Services from Venice to Near East and Black Sea.
- (d) "Mare Adriatico" - Head Office: Naples  
Services from Naples and Fiume to the Western Mediterranean and North Europe.

4. "Italia" line owned pre-war about 150,000 tons passenger and cargo vessels. Among them were the "Monte" and "Conte di Savoia" about 5,000 G.T. each. Only the following, according to source, are now serviceable: 1568

- (a) s/s "Cattania" - 24,000 G.T. requisitioned by the Allies.
- (b) s/s "Pulcinella" - 24,000 G.T. at Venice
- (c) s/s "Conte Grande" - 25,000 G.T. commandeered by the Brazilian Government and still in their possession.

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- (a) s/s "Teresa" - 6000 G.T. chartered by the Brazilian Government and seized by the same when Brazil entered the war.
- (d) s/s "Maria Pampa" - 520 G.T. at Genoa.
- (e) s/s "Dora C." - 6000 G.T. at Taranto
- (f) s/s "Principessa Giovanna" - 10,000 G.T. passenger ship.
- (h) s/s "Lucia S." cargo boat 6000 G.T.

5. On April 25th a group of "Italia" employees stated that they had constituted a "Committee of National Liberation" for the "Italia" Co. On this same day a decree, a copy of which is hereto attached, as Enclosure (A), was published by the C.M.I.

6. The Committee has dismissed 67 directors and employees of the Head Office. Amongst them were all the General Directors and all the Branch Managers.

7. Four employees were invested by the Committee with the management of the Company. They were supposed to be appointed as legal representatives of the Firm. Further information stated that Eng. Giuseppe (Guffa) (actually a member of the Board of Directors of "Cantieri del Tirreno S.A.") had been appointed extraordinary Commissioner of "Italia".

8. The "Italia" has a staff of:

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| 500 clerical employees |
| 200 technicians        |
| 3500 craftsmen         |

9. Financial situation:

Notwithstanding the considerable credits claimed by the Company towards the Government as a compensation of lost tonnage which had to be insured exclusively through the Government, the "Italia" line still has sufficient cash to face current expenses for a limited period, about six months.

However as the "Italia" Co. belongs, through the FIMMARE Holding Co. to the IRI Group, the financial situation will have to be cleared by that concern.

It is to be considered that these credits now held by the Government can only be released on condition that same be employed in new construction.

The currency depreciation set-in since the outbreak of the war has increased the cost of new constructions to such high costs as to make a renewal of even part of the original tonnage would be practically impossible.

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# ENCLOSURE (A)

Venezia, 25 Aprile 1945

COMITATO DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE  
DELLA SOCIETA' DI NAVIGAZIONE "ITALIA"

MANIFESTAZIONE DELLA FORZA CHE HA COLLABORATO ALLA

LUTTA DI LIBERAZIONE NAZIONALE

PER L'AZIONE DEL POPOLO

In forza del mandato conferito dal Governo Democratico Italiano al Comitato Liberazione Nazionale Alta Italia, rappresentante legittimo del Governo stesso e come tale riconosciuto dalle Autorita' Alleate, assumo tutti i poteri di amministrazione della Navigazione "Italia".

## ESPOSIZIONE

1. In attesa di una libera consultazione popolare e delle ulteriori disposizioni di legge al Governo Democratico Italiano, tutti i poteri di amministrazione vengono esercitati attraverso organi e persone all'uopo designate dal Comitato di Liberazione che della "Navigazione Italia" allargato nella pur esiguita dei rappresentanti dei Volontari della Libertà, delle Organizzazioni Sindacali, Professionali, Femminili e Giovanili che hanno partecipato alla lotta di liberazione nonché delle principali categorie economiche.

2. Il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale come sopra costituito assume funzione di Giunta Popolare di amministrazione ed è composto dai signori seguenti.

3. I membri della Giunta designati in qualità di rappresentanti di Organizzazioni di massa e di categorie o economiche dovranno al più presto essere sottoposti a conferma da parte delle Assemblies costituite di dette organizzazioni e categorie.

Il Comitato di Liberazione Nazionale  
della Navigazione "Italia"

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Angellini   | Penna      |
| Cerretti    | Cerretti   |
| Castiglioni | De Angelis |
| Testa       | P. Tullio  |
| Brunetti    | Marasco    |
| Castagnetti | Massimoli  |
| Pascali     |            |

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Senior USN Liaison Officer

Rome, Italy

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Ministry of Marine

ITALY - Navy - La Spezia - Maritime Dept. Command of the Upper Tyrrhenian.

The following information on the subject was obtained from Ministry of Marine, and are translated extracts from the Ministry of Marine's "Foglio d'ordini", No. 70, dated 6 December 1945, Art. 3:

1. With effect from 15th December next the Command of the Maritime Dept. of the Upper Tyrrhenian resumes its functions at La Spezia and having the jurisdiction laid down in Royal Decree No. 240 of 10th June 1933 and subsequent amendments.

2. The following command and superordinate subordinate to the above are re-established in accordance with the provisions of above-mentioned decree:

- 1)- Directorate of Naval Medical Services
- 2)- Directorate of Naval Supply
- 3)- Directorate of Naval Engineering
- 4)- Hydrographic Department
- 5)- Area Lighthouse Command } Temporarily at Pionchio.

3. Until further order the Military Maritime Command of La Spezia will continue its existence and the following will come directly under its command:

- 1)- Maritime Defence Command
- 2)- C.A.S.M. Division
- 3)- S. Dockyard Command
- 4)- Directorate of Naval Construction and Machinery
- 5)- Directorate of Arms and Naval Weapons
- 6)- Directorate of Ammunition.

The Flag Officer in charge of the Military Maritime Command is Senior Rear-Admiral Franco Murgari.

4. On the other hand the following commands and departments have not been reconstituted:

- Command of the Port Area
- Directorate of Underwater Weapons.

5. In the absence of a Flag Officer appointed to this Command, or being invested with the functions of the Commander in Chief, by regular decree, the Flag Officer in Charge of the Military Maritime Command will carry out the duties of the Commander in Chief and interim.

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1. With effect from 15th December next the Command of the Maritime Regi. of the Upper Tyrrhenian resumes its functions at La Spezia and having the jurisdiction laid down in Royal Decree No. 840 of 16th June 1932 and subsequent amendments.

2. The following Command and Departments subordinate to the above are re-established in accordance with the provisions of above-mentioned decree:

- 1)- Directorate of Naval Medical Services
- 2)- Directorate of Naval Supply
- 3)- Directorate of Naval Engineering
- 4)- Hydrographic Department
- 5)- Area Lighthouse Command } Temporarily at Pioniera.

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- 2)- C.A.M. Barracks
- 3)- R. Dockyard Command
- 4)- Directorate of Naval Construction and Mechanics
- 5)- Directorate of Arms and Naval Weapons
- 6)- Directorate of Munitions.

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6. The actual change of the jurisdiction over the Commands and Departments hitherto under command of Maridipart Naples or Maristat will take place gradually, that is to say at such a rate as is allowed by improvements in communications and the return to normal of services in the various areas.

The relative dates from which these will have effect will be laid down periodically by Maridipart la Spezia after agreement with Maridipart Naples and Maristat and communicating them to Maristat.

7. Furthermore the following Departments remain constituted as a temporary measure for the duration of present circumstances:

- 1)- Centralustering Commission
- 2)- I.R.E. Materials Recovery Centre
- 3)- Ship Salvage Party
- 4)- Independent Clearances Office for the Upper Tyrrhenian.
- 5)- Family Allowance Office.

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- 4) Independent clearance office for the Upper Lychnian.
- 5) Family Allowances Office.

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OFFICE OF CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
NAVY DEPARTMENT

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INTELLIGENCE REPORT

(Reference to this report must specify Serial No., Place and Date.)

Serial R-687-46 at Rome, Italy Date 6 November, 19 46  
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From U.S. Naval Attache Monograph Index Guide No. 901-100  
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Reference (a) ALUSNA Rome Conf. Serial R-181-46 dated 10 July 1946.  
(Directive, correspondence, previous related report, etc., if applicable)

Source As Stated. Evaluation A-2  
(As official, personal observation, publication, press, conversation with --  
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Subject ITALY - Navy - Organization - Navy Department and General Staff.  
(Main title as per index guide) (Subtitles) (Make separate report for each title)

BRIEF. (Here enter careful summary of report, containing substance succinctly stated; include important facts, names, places, dates, etc.)

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(B) One copy of publication, in Italian, entitled "Ordinamento ed attribuzioni degli uffici dell'amministrazione centrale e periferica della R. Marina", dated September 1941.

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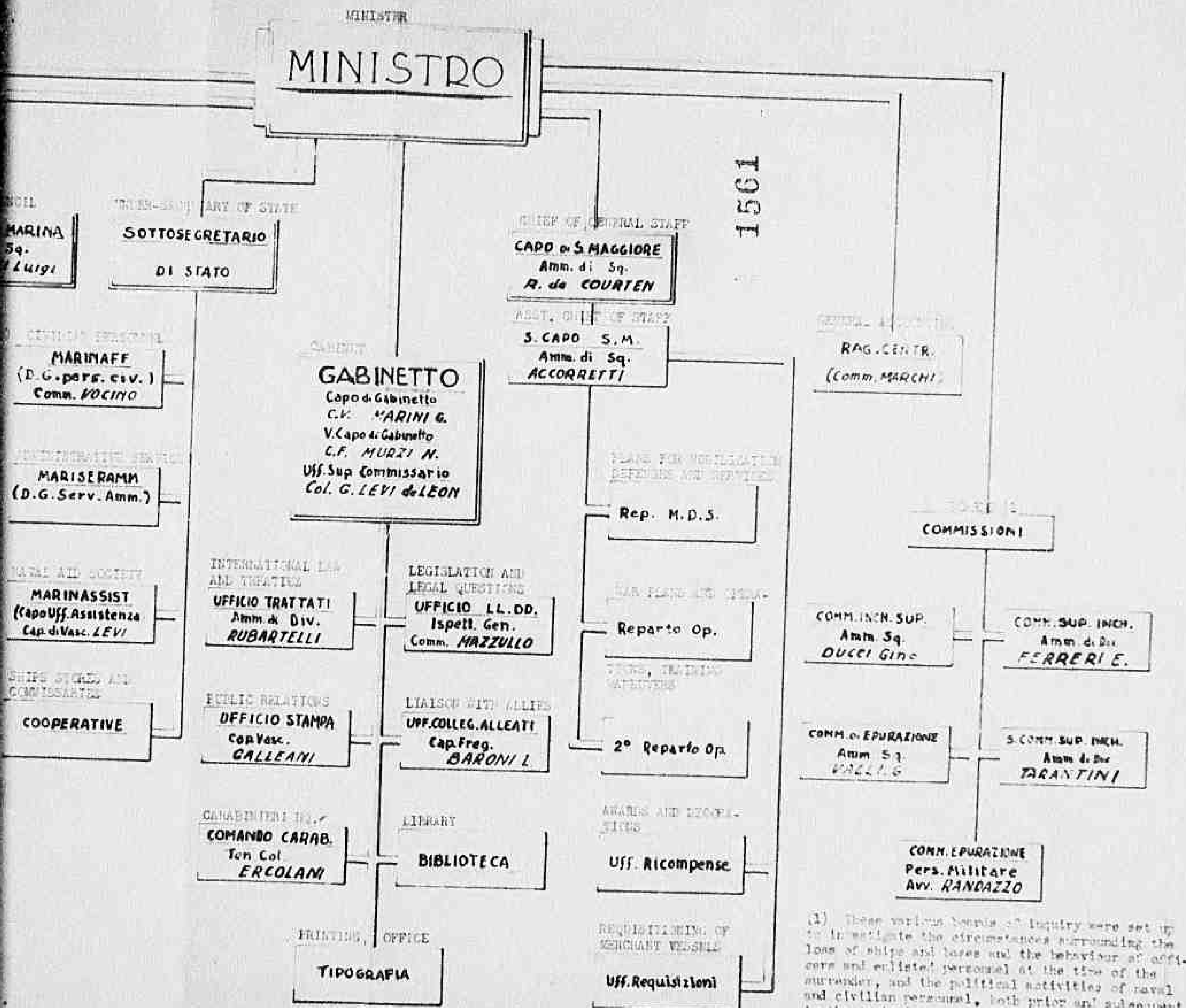
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6 June 1946

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION

Subj: SPAIN

1. In a recent interview in Mexico City Dr. Jose Giral, Prime Minister of the Exile Republican Government, stated that Spain has two 34,000 ton BBs which were completed in December 1944 and two more under construction and that four heavy cruisers were under construction with British assistance. Either Dr. Giral has been misinformed or he is simply trying to attack British relations with Franco regardless of the truth. Such statements are likely to do his cause more harm than good.
2. Spain does have a building program underway, however, which includes 3 submarines, 2 destroyers, 9 torpedo boats, 8 gunboats, 7 minesweepers, 8 harbor tugs, and 5 port tugs -- a total of 42 vessels. Besides these there are projected 32 vessels, including 9 destroyers, 12 coastguard vessels, 2 fleet tugs, 2 hydrographic vessels, 1 schoolship and 6 corvettes. No keels have been laid for any of these projected vessels and due to the present low state of Spanish economy, it is not likely that they will be undertaken with any great speed. The date of completion of the vessels already underway is also uncertain due to a lack of machinery and equipment which Spain must import and which was formerly secured from Germany.
3. Spain does not have the resources to build and equip BBs or heavy cruisers (in fact the 3 subs and 2 destroyers have been building since 1936) and there is no likelihood of British aid to the present Spanish government.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
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LEGAL SUB COMMISSION

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26 September 1946.

SUBJECT : Forgery of U.S. Naval Bills.

TO : Allied Finance Agency.

1. Will you please forward to the Banca d'Italia the following information received to-day from Navy Sub-Commission :

- a) Subject check or bill is spurious and have never been issued by any U.S. Navy agency or personnel
- b) Complete record and reports of investigation made by U.S. C.I.D. are available in this office to the Bank of Italy. This report contains confessions and exposé of a "ring" of Italian operators involving about five hundred thousand dollars.

H. .ZIROLLI  
Commodore, USN  
Deputy Chief Navy S/C.

2. In consequence this Sub Commission is of opinion that the matter should be dealt entirely with by the Italian authorities, considering that all the offenders are Italian citizens and that no Allied interests are at stake.

G.G. HANNAFORD,  
Lt. Colonel,  
Deputy Chief Legal Advisor.

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26 September 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Subject: Forged United States Navy Checks by Italian Civilians.

1. At the instigation of the Staff Intelligence Officer, Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, the Criminal Investigation Division was requested to make a thorough investigation of newspaper reports to the effect that attempts were being made to cash forged and counterfeit U. S. Navy Government checks submitted for payment to various banks by Italian individuals. This was about 9 July 1946.

2. CID, Rome, was further requested to cooperate in close liaison with CID, Leghorn, Milan, and other cities. This resulted in a complete report which was duly forwarded to the appropriate naval authorities, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

3. At no time prior to 20 September was the Navy Sub-Commission or Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, informed of any correspondence between the bank of Rome and the Allied Commission.

4. On 25 September Colonel Hannaford of the Legal Sub-Commission was informed by Commander Bahlmann of the Navy Sub-Commission that full report on the matter, based on investigations by CID, would be forwarded to him on 26 September.

CONCLUSIONS:

- (1) Subject checks are counterfeit and have never been issued by the U. S. Navy.
- (2) Complete reports of investigations of this matter as well as confessions of operators of ring involving about five hundred thousand dollars in spurious checks and bills are available to the Bank of Italy.

Respectfully,

H. W. ZIROLI,  
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ITALY-PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY & DETAILS OF PLACER-COASTAL CHINE-PILOTAGE FEE-  
PORT OF VENICE.

Enclosure: (A) "Memorandum on the Renewal of the Autonomous Management of Pilot  
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MEMORANDUM

On the Renewal of the Autonomous Management of Pilot Service at the Port of Venice

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In the first place, it should be recalled that on the date of liberation, 29 May 1945, the Allied Command, concerned about the inefficient condition of the Pilot's Association of the Venice Harbour after five years of war, assumed all the expenses connected with the pilotage service (salaries, equipment, fuel, floating equipment, etc.) and paid the pilots a fixed monthly sum combined with a modest pilotage fee according to the tonnage of the vessels calling at the port. Later the Allied Command granted an increase to the monthly allowance based on increased living costs.

With the transfer of the administration to the Italian authorities (1 January 1946) the system established by the Allies was maintained. However, the Italian authorities did not recognize the subsequent increase in cost of living allowances made by the Allied Command to pilots and sailors. Nor did they agree to the repair and restoration of the pilot boats damaged by the war, as the Allied Command had done.

Subsequently a government order was received to study and make suggestions for new fees, with the purpose of resuming the autonomous management of the service as it was before the war.

II

At first, the Captain of the port, agreeing with the pilots' point of view and justly concerned about the enormous increase in the operating costs of the service, decided to arrange a fee composed of two elements as follows:

- (a) One part for the salaries of the pilots, assistants, and retired personnel of the Association.
- (b) The second part, estimated on a percentage basis with the first, to cover the operating expenses. This second part of the fee would fluctuate with the actual cost of the service (sliding scale).

In compliance with these directives, the pilots, through studies and memoranda presented by the Chief of the Governing Board of the Association, made known their requests as follows:

- (a) An increase equal to ten times the pre-war (1940) fee for the part designated as salaries for the pilots, assistants, and retired personnel.
- (b) An increase equal to 25% of part (a) designated, on a trial basis, for operating expenses.

III

Thereupon, the local office of the Captain of the Port gave up the idea of dividing the fee into two distinct parts, ordering the renewal of the pre-war system provided for in the General Pilotage Regulations, by which the burden of the operating expenses is to be taken from the total pilotage receipts indiscriminately.

Although being an conservative as possible for well-known reasons, the Pilots Association asks for an increase of 25 times over the 1940 fee on these new directives.

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- (a) Tug service - 26 times
- (b) Docking service - 13 times (this service has no mechanically propelled floating equipment.)

## IV

In reply to the Port Authority's announced principles for establishing the new rates, the following comments are presented for consideration:

- (A) The pilots can not accept the principle of pay (16,000 liras per month has been mentioned!) based on the traffic of the past 12 months.

Attention is invited to the fact that the traffic for that period has been chiefly military, caused by both wartime and political factors by UNRRA aid, etc.; that, as soon as the conditions causing it no longer exist, this abnormal traffic will soon disappear, giving way to peacetime trade which will be greatly reduced in volume, taking into consideration the sign of our overland marine, the loss of all passenger lines, the lack of tourist traffic, the reduced volume of industrial imports, etc.

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To base the rate of pay, therefore, on the traffic of the last 12 months is useless and deceptive.

Moreover, the principle of waiting to establish a maximum rate of pay for the pilots (which in any case should have a basis completely different from the one proposed) in this specific case is unacceptable because it is based on such a variable and uncontrollable factor as the volume of port traffic and therefore lacking the logical counterpart of a definite minimum income which can always be counted on.

In order to do this it would be necessary to have a fee that automatically adjusted itself to the volume of traffic, which for obvious reasons is impossible.

On the other hand, this discussion is beside the point, since the problem is not to establish the pilots' rate of pay, but rather to compile new pilotage fees for the Venice Bastery.

It is obvious that these fees can not be charged with any frequency; therefore, in order for them to be stable and remunerative under all circumstances, it is necessary for them to have a sufficient margin of safety to compensate for the absolutely certain reduced volume of traffic in the future.

(B) The necessity for setting up the fee is such a way that it will cover operating expenses even under the worst traffic conditions is incontestable. The floating equipment of the Pilots Association, composed of three old missile powered tugboats, needs constant repairs and refitting. Attention is invited to the fact that the tug, "Piloti No. 1", requisitioned by the Italian Navy during the war and subsequently by the Germans after 8 September 1943, has been restored to the Association in an unserviceable condition with even the propeller shaft broken; nor have the Italian authorities complied with the promise made to the Association by the Allied Command to repair it at the expense of the Navy. The cost of repairing this tug alone is estimated at 2,500,000 Lire.

It is unnecessary to emphasize that the present cost of metal parts and skilled labor, which adds to the cost of repairs due to the constant use of the engines, the high price of fuel oil, lubricating oil, and similar items, the extremely high insurance premiums on the floating equipment, the salary of the crews every month, the expenses of the shore installations (office, lookout station, employees, telephone, etc.) are all factors which have increased enormously since 1940. And furthermore they are not expenses which can be reduced if it is desired to maintain the service on a minimum efficiency level.

In the light of these considerations, the adjustment of 25 times the 1940 fee requested by the Association appears even more conservative and full of risks for the pilots unless the volume of traffic has a noticeable increase. In the case of insufficient traffic, the awkward situation would arise where the pilots would have to pay for the cost of the service without being able to earn enough to live on. That paradoxical situation has already happened once during the ill-fated Fascist war, when no government authority believed it necessary to intervene to revive the bankrupt budget of the Association.

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Attention is invited to the fact that, considering the size and shape of the estuary and the conditions under which the service must operate at Venice, this equalization is neither possible nor just.

It is known that, because of the vast size of the area served, a pilot has to be on board a vessel in the estuary on the average five times as long as in the other Italian ports. The frequent fog and the necessity for seeing foreign vessels a considerable distance outside the estuary further increase the amount of time a pilot is required.

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In practice these local conditions work out to the disadvantage of the Pilots Association, which is required to maintain fourteen pilots instead of the four or five that would normally be necessary for the volume of traffic if the port were more accessible; these fourteen persons are skilled one day off duty every two weeks, and they must be on duty all hours of the day and night, which is not true of the other principal ports, where it is possible to arrange tours of duty and a decent schedule.

In addition the fees at Venice have always been on the mid-range rather than of 1.75 to 1 and the maximum of 2.25 to 1 in comparison with those of the other Italian ports; which is true even of the related activities, tug and hooking services, and in almost identical proportions.

Why, therefore, change this situation which has the backing of 50 years of practical experience in piloting?

(D) If it were desired to fix the pilot income fees at a predetermined maximum amount (which has been shown to be impossible), it is necessary to take into account that the crews of the pilot boats (four boatmen and three engineers, second class) with the new system will bring in a total of at least 16,000 lire per month, while they will cost the Association at least 25,000 lire each per month.

It must be observed that the pilot does not receive the social security benefits given to all the laboring classes.

It is observed that the pilot works with his own capital (today the floating equipment of the Venice Association is worth at least 7,000,000 lire) from which he receives no interest.

Why, therefore, limit the income of the Venice pilot, considering all these factors, the type of work he does, the heavy civil and legal responsibility he assumes in piloting a vessel, often of considerable size, through mile after mile of the narrow and treacherous channels of the lagoon, in fog and bad weather, even at night, from the open sea to the inner harbor?

There should be taken, therefore, into serious consideration the material and moral reasons which demand a remunerative fee which would assure the pilot of a decent standard of living.

A heavily starvation fee would only serve to hamper the most important element, we were about to say the principal character, of the harbor's activities without on the other hand rendering any advantage to the enterprise in fact if for foreign vessels, which today represent the principal part of the traffic, the Italian pilot fees are absolutely ridiculous when compared with those of foreign ports, it is no longer true that Italian ships are charging sufficiently high cargo and passenger rates to be able to pay adequate fees for this important service.

#### Conclusion

In concluding, it is requested that the new pilotage fees about to be established be scaled to the present rates multiplied by 25, in other words, that they be fixed at 3.00 lire per ton of gross tonnage up to 4,000 tons (basic fee), and that the same relative increase be kept for all the other factors in the fee schedule.

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which is true even of the related activities, the end accounting services, and in almost identical proportions.

Why, therefore, change this situation which has the backing of 50 years of practical experience in pilotage?

(3) If it were desired to fix the pilot income fees at a predetermined maximum amount (which has been shown to be impossible), it is necessary to take into account that the gross of the pilot boats (four boatmen and three engineers, second class) with the new system will bring in a total of at least 16,000 lire per month, while they will cost the Association at least 25,000 lire each per month.

It must be observed that the pilot does not receive the social security benefits given to all the laboring classes.

It is observed that the pilot works with his own capital (today the floating equipment of the Venice Association is worth at least 7,000,000 lire) from which he receives no interest.

Why, therefore, limit the income of the Venice pilot, considering all these factors, the type of work he does, the heavy civil and legal responsibility he assumes in piloting a vessel, often of considerable size, through rifle after rifle of the narrow and treacherous channels of the lagoon, in fog and bad weather, even at night, from the open sea to the inner harbor?

There should be taken, therefore, into serious consideration the material and moral reasons which demand a remunerative fee which would assure the pilot of a decent standard of living.

A haggardly observation fee would only serve to hamper the most important elements we were about to say the principal character, of the harbor's activities without on the other hand rendering any advantage to the enterprises in fact it for foreign vessels, which today compose the principal part of the traffic, the Italian pilot fees are absolutely ridiculous when compared with those of foreign ports, it is no less true that Italian ships are charging sufficiently high cargo and passenger rates to be able to pay adequate fees for this important service.

Conclusion

In concluding, it is requested that the new pilotage fees about to be established be scaled to the pre-war rates multiplied by 25, in other words, that they be fixed at 3.00 lire per ton of gross tonnage up to 4,000 tons (basic fee), and that the same relative increase be kept for all the other factors in the fee schedule.

Venice, 12 August 1946

NSC/4562  
7 February 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Flag Officer Italy and Liaison.  
Subject: I. S. "ERITREA".

1. Copy of letter G-5: 400.8 dated 1st February 1946, received from G-5, Allied Force Headquarters is forwarded for your information in reference to your signal 281552A January.

2. The Ministry of Marine have been requested to investigate and take necessary action.

W. F. BAHLMANN  
Lieut. Comdr., USNR  
For REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

7 FEB 1946

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR (S) 100-1-1

100-1-1

SECRET

INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT OFFICERS AND CREW OF "ARTUR" ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING TAKEN PART IN LARGE SCALE BLACK MARKET TRANSACTIONS AND SMOuggling WARE COLLECTING REPARATIONS IN THE EAST INDIES STATION. IT IS ALLEGED THAT THE BLACK MARKET PRODUCE ON BOARD WILL BE DISPOSED OF IN ITALY AND IT IS REQUESTED THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO INVESTIGATE AND NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN WHEN THE SHIP ARRIVES IN ITALY

DTG. 061009A

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DIST:- 0 - 4, 13, 15, 17, 25, CSO, Dep-Chief NSC.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
G-5 Section  
APO 512

*navy*

G-5: 400.8 ✓

1 February 1946

SUBJECT: Black Market Activities.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission  
APO 394

1. Herewith copy of Naval Message (D.T.G. 211552A January) from F.O.I.L. (25) addressed to AFHQ for G-2 (CI) apparently through error.

2. It is requested that the information contained in Paragraph 1 be forwarded to the proper Italian authorities for whatever action they may wish to take.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

*Harold M.*  
P. G. A. PARSONS,  
Brigadier,  
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:  
as above

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NAVAL MESSAGE

WT. 32054/DB170, 2500M, C.B. 05.170, 0/43, 45237.  
S 13201  
(ESTABLISHED, OCTOBER, 1935.)

To: A.F.H.Q. From F.O.I.L. (25)  
For G2 C1 FROM:

Following is a paraphrased version of C in C East Indies

221138 Jan. Addressed.

C in C med FOLEM BOGMA  
NOIO Port Said ( L<sup>10</sup> ) Admiralty From C in C E.I.  
Commodore Agen SACSEA

There is reason to believe that officers and men of Italian Ship "BRITREA" have used opportunity provided by collection of Italian and other internees in SEAC theatre to engage in large black market transactions and and smuggling. It is suspected that attempts will be made to sell in Italy quantities of Black Market produce now alleged to be onboard.

- 2. Discipline is reported as lax.
- 3. B.N.I.O. and liaison personnel have been withdrawn.

Message ends.

Para. 2. Italian, Dutch and Swiss patriates are onboard.

Para 3. I.S. "BRITREA" is expected to arrive SUEZ about 30th January for onward routing to TARANTO via Estimated Time of Arrival in that port will be signalled when known.

D.T.G. 214552A January

S.H.M. D.R.E.G. In Transit  
Dist 0 to 4 15 17 25

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C IN C MED, FOLEM, NOIC PORT SLAT, CDRE ADEN  
(INFO) FORMIA ADMIRALTY, SACSEA

C IN C E I  
221138 Jan.

SECRET

My 161010. British NLO I. I. ERITREA has reported that there is reason to believe that her officers and men have used the opportunity provided by the collection of Italian internees (2 groups ?) to engage in large scale black market transactions and smuggling. It is not unlikely that an effort will be made to land refugees on board before reaching Italy, ostensibly so that ship can proceed to (Shanghai ?) for more.

2. It is also suspected that collusion exists with friends in (farthest ?) (1 group) with a view to the r selling in Italy quantities of black market produce which is now alleged to be on board. My 011421 not to Care. Agen refers.

3. Discipline is reported as b d.

4. ENLO and liaison personnel have been withdrawn. (C in C Med's ?) ( ? ) of (20th ?) January not to all addressees refers.

221138 Jan.

Ref: 161010 ERITREA due 3uez 30th Jan.  
011421 Not held.

0 - 4, 13, 15, 17, 25.

DATE: 28 January 1946  
FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON.  
TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSIONER, H. P. AC.

FORWARDED 1548  
J. H. Drouin  
1st DEPT ADMIRAL

FOLEI (R) AIRTY CINC RPT SAC SEAC NOIC PORT SAID NOIC ADEN CS 2  
CINC MED FO CEYLON ALPSEA VA(Q) RPT FOIL FO(MALAYA?)

CINC EI  
161010 Jan

RESTRICTED

- My 101403 not to all.  
IS Eritirsa should now arrive Suez about 30th Jan. in addition to Italians.  
She has on board 12 Swiss including 8 women and children and (30?) Dutch  
for repatriation.  
2. My 014421 and FOIL's 011725 not to all. Request Eritrea be sailed to land via  
repatriates as necessary in Med. and may subsequently be sailed for further  
similar lifts US 2's 140520 not to all also refers.  
3. CCO SINGAPORE pass P/L to SEAC SEAC and ALPSEA.

Ref: Movements of IS Eritrea.

Dis: 1-5, 13-16, 25.

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TOE 0001/21

DATE: 20 January 1946.  
FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & L. ON 1547  
TO : NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, 11  
FORWARDED: 11/11/46  
J. H. Thomas 121/1  
101 DEPT ADMIRAL.

HSC/4663  
27 February 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.  
Subject: Information concerning document dealing with Italian Naval  
invention alleged to have been given to a Major Davis, U.S.A.

Enclosure: (A) Letter from Italian citizen Aldo Crespi.

1. Enclosure (A) is returned herewith.
2. The Navy Sub-Commission has been unable to locate Major Davis.  
There is no record of the subject document having been received by any Naval  
activity in this area.

G. E. MENTZ,  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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8 MAR 1946

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Via Adamello No.7

Trento

10th February, 1946.

On 30th May 1945 I personally gave to Major MAVIS, then Provincial Commissioner of Trento, a sealed envelope addressed as follows :

"Secret : Urgent.

U.S.A. Navy".

This envelope contained a proposal from me with regard to a one-man submarine of small range and high speed.

In October and December 1945 I asked for an early reply of any nature, addressing the Provincial Commissioner of Trento on each occasion but receiving no reply.

Knowing as I did the extreme courtesy of the U.S. Armed Forces, this circumstance much perplexed me.

I would request the U.S. Embassy to obtain information, therefore, from the Navy Department in Washington whether my proposal has been received there, bearing in mind that I wish the modest fruit of my labour - if it be good - to be for the exclusive use of the Great Nation which, more than any other, has shown and is showing kindness and understanding towards my poor Italy.

In anticipation, I thank you and offer my profoundest respects

Yours etc.-

Aldo CRISPI

U.S. EMBASSY  
ROME.

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**COMMENT**

GOODNESS OF "LIBERTY" SHIPS WITHDRAWN BY STEAMSHIP COMPANIES REPORTED

AS REGARDS "LIBERTY" ships, there are rumors that the steamship companies have doubts as to whether they are sea-worthy, and refuse to take them. People do not want to buy before examining the vessels offered.

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**COMMENT**

YUGOSLAV SHIP REQUISITIONED BY ITALIAN MARINE

It would be wise if AMERICA were sent over here. If not, then an official authorization for one of us to act as your representative. At the Ministry of Merchant Marine it found that the ship "VIGORANT" is still in your hands, the rightful owner. So if you can't come, my husband with Mr. Montani and Wing will take care of the ship.

The ship is now in the port of Genoa. In what conditions we don't know, but we hope to receive a report on it any day. The ship is still requisitioned by the Italian Navy. They used it up to the time of the Italian Armistice, after which time it was taken over by the Germans and Fascists. Proceedings are being taken in order that the ship be returned to her rightful owner. Afterwards it will be controlled by the "COMANDO CRISTIANO NAVI" (COCCINA) there by making it a part of the Italian Merchant Navy. Therefore you must make your request direct to the Navy Minister. This is all of the utmost importance. Some care must be taken to preserve the ship until the change of flag is arranged, returning our ships to our government.

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## COMMENT

## YUGOSLAV SHIP REGISTRATION BY MERCHANT MARINE

It would be wise if AMPERA were sent over here. If not, then on official authorization for one of us to act as your representative. At the Ministry of Merchant Marine we found that the ship AMPERA is still in your name, the rightful owner. So if you can't come, my husband with Mr. COMPTON and MIRCO will take care of the ship.

The ship is now in the port of GENOA. In what conditions we don't know, but we hope to receive a report on it any day. The ship is still requisitioned by the Italian Navy. They need it up to the time of the Italian Armistice, after which time it was taken over by the Germans and Fascists. Proceedings are being taken in order that the ship be returned to her rightful owner. Afterwards it will be controlled by the "COMITATO GERMANO NAVI" (CGNNA) thereby making it a part of the Italian Merchant Navy. Therefore you must make your request direct to the Navy Minister. This is all of the utmost importance. Some care must be taken to preserve the ship until the change of flags is arranged, returning our ships to our government.

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EXAMINER Italian Censor REVIEWER R.J.J.C.

EXAMINATION DATE

18 June 1945

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From:

Telephone: 24369  
SALVAGEO PLAZA.

(Callee - A Men.)

(Caller - A Men.)

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**COMMENT**

COMPENSATION OF SHIPS - COMPLAINTS.

Caller:- We shall ask the Government to increase the Charter price.  
 Callee:- No really should not do so, but since it is being done.  
 Caller:- Commander, think, for the ship's crew there has been a raise of, first 30%, then 40% for the mines.....  
 Callee:- Did you see how the "Santa Maria" went up! The few ships we have left are now being blown up! When an earth are they going to sweep the mines out? There are 50,000 in the Adriatic and they are not being removed!  
 Caller:- Has anything been known of the Commission that went to London for our confiscated ships?  
 Callee:- I know that Argentina is returning them.  
 Caller:- No, I am speaking of those taken by America and England.  
 Callee:- MATTAINI and RAVANO have arranged nothing. MATTAINI has quite a few peps, but no diplomacy. He will never know how to do a thing.

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OSI XIII CORPS  
8-2 (01) AFHQ  
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CONFISCATION OF SHIPS - COMPLAINTS.

Caller:- We shall ask the Government to increase the Charter price.  
Callee:- We really should not do so, but since it is being done.  
Caller:- Commander, think, for the ship's crew there has been a  
raise of, first 10%, then 40% for the mines.....  
Callee:- Did you see how the "Santa Maria" went up! The few ships  
we have left are now being blown up! When an earth quake  
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Callee:- MATTALINI and RAVANO have arranged nothing. MATTALINI has  
quite a few paps, but no diplomacy. He will never know  
how to do a thing.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2916  
27 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.  
Subject: Santa Rosa Archives.

1. With reference to Ministry of Marine letter SM.13079 of 30 June and further to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/2835 of 3 July, information has been received that it is not possible to alter the decision concerning the Santa Rosa Archives which already has been communicated in Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/2333 of 4 May.

H. W. ZIROLI,  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3020  
23 July 1945

Memorandum For Lieutenant Murray:

Commodore Ziroli desires that you discuss the attached correspondence relative to the Santa Rosa Archives at your earliest convenience. Please return all correspondence to the Navy Sub-Commission.

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

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23 JUL 1945

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES  
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

Serial: 00487

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16 JUL 1945

From: Commander, United States Naval Forces,  
Northwest African Waters.  
To: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
Subject: Santa Rosa Archives.  
References: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/2011 of  
2 April 1945.  
(b) ComNavNaw ltr. A12-1, Serial 0601 of  
30 April 1945.  
(c) Navy Sub-Commission Secret ltr. NSC/2458  
of 22 May 1945, with enclosures.

1. Enclosure (B) of reference (c) requests that the documents in question be returned to the Ministry of Marine so that copies and extracts may be made of them.

2. No record was maintained of the disposition of these documents at the time they were processed at Rome.

3. It is, therefore, not possible to determine their present whereabouts for the purpose required by the Italian Ministry of Marine.

*Spencer S. Lewis*

SPENCER S. LEWIS  
CHIEF OF STAFF

cc: CINCMED

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2835  
3 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.  
Subject: Santa Rosa Archives.

1. In answer to Ministry of Marine letter SM.13079 of 30 June 1945, it is desired to draw the attention of the Ministry of Marine to the fact that Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/2333 of 4 May 1945 contained the decision of Allied authorities in regard to the possibility of returning certain documents to the Santa Rosa Archives.

2. The contents of Ministry of Marine letter SM.9757 of 17 May 1945 have been brought to the attention of Allied authorities for consideration. Any decision which may be reached in the matter will be communicated to the Ministry of Marine immediately upon its receipt by the Navy Sub-Commission.

PEARL ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



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5 JUL 1945

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)  
To : N.S.C. - Rome  
Date: 30 June '45  
Ref.: SM.13079

Subject: S.ROSA Archives.

Our SM/9757 of 17 May last refers.

Request to be informed of N.S.C.'s  
decisions in regard to this matter.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

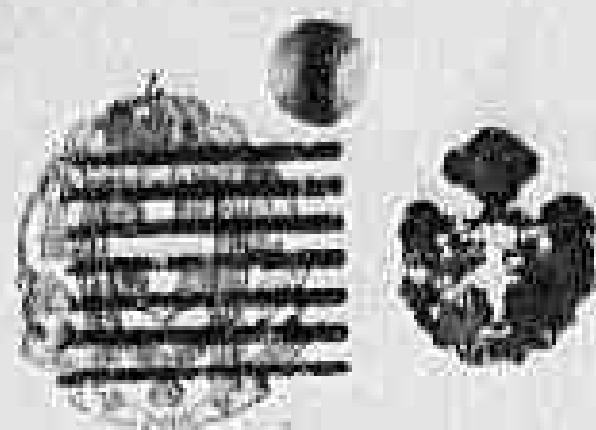
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Roma. 30 Giugno 1945

Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. Operazioni *UFF* O/A.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. *SM/13079* Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Archivio S. Rosa. -

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION  
ROMA

Riferimento dispaccio n° S.M./9757 in data 17/5/1945.

Si prega voler comunicare le decisioni di codesta Navy Sub-Commission circa la richiesta avanzata col dispaccio in riferimento. -

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

*L. Accorri*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2458  
22 May 1945.

**SECRET**

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

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters.  
Subject: Santa Rosa Archives.  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/2011 of 2 April 1945.  
(b) ComNavNAW ltr A12-1 Serial 0601 of 30 April 1945.  
Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/2333 of 4 May 1945.  
(B) Ministry of Marine ltr (translation) SM 9757 of 17 May 1945.

1. Reference (a) informed the Commander U.S. Naval Forces Northwest African Waters of the Italian Ministry of Marine's request for the return of documents removed from the Santa Rosa Archives, Rome by Naval Intelligence officers.

2. Based on reference (b), the Navy Sub-Commission, in the original of enclosure (A), informed the Ministry of Marine that it is not anticipated that the documents in question will be returned to the Italian Government.

3. Enclosure (B), which now has been received by the Navy Sub-Commission, requests reconsideration of the matter and proposes that the documents in question be returned temporarily in order that copies may be made of them. It is requested that Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters consider the Ministry's renewed request, as contained in enclosure (B), and that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed of the decision reached for use as the basis of a reply to the Ministry of Marine.

4. In enclosure (A), addressed to the Ministry of Marine, the Navy Sub-Commission did not refer to the specific directive, on the subject of captured enemy naval documents, which is mentioned in paragraph 4 of reference (b), nor to the fact that the Santa Rosa objective was included as an "enemy naval intelligence target". Mention was not made of these facts as it was felt that the Italian Government should not be given an opportunity to raise the question of whether such documents and other material should be considered as "captured enemy material" in view of Italy's co-belligerent status.



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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/2458  
22 May 1945

Subject: Santa Rosa Archives. '-----

5. In any event it is considered that the basic authority of the Allied Governments to retain such documents stems from Article 35 of the Armistice Terms which states in part that "the Italian Government will supply all information and provide all documents required by the United Nations".

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2333  
4 May 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.  
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.  
Subject: Santa Rosa Archives.

1. In accordance with Ministry of Marine letters SM 2349 dated 5 February and SM 5879 dated 25 March, the Navy Sub-Commission has requested the cognizant Allied Authorities to consider the possibility of granting the Ministry's request contained therein.

2. According to information received by the Navy Sub-Commission, it is not anticipated that the documents in question will be returned to the Italian Government.

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



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1. There may be a question of whether material in Rome in Santa Rosa Archives can be considered as captured enemy material. That broad question - ie. the dividing line between Italian material and captured enemy material has never been settled to the best of my knowledge. That is the reason I was careful not to use the word "enemy" or raise the issue in COMNAVNAV Ministry even though the documents justifies the retention of the document under a "captured enemy document" directive.

2. In any case it is not necessary the question of whether the

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2. In any case it is not necessary <sup>4532</sup>  
to settle the question of whether the  
documents are or are not "captured  
enemy material" in view of  
Article 35 of the Armistice  
which is written in full on  
the next page.

ART. 35 - (FULL TEXT)

35. The Italian Government will supply all information and provide all documents required by the United Nations. There shall be no destruction or concealment of archives, records, plans or any other documents or information.

1. Nowhere in Art. 35 or in remainder of the Armistice is there any mention or intimation that documents will be returned to the Italian Government.

2. In the Italian's favor, it should be noted, however, that the most recent Combined Chiefs of Staff, says "the US and UK Governments have agreed to relax the control of the Italian Government under the Armistice --- and only exercise (it) when military needs require it, thus developing in the Italian sense of responsibility."

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information.

1. Nowhere in Art. 35 or in remainder of the Armistice is there any mention or intimation that documents will be returned to the Italian Government.

2. In the Italian's favor, it should be noted, however, that the most Directive recent Combined Chiefs of Staff, says "the US and UK Governments have agreed to relax the control of the Italian Government under the Armistice --- and only exercise (it) when military needs require it, thus developing in the Italian authorities a greater sense of responsibility. As the return of documents has little to do with "developing the Italian responsibility" it doesn't seem that much weight need be given to this point in the present instance.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)  
To : N.S.C. - Rome  
Date: 17 May '45  
Ref.: SM.9757

Subject: S.Rosa Archives.

With ref. to your NSC/2333 of 4th inst., this Ministry returns to above matter to point out that it is of particular importance that I.R.N. should be enabled to consult these documents as being essential to reconstruct the Naval War historically and statistically.

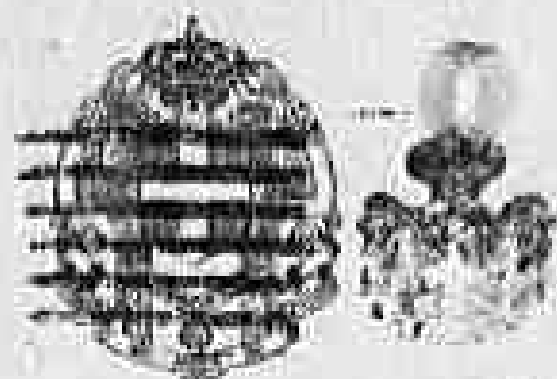
We earnestly request that you will reconsider the possibility that documents in question be returned, "even if provisionally", so that copies and extracts may be made of same.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N.° SM/9757 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Archivio S. Rosa.

Con riferimento foglio di codesta Comm. Navy. nro NSC/2333 in data 4 maggio c.a. questo Ministero ritiene di ritornare sull'argomento per far presente che la consultazione dei documenti in questione riveste carattere di particolare importanza per la Marina italiana essendo la consultazione stessa indispensabile alla ricostruzione storica e statistica della guerra navale.

Si prega vivamente pertanto di voler riesaminare se non sia possibile ottenere che i documenti siano restituiti, "eventualmente in via provvisoria", allo scopo di farne copie o di poterne ricavare degli estratti.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES  
NORTHWEST AFRICAN WATERS

Serial: 0601

30 APR 1945

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From: Commander, United States Naval Forces,  
Northwest African Waters.  
To: Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.  
Subject: Italian Naval Archives, Removal of Documents from.  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Comm. ltr. NSC/2011 of 2 April 1945.

1. The Santa Rosa objective was included as an enemy naval intelligence target in the lists prepared by the Joint Naval Intelligence Planning Group attached to Allied Force Headquarters.
2. This location was subsequently searched by United States Navy and Royal Navy intelligence officers after its capture by Allied troops in June 1944.
3. Documents of operational value and data required by the Admiralty and Navy Department were removed and forwarded to the Naval center of primary concern.
4. It is not anticipated that documents removed from this objective will be returned to the Italian Government as under the provisions of the existing directive issued by Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean; "All captured enemy naval documents found are the joint property of British and American commands".

*Spencer S. Lewis*

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2011  
2 April 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Commander United States EIGHTH Fleet.  
Subject: Italian Naval Archives, Removal of Documents from.

1. The following is quoted from Italian Ministry of Marine letter SM 5879 of 25 March 1945:

"Immediately after the arrival of Anglo-American troops in Rome (between 7th and 10th of June 1944), an American Naval Officer, almost certainly Lt. Murray, took away numerous operational documents from the Santa Rosa Archives and had them loaded into a small truck.

It is impossible to make a list of said documents, but it is thought that amongst them there were the following:

"WAR DIARY REGISTERS"  
("Diari degli avvenimenti di guerra")  
"TRAFFIC STATISTICS TO AND FROM LYBIA"  
("Dati statistici da e per la Libia")  
"ITALIAN NAVAL FORCES REGISTERS"  
("Situazione Forze Navali Italiane")"

2. The Ministry of Marine further states that it has need of the documents from the Santa Rosa Archives for historical and statistical reasons and requests that consideration be given to returning them to the Ministry.

3. Lieutenant J.F. Murray, S(T), USNR, states verbally that he did not remove the documents in question or enter the Santa Rosa Archives during June 1944.

4. In order that an appropriate reply may be made to the Ministry of Marine, comments would be appreciated as to whether documents were removed from the Santa Rosa Archives and if so whether it is anticipated that such documents will be returned to the Italian Government.

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H. ST. J. BUTLER,  
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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)  
To : F.O.L.I. - Rome  
Date: 25.3.45  
Ref.: SM.5879

Subject: Archives at Santa Rosa.

Ref. your N°.L.368/6 of 9th ulto.

// Immediately after the arrival of Anglo-American troops in Rome (between 7th and 10th of June 1944), an American Naval Officer - almost certainly Lt. MURRAY, took away numerous operational documents from the S. Rosa Archives and had loaded into a small truck.

It is impossible to make a list of said documents, but it is thought that amongst them there were the following :-

- "War Diary Registers" ("Diari degli avvenimenti di guerra")
- "Traffic Statistics to and from Lybia" ("Dati statistici da e per la Libia")
- "Italian Naval Forces Registers" ("Situazione Forze Navali Italiane") //



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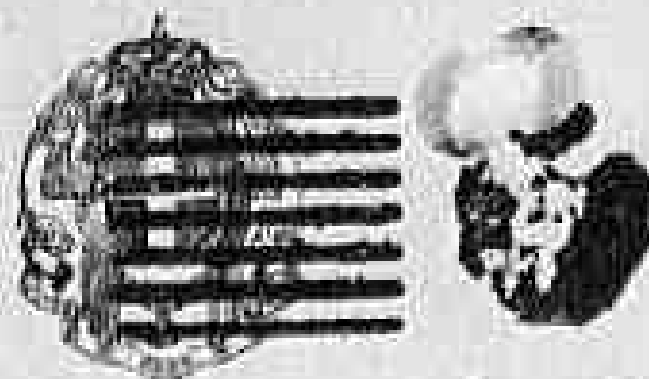
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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. *Am. 5879* Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Archivio di S. Rosa.-

Riferimento foglio di codesto F.O.L.I. n° L.368/6 in data 9  
Febbraio c.a.

Immediatamente dopo l'arrivo delle truppe anglo-americane  
a Roma, circa tra il 7 ed il 10 Giugno 1944, un Ufficiale di Ma-  
rina degli S.U., quasi certamente il Tenente di Vascello MURRAY,  
prelevò dall'Archivio operativo di S. Rosa un rilevante numero  
di documenti facendoli caricare dal suo personale su un camion-  
cino.

Non si è in grado di fare un elenco dei documenti stessi, ma  
si ritiene che tra gli altri vi fossero:

- Registri "Diari degli avvenimenti di guerra",
- registri "Dati statistici sul traffico da e per la Libia",
- Registri "situazione Forze Navali Italiane".-

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3593  
18 September 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.  
Subject: Report on the Status of Italian Naval Vessels.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of Ministry of Marine letter 15197 of 14 September 1945 forwarding two copies of a report on the status of Italian Naval vessels. The co-operation of the Ministry of Marine and the Board under Commander Candido CORVETTI in compiling and furnishing these data is appreciated.

H. W. ZEROLL,  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Det. N. 15138 Allegato 2

ARGOMENTO Situazione di Navi italiane:

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Si rimette, in doppia copia, un fasci-  
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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3235  
14 August 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.  
Subject: Italian Naval Vessels - Status of.

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1. It is desired to make a comprehensive record of all Italian Naval vessels, including auxiliaries, which were in the Italian Navy on 1 January 1940, including such vessels which may have been completed subsequent to that date. The list should show the serial numbers of the vessels, together with any other identifying data, grouped according to class and wherever possible further subdivided into units of the Italian Navy. When this data is compiled additional information should be furnished showing the present status of the vessel, indicating whether it is in service, sunk under known conditions or lost under known circumstances.

2. The data furnished should further identify the vessels which were delivered to Allied control at the time of the Armistice with Italy on 3 September 1943 or shortly thereafter, indicating the place, date and circumstances briefly. In the case of vessels which were captured by the Allies either prior or subsequent to the Armistice, similar data should be furnished.

3. Ensign F.A. DeMaestri of the Navy Sub-Commission is appointed to assist the Ministry of Marine in the compilation of the required data. It is requested that the Ministry of Marine appoint a board of Italian Naval officers to compile the data and furnish Ensign DeMaestri with such facilities as are required to complete the records.

4. It is requested that this matter be treated as urgent and that the report be submitted not later than 15 September 1945.

H. W. ZIROLLI,  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean Station,  
Allied Force Headquarters.  
29th July, 1945.

Med.45/00100/22A.  
THE HEAD OF THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,  
ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS.

It is desired to make a comprehensive record of all Italian Naval Vessels together with information regarding their surrender to or capture by the Allies.

2. It is accordingly requested that you will forward (in quadruplicate with orig master) a report as soon as convenient in tabular form as follows:-

- (a) Serial Number - I.1, I.2 etc.
- (b) Name and/or description
- (c) Date, Place and circumstances of capture.
- (d) Condition. *present. Sunk, float damaged.*
- (e) Remarks.

*M. James*  
for ADMIRAL

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From: Merchant Navy Mission in Italy  
 To : - - - - -  
 Date: 3rd November 1945  
 Ref.: No. 277 - Dr. 11

Memorandum  
 For Captain C.W. BLACKBURN R.N. Chief Staff Officer to  
Admiral WARREN

Subject: Search for Italian Ships taken by the Italians during the period of hostilities.

1. Subsequent to the interview with you of which I had the pleasure upon Thursday, 1st November, I am forwarding to you the enclosed documents, as indicated below:

- Lists of French merchant ships seized in France during the occupation, indicating the method in which they were shared between Germany and Italy by the SEESCHIFFFAHRT.

This list has been obtained by the French Merchant Navy representatives in the French Section of the HAMBURG control council and was compiled by the German Owners' Association.

A copy of this document was forwarded to the B.M.N.T. Representative at Hamburg.

2. I have to inform you in this regard that Enclosure No. 3 giving the list of ships which had been returned by Italy on 3rd September 1945 is incorrect: in fact a number of these vessels have been found in Italian ports, for example "L'ASTRE", "CONVULSION GENERAL CARRON", "TACOLINA", "PASCAL FACLY", "PIERRE CLAUDE" and the "TOURQUAIS".

In addition, certain ships which were found again in Italy are missing from Enclosure No. 2 and I have added these by hand. Those in question are the "CAREET", "SAN JOSE" and the "ESTRELL".

It is to be expected that there will be others.

I shall not forward to the Italian Ministry of Marine any but enclosure No. 2, this being the only one of which they will have need.

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Enclosure 7 B, giving the list of French ships which have been lost while under Italian control, will serve us as a means whereby to check information obtained.

3. Also forwarded herewith is the list of French river bogs which should be in Italy, as well as the list of dumb lighters for the transportation of wine and petrol.

A number of these river craft have been rediscovered, many thanks to the assistance afforded to us by your Fleet Salvage organisation, but the fate of a very large number of them is as yet unknown.

4. It is my intention to forward these lists, also, to the Italian Ministry of Marine. They were compiled, likewise, at Genoa by the ~~INTER-ALLIED~~.

5. During the period of hostilities the Italians took from us in the same manner a number of trawlers and yachts, which it is very difficult to list, but it is quite certain that some of them are still in Italian ports, as has just been demonstrated by the discovery of the trawler "SANTO CRISTOFORO" which had been refloated at Leghorn on 1st December 1944 and which was in the hands of two Italian subjects, sailing under false papers, at RAL.

I have to inform you in this respect that we have found French river-craft at the ANSAIDO establishment in Genoa, which had already been inscribed under the name of ANSAIDO.

6. I wish to thank you in anticipation for all the assistance which I shall have the honour to receive from you in seeking out these vessels.

Neither would I wish to forward this to you without asking that you may thank Admiral Warren once again for the very pleasant reception which he was so kind as to accord me, and that you may please tender my respects to him.

Captain BONIS  
French Navy

Captain S.N. BLANCHET  
(Copies to : Merchant Navy Dept.  
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M. MICROCH  
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N° 277  
Dr II  
C.V.B./MIS

ROME, le 3 Novembre 1945

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pour M. le Capitaine de vaisseau S.N. BLACKBURN (R.N.)  
Chef d'Etat-Major de l'Amiral WARREN

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O b j e t : Recherche de navires français pris par les Italiens pendant  
la période des hostilités .

I/ Comme suite à l'entretien que j'ai eu le plaisir d'avoir avec  
vous jeudi 1er Novembre, je vous remets ci-inclus les documents sui-  
vants :

- Listes des navires de commerce français saisis en France pendant l'occu-  
pation avec l'indication de la répartition qui en avait été faite  
entre l'Allemagne et l'Italie par la SEESCHIFFFAHRT .

Cette liste a été obtenue par les représentants de la Marine  
Marchande Française du Groupe Français du Conseil de Contrôle à HAMBURG  
et a été établie par l'Association des Armateurs allemands .

Un exemplaire de ce document a été remis au Représentant à  
HAMBURG du R.M.W.T.

II/ Je vous signale à ce sujet que l'annexe N° 3 donnant la liste  
des navires qui auraient été rendus par l'Italie le 9 Septembre 1943  
est inexacte : en effet, un certain nombre de ces navires, tels que  
" L'ASIE ", le " GOVERNEUR GENERAL CAMBON ", le " KAKOULIMA ", le  
" PASCAL PAOLI ", le " PIERRE-CLAUDE ", le " TOURQUENOIS " ont été re-  
trouvés coulés dans les ports italiens .

De plus, dans l'annexe N° 2, un certain nombre de navires retrou-  
vés en Italie manquent, et je les ai ajoutés de ma main . Il s'agit du  
" CARBET ", du " SAN JOSE " et de l' "ESTEREL " .

Il est à présumer qu'il doit y en avoir d'autres .

Je ne remettrai au Ministère de la Marine italien que l'annexe  
N° 2, qui est la seule qui leur soit nécessaire .

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L'annexe 7 B qui donne la liste des navires français qui avaient été perdus sous le contrôle italien nous servira de moyen de contrôle pour les renseignements obtenus .

III/ Je vous remets également ci-inclus la liste des péniches françaises qui doivent se trouver en Italie, ainsi que la liste des chalands transporteurs de vin et des chalands transporteurs de pétrole .

Un certain nombre de ces péniches ont été retrouvées, beaucoup grâce à l'aide qui nous a été apportée par votre organisation du Fleet Salvage, mais le sort d'un très grand nombre d'entre elles est encore inconnu .

IV/ J'ai l'intention également de remettre ces listes au Ministère de la Marine italien. Elles ont été établies également à HAMBURG par le MITTELMEERREIDERER .

V/ Pendant la période des hostilités, les Italiens nous ont pris également un certain nombre de chalutiers et de yachts, dont la liste est très difficile à établir, mais il est absolument certain qu'il en existe encore dans les ports italiens, comme nous venons d'en avoir l'exemple par la découverte du chalutier " SAINT-CHRISTOPHE " qui avait été renfloué à LIVOURNE le 1er Décembre 1944 et qui se trouvait entre les mains de deux sujets italiens, naviguant sous de faux papiers, dans le port de BAIA .

Je vous signale également à ce sujet que nous avons retrouvé chez ANSALDO à GENES des péniches françaises, qui étaient déjà inscrites sous le nom d'ANSALDO .

VI/ Je vous remercie à l'avance de toute l'aide que vos services voudront bien m'apporter pour la recherche de ces navires .

Je ne voudrais pas vous remettre ce mot sans vous prier de vouloir bien remercier encore l'Amiral WARREN pour le très aimable accueil qu'il a bien voulu me faire et je vous prie de vouloir bien lui présenter tous mes respects .

Capitaine de vaisseau BONIS :

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Cdt MCULLEC  
M. RIGROCH  
M.T.D.N.  
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French Ships

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| 1.) Total tonnage taken over from Reichskommissar für die Seeschifffahrt (RKS)               | 163 ships - 667,816 GRT |
| 2.) thereof handed over by the RKS to Italy                                                  | 80 ships - 291,565 GRT  |
| 3.) thereof given back by Italy on Sept. 9th 1943                                            | 31 " - 135,852 "        |
| 3a) "Mécanicien Moutte" escaped from Italy apparently to a French port in North-Africa       | 1 " - 1,570 "           |
| 4.) not put into service and given back to France                                            | 11 ships - 108,915 GRT  |
| 5.) taken by the German Navy                                                                 | 9 " - 20,461 "          |
| 6.) given back to France                                                                     | 24 " - 127,779 "        |
| 7.) total losses until March 31st 1945                                                       |                         |
| a) under German control                                                                      | 52 " - 203,214 "        |
| b) under Italian control                                                                     | 48 " - 153,223 "        |
| 8.) broken up                                                                                | 2 " - 10,319 "          |
| 9.) Lying in South-France on August 15th 1944 when the Allied Forces occupied this territory | 13 " - 39,032           |
| 10.) Remainder in Italian ports end of April 1945 (ports unknown)                            | 4 " - 4,873 "           |
|                                                                                              | 136 ships - 667,816 GRT |

Hamburg, June 29th 1945.  
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Annexe 1

French - ShipsFranzösische      Schiffe.

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|-------------------|------------|
| Algérie           | 3326       |
| Alice Robert      | 2588       |
| André Debon       | 13682      |
| Anjou             | 439        |
| Arizona           | 5157       |
| Artésienne        | 3152       |
| Asia              | 8561       |
| Astrée            | 2147       |
| Atar              | 321        |
| Auvargne          | 2114       |
| Azou              | 2998       |
| Baalbeck          | 2115       |
| Bacelus           | 1810       |
| Belain d'Anambouc | 3040       |
| Belle Isle        | 9591       |
| Benty             | 3078       |
| Bonifacio         | 3566       |
| Bougaroni         | 3050       |
| Bourges           | 2910       |
| Brestois          | 3054       |
| Bruni             | 352        |
| Caledonien        | 6897       |
| Cap Blanc         | 3317       |
| Cap Rigolo        | 2811       |
| Capt. Damiani     | 4854       |
| Capt. Le Diabat   | 3107       |
| Capt. Luigi       | 3176       |
| Caraiibe          | 4048       |
| Carbet            | 3686       |
| Carimari          | 4459       |
| Cath. Schiaffino  | 1591       |
| Champagne         | 9946       |
| Charles Le Borgne | 1739       |
| Chef. M.A. Blanc  | 3070       |
| Chenonceaux       | 14829      |
| Coetlogon         | 545        |
| Colleville        | 2012       |
| Condé             | 7203       |
| Congo             | 5205       |
| Cyrcos            | 8406       |
| Dalmy             | 6872       |
| Dauphine          | 9716       |
| Djebel Dira       | 2835       |
| Djebel Nador      | 3163       |
| Djenné            | 8796       |
| Douce France      | 297        |

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| Edeà                    | 3747  |
| Eisgero                 | 400   |
| El Djézair              | 5790  |
| El Kantara              | 5097  |
| El Mansour              | 5818  |
| Espiguette              | 1109  |
| Esterel                 | 3100  |
| Explorateur Granddier   | 10268 |
| Félix Henri             | 2526  |
| Piruz                   | 7327  |
| Fort de France          | 4279  |
| Fort de Souville        | 5229  |
| Française II            | 584   |
| Fronsac                 | 518   |
| Général Gassouin        | 5100  |
| Ginouse                 | 628   |
| Gonneville              | 2205  |
| Gouv. Gén. Cambon       | 3509  |
| Gouv. Gén. Chaney       | 4397  |
| Gouv. Gén. Cravy        | 4565  |
| Gouv. Gén. de Gueydon   | 4513  |
| Gouv. Gén. Tirmann      | 5509  |
| Guyane                  | 1794  |
| Hébé                    | 1684  |
| Henri Desprez           | 9605  |
| Henri Estier            | 1984  |
| Hernia                  | 1098  |
| Imerethié               | 3713  |
| Ipanema                 | 4282  |
| Ile de Beauté           | 2600  |
| Ile Rousse              | 1363  |
| Jacques Schiaffino      | 1757  |
| Jean Laborde            | 11590 |
| Kabyle                  | 1881  |
| Kakoulina               | 3383  |
| Kiliassi                | 3723  |
| Kita                    | 3894  |
| Lacydon                 | 500   |
| La Marga                | 1439  |
| Le Volontaire           | 360   |
| Lésardrieux             | 934   |
| Lillois                 | 3681  |
| Linois                  | 7473  |
| Maréchal Lyautey        | 8256  |
| Marguerite Fimaly       | 12309 |
| Maria-Thérèse de Borgne | 1599  |
| Maroc                   | 2456  |
| Martigues               | 166   |
| Massilia                | 15363 |
| Maurice Delmas          | 3161  |
| Mayeno                  | 2943  |

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Mécanicien Montte  
Medjerda  
Min  
Mont Agel  
Montesquieu  
Mont St. Clair  
Montaganem

1570  
4578  
7997  
4572  
3325  
1227  
1942

Nantaise

1798

Orsuro  
Oued Sebou II  
Oued Fifflet  
Ouergha

423  
2623  
1194  
1955

Pallas  
Tassoul Paoli  
P.E.M. 12  
P.E.M. 16  
P.E.M. 24  
Pierre Claude  
Platon  
Pluviose  
Tortet Cimet  
Pont de Bouc  
Prado  
Prés. du Riaz  
Providence

3260  
3260  
3754  
3754  
5391  
1787  
4550  
9500  
1176  
1743  
187  
4926  
11996

Rahelais  
Rémois  
Romain  
Roussillon

4999  
3713  
371  
9967

Sabel  
Saint Ambroise  
Saint Brienc  
Saint François  
Sainte Marguerite II  
Saint Nazaire  
Sampiero Corso  
San Antonio  
San Diego  
San Francisco  
San José  
San Pedro  
Saumur  
Seban  
Sennerville  
Sidi Elbrouk  
Sidi Okba  
Sinaita  
Sinfra  
S.T.L. 9  
Socombel  
Sphinx  
Strabon  
Sudest

2530  
5075  
579  
6887  
1854  
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4470  
2719  
1646  
12184  
4572  
635

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|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Tamara        | 3747  |
| Tamise        | 265   |
| Tell          | 1349  |
| Thésée        | 2038  |
| Thibé         | 1782  |
| Tibériade     | 2696  |
| Tlemcen       | 4429  |
| Torquenois    | 2993  |
| Ville d'Alger | 10172 |
| Villiers      | 2536  |
| Vendémiaire   | 9228  |
| Yalou         | 8564  |

Total . . . . 667.815 GRT

73  
89  
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annex 2

| <u>Ship's Name</u> |                |           |                         |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| <u>French</u>      | <u>Italian</u> | <u>MT</u> |                         |
| Algerie            | Aquila         | 3386      |                         |
| Arizona            | Chieti         | 52157     | Sunk - Palermo          |
| Asie               | Rosano         | 8.561     | " Genoa                 |
| Astrés             | Siena          | 2.147     |                         |
| Auvergne           | Potenza        | 2.144     |                         |
| Amrou              | Terni          | 2.998     |                         |
| Bonifacio          | Campobasso     | 3.566     |                         |
| Bougeni Bougeni    | Modena         | 3.050     | Sunk - Palermo          |
| Bourges            | Foligno        | 2.910     |                         |
| Brestois           | Vercelli       | 3.054     |                         |
| Caledonien         | Spoletto       | 6.897     |                         |
| Capitaine Luigi    | Cividele       | 3.176     |                         |
| Carimare           | Verona         | 4.459     |                         |
| Chef Mec.A.Blanc   | Lercara        | 3.070     | Sunk - Naples           |
| Coetlogon          | Postumia       | 5.959     | " "                     |
| Condé              | Randazzo       | 7.202     |                         |
| Congo              | Fresione       | 5205      | Sunk - Bari             |
| Dauphine           | Voghera        | 9.716     |                         |
| Djebel Nador       | Noto           | 3.168     |                         |
| Edea               | Orte           | 3.747     |                         |
| El Djezaïre        | Cassino        | 5.790     |                         |
| El Kantara         | Aquino         | 5.097     |                         |
| El Mansour         | Anagni         | 5.818     |                         |
| Espiguette         | Sezze          | 1.109     |                         |
| Fort de Francé     | Belluno        | 4.279     |                         |
| Fort de Souville   | Benevento      | 5.229     |                         |
| Françoise II       | Arpino         | 584       |                         |
| Général Cassouin   | Matera         | 5.011     | Sunk - Ouglia           |
| Gonneville         | Castelvetro    | 2.285     |                         |
| Gouv.Gén.Cambon    | Urbino         | 3.509     | Sunk - probably Genoa   |
| Gouv.Gén.Chancy    | Nicostra       | 4.397     |                         |
| Gouv.Gén.Grévy     | Avezzano       | 4.565     |                         |
| Guyane             | Aqui           | 1.794     |                         |
| Hébé               | Crema          | 1.684     |                         |
| Hernia             | Lactini        | 1.098     | Sunk - Palermo          |
| Ipanema            | Villaroia      | 4.282     | " Naples                |
| Ile Rousse         | Cozenza        | 1.363     |                         |
| Kabyle             | Rovigno        | 1.881     |                         |
| Kakoulina          | Aversa         | 3.383     | Sunk - Civita - Vecchia |
| Lacydon            | Macerta        | 500       |                         |
| La Marsa           | Tivoli         | 1.439     | Sunk - Naples           |
| La Volontaire      | Ascoli         | 360       |                         |
| Linois             | Orvi           | 7.473     |                         |

Annexe 2 (suite)

Ship's name

Marie-Thérèse  
le Borgne  
MAROC  
Maurice Delmas  
Mayenne  
Mécanicien Mouette  
Min  
Montesquieu  
Mont St. Clair  
Orsure  
Oued Sebou II  
Querga  
Pascal Pailla  
Pierre Claude  
Pluviose  
Pontet Canet  
Preach  
Pres. del Piaz  
Rabelais  
Remois  
Sahel  
Saint Ambroise  
Saint Brieuc  
Saint François  
Sampiero Corso  
Saumur  
Sebaa  
Sidi Mabrouc  
Sidi Okba  
Socombel  
Sphinx  
Tamara  
Tamise  
Thesée  
Tlemcen  
Torquenois  
Villiers  
Vendémiaire  
Yalou

Terano

Lucera  
Modica +  
Fabriano  
Cesena  
Conegliano +  
Enna  
Foggia  
Capua +  
Pistoia  
Lecce  
Attamura +  
Maddaloni +  
Ritonto  
Salami  
Italian  
Melfi  
Todi +  
Lanuseri +  
Lucca  
Nuvo  
Mondovi +  
Hermes  
Canossa  
Tolentino  
Forli  
Sassari  
Caserta +  
Vivona  
Subiaco  
Saluzzo  
Caltanissetta  
Pinerolo +  
Partinico +  
Ferrara +  
Parma  
Assisi  
Rovereto

1.599

2.456  
2.161 Sunk - Naples  
2.943  
1.570  
7.997 Sunk - Olbia  
3.325  
1.227  
423 Sunk - near Trapani  
2.623  
1.954 Sunk - Naples  
3.200 Sunk - La Spezia  
1.787 " Castellamare  
9.500  
1.176  
  
4.928  
4.999 Sunk - Palermo  
3.713 "  
2.550  
3.075  
579  
6.987  
3.823  
2.995  
1.546  
3.883  
2.824 Sunk - Naples  
1.646  
12.184  
3.747  
265  
2.088 Sunk - Brindisi  
4.425 Sunk - Catania  
2.993 " Genoa  
2.536  
9.228  
8.564

291.565 BRT

Carbet

San José

Estrel

3689

Sunk - Portofino

6013

" Olbia

301267 BRT

Sunk - Trapani

3100

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Annexe 3

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>BRT</u> |
|-----------------|------------|
| Asie            | 8.561      |
| Astrée          | 2.147      |
| Auvergne        | 2.144      |
| Bourges         | 2.910      |
| Capitaine Luigi | 3.176      |
| Condé           | 7.202      |
| Dauphine        | 9.716      |
| Edea            | 3.747      |
| El Djezaïre     | 5.097      |
| El Mansour      | 5.818      |
| Française II    | 581        |
| Gonneville      | 2.285      |
| Gouv.Gen.Cambon | 3.509      |
| Gouv.Gen.Chanoy | 4.397      |
| Gouv.Gen.Grévy  | 4.565      |
| Kabyle          | 1.881      |
| Kakoulima       | 3.383      |
| La Volontaire   | 360        |
| Lincoln         | 7.473      |
| Pascal Paoli    | 3.200      |
| Pierre Claude   | 1.787      |
| Fluvoise        | 9.500      |
| Pres.dal Piaz   | 4.928      |
| Sahel           | 2.550      |
| Sampiero Corso  | 3.823      |
| Saumur          | 2.995      |
| Sphinx          | 12.184     |

Annexe 3 (suite)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>BRT</u>  |
|-------------|-------------|
| Tamara      | 3.447       |
| Tamise      | 265         |
| Torquemois  | 2.993       |
| Vendemiaire | 9.228       |
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|             | 135.852 BRT |

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Annexe 4

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| André Lebon            | 13.682      |
| Chenonceaux            | 14.825      |
| Djenné                 | 8.790       |
| Explorateur Grandidier | 10.268      |
| Île de Beauté          | 2.600       |
| Massilia               | 15.363      |
| Ville d'Alger          | 10.172      |
| Marietta Pacha         | 12.293      |
| Jean Laborde           | 11.590      |
| Capitaine Damiani      | 4.854       |
| Général de Guydon      | 4.513       |
|                        | <hr/>       |
|                        | 108.950 BRT |

Annexe 5

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>BRT</u> |
|----------------------|------------|
| Alice Robert         | 2.588      |
| Atar                 | 321        |
| Belain d'Esambouc    | 3.040      |
| Cyrnos               | 2.405      |
| Djebel Dira          | 2.835      |
| Félix Henry          | 2.526      |
| Kita                 | 3.894      |
| Prado                | 997        |
| Sainte Marguerite II | 1.854      |
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|                      | 20.461 BRT |

Annexe 6

|                   |        |
|-------------------|--------|
| Cap Blanc         | 3.317  |
| Condé             | 7.202  |
| Dauphine          | 9.716  |
| Edea              | 3.747  |
| El Mansour        | 5.818  |
| Française II      | 584    |
| Gouv. Gen. Chandy | 4.397  |
| Gouv. Gen. Grevy  | 4.565  |
| Immerethie        | 3.713  |
| Linois            | 7.473  |
| Marguerite Finaly | 12.309 |
| Mecanicien Moutte | 1.570  |
| Medjerda          | 4.578  |
| Pallas            | 5.260  |

Annexe 6 (suite)

| <u>Name</u>   | <u>BRT</u> |
|---------------|------------|
| Pascal Pale   | 3.200      |
| Pluviose      | 9.500      |
| Port de Bouc  | 1.743      |
| Prés.dal Piaz | 4.928      |
| Providence    | 11.996     |
| Sahel         | 2.550      |
| San Pedro     | 6.013      |
| Sud-Est       | 625        |
| Tamara        | 3.747      |
| Vendemiaire   | 9.228      |

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127.779 BRT

## Annexe 7 a

| Name                     | BRT    |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Artésienne               | 3.152  |
| ASIE                     | 8.561  |
| ASTREE                   | 2.147  |
| BAALBEK                  | 2.115  |
| BACCHUS                  | 1.810  |
| BELLE ISLE               | 9.591  |
| BENTY                    | 5.078  |
| CAP FIGARO               | 2.811  |
| CAPITAINE LE DIABAT      | 3.107  |
| CAPITAINE LUIGI          | 3.176  |
| CARAIIE                  | 4.048  |
| CARBET                   | 3.689  |
| CATHERINE SCHIAFFINO     | 1.591  |
| CHAMPAGNE                | 9.946  |
| CHARLES LE BORGNE        | 1.789  |
| DANNY                    | 6.672  |
| EL DJEZAIRE              | 5.790  |
| ESTEREL                  | 3.100  |
| FIRUZ                    | 7.327  |
| FRONSAC                  | 518    |
| GOVERNEUR GENERAL TIRMAN | 3.509  |
| HENRY DESPIREZ           | 9.805  |
| HENRY ESTER              | 1.984  |
| JACQUES SCHIAFFINO       | 1.757  |
| KABYLE                   | 1.681  |
| KAKOULIMA                | 3.383  |
| KILISSI                  | 3.723  |
| LE VOLONTAIRE            | 360    |
| LEZARDIEUX               | 934    |
| LILLOIS                  | 3.684  |
| MONT AGEL                | 4.572  |
| MOSTAGANEM               | 1.942  |
| QUED TIFLET              | 1.194  |
| P.L.M. 12                | 3.754  |
| P.L.M. 16                | 3.754  |
| P.L.M. 24                | 5.391  |
| SAINT NAZAIRE            | 2.910  |
| SAN ANTONIO              | 6.013  |
| SAN DIEGO                | 6.013  |
| SAN FRANCISCO            | 6.013  |
| SAN JOSE                 | 6.013  |
| SINAI                    | 8.567  |
| SINFRA                   | 4.470  |
| S.W.A.9.                 | 2.719  |
| SPHINK                   | 12.184 |
| TAMISE                   | 265    |
| TELL                     | 1.349  |
| THISEE                   | 1.782  |
| TIBERIADE                | 2.696  |
| TORQUENOIS               | 2.993  |
| PIERRE CLAUDE            | 1.787  |

## Annexe 7 b

| French name                | italian name | BRT   |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Algérie                    | Aquila       | 3.386 |
| ARIZONA                    | CHIETI       | 5.157 |
| AZROU                      | TERNI        | 2.998 |
| BONIFACIO                  | CAMPOBASSO   | 3.566 |
| BOUGARONI                  | Modena       | 3.050 |
| BRESTOIS                   | VERCELLI     | 3.054 |
| CALEDONIEN                 | SPOLETO      | 6.897 |
| CARIMARE                   | VERONA       | 4.459 |
| CHEF MEC. ARMAND BLANC     | LENGARA      | 3.070 |
| COETLOGON                  | POSTUMIA     | 595   |
| CONGO                      | FRESIONE     | 5.205 |
| DJEBEL NADOR               | NOTO         | 3.168 |
| EL KANTARA                 | AQUINO       | 5.097 |
| ESPIGUETTE                 | SEZZE        | 1.109 |
| FORT DE FRANCE             | BELLUNO      | 4.279 |
| FORT DE SOUVILLE           | BENEVENTO    | 5.229 |
| GENERAL GASSOUIN           | MATERA       | 5.011 |
| GUYANE                     | AQUI         | 1.794 |
| HEBE                       | CREMA        | 1.684 |
| HERMIA                     | LACTINI      | 1.098 |
| IPANEMA                    | VILLAROSA    | 4.282 |
| ILE ROUSSE                 | COSENZA      | 1.363 |
| LACYDON                    | MACERTA      | 500   |
| MARIE THERESE LE<br>BORGNE | TERANO       | 1.599 |
| MAROC                      | LUCERA       | 2.456 |
| MAURICE DELMAS             | MODICA       | 3.161 |
| MAYENNE                    | FABRIANO     | 2.943 |
| MIN                        | CONTEGLIANO  | 7.997 |
| MONTESQUIEU                | ENNA         | 3.325 |
| MONT SAINT CLAIR           | FOGGIA       | 1.227 |
| ORSURO                     | CAPUA        | 423   |
| OUED SEBOU II              | PISTOIA      | 2.623 |
| QUERGHA                    | LECCE        | 1.956 |
| PONTET CANET               | SALAMI       | 1.176 |
| RABELAIS                   | TODI         | 4.999 |
| REMIOS                     | LANUSEI      | 3.713 |
| SAINT AMBROISE             | NUVO         | 3.075 |
| SAINT BRIEUC               | MONDOVI      | 579   |
| SAINT FRANCOIS             | HERMES       | 6.987 |
| SEBAA                      | FORLI        | 1.546 |
| SIDI OKBA                  | CASERTA      | 2.824 |
| SOCOMBEL                   | VIVONA       | 1.646 |
| THESEE                     | PINEROLO     | 2.088 |
| TLEMCEH                    | PARTINICO    | 4.425 |
| VILLIERS                   | PARMA        | 2.536 |
| YALOU                      | ROVERETO     | 8.564 |
| LA MARSA                   | TIVOLI       | 1.439 |
| SIDI MABROU                | SASSARI      | 3.883 |

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Annexe 8

| <u>Name</u> | <u>BRT</u>        |
|-------------|-------------------|
| BRONI       | 352               |
| ROUSSILLON  | 9.967             |
|             | <u>10.319 BRT</u> |

Annexe 9

| <u>Name</u>      | <u>BRT</u>        |
|------------------|-------------------|
| AUVERGNE         | 2.114             |
| BOURGES          | 2.910             |
| COLLEVILLE       | 2.012             |
| ELISSERO         | 400               |
| GONNEVILLE       | 2.285             |
| MARECHAL LYAUTEY | 8.256             |
| MARTIGUES        | 166               |
| PLATON           | 4.550             |
| ROMAIN           | 371               |
| SANPIERO CORSO   | 3.823             |
| SAUMUR           | 2.995             |
| SENNEVILLE       | 4.578             |
| STRABON          | 4.572             |
|                  | <u>39.032 BRT</u> |

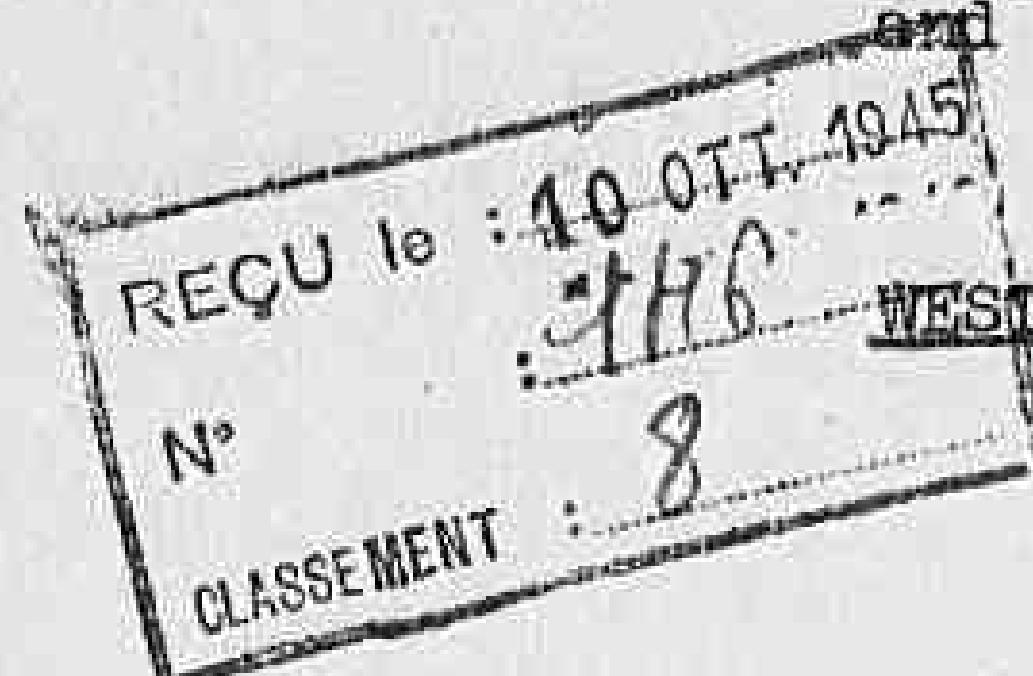
Annexe 10

| <u>Name</u>          | <u>BRT</u>                                      |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| ANJOU                | 439                                             |
| BOUCE FRANCE         | 297                                             |
| GINCUBE              | 628                                             |
| GOUV. GENERAL CAMBON | 3.509                                           |
|                      | renamed at least<br>Hospital-ship<br>"ERLANGEN" |
|                      | <u>4.873 BRT</u>                                |

Liste jointe a la lettre n° 26 HD de Hambourg, le 11 Juillet 1945

F R E N C H P E N I C H E S

taken over from the Reichskommissar für die Seeschiffahrt (RKS) and employed in West - and East-Italy. (Position : January 31st 1945)



WEST ITALY :

French name

German name

Amethyste

Susanne

Asphaltine

Inge

Aurora

Auguste

Arthur

Mittelwalde

B 237

Kurt

Cannes

Annemarie

Charteux

Fritz

Corvette

Bonn

Citerne 6

Fink

Citerne 19

Uhu

Dey

Magdeburg

Emeraude

Trude

Emides

Graz

Fayol

Gudrun

Ferral

Henny

Fernande

Flensburg

Fides

Leipzig

France

Görlitz

Franche-Comté

Vera

Fréjus

Ulla

Gardénia

Detmold

Girofflard

Hildegard

Guyenne

Diana

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| <u>French name</u> | <u>German name</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| H 254              | WOLF               |
| HELENE             | STETTIN            |
| HERACLES           | GRETE              |
| HYERES             | MONIKA             |
| JOUR               | SUSI               |
| JUPITER            | GOTHA              |
| KAVA               | SALZBURG           |
| LA LIEVE III       | JENA               |
| LANGUEDOC          | FLORA              |
| LARREY             | ELISABETH          |
| LE PRESENT         | MANNHEIM           |
| MAINBLAU           | ISOLDE             |
| MELTEM             | ZARAH              |
| MERCUR             | SIGRID             |
| MILLET 10          | ILSE               |
| MOSELLE 1          | GEORG              |
| MOSELLE 2          | KURT               |
| MOSELLE 3          | HANS               |
| NACRE              | OTILIE             |
| NYMPHE             | LISA               |
| O 7                | RUDOLF             |
| O 150              | HEINZ              |
| ODELLE             | FULDA              |
| PERLE              | MINNA              |
| PERSEE             | LILLI              |
| PICHE              | TRAVEMUNDE         |
| PITTERAC           | ERNA               |
| POLAR              | KOLBERG            |

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French nameGerman Name

Quarz

Ute

Rhea

Wilma

Rubin

Ines

Romeo

Fanny

Saphir

Lotte

Sirius

Isa

Sparasphait

Juliane

Sprinter

Elberfeld

Studio

Klagenfurt

T 93

Max

Thermar

Bremen

T K 502

Geier

T K 503

Bussard

T K 505

Falke

T K 508

Möve

T K 509

Albatros

T K 513

Schwan

T K 515

Lumme

T K 516

Flamingo

Tollite

Elke

Turquoise

Lucie

Vertume

Brunhild

Vers l'Avenir

Kassel

Xerxes

Sybille

Zephiros

Charlotte

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East-Italy :French NameGerman Name

Anjou

Gudula

Brise

Erika

Chamsin

Kitty

Citerne 18

Meise

L'Amand-Richard

Paula

Mentone

Klara

Nice .

Meta

Roncereaux

Dörte

Santane

Selma

Sylphe

~~EX~~ Nora

T K 504

Sperber

T K 514

Kormoran

Vaprine

Friedemild

Vega

Renate

Zlata

Irene

Of these peniches some were probably lost from  
Frebruary until May 1945.

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 Following peniches were lost in the Mediterran an :

| <u>French name</u> | <u>German Name</u> | <u>Date of loss</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| ALK                | ADELE              | 18. 2. 44           |
| ARGONAUTE          | MUNCHEN            | Okt. 1944           |
| ASPIN              | ANTJE              | 19. 5. 44           |
| AUBY               | HALLE              | 21. 7. 43           |
| AUSTER             | HERTHA             | 27. 8. 44           |
| BAGNOIS            | BERTHA             | 17. 8. 43           |
| BANDOL             | ANITA              | 26. 11. 43          |
| BERONET            | FRIEDA             | 25. 9. 44           |
| BERTHOLET          | KATARINA           | 10. 9. 43           |
| BEURTMANN V        | <b>BAMBERG</b>     | 30. 3. 44           |
| BRACIE             | ELFRIEDE           | Okt. 1944           |
| BORA               | ADELHEID           | 14. 2. 44           |
| CHAMBORD           | DORA               | 3. 9. 43            |
| CHENONCEAUX        | TRAUTE             | 10. 9. 43           |
| CHINON             | GISELA             | 5. 8. 44            |
| CI CIGNE           | DRESDEN            | 26. 11. 43          |
| CORRAIL            | MARGOT             | 9. 9. 43            |
| CYKLON             | MARIA              | 20. 7. 43           |
| CITERNE 1          | SCHWALBE           | 20. 2. 44           |
| CITERNE 2          | AMSEL              | 5. 8. 44            |
| CITERNE 5          | DROSSEL            | Okt. 1944           |
| CITERNE 7          | STAR               | 19. 5. 44           |
| CITERNE 11         | ZEISIG             | 6. 8. 43            |
| D 263              | GUNTHER            | 22. 11. 43          |
| DACIE              | GERDA              | 11. 9. 43           |
| ESTELLE            | ERFURT             | 8. 6. 44            |
| EURUS              | EVA                | 9. 9. 43            |
| EXCELSIOR          | EMILIE             | 25. 10. 44          |
| EXHOR              | EDITH              | 15. 9. 44           |
| FLECHE D'ORX       | HANNOVER           | Jul 1944            |
| FRANCISQUE         | EISENACH           | 30. 3. 44           |
| GALLIA             | GERTRUD            | 10. 9. 43           |
| GNEVE              | HERMINE            | 16. 9. 44           |
| GENEVILLOIS        | KATHE              | 24. 2. 44           |
| GREGAL             | LOLA               | 3. 9. 43            |
| H 17               | KLAUS              | 11. 10. 43          |
| JOULIN             | THALIA             | 22. 4. 44           |
| ICEBERG            | DUSSELDORF         | 24. 9. 43           |
| IDOLATRE           | KONIGSBERG         | 10. 5. 44           |
| ISARD              | MAINZ              | 11. 10. 43          |
| ISLE DE FRANCE     | MARLENE            | Okt 1944            |
| JAN                | TUBINGEN           | 25. 6. 44           |
| JOSIANA            | GOTENHAFEN         | Okt 1944            |
| LORRAIN            | FREYA              | 25. 11. 43          |
| MARABUUT           | MERSEBURG          | 8. 12. 43           |
| MEDINA             | MAGDA              | 4. 4. 44            |
| MISTRAL            | FRANKFURT          | 7. 9. 43            |
| MILLET 9           | HEIDI              | Okt. 1944           |
| MORGET             | ISABELLA           | Okt 1944            |

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| <u>French Name</u> | <u>German Name</u> | <u>Date of loss</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| NAPOLEON           | KARIN              | 9. 9. 43            |
| NEPTUNE            | BRESLAU            | 18. 3. 43           |
| NORTE              | WALTRAUT           | 4.10.43             |
| NOTUS              | ANGES              | 7. 1. 44            |
| O 2                | WALTER             | 25. 9. 43           |
| PAYMORNEZ          | HALGA              | 28.10. 44           |
| PERTHUS            | MECHTHILD          | 5. 9. 43            |
| PRES. BARTHOU      | MARTHA             | 1. 4. 44            |
| PHYLOMATE          | WUPPERTAL          | 10. 9. 43           |
| RAYMOND            | FREIBURG           | 22.11. 43           |
| RIEGEL             | ULRIKE             | 2. 5. 44            |
| RIVA               | SOPHIE             | 1. 4. 44            |
| ROVE II            | WESERMUNDE         | 18.11. 43           |
| ROXANE             | BARBARA            | 8.12. 43            |
| RPM 13             | KARLA              | 21. 2. 44           |
| RENNES             | BREMERHAVEN        | 20. 4. 44           |
| SAVOIE             | AGATHE             | 9. 10. 44           |
| SOLLEIN            | CHRISTINE          | 1. 4. 44            |
| T K 501            | ADLER              | 6. 8. 43            |
| T K 506            | EULE               | 11.12. 43           |
| T 607              | STRAUSS            | 1. 4. 44            |
| T K 510            | KRANICH            | 11. 7. 43           |
| T K 511            | STORCH             | 11. 7. 43           |
| T K 512            | PELIKAN            | 18. 3. 44           |
| TORMENTOS          | RUTH               | 28.10. 44           |
| TRAVADE            | ANNA               | 19. 5. 44           |
| TRAMONTANE         | JUNO               | 7. 6. 44            |
| TULIPE             | POSEN              | 30. 1. 44           |
| TYPHON             | HEDWIG             | 11. 9. 43           |
| VINOTRA 8          | PRAG               | 15. 2. 44           |
| VULCAIN            | EUGENIE            | 27. 5. 44           |
| VIDE               | HAMELN             | 27. 5. 44           |
| ZETTE              | OLGA               | 3. 8. 43            |
| ZYKLON             | MARIA              | 20. 7. 43           |

**Bateaux - citernes (vin)**  
**d'après les derniers renseignements à la date du 30 Janvier 45**  
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Péniches réquisitionnées : 33

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|----|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| a) | p. existantes en Italie         | 10        |                                   |
| b) | p. coulées " "                  | 5         |                                   |
| c) | p. restées à Marseille/Toulon   | 12        | (transports de sable pour la (OT) |
| d) | p. coulée à Marseille           | 1         |                                   |
| e) | p. sur la chantier à Marseille  | 2         | (péniches d'ateliers)             |
| f) | p. coupée, destinée à la Danube | 1         |                                   |
| g) | p. coupées sur le chantier      | 2         |                                   |
|    |                                 | <u>33</u> |                                   |

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| a) Vinotra III<br>André<br>Irlande II<br>Madeleine<br>Atalante<br>Guy<br>Flamant<br>Sarcelle<br>Michèle<br>Marcelle                   | b) Vinotra IV<br>Vinotra VIII<br>Tulipe<br>Cigogne<br>Marabout |
| c) Adige<br>Alain<br>Alca Jacta Est<br>Clio<br>Francis<br>Françoise<br>Marie<br>Viala<br>Edmond<br>Laure<br>Ste Geneviève<br>Aigrette | d) Marion                                                      |
| e) Lemnès<br>Samuel                                                                                                                   | f) Vinotra IX                                                  |
| g) Yvonne<br>Gilbert                                                                                                                  |                                                                |

## Bateaux-citernes

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d'après les derniers renseignements à la date du 30 Mars 1945

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Pétroliers réquisitionnés : <sup>147</sup>~~148~~

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|----|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| a) | p. existants en Italie de l'Ouest               | 28    |
| b) | p. " " " de l'Est                               | 12    |
| c) | p. coulés                                       | 65 64 |
| d) | p. existants à la Danube                        | 7     |
| e) | p. " à la Elbe (Dresden)                        | 4     |
| f) | p. " à Hambourg                                 | 3     |
| g) | p. " à la côte de Schlegwig-Holstein & Danemark | 12    |
| h) | p. restés en France                             | 17    |

a) Meltem  
 Emeraude  
 Larrey  
 Amethyste  
 Saphir  
 Rubis  
 Jour  
 Naore  
 Asphaltine  
 Toarquoise  
 Nymphe  
 Pitterack  
 Chinon  
 Franche Comté  
 Balistide  
 Cannes  
 Hyères  
 Nain Bleu  
 Excelsior  
 Melinite  
 Quartz  
 Odette  
 Rhéa  
 Roméo  
 Persée  
 Mercure  
 Monte Carlo  
 Vaporine

b) Zlata  
 Sylphe  
 Brieze  
 Chamsin  
 Viterna XVIII  
 Santana  
 Roncevaux  
 Piccardie  
 Anjou  
 Vega  
 Nice  
 Mentone

c) Medina  
 Millet IX  
 Millet X  
 Solaine  
 RPN 13  
 Gallia  
 Pres. Barthou  
 Lorraine  
 Corail  
 Riva  
 Houlin  
 Ile de France  
 Perle  
 Norte  
 Maréchal Fayolle  
 Napoléon  
 Dacia  
 Chenonceaux

Chambord  
 Brazia  
 Zette  
 Notus  
 Typhon  
 Cyklone  
 Gregal  
 Eurus  
 Gennevillois  
 Tormentos  
 Bagguios  
 Berouet  
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 gen. Berthelot  
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 Perthus  
 Puymorens  
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Morget  
Tolite  
Bandol  
Frejus  
Exior  
Granit  
Rachel  
Ramses  
Riegel  
Roxane  
Sirius  
Genevieve  
Monaco  
Kerxes 4  
RPN 15

d) Millet VIII  
Harmatan  
Roseau  
Acta  
Non Verba  
Bourgogne  
RPN 16

e) Cresylite  
Pama  
Regulus  
Marne

f) Petronaphte I  
Ambre  
Millet VII

g) Cheverny  
La prune  
Amalthe  
Antee  
Shelspra I  
Simun  
Mona  
Onyx  
La pomme  
Berry

Dauphine  
RPN 14

h) Jade  
Eider  
Guyenne  
Languedoc  
Vertumne  
Xerxes 5  
Vulcan  
Giroflée  
Romano  
Terrol  
Aube  
Elfe Jaune  
Nain Jaune  
Morselle  
Neptune  
Aquilon  
Monique

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

SECRET

N3C/5049  
26 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.  
To : Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.  
General Officer Commanding, M.M.I.A.  
Air Officer Commanding, Air Forces Sub-  
Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.

FILE

Subject: Report of Italian Naval Activities.

1. The attached copy of FOTALI's report of Italian Naval proceedings for the month of June is forwarded for your personal information.

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



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27 JUL 1945

SHIPPING ROOM - REMOVAL TO NAPLES.  
(Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's No. Med.  
45/611/3/24 of 8th August, 1945.)

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II.

No.F.O.I.L.687/2.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION.

For information.

RECE,  
17th August, 1945.

*Sir Blackshun*  
for REAR ADMIRAL.  
(absent on duty.)

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,  
Mediterranean Station,  
Allied Force Headquarters,  
6th August, 1945.

Med. 45/614/3/21.  
THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
THE CHAIRMAN, MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD  
THE MINISTER OF WAR TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE, MEDITERRANEAN  
THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION, MEDITERRANEAN  
THE PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, MEDITERRANEAN  
C-4 (MOVEMENTS & TRANSPORTATION, E.C.), ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION (U.S.), ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
THE PETROLEUM SECTION, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
THE ALLIED COMMISSION (SHIPPING SECTION)  
THE CIVIL SUPPLIES RECEPTION COMMITTEE, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
U.N.R.R.A., CASERTA.  
THE SECRETARY, ZONE 3 COMMITTEE, U.N.R.A., c/o MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT  
REPRESENTATIVE, MEDITERRANEAN.  
(Copies to:- The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison (for information)  
The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean (Secretariat) ).

Copy to  
each.

#### MOVE OF SHIPPING ROOM TO NAPLES

In accordance with a decision reached at a Meeting held at Allied Force Headquarters on 24th July, 1945 to discuss provision of communication facilities for routing of merchant vessels consequent upon withdrawal of Naval port parties from Italian ports it is notified for general information that the WEGO Shipping Intelligence and Diversion Room at Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta will be transferred to Navy House, Naples, on 27th August, 1945 and will re-open there as the Shipping Intelligence Room.

2. The new status of the Room will be to provide merchant shipping intelligence covering the Mediterranean area as hitherto but, consequent upon the relinquishing of responsibility for ordering ship movements and diversions by the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, to certain authorities who are individually members of the Mediterranean Shipping Board, it will cease to act as a Diversion Room.
3. However, until alternative facilities are available to those authorities enabling them to transmit their own instructions to merchant shipping and in order to maintain the normal movement of shipping without disruption, the Shipping Intelligence Room will temporarily continue to assist in every way and transmit such diversions on behalf of those authorities.
4. The new telephone number of the Room at Naples will be promulgated later by signal to all concerned.

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each.

C-4 (MOVEMENTS & TRANSPORTATION, Br.), ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS  
THE CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION (U.S.), ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
THE PETROLEUM SECTION, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
THE ALLIED COMMISSION (SHIPPING SECTION)  
THE CIVIL SUPPLIES RECEPTION COMMITTEE, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.  
U.N.R.R.A., CASERTA.  
THE SECRETARY, ZONE 3 COMMITTEE, U.N.R.A., c/o MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT  
REPRESENTATIVE, MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copies to:- The Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison (for information)  
The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean (Secretariat)).

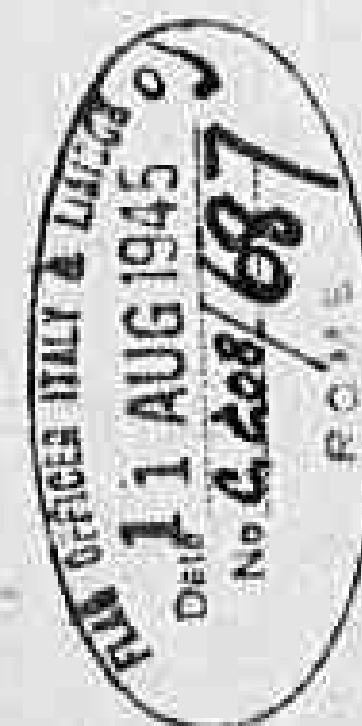
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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION  
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3029  
24 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.  
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.  
Subject: Italian Navy Documents and Equipment - Return of.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy list of subject documents and equipment.

FILE

1. The documents and equipment listed in enclosure (A) were delivered to the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission for return to the Italian Navy.

2. The documents and equipment have been delivered to Lieutenant-Commander L. BARONI who signed the original receipt.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,  
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL  
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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- (A) Direction finder instrument (one only).
- (B) Design "E" experiments in progress (one only).  
Design "E" experiments already tried (one only).
- (C) Blueprints (one set only) for machine-gun pistol PNA-43.
- (D) Blueprints (one set only) for machine-gun cannon of 35/54.  
Blueprints for 37 cal. machine-gun Breda (one only).
- (E) Building plan for "Spiegelbild-Schiebverfahren" ZS 260  
Bl. 37 (2 copies).
- (F) List of materials for preparation of Askaniae Telefoto (1 copy).
- (G) Description of installation drawings for the firing of anti-aircraft artillery set-up (photographic shots) (2 copies).
- (H) Sighting equipment for coupled 37/54 Breda machine-guns --- recoil type (one blueprint).
- (I) Blueprint (one only) for Breda 20 cal. machine-gun. Type RM-43.
- (J) Galileo Workshop - Florence: Fuse graduator at double handling for 65/64 cannon (one copy).
- (K) Galileo Workshop - Florence: Preparation "OG" for the pointing of 65/64 cannon. Ansaldo construction - 1943 (1 copy).
- (L) A report on "The Adriatic Railroad Traffic via Trieste and Fiume".

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Signature of Italian Ministry of Marine Representative who  
received above equipment -

*Luigi Baroni*  
Lt. Comdr. L. BARONI, I.R.N.

- ✓ (A) PARALLELISMO DIREZIONE (1)
- ✓ (B) DISEGNI "E" in esperimento (1)  
DESIGNI "E" già sperimentati (1)
- ✓ (C) Blueprints for "PISTOLA MITRAGL FNA 43". (1 set)
- ✓ (D) Blueprints for "CANNONE MITRAGLIERA da 37/54". (1 set)
- ✓ (E) Blueprint for "AUFBAUPLAN FÜR SPIEGELBILD-SCHIEßVERFAHREN" -  
ZS 260 Bl. 37. ~~Electric Mine~~ (2 copies)
- ✓ (F) Elenco Materiali Apparechiature Askanias Telefoto. (2 copies)
- ✓ (G) Descrizione dell'Impianto di rilevamento per il tiro sfasato  
con Cinetodoliti Askania. (1)
- ✓ (H) Congegno di Mira per Mitrag Binata 37/54 Breda - Tipo  
Rinculante (1 blueprint).
- ✓ (I) Blueprints for CANNONE MIT. BREDA CAL. 20 MOD. 43 - TIPO RM.
- ✓ (J) OFFICINE GALILEO FIRENZE - Gradnatore di Spoletta a Doppio  
Mandrino per Cannone DA 65/64
- ✓ (K) OFFICINE GALILEO - APPARECCHIATURA O.G. PUNTAMENTO DEI CANNONI  
65/64 - ANSALDO - Costruzione 1943.
- ✓ (L) I TRAFFICI FERROVIARI ADRIATICI VIA TRIESTE E Fiume.

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SUBJECT: Documents

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA)

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26 May 45

TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

1. We forward to you various documents captured at the Italian Royal Navy Ministry.

2. These documents were sent to us by AFHQ, who no longer require them, for return to the appropriate Italian authorities.

3. We would be grateful if you would sign the enclosed receipt and return it to this H.Q.

*R.G.A. Grouss-Raines*  
for Major-General  
MMIA

cgl.

Receipt signed for one open sack of material-unlisted.

W.N.W.  
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C O P Y

1. The Royal Italian Naval establishment in Sicily, including top and subordinate commands, is presently organized as described below:

- a. Comando Militare Marittimo Autonomo della Sicilia (Autonomous Naval Command of Sicily).  
Highest RIN authority on the island is embodied in the above command, located at Messina.  
Recently vacated by Admiral BIANCHERI, this post is scheduled to be filled by a Rear Admiral not yet appointed. Chief of Staff is at present Capitano di Vascello Corrado TAGLIAMONTE.
- b. Functioning under the operational control of the above command are the following three Comandi Marina (Naval Bases), located at MESSINA, AUGUSTA, and TRAPANI:
  1. Comando Marina MESSINA (area of Northeast Sicily).  
Comdr. Emilio BEREMCAN, Commanding Officer.  
80 Officers.  
1100 Petty Officers and enlisted men.  
250 Civilian employees.
  2. Comando Marina AUGUSTA (area of Southeast Sicily).  
Comdr. Nicola MURZI, Commanding Officer.  
60 Officers.  
650 Petty Officers and enlisted men.  
200 Civilian employees.
  3. Comando Marina TRAPANI (same jurisdiction as NOB, PALERMO).  
Comdr. Eliseo PORTA, Commanding Officer.  
25 Officers.  
250 Petty Officers and enlisted men.  
150 Civilian employees.

Attached to Marina TRAPANI is a minesweeper flotilla of four units which is under the indirect operational control of NOB, PALERMO.

2. The principal RIN units and personnel located in PALERMO, which have frequent and direct contact with the U. S. Navy are as follows:

- a. Italian Navy Liaison officer, Lt. Riccardo GLADI.
- b. Salvage Unit under Lt. MIRABELLA.
- c. MARISIP (Marina - Sotto Commissione Inquadramento Personale) a special sub-commission under Lt. Col. 482 TORCHIANA which handles RIN personnel problems.

- d. Comando Zona Farì (Lighthouse Service) under Capt. Salvatore PESCE, who is responsible directly to the Ministry of Marina at ROME for the operation and maintenance of all lighthouses in Sicily and its adjacent islands.

3. In addition to the foregoing, the Capitaneria di Porto (Italian Port Command), an autonomous organization under the indirect control of the RIN, has two main offices (Direzioni Marittime) in Sicily. One, with Headquarters, in PALERMO, controls Western Sicily, the other is located at CATANIA and controls Eastern Sicily. Minor ports in these two areas are also staffed by personnel of the Capitaneria di Porto.

4. According to the Italian Naval Liaison Officer, it is anticipated that RIN activities in Sicily will shortly undergo a considerable reduction, as a result of which by the end of 1945, such installations will consist of one major base at AUGUSTA, where the flag will be located, and two minor bases at MESSINA and TRAPANI.

SECRET.

Office of the Flag Officer,  
Italy and Liaison,  
ROME.

22nd December, 1945.

No.F.O.I.L. 244/2.

PUBLIC SAFETY SUB COMMISSION, H.Q., ALLIED COMMISSION.  
(Copy to:- Navy Sub-Commission, H.Q., Allied Commission).

FORGED PAY AND IDENTITY BOOKS FOUND IN MESSINA.

Copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's  
letter No. Med.45/734/6/1 dated 10th December, 1945,  
together with relative correspondence is forwarded.

2. It is requested that action be taken with a view  
to having ZITO, Vice-Chief of Questura, Messina, replaced.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

for REAR-ADMIRAL.

Enclosure:-

Copy of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's  
letter No. Med.45/734/6/1 dated 10th December, 1945  
and enclosures.

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SECRET

FORGED PAY AND IDENTITY BOOKS FOUND IN MESSINA.  
(The Commanding Officer, H.M.S. "HAMILCAR"'s letter No.02/526  
dated 27th November, 1945.)

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## II.

Med.45/734/6/1.

THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALY AND LIAISON.

(Copies to:-

The Provost Marshal, Allied Force Headquarters.  
The Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean.  
The Senior Naval Officer, Eastern Sicily.)

Forwarded for such action as may be possible  
in respect of paragraph 9 of Minute I.

2. The replacement of ZITO appears most desirable.
3. Copies of previous signals and correspondence  
are attached.

(Signed). G.R. WAYMOUTH.

MEDITERRANEAN,  
10th December, 1945.

for A D M I R A L.

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H.M.S. "HAMILCAR"

MESSINA.

No.02/526.

27th November 1945.

Sir,

In accordance with Commander-in-Chief's signal timed 201040/Nov., I have the honour to report as follows:-

2. When confronted with each other, Stoker WERRALL and the Italian DIVOLA both believed that the other had given the story away, and a full statement from each was secured. One other rating was implicated, and he also made a statement. These, added to the evidence already in my possession, and the evidence of the printers, built up a strong prima facie case against Werrall and the other rating, Marine Howlett. A circumstantial letter is being prepared, and will be submitted to you with a view to the trial by court martial of these ratings.

3. With regard to the Italians involved, charges have been laid against DIVOLA and the Printer's with a view to trial before the Italian courts.

4. I regret to report that the Questura have informed me that DIVOLA has escaped from custody. I informed the Chief of the Questura that I attached the utmost importance to his recapture, and that failure to do so within forty-eight hours would involve a report being made to you.

5. While I do not believe the loss of DIVOLA's evidence will make any appreciable difference to the case, which can be built up against WERRALL and Howlett, there is an extremely unsatisfactory feature about DIVOLA's escape.

6. The vice-chief of the Questura is an official called ZITO. Although he has, on occasion, been quite co-operative, and (judged by Italian standards) is efficient, my Naval Provost Marshal has recently had reason to believe that this man ZITO is himself involved in some of the Black Market activities.

7. Within the last 48 hours, a case of selling service petrol has been discovered, the facts of which are incontrovertible. I do not expect to get much beyond this particular case, but there is every reason to suppose that this also is an organised "racket". There is no real evidence, but ZITO is strongly suspected of being concerned.

8. What is known about ZITO is this:-

ZITO has frequently been in the company of DIVOLA's sister, and she is almost certainly his mistress. 1478

9. With such conditions prevailing, it will be appreciated that in their efforts to counter the Black Market, my Naval Provost Marshal and his very small Staff have an almost insoluble task. It is submitted, therefore, that very strong representations should be made to the Italian Government with a view to the removal of ZITO by an official with no local contacts.

2. When confronted with each other, Stoker Worrall and the Italian DIVOLA both believed that the other had given the story away, and a full statement from each was secured. One other rating was implicated, and he also made a statement. These, added to the evidence already in my possession, and the evidence of the printers, built up a strong prima facie case against Worrall and the other rating, Marine Howlett. A circumstantial letter is being prepared, and will be submitted to you with a view to the trial by court martial of these ratings.

3. With regard to the Italians involved, charges have been laid against DIVOLA and the Printers with a view to trial before the Italian courts.

4. I regret to report that the Questura have informed me that DIVOLA has escaped from custody. I informed the Chief of the Questura that I attached the utmost importance to his recapture, and that failure to do so within forty-eight hours could involve a report being made to you.

5. While I do not believe the loss of DIVOLA's evidence will make any appreciable difference to the case which can be built up against Worrall and Howlett, there is an extremely unsatisfactory feature about DIVOLA's escape.

6. The vice-chief of the Questura is an official called ZITO. Although he has, on occasion, been quite co-operative, and (judged by Italian standards) is efficient, my Naval Provost Marshal has recently had reason to believe that this man ZITO is himself involved in some of the Black Market activities.

7. Within the last 48 hours, a case of selling service petrol has been discovered, the facts of which are incontrovertible. I do not expect to get much beyond this particular case, but there is every reason to suppose that this also is an organised "racket". There is no real evidence, but ZITO is strongly suspected of being concerned.

8. What is known about ZITO is this:-

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(R.H.D. OLIVER)  
CAPTAIN, R.N.

THE VICE ADMIRAL, MALTA AND CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN.  
(Copy to:- The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.)

C O P Y.

S.N.O.E.S.Y.  
(R) V.A.M.

C IN C MED (11)  
201010 NOV

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

In view of latest discoveries reported in your 150910 it is  
not (R) not intended to promulgate this matter.

Request you will keep me informed of developments regarding  
WORRAIL and DIVOLA.

201010 NOV.

REF. Forgeries in MESSINA.

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C IN C MED. V.A.M.

S.N.O.E.S.Y.

15.0910 November.

C O N F I D E N T I A L.I M P O R T A N T.

My 071502 and my letter D12/7/1425 of 12th November.  
Further information as follows:-

- (A) Forgeries were made in MESSINA. Printers apprehended and they also admit making 3 rubber stamps.
- (B) Printers say that only 20 (F) 20 were made. 19 (R) 19 have been found.
- (C) Now probable forgeries only manufactured recently. Earlier entries relating to soap and tobacco issues are almost certainly also forged.
- (D) The Italian Divola is now in custody, evidence of his direct contact with WORRALL now considered conclusive.

15.0910. November.

071502 Details of forgeries.

P/L T/P TOD 15.0930 818P Blue.

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CONFIDENTIAL

H.M.S. "HAMMOCK",  
MESSINA,  
12th November, 1945.

No.D.12/7/1425.

Sir,

In accordance with your signal timed 091759 November and with further reference to my signal timed 071502 November, I have the honour to submit the following report.

2. With regard to the forgeries themselves, I have little to add to the information given in my signal. A specimen forgery is enclosed.

3. The local police (Questura) report that nearly all forged documents in Italy are produced either in Naples or in Catania. It seems most probable, therefore, that these are made in Catania. I am assured that the Catania police authorities have been contacted and every endeavour to trace the source of manufacture is being made. In addition the Officer Commanding, British Troops, Sicily, who is stationed in Catania has been informed, and Military Police are also investigating the matter.

4. It will be noted from paragraph 7 of my signal that the main purpose of these forgeries is undoubtedly connected with Black Market activities. Owing to the casual, illiterate and ill-spelt manner in which the details on page 1 have been filled in, I think it highly improbable that the forgeries have any other purpose than to present them open at the appropriate page to enable Soap, Tobacco and R.A.A.F.I. articles to be drawn.

5. The circumstances under which these forgeries were discovered reveal the existence of highly-organised Black Market activities directed by Italians and in which, I regret to inform you, a number of Naval ratings must almost certainly be involved. At present there is only one rating, against whom a charge can be brought.

6. The existence of some organisation of this type has for long been painfully apparent, but hitherto little or nothing of the methods employed was known, although every endeavour had been made. Active enquiries and cross-questioning are now in progress following the discovery of this very substantial clue, but it will be appreciated that parts of this report are necessarily incomplete. It is to be noted, too, that much of the information that follows has been obtained from Italians, none of whom are considered reliable, and all of whom may themselves be implicated.

7. At about 1630 5th November, as a result of information given to Mr. Miller, Warrant Shipwright by CARLINO Castano, who is employed as 1475 interpreter in Mr. Miller's Department twelve Italian workmen were caught red-handed with a large amount of Service Tobacco in their possession and were apprehended. Further questioning of CARLINO revealed the existence of these forged pay and Identity Books and that Stoker J. WOODHALL, W/OX.158.75 was implicated. This rating was at the time on the Sick List,

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8. The co-operation of the local Italian police was invoked and by 0930 on 6th November evidence obtained from the following secured further to implicate MORRALL to a considerable degree:

- (i) GEMELLI Gaetano (see paragraph 7).
- (ii) NEMTO Domenico (another Dockyard employee).
- (iii) MARZIO Francesca (a prostitute with whom MORRALL had long been associated).

All these made statements implicating MORRALL with passing Tobacco out of the Base, and the two men's statements further implicated MORRALL as having direct connection with the forgeries. All speak of a certain DIVOLA Bernardo, a man not in custody, but known to the Italian Police, as having a bad record. There is strong indication

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- (a) that he is one of the "principals" in the organization, and
- (b) that he was in direct contact with WORMALL but evidence is not conclusive.

After a lengthy interrogation and after statements had been taken from the above witnesses in his presence, WORMALL admitted having these forgeries in his possession but said they had been given to him by another rating whose name he did not know. They were found in a cardboard box under his kit in his billet in the Barracks.

9. There is no doubt that the forgeries have been used successfully to obtain additional supplies of Soap and Tobacco, and to obtain an additional L.A.A.I. ration card. Issues of Soap and Tobacco in R.M.S. "HAWKINS" are always noted in Pay Books and illegal extra supplies have obviously been obtained by Naval Ratings presenting the forged Pay Books at muster issues.

10. Every effort is being made to discover the full details and workings of this organization, in particular so far as Naval ratings are concerned. I do not believe for one moment that WORMALL is the only rating concerned, nor do I believe his story (which so far has stood up to continual cross-examination both from Naval Provost Marshal and the Base Engineer Officer, as Head of WORMALL's Department) that they were given to him to look after.

11. I am fully aware of the gravity of this case from both the security and the Fleet Market angles. It is submitted that the investigations are likely to be prolonged, and I can feel no assurance that I shall be able successfully to bring charges against other ratings nor that it will be possible to press any charge against WORMALL other than that of being in possession of these forgeries. I do submit however that a serious cause of loss of Naval Stores has now been checked.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

(Sgd.) R.H.D. OLIVIER  
CAPTAIN R.N.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
NAVY DEPARTMENT,  
(Copy to ...)

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,  
MEDITERRANEAN.

(Copy to :-

The Vice Admiral, Malta and Central Mediterranean.)

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S.N.O.E.S.Y.

C IN C MED (11)  
091759 Nov.RESTRICTED UPGRADED TO SECRET BY REFERENCE

Request full written report of subject of Your  
.071502 by quickest route.

091759 Nov.

071502. Secret Pay and Identity Books.

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TO: ' A M C I N C M E D

FROM: SPOLNEY.  
071502 A NOV.S E C R E T

A quantity of forged pay and identity books discovered in Messina Base. Suspect they are produced in Catania.

2). Covers of forgeries are slightly darker green and of rougher finish than the genuine books.

3). Following errors in printing on outside cover.

- A). The 'A' after S.A. is smaller than the numerals.
- B). The letters of the word 'and' in the title are the same size as the remaining letters of title.
- C). Third line from bottom 'is' instead of 'in'.
- D). Second line from bottom letter 'K' (R) instead of asterisk.
- E). Last line no asterisk small 'e' instead of capital 'A' in word 'address'.

4). Attempt has been made to conceal these errors by scratching or defacing.

5). No photograph but space has been rubber stamped 'Commanding Officer H.M.S. 'EMERSONIA'.

6). Printed matter within the book is of quite different type to genuine and there are various discrepancies.

7). Object appears to be to enable additional supplies of soap, tobacco and NAATI stores to be drawn for sale in black market.

8). Strong indications that these forgeries have been in circulation for five or six months and some may have left Sicily.

9). Errors given in paragraph 3 and 6 are not particularly noticeable unless carefully compared with a genuine book.

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A). The 'A' after S.43 is smaller than the numerals.

B). The letters of the word 'and' in the title are the same size as the remaining letters of title.

C). Third line from bottom 'is' instead of 'in'.

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