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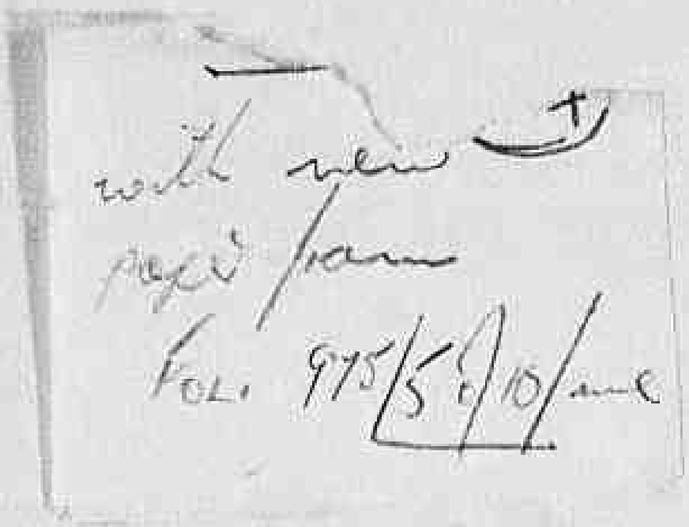
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NSC/ 5909
30 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: The Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy.
(Through: The French Representative to the Allied Commission.)

Subject: French Barge "JOYCE".

Reference: (a) The Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy's ltr. No.I.611 dated 13 January 1947.

Enclosure: (A) The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission's ltr. NSC/5904 dated 30 January 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information with reference to reference (a).

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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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FRENCH BARGE "JOYCE".

Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission's letter MSC/5904, dated 30 January 1947.

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MSC/ 5910

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.
(Copy to: The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.)

Forwarded for information with reference to your letter No. 1007/48 dated 7 January 1947.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

ROME,
30 January 1947.

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NSC/5904

30 January 1947

Subject: French Barge "JOYCE".

To : The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia.

1. It has come to my knowledege that your Legal Division has inadvertently turned over to the Civil Courts a matter concerning the disputed ownership of the barge "JOYCE", which has been clearly identified as being of French ownership. Legal Division, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia's letters VG/AMG/LD/192/3943 dated 12th December 1946 and VG/AMG/LD/192/3944 dated 13th December 1946, together with the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste's letter dated 7th November 1946 addressed to Fonderie Officine Meccaniche Triestine, copy of which is enclosed, refer. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste has subsequently cancelled his letter referred to above, as a result of the communication received from the Legal Division, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, dated 13th December 1946.

2. I have obtained the views of my legal adviser on the matter, who disagrees with the views expressed in Legal Division, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia's letter VG/AMG/LD/192/3944 dated 13th December 1946.

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3. From the facts submitted to me, it appears that barge JOYCE with many others was removed from France to Trieste by the Germans in her original state and that they intended to convert her into a transport of troops and material for the North African campaign.

4. If these facts are correct, the present state of the barge, the amount of work carried out on her, the addition to her superstructure, etc., which may have been effected without the consent of the original owner and, either for private profit or on the instructions of the enemy, cannot in any way affect the nationality of origin of the craft nor justify a claim for possession against the original owners.

5. Under the Armistice terms and subsequent agreements, all Allied ships must eventually be returned to their Allied owners, "whether or not

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30 January 1947

MSC/ 5904

Subject: French Barge "JOYCE".

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6. FOMT are in exactly the same position as many other Italian firms in Northern Italy who executed contracts for the Germans or the Fascist Republican Government. They have no claims against the Allies. Furthermore, the interpretation of the Armistice terms does not lie within the jurisdiction of Italian courts. It is up to Allied and not Italian authority to decide whether the barge is an Allied ship or not.

7. FOMT may have a claim for damages against their own Government. They cannot refuse, however, to hand over a ship if and when it has been declared of Allied nationality by Allied authority, whatever the conditions under which this craft came in their possession may have been.

8. It is requested therefore, that you take necessary steps to effect the turnover of the barge in question to the Mission Marine Marchande Francaise without delay, and that you inform me of the date of transfer.

(Sgd) ELLERY W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USNR
Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 794
LEGAL DIVISION

AC/4005/L

17 January 1947

SUBJECT : French Barge "JOYCE"

TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. This division disagrees with the views expressed in VG/ANG/LD/192/3944 of 13 Dec 1946 signed by Major P. A. Mathews of the Legal Division of Venezia Giulia.

2. From the facts submitted to this Division, it appears that Barge JOYCE with many others was removed from France to Trieste by the Germans in her original state and that they intended to convert her into a transport of troops and material for the North African campaign.

3. If these facts are correct, the present state of the barge, the amount of work carried out on her, the addition to her superstructure, etc., which may have been effected without the consent of the original owner and, either for private profit or on the instructions of the enemy, cannot in any way affect the nationality of origin of the craft nor justify a claim for possession against the original owners.

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Navy Sub-Commission

G. G. HANNAFORD
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Chief Legal Adviser

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Piazza Venezia

Tel. 66.292 (Chef Mission)
66.256 (Secrétariat)

Ref. N.o 1.811
Dr. IO
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ROME, le 13 Janvier 1947

Enregistré, le 15 Janvier 1947
sous le n.m 6130/28

NOTE POUR

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
( Navy Sub-Commission )

Sous couvert de M. le Capitaine de vaisseau HERON DE VILLEFOSSE
Représentant du Gouvernement Français auprès de la Commission Alliée

O b j e t : Barge automoteur française " JOYCE " à TRIESTE .

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Nous avons l'honneur d'accuser réception de votre note NSC/5773 du 17 Décembre 1946 par laquelle vous nous aviez que la question relative à cette barge a été reportée au " Naval Officer in Charge Trieste " avec mission d'obtenir le point de vue de la " Legal Division Allied Military Government Venezia Giulia " .

Nous venons de recevoir du " Legal Officer Headquarters Allied Military Government Venezia Giulia " les notes dont veuillez trouver ci-joint copie, et d'où il ressort que cet officier estime que le différend relatif à la barge " JOYCE " est du ressort des tribunaux civils italiens .

Nous protestons, respectueusement mais avec la plus grande énergie, contre cette décision pour les raisons suivantes :

I° - Il est contraire à la dignité du Gouvernement Français, représenté en l'occurence par la Mission Marine Marchande Française en Italie, d'être obligé de s'adresser à un tribunal civil italien pour réclamer la restitution d'un bâtiment français, dont la qualité française a été déjà reconnue à la fois par les autorités de la Royal Navy et les Autorités Yougoslaves .

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2° - C'est la première fois qu'une semblable réponse est faite à la Mission Française qui a déjà récupéré plus d'une centaine de navires français de tous tonnages amenés en Italie par les Allemands ou les Italiens .

3° - La décision du " Legal Officer " est absolument contraire aux dispositions du " Liberated Ships Memorandum " qui s'applique aux bateaux de nationalité française appartenant à des particuliers qui en ont été dépossédés par la contrainte des Allemands .

4° - Le fait qu'une Société italienne, la F.C.M.T. ait exécuté sur le " JOYCE " sans autorisation, des travaux, soit pour le compte des Allemands, soit pour son compte ( espérant ainsi se créer un droit de propriété ) ne change rien à la question, bien au contraire, étant donné que ces travaux n'ont fait que rendre le " JOYCE " impropre à son usage normal, qui est la navigation fluviale et qu'ils prouvent l'intention délictueuse de la société de s'approprier un bâtiment qu'elle savait d'origine française .

Pour toutes ces raisons, nous demandons que des ordres soient donnés à nouveau au N.O.I.C. TRIESTE pour la restitution pure et simple du " JOYCE " au Gouvernement Français .

Ci-joint copie de l'ordre donné par le N.O.I.C. TRIESTE à la F.C.M.T., ordre qui n'a pas été exécuté .

L'Administrateur en Chef de 2ème Classe de l'Inscription Maritime,
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie :



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H E A D Q U A R T E R S

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA

LEGAL DIVISION

REFERENCE NO : VG/AMG/LD/192/5943 12 December 1946

SUBJECT : Dispute of ownership of barge " JOYCE "

TO : Avv. ETTORE CASULICH
Galleria Protti, 2
TRIESTE

1. - Reference your letter dated 10 December 1946 .

2 .- We beg to inform you that this Division has in no way changed its previous standpoint as regards the disputed ownership of the barge " JYCE ", and that it still maintains that the dispute in question should be submitted to the Civil Courts which will decide upon its issue .

3 .- Appropriate instructions have been given to Capt. C.S.D. JONES, MOIC .

4 .- Copies of this letter are being sent to the French Navy Commission in ROME and to Capt. C.S.D. JONES, MOIC .

From : J.H. ATKINSON
Lt Col. CAV.
DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

P. A. MATHEWS
MAJOR LEGAL OFFICER

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H E A D Q U A R T E R S

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LEGAL DIVISION 13 DECEMBER 1946

Reference No : VG/AMG/192/5044

Subject : Dispute of ownership of barge " JOYCE " .

To : Capt. C.B.D. MOORES, RNVR
TRIESTE .

1.- Reference your file concerning the disputed ownership of barge " JOYCE " .

2.- As already stated previously, this division is of the opinion that the question regarding the ownership of barge " JOYCE " as one of conflicting claims by private claimants to private property which neither MG nor AM is competent to decide . The latter should be submitted to Civil Courts which will decide upon its issue and the only competent Authorities in this matter .

3.- You are requested not to take any action as to the disputed vessel as long as the decision of the competent Judicial Authorities is pending .

4.- Copies of this letter are being sent to the French Navy commission in Rome and to Avv. Antonio CASULLO, representing the " Fonderie Officine Meccaniche Triestine " .

For J. H. ATKINSON
Lt Col. CMV.
DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

P. A. R. MATHEWS
MAJOR
LEGAL OFFICER

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SUBJECT : BARGE " JOYCE "

FROM : The Naval Officer in Charge, TRIESTE

DATE : 7th November, 1946, N°

TO : FONDERIE OFFICINE MECCANICHE TRIESTINE,
Via della Tesa 46, TRIESTE

It is now definitely established that the barge " JOYCE " is French Property . You are therefore instructed to return it to its owner through the Mission Marine Marchande Française, who have authorised the firm of SARROM to continue work on and float the barge .

( C.S.D. NOAKES )
CAPTAIN

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Subject : DISPUTE OF OWNERSHIP OF BARGE "JOYCE".

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From : THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TRIESTE.

Date : 7th January 1947. No. 1007/48.

To : THE CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.
(Copy to : The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.)

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With reference to your letter No.NSC.5774 of 13th December, 1946, the Legal Division, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, have been kept fully informed of the whole progress of the dispute regarding the barge "JOYCE" since 15th May, 1946.

2. The opinion of the Legal Division, is given in their VG/AMG/LD/192/3944 of 13th December, 1946, copy attached.

3. In view of this letter my previous instructions concerning this barge are being cancelled.

(C.S.D. NOAKES)
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
VENEZIA GIULIA.

13 December 1946.

Legal Division.

Reference No.: VG/AMG/LD/192/3944

Subject : Dispute of ownership of barge "Joyce".

To : Capt. C.S.D. HOARES, NOIC.
T R I E S T E.

1. Reference your file concerning the disputed ownership of Barge "Joyce".

2. As already stated previously, this Division is of the opinion that the question regarding the ownership of Barge "Joyce" is one of conflicting claims by private claimants to private property which neither AMG nor RN is competent to decide. The matter should be submitted to Civil Courts which will decide upon its issue as the only competent Authorities in this matter.

3. You are requested not to take any action as to the disputed vessel as long as the decision of the competent Judicial Authorities is pending.

4. Copies of this letter are being sent to the French Navy Commission in Rome and to Avv. COSULICH, representing the "Fonderie Officine Meccaniche Triestine".

for : J.H. ATKINSON
LT.COLONEL CAV.
DEPUTY CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

(SGD.) P.A. MATHEWS
MAJOR
LEGAL OFFICER

Copy to :

French Navy Commission
ROME
Avv. Antonio COSULICH

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NSO/5773
17 December 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy through the French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: French Barge "JOYCE" at Trieste.

1. With reference to your letter No. 1.638 dated 29 November 1946, the matter has been referred to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste who has been advised to obtain the views of the Legal Division, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia on the question, and the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has been informed.

2. A further communication will be made in due course in compliance with paragraph 3 of your letter.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL.
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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FRENCH BARGE "JOYCE" AT TRIESTE.

French Mercantile Marine letter 1.638
dated 29th November 1946.

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NSC/5774

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.
(Copy to: The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station).

Forwarded for your remarks.

2. It is suggested that the full aspects of the case be presented to the Legal Division, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, and their views obtained on the matter and if necessary, that the order for the return of this barge to the French Authorities, be issued by the Governor, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, observing that the barge is in Allied Military Government territory.

3. It is requested that the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station and the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, be kept informed of matters appertaining to the return of non-Italian craft in your area to their respective owners.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL.
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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ROME,
16th December 1946.

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From: French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy
through Capt. Heron de Villefosse,
French representative on the A.C.
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 29th November 1946
Ref.: 1.638

Subject : French barge "JOYCE" at Trieste
Reference: Copy of letter from M.O.I.C. Trieste dated 7th November 1946, a copy of which is enclosed.

Yesterday we received a copy of the letter to which reference is made, ordering the return of the French barge "JOYCE" to the French Government (represented by the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy, Genoa office).

We have been informed by telephone by this same office, that the present holders of the barge refuse to hand her over, despite the order of the M.O.I.C. Trieste.

It would be appreciated if you would inform us what steps we should take to enforce the decision.

The Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission
in Italy
(Signed) R.Sentis

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SUBJECT: BARGE "JOYCE"

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FROM: The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.

DATE: 7th November 1946. No.

TO: FONDERIE-OFFICINE MECCANICHE TRIESTINE,
Via della Tesa, 46, TRIESTE.

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(C. S. D. NOAKES)

Captain

Copy to SARROM

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 794

28th. January 1947.

MEMORANDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION.

The Chief of the French Mercantile Mission in Italy reported that the Fonderie Officine Meccaniche Triestine had refused to abide by the order given by the Naval Officer-in-Charge Trieste to FOMT to turn over barge JOYCE to the French authorities as it had been definitely established as being French property (Flag "A"). The matter was referred to NOIC Trieste for comments advising him to obtain the Legal Division, Allied Military Government Venezia Giulia's views on the matter (Flag "B"). The NOIC Trieste subsequently replied that he had cancelled his previous order in view of the letter received from the Legal Division, AMG VG (Flag "C"). The question was then minuted to the Legal Division Allied Commission for remarks which are contained in Flag "D". A strong representation was also received from the Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission (Flag "E") on the action taken by the Legal Division, AMG VG in a letter to Avv. COSULICH, FOMT's lawyer (Flag "F").

2. The letter opposite, addressed to the SEnior Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, is therefore submitted for consideration and subsequent signature by the Chief Commissioner please.

H. W. ZIROLI,
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[illegible] REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HQ. AC.

Date: 27 May 1946

Ltr.Ref.,Date & Subject

HQ. AC - Off. of French Rep.
ltr. dated 20 May 1946 Ref: 2857

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REQUISITIONING OF MOTOR BOAT AT VENICE.

ADDITIONAL ROUTING

TYPE AND RETURN TO ACTION OFFICER:

DATE: 28 May 1946
FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ, AC.
TO : FOTALI, ROME.

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for Chief, Navy S.C.

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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

REPRÉSENTATION FRANÇAISE
À LA
COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

Roma, le 20 Décembre 1946

A Monsieur le Chef de la
Navy Sub Commission

N. 3128/28

LILY MAID IV

# BORDEREAU D'ENVOI

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Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
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ROME, le 19 Décembre 1946
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Sous-couvert de M. le Capitaine de vaisseau ARROT Pg VILLEFOSSE
Représentant du Gouvernement Français auprès de la Commission Alliée .-

- Copie de la note N° 3714/V du 5/12/45 du Servizio Recuperi de GENES,
- Copie de la note N° 128/3[illegible]/3 du 7 Décembre du Bureau de la Mission Marine Marchande à GENES,
- Copie de notre note N° 1.681 du 12/12/46 à M.C. ALLIED HQ.
- " " " " N° 1.712 du 19/12/46 " " " "

L'Administrateur en Chef de l'Inscription Maritime,
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie,

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. T95020

From: French Headquarters, R.A.A.C.
To : M.C. Adams, Esq., Property Adviser at the British Embassy, Rome
Date: 19th December 1946
Ref No: 1.712 /15 bis.

Subject: Yacht "Lily Maid IV"

Further to our letter dated 12th instant, I am forwarding herewith a copy of the letter from the Genoa Salvage Office on the subject of this yacht.

I am taking the liberty of drawing your attention to the fact that it would be most convenient, in the owner's interest, to refloat the wreck as soon as possible, but that the French Merchantile Marine Mission, although it has the best intentions, has neither the authority nor the credit necessary to proceed with the salvage.

(Signed) R. SENTIS
Chief of French Merchantile Marine Mission
in Italy

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ROME, le 19 Décembre 1946
French Headquarters, R.S.A.C
Piazza Venezia, tel. 66.232
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N O T E

à M. C. A D A M S, Esq.
" Property Adviser " près de l'Ambassade
Britannique , ROME

O b j e t : Yacht " LUCY MAID IV "
P. Jointe : Copie lettre 3714/V du 5/12/46 de l'Ufficio Recuperi GENES
Référence : Notre note N° I.681 du 12/12/46

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Comme suite à notre note du 12 courant, j'ai l'honneur de vous adresser ci-joint copie de la lettre de l' " UFFICIO RECUPERI " de GENES, au sujet de ce yacht .

Je me permets d'attirer votre attention sur le fait qu'il conviendrait, dans l'intérêt du propriétaire, de renflouer cette épave au plus tôt, mais que la Mission Marine Marchande Française, quoique animée des meilleures intentions, n'a ni l'autorité ni les crédits nécessaires pour procéder à cette opération .

L'Administrateur en Chef de l'Inscription Maritime,
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie :

R. LETTIS

Destinataire : M.C. ADAMS, Esq.
C o p i e s : Allied Commission
Marine Marchande (FRA)
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C O P Y

From: French Headquarters, R.A.A.C., Rome
To : M.C. Adams, Esq., Property Adviser at the British Embassy
Date: 12th December 1946
Ref no: 1.69 /15

Subject: British yacht "Lily Maid IV"

Forwarded herewith is a copy of letter No.128, dated 7th December, from the Head of the Genoa Office, Lieut. J.Chaize, to Mme Rumbolt, Palais Chamburn Nice, on the subject of her yacht "Lily Maid IV", which has been discovered at Genoa.

Our base in this port is at your disposal for further information.

(Signed) A. Joly
for the Chief of the French Merchantile
Marine Mission in Italy

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ROME, le 12 Décembre 1946
French Headquarters, R.A.A.C.
Piazza Venezia tél. 66.292
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N O T E

à Monsieur M.C. ADAMS
Property Advisor près
l'Ambassade Britannique

Objet : Yacht britannique " LILY MAID IV"

P. Jointe : Copie Note N° 128/MAT GENES

Nous vous adressons ci-joint copie de la note N° 128 du 7 Décembre du Chef du Bureau de GENES, Lieutenant de Vaisseau J. CHAIZE, à M.me RUMBOLT, Palais Chambrun, NICE , au sujet de son yacht " LILY MAID IV " , retrouvé à GENES.

Nos services dans ce port sont à votre disposition pour plus ample information.

Pour d'Administrateur en Chef de l'Inscription Maritime
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie :
l' Adjoint :

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A. JOLY ( C.L.C. )

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From: French Merchantile Marine Mission in Italy
To : Mme Rumbold, Palais Chambrun, Nice
Date: 7th December 1946
Ref No: 128 MAT/3.

Subject: Yacht "Lily Maid IV"

Dear Madam,

1. I have the pleasure of informing you that your yacht has been found sunk in the port of Genoa. I am forwarding herewith a letter from the Naval Engineer Pinault, the French Delegate in Italy for the salvage of French ships on behalf of the Ministry of Armaments.

2. I suggest that you should approach the British Embassy in Rome and send all the information which will enable a claim to be made to the Italian Government for the salvage and return of your yacht, especially a copy of the requisitioning receipt.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Lieut. Chaize
Head of the Genoa Office of the
French Merchantile Marine Mission
in Italy.

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MINISTERE DES TRAVAUX PUBLICS ET TRANSPORTS
Mission Marine Marchande Française en Italie

BUREAU DE GENES
Via Corsica, 21

N° 128 MAT/3

N O T E

pour Madame RUMBOLD
Palais Chanbran
N I C E

Objet : Yacht " LILY MAID IV" .-
Référence : Ma note 32 MAT/3 du 6 Avril 1946.-
Pièce jointe : Note du 5.12.46

Madame,

1.- J'ai le plaisir de vous faire connaître que votre yacht a été retrouvé coulé dans le port de GENES. Je vous transmets ci-joint une lettrede M. l'Ingénieur du Génie Maritime PINAULT, délégué en Italie du ministère de l'Armement pour le renflouement des navires français.

2.- Je vous suggère d'adresser à l' Ambassade Britannique à ROME, tous les renseignements pouvant permettre de réclamer au Gouvernement Italien, le renflouement et la restitution de votre navire, en particulier la copie du procès-verbal de réquisition.

Veuillez croire, Madame, l'assurance de mes sentiments respectueux.

Le Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Gés.CHAIZE
Chef du Bureau de Gênes
de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie

signé : CHAIZE

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destinataire:
M.me RUMBOLd
à NICE.
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Present state of yacht "Lily Maid IV" registered with the R.Y.S.

1. The wreck No.251 in the port of Genoa, lying in the Western entrance to the port near the destroyer "Ghibli", and previously considered to be a trawler, has now definitely been identified as the yacht "Lily Maid IV", registered with the R.Y.S. and therefore of British nationality.

2. The yacht is of wooden construction, and is considered to be in good conditions, as far as it has been possible to discover. It is equipped with a Diesel 6 cylinder engine. The screw and rudder are in place, The anchors and cables as well as all the movable fittings have, howeverm been looted. The dimensions are about 19 by 3.50 by 2.30 metres ( the height was difficult to measure). The vessel is lying on an upright keel.

4. The craft is not surrounded by any other wreckage, and its salvage appears easy.

5. The vessel may at present be considered salvageable, and it would therefore most conveniently be salvaged immediately.

(Signed) Lieut.(E) Attilio Viala

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SITUATION ACTUELLE DU YACHT " LILY MAID IV" ENREGISTRE AU R.Y.S.

1.- L'épave N° 251 ter du port de GENES, gisant à la passe Ouest du port, près du contre-torpilleur " GHIBLI", signalée auparavant comme chalutier, a été identifiée de façon certaine comme le Yacht "LILY MAID IV" enregistré au R.Y.S. et par conséquent de nationalité anglaise.

2.- Il s'agit d'un Yacht en bois, reconnu en bonnes conditions pour autant qu'il a été possible de se rendre compte. Il est doté d'un moteur Diesel 6 cylindres. L'hélice et le gouvernail sont en place. Il a été par contre pillé de ses ancres et chaînes, et de toutes les pièces faciles à démonter.

3.- Les dimensions sont environ : 19 sur 3 m 50 sur 2 m 30 ( la hauteur a été difficile à mesurer ). Le navire repose droit.

4.- L'unité est dégagée de toute autre épave et son renflouement semble facile.

5.- L'unité peut être actuellement considérée comme récupérable, il conviendrait donc de le renflouer au plus tôt.

Le Capitaine de C.N.
Chef du Bureau

signé : Attilio VIALA

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C O P Y

From: Italian Naval Salvage Service - Genoa
To : French Delegation, Genoa and for Info : MARICOST (Salvage) - Rome
Port of Genoa Authority - Genoa

Date: 5th December 1946
Ref.: 3714/V

Subject: "Lily Maid IV"

1. Further to our conversations of today, I am sending you, instead of to Maricost (Salvage) - Rome, a report on the state of the yacht.

2. As has been agreed verbally, I request you to inform the owner.

3. Maricost (Salvage), Rome, has been advised that my duties will consist of informing the Fleet Salvage Officer Mediterranean, Naples.

4. The Port of Genoa Authority is requested not to issue any authorisation for the salvage of the above vessel.

(Signed) LT.(E) Attilio Vitale

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MARINA MILITARE
Servizio Ricuperi Navi
Genova - Stac. Marittima
Ponte dei Mille

N/ 3714/V

COPIE

GENES, le 5.12.1946.

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DELEGATION FRANCAISE = GENES

c.c. MARICOST DIVISION RICUPERI = ROME
CONSORZIO AUTONOLO DEL PORTO = GENES

Objet : Yacht " LILY MAID IV" .-

1.- A la suite de nos conversations d'aujourd'hui, je vous remets, ainsi qu'à MARICOST RICUPERI - ROMA un rapport sur l'état de ce yacht.

2.- Comme il a été convenu verbalement, je vous demande de bien vouloir prévenir l'armateur.

3.- La MARICOST RICUPERI ROMA est avisée que ses services se chargeront de prévenir le Fleet Salvage Officer Mediterranean Naples.

4.- Le CONSORZIO AUTONOMO del PORTO de GENES est prié de ne délivrer aucune autorisation pour la récupération de cette unité.-

Le Capitaine du G.N.
Chef du Bureau

- Attilio VIALE -

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NSC/5783
20 December 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: The French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Removal of wreck in Piombino. JENBACK

Reference: (a) French Representative ltr. 401 of 17 September 1946.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has now been informed that the German pontoon foundered on top of the French barge "JENBACK" has now been removed.

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

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : Navy Sub Commission - through and for info to :
MARINA Seded - Liaison Office

Date: 6th December 1946
Pef.: 58396

Subject: Pontoon "JENBACK"

With reference to your letter NSC/5380, dated 19th August 1946, on the same subject.

The wreck of the ex-German pontoon sunk at Piombino has been removed from its original position and therefore there is nothing to prevent the removal of the pontoon "Jenback".

for CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

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Rep. M.D.S. Uff. B.D.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Tel. N. 58396 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Pontone "JENBACK".-

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION
e,per conoscenza e tram:
MARINA = S E D E
(Uff.Collegamento)

Riferimento al foglio n.NSC/5380 del 19/8/1946 al medesimo argomento.-

Il relitto del pontone ex tedesco affondato a Piombino è stato rimosso dalla sua posizione iniziale, e per= tanto nessun ostacolo impedisce la rimozione del pontone "JENBACK".=

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 10th October 1946
Ref.: 16536/2

Subject: Salvage of pontoon "JEMBACK" at Piombino

With reference to your letter NSC/5380, dated 19th August 1946, we inform you that the Ministry of Marine has approached the Leghorn Naval Salvage Section for a diving operation to be carried out in the port of Piombino, and to inform us accordingly.

As soon as the information, which has already been requested, reaches the Ministry of Marine, it will be communicated to the Navy Sub Commission.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 16536/2 Allegati

Al NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

ARGOMENTO: Ricupero del pontone "JEMBACK" a Piombino.-

URGENTE

In relazione al foglio NSC/5380 in data 19 agosto 1946, si informa che questo Ministero ha interessato la Sezione Ricuperi della Marina a Livorno di fare un sopraluogo nel porto di Piombino e riferire in merito.

Non appena tali informazioni, che sono già state sollecitate, perverranno a questo Ministero, saranno comunicate a codesta S.Commissione Navale.-

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C.di V.G. MARINI

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 25020

NSC/5510
3 October 1946

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

Subject: Request for removal of a wreck at Piombino.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. 5380 dated 19 August 1946.

1. A reply to reference (a) is requested.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: Capt. HERON de VILLEFOSSE
French Representative on the Allied Commission
To : Chief of Navy Sub Commission
Date: 17th September 1946
Ref.: 401

Subject : Request for removal of a wreck at Piombino

Reference: letter No.1146 - D r 26/6 L dated 31st July 1946.

1. The letter, to which reference is made, requested the Italian Government to remove the wreck of a German barge which foundered across and on top of the wreck of the barge "JUNBACK", presumably French, and making impossible its refloating.

2. It would be appreciated if you would inform me of the result of this request.

for Capt. HERON de VILLEFOSSE
French Representative on the Allied Commission

Signed, Cdr. YBERT
Naval Assistant to the French Representative

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

N° 401.

Rome, le 17 Septembre 1946.

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie

à

Monsieur le Contre-Amiral
Chef de la Naval S/Commission.

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OBJET : Demande d'enlèvement d'une épave à PIOMBINO.

REFERENCE : Note n° 1146 - D r 26/6 L du 31 Juillet 1946.

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1°/- La note de référence demandait que le Gouvernement italien fasse déplacer l'épave d'une barge allemande qui est coulée à PIOMBINO en travers et par dessus l'épave d'une barge présumée française : "JUNBACK", rendant impossible le renflouement de cette dernière.

2°/- J'ai l'honneur de vous demander de bien vouloir me faire connaître la suite donnée à cette note.

P. Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie

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P.O. Le Capitaine de Frégate YBERT
Adjoint "Marine"
au Représentant Français

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NSC/5390
19 August 1946.

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

Subject: Barge "JENBACK".

1. The wreck of a German vessel (landing barge) is sunk across and over the wreck of a barge presumed to be French, called "JENBACK", lying in the Southern part of Piombino harbour, near to the breakwater in the vicinity of the wrecked T/B "IPHIGENIE", 20 m. to the starboard of the latter and in a depth of 7 metres.

2. Information is requested as to the probable date of the salvage of the German landing barge so that arrangements for the salvage of the JENBACK may be considered.

C. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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From : Captain P.SENTIS
Chief of French Merchant Navy Mission in Italy.
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date : 31st July, 1946
Ref. : 1146.

Subject : Request to Italian Government to move a German wreck in Piombino Harbour.

The wreck of a German vessel (landing barge) is sunk across and over the wreck of a barge presumed to be French, called "JENBACK", lying in the Southern part of Piombino harbour, near to the breakwater in the vicinity of the wrecked T/B "IPHIGENIE", 20 m. to the stardboard of the latter and in a depth of 7 metres.

A methodical inspection of the ships sunk in Piombino harbour has been made by a local enterprise which has submitted to us proposals for the refloating of the French wrecks, including that beneath the German barge in question.

Although to date we have been unable to identify this wreck for certain, owing to the difficulties of inspection and the few particulars supplied, the information gathered on the spot lead to the conclusion that it is an Allied barge : French, Belgian or Dutch.

In th general interests of the above nations it is desired that orlers may be given to the Italian Government for the removal of the barge indicated in this letter.

Sgd. P.SENTIS
Captain.

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L'Administrateur en Chef de l'Inscription Maritime
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie

R. SENTIS

À l'Allied Commission - Naval Sub-Commission
sous couvert de M. le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant du Gouvernement Français auprès de l'Allied Commission.

O b j e t : Demande au Gouvernement Italien de déplacer une épave gênant dans le port de Piombino.

L'épave d'un navire allemand (barge de débarquement) est en travers et par dessus l'épave d'une barge présumée française, JENRACK, située dans la partie Sud du port de Piombino, près du br... dans le voisinage de l'épave du torpilleur "IPHIGENIE", à 20 m. à Td. de ce dernier et par 7 m. de fond.

Une visite méthodique des navires coulés dans le port de Piombino a été faite par une entreprise locale qui nous a soumis des propositions pour le renflouement des épaves françaises, dont celle engagée sous la barge allemande en question.

Bien que nous n'ayions pu jusqu'ici, en raison des difficultés de visite et du peu de renseignements fournis, identifier cette épave de façon certaine, les renseignements recueillis sur place portent à conclure qu'il s'agit d'une barge alliée; française, belge ou hollandaise.

Dans l'intérêt général des Nations ci-dessus, nous serions désireux que des ordres fussent donnés au Gouvernement Italien pour que soit effectué le déplacement de la barge allemande signalée par cette lettre.

Le Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie

R. SENTIS

MISSION MARINE MARCHANDE EN ITALIE ROME

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FROM CINC MED

RESTRICTED IMPORTANT

PROVIDED YOU ARE SATISFIED THAT 600 H.P. TUG "SERVAISE 5" AND 250 H.P. TUG "MONETTE" AT GENOA WERE ORIGINALLY FRENCH THEY SHOULD BE RELEASED TO PREMAR 1.1.1 FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH OF FRANCE.

2. YOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR BERTHING OF TIES AT GENOA ARE BEING MET BY ALLOCATION OF "EMPIRE ANN" AND "EMPIRE TATANIA".

3. YOUR NO. 191/1866 DATED 2ND JUNE 945 AND NAVY SUB COMMISSION ROME'S 101122 NEITHER TO ALL REFER.

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REF: RELEASE OF TUGS FROM GENOA.

DIS: 3, 7, 7a, 9, 9a, 10.

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CINC MED (R) NOIC GENOA

FROM NAVY S/O

RESTRICTED

NOIC GENOA'S NO. 191/1866 OF 2 JUNE COPY TO YOU STATES THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM FRENCH NAVAL DELEGATION GENOA FOR PERMISSION TO REMOVE THE TUGS "SERVAUSE 5" OF 600 H.P. AND "MONETTE" OF 250 H.P. FROM GENOA. NOIC GENOA CONSIDERS THEY WOULD BE EMINENTLY SUITABLE FOR BERTHING DUTIES AT GENOA. REQUEST YOU ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO NOIC GENOA AS ASKED FOR IN HIS REFERENCED LETTER.

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DIS: 3, 9, 10, 11.

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OFFICE OF THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE,

GENOA.

June 2nd, 1945.

No. Reference

THE FLAG OFFICER, TARANTO & LIAISON ITALY, ROME.
(Copy to:- The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Station.
The Flag Officer, Northern Area Mediterranean. (for information).

Application has been received from the French Naval Delegation at Genoa for permission to remove the two Tugs, SERVAUSE 5 of 600 H.P. and MONETTE of 250 H.P. from Genoa as soon as movement in the Port is permitted.

2. These two Tugs would be eminently suitable for berthing duties here.

3. Instructions are requested.

FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY
Date 4 June 45.
No 252.
ROME

S.A. Brooks.

COMMANDER, ROYAL NAVY,
NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

8th June, 1945

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for REAR ADMIRAL

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 26th January 1947
Ref.: 277/UT

Subject: Transit of French ships in the La Maddalena roads.

With reference to our letter 2184/UT dated 17th June 1946.

You are informed that on the 16th January 1947 the following French minesweepers entered the La Maddalena (Sardinia) roads without warning : D.331 - D.332 - D.336 - D.311.

It would be appreciated if the French Authorities would give prior notice of ~~the~~ such transits to the Italian Authorities.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Roma, 26 gennaio 1947

# Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO
Ufficio Trattati

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 277/UT Allegati

Al COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale -

ARGOMENTO: Passaggio di unità francesi nell'estuario della Maddalena.

Riferimento al foglio di questo Ministero n.2184/UT del 17 giugno 1946.

Si comunica che il 16 gennaio c.a. hanno transitato nell'estuario della Maddalena (Sardegna), senza preavviso, i dragamine francesi D.331 - D.332 - D.338 - D.311.

Si prosmetta la convenienze che le Autorità francesi diano preavviso dei predetti transiti alle Autorità italiane.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

G. Marini

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NSC/5181
24 June 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Mq. Allied Commission.
To : The French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Passage through the Maddalena Estuary.

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine's ltr. 2184/UT dated 17 June 1946.

1. A copy of Enclosure (A) is forwarded for your attention.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

24 JUN 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 17th June 1946
Ref.: 2184/UT

Subject: Passage through the Maddalena Estuary

1. The Naval Command in Sardinia has informed us that the following French ships have passed through the Maddalena Estuary in the last few days without any warning and without marking any signal.

On 29 May - French minesweeper D.315
On 5 June- French minesweeper D.331
On 6 June (at 1400 hrs.) - A corvette and 3 M.Ls.
On 6 June (at 1530 hrs.) - 6 minesweepers

2. In order that the unexpected passage of warships may not cause difficulties in the restricted waters of the estuary it is requested that the Navy Sub Commission may consider the desirability of asking the French Authorities to give prior notice of such movements to the Italian Authorities.

Sgd. THE MINISTER

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*Ministero della Marina*

GABINETTO

UFFICIO TRATTATI

*Roma* 17 GIU. 1946

*Al* NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

*Prot. N°* 2184/57 *Allegati*

ARGOMENTO: **Attraversamento dell'estuario di Maddalena.**

1.- Il Comando Militare Marittimo in Sardegna ha segnalato che, senza alcun preavviso e senza alzare alcun segnale, le seguenti unità francesi hanno transitato negli ultimi giorni nell'estuario di La Maddalena:

29 maggio - Dragamine francese D. 315
5 giugno - Dragamine francese D. 331
6 giugno (ore 14.00) - Una corvetta e 3 Mas
6 giugno (ore 15.30) - Sei dragamine

2.- Ad evitare che nelle ristrette acque dell'Estuario il passaggio imprevisto di unità navali possa dar luogo a qual che inconveniente, prego codesta N.S.C. voler esaminare l'opportunità di richiedere alle Autorità Francesi che dei movimenti in parola sia dato preavviso alle Autorità Italiane.

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NSC/4507
28 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Request for Information on Italian Navy.

Reference: (a) Your letter No. 2729 of 30 November 1945, to Liaison Division, AC.

1. Reference (a) has been forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission, AC for action.

2. Attached herewith as enclosure (A) is a list of information compiled on Italian ships, as requested.

3. Enclosure (B) is information regarding Italian personnel.

4. Enclosure (C) is a Graph consolidating personnel information.

5. Enclosure (D) is a Prospectus of the Naval Academy issued by the Ministry of Marine.

6. Enclosure (E) shows the position as at the 30th December 1945 of the Epuration Proceedings.

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

29 JAN 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4164
11 December 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Request for Information on Italian Navy.

1. The French Representative to the Allied Commission letter No. 2729 of 30 November 1945 to the Liaison Division, Allied Commission, has been forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission, AC for action. It is noted that the French Representative to the Allied Commission letter No. 2702 of 23 October 1945 to the Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission indicates that the data required in Enclosure (1) of your letter of 30 November 1945, relative to the strength and organization of the Italian Navy, has already been requested from the Italian Ministry of Marine direct. If it is desired that the Navy Sub-Commission, AC obtain this data, the request to the Ministry of Marine direct should be withdrawn and the Navy Sub-Commission informed. The necessary data will then be obtained in so far as is practicable.

2. The data requested in Enclosure (2) to your letter of 30 November 1945 on Italian Naval vessels is being obtained and will be forwarded when completed.

3. It is requested that all future correspondence on matters relating to the Italian Navy be addressed directly to the Navy Sub-Commission, AC instead of the Liaison Division, AC.

(Sgd) G. L. W[illegible]
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Copy to:
Executive Commissioner, AC
Liaison Division, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
APO 394

No. 2729 Rome, 30 November 1945

Subject: Request for information on the Italian Navy.

To : Liaison Division.

The Ministry of Marine, Paris, has asked me to request A.C. to give information as on the attached lists; which was not available to our representatives at the Foreign Ministers' Conference held in September last in London.

/s/ Captain Moullec

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
A P O 394

N° 2729

Rome le 30 Novembre 1945

OBJET : Demande de renseignements sur la Marine Italienne.

A : Liaison Division.

Le Ministère de la Marine à Paris me prie de demander à l'A. C. communication des renseignements dont liste ci=jointe, qui ont fait défaut à nos négociateurs lors de la Conférence des Ministres des Affaires Etrangéres à Londres en Septembre dernier.

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée.

Moullec

1 Pièce jointe.

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Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée.

Signé MOULLEC.

1 Pièce jointe.

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ROME le 29 Novembre 1945

-o- RENSEIGNEMENTS DEMANDES A L' A.C. -o-
(NAVAL SUB - COMMISSION)
AU SUJET DE LA MARINE ITALIENNE

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## I.- PERSONNEL - EFFECTIFS.-

### 1°)- Effectifs.-

Effectifs ( Officiers (Autorisés au 1/12/1945
) )Réels
( Non Officiers (Autorisés au 1/12/1945
) )Réels

Répartition par spécialités : mécaniciens, radios, etc.

Répartition "géographique" (Personnel embarqué(Total
) )Par
( (Forces
( )Navales
)
(Personnel en service à terre
) Répartition par bases
et régions

### 2°)- Ecoles.-

A. ECOLE NAVALE (Ecole d'officiers). 4466
Nombre d'élèves autorisés (et date de cette autorisation)

Recrutement des élèves

Durée et organisation des Cours

B. ECOLES DE SPECIALITES (mécaniciens, radios, timoniers, etc...)

Durée et organisation des cours.
Stages : à bord - à terre.

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3°)- Démobilisation.

Mesures de démobilisation officiellement prévues

Mesures de démobilisation ( effectivement réalisées
) en cours

Effectifs actuellement démobilisés ( Officiers
) Non officiers

4°)- Divers.-

Mesures d'épuration ( prévues ( Officiers
) réalisées ) Non officiers
( en cours (

Qu'est-il advenu du personnel de la Marine Républicaine Fasciste? : prisonniers, libérés, disparus récupérés.

5°)- Recrutement.

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Quelles sont les mesures de Recrutement actuellement autorisées?

Dans quelle mesure y-a-t-il recrutement effectif ?

(Nombre des engagements)

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## II.- ORGANISATION DE LA MARINE.

### 1°)- Bases et Régions Maritimes.

Organisation géographique du Commandement Maritime à terre :

Régions maritimes - Officiers commandant les Régions

Arsenaux en activité : organisation et fonctionnement

Dépôts de matériel, spécialement de matériel français et allemand ( dans les ports ) hors des ports et à ( l'intérieur.

Enumération et organisation des Services Maritimes locaux chargés des Dépôts de matériel.

### 2°)- Forces Navales.

A.- BATIMENTS armés ou disponibles

(Répartition par forces navales
)Officiers Commandants les Forces Navales

Grands bâtiments
Croiseurs
Contre-Torpilleurs et Torpilleurs
Petits bâtiments (corvettes, etc.)
Sous-Marins (Répartition géographique des )sous-marins armés.
(Sous-marins ayant participé et )participant actuellement aux
(Ecoles d' Ecoute (Training) )en Amérique (Bermudes)

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B. BATIMENTS désarmés ou indisponibles.

Régime des bâtiments séjournant aux Lacs Amers (entrainement et renouvellement du personnel - Entretien et modernisation du matériel).

Bâtiments désarmés ou en gardiennage (avec leur emplacement géographique).

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## III.- BATIMENTS EN CONSTRUCTION EN 1943.

La Marine Française demande officiellement à savoir que sont devenus les bâtiments Italiens de guerre qui se trouvaient sous contrôle ennemi en Septembre 1943.

Ci-joint une liste de ces bâtiments. Il y aurait lieu de mentionner, en face du nom de chacun d'eux, sa situation actuelle (coulé, sabordé, transformé, abandonné) et son emplacement.

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## BATIMENTS QUI SE TROUVAIENT SOUS CONTROLE ENNEMI APRES SEPTEMBRE 1943 ET SUR LESQUELS ON NE POSSEDE AUCUN RENSEIGNEMENT.

| NOMS | Date d'achèvement | Tonnage | Observations |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1°) Cuirassés.- | | | |
| IMPERO | Inachevé | 35.000 | Etait en construction à Monfalcone. |
| 2°)- Croiseurs. | | | |
| CIANO | Inachevé | 8.000 | Lancé en 1940 à CASTELLAMARE (près de Naples) |
| VENEZIA | Inachevé | 8.000 | Etait en 1940 en construction à TRIESTE |
| ETNA | Inachevé | 4.208 | En construction pour le SIAM<br>Lancé en 1940 à MONFALCONE |
| VESUVIO | Inachevé | 4.208 | En construction pour le SIAM<br>Lancé en 1941 à MONFALCONE |
| CAIO MARIO | Inachevé | 3.362 | Etait en Construction à LIVOURNE |

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| N O M S | Date d'achèvement | Tonnage | Observations |
|---|---|---|---|
| PAOLO EMILIO | Inachevé | 3.362 | Etait en construction à SESTRI PONENTE. |
| VIPSANIO AGRIPPA | Inachevé | 3.362 | Etait en construction à GENES |
| CLAUDIO DRUSO | Inachevé | 3.362 | Etait en Construction à GENES |
| GIULIO GERMANICO | Inachevé | | |

3°)- Contre-Torpilleurs.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ZENO | 1930 | 1.628 | |
| PONTIERE | 1943 ? | 1.620 | |
| CARRISTA | 1943 ? | 1.620 | |

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| NOMS | Date d'achèvement | Tonnage | Observations |
|---|---|---|---|
| SEBENICO (ex BEOGRAD) | 1939 | 1.210 | Etait à TRIESTE en Janvier 45 |
| BARONI | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à LIVOURNE |
| BERGOTTINI | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à LIVOURNE |
| BORSINI | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à LIVOURNE |
| FONTANA | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à LIVOURNE |
| DELL' ANO | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à ANCONE |
| CASANA | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à ANCONE |
| TOSCANA | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à GENES |

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| N O M S | Dâte d'achèvement | Tonnage | Observations |
|---|---|---|---|
| CRISTOFORO | Inachevé | 2.100 | Etait en construction à GENE |

4°)- Torpilleurs.-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| INSIDIOSO | 1913 | 542 | |
| DEZZA | 1916 | 615 | Etait à POLA en Janvier 45 |
| PAPA | 1922 | 635 | |
| CASCINO | 1922 | 635 | |
| MONSONE | ( Entre ) | 600 | |
| STELLA POLARE | ( ) 1941 | 600 | |
| IRRIQUIETO | ( et ) 1945 | 600 | |
| ALARBARDA | | 600 | Etait en armement pour essais en 1944 |
| DAGA | | 600 | -d°- |
| PUGNALE | | 600 | -d°- |
| SPADA | | 600 | -d°- |
| LANCIA | | 600 | -d°- |
| BALESTA | Inachevé | 600 | Etait en construction en 43 |
| FRONDA | Inachevé | 600 | -d°- |

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| N O M S | Date d'avancement | Tonnage | Observations |
|---|---|---|---|
| **5°)- Corvettes.** | | | |
| ALCE | Postérieure à 1942 | 560 | |
| CICOGNA | " | " | " |
| CAPRIOCO | " | " | |
| CARABINIA | " | " | |
| CERVO | " | " | |
| CLAVA | " | " | |
| COCCINIGLIA | " | " | |
| COLUMERINA | " | " | |
| CRISALIDE | " | " | |
| DAINO | " | " | |
| EURIDICE | " | " | |
| FARFAREA | " | " | |
| GAZELLA | " | " | |
| MAGGIOLINO | " | " | |
| SCURE | " | " | |

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| N O M S | Date d'achèvement | Tonnage | Observations |
|---|---|---|---|
| STAMBECO | postérieure à 1942 | 560 | |
| TERSICONE | " | " | |
| MACAGLIA | " | " | |
| BOMBARDA | Inachevé | 600 | |
| BERENICE | " | " | |
| MARANGONE | " | " | |
| PARTIGIANA | " | " | |
| CALABRANO | " | " | Etait en construction à Naples en 1945 |
| CICALA | " | " | " " |
| GRILLO | " | " | " " |
| LIBELLULA | " | " | " " |
| LUCCIOLA | " | " | " " |

6°)- Sous-marins

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| BEAUSAN | 1928 | 791Tqn | |
| DES GENEYS | 1928 | 791 | |
| SERPENTE | 1932 | 599 | |

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| NOMS | Date d'achèvement | Tonnage | Observations |
|---|---|---|---|
| SIRENA | | 591 | |
| AMETISTA | | 591 | Etait à Fiume en Novembre |
| TAZZOLI | 1936 | 1332 | |
| AMBRA (ou ABADAM) | 1937 | 620 | |
| MILLELIRE | 1927 | 1369 | |
| FIERAMOSCA | 1931 | 1340 | |
| ARGO | 1937 | 682 | Etait à Venise en Novembre |
| FERRIO | entre 41 et 43 | 714 | |
| BAJA MONTI | -dº- | 714 | Etait à la Spezzia en Novembre 1944 |
| VOLFRAMIO | Inachevé | 714 | Etait en construction |
| ANGUILLA | " | 714 | " " |
| GORGO | " | 714 | " " |
| NAUTILO | " | 714 | " " |

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

RSC/L392
9 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: French Destroyers (600 T.).

Reference: (a) French Representative to the AC ltr 2728 of 29 November 1945.

1. In connection with reference (a), the Navy Sub-Commission has received the following information concerning the subject vessels from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean:

"IPHIGENIE" was operated as T.A.11 and was reported sunk in September, 1943. Locality not known.

"BOMBARDE" was operated as T.A.9 and was reported sunk off PIOMBINO in August 1944.

"POMONE" was operated as T.A.10 and was driven ashore and wrecked on RHODES, 26th September, 1943.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean further advises that no reports have been received of any French Naval Material or any shell of French Ships having been found in Greek or Dodecanese ports.

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

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
28th December, 1945.

Med.45/1362/6/1.
THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.

FRENCH DESTROYERS - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON.

In reply to your letter No. NSC/4149, dated 4th December, 1945, the only information regarding these three French Destroyers held by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, is as follows:-

"IPHIGENIE" was operated as T.A.11 and was reported sunk in September, 1943. Locality not known.

"BOMBARDE" was operated as T.A.9 and was reported sunk off PIOMBINO in August 1944.

"POMONE" was operated as T.A.10 and was driven ashore and wrecked on RHODES, 26th September, 1943.

2. With reference to paragraph 5 of enclosure (A), no reports have been received of any French Naval Material or any shell of French Ships having been found in Greek or Dodecanese ports.

for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4149.
4 December 1945.

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

Subject: French Destroyers - Request for information on.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of French Representative to A.C. ltr. No. 2728 of 29 November 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith. It would be appreciated if you could furnish any information concerning subject ships to the Navy Sub-Commission, A.C., in order that a reply can be made.

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(Sgd) G. L. WARNER
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
A P O 394

N° 2728 Rome 29 November 1945

SUBJECT: French Destroyers ( 600 T. ).

TO : The Director of the Navy Sub-Commission. A.C.

The Italian Navy has been requested to give informations as to the whereabouts of the three 600 T. Destroyers: IPHIGENIE, BOMBARDE, and POMONE seized by the Italian authorities at BIZERTE, in December 1942.

In their answer, the Italian Navy state that this three ships have been taken in charge by the Germans on April the 5th, 1943, and that they have been then immatriculated as T.A.9, T.A.10, T.A.11.

Since that time, the Italian Navy have not heard of these Destroyers; it is believed, however that the Destroyer POMONE has been sunk by the Allies, on January the 17th, 1944, off the Isle of RHODES.

Record being taken of this Information, and considering that neither " La BOMBARDE " nor " L'IPHIGENIE " have been found in Italian ports, it may be thought that these ships were located in a Greacian port, or in the Dodecanese ports.

Could the Navy Sub-Commission forward any precision on the subject? Could it be possible, also, to know whether any French Naval Material or any shell of French ships have been found in the ports of these regions?

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC

French Representative to Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4369
8 January 1946

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

Subject: Material from the "ESPADON".

Enclosure: (A) French Representative to the AC ltr 2759 of 27 Dec. 1945, and Enclosures Thereto.
(B) Navy S/C ltr NSC/4364 of 5 January 1946, (Enclosure Same as Above).
(C) Navy S/C ltr NSC/4391 of 8 January 1946.

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

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMISSIONER, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
For CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

10 JAN 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4391
8 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: The French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Material from the "ESPADON".

References: (a) French Representative to the AC ltr 2759 of 27 Dec. 1945.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission wishes to acknowledge receipt of reference (a), and to notify the French Representative to the Allied Commission that the proper action as requested has been initiated.

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

9 JAN 1946

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/436
5 January 1946

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

Subject: Material from the "ESPADON".

Enclosure: (A) List of Material Belonging to "SULZER" Engines of S/M FR 114, "ESPADON".

1. The Navy Sub-Commission is in receipt of information that the materials shown in enclosure (A) are French naval materials formerly belonging to the S/M "ESPADON". It is requested that the materials in question be returned to the French Naval Department at Naples.

2. The above-mentioned materials are spare parts and according to the information available this material was despatched from the dockyard at Castellammare to Taranto via wagon No. 77195504 under Military Escort of Seaman ROSSI Renso on 5 June 1945. For further reference, Maricost Taranto's demand No. 2515 of 14th Jan. 1945 and Italian Ministerial authority reference signal 20452 of 21st February 1945 are quoted.

3. It is requested that this matter be treated as urgent and that the Navy Sub-Commission be kept informed of the action taken.

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

7 JAN 1946

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From: French Representative, A.C.
To : Chief, Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission.
Date: 27th December 1945
Ref.: 2759

Subject: Material from the ESPADON.

I have the honour to forward attached a list of the spare parts from the S/M ESPADON with the request that you may be so kind as to ask the Italian Navy to return the parts in question to us.

According to the information received from DEMARFI this material was despatched from the dockyard at CASTELLAMMARE in June 1945 to TARANTO in order to be used for Italian submarines.

Maricost Taranto's demand No. 2515 of 14th Jan. 1945.

Italian Ministerial authority reference signal 20452 of 21st February 1945.

Despatch by wagon No.77195504 under military escort of seaman ROSSI Renzo on 5th June 1945.

I request that you may kindly note the date of transportation of this material and request its return to the French Naval Dept. at Naples.

Sgd.

for Captain MOULLEC
French Rep. A.C.

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Material belonging to "SULZER" engines of S/M FR 114, "ESPADON"

1. - 2 Camshafts (incomplete) with return connecting rod and connecting rollers
2. - 2 Air pipings for torpedo tubes
3. - 2 Vertical columns (incomplete)
4. - 1 Group of 6 fuel pumps (incomplete)
5. - 2 Piston pumps for water circulation (incomplete)
6. - 12 Jets (incomplete)
7. - 3 Jets (incomplete)
8. - 12 Fuel-supercharging tubes
9. - 6 Air safety-valves for launching (complete)
10. - 12 Fuel ramps (incomplete)
11. - 6 Safety valve springs
12. - 4 Valves (incomplete)
13. - Remote control for operation of valves from exterior (complete)
14. - 3 incomplete filters
15. - 2 three-way oil cock (complete)
16. - 10 Mushroom valves for water circulation (complete)
17. - 2 Aluminium crank-cases
18. - 1 Joint for camshaft axles
19. - 1 Geared water pump (incomplete)
20. - 12 Control cocks for water circulation tubing system (incomplete)
21. - Various pipes
22. - Various parts (incomplete)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
A P O 394

N° 2759

Rome, le 27 décembre 1945

OBJET : Matériel de l'ESPADON
A : Monsieur le Directeur de la Navy Sub-Commission.

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J'ai l'honneur de vous transmettre ci-joint une liste des pièces de rechange, provenant du sous-marin ESPADON avec prière de bien vouloir faire inviter la Marine Italienne à nous restituer le matériel en question.

D'après les indications reçues de DEMARFI, ce matériel a été expédié en Juin 1945 de l'Arsenal de CASTELLAMARE vers TARENTE pour être utilisé par des sous-marins italiens.

Demande de Maricost TARENTE n°2515 du 14.1.45

Autorisation ministerielle italienne Référence tg 20452 du 21.2.45

Exposition par wagon n°77195504 sous escorte militaire marin ROSSI Renzo le 5.6.1945.

Je vous demande de bien vouloir remarquer la date de ce transport et de demander sa restitution à NAPLES aux Services de la Marine Française.

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français auprès de
la Commission Alliée

P.O. L'Officier de 1ère classe
S.F.F. GUYOT

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
4th February, 1946

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THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME

FRENCH ACQUISITION LIGHTER "MITRAILLE"

With reference to your NS/4432 dated 15th January, 1946, it is reported by the French Authorities that arrangements are being made for a tug to be sent to Trapani to collect "MITRAILLE" and tow her to Bizerta.

for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4432
15 January 1946

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

Subject: French Ammunition Lighter "MITRAILLESIS".

1. An early reply to NSC/4109 of 27 November 1945 would be appreciated.

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

17 JAN 1946

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NSC/4456
19 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: French Ammunition Lighter "MITRAILLE"3

Reference: (a) Your ltr No. 8 of 15 January 1946.

1. In reply to reference (a), which requests return of the subject vessel to the French Navy, disposal instructions have been requested from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, and you will be informed of same as soon as received.

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

21 JAN 1946

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

N° 8

Roma, le 15 Janvier 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
à
Monsieur le Directeur
de la Navy-Sub-Commission

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S U B J E C T : Returning at the French Navy's disposal of the munition barge " MITRAILLE "

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT : A letter of the Italian Navy Ministry.

I have The honour to request you to order the Italian Navy Ministry to return the munition barge " MITRAILLE " at the French Navy's disposal.

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

N° 8

Rome le 15 Janvier 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Directeur
de la Navy-Sub-Commission.

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OBJET : Remise à la disposition de la Marine Française du bugalet "MITRAILLE".

P. JOINTE : Une lettre du Ministère de la Marine Italienne.

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J'ai l'honneur de vous demander de bien vouloir ordonner au Ministère de la Marine Italienne de remettre le bugalet "MITRAILLE" à la disposition de la Marine Française.

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GENOA, 17 December 1945

DELEGATION OF THE FRENCH MARINE

No. 295/EM.4

Subject: Ammunition Lighter "Mitraille".

Our Liaison Officer with Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean informs me that you have approved the transfer of the ammunition lighter "Mitraille", which is at TRAPANI.

I would ask you to kindly confirm to me your approval by signal and advise the Lieutenant Commander, French Navan Liaison Officer, Naples, who is responsible for the return of the vessel to BIZERTE.

/s/

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GENES, le I7 DECEMBRE I945

MARINE NATIONALE

DELEGATION DE LA MARINE FRANCAISE
dans les ports du golfe de GENES

N° 295/EM.4

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau DELFEUC'H
Délégué de la Marine Française
dans les ports du golfe de GENES

à

Monsieur le Contre-Amiral,
Chef de la Navy Sub Commission, ROME

O b j e t : Bugalet français "Mitraille".

Amiral,

Notre Officier de liaison près du Commandant en Chef en Méditerranée m'informe que vous avez donné accord pour le transfert du bugalet "Mitraille" qui se trouve maintenant réparé et disponible à TRAPANI.

Je vous demande de bien vouloir me donner confirmation télégraphique de cet accord et d'en informer également le Capitaine de Corvette F.N.L.O.NAPLES qui est chargé d'assurer le retour du bâtiment à BIZERTE.

Veuillez agréer, Amiral, l'assurance de ma parfaite considération.

Destinataire:
-NAVY SUB COMMISSION-ROME

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-M.T.D.N.
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MINISTERE DELLA MARINA

CABINETTO

UFFICIO TRATTATI

Indirizzo telegrafico : MARINA
ROMA

Protocollo n 27/utf Allegati

ROMA li 30 NOV 1945

Al Rappresentante Francese nella
Commissione alleata

R O M A

Argomento : Bettolina per munizioni francese "Mitraillesis"

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Per opportuna conoscenza si informa V.S. che, a seguito richiesta pervenuta a suo tempo, è stato comunicato alla N.S.C. che la bettolina in argomento è attualmente a Trapani.

Avendo ultimati i lavori di riparazione, è in condizioni di poter essere restituita alla autorità alleata che la detta N.S.C. vorrà indicare./.

IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
(C. di V. Marini)

Marini

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REQUEST AN EARLY REPLY TO MY 241804 OCT.

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DIS: 0.4.17.25. N.S.C.(4)

REF: FRENCH NAVAL AMMUNITION LIGHTER MITRAILLESIS.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4109
27 November 1945.

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

Subject: French Ammunition Lighter "MITRAILLESIS".

Reference: (a) CINCMED signal 241804A October.

1. A letter has been received from the Ministry of Marine relative to your request (reference (a)), the French ammunition lighter Mitraillesis, in which they state as follows:

a) The Mitraillesis has been salvaged
b) She is now at Trapani
c) Repairs have been completed
d) Request is made to return her to Allied Authority as may be designated.

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

28 NOV 1945

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : Navy Sub Commission
Date: 22nd November 1945
Ref.: 20121/O.A.

Subject: French Ammunition Lighter "MITRAILLESIS".

Reference is made to your letter NSC/3855 of 26th October 1945 upon the above subject.

The lighter "MITRAILLESIS", which was salvaged upon the beach at Cape Granitola, is presently at Trapani where repairs to it have been completed and it is now in condition to be returned to such Allied Authority as may be designated.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission AFO 394

NSC/3855
26 October 1945.

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

Subject: French Naval Ammunition Lighter MITRAILLESIS.

1. The Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has received information that the French Naval Ammunition Lighter Mitraillesis recently has been seen at Trapani flying the Italian flag.

2. In order that the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean may be notified, it is requested that the Ministry of Marine provide full information concerning the present status and location of Mitraillesis at the earliest possible date.

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

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FROM. CINCMED.

Information received from the French Authorities that French Naval Ammunition Lighter MARIEBIE in possession of the Italians and has recently been seen at Tripoli wearing the Italian flag.
2. Request that this matter be investigated and report made as soon as practicable.

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NSC/5264
11 July 1946

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

Subject: Removal of Sunken Craft

References: (a) Your ltr. 2307/MT of 29th June 1946.

1. Further to reference (a), word has been received that the Italian Salvage firm "WESTENT" of Leghorn has been contacted by the French Salvage Office in relative to salvageing subject barge.

2. An early settlement and solution is promised by the French Salvage authorities.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
COMMODORE, USN,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.
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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Office of the French Representative

A P O 394

N° 2916

Rome, 9th July, 1946

From : FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE A.C.

To : NAVY SUB=COMMISSION, H.Q. A.C.

Subject : Removal of Sunken Craft.
Ref. : your NSC/S246, 6th July, 1946.

1. The HANS, ex MOSELLE, is well of French origin and is one of the 7 French barges sunk at Piombino (exact location: Darsena Magona Italia).

2. The French Salvage Office has been contacted by the Italian Salvage Firm VESTRINI, of Leghorn. This Firm has made a survey by diver of the wreck on about the 15th of june and an offer is expected.

3. Some parts of this wreck are valuable - the motor is still on board - and it is requested that further delay will be given to dispose of it. Meanwhile the French Salvage will do his best to get an early settlement of the matter.

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie.

P.O. Le Capitaine de Corvette YBERT
Adjoint "Marine"
au Représentant Français

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NSC/5246
6 July 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Removal of sunken craft.

1. The port authorities at Leghorn request permission to clear the harbor of wrecks among which is a landing craft alleged to be of French origin.

2. A partial description is follows:

"L.T. MIS; Landing craft MAS; a landing craft which can not be better identified".

The French Representatives views are requested.

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

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8 JUL 1946 4423

Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 125020

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 29th June 1946
Ref.: 2307/UT

Subject: Removal of sunken craft

The Captain of the Port at Leghorn has notified us of the need to proceed with the clearance of a number of sunken vessels lying in the Portovecchio harbour basin at Piombino; the purpose of this is to return the said harbour to use.

Among the craft to be removed are the following of French nationality :

C.T. ENIE; Landing craft HANS; a landing craft which can not be better identified.

It is requested that you will inform us whether the work of clearing the above vessels may be commenced.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO
Ufficio Trattati

Roma, 29 Ott. 1945

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale -

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 2307/UT Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Rimozione scafi affondati.

La Capitaneria di Porto di Livorno ha segnalato la urgente necessità di procedere alla rimozione di alcuni scafi affondati nel bacino portuale di Portovecchio di Piombino allo scopo di rimettere in efficienza il porto predetto.

Tra gli scafi da rimuovere vi sono quelli delle seguenti unità di bandiera francese:
C.T.ENIE, Motozattera HANS, Motozattera non meglio identificata.

Si prega voler far conoscere se è possibile dar corso ai lavori di sgombero delle predette unità.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 25th July 1946
Ref.: 2647/UT

Subject: Ex-French Petrol Tanker salvaged by the Italian Navy at Civitavecchia

With reference to this Ministry's letter No.1462/UT dated 2nd May 1946, you are informed that the tanker in question, named "ROXANE", was handed over to the French Authorities on 22nd June 1946.

It is of approximately 400 tons, and has a Jean Crepelle 4-stroke diesel engine with an output of 71 H.P.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
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UFFICIO TRATTATI
INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Roma: 25 LUG 1944

Prot. N° 2647/UT Allegati

ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale

ARGOMENTO: Petroliera ex francese ricuperata dalla Marina a Civitavecchia.

Con riferimento al dispaccio di questo Ministero 1462/UT del 2 maggio u.s. informasi che la motocisterna di cui trattasi, denominata ROXANE, è stata consegnata il 22 giugno u.s. alle autorità francesi.

Trattasi di motocisterna di circa 400 tonnellate con motore diesel a 4 tempi Jean Crepelle della potenza di 71 HP.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G.MARINI

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NSC/5002
7 May 1946.

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

Subject: Ex-French tanker salvaged by the I.R.N. at Civitavecchia.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr., 1462/UT dated 2 May 1946.

1. Further to reference (a), a complete description including name and all available information is requested of the alleged ex-French tanker salvaged at Civitavecchia.

2. Based on the above information, the decision requested in paragraph three (3), of reference (a), will be acted upon.

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

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9 MAY 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 2nd May 1947
Ref.: 1452/52

Subject: Ex-French tanker salvaged by the I.R.I. at Civitavecchia

1. During salvage operations in the port of Civitavecchia, an unidentified tanker was salvaged by the Office of the "Director General of Naval and Engineering Construction" which was later identified as a French vessel.

2. The Sacra Mina has stated that she has been instructed to carry out the necessary work on the above tanker by the French Authorities.

3. In stating the above, this Ministry requests Navy Sub Commission if permission may be granted for the above tanker to be handed over to the Sacra Mina on behalf of the French Authorities.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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*Ministero della Marina*

GABINETTO

Ufficio Trattati

Roma, 12 MAG. 1946

*Al* COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

- Sottocommissione Navale -

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA, - ROMA

*Prot. N°* 1462/UT *Allegati*

ARGOMENTO: Motocisterna ex francese ricuperata dalla R.Marina a Civitavecchia.

1) - Nel corso di ricuperi operativi nel porto di Civitavecchia è stata ricuperata dal dipendente Ufficio della "Direzione Generale delle Costruzioni navali e meccaniche" della R.Marina, nel maggio 1945, una motocisterna sconosciuta che è stata successivamente identificata per una unità francese.

2) - La Ditta Sagra ha dichiarato che sarebbe stata incaricata dalle Autorità francesi dell'esecuzione dei lavori necessari a tale motocisterna.

3) - Nel far presente quanto sopra, questo Ministero domanda a codesta Sottocommissione Navale se nulla osta che la motocisterna in argomento sia consegnata alla Ditta Sagra per conto delle Autorità francesi.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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NSC/5663
21 November 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: The French Mercantile Marine Mission, Italy.
Via: The French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Transfer of French River Barges from Venice to Genoa or Toulon.

Reference: (a) French Representative Ltr. 389 of 28 September 1946.

1. It has been confirmed that at the moment there are no Italian tugs available to proceed with the towage of the barges in question as requested in reference (a). The ERCOLE the only tug capable of carrying out the operation, is at present under repair. Instructions have been given for this tug to proceed with the operation as soon as she is ready.

2. In the interests of expediting the transfer, however, it is suggested that consideration be given to the possibility of using the French tug now engaged in salving the SS "GREECE VICTORY" for this purpose.

H. W. ZIEGLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 13th November 1946
Ref.: 3607/UT

Subject: Transfer of French river barges from Venice to Genoa or Toulon

Reference is made to your letter NSC/5577, dated 23rd October 1946.

The Ministry of Marine has re-examined the request made by the French representative on the Allied Commission to carry out the towage from Venice to Genoa or Toulon of the French river barges "BRISE", "RONCEVAUX", "ITA EST" and "PICARDIE".

The Ministry of Marine regrets that it is compelled to confirm that, at present, it has no tugs available suitable for the purpose.

The only tug in the Upper Adriatic capable of carrying out the above operation is the "ERCOLE", which is at present under repair at Venice.

The Italian Naval Staff has given instructions to the Upper Adriatic Naval Command for the "ERCOLE" to proceed with the requested towage of the French river barges as soon as she is ready.

Owing, however, to the necessity of carrying out the towage before the weather conditions definitely worsen, we inform you that a French 1000 H.P. tug is at present at Catania to assist the American SS. "GREECE VICTORY", and it is requested that you should consider making use, if possible, of this opportunity of employing the above tug for the transfer of the barges in question from Venice to Toulon.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC
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*Ministero della Marina*

GABINETTO

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A/ COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale -

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 3507/UT Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Trasferimento di Chalands francesi da Venezia a Genova o Tolone.

URGENTE

Riferimento al foglio N3C/5577 del 23 ottobre us.

Questo Ministero ha di nuovo preso in esame la richiesta avanzata dal Rappresentante francese di codesta Commissione Alleata, di effettuare il rimorchio da Venezia a Genova o Tolone degli chalands francesi BRISE, RONCEVAUX, ITA EST e PICARDIE.

Questo Ministero è spiacente di dover confermare che, nel momento attuale, non dispone di rimorchiatori adatti a tale compito.

L'unico rimorchiatore in Alto Adriatico capace di eseguire la suddetta operazione, l'ERCOLE, è attualmente in lavori a Venezia. Lo Stato Maggiore della Marina ha impartito disposizioni al Comando Militare Marittimo dell'Alto Adriatico perchè l'ERCOLE, appena pronto, effettui il richiesto rimorchio degli chalands francesi.

In considerazione però della necessità di eseguire tale rimorchio prima che le condizioni del tempo peggiorino decisamente, si segnala che trovasi attualmente a Catania un rimorchiatore francese di 1000 cavalli per soccorso al piroscafo americano GREECE VICTORY, e si prega considerare l'opportunità di approfit

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tare, se possibile, di detto rimorchiatore per trasferire gli chalands in questione da Venezia a Tolone.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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HEAD QUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/5577.
23rd October, 1946.

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

Subject : Towage of French Barges from Venice to Genoa or Toulon.

Reference (a) : Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) letter 3053/CT of 17th September, 1946.

1. The French Representative to the Allied Commission has renewed the request for facilities to tow the French barges "RHINE", "MONTEVAUX", "LA NET" and "PYRAMIDE" from Venice to Genoa or Toulon. It is particularly stressed that these barges are essential to French economy, but that the French Government has no tugs available that could be used for this purpose.

2. Reports from the French Naval Officer, resident in Genoa indicate that at least three of these barges, the "RHINE", "MONTEVAUX" and "PYRAMIDE" are water tight above and below the water line and have no exterior openings that could compromise their seaworthiness.

3. The Navy Sub Commission requests, therefore, that the Ministry of Marine will reconsider this question with the view of discovering some means whereby the subject operation may carried out.

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H W ZIROLI
COMMODORE, U.S.N.,
for CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.
(on leave)

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23 OCT 1946

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From: French Mercantile Marine Mission.
To: N.S.C.
Through Capt. HERON de VILLEFOSSE
French Representative on the Allied Commission.
Date: 28th September 1946
Ref.: 389

Subject: Towage of French barges from Venice to Genoa or Toulon.
Reference : Your letter NSC/5460 dated 19th September 1946

1. We have received your letter, to which reference is made, on the subject of towage of the French barges : "BRISE", RONCEVAUX", "ITA EST" and "PICARDIS" FROM Venice to Genoa or Toulon.

2. We must emphasize the importance of the towage problem to the French Mercnatile Marine Mission, and explain the reasons which oblige us to insist on this point.

3. The French Government, whom we have approached for the towage, is not in a position to carry it out, as it has not a single tug available. Besides, as the above barges form only part of the general lack, which it is attempted to relieve through a search for more, as well as refloating and repair, they would, at present, be extremely useful in France, where river craft are insufficient for the needs of our economy.

4. Finally, we have received a report from the French officer in charge of our Genoa office, from which it appears that at least the three tanker barges : "BRISE", "RONCEVAUX", and "PICARDIE", would at present be ready for towage in good conditions of safety.
These craft are water-tight both above and below the water line and have no exterior openings which might compromise their buoyancy or stability.

5. It would therefore be appreciated if you would, as far as possible, consider the towage with favour and inform us of the date on which we may hope that the three barges can be towed.

The Chief of the French Mercantile
Marine Mission in Italy
Signed: SENTIS

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Allied Commission in Italy
The French Representative

Rome, 3rd October 1946 1411

Received on the 2nd October 1946.
Signed: Commander YBERT
Naval Assistant to the French Representative

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Rome ,le 28 Septembre 1946

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N O T E

Pour la Navy Sub-Commission de l'Allied Commission

Sous couvert de M. Le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON DE VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Frahçais de l'Allied Commission.

OBJET : Remorquage des barges françaises de Venise à Gènes ou Toulon .
REFERENCE : Votre Note N° 3C/5460 du 19 Septembre 1946.

1.- Nous avons eu communication de votre note citée en référence,au sujet des remorquages de barges françaises : "BRISE","RONCEVAUX", "ITA EST" et PICARDIS" de Venise à Gènes ou Toulon .

2.- Nous nous permettons de souligner l'importance que présente pour la Mission Marine Marchande Française le problème de ce remorquage,et de vous exposer les raisons qui nous obligent à insister sur ce point.

3.- Le Gouvernement Français à qui nous avons demandé ce remorquage n'est pas en mesure de l'effectuer,ne disposant d'aucun remorqueur. D'autre part,outre les barges citées ci-dessus représentent une partie seulement de travaux considérables,tant que point de vue recherche que renflouement et réparation,elles seraient actuellement extrêmement nécessaire en Frahce où le matériel fluvial est insuffisant pour les besoins de notre économie .

4.- Enfin,nous avons reçu d'un de nos officiers qui commande le Bureau de Gènes un rapport selon lequel trois au moins de ces bateaux-citernes : "BRISE","RONCEVAUX" et "PICARDIE" seraient actuellement prêts à être remorqués dans de bonnes conditions de sécurité .

Ces coques sont en effet étanches,tent au-dessus qu'au-dessous de la ligne de flottaison et ne présentent aucune ouverture extérieure capable d'en compromettre la flottabilité ou la stabilité .

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5.- Nous vous serions en conséquence très obligés de bien vouloir, dans toute la mesure du possible, favoriser ce remorquage et nous aviser de la date à laquelle nous pouvons espérer que ces trois navires pourront être remorqués .

L'Administration en Chef de l'Inscription Maritime
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie .

SIGNE : SENTIS

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COMMISSION ALLIEE EN ITALIE

Le Représentant Français

ROME, le 3 Octobre 1946.

RECU LE : 2 Octobre 1946.

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P.C.C. Le Capitaine de Frégate YBERT
Adjoint "Marine"
au Représentant Français,

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NSC/5460
19 September 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: French Representative to Allied Commission.

Subject: Transfer of French barges from Venice to Toulon.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine has approached the Naval Command of the Upper Adriatic for the transfer from Venice to Toulon of the 4 river craft BRISE, BONCEVAUX, ITA EST, PICARDIE, as requested by the Chief of the French Merchant Marine Mission in Italy.

2. The above Naval Command has answered that these river craft require the following minor repairs before they can be towed:-

- testing the hatches for watertightness.
- substituting or plugging various damaged portholes.
- plugging some bullet holes on deck due to machine-gunning.

3. The Naval Command has, however, informed that, at present, it has absolutely no tugs available and added that it has informed the principal engineer of the French Navy, COUSEN, about the situation.

4. Since it can not be foreseen that the tug situation of the Venice Naval Command will improve in the near future, it is to be feared that with the approach of the bad season, the projected towing operation will not be possible and will have to be postponed until next spring.

5. It is requested that you should suitably inform the Chief of the French Merchant Marine Mission in Italy.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 14th September 1946
Ref.: 3008/UT

Subject: Transfer of French barges from Venice to Toulon

The Ministry of Marine has approached the Naval Command of the Upper Adriatic for the transfer from Venice to Toulon of the 4 river craft BRISE, ROUCEVAUX, ILA EST, PICARDIE, as requested by the Chief of the French Merchant Marine Mission in Italy.

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It is requested that you should suitably inform the Chief of the French Merchant Marine Mission in Italy.

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By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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*Ministero della Marina*

GABINETTO

Ufficio Trattati

Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale -

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 3088/UT Allegati

ARGOMENTO Trasferimento Chalands francesi da Venezia a Tolone.

Questo Ministero ha interessato il Comando Militare Marittimo dell'Alto Adriatico per il trasferimento da Venezia a Tolone delle 4 péniches BRISE, RONCEVAUX, ITA EST, PICARDIE, come da richiesta del Capo della Missione per la Marina Mercantile francese in Italia.

Il suddetto Comando M.M. ha risposto che le suddette péniches per poter essere rimorchiate, necessitano dei seguenti piccoli lavori:

- rivedere la tenuta stagna della portelleria;
- sostituire o tappare alcuni oblò rotti;
- tappare dei fori in coperta dovuti a mitragliamento.

Lo stesso Comando M.M. ha fatto però presente di essere per ora assolutamente privo di rimorchiatori, ed ha aggiunto di aver preso contatto con l'Ingegnere principale della Marina francese COUSEN e di averlo messo al corrente della situazione.

Poichè non è prevedibile che la situazione in fatto di rimorchiatori del Comando M.M. di Venezia migliori molto rapidamente, è da temere che con l'approssimarsi della stagione

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cattiva la progettata operazione di rimorchio non si renda più possibile e debba essere inviata alla prossima primavera.

Si prega di voler fare opportune comunicazioni al Capo della Missione della Marina Mercantile francese in Italia.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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NSC/4795
25 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Motor Tankers "ANITA BANDOL" and "NUMBERG".

Information has been received that to the North of the River Ombrone on the Torre Trappola property of Mrs. Vera PONTICELLI in the Commune of Grosseto, there are the wrecks of the motor tankers "ANITA BANDOL" and "NUMBERG" which are believed to be of French origin.

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

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 22nd March 1946
Ref.: 994/UT

Subject: Wrecks of motor-tankers, presumably of French nationality

For your due information, and in order that the French Representative at the Allied Commission may be notified should it be considered desirable, you are advised that to the North of the mouth of the R.Ombrone on the Torre Trappola property of Mrs.Vera PONTICELLI in the commune of Grosseto, there are the wrecks of the motor-tankers "ANITA BANDOL" and "NUMBERG" which are believed to be of French origin.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO
UFFICIO TRATTATI

Roma, 22 MAR 1946

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 994/wt Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Relitti di motocisterne presunte francesi.

All NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
- R O M A -

Per opportuna conoscenza, e perchè ne sia data comunicazione, ove ritenuto opportuno, al Rappresentante navale francese presso l'A.C., si informa che a nord della foce del fiume Ombrone, nella tenuta Torre Trappola della Signora Vera PONTICELLI nel comune di Grosseto, esistono due relitti delle motocisterne "ANITA BANDOL" e "NUMBERG" che si ritengono di provenienza francese.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI CABINETTO
C. di V. G. MARINI

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NSC/4657
26 February 1946.

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

Subject: Change of Command.

Enclosure: (A) Copy French Naval Delegation ltr. 325 E.M.I. dated 12 February 1946.

1. A copy of enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.

C. F. METZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

(9) 27 FEB 1946

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TRANSLATION.

From: Delegation of the French Navy in the Port of Gulf of Genoa.
To : Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

Ref.: No. 325 E.M.I.
Date: 12 February 1946.

In accordance with orders of the French Admiralty, on Saturday, 16th February, I will hand over Command of the French Naval Delegation to Commander DOUEF to clear up the small amount of salvage work for French Navy that remains in Italy and on completion the French Naval Delegation will be disbanded.

I have the honour to bring to your notice and thank you for the assistance rendered to the French Naval Delegation by the Royal Navy in Italy and further for your support which has facilitated the carrying out of my duties.

/s/ DELPEUCH.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 386.35

7 June 1946.

SUBJECT: Release of French River Craft.

TO : Chief Commissioner
Allied Commission
(Attn: Navy Sub-Commission)
APO 794

Reference NSC/4955, 27 April 1946.

1. Copies of letters from the Jugoslav War Booty Committee withdrawing their claims to the French Barges are inclosed herewith.

2. Under the circumstances, the subject craft may be released to the French Government in accordance with the "Liberated Ships Memorandum".

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

A.L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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NSC/5153
14 June 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : French Representative of the Allied Commission.

Subject: Towing of 13 French river barges from Trieste to Venice.

References: (a) Fr. Rep. ltr. 2862 of 21 May 1946.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5119 of 5 June 1946.

1. With regard to your request relative to the towing of the 13 river barges from Trieste to Venice, reference (a), and the Navy Sub-Commission reference (b), the following information relative to the present condition of the barges has just been received from Trieste and is forwarded for your information:

(a) Barges "BIBI" and "ITA EST" are seaworthy (engine and hull).
(b) Barges "TERSGA", "JOYCE", "KARABOURAE" and "CITERNA 18" are in various stages of construction on the stocks.
(c) Barges "VEGA", MOSELLE III and "PLATTA" - engines and hulls need considerable repairs to be made seaworthy.
(d) Barges "MORGET" and "COMER" are little better than scrap.
(e) Barge "SANTANA" is afloat on her tanks, with a badly damaged stern requiring major engine and hull repairs to render her seaworthy.
(f) Barge "AMANDE" raised for the second time recently requires extensive repairs to hull and engine.

2. When these barges are ready and seaworthy to undertake such a long tow, it is suggested that arrangements might be made whereby the Royal Navy could take the tow to the end of the swept channel at "A" buoy where an Italian tug could make rendezvous with the tow and pick it up at that point.

3. Please inform the Navy Sub-Commission when the above named barges are in all respects ready for sea.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S, NAVY,
FOR: REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, A.C.

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N3C/5141
10 June 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section.

Subject: French River Craft, release of.

References: (a) Your telephone conversation of 8 June 1946.

Enclosure: (A) French Representative to Allied Commission letter of 10 April 1946 and enclosures thereto.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

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

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11 JUN 1946

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SUBJECT:- SALVAGE REPORT ON FRENCH BARGES IN VENEZIA GIULIA.

FROM:- The Naval Officer-in-Charge, TRIESTE.

DATE:- 7th June, 1946. No. 8264/125

TO:- [illegible] (Copy to:-

Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, [illegible])

The following report is submitted with reference to your signal timed 041901 B/June and my signal timed 061142 B/June.

2. Of the many barges found and salvaged in the Venezia Giulia area, so far thirteen in number have been definitely identified as being French property, and for booty claims by the Jugoslav authorities have been withdrawn in full. A full report has been submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reference 7113/125 dated 15th March, 1946.

3. These barges were identified by the technical representatives of the Mission Navale Marchande Française dans Zones, who inspected them in the presence of the British and Jugoslav members of the Joint Booty Naval Sub-Committee.

4. The following abbreviated report is submitted on the present condition of these barges. (supplementary to lists forwarded to you on 3rd June, 1946, reference 8210/149).

(a) Barges "[illegible]" and "[illegible]" are seaworthy (engine and hull).
(b) Barges "[illegible]", "[illegible]", "[illegible]" and "[illegible] 19" are in various stages of construction on the stocks.
(c) Barges "[illegible]", [illegible] III and "[illegible]" - engines and hulls need considerable repairs to be made seaworthy.
(d) Barge "[illegible]" is afloat on her tanks, with a badly dressed stern requiring major engine and hull repairs to render her seaworthy.
(e) Barge "[illegible]" raised for the second time recently requires extensive repairs to hull and engine.
(f) Barges "[illegible]" and "[illegible]" are little better than scrap.

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5. The Mission Navale Marchande Française in their letter No. 60 MNT 2 dated 8th March, 1946 stated that the barges "[illegible]", "[illegible]" and "[illegible]" had been sold to the Societe Nouvelle Industrie Nouvelle Nicopoli - Elevateri Marittimi of Trieste and that they have instructed the same firm to continue the construction of the barges "[illegible] 19", "[illegible]" and "[illegible]" on their behalf.

6. The question of the ownership of the barge "[illegible]" is likely to be contested in court, a legal firm claiming ownership

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The following report is submitted with reference to your signal timed 04/301 B/June and my signal timed 061142 B/June.

2. Of the navy barges found and salvaged in the Venezia Giulia area so far thirteen in number have been definitely identified as being French property, and for Booty claims by the Jugoslav authorities have been withdrawn in full. A full report has been submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, reference 7:13/125 dated 14th March, 1946.

3. These barges were identified by the technical representatives of the Mission Navale Marchande Française from Genoa, who inspected them in the presence of the British and Jugoslav members of the War Booty Naval Sub-committee.

4. The following abbreviated report is submitted on the present condition of these barges. (supplementary to lists forwarded to you on 3rd June, 1946, reference 5210/149).

(a) Barges "[illegible]" and "[illegible]" are seaworthy (engine and hull).
(b) Barges "[illegible]", "[illegible]", "[illegible]" and "[illegible] 18" are in various stages of construction on the stocks.
(c) Barges "[illegible]", [illegible] III and "[illegible]" - engines and hulls need considerable repairs to be made seaworthy.
(d) Barge "[illegible]" is afloat on her tanks, with a badly damaged stern requiring major engine and hull repairs to render her seaworthy.
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6. The question of the ownership of the barge "[illegible]" is likely to be contested in court, a local firm claiming ownership.

7. It is suggested, if and when these barges are ready and seaworthy to undertake such a long tow, either that the Royal Marine send a tug with a civilian crew to Trieste or that a rendezvous be arranged with a Royal Marine tug at "A" Buoy at the end of the swept channel, the Royal Navy undertaking the towage to that point.

([illegible])
CAPTAIN, R.N.

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Reference your OA1001.

Only 2 of the 13 barges in present condition serviceable. Report follows by letter.

(Ref. French naval authority is said to have 13 other barges.)

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NSC/5119
5 June 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : French Representative of the Allied Commission.

Subject: Towing of 13 French river barges from Trieste to Venice.

References: (a) Your letter Ref. 2852 of 21 May 1946.

1. In reference (a), the Navy Sub-Commission was informed that title to the 13 French river barges now at the port of Trieste has been clearly established and the Italian Ministry of Marine has agreed to tow the barges from Trieste to Genoa or Marseille, but could not send Italian tugs to Trieste at this time.

2. With regard to towing the barges from Trieste to Venice, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste, has been directed to render all assistance possible in this matter. Therefore it is suggested that you arrange direcdy through the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste, with the local authorities at that port for the towing of these vessels to Venice.

(Sgd) T. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC. 4395

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FOI! TRIESTE(R)MSG. FOLI(1)

Breach Naval authorities that no evidence of Trieste civil have been eliminated. In the GRADO-VENICE area. Italian Min Navy of Marine has agreed to keep them informed to send Italian ship to Trieste.
2. Request yes will give by exchange to radio and report ... action taken.

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DEA 10-6...10...MSG(1)... sgd

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From: French Representative of the A.C.
To : N.S.C. - A.C.
Date: 21st May 1946
Ref.: 2862

Forwarded for necessary action :

Letter No.904/DR/10 of 10th May from the Chief of the Merchant Marine Mission on the subject of the towing of 13 French river craft out of the Grado-Trieste district.

Captain HERON de VILLEFOSSE
French Representative of the Allied Commission

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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

REPRÉSENTATION FRANÇAISE
À LA
COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

*Roma, le* 21 Mai 1946

N. 2862

# *BORDEREAU D'ENVOI*

| Transmis à NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION - | N.bre Ex. | Observations. |
|---|---|---|
| - Lettre n° 904/DR/10ter du 20 Mai 1945 du Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande au sujet du remorquage de 13 bateaux fluviaux français hors de la zone Grado-Trieste..... | 1 | Pour suite à donner. |

Le Cap.de VAisseau HERON de VILLEFOSSE
Représentant Français à l'Allied Commission
en ITALIE

*Do felicem.*

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20th May 1946

The Chief administration of Maritime recruiting - R.SENTIS,
Chief of the Merchant Marine Mission in Italy.

TO : The Naval Sub Commission
through Captain HERON de VILLEFOSSE, French Representative on the A.C.

Subject : Towing of 13 French river barges out of the Gredo-Trieste district.

Reference : My note 764 of 8th April 1946.

Enclosures : (a) 1 letter from N.O.I.C. Trieste
(b) 2 letters from Lt.Col. K.RENCELJ

relinquishing the Yougoslav Government's claim on 13 French river barges.

1. Lieut.CHAIZE, in charge of our office at Genoa has informed me, sending me the letters of which I enclose a copy, that the Yougaslav Authorities of the Port of Trieste have relinquished their claim on 13 French river barges, of which we enclose a list.

2. I have approached the Italian Minister of Marine on the matter of towing these river barges from Trieste to Genoa or Marseilles. He told me that he was willing to carry out the towing, but that he could not sent Italian tugs to Trieste, and therefore, that we should have to send the barges to Venice first.

3. In thess circumstances I have the honour to request the Allied Authorities to have the 13 river barges, which are in the Trieste district, towed to Venice where they could be left in the charge of the Italian R.Navy to be towed to Genoa, or better, to Marseilles.

The Chief of the Merchant Navy Mission
in Italy

R.SENTIS

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COMMANDEMENT DES MISSIONS MILITAIRES
FRANCAISES EN ITALIE

Mission Marine Marchande

Palazzo Vidoni
Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 116

Rome, le 20 Mai 1946

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L'Administrateur en Chef de l'Inscription Maritime R. SENTIS
Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie

à l'Allied Commission - Naval Sub-Commission

sous-couvert de M.le Capitaine de Vaisseau HERON de VILLEPOSSE
Représentant du Gouvernement Français auprès de l'Allied Commission.

Objet : Remorquage de 13 bateaux fluviaux français hors de la Zône Grado-Trieste.

Référence : Ma note n° 764 du 8 Avril 1946

P.Jointes : a) lettre du Naval Officer en charge Trieste
b) 2 lettres du Lt.Colonel K. RENCELJ

relevant les revendications du Gouvernement Yougoslave sur 13 bateaux fluviaux français.

1°) - J'ai l'honneur de vous faire connaitre que le Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Réserve CHALZE, Chef de mon Bureau de Gênes, vient de m'aviser,en me communiquant les lettres dont je vous adresse ci-joint copie, que les autorités Yougoslaves du port de Trieste, ont retiré leurs revendications sur 13 bateaux fluviau français dont vous trouverez la liste en annexe.

2°) - Je me suis adressé au Ministère de la Marine Roayle Italienne pour lui demander de procéder au remorquage de ces bateaux fluviaux de Trieste à Gênes ou à Marseille. Celui-ci m'a declaré qu'il acceptait de procéder à ce remorquage, mais qu'il ne pou-

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vait envoyer des remorqueurs italiens à Trieste; qu'il y aurait lieu en conséquence de lui livrer des chalands à Venise.

3°)Dans cesconditions, j'ai l'honneur de demander aux Autorités Alliées, de vouloir bien faire procéder au remorquage des 13 bâtiments fluviaux français se trouvant actuellement dans la zône de Ttieste, hors de cette zône, et de les faire conduire à Venise où ils pourraient être pris en charge par la Marine Rpyale Italienne, pour être ensuite remorqués à Gên ou mieux à Marseille.-

Le Chef de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie:

R. SENTIS

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From : Naval Officer in Charge, TRIESTE

Date : 27th. April 1946 N°

To : Mission Marine Marchande Française en Italie,
Via Corsica, 21 - GENOA.

Suject : Release of French River and Canal Barges.

I have been advised by the Jugoslav War Booty Committee, as per the attached copies of their lettres Nos. 82/46 ad dated 27 th. April 1946, of their decision to withdraw their claims to all the French Barges in this area.

2. The question of the two Belgian Barges still remains open until their Registration Certificates can be inspected by the Jugoslav War Booty Committee.

COMMANDER, ROYAL NAVY

( For CAPTAIN absent on leave)

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Jugoslav W.B. Committee,

Naval Sub-Committee - TRIESTE.

Date : 27th. April 1946 No. 82/46

To : Captain R.N. C.S.C. NOAJES - N.O.I.C. TRIESTE.
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| No number | "TERSGA" | |
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Reference our letter N. 82/46/

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NSC/4955
27 April 1946.

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

Subject: French River Craft, release of.

Enclosure: (A) French Representative to Allied Commission letter of 10 April 1946 and enclosures thereto.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

2. It is requested that the necessary permission be issued to the authorities concerned in Trieste in order that the subject craft may be released to the French Government.

N. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

cc:
French Representative,
Allied Commission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE

10th April, 1946.

From : Captain Heron de Villefosse, French Representative to the Allied Commission in Italy.
To : The Chief of the Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.

Subject: Identification and request for release to French Government of the French river craft found in the GRADO area.

Enclosures:- State of the vessels identified.
12 registration certificates.

I have the honour to report that Lieutenant CHAIZE of the French Naval Reserve, Head of the Genoa Office of the French Mercantile Marine in Italy, having proceeded to the TRIESTE-GRADO area on my orders, has been able to identify with complete certainty 12 river craft, a list of which is attached.

2. Each of these craft was examined in the presence of Lieutenant ORR R.N.V.R. On each craft the identification marks, numbers and characteristics were found and compared with the registration certificates and the details in the official list of French River Craft.

3. Lieutenant ORR made a record of the distinguishing marks and details which served to identify these craft.

4. This evidence was also offered likewise to Lieutenant Colonel RENCELJ of the Jugo-Slav Navy, who examined the craft himself and admitted their French nationality.

5. As the Liberated Ship Memorandum lays down that vessels of the United Nations shall be restored to the respective Governments of these nations and shall not be considered prize of war, I have the honour to request that you should ask the War Booty Committee in Trieste to release the twelve craft in question to the French Government.

6. A similar request has been made locally by Lieutenant CHAIZE to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.

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(Signed) A DE VILLEFOSSE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the French Representative
A P O 394

Rome, le 10 Avril 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau Héron de Villefosse
Représentant Français à la Commission
Alliée en Italie

à

Monsieur le Directeur de la
Sous-Commission Navale
Commission Alliée, Rome

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O B J E T : Identification et demande de remise au Gouvernement Français de bateaux fluviaux français retrouvés dans la région de GRADO.

P. Jointes: I état des navires identifiés
12 certificats d'immatriculation.

I/ J'ai l'honneur de vous faire savoir que le Lieutenant de Vaisseau de réserve CHAIZE, Chef du Bureau de GENES de la Mission Marine Marchande en Italie, s'étant rendu sur mes ordres dans la région de TRIESTE/GRADO, a pu identifier avec une certitude absolue 12 bateaux fluviaux français dont la liste ci-jointe.

Chacun de ces bateaux a été examiné en présence du Lieutenant ORR, R.N.V.R.(S.O.). Sur chacun des navires les marques, numéros et caractéristiques furent retrouvés et comparés avec les certificats d'immatriculation et les indications de la liste officielle des Bateaux de Navigation Fluviale français.

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Le Lieutenant ORR a enregistré la description des marques, caractéristiques, identifiant ces bâtiments.

Ces preuves furent également présentées au Lieutenant Colonel RENCELJ, de la Marine Yougoslave qui examina lui-même les navires et reconnut leur nationalité française.

Etant donné que le Liberated Ship Memorandum prévoit que les navires des Nations Unies doivent être rendus aux Gouvernements de ces Nations, et ne doivent pas être considérés comme prise de guerre, j'ai l'honneur de vous demander d'intervenir auprès du War Booty Committee à TRIESTE pour que les 12 bateaux en question soient remis au Gouvernement Français.

Une demande dans ce sens a été présentée sur place par le Lieutenant de Vaisseau de Réserve CHAIZE au Captain (R.N.) Officer in Charge à TRIESTE.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : A.C. - N.S.C.
Date: 25th February 1946
Ref.: 667/UT - Encl. No.1

Subject: Greek merchant shipping which was left in French Mediterranean Ports and was turned over to Italian Control

Further reference is made to my letter 110/UT dated 11th January 1946.

Investigations made have not uncovered any information on the so-called "Havers Agreement" mentioned in para.2 of your NSC/4235 of 14th December 1945.

Furthermore it has appeared that, by an agreement reached in August-September 1942 between the Vichy Government and Germany, Greek, Danish and Norwegian ships lying in French port were handed over to Germany.

Subsequently the Greek ships were placed under Italian control. Data relative to these is given in the enclosure hereto.

Sgd.: THE MINISTER

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Greek ships in French ports which were turned over to Italian

| Name of the ship | | | Weight gross tons | Italian Management | La |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Original | French | Italian | | | |
| ELISE | TROPIQUE | FIRENZE | 1986 | Adriatica | At La Maddalena o on 27th Dec.'43. |
| MOUNT PRIONAS | ANDORRE | ANCONA | 3986 | Oriens | Taken over by the Savona harbour. |
| MELETIOS VENETZIANOS | - | ASTI | 423 | Adriatica | Under repair at G information held) |
| TASIS | EQUATEUR | BARI | 4706 | Italia S.A.N. | Sunk at Naples on the Cesario Conso |
| ADELPHOI CHANDRIS | S.MARIN | CATANIA | 6179 | Italia S.A.N. | Sunk at Naples on Used as quay by A |
| MOUNT ITHOME | MONROVIA | VENEZIA | 4207 | Italia S.A.N. | At Messina on 14t Rizzo quay. Redu |
| ALIKI | MONACO | BOLOGNA | 5170 | Oriens | Sunk on 21st May |
| Never taken over | | | | | |
| MAIRI DEFTEREOU | - | GENOVA | 1383 | Tirrenia | At Marseilles on over. |
| MAID OF SAMOS | - | PAVIA | 1150 | Tirrenia | |
| POLEMIS | MAURE | TRIESTE | 1457 | Adriatica | At Toulon on 8th |
| | | | 30.647 | | |

Rome, 19th February 1946.

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Greek ships in French ports which were turned over to Italian control

| Italian | Weight gross tons | Italian Management | Latest known state. |
|---|---|---|---|
| FIRENZE | 1986 | Adriatica | At La Maddalena on 8th Sept.'43 - turned over to Medbo on 27th Dec.'43. Given back at Malta on 8th Apr.'44. |
| ANCONA | 3986 | Oriens | Taken over by the Germans - Sunk at the entrance to Savona harbour. |
| ASTI | 423 | Adriatica | Under repair at Genoa on 8th Sept.'43 (no further information held). |
| BARI | 4706 | Italia S.A.N. | Sunk at Naples on 1st Sept.'43. Used as a quay at the Cesario Consolo mole by the Allies. |
| CATANIA | 6179 | Italia S.A.N. | Sunk at Naples on 4th Sept.'43 at the Pisacane mole. Used as quay by Allies. |
| VENEZIA | 4207 | Italia S.A.N. | At Messina on 14th July '43 - Sunk there at the Luigi Rizzo quay. Reduced to scattered wreckage. |
| BOLOGNA | 5170 | Oriens | Sunk on 21st May '43 near Cape Vaticano (Calabria). |
| GENOVA | 1383 | Tirrenia | At Marseilles on 8th Sept.'43 in process of handing over. |
| PAVIA | 1150 | Tirrenia | idem |
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*Ministero della Marina*

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UFFICIO TRATTATI

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

*Roma*, 25 febbraio 1946

*Rif. N.* 667/UT *Allegati* 1

*Alla* LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
- Sottocommissione Navale -

ARGOMENTO: Naviglio mercantile greco, rimasto nei porti francesi Mediterraneo dato in gestione all'Italia.

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Le navi greche furono successivamente date in gestione all'Italia. I dati relativi alle stesse risultano dall'allegato.

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# PIROSCAFI GRECI IN PORTI FRANCESI DATI IN GE

Name of ship

| Nominativo della nave | | | Stazza | Gestore in Italia |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Originale | Francese | Italiano | | |
| ELISE | TROPIQUE | FIRENZE | 1986 | Adriatica |
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Roma, lì 19 febbraio 1946.

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# CAFI GRECI IN PORTI FRANCESI DATI IN GESTIONE ALL'ITALIA

| Stazza | Gestore in Italia | Situazione più recente conosciuta |
|---|---|---|
| 1986 | Adriatica | All'8/9/43 a La Maddalena - consegnato al Medbo il 27 dicembre 1943. Restituito a Malta l'8/4/44. |
| 3986 | Oriens | Occupato dai tedeschi - affondato all'imboccatura del porto di Savona. |
| 423 | Adriatica | A Genova l'8/9/43 in lavori (non si hanno notizie). |
| 4706 | Italia S.A.N. | Affondato a Napoli 1'1/8/43. Adattato a banchina dagli Alleati al molo Cesario Consolo. |
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| 1150 | Tirrenia | idem |
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| 30.647 | | |

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NSC/4774
22 March 1946.

MEMORANDUM TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER.

Subject: Salvage Shipping.

Reference: (a) Office of Executive Commissioner letter 5604/EC of 4 February 1946.

Enclosure: (A) CinC Mediterranean letter Med. 46/1352/25/1 of 13 March 1946.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith in compliance with the request contained in reference (a).

Respectfully,

G. F. MENTZ,
Captain, U.S. Navy.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief
Mediterranean Station.
13th June, 1946.

Med. 46/1352/24/1
NAVY HOUSE, GIBRALTAR.

SALVAGE OF ITALIAN SHIPS.

With reference to A.S.C./4596 of 5th February, 1946, it is understood that the question of the salvage of French ships sunk in Italian harbours has been fully discussed by Captain Lucidon with the Flag Salvage Officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

2. At all times the Salvage Committee has arranged to raise ships, irrespective of nationality, as required by the Ministry of War Transport. Here French ships were raised thus any other nationality, e.g. "HMS ARGUS", "HMS ST. LOUIS", "SOMERSET", "TRAICUIS", "LUCE D'ARVOR", about 20 French barges and a large number of French ships. The only British ships raised in Italy were "EMPIRE DOON" and "DALESMAN".

3. There were never less than three French representatives on the Salvage Committee; their requests and priorities were always dealt with to their satisfaction.

(Sgd.) P. G. L. CAZALET.

for ADMIRAL.

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

Ref: 5604/74/EC.

22 February 1946.

I wonder whether you would look into the case of the request by the French Representative to the Allied Commission for salvage of French ships sunk in Italian harbours. Our last letter on the subject was one from the Navy Sub-Commission, Ref: NSC/4531 of 1 Feb 46. Yugoslav claims of the same nature have also been made.

The French base their request on an interpretation of Clause 65 of the Armistice Terms which states that Allied ships in Italian harbours will be handed over. My interpretation of that clause is that only such ships as are necessary for the prosecution of the war would be actually salvaged and that the disposal of other ships must be left to some arrangement to be made for reparations.

The French, however, are desperately short of ships and they see their ships lying in Italian harbours. An example is their refrigerator ship S.S. "San Jose". They want to get them out and floating and, furthermore, they want to get them out at the expense of the Italians who, after all, were responsible for sinking them. They have applied for funds (AM Lire) to be supplied to them for this purpose. The CCS have turned it down and, being French, they do not much like the idea of advancing good French francs for such a purpose.

My sympathy is ~~very little~~ with them although I do not agree with their interpretation of the Armistice Terms and I should like to help them because they feel that they are being consistently blocked in this respect and that discrimination is being made against them as opposed to US or UK interests.

Another point in this matter arises. The Navy Sub-Commission are always told that the matter has been referred to the British Admiralty for instructions. This puts it at once on a unilateral basis.

I would very much prefer the matter to be raised with the CCS in the simple form as to whether, owing to the desperate shortage of French ships afloat, the French Government should be allowed to raise these ships under the terms of the Armistice, or whether they should be instructed to negotiate the matter directly between themselves and the Italian Government, i.e., on a credit basis.

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Asst. Chief of Staff,
G-5 Section,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

MSL/JG.

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NSC/4556
5 February 1946.

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

Subject: Salvage - Shipping.

Enclosure: (A) Copy Hq. Allied Commission, Office of the Executive Commissioner, ltr. 5604/EC of 4 February 1946.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

2. As the information requested in paragraph (3) of enclosure (A) is not available to the Navy Sub-Commission, it is requested that subject information be furnished by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean and forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission.

(Sgd) C. E. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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# HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 5604/EC

4 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Salvage - Shipping.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.
Attn: Rear Admiral Warren.

1. You know that the French Representative to the Allied Commission is constantly pressing for arrangements to be made to raise French ships sunk in Italian harbours. I know that your Sub-Commission has been helpful to him and has asked him for details. The real objection has been on the financial side which the attached letter covers.

2. Captain Moullec always reiterates the argument that British ships have been raised in Italian harbours and that the present policy is discriminatory against the French and other nations. We have countered this by saying that the only British ships raised have been those required for operations in connection with the war.

3. I should be most grateful if you could support the argument made in the last sentence by producing for me some facts and figures of British ships raised from Italian harbours since operations began in Italy. Perhaps you would include details of when and where the ship was found, how it was raised - whether by the Royal Navy or Italian contract,- who paid for it, and particularly for what purpose the ship was used after salvage.

4. The French are feeling very strongly on this subject and I think we should have all the ammunition we can at our disposal.

M. S. Lush.

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
FINANCE SUB COMMISSION.

13002/F. 15 December 1945.

SUBJECT: Advances of Lire to French Forces in Italy.

TO : Le Capitaine de Vaisseau Moullec
French Representative
Allied Commission

1. I write with reference to the discussions we have had on the subject of requests for lire funds by the French Forces in Italy, which matter was refe red to Washington for decision.

2. I have now received directions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff that funds for French civilian expenses in Italy should be obtained directly by the French authorities from the Italian Government (for example, through the establishment of a blocked franc account as suggested by you).

3. I am further directed that no funds should be furnished by AFA to cover expenses of salvaging any Allied vessels sunk in Italian ports or to cover the repair of material belonging to the Allies taken by the Italians. The cost of such salvage and repair constitues Allied claims against Italy which should not be dealt with through the Allied Commission. There would be no objection, however, to the French obtaining lire for these purposes from the Italian Government by the establishment of a blocked franc account. The dipesition of this account would be determined under procedure established under the peace treaty or otherwise for the establishment and settlement of Allied claims against Italy.

(Sgd) ROBERT B. MENAFACE,
Colonel,
Director, Finance
Sub-Commission.

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15 February 1946.

Memorandum For Acting Chief Commissioner:

With reference to our conversation this morning regarding the question of salvage of Allied vessels and in particular to the request of the French Representative for the salvage of the S.S. "SAN JOSE", I am enclosing herewith Navy Sub-Commission's letters NSC/4000 of 17 November 1945 and NSC/4531 of 1 February 1946, in which it was recommended to Allied Force Headquarters that private contracts should be entered into for the salvage and repair of subject vessels by the governments concerned and that responsibility for the payment for costs involved be determined at a later date, or subject to final settlement as reparations.

In connection with the general question of salvage of Allied vessels, it is submitted that from the technical point of view there are cases where it would be economically unsound and hardly worth the effort to carry out salvage operations, whereas there are a number of other vessels (of which the SAN JOSE is one) which present no difficulty from the technical point of view and may be considered well worth-while for salvage operations.

Respectfully,

C. F. Mentz,
Captain, U.S.Navy.

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15 February 1946.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Office of the Chief Commissioner
APO 394

Ref: 5604/RC.

14. February 1946.

SUBJECT: Raising of French Ships.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission.

1. I refer to Minute No.39 of 11 February 1946 and Minute No.40 of 10 February addressed to you by Captain MOULLEC, French Representative to the Allied Commission, and to conversation Lieut. Cdr. THOMAS - Brigadier LUSH.

2. I shall be grateful if Captain MOULLEC can be re-assured by documentary evidence if possible that this matter is being prosecuted by C-in-C MED with the British Admiralty. In this matter, as in others, the French Representative has given the impression that he and his Government are of the opinion that French rights under the Armistice Terms are not being sufficiently safeguarded.

M. S. Lush

Brigadier,
Acting Chief Commissioner.

MSL/JG.

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TRANSLATION

No. 39

Date - 11 February 1946.

From - Captain MOULLEC,
French Representative to the
Allied Commission.

To - Navy Sub-Commission.

Subject: Salvage of French Cargo Ship "SAN JOSE".

Captain Delpeuch, in charge of recovery of French Naval material in Italy, recently visited Sardinia.

The Naval Authorities of the Island, whom he visited, stated that the Italian Navy have the necessary personnel and material there for the salvage of the French Cargo Ship "SAN JOSE" which is sunk at OLBIA. They are ready to start salvage operations on receipt of orders from the Ministry of Marine in Rome.

I should be glad if you would request the Ministry of Marine to give the necessary orders to the Naval Authorities in Sardinia.

/s/ MOULLEC.

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Translation

Allied Commission
The French Representative
N. 39

Rome, 11 Fevrier 1946

Captain Moullec
French Representative to the Allied Commission
in Italy
to
the Director of
Navy Sub-Commission

Subject : Raising of the French merchant ship 'San-Jose'

Captain DELPEUCH who is in charge of the recovering of French naval material in Italy, has lately been to Sardinia.

The naval authorities of the island, with whom he spoke, stated that the Italian Navy had on the spot the personnel and material necessary to put back in operation the French merchant ship 'San Jose', stranded at OLBIA. They were therefore in a position to start the works as soon as the Navy Department in Rome would issue the order.

Will you kindly contact the Navy Department so that the order in question may be sent to the naval authorities in Sardinia.

s. Moullec

To : Navy Sub-Commission

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

N° 39 -

Rome le 11 Février 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée
en Italie.

à

Monsieur le Directeur de la Navy-Sub-Commission.

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OBJET : Renflouement du Cargo Français "San-José".

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau DELPEUCH, chargé de la récupération du matériel naval Français en Italie, s'est rendu récemment en Sardaigne.

Les autorités navales de l'Ile, avec qui il s'est entretenu, lui ont déclaré que la Marine Italienne disposait sur place du personnel et du matériel nécessaire au renflouement du cargo Français "San-José", échoué a OLBIA. Elles étaient donc à même de commencer les opérations dès que le Ministère de la Marine à Rome leur en donnerait ordre.

Je vous demande de bien vouloir intervenir auprès du Ministère de la Marine pour que l'ordre en question soit adressé aux autorités navales de Sardaigne.

Moullec

DESTINATAIRE :
Navy-Sub-Commission.
COPIE :
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Translation

Allied Commission
The French Representative
N. 40

Rome, 10 February 1946

Captain Moullec
French Representative to the Allied Commission
to
the Director of
Navy Sub-Commission

Subject : Raising of French ships.

1. - I thank you for the informations you so kindly sent me in your letter N. 44533NSC of the 19/1/46 about the ships seized by Italy.

2. - The French Government to which such informations were forwarded wants to emphasize the facts that such ships were seized by Italy. The NICOL-KAUFMAN agreement which might seem to have given a contract basis to the ceding of such ships is considered as non existing, for it was signed under enemy pressure. The statement made by the United Nations on January 5th, 1943, applies to the agreement in question.

3. - The French Government considers that such ships as have been found in Italian harbours must be raised and repaired at the charge of the Italian Government, according to the Armistice agreement.

I have therefore been requested to ask for your intervention with the Italian Authorities so that the necessary works be started on such ships as can be raised and put back in operation.

4. - The ships that should be raised as speedily as possible are the following:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| SAN JOSE | 8480 t. | T B | OLBIA |
| PIERRE CLAUDE | 1787 | | NAPLES |
| ESTEREL | 3100 | | TRAPANI |
| REMOIS | 5713 | | PALERMO |
| JACQUES SCHAFFINO | 1797 | | PALERMO |
| ARIZONA | 5457 | | PALERMO |
| RABELAIS | 4999 | | PALERMO |
| BERTY | 3078 | | NAPLES |
| SIDI OKBA | 2824 | | NAPLES |
| OUERGHA | 1956 | | NAPLES |

I shall shortly send you all the informations I have on the state and location of such ships.

Moullec

To : Navy Sub-Commission
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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

Nº 40 -

Rome, le 10 Février 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Directeur
de la Navy-Sub-Commission .

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OBJET : Renflouement des navires Français .

1.- Je vous remercie des renseignements que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser par lettre Nº 4453 NSC du 19/1/46 au sujet des navires saisis par l'Italie .

2.- Le Gouvernement Français à qui ces renseignements ont été communiqués tient à marquer nettement que les bâtiments en question ont bien été saisis par l'Italie. L'accord NICOL-KAUFMAN qui pourrait paraître avoir donné une base contractuelle à la cession de ces navires, est considéré comme nul, ayant été signé sous la pression de l'ennemi.Cet accord ne peut d'ailleurs que tomber sous le coup de la déclaration des Nations Unies du 5 Janvier 1943.

3.- Le Gouvernement Français estime que ceux des bâtiments saisis qui ont pu être retrouvés dans les ports italiens,doivent être remis à flot et réparés aux frais du Gouvernement italien, conformément à la Convention d'Armistice.

Je suis donc chargé de vous demander d'intervenir auprés des Autorités italiennes pour que les travaux nécessaires soient entrepris sur les bâtiments susceptibles d'être renfloués et réparés.

4.- Les bâtiments dont le renflouement devrait être entrepris en premiére urgence sont :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| SAN JOSE | 8480 t. | T B OIBIA. |
| PIERRE CLAUDE | 1787 | NAPLES. |
| ESTEREL | 3100 | TRAPANI. |
| REMOIS | 3713 | PALERME. |
| JACQUES SCHIAFFINO | 1757 | PALERME. |
| ARIZONA | 5457 | PALERME. |

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|---|---|---|
| RABELAIS | 4999 | PALERME. |
| BENTY | 3078 | NAPLES. |
| SIDI OKBA | 2824 | NAPLES. |
| OUERGHA | 1956 | NAPLES. |

Je compte vous adresser prochainement toutes les informations que je posséde sur l'état et la situation de ces bâtiments.

Marine

DESTINATAIRE :

Navy-Sub-Commission

C O P I E S :

Executive Commissioner.
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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 125020

NSC/4531
1 February 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section.

Subject: Request by French Representative to the Allied Commission for Salvage of the S.S. "SAN JOSE".

Reference: (a) Navy S/C ltr NSC/4000 of 17 November 1945.
(b) Navy S/C ltr NSC/4242 of 17 December 1945.
(c) AFHQ ltr G-5: 560.1 MEI of 30 January 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Copy French Representative to the Allied Commission ltr of 24 January to the Navy S/C, Relative to Salvage of S.S. San Jose.

1. In reference (a), with enclosure, the Navy Sub-Commission forwarded to Allied Force Headquarters a request from the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy for the salvage and repair of seven Jugoslav vessels sunk in Italian waters at the expense of the Italian Government and submitted to Allied Force Headquarters for consideration that private contracts should be entered into for the salvage and repair of ex-Jugoslav vessels, as in the case of the S.S. HERCEGOVINA, and that responsibility for the payment of costs involved be determined at a later date.

2. In reference (b), the Navy Sub-Commission reported to Allied Force Headquarters that the French Government was taking the same position as the Jugoslav Government in the matter of ships sunk in Italian waters, namely, that under Article 15 of the Armistice Terms the Italian Government is liable for the cost of repairs to ships sunk or damaged as a result, either directly or indirectly, of Italian participation in the war against the United Nations, and requested the policy to be adopted in this premise.

3. In reference (c), received this date, Allied Force Headquarters informs Headquarters Allied Commission that the salvage of Jugoslav ships sunk in Italian waters has been referred to the Admiralty for decision and notes that the French Government has made representation along the same lines to the United States, British and Italian Governments on the question of French vessels sunk in Italian waters.

4. Enclosure (A), forwarded herewith, is a specific request from the French Representative to the Allied Commission for the salvage of the S.S. "SAN JOSE", sunk off Olbia, at the expense of the Italian Government and to be accomplished by the Italian Ministry of Marine. This request may be the forerunner of additional requests by the French Representative to the Allied



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NSC/4531
1 February 1946

Subject: Request by French Representative to the Allied Commission for Salvage of the S.S. "SAN JOSE".

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Declassified E.O. 12065 Section 3-402/NNDC NO. 725020

NSC/4502
27 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: French Representative to the Allied Commission.

Subject: Salvage of the S.S. "SAINT-JOSEF", Olbia.

Reference: (a) Your ltr No. 18 of 24 January 1946.

1. I am directed to inform you that private contracts should be entered into for the salvage and repair of ex-French vessels, as in the case of the S.S. SAINT-JOSEF (SAN JOSE), and that the responsibility for the payment for costs involved be determined at a later date.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

SU NSC/4524

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Allied Commission in Italy
The French Representative.

Rome 24 January 1946.

No. 18

From Captain MOULLEC, French Representative to the Allied Commission.
To Chief, Navy Sub-Commission.

Subject: Salvage of the steamship "SAN JOSE".

Supporting Document: Letter No. 32 UTF Italian Navy Ministry.

According to our conversation of January the nineteenth, I have the honour to request the interference of the Allied Commission so that the Italian Navy puts in seaworthiness the cold storage vessel "SAN JOSE".

This ship is sunk in the roads of Olbia and her salvage does not seem to present any difficulty.

The characteristics of this ship, built in 1926, are as following:

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|---|---|
| Over all length | 136m,40 |
| Over all width | 17m,32 |
| Depth from the maindeck | 8m,98 |
| Load displacement | 12,730 met.tonns. |
| for a draft | 7m,60 |
| Light displacement | 4.250 met.tonns. |
| for a draft | 3m,14 |
| Dead weight capacity | 8.480 met.tonns. |

This ship presents cold storage orlop decks. The upper ones were in apparently good state, during an inspection paid the 27/12/45, while the lower ones hwere half-diped.

In July 1945, the Impresa Pietro Cidonio and the Impresa Rupiero had been consulted on the subject of the salvage, but the question could not be resolved.

On our request, the Italian Navy Ministry had established an inspection report which is joined in this letter.

I allow myself to insist on the need of a rapid solution: the lack of cold-storage vessels being very prejudicial to the French economy.

/s/ Moullec

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(NOTE: Copy Supporting Document - My M LTR, 32/UTF - Enclosed in 4357
ORIGINAL TO AFHQ)

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

N° 18.

Rome le 24 Janvier 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Directeur de la Navy-Sub-Commission.

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

N° 18

Rome le 24 Janvier 1946

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Directeur de la Navy-Sub-Commission

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OBJET : Renflouement du Vapeur Français "SAN-JOSE".
P.J. : Lettre 32 utp Ministére Marine Italienne du 4/12/45.

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Comme suite à notre conversation du 19 Janvier 1946, j'ai l'honneur de vous demander l'intervention de l'A.C. pour obtenir que la Marine Italienne remette en état de naviguer, le navire frigorifique " SAN-JOSE " .

Ce bâtiment est coulé en rade d'Olbia et son renflouement ne semble pas devoir présenter de difficultés .

Les caractéristiques de ce navire construit en 1926 sont les suivantes .

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Longueur hors tout.....136 m40
Largeur " " ..... 17 m52
creux au pont principal..... 8 m98
Déplacement en pleine Charge.....12.730 tonnes
pour un tirant d'eau de..... 7 m80
Déplacement lège ..... 4.250 tonnes
pour un tirant d'eau de..... 3 m14
Port en lourd. ..... 8.480 tonnes

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Le navire possède des faux ponts frigorifiques. Les supérieurs étaient en bon état apparent lors d'une visite faite le 27/12/45, cependant que les inférieurs étaient à demi immergés .

En Juillet 1945 L'Impresa Pietro Cidonio et L'Impresa Rugiéro ont été consultés au sujet du renflouement, mais la question n'a pu être résolue.

Sur notre demande le Ministére de la Marine Italienne à établi le compte-rendu de visite qui est joint à cette présente lettre.

Je me permets d'insister sur la nécessité d'une solution rapide: le manque de navires frigorifiques etant trés préjudiciable à l'économie Française.

DESTINATAIRE :

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : French Representative, A.C.
Date: 4th December 1945
Ref: 32/utf

Subject: S.S. "SAINT-JOSEF", Olbia.

Reference is made to your verbal request of 30th November 1945.

It appears that the above ship has already been the object of enquiries by the appropriate Department of this Ministry.

The information held on today's date is the following :

The ship is sunk in the fairway 500 m. North of Bianca Island ("White I,").

It was salvaged by the German Navy, floated and prepared for towing, and later sunk by bombs in the..... from 8th to 9th September.

The damage suffered was as follows :

Starboard side : Opposite hold No.1. - 100 rivets wrenched out or loosened. Opposite the engine-and boiler- rooms an area of 4.5 x 6 metres has been holed by splinters, rivets being loosened and the plating being buckled-in 30 cms. for a length of 6.5 metres and a height of 1.5. metres.

Port side : Aft of hold No.1 various rivets have come out. Under hold No.2 splinter holes 70 cms. in diameter. Abreast of the engine- and boiler- rooms rivets have come out and several have been loosened in an area 4.5 x 3.0 metres. In the section aft of the engines there is a rent 1 x 2 metres and others 70 cms. x 90 cms. with rips of over 30 cm. in the plating. Under the intake filter of the circulatory system there is a hole 50 cms. x 50 cms.

Part below hold No.3 : A round hole 30 cm. with various torn and loosened rivets, together with numerous holes caused by splinters.

Hold No.4 : A hole of about 30 cms.
Screw and rudder normal.

"Lie" of the ship : Lying horizontally in a depth of 6.8 metres.
Length of the ship : 135 metres approx.
Breadth of beam : 18 metres.

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Materials required for salvage

All are to be found in Sardinia, with the exception of :

- Wooden planks - from 2 - 4 cms. = 8000 cubic metres
- 12 - 18 cm. rivets : 400 Kgs.
- Wooden joists 10 cms. x 10 cms. : 200 No.
- Used canvas, suitable for re-use: 60 sq. metres
- Used rope, suitable for re-use, or tow (oakum) for caulking : 200 Kgs.

THE SALVAGE OF THE SHIP PRESENTS NO DIFFICULTY.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

(Translator's note : a word is required to complete the sense of the Italian where indicated above by a broken line).

GGE/P.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA

GABINETTO

UFFICIO TRATTATI

Roma , li 4 Dic 1945 .

Al Rappresentante FRANCESE
.....
Nella Commissione Alleata .

R O MA

Protocollo / N° 32/utf

Argomento : P. fo " Saint-Josef " Olbia .-
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Riferimento alla richiesta verbale di V.S. del 30 Novembre U.S.

Risulta che il piroscafo in argomento é gia stato oggetto di accertamenti da parte delle'ufficio competente di questo Ministero.

Le notizie risultanti alla data odierna sono :

Il piroscafo é affondato in rada a circa 500m a Nord dell'Isola Bianca .

Fu ricuperato dalla Marina germanica, messo galleggiante ed approntato per il rimorchio e successivamente affondato con bombe nella dall'8 al 9 settembre.

I DANNI RIPORTATI SONO I SEGUENTI :

Lato dritto - In corrispondenza della stiva n° 1,100 chiodi stappati od allentati .In corrispondenza del locale macchine e caldaie una zona di m. 4,50 x6 bucata da scheggie con chiodi allentati e con rientrature della lamiera di cm. 30 per una lunghezza di metri 6, 50 e di altezza di metri 1,60 .

Lato sinistro - A poppavia stiva n° 1 diversi chiodi saltati. Sottostiva n°2 buchi di scheggie da cm. 70 di diametro. In corrispondenza del locale macchine e caldaie chiodi saltati e diversi allentati in una zona di m. 4,50 x3,00 . Nella parte poppiera della motrice uno squarcio di m.1x2 ed altri Squarci di cm.70 x 90 con strappi di lamiera in fuori di cm. 30. Sotto la pigna di aspirazione della circolazione un foro di cm. 50 x 50 .

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Parte inferiore stiva n°3 - Un foro tondo di circa 30cm. con diversi chiodi strappati ed allenti, inoltre vi sono numerosi fori prodotti da scheggie .

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Stiva Nº 4 .- um foro di circa 30 cm.

Elica e timone normali .

ASSETTO DEL PIROSCAFO .- Poggia orizzontalmente in un fondale di m. 6,80.

Lunghezza del piroscafo m; 135 circa - Larghezza m. 18.

MATERIALI OCCORENTI PER IL RICUPERO -

Sono tutti trovabili in Serdegna, ad eccezione di :

- legno in tavole di cm. 2 a cm. 4 mc. 8,000
- chiodi da cm. 12 a cm. 18 kg . 400
- travicelli di legno da cm. 10 x 10 n. 200
- tela usata reimpiegabile mq. 60
- cavo usato reimpiegabile o stoppa da calafati kg. 200

IL PIROSCAFO NON PRESENTA DIFFICOLTA' PER IL RICUPERO.-

d'ordine

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO

( C. di V. Marini )

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COMNOB PALERMO

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

RESTRICTED

1. NAVY SUB COMMISSION HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ARRANGEMENTS HAVING BEEN MADE FOR REMOVAL OF CARGO FROM RABELAIS.
2. FROM FACTS AVAILABLE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT HER CARGO IS CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL WHOSE DISPOSITION IS GOVERNED BY AFHQ DIRECTIVE AG 386.3 Q(AE)-O OF 2 OCTOBER 1945. CONSIDER THAT IT SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CUSTODY AND REPORTED TO AFHQ FOR DISPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS. YOUR 191618 REFERS.

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REF...FRENCH MERCHANT SHIP RUBELAIS.
DIST...O-4 13 24 25 NSC (4.) LOG.
T/P P/L TOD...1509 RCB 23/10

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION ALLIED COMMISSION COMNOB PALERMO

UNCLASSIFIED

FRENCH MERCHANT SHIP RAMIAS SEIZED AND OPERATED BY ITALIANS WAS BOMBED AND NOW IS PARTIALLY SUBMERGED. HAD ITALIAN CARGO ABOARD. ITALIAN MILITARY WISH TO REMOVE CARGO CLAIMING OWNERSHIP. HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMOVAL CARGO HAD BEEN APPROVED. UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY WILL NOT INTERPOSE TO PREVENT REMOVAL OF CARGO.

--------191618A OCTOBER-----

T/P P/L TOR 1925 FAG.D. 20/10

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Translation

ALLIED MISSION
IN ITALY

The French Representative

N. 2.698

Rome, 15 October 1946

Captain Moullec

French Representative to the Allied Commission

to

Admiral Stone

Chief Commissioner of the Allied Commission

SUBJECT : Raising of French ships sunk in Italian harbours

Various press telegrams have lately been published regarding a modification, to take place shortly, of the Armistice Agreement signed in September 1943 by General Eisenhower in the name of the United Nations and by Marshal Badoglio in the name of Italy.

Though I haven't received any official confirmation of such news, I deem it well to draw your attention on a matter to which the French Government gives importance and which it would be advisable to settle before a possible modification of the Armistice takes place

The matter in question is the salvaging of numerous French men of war and merchant ships seized by the Axis powers and which were found in the Italian harbours from 1943 till 1945.

Up to the end of hostilities, the A.F.H.Q. services proceeded to put back in operation such ships as could easily be salvaged, and, to facilitate the war effort, France willingly postponed examining the matter as a whole

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It seems that the time has come to settle this matter the importance of which is certainly obvious to the Allied Commission.

While few ships of the British and American Navy were seized by the Italians, the French Navy suffered great damages, In 1942 and 1943, about 500.000 tons of merchant ships were seized in French harbours and passed under Italian flag. A great many of these ships were found in the harbours of the peninsula. Some of them have already been put back in operation. Others might be after some repairs, and considering the present lack of shipping, the French Navy is particularly concerned about their being put back in operation.

Other ships must be considered as useless, but their raising which is necessary for the clearing of the harbours, should allow to salvage a negligible quantity of materials and metals of various kind.

Article 15 of the Armistice Agreement of September 13th, 1943 states that the putting back in operation of allied ships found in the harbours of the peninsula will take place at the expense of the Italian Government.

I intend to speak to the Executive Commissioner and the Directors of the Sub-Commissions concerned about the means to be employed to settle such a matter in accordance with the stipulations of the Armistice Convention.

Will you kindly give the necessary instructions so that this matter may be settled without delay, as it should be for all concerned.

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C O P Y

MISSION ALLIEE
EN ITALIE

Le Représentant Français

N° 2.698

Rom[illegible] le 15 Octobre 1945

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC

Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur l'Amiral STONE
Chief Commissioner de l'A.C.

O B J E T : Récupération des navires français coulés dans les ports italiens.

Divers télégrammes de presse ont été publiés récemment au sujet d'une modification prochaine de la Convention d'Armistice signée en Septembre 1943 par le Général Eisenhower agissant au nom des Nations Unies et par le Maréchal Badoglio au nom de l'Italie.

Bien que ne possédant aucune confirmation officielle de ces nouvelles, je crois utile d'attirer votre attention sur une question à laquelle le Gouvernement Français attache de l'importance et qu'il conviendrait de régler avant une éventuelle modification de Convention d'Armistice.

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Il s'agit de la récupération des nombreux navires
française de guerre et de commerce saisis par les Puis-
sance de l'Axe et qui ont été retrouvés dans les ports
italiens de 1943 à 1945.

Jusqu'à la fin des hostilités, les services de l'A.F.H.Q.
se sont préoccupés de remettre à flot les bâtiments qui
étaient aisément récupérables et, dans le but de faci-
liter l'effort de guerre, la France a ajourné volon-
tairement l'examen d'ensemble de la question.

Le moment semble venu de régler cette affaire dont l'im-
portance n'aura certainement pas échappé à la Commission
Alliée.

Alors que les marines américaine et britannique ont eu
peu de navires saisis par les Italiens, la Marine Fran-
çaise au contraire a subi de leur fait de graves domma-
ges. En 1942 et 1943, près de 500.000 Tonnes de navires
marchands ont été saisis dans les ports français et ont
passé sous pavillon italien. Un grand nombre de ces
bâtiments a été retrouvé dans les ports de la péninsule.
Quelques uns ont déjà été remis à flot. D'autres pour-
raient l'être après quelques travaux et, compte tenu du
manque actuel de tonnage, la Marine Française s'intéresse
particulièrement à leur remise en état.

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D'autres navires enfin doivent être considérés comme inutilisables mais leur relevage, nécessaire pour le déblaiement des ports, doit permettre la récupération d'une quantité non négligeable de matériel et de métaux divers.

L'article 15 de la Convention d'Armistice de Septembre 1943 prévoit que le renflouement de tous les bâtiments alliés retrouvés dans les ports de la péninsule sera effectué aux frais du Gouvernement italien.

Je compte entretenir l'Executive Commissioner et les Directeurs des Sous-Commissions intéressées des moyens à employer pour régler cette affaire conformément aux stipulations de la Convention d'Armistice.

Je vous demande de bien vouloir donner les instructions nécessaires pour qu'un tel réglement, désirable pour tous, puisse être réalisé sans retard.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1236
24 April 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Director of Harbor Craft, Western Mediterranean, Allied Force Headquarters.

Subject: French Tugs.

Reference: (a) Director of Harbor Craft, Western Mediterranean memorandum of 23 March 1945 to DMWTR, Rome.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/1958, dated 27 March 1945.

1. In accordance with the verbal request of the Shipping Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, the Navy Sub-Commission, in reference (b), requested the Ministry of Marine to supply any available information regarding the two French tugs "RAOUL VENTURE" and "MICHELE VENTURE", which were chartered to the Italian Government in April 1941. The request of the Shipping Sub-Commission, Allied Commission was made as a result of reference (a).

2. The Navy Sub-Commission now has received a reply to reference (b) from the Ministry of Marine, which is quoted herewith for information:

"The Tugs "RAOUL VENTURE" and "MICHELE VENTURE", chartered by the Italian Government, were handed over to Italian Authorities at Mentone on 6th April 1941 and the names were changed to "Costante" and "Valente", respectively.

In regard to same the only details available are as follows: -

Tug "Costante" (ex-"Raoul venture"): -

At 8th Sept.'43 she was at Pola. No further information to hand.

Tug "Valente" (ex-"Michele venture"): -

On 22nd April '43 at 1130 she was fired upon by an Allied Submarine off Cape Vaticano. Badly damaged and on fire she made for Barbarici Bonches and sank in 12 - 14 mts. two miles off shore, Brg.150° from Cape Vaticano Signal Station."

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

Copy to:
Shipping S/C, AC
DMWTR, Rome.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 21 Apr.'45
Ref.: SM.7803

Subject: French Tugs.

Ref. your NSC/1958 of 27th ulto.

The Tugs "RAOUL VENTURE" and "MICHELE VENTURE", chartered by the Italian Government, were handed over to Italian Authorities at Mentone on 5th April 1941 and the names were changed to "Costante" and "Valente", respectively.

In regard to same the only details available are as follows :-

Tug "Costante" (ex-"Raoul Venture") :-

At 8th Sept.'43 she was at Pola. No further information to hand.

Tug "Valente" (ex-"Michele Venture") :-

On 22nd April '43 at 1130 she was fired upon by an Allied Submarine off Cape Vaticano. Badly damaged and on fire she made for Barbarici Beaches and sank in 12 - 14 mts. two miles off shore, Brg.130° from Cape Vaticano Signal Station.

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Rep. OPERAZIONI Uff. Naviglio

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. Aus 7803 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Rimorchiatori francesi.-

Roma, 21 APR 1946 19 A

Al HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC

Riferimento lettera NSC/1958 del 27.3.1945 .=

I Rimorchiatori "RAOUL VENTURE" e "MICHELE VENTURE", noleggiati dal Governo Italiano, furono consegnati alle Autorità italiane il 5 Aprile 1941 a Mentone, ed assunsero rispettivamente i nomi di "Costante" e "Valente".

Su di essi, si hanno solo i seguenti elementi:

Rimorchiatore "COSTANTE" ex "Raoul Venture"; alla data dell'8 Settembre 1943 si trovava a Pola e non si sono avute ulteriori notizie sulla sorte dell'Unità.

Rimorchiatore "VALENTE" ex "Michele Venture"; il 22 Aprile 1943 alle ore 11,30 fu cannoneggiato da sommergibile alleato nei pressi di Capo Vaticano. L'Unità gravemente danneggiata e con incendio a bordo fu portata ad arenare nelle spiaggie di Barbarici ed affondò in metri 12 - 14, a due miglia dalla costa - rilevamento 130° dalla Stazione Segnali di Capo Vaticano.=

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IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

NSC/1958

27 March 1945.

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

Subject: French Tugs.

1. A request has been received from Allied Force Headquarters as to whether any information can be given regarding two French tugs "RAOUL VENTURE" and "MICHELE VENTURE" which were chartered to the Italian Government on April 1941.

2. It would be appreciated if the Ministry of Marine could locate these two crafts and inform the Navy Sub-Commission concerning their whereabouts and condition.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUBCOMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Dir. Harbor Craft West, Med AFHQ
[redacted] D.M.W.T.R., Rome.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Director of Harbor Craft,
Western Mediterranean.

23rd March 1945.

MEMORANDUM : D.M.W.T.R., Rome.

SUBJECT : French Tugs.

1. A request has been received from Transports Maritimes whether any information can be given as to the whereabouts of two tugs "RAOUL VENTURE" and "MICHEL VENTURE" which were chartered to the Italian Government on 1st April, 1941.

2. It would be appreciated if enquiries could be instituted with the Ministry of Marine to endeavour to trace these craft.

for Director of Harbor Craft.

25th March, 1945

DATE:
FROM: FOR ALL FORCES
TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. A.F.

FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

REAR ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9010/105/EC 9. December 1945.

SUBJECT: Data for French Government on Naval Matters.

TO : French Representative to the Allied Commission.

1. The French Representative to the Allied Commission was informed in my letter 9010/60/EC of 17 October 1945 that the subject data should be obtained from the Italian Ministry of Marine through diplomatic channels. In view of the comments contained in your letter 2702 of 23 October 1945, the proper procedure for obtaining such information has been reviewed. As the Allied Commission is the organ through which the policy of the United Nations toward the Italian Government is communicated and the relations of the United Nations with the Italian Government are handled, it has now been determined that the subject data should be obtained through the Allied Commission. Furthermore, requests are now being received from other governments for similar data which make it essential to co-ordinate all requests to the Italian Ministry of Marine. Will you therefore please cancel my letter 9010/60/EC of 17 October 1945 and withdraw your request direct to the Italian Ministry of Marine. The necessary data will then be obtained by the Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

2. With reference to the list of questions submitted in your letter of 6 September 1945, the Italian Ministry of Marine is being requested to furnish certain data in connection with questions 1 and 2, relating to the "Accords LAVAL-KAUFFMANN" and the "Accords of Nevers". The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Venezia Giulia will be requested to furnish information concerning question 7 with respect to the four tankers at Monfalcone Shipyards.

3. It will be difficult to obtain the additional data required by the list of questions on account of the general nature of the information desired. To assist in obtaining these data, it is requested that the French Representative to the Allied Commission furnish the following information with reference to the numbered questions:

(1) Furnish the Allied Commission with a copy of the document known as the "Accords LAVAL-KAUFFMANN" and a list of the names of the vessels included in the 634,685 tons of French shipping seized by the Axis Powers, of which 400,000 tons is alleged to have been transferred to Italian Flag.

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Ref: 9010/105/AC ecember 1945.

SUBJECT: Data for French Government on Naval Matters.

(2) Furnish the Allied Commission with a copy of the "Accords of Nevers", which acknowledged the requisitioning by Axis Powers in September 1942 of foreign shipping in French ports, together with a list of the vessels seized, indicating which vessels are known to have been transferred to Italian Flag and which vessels are alleged to have been transferred to Italian Flag.

(3) Furnish the Allied Commission with a list of French vessels which were freighted (chartered) by the Italian Government during the years 1942/1943.

With reference to the two tugs, "Raoul Venture" and "Michele Venture", the Italian Ministry of Marine has previously furnished the following information, which is quoted herewith:

"The Tugs "RAOUL VENTURE" and "MICHELE VENTURE", chartered by the Italian Government, were handed over to Italian Authorities at Mentone on 5th April 1941 and the names were changed to "Costante" and "Valente", respectively.

In regard to same the only details available are as follows:

Tug "Costante" (ex-"Raoul Venture"):-
At 8th Sept.'43 she was at Pola. No further information to hand.

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On 22nd April '43 at 1130 she was fired upon by an Allied Submarine off Cape Vaticano. Badly damaged and on fire she made for Barbarici Beaches and sank in 12 - 14 mtrs. two miles off shore, Brg.130° from Cape Vaticano Signal Station."

(4) & (5) Questions 4 and 5 relate to river barges, tugs, yachts, pleasure boats and floating material in French ports seized by the Axis Powers. It is stated that a list can be provided of these ships. Upon receipt of this information, an endeavor will be made to obtain information concerning these vessels.

(6) No reply can be given to the general request for information concerning French goods and cargoes by the Italian Government unless specific information can be furnished.

(7) No additional data required.

4. Prior to the Allied Commission requesting data from the Italian Ministry of Marine, confirmation would be appreciated that the request through diplomatic channels has been withdrawn. It is requested that future requests for similar data be forwarded direct to the Land Forces Sub-Commission, AC, Air Forces Sub-Commission, AC, or Navy Sub-Commission, AC, as may be appropriate.

M. S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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NSC/4194
8 December 1945

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

Subject: Data for French Government on Naval Matters.

1. With reference to Minute 109, it is recommended that the revised draft forwarded herewith be transmitted to the French Representative to the Allied Commission instead of the draft prepared by the Executive Commissioner's Office.

2. It is recommended that Executive Commissioner draft letters 9010/103/EC of December 1945 and 9010/104/EC of December 1945 be cancelled as it is considered that these matters in the future should be handled by the Navy Sub-Commission, AC. After confirmation has been received from the French Representative to the Allied Commission that the request for information direct to the Ministry of Marine has been withdrawn, the Navy Sub-Commission will forward identical letters to the Ministry of Marine and to the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Venezia Giulia.

3. No reference has been made in the draft letter 9010/105/EC of December 1945 to the French Representative to the Allied Commission letter No. 2.698 of 15 October 1945 relating to the salvage of French ships sunk in Italian harbours, which refers to the modification of the Armistice Terms and the responsibility for the payment of the cost of salvage of French vessels. It is considered a separate reply should be made to this letter.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4157
4 December 1945

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

Subject: Data Required by French Representative to the Allied Commission.

1. In connection with the conference held on Saturday, 1 December 1945, relating to the policy for obtaining data required by the French Representative to the Allied Commission from the Italian Ministry of Marine, it is requested that the final drafts of letters to the French Representative be submitted to the Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, AC before transmittal.

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

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H.Q. A.C.

Ref. 9010/96/EC

24 November 1945.

SUBJECT: Meeting.
TO : See below.

1. A meeting will be held in the Executive Commissioner's office on Tuesday 27 November 1945 at 1400 hrs, in order to discuss whether, in view of the establishment of diplomatic relations between France and Italy, the policies of the United Nations towards the Italian Government should still be handled through the Allied Commission. ACC Memorandum 74 para II of 2 November 1945 refers.
2. Will you please arrange for a representative to attend.
3. The Executive Commissioner will be in the chair.

Signed
Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner.

Distribution:- Political Adviser (A)
" " (B)
French Representative, A.C.
Economic Section.
N.S.C.
Liaison Officer to CC
for C.M. 25th

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4001
15 November 1945

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

Subject: French Representative to the Allied Commission - Policy for obtaining data required by.

1. Information would be appreciated as to the action taken on Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/3875 of 29 October 1945, in connection with the subject policy.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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NSC/3875
29 October 1945.

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

Subject: French Representative to the Allied Commission, Policy for obtaining data required by.

Reference:
(a) French Representative to Allied Commission ltr. 2702 of 23 October 1945.
(b) Liaison Division, AC, ltr. 945.1/EC(L) of 10 September 1945.
(c) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/3541 of 13 September 1945.
(d) Executive Commissioner, AC, ltr. 572/121/EC of 21 September 1945.
(e) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/3700 of 2 October 1945.
(f) Executive Commissioner, AC, ltr. 9010/60/EC of 17 October 1945.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission, AC, has not been furnished with copies of the French Representative to the Allied Commission memorandum number 2250 of 28 August 1945 and the Executive Commissioner, AC, letter 572/103/EC of 5 September 1945. A list of questions relating to French merchant shipping was forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, by reference (b). In reply the Navy Sub-Commission, in reference (c), stated that it is considered that the questions should be submitted direct to the Italian Government.

2. The Executive Commissioner, in reference (d), informed the Navy Sub-Commission as to prior negotiations in this matter and requested that the data be obtained. In reply the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, in reference (e), recommended that the French Delegation be informed that the necessary data should be obtained from the Italian Government through diplomatic channels. The Executive Commissioner in paragraph (3) of reference (f) informed the French Representative to the Allied Commission accordingly.

3. It is noted from reference (a) that the French Representative to the Allied Commission approached the Italian Ministry of Marine direct instead of through diplomatic channels in order to obtain data relative to French merchant vessels. Furthermore, the French Representative, as indicated in the enclosure to reference (a) dated 20 October 1945, has requested the Italian Ministry of Marine to furnish complete information concerning the organization of the Italian Navy and data on Italian naval vessels, including Allied authorizations [illegible]

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SECRET

NSC/3875
29 October 1945.

Subject: French Representative to the Allied Commission, Policy for obtaining data required by.

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for personnel and plans for demobilization. The furnishing of such data was not contemplated when it was recommended that the French Representative be informed that data should be obtained from the Italian Government through diplomatic channels.

4. With respect to paragraph (2) of reference (a), the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, did not establish the distinction between matters which took place before or after the Armistice with Italy in 1943. As to paragraph (4) of reference (a), it is not considered advisable for the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, to inform the Italian Ministry of Marine with respect to the manner in which relations between the French and Italian Governments should be conducted.

5. In view of paragraph II (3) of Allied Force Headquarters Administrative Memorandum number 74 of 2 November 1943 which states that the function of the Allied Commission is to be the organ through which the policies of the United Nations towards the Italian Government are conducted and the relations between the United Nations with the Italian Government are handled, it is recommended that a conference be held at an early date between representatives of the Allied Commission and British and American political advisers to determine whether this policy has been changed by the establishment of diplomatic relations between the French and Italian Governments, and to formulate a current policy for the Allied Commission in these matters.

6. It is recommended that the policy governing relations between the French Representatives to the Allied Commission and the Allied Commission when established be disseminated to all offices concerned to prevent comparison being made between action taken by different agencies on related subjects.

2 NOV 1945

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

Enclosure:
Copy French Representative
ltr. 2702 of 23 October 1945.

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Ref :

ROME, 6th September 1945

SUBJECT : Recovery of French materials in Italy

TO : The Executive Commissioner .

In reference with our memorandum of August the 28th and your note 572/103/EC of September the 5th, regarding the above subject, please find herewith the list of questions we would like to be answered .

Two enclosures as enclosed
addressed R.A. G. L. Warren.

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LIST OF QUESTIONS

I. As in November 1942, after France had been entirely occupied by enemy forces, the Axis Powers took possession of the entire amount of shipping found in French ports, i.e. 634.685 tons of French shipping. 400.000 tons have passed under Italian flag, as stated in the document we have been able to gather on the subject .

The list of that materiel jas been given in a document known as the "accords LAVAL-KAUFFMANN".

What arrangements have been made between the Germans and the Italians for the utilisation of these ships ?

What has become of the French ships taken in by the Italians, and used by them under their own flag ?

What measures have been taken in order to have them restituted to the French Government ?

2. In September 1942, the Axis Powers took possession of all the foreign shipping which existed in French ports at the time of)the "armistice" of 1940 . This requisition, made by force, has been aknowledged in a text known as the "Accords of Nevers".

What has become of the ships, among others, which were taken by the Italian Government, and used under their own flag ?

Who is to be made financially responsible for these ?

(Among these ships, for instance, comes the case of the Yougoslave Cargo "Serafino Topic", which has been taken by force by the Italian Authorities)

3. What has become of the French ships freighted by the Italian Government during the years 1941/1943 (such as the two tugs "Raoul Venture and Michel Venture"?)

4. The Axis Powers have taken by force a certain amount of river barges, tugs, etc.

What was the respective amount taken by the Italians ?

What has become of the ships ?

5. Same questions regarding the yachts, the pleasure boats and the floating material in French merchant ports .

We can provide a list of these ships, and would like to receive information as to their present whereabouts .

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6. Miscellaneous

Case of the Norwegian cargo "Vigor" . Italian requisition of mine sweepers. What has become of the French goods and cargoes taken by the Italians ?

7. On April the 3rd, 1940, before Italy entered the war, the French Government had passed an order with the Monfalcone shipyards, for the construction of four tankers of 15.000 tons each .

We would like to know whether execution of this order had already begun, and what happened to the cash provision issued by the French Government to the Monfalcone shipyards .

The above questions could be developed and completed in the course of the enquiry .

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PROGRAMME DES QUESTIONS POSEES

I. En Septembre 1942, après l'occupation totale de la France, les Puissances de l'Axe ont pris en charge tout le matériel flottant trouvé dans les ports français, soit 634.685 tonnes de navires français sur lesquels, d'après les renseignements incomplets que nous possédons, 1.400.000 tonnes de navires français environ auraient passé sous pavillon italien.

La liste de ce matériel a été dressée dans un texte connu sous le nom d'"Accords Laval-Kauffmann".

Quels sont les arrangements qui ont été faits entre Allemands et Italiens au sujet de l'utilisation de ces navires ?

Que sont devenus les batiments français passés sous pavillon italien?

Quelles sont les mesures prises pour leur restitution ?

2. En Septembre 1942, les Puissances de l'Axe ont pris en charge tous les navires étrangers qui se trouvaient en France au moment de l'armistice. Cette réquisition effectuée sous la contrainte, a fait l'objet d'un texte dit "Accords de Nevers".

Que sont devenus ceux de ces navires qui sont passés sous pavillon italien ? Fixation des responsabilités .

Cas du navire yougoslave "Seraphino Topic" dont la remise à l'Italie a été exigée sous la contrainte .

3. Que sont devenus les navires français affrétés par le Gouvernemon italien pendant la période 1941/1943 ?

Cas des deux reporqueurs "Raoul Venture" et "Michel Venture" .

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4. Les Gouvernements de l'Axe ont réquisitionné sous la contrainte u certain nombre de navires fluviaux tels que péniches, chalands, remorqueurs.

Quelle part l'Italie a prise dans cette réquisition ? Sort réservé à ces batiments .

5. Mêmes questions concernant les yachts, les embarcations de plaisance et également le matériel flottant des ports commerciaux .

Une liste des batiments en question pourra être fournie avec prière de nous renseigner sur leur sort .

6. Questions diverses . Cas du navire norvégien " Vigor ". Réquisition par les Italiens de navires de dragage . Sort des marchandises et cargaisons françaises saisies par les Italiens .

7. Le 3 Avril 1940, avant l'entrée en guerre de l'Italie, le Gouvernement français avait passé un marché avec les chantiers de Monfalcone pour la construction de 4 pétroliers de 15.000 tonnes .

Renseignements sur le début d'exécution du contrat et sur les provisions versées par le Gouvernement français .

L'énumération des questions ainsi posées n'est pas limitative et pourra être complétée dans le courant de l'enquête .

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From: Captain MOULLEC - French Representative, A.C.
To : Brigadier LUSH - Executive Commissioner, A.C.
Date: 23rd October 1945
Ref.: 2702

Subject: Recovery of French Naval Equipment in Italy.
(Refer to: My memo. No.2250 of 28th August.
Your letter 572/103/EC of 5th September,
and 9010/60/EC of 17th October 1945.).

1. I agree with the Navy Sub-Commission in considering that the enquiry concerning warships and merchant ships taken away from France should be made of the Italian Ministry of Marine who alone is able to furnish information upon the use of these vessels from the time of their capture to the end of hostilities. In this respect I have to inform you that I had the opportunity recently of entering into direct contact with the Italian Minister of Marine and that the latter appears intent upon facilitating our investigations and the restoration of our equipment.

2. On the other hand I regret that I do not share the Navy Sub-Commission's opinion whereby it would seem desirous of relieving itself of any onus in this enquiry, advancing in support of this the fact that the appropriations took place prior to the Armistice of September 1943.

3. I must observe that the policy of the Navy Sub-Commission in this matter would appear to be at variance with the policy adopted on previous occasions by other Sub-Commissions in affairs of allied interest.

To cite but one example, the Property Control Sub-Commission gave every attention to the care of the 8000 French properties, as well as of the 10000 American properties and the 6000 British properties in Italy, without concerning itself as to the dates upon which abusive measures were taken by the Italians.

4. I consider that, in order to give me every chance of success in making this enquiry of the Italian Navy, the Navy Sub-Commission should inform the Italian Minister of Marine that this enquiry after particulars and the recovery of equipment which will follow are effected in accordance with the intentions of the Allied Commission and with its authority.

It follows from this that I should keep the Navy Sub-Commission informed of the progress of my enquiry.

(Sgd) MOULLEC.

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COMMISSION ALLIÉE
EN ITALIE

LE REPRÉSENTANT FRANÇAIS

Rome, le 23 Octobre 1945

N° 2702

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MOULLEC
Représentant Français à la Commission Alliée

à

Monsieur le Brigadier LUSH
Exécutive Commissioner de l' A. C.

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OBJET : Récupération de matériel naval français en Italie.
REFERENCES: Mon mémorandum 2250 du 28 Aout,
Vos lettres 572/103/EC du 5 Septembre et
9010/60/EC du 17 Octobre 1945.

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1.- Je suis d'accord avec la Navy Sub-Commission pour estimer que l'enquête relative aux batiments de guerre et de commerce spoliés en France doit être faite auprès de la Marine italienne qui, seule, peut fournir des renseignements sur l'utilisation des navires entre le moment de leur prise et la fin des hostilités en Italie. Je signale à ce propos que j'ai eu l'occasion d'entrer en contact récemment avec le Ministre italien de la Marine et que celui-ci semble décidé à faciliter nos investigations aussi bien que la restitution de notre matériel.

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2.- Par contre, je regrette de ne pas partager l'avis de la Navy Sub-Commission lorsqu'elle semble vouloir se désintéresser de cette enquête en invoquant le fait que les spoliations sont antérieures à l'Armistice de Septembre 1943.

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3.- Je dois remarquer que la politique de la Navy Sub-Commission en cette affaire ne semble pas conforme à la politique adoptée précédemment par d'autres Sous-Commissions en matière d'intérets alliés.

Pour ne citer qu'un exemple, la Property Control Sub-Commission, sans se préoccuper de la dâte des mesures abusives prises par les Italiens, a apporté tous ses soins à la défense des 8. OOO propriétés françaises autant qu'à celle des 10. OOO propriétés américaines ou des 6. OOO propriétés britanniques qui se trouvent en Italie.

4.- J'estime donc que, pour me donner les meilleures chances de réussite dans l'enquète entreprise auprès de la Marine italienne, la Navy Sub-Commission devrait faire savoir au Ministre italien de la Marine que cette recherche de renseignements et la récupération du matériel qui suivra sont réalisées conformément aux intentions de la Commission Alliée et sous son autorité.

Il va de soi que je tiendrai au courant la Navy Sub-Commission des progrès de mon enquète.

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Rome, 20th October 1945.

## Particulars requested concerning the Italian Navy.

### I. Personnel Strength.

1. Personnel at present authorised - Officers
   - Ratings
   - Date and history of the Allied Authorisation
   - Does the Allied Authorisation provide for sub-division by categories? - by maritime regions? - by personnel ashore and afloat?.

2. Actual strength of the Italian Navy :
   - Officers
   - Ratings
   - Sub-division (by categories / by Maritime regions
   - Personnel (ashore / afloat (Heavy ships (in particular: "Bitter Lakes") / Light vessels / Submarines

3. Recruiting - Schools (Schools for Officers / Recruiting of crews - schools for specialised training.

4. Demobilisation - Measures provided for (Officer personnel / Ratings / Care of vessels.
   - Demobilisation arrangements, actually foreseen should its initiation be ordered.

5. Preparation of Peace Treaty with Italy :
   Plans concerning personnel (Officers / Ratings.

### II. Organisation of Naval Command.

1. The Ministry of Marine (Minister and Cabinet / Naval Staff / Principal Central Departments / Service for relations with Allies.

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2. Maritime Regions :
   - Geographical division of Maritime Regions.
   - Flag Officers and Superior officers in command of regions.
   - Standard Organisation of the Maritime Region :
     (Command
     (Staff
     (Services
     (Relations with the Allies.

3. Naval Forces :
   - Numbers and composition of Naval forces at present organised.
   - Flag and Superior Officers commanding Naval Forces.
   - Command organisation of large vessels stationed in the Bitter Lakes.

## III. Submarines.

1. Submarines at present in service (by types)
2. Geagraphical distribution and Submarine Bases.
3. Italian participation at training centres in America (Bermudas)
4. Schools for training of Submarine crews.

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Rome - le 20 octobre 1945

# Renseignements demandés sur la Marine Italienne

## I EFFECTIFS

1) Effectifs actuellement autorisés
- Officiers
- Personnel non officier
- Date et historique de l'autorisation Alliée
- L'autorisation Alliée prévoit elle une répartition par spécialités - par régions maritimes - par personnel à terre ou embarqué ?

2) Effectifs actuels de la Marine Italienne :
- Officiers
- Personnel non Officier
- Répartition { par spécialités / par régions maritimes
- Personnel { à terre / embarqué { grands bâtiments ("Lacs Amers" en particulier) / Bâtiments légers / Sous Marins

3) Recrutement - Ecoles { Ecoles d'Officiers / Recrutement des Equipages - Ecoles de Spécialité

4) Démobilisation - Mesures prévues { Personnel officier / Personnel non officier / Jardinnage des Bâtiments
- Mesures de démobilisation effectivement envisagées ou ayant reçu un commencement d'exécution.

5) Préparation du Traité de Paix avec l'Italie : 4320
Projets concernant les effectifs { officiers / non officiers

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## II ORGANISATION DU COMMANDEMENT NAVAL

1) Le Ministère de la Marine
   - Ministre et Cabinet
   - Etat Major General
   - Grands Services Centraux
   - Service des relations avec les Alliés

2) Les Régions Maritimes :
   - Repartition géographique des régions maritimes
   - Officiers generaux et superieurs commandant les régions
   - Organisation type de la Région Maritime
     - Commandement
     - Etat Major
     - Services
     - Relations avec les Alliés

3) Les Forces Navales :
   - Enumeration et composition des Forces Navales actuellement organisées
   - Officiers generaux et supérieurs commandant les Forces Navales
   - Régime des Grands Bâtiments stationnés aux "Lieux Amers"

## III SOUS-MARINS

1) Sous Marins actuellement en Service (par categories)
2) Répartition géographique et Bases Sous Marines
3) Participation Italienne aux Centres de TRAINING en Amérique (Bermudes)
4) Ecoles et Entrainement du personnel Sous Marinier

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COPY

Ref: 9010/60/EC

17 October 1945

SUBJECT : Recovery of French Material in Italy

TO : The French Representattive to Allied Commission

1. Further to memorandum of 28 August (N.2250) and our reply of 5 September (ref. 572/103/EC), the list of questions submitted by you was forwarded to the Navy Subcommission.

2. The Navy Subcommission advises that little orcnone of the information requested is now in their possession and that it could only be obtained through the Italian Ministry of Marine.

3. The most expeditious procedure, therefore, would be for the French Govrnment to communicate directly with the Italian Government through diplomatic channels.

4. We shall be pleased to help in any way possible, but it would seem that the matter is not one in which the Allied Commission can play a useful role, as the questions refer to action taken before the Italian Armistice.

For the Chief Commissioner:

M S. LUSH

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Copy to Polad (A) (enclosing 572/121/EC of 21 Sept & NSC/3700 of 2 Oct):
Polad (B) (idem):
Navy Subcommission.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3700
2 October 1945

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

Subject: Questions Submitted by the French Representative to the Allied Commission.

1. In reply to Executive Commissioner letter 572/121/EC of 21 September 1945, the questions submitted by the French Representative to the Allied Commission in connection with shipping are of a broad and general nature, obviously designed to discover information upon which a demand for reparations may be based, as well as a desire to effect the return of French shipping to France. Little or none of the information requested is readily available to the Navy Sub-Commission, AC and can only be obtained either by exhaustive research or through the Italian Ministry of Marine. The work involved will ultimately have to be accomplished by a reparations committee.

2. For the reasons stated above, it is not considered advisable for the Navy Sub-Commission, AC to undertake the responsibility for obtaining the information requested, as it is not a function of the Allied Commission to act as an arbitrator between the French and Italian Governments.

3. It is recommended that the French Delegation be informed that the necessary data should be obtained from the Italian Government through diplomatic channels.

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

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2 OCT 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 572/122/EC

1 October 1945

SUBJECT: Questions submitted by French Representative to AC

TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. May reply to our 572/121/EC of 21 Sept. be expedited please.

2. The questions were submitted by the French Representative early in September and originally sent to you with our 945.1/EC(L) of 10 September to which your NSC/3541 of 12 Sept replied. It is desirable that a reply be sent to the French Representative at an early date.

E. on. Wute, Capt

for Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/365/N
27 September 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Liaison Division, Hq. Allied Commission.
Via: Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission.

Subject: Questions submitted by the French Representative to the Allied Commission.

References: (a) Exec.Commissioner,AC ltr 72/111/AC of 21 Sept.1945.

1. In reply to reference (a), based on the information which is presently available to the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, it is impracticable to answer the list of questions submitted by the French Representative to the Allied Commission in their present form, particularly on account of the scope and general nature of the information required. The Italian Military and Marine is being requested to furnish certain data in connection with questions 1 and 2 submitted by the French representative. The Regional Commissioner, Venezia Giulia Region is being requested to furnish information concerning question 7.

2. It is desired that additional data be obtained from the French Representative, with reference to the numbered questions submitted, as indicated below:

(1) Furnish the Allied Commission with a copy of the document known as the "Accords [illegible]" and a list of the names of the vessels included in the 624,685 tons of French shipping seized by the Axis Powers, of which 400,000 tons is alleged to have been transferred to Italian Flag.

(2) Furnish the Allied Commission with a copy of the "Accords of Severs", which acknowledged the requisitioning by Axis Powers in September 1942 of foreign shipping in French ports, together with a list of the vessels seized, indicating which vessels are known to have been transferred to Italian Flag and which vessels are alleged to have been transferred to Italian Flag.

(3) Furnish the Allied Commission with a list of French vessels which were freighted (chartered) by the Italian Government during the years 1941/1943.

With reference to the two tugs, "Raoul Venture" and "Michele Venture", the Italian Ministry of Marine has previously furnished the following information, which is quoted herewith:

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MEC/34.
27 September 1945

Subject: Questions submitted by the French Representative to the Allied Commission.

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"The Tugs "PAOLI VENTURE" and "MICHELE VENTURE", chartered by the Italian Government, were handed over to Italian Authorities at Mantone on 5th April 1941 and the names were changed to "Contente" and "Valente", respectively.

In regard to same the only details available are as follows:

The "Contente" (ex-"Paoli Venture"):-
At 8th Sept.'43 she was at Fola. No further information to hand.

The "Valente" (ex-"Michele Venture"):-
On 22nd April '43 at 1230 she was fired upon by an Allied Submarine off Cape Testonne. Badly damaged and on fire she made for Embriaci Beaches and sank in 12 - 14 fms. two miles off shore, bearing 130° from Cape Testonne Signal Station."

(4) & (5) Questions 4 and 5 relate to river barges, tugs, yachts, pleasure boats and floating material in French ports seized by the Axis Powers. It is stated that a list can be provided of these ships. Upon receipt of this information, an endeavor will be made to obtain information concerning these vessels.

(6) No reply can be given to the general request for information concerning French goods and cargoes by the Italian Government unless specific information can be furnished.

(7) Inquiries are being made to determine the status of four 15,000-ton tankers which the French Government entered into contract for the construction of by the Ansaldo Shipyards on 3 April 1940 and the disposition of the funds which were advanced by the French Government.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner, AC.

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Ref: 572/121/EC

21 September 1945

SUBJECT: Questions Submitted by the French Representative to A.C.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. Reference is made to your letter 13 September NSC/3541 regarding the above subject.

2. Your comments have been noted and particularly your statement that the French Representative on A.C. should be requested to submit the questions direct to the Representatives of the Italian Government.

3. Originally, the French Representative on A.C. requested a meeting in the Allied Commission at which time these questions could be presented but Polads have advised against such a meeting and suggested that the questions be communicated in writing and submitted to the appropriate sub-commission, to be answered as fully as possible.

4. In view of the foregoing, the French Representative on A.C. was requested to submit these questions and was told answers would be provided. Inasmuch as some of these questions can be answered only by the Allied Commission, it would, therefore, be appreciated if you would provide the answers in accordance with our original request of 10 September.

5. Enclosed are the questions submitted by French Representative on A.C.

E. M. White, Capt
For Chief Staff Officer
to Executive Commissioner

1 Encl: List of questions

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

FIRST ENDORSEMENT to:
Liaison Division, AC, ltr.
945.1/EC(L) of 10 Sept.'45.

NSC/3541
13 September 1945.

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

Subject: Questions submitted by the French Representative to the Allied Commission.

1. Forwarded.

2. As it is the understanding of the Navy Sub-Commission that direct relations have been established between Representatives of the French and Italian Governments, it is considered that the French Representative to the Allied Commission should be requested to submit the questions direct to Representatives of the Italian Government.

3. If the Executive Commissioner concurs to paragraph (2) above, it is requested that all papers be returned to the Liaison Division in order that the French Representative to the Allied Commission may be informed accordingly.

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

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3824
23 October 1945.

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

Subject: Salvage of French Ships sunk in Italian Harbors.

1. In answer to the Executive Commissioner's letter 9010/EC of 18 October 1945, which forwarded a communication from the French Representative to the Allied Commission, the Navy Sub-Commission has no knowledge of any official Allied intentions to modify the Italian Armistice Agreement and while there has been a relaxation of the degree of Allied enforcement of its terms, as indicated in the Executive Commissioner's memorandum 2603/EC of 14 October, it is the understanding of the Navy Sub-Commission that only publication and not modification is contemplated.

2. Paragraph (1) of FAN 437 confirms this view.

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

Copy to:
POLAD (B).
POLAD (A).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 9010/30

18 October 1945

SUBJECT: Salvage of French Ships Sunk in Italian Harbours

TO : Polad (A)
Polad (B)
Navy S/O

1. Attached please find copy of letter from the French representative to Allied Commission on the above subject.

2. The Executive Commissioner would be glad if he could have your views on this matter as soon as possible please.

B. Lampson

Br Chief Staff Officer
To Executive Commissioner

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Translation

Allied Commission to Italy
The French Representative
n. 2.693

Rome, 15 October 1945

Captain MOUREZ
French Representative to the Allied Commission
To
Admiral STONE
Chief Commissioner of the AC

SUBJECT: Salvage of French Ships Sunk in Italian Harbours

Various press telegrams have lately been published, mentioning that the Armistice agreement signed in September 1943 by General Eisenhower for the United Nations and Marshal Badoglio for Italy was shortly to be modified.

Though I received no official confirmation about such news, I deem it advisable to draw your attention on a matter which the French Government considers to be important, and which should be settled before a possible modification of the Armistice Agreement.

The matter in question is the salvaging of numerous French men of war and ships seized by the Axis Powers and found in Italian harbours from 1943 to 1945.

Before hostilities came to an end, the AFHQ services concerned themselves with raising to the surface such ships as could easily be salvaged, and to facilitate the war effort, France purposely postponed examining this matter as a whole.

It seems now that the time has come to settle this matter, the importance of which is certainly realized by the Allied Commission.

While the American and British Navy had few ships seized by the Italians, the French Navy, on the contrary, suffered serious damages because of them. In 1942 and 1943, 500.000 tons shipping were seized in French harbours and passed under Italian flag.

Many of these ships were found in the harbours of the peninsula. Some of them have already been raised. Others could be raised with a little work, and considering the present shipping shortage, the French Navy is particularly interested in their rehabilitation. Some ships must be considered as useless, but their raising, which is necessary to clear the harbours, should bring about the salvage of an important amount of material and metals.

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Article 15 of the Armistice Agreement of September 1943 states that the raising of all Allied ships found in the harbours of the peninsula is to take place at the expense of the Italian Government.

It intend to speak to the Executive Commissioner and to the Directors of the Sub-Commissions concerned about the means to be used to settle this matter in accordance with the clauses of the Armistice Agreement.

Will you very kindly issue the necessary orders, so that such a settlement, greatly to be wished for all parties concerned, may take place without delay.

S. Poulisc

trans. s/c

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MEMORANDUM

Ref: 2608/EC

14th October, 1945

PUBLICATION LONG ARMISTICE TERMS

The last official demand we have received from the Italian Government for publication of Long Armistice Terms was in August 1944 from Bonomi.

2. AFHQ, in their letter of 3 November 1944, directed delaying action and added that when publication is made responsibility for initiative in the matter should lie with the Italian Government.

3. The present Government accepted the "Armistice and surrender instrument" but requested successfully that the title be changed to "Armistice and Additional Conditions of Armistice."

4. There have been demands made in the various political newspapers and the Prime Minister in his latest speech did not demand publication but rather enumerated the various limitations imposed on Italy by the Armistice.

There has, however, been no official request since 1944 from the Italians.

5. Unless the Allied Governments wish to publish the terms by way of reply to Parri's speech it is suggested that before publishing them at the initiative of the Allies it would be wise to consult the Italian Government as to their real wishes, pointing out to them that many of the clauses are now inoperative since hostilities have ceased and many have been modified in practice either as a result of directives from Allied Governments or because it was unnecessary to invoke the full force of the clauses.

6. If it is decided by the Italian and the Allied Governments that publication is desirable then we should insert a simultaneous publication of Mr. Macmillan's aide memoire of 24 February 45 (FAN 467) and a summary of FAN 583, 640 and other modifying directives. There should also be published an agreed commentary on the progressive modification of existing procedure adopted in implementation of the terms.

7. Unless this is done the publication will give an entirely distorted view of the effect of these terms, some of which have never been implemented and many of which have been implemented only partially.

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8. We should also consider, subject to assent of C in C Mediterranean the publication of the Cunningham de Courtens agreement. Allied Commission sees no objection to publication on the same lines as in para 6 above.

9. Detailed comments on the clauses of the document are attached. F 4308

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PROPOSAL FOR PUBLICATION OF LONG ARMISTICE TERMS.

| Clause No. | Remarks. |
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| 1 - 5 | Obsolete. Superseded by events. |
| 6 | At the time of the German surrender the Army numbered 313,000 plus 65,000 CC.RR. This figure included troops serving with the Allies. It is anticipated that the interim Army will number about 140,000 plus 65,000 CC.RR, when the demobilization of the older classes is completed. The present strength of the CC.RR, 65,000, was requested by the first Prime Minister and later by Bonomi and is believed to be the Metropolitan pre-war strength. The maximum ceiling for the Italian Air Force prior to and since the cessation of hostilities has been fixed at 31,000. The established maximum strength of the Italian Royal Navy has never been formally laid down, but it was agreed, soon after the armistice, that victuals would not be provided for more than 75,000 officers and men. The present strength is about 64,000. In effect no demobilization took place but on the contrary recruitment up to the strengths above was effected. |
| 7 | Stands. |
| 8 | Has been modified in favour of the Italian Air Force, as it was intended to ground all aircraft at the end of hostilities. Restriction of flying has been based on scarcity of aircraft and POL. Not only were the Italian Air Force not completely grounded but they were permitted to use all available aircraft. In addition Allied aircraft was made available to them. Italian civil aviation is not permitted, but consideration is being given to the re-establishment of civil aviation. |
| 9 | This has been considerably relaxed. |
| 10 | The Italian Ministry of Marine continue to provide such information as is demanded and personnel and material are disposed where necessary at the direction of the Flag Officer, Italy and Liaison, and the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission. The same is being done with Land Forces and Air Forces. It is entirely in the interests of the Italian Government that they continue to do so. |

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11 The requirements of this clause have been complied with by the Italian Ministry of Marine although it has been impossible to provide complete detail of the war materials formerly at its disposal. More recently authority has been given for the return of all Italian navy materials and equipment to the Italian Royal Navy subject to any specific requirements of the Allies. Information has been provided by the Italian Government in its own interests.



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12 Largely carried out.

13 Stands. No comment.

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17 Stands.

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18 The second sentence of this paragraph has never been invoked, except in two frontier areas.

19 This article stands without modification, as it is one of the bases for Allied payments policy in Italy. All local goods and services procured by the Allied Forces in Italy are paid for by the Italian Government, either directly or by the Allied Forces in Allied military lire which is charged to the Italian Government as an occupation cost. Care has been taken to conserve wherever possible Italian resources for the use of the civil economy, and to utilise local goods and services only when military necessity demanded. The Allied Forces Local Resources Board* was established as an allocation agency, before which the military agencies stated their needs and the Allied Commission appeared as a claimant for Italian civil needs. In other words, while the legal rights of the Allied Forces under Article 19 have not been modified, in practice it has been administered with as much regard as possible for Italian needs. With the redeployment of Allied Troops from Italy, the utilisation of local resources and facilities is diminishing rapidly.

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21A Stands.



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21B This article still stands, particularly the first part which deals with the availability of free transit for Allied Nations war materials and supplies. Although the latter part must still stand, with the departure of a large number of troops from Italy, and the handover of the greater part of Italy to the Italian Government, for some time past the powers conferred in this have rarely been exercised. It has been the function of ALRB to effect the progressive handing back of plant and stocks as much as possible.

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26B In effect obsolete.

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27 Obsolete

28A Obsolete

28B Stands

28C Stands

28D Stands

29 Stands

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33B Stands. The part relating to the furnishing of information stands. The part that deals with the disposal of foreign assets has been modified by FAN+ 383, in that prior approval of the Allied Commission for such disposal is no longer necessary.

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34 Stands. No comments.

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36 Stands, but modified by Macmillan aide memoire of 24 February 1945.

37 Control has been dropped in Italian Government territory. See Macmillan aide memoire.

38 No comments.

39 No comments.

40 No comments.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4235
14 December 1945

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

Subject: French Shipping - Status of.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission, AC is informed that in November 1942 after France had been occupied by enemy forces, the Axis Powers took possession of all French shipping found in French ports, totaling 634,685 tons. It is reported that 400,000 tons of this shipping was transferred to Italian Flag. A list of the vessels seized is stated to have been recorded in a document known as "Accords LAVAL-KAUFFMANN". It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission, AC be furnished with all information which is available concerning the transfer of French shipping to Italian Flag as reported above and with a copy of the "Accords LAVAL-KAUFFMANN", if available.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission, AC is further informed that in September 1942 the Axis Powers took possession of all foreign shipping in French ports. This requisitioning of foreign shipping is stated to have been acknowledged in a text known as the "Accords of Nevers". Information is requested whether the Ministry of Marine has any knowledge of the "Accords of Nevers", and if so, were any foreign vessels requisitioned under the Accords transferred to Italian Flag. In the event the Ministry of Marine has knowledge of the "Accords of Nevers", it is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission, AC be furnished with a copy of the text and a list of the foreign vessels, if any, which were transferred to Italian Flag, together with information concerning their present status.

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NSC/4876
9 April 1946

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : French Marine Mission, Italy.

Subject: Removal of French Ships in Palermo Harbor.

Reference: (a) French Military Mission, Italy, letter No. 361 Dr. I bis CVB/TD of 4 December 1945.

1. The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Station has brought the difficulties encountered in the raising of French ships sunk in Palermo Harbor, outlined in Reference (a), to the attention of the Admiralty.

2. Their Lordships state that in the view of the British Government, claims for the cost of salvage and repair of liberated ships found stranded or sunk in Italian waters are justified in point of form under Article 15 of the Armistice Terms. However, since the conclusion of the Armistice a distinction has been drawn between current occupation expenses, which can be properly charged to the Italian Government under the Armistice, and restitution, which is considered to be a matter for settlement by the Peace Treaty. The cost of salvage and repair of liberated ships falls into the category of restitution.

3. The French Government have been advised to obtain Lire from the Italian Government to meet expenses in Italy, such as the cost of salvage, by the establishment of a blocked Franc account. It must be emphasized that the final disposal of this account is not considered to come under the terms of the Armistice, but is a matter left to be determined under the Peace Treaty.

4. The French Government have been fully informed of these views through the usual diplomatic channels.

5. It is the responsibility of French Government to make all the necessary arrangements for the salvage of French ships.

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C. IN C. MED.

MALTA, December 23. 1945. No. 95 E.M. - 1.

TO: C. IN C. MED. (2)

FROM : F.N.L.O.

SUBJECT: Salvage of French Merchant Ships in PALERMO Harbour.

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1. I am requested to forward the attached letter from Capitaine de Vaisseau GONIS on the salvage of French Merchant Ships in PALERMO harbour, including ARIZONA and RABELAIS, mentioned in your Med.45/220/2/19 of the 11th of November 1945.

2. From the explainations given in the attached letter, I gather that the Italian Government is bound, under the stipulations of the Capitulation Convention, to raise and repair such ships before turning them over to their lawful owners, without any claim for payment of the expenses involved, and should therefore carry on with the salvage work which has been unduly stopped.

3. Your views on this question are respectfully requested.

Le Capitaine de Vaisseau M.ADAM
Officier de Liaison pres du C. IN C. MED.

(Signed) M.ADAM.

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FRENCH MARINE MISSION
IN ITALY

ROME, December 4, 1945.

No 361
Dr I bis
CVB/TD

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for the Office of the Commander-in-Chief
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Ref: Your note Med.45/220/2/19 dated November 11, 1945.

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In order to carry out, as far as possible, these works, the French Governmentrequested through the French Representative to A.C., to Allied Financial Agency the necessary Am-lire to finance, without further delay, refloating operations. The question was submitted to the C.C.S. but this latter did not yet let us know his opinion. The French Government, having not received any affirmative answer, insists that the expenses for refloating and overhauling the French ships be made by the Italian Government.

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It is pointed out, especially for the "ARIZONA" and the "RABELAIS" and for other ships sunk in Palermo Harbour, that the French Government would accept very willingly works suspended in July 1944, be continued by Marcellino & Ferrara, on behalf of the Italian Royal Navy, in conformity with obligations formerly taken. It is understood that after refloating and overhauling, these ships will be restored to France.

I am sure the Allied Authorities would kindly support the French viewpoint in talks with the Italian Authorities, since this viewpoint is absolutely conformable to the Capitulation Convention imposed to Italy by Allied Authorities on behalf of the United Nations.

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