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Petty Officer Alfredo POSTICIONE.

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Italian Naval Officers in Far East.

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Lt. R.R.P. SPENCE, (MC) (92060) - British Army.

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K/V Donizzetti - Missing IRN Personnel.

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Napolitano Domenico No. 27485

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Inquiry re d'Achille Paolo.

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Adjustment of civil Records concerning Italian Seamen embarked on British SS EMPIRE
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Seamen Gailini Rodolfo.

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Request for Information Regarding Fortunato P.

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Seaman SCIOCHITANO Ggazio.

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Seaman GENTILE Vincenzo.

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Request for Information Regarding Fortunato D.

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Seaman GENTILE Vincenzo.

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Survivors of Submarine CRENS Boat during the War.

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Survivors S/M ARGENTO.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3376
27 August 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Survivors S/M "ARGENTO".

1. With reference to your letter B.7367 dated 22nd June 1945, enclosed for your information is a copy of list received from the Prisoners of War Information Bureau, Washington.

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



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War Materials Disposal and Italian
Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

IPW/1/3/997B

20 August 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Submarine "ARGENTO"TO : Navy Sub Commission, A.C.

Reference your NSC/1979 dated 9 April 45 and
this office letter IPW/1/3/622B dated 15 May 45.

1. The attached is in answer thereto.

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Jr
J.A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2839
5 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Subject: Survivors of Italian Submarine "ARGENTO".
Enclosure: (A) Italian Ministry of Marine List of Survivors
of the Royal Italian Submarine "ARGENTO".
1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information
and record.
2. The Italian Submarine "ARGENTO" was sunk in the Western
Mediterranean on 3 August 1943.

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



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2767
28 June 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of War
Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Survivors of Italian Submarine "ARGENTO".

1. With reference to your letter IPW/1/3/622B dated 15th May 1945, enclosed is a crew list as compiled by the Ministry of Marine from information received from a survivor who has been repatriated.

H. ST. JOHN BUTLER,
By Direction,
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.



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ASF, Office of the Commanding General, Washington 25, D.C., 26 July 1945

TO: Director, NM & IFW Sub-Com., HQ AC APO 394, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

A search of the records of this office discloses the following information:

NAME	ISN	LOCATION
MASINA, Leo		Prisoner of War Camp Hereford, Texas
CREMONINI, Luciano	81-I-46854	European Theater of Operations
AVOGADRO, DI VALDENGO, Carlo	81-I-51312	European Theater of Operations
BRIZZI ALBERTIELLI, Pierluigi	81-I-47027	Repatriated
INTERDONATO, Ettore	81-I-51315	Repatriated
MERCOGLIANO, Aldo	81-I-34627	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
GUIDETTI, Umberto	81-I-34691	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
GARELLA, Pasquale		No Record
TOTARO, Stefano	81-I-34786	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
BURINA, Danilo	81-I-47746	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
MAGGI, Omero		No Record
AGO, Armando	81-I-47745	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
CONTARATO, Oscar		No Record
ROSSI, Amleto		European Theater of Operations
NAPOLITANO, Beniamino	81-I-3669	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
PURI, Mario	81-I-352396	European Theater of Operations
BOISARD, Enrico		No Record
DI MARZIO, Giuseppe	81-I-6498	Repatriated
SCRIPTONE, Fulvio	81-I-4846	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
CAVALLARO, Alfio	81-I-1173	European Theater of Operations
SPINGSI, Delfino	81-I-300056	European Theater of Operations
CAROLI, Giuseppe	81-I-1069	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
PES, Palmone	AWI-18801	133rd OM Service Company, Fort Ord, California
ALBERICI, Giuseppe	81-I-100	European Theater of Operations
TUMIATTI, Emilio	81-I-300382	European Theater of Operations
DI PIETRO, Umberto	81-I-1938	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
ORSETTI, Alfredo	81-I-3778	European Theater of Operations
ARASCO, Mario		No Record
CASTELLUCCI, Elio		No Record
MAFFEZZOLI, Antonio	81-I-3050	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
BOCCHI, Adelmo	81-I-597	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
TORRONE, Filippo	81-I-300298	European Theater of Operations
MAURO, Pietro	81-I-3245	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
BONFANTI, Paolo	81-I-625	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
BEDIN, Angelo	81-I-412	Repatriated
CIOCOLONI, Angelo	81-I-1330	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
TESSIER, Pasquale	81-I-300214	European Theater of Operations

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>ISN</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
CUREDDU, Mario	81-I-1634	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
MARCELO, Angelo	81-I-3176	European Theater of Operations
CORNACCHIA, Possilio	81-I-47784	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
DI CESARE, Guido	81-I-1867	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
REGGI, Line	81-I-4414	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
CAPOPARDO, Cateno		No Record
LO MUSCIO, Ruggere		Deceased
BULCHI, Gastone		No Record
SANLARI, Michele		No Record
ORSI, Savatire		No Record
CATURANO, Gennaro	81-I-166	Mediterranean Theater of Operations
TELEGRAFO, Giuseppe	81-I-300189	Mediterranean Theater of Operations

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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H.N. KIRKMAN
Lt Colonel, CE
Director, Enemy Prisoner of War
Information Bureau
Provost Marshal General's Office

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° B. 7367 Allegato V

ARGOMENTO: Superstiti del Som. Italiano
"ARGENTO".

Con riferimento al vostro NSC/2468 in data 23 maggio 1945 si trasmette in allegato un elenco completo di tutto l'equipaggio imbarcato sul R. Smg. "ARGENTO", all'atto della partenza per l'ultima missione di guerra, corredato di tutti gli elementi richiesti.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO (per)

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Encl. (n)

ELenco DEL PERSONALE DEL R. SMG. "ARGENTO", COMPILATO IN BASE ALLE NOTIZIE
L'ASPIRANTE G. MARINA INTERDONATO ETTORE, INDICANTE A FIANCO DI CIASCUNO LA

Grado e n. di matricola	COGNOME e Nome	Luogo di nascita	Sorte
Ten. Vasc;	MASINA Leo	Nato a S. Giorgio di Piano (Bologna) 7.6.1918	Prigioniero in Am pany 4 Compomud-4 E. Meade-Box 20 G.
S. Ten. di Vasc.	CREMONINI Luciano	nato a S. Alberodo di Adice 10/2/1919	Prigioniero - Bat Francia n. 7043.
Cap. G.N.	AVOGADRO DI VALDENGO Carlo	nato a Milano il 12/9/1920	Prigioniero - Bat Francia n. 7043.
Asp. G. Marina	BRIZZI ALBERTELLI Pier Luigi	nato a La Spezia 22/10/21	Rimpatriato - Attu Platino.
Asp. G. Marina	INTERDONATO Ettore	nato a Reggio Calabria il 18/4/1918	Rimpatriato - Attu
Asp. S.T. G.N.	MERCOGLIANO Aldo	nato a Napoli il 15/1/1920	Prigioniero in Alg
Capo Sil; 1 ^a cl. n. 939	GUIDETTI Umberto	nato a Monterosso (Spezia) il 18/5/1906	Prigioniero - Batt in Italia.
Capo Elett. 2 ^a cl. 5680 Spe	CARELLA Pasquale	nato a Sassari il 16/4/1907	Prigioniero in Alg
Capo M.N. 2 ^a 10399 Spe	TOTARO Stefano	nato a Putigliano (Bari) il 23/12/1910	Prigioniero - Batt a Livorno Comp. n. 1
2 ^o Capo R.T. Rich. 28221 Spe	SURINA Danilo	nato a Trieste il 18/9/910	Rimpatriato - era a
2 ^o Capo M.N.	MAGGI Omero	nato a Trieste 1/8/1910	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavorat

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 ALE DEL R. SMG. "ARGENTO", COMPILATO IN BASE ALLE NOTIZIE FORNITE DAL-
 UNA INTERDONATO ETTORE, INDICANTE A FIANCO DI CIASCUNO LA SORTE TOCCATA

Nome	Luogo di nascita	Sorte toccata
Leo	Nato a S. Giorgio di Piano (Bologna) 7.6.1918	Prigioniero in America 81-1-46554 Com- pany 4 Compomad-4-Pow campo Fort Geage E. Meade-Box 20 G.P.O. New York N.Y.
Luciano	nato a S. Alberodo di Adice 10/2/1919	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n. 7043.
VALDENGO	nato a Milano il 12/9/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n. 7043.
RTELLI	nato a La Spezia 22/10/21	Rimpatriato - Attualmente sul R. Smg. Platino.
Ettore	nato a Reggio Calabria il 18/4/1918	Rimpatriato - Attualmente a Mariscuola
Aldo	nato a Napoli il 15/1/1920	Prigioniero in Algeria-Campo n. 131.
Umberto	nato a Monterosso (Spezia) il 18/5/1906	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Italia.
Pasquale	nato a Sassari il 16/4/1907	Prigioniero in Algeria.
Stefano	nato a Putigliano (Bari) il 23/12/1910	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori a Livorno Comp. n. 150.
Daniilo	nato a Trieste il 18/9/910	Rimpatriato - era a Livorno.
Omero	nato a Trieste 1/8/1910	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia

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2°Capo M.N. spe 20741	A G G	Armando	nato a Taranto 22/6/1914	Prigioniero - Battu in Italia.
M.N. 56926	CONTARATO	Oscar	nato a Spresciano (Trevise) il 14/8/1922	Deceduto (mancante il salvataggio).
Silurista 99290	ROSSI	Amleto	nato a Lido di Venezia il 6/10/1922	Prigioniero - Battu in Francia n.7043.
Nocch. 136708	NAPOLITANO	Beniamino	nato a Capo Bonifati (Co- senza) il 28/3/1923	Prigioniero - Compa Livorno - Campo n.
N. ch. 42073	PURI	Mario	nato a Bolzena (Viterbo) il 24/1/1921	Prigioniero-non con zione
M.N. 74701	BOLSANI	Enrico	nato a Milano il 30/7/1919	Prigioniero - non c nazione.
Segn. 61923	DI MARZIO	Giuseppe	nato a Castelafiume (Aquila) il 27/12/1921	Prigioniero - pare per malattia.
M.N. 60661	SCIPIONE	Fulvio	nato a Castellone (Pescara) il 11/4/1923	Prigioniero - non c zione.
Cann. P.S. 36097	CAVALLARO	Alfio	nato a Catania il 5/11/1921	Prigioniero - Battu in Francia n.7043.
S.C. M.N. 3696	SPINOSI	Delfino	nato a Colonella (Teramo) il 17/10/1920	Prigioniero - Battu in Francia n.7043.
M.N. 660337	CAROLI	Giuseppe	nato a Latiano (Brindisi) il 2/1/1921	Prigioniero - Battu a Livorno n.7033, C
Silur. 68005	P E S	Raimondo	nato a Cagliari il 21/8/1922	Prigioniero - non c zione.
2°Capo Elettr. 40093	ALBERICI	Giuseppe	nato a Filattiera (Apuania) il 4/11/1918	Prigioniero - non c zione.
Serg. Sil. 40376	TUMIATTI	Emilio	nato a Rosignano Marittimo (Livorno) il 25/2/1920	Prigioniero - Battu in Francia n.7043.
S.C. Fur. 56095	CIOCCOLONI	Angelo	nato a Roma il 26/5/1921	Prigioniero - Battu in Francia.

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A G G	Armando	nato a Taranto 22/6/1914	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Italia.
CONTARATO	Oscar	nato a Spresciano (Treviso) il 14/8/1922	Deceduto (mancante all'appello dopo il salvataggio).
ROSSI	Amleto	nato a Lido di Venezia il 6/10/1922	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.
NAPOLITANO	Beniamino	nato a Capo Bonifati (Cosenza) il 28/3/1923	Prigioniero - Compagnia lavoratori a Livorno - Campo n.150.
PURI	Mario	nato a Bolzena (Viterbo) il 24/1/1921	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione
COLSANI	Enrico	nato a Milano il 30/7/1919	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
DE MARZIO	Giuseppe	nato a Castelalfume (Aquila) il 27/12/1921	Prigioniero - pare sia rimpatriato per malattia.
SCIPIONE	Fulvio	nato a Castellone (Pescara) il 11/4/1923	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
AVALLARO	Alfio	nato a Catania il 5/11/1921	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.
PINOSTI	Delfino	nato a Colonella (Teramo) il 17/10/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.
AROLI	Giuseppe	nato a Latiano (Brindisi) il 2/1/1921	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori a Livorno n.7033, Campo D.
E S	Raimondo	nato a Cagliari il 21/8/1922	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
BERICI	Giuseppe	nato a Filattiera (Apuania) il 4/11/1918	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
MIATTI	Emilio	nato a Rosignano Marittimo (Livorno) il 25/2/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.
COCCOLONI	Angelo	nato a Roma il 26/5/1921	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia.

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S.C. R.T. 52295	TESSIER	Pasquale	nato a Napoli il 1/3/1922	Prigioniero - Battaglia Francia n. 7043
S. Nocch. 53556	CUBEDDU	Mario	nato a Ozieri (Sassari) il 13/2/1922	Prigioniero - 81 ^a I-131 - Orano (Algeria)
S.C. Silur. 57020	MARCELLO	Angelo	nato a Teano (Napoli) il 29/4/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglia Francia n. 7043.
S.C. M.N.	CORNACCHIA	Possilio	nato a Viadana (Mantova) il 26/6/1921	Prigioniero - non conosciuto
S.C. R.T. 57514	DI CESARE	Guido	nato a Pretola Peligna (Aquila) il 6/11/1923	Prigioniero - Battaglia Francia.
S.C. Cann. 56441	REGGI	Lino	nato a S. Giovanni Latissone (Udine) il 11/4/1922	Prigioniero - non conosciuto
S.C. Elettr. 60493	CACOPARDO	Cateno	nato a Callotero (Messina) il 11/1/1923	Mancante all'appello
S.C. Sil. 59851	LO MUSCIO	Ruggiero	nato a Barietta (Bari) il 13/2/1924	Deceduto in prigionia.
Elettr. 22835	BULCHI	Gastone	nato a Fiume il 14/10/1920	Prigioniero - non conosciuto
Nocch. 57995	SANZARI	Michele	nato a Guardia Sanframonti (Isernia) il 13/5/1922	Mancante all'appello
C.T.I. 67488	ORSI	Salvatore	nato a Capua (Napoli) il 21/9/1924	Deceduto in seguito a dopo poche ore che era salvo.
Fur. S.c. 29397	CATURANO	Gennaro	nato a Acerra (Napoli) il 19/3/1919	Prigioniero - non conosciuto
Silur. 67065	TELEGRAFO	Giuseppe	nato a Bari il 25/1/1924	Prigioniero - Battaglia Livorno - Campo N. 150.
S.C. Elettr. 67417	DI PIETRO	Umberto	nato a Torre del Greco (Napoli) il 14/8/1918	Prigioniero - Battaglia Francia n. 7043.

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Pasquale	nato a Napoli il 1/3/1922	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043
Mario	nato a Ozieri (Sassari) il 13/2/1922	Prigioniero - 81-I-1694 NATOUSA P.W.E. 131 - Orano (Algeria).
Angelo	nato a Teano (Napoli) il 29/4/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.
IA Possilio	nato a Viadana (Mantova) il 26/6/1921	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
Guido	nato a Pretola Peligna (Aquila) il 6/11/1923	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia.
Lino	nato a S.Giovanni Latissone (Udine) il 11/4/1922	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
0 Cateno	nato a Gallodoro (Messina) il 11/1/1923	Mancante all'appello dopo il salvataggio.
0 Ruggero	nato a Barietta (Bari) il 13/2/1924	Deceduto in prigionia.
Gastone	nato a Piume il 14/10/1920	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
Michele	nato a Guardia Sanframondi (Benevento) il 13/5/1922	Mancante all'appello dopo il salvataggio.
Salvatore	nato a Capua (Napoli) il 21/9/1924	Deceduto in seguito a ferite riportate dopo poche ore che era stato tratto in salvo.
Gennaro	nato a Acerra (Napoli) il 19/3/1919	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
0 Giuseppe	nato a Bari il 25/1/1924	Prigioniero - Battaglioni lavoratori a Livorno - Campo N.150.
0 Umberto	nato a Torre del Greco (Napoli) il 14/8/1918	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.

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S.C. Sil.83365	ORSETTI	Alfredo	nato a Fiume il 24/4/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione Francia n.7043.
S.C. Sil.28743	MARASCO	Mario	nato a Secondigliano (Napoli) il 28/8/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione Livorno n.7033 Comp. D.
Elettr. 17399	CASTELLETTI	Elio	nato a Pesaro il 27/10/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione Francia n.7043
Marò S.V.98675	MATEZZOLI	Antonio	nato a Grda (Verona) il 14/1/1922	Prigioniero - non conosce
Marò 10247	BOCCHI	Adelmo	nato a Cristallo (Mantova) il 24/2/1922	Prigioniero - Battaglione Livorno campo n.150.
Cann. A.28627	TORRONE	Filippo	nato a Vico Equenze (Napoli) il 11/5/1921	Prigioniero - Battaglione Francia n.7043.
Cann.P.S.	MARMO	Pietro	nato a Caneili (Alessandria) il 5/1/1921	Prigioniero non conosce la
Elettr.65690	BONFANTI	Paolo	nato a Montevecchio (Como) il 9/1/1924	Prigioniero - Livorno - Co
Motorista Garanzia	BEDIN	Angelo	nato a Federoppa (Treviso) il 13/12/1911	Rimpatriato - Attualmente so la Ditta Tosi.

NOTA

Le notizie fornite risalgono al Marzo 1945.=

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Alfredo	nato a Trieste il 24/4/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.
Mario	nato a Secondigliano (Napoli) il 28/8/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori a Livorno n.7033 Comp. D.
Elis	nato a Pesaro il 27/10/1920	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043
Antonio	nato a Gr ^A da (Verona) il 14/1/1922	Prigioniero - non conosce la destinazione.
Adelmo	nato a Cristallo (Mantova) il 24/2/1922	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori a Livorno campo n.150.
Filippo	nato a Vico Equenze (Napoli) il 11/5/1922	Prigioniero - Battaglione lavoratori in Francia n.7043.
Pietro	nato a Caneili (Alessandria) il 5/1/1921	Prigioniero non conosce la destinazione.
Paolo	nato a Montevicchio (Como) il 9/1/1924	Prigioniero - Livorno - Compagnia Genio.
Angelo	nato a Federoppe (Treviso) il 13/12/1911	Rimpatriato - Attualmente a Taranto presso la Ditta Tosi.

almeno al Marzo 1945.=

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

WFO/2468
23 May 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine - ROME.
Subject: Italian Submarine "ARGENTO" list of Survivors.

1. In order to determine whether the survivors of the submarine ARGENTO are in United States custody, Prisoners of War Information Bureau, Washington suggest you prepare a complete list showing names, dates of birth and ranks of the crew. This is necessary as records are not kept under the names of units.

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



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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A P O 394

War Materials Disposal and Italian
Prisoners of War Sub-Commission

IPW/1/3/622B ✓

15 May 1945

SUBJECT: Italian Submarine "ARGENTO" list of Survivors.TO : Navy Sub-Commission, A.C.

Reference your NSC/1979 dated 9 April 45

1. This Headquarters is informed that the Enemy PWIB, Washington has no record of the Royal Italian Submarine "Argento", reported to have been sunk 3 August 1943.

2. In order to determine whether the survivors of the submarine are interned in United States custody, it is suggested that the Italian Ministry of Marine be informed that further information should be forwarded giving the names, dates of birth, and ranks of the crew of the submarine "Argento".

[Signature]
J. A. CAMPBELL
Lieut.-Colonel,
Director
WMD & IPOW Sub-Comm.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1979
9 April 1945. ✓
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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of
War Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
Subject: Italian Submarine "ARGENTO" - List of survivors.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine has advised the Navy Sub-Commission that according to information received from D.N.I. Admiralty, thirty-nine ratings, survivors of the Royal Italian Submarine "ARGENTO", sunk 3 August 1943, were taken to the United States, where they are held as prisoners of war.

2. The Ministry of Marine requests that the names of all survivors of the subject submarine, held in the United States, be furnished.

3. It is requested that this information be obtained and furnished to the Navy Sub-Commission for transmission to the Ministry of Marine.

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



9 APR 1945

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30 March 1945.

MEMORANDUM REGARDING SURVIVORS OF ITALIAN SUBMARINE "ARGENTO":

1. Letter from Ministry of Marine to FOLI, 1140/FO, of 19 December 1944, referring to the repatriation of fourteen Italian Naval Officers, prisoners of war in North Africa in United States hands, states in paragraph two - "An examination of these officers' names shows that amongst them are all the officers in submarine "ARGENTO", which was sunk in the Western Mediterranean in August 1943, with the exception of her Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Leo MASINA, who was taken prisoner at the same time as the others".

2. The list of these officers as appears from an inter-office memo of War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission of 5 January 1945, IPW/1/11/330, is as follows:

Captain	Di Bartolo	Giacomo	81-I-50433
Major	Garrelli	Anselmo	81-I-47806
Lt.-Col.	Zanelli	Michele	81-I-51026
Captain	Di Rocco	Francesco	81-I-49768
Captain	Avagardo	Carlo	81-I-57312
2nd. Lt.	Interdonato	Ettore	81-I-51315
1st. Lt.	Cremonini	Luciano	81-I-46854
1st. Lt.	Ricciardi	Enrico	81-I-49001
Captain	Cortopassi	Guido	81-I-46496
Captain	Vancini	Ive	81-I-51067
Captain	Calapso	Massimo	81-I-49360
1st. Lt.	Fontana	Gabriele	81-I-46957
2nd. Lt.	Luna	Giuseppe	81-I-50580
2nd. Lt.	Brizzi	Albertello	81-I-47027

3. It would appear from the above letter of the Ministry of Marine that all the officers of the "ARGENTO" are included in the above list, excepting Lieutenant Leo MASINA. If that is correct, the information forwarded to the Ministry of Marine from the Admiralty, to the effect that five officers, including the Commanding Officer, and thirty-nine ratings were rescued and taken to the U.S.A., may now be modified. It would appear that all of the officers are accounted for and that inquiry should relate only to the surviving ratings.

C. B. B.

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*Copy to Lt. Col. Berri
31/3/45*

Lt. Col. Berri advises that the last return of above is correct. Action to be taken accordingly is suggested -

C. B. B.

9/4/45

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/5830
22 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Lieut. (Observer) VIOLA, CORRADO - Missing
29 September 1940.

1. With reference to your letter No. 15/CO dated 25th April 1945, the aircraft referred to is believed to be the one destroyed by H.M. Ships in the locality at 1030 hours, September 29th 1940. No survivors were reported.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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Office of Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
MALTA.
13th October, 1945.

Med.45/166/9/3.
THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION, ROME.

LIEUTENANT (OBSERVER) VIOLA, CORRADO
- MISSING 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1940

With reference to NSC/2305 of
3rd May, 1945, the aircraft referred to
is believed to be the one destroyed by
H.M. Ships in that locality 1030, Sep-
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reported.

Mr. B. Laming

~~for~~ ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3434
31 August 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Lieut. (Observer) VIOLA Corrado - Missing 29/9/40.
1. An early reply to letter NSC/2305 dated 3rd
May 1945 would be appreciated.

Geo. C. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.



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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2849
6 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Lieut. (Observer) VIOLA, Corrado -
Missing 29.9.40.

1. It would be appreciated if a reply could be given
to letter NSC/2305 dated 3rd May 1945.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
Rear Admiral
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.



FILE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2305
3 May 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Lieut. (Observer) VIOLA, Corrado -
Missing 29.9.40.

1. A translation of Ministry of Marine's letter 15/CO dated 25th April, is forwarded. It is requested that any information available to help in establishing the death of the above named officer may be supplied.

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

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Copy ltr Min of Mar.
15/CO of 25 April 1945.



5 MAY 1945

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From: ; MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)

To : N.S.C. - Rome

Date: 25 Apr. '45

Ref.: 15/CO ✓

Subject: Death of Lt. (Observer) VIOLA, Corrado.

1. Mrs. Ida VIOLA, wife of the above Officer who did not return from an air mission on 29th Sept. 1940, has forwarded a request to this Ministry to issue a death certificate. Same is required legally to enable her to marry again.

2. Lt. VIOLA is considered missing, but according to Italian law a death certificate may only be issued if at least, 2 in No witnesses can testify to the death.

3. According to our information, Lt. VIOLA, as an observer, made a recco. flight in a CANT-Z plane piloted by Major COVACOVICH, Nicola, taking off from Bomba (Tobruk) aerodrome at 0600 on 29th Sept. 1940. At 0830 radio contact was made with MERSA MATRUH and information given that a British Naval force had been sighted. Further reports were made up to 1015, but nothing after this hour.

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- Lat. 32° 28'

- Long. 26° 30'

about 65 miles N.E. of Sidi El Barrani.

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6. N.S.C. is requested to kindly ascertain :-

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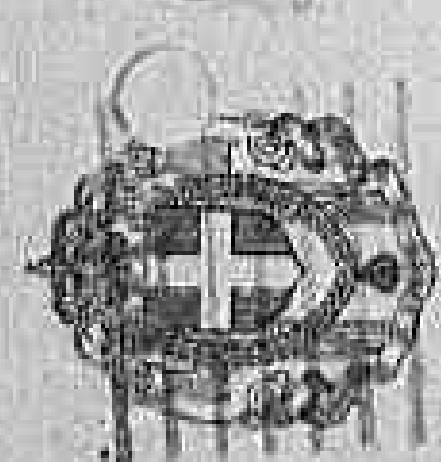
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7. This information would enable Mrs. Ida VIOLA to obtain her husband's death certificate.

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CHIEF OF CABINET

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ROMA

Ministero della Marina

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA Uff. Collegamento

Prot. N° 15/CO. Allegati

Roma, 25 Aprile 1945

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

ROMA

ARGOMENTO: Decesso del Tenete di Vascello Osservatore
VIOLA Corrado.-

- 1°) - La Sig.ra Ida VIOLA -moglie del Ten.Vasc.Osserv.VIOLA Corrado, non rientrato da un volo di guerra eseguito il 29 settembre 1940 - ha inoltrato domanda a questo Ministero affinché le sia rilasciato la dichiarazione di morte del marito. Tale dichiarazione è necessaria dal punto di vista legale per contrarre nuovo matrimonio.-
- 2°) - Il T.V. VIOLA è considerato disperso e per la legge italiana si può concedere la dichiarazione di morte solo dopo che siano state prese in esame almeno n.2 testimonianze atte a provare l'avvenuto decesso.
- 3°) - Per quanto a conoscenza, lo svolgimento degli avvenimenti è stato il seguente: il giorno 29 settembre 1940 alle ore 6 un CAMM-Z pilotato dal Maggiore Pilota CO=VACOVICH Nicola e avente a bordo come osservatore il Tenente di Vascello in questione partiva dall'aeroporto di Bomba (Tobruk) per una missione di ricognizione. Alle ore 8,30 entrò in contatto radiotelegrafico con Marsa Matruh dando notizia di aver avvistata una formazione navale inglese. Diede ulteriori e continue notizie della formazione fino alle 10,15, ora oltre la quale non diede più notizie di se.-
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604 - Si sarebbe grati se codesta N.S.C. potesse interessare le Autorità competenti onde poter conoscere:

- a) - se risultati che un aereo del tipo CANT-Z è caduto, abbattuto dalla caccia o dalla reazione c.a., nella posizione, nel giorno, nell'ora sopraindicata;
 - b) - eventuali notizie sulla sorte dei componenti.
- 70) - Sulla scorta delle notizie richieste, la Signora Ida VIOLA potrebbe ottenere l'atto di morte del marito.

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

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3259
15 August 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Survivors of Submarine Crews lost during the War.

FILE

1. With reference to your letter B.9628, dated 10th August 1945, it is requested that the name and full particulars of the alleged survivor of the submarine ARGONAUTA be furnished, as well as the date he was seen at Ellis Island Camp.

2. On receipt of this information further inquiries will be made.

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

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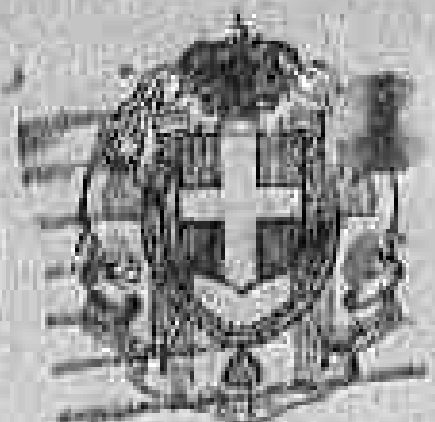
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*Ministero della Marina*

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. *B. 9028* Allegati

Roma.

10 AGO 1945

M NAVY SUB COMMISSION

ARGOMENTO: Superstiti equipaggio sommergibile italiano perduto
in guerra.

Come è noto a codesta N.S.C., sono state scambiate parecchie lettere relative ai superstiti dei sommergibili italiani perduti in guerra. In particolare, notizie furono gentilmente trasmesse con i fogli n° 1041/43 in data 11 maggio 1944, 250/3 in data 15 febbraio 1945 e 250/3 in data 3 maggio 1945.

2°)- Dalle notizie sopra ricordate risulta che il sommergibile Argonauta è stato affondato nel giugno del 1940 nel Mediterraneo e che nessun particolare è in possesso delle Autorità Alleate sulla sorte del suo Equipaggio.

Giunge invece ora notizia, da ufficiale della Marina Mercantile già internato in America e da poco rientrato in Italia, che nel campo di Ellis Island, campo nel quale viene riunito il personale di prossimo rimpatrio, sarebbe stato presente un superstita dell'Argonauta salvatosi, assieme ad altri suoi compagni, fuoriuscendo dal battello con gli autorespiratori.

3°)- In relazione a quanto sopra si sarà grati a codesta N.S.C. se vorranno ancora essere richieste notizie al riguardo allo scopo di poter conoscere quale sia stata la sorte di tanti nostri marinai dei quali da anni, nulla più è stato dato sapere.

d'ordine
IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. F. BASLINI

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C.
Date: 10 August 1945
Ref.: B.9628

Subject: Survivors of Submarine crews lost during the war.

As is known to the N.S.C. several letters have been exchanged concerning survivors of Italian submarine crews lost during the war. In particular, we were favoured with information concerning them in letters Nos.1041/43 of 11th May 1944, 250/3 of 15th February 1945 and 250/3 of 3rd May 1945.

2. From these letters it appeared that the submarine "ARGONAUTA" was sunk in June 1940 in the Mediterranean and that the Allied Authorities were not in possession of details concerning the fate of the crew.

We now learn from an Officer of the Mercantile Marine, who was formerly interned in America and has recently returned to Italy, that at the Ellis Island Camp where personnel are gathered prior to repatriation there was a survivor of the "ARGONAUTA" who had escaped, together with some of his companions by leaving the vessel with their breathing apparatus.

3. In view of this it would be appreciated if you would make a further enquiry for information concerning this subject in order that we may know the fate of so many of our seamen concerning whom no news has been forthcoming.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3600
13 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Survivors of M.S.22.

1. With reference to your letter No. 12387/2 dated 20th June 1945, it is regretted that no trace can be found of the personnel named.

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

19 SEP 1945

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/3/1166 B

15 September 1945

SUBJECT : Survivors of M.S.22TO : Navy Sub-Commission A.C.

Reference your letter NSC/2852 dated 5 July 45

1. This Office has been informed that there is no
record of the Italian personnel in reference list.

[Signature]
JAMES R. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

[Signature]

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/5276
18 August 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.
To : War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoners of
War Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.
Subject: Survivors of M.S. 22.

1. In reference to NSC/2852, dated 5 July 1945,
the Navy Sub-Commission would appreciate knowing if the nec-
essary inquiries have been made or if any information is at
present available.

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



18 AUG 1945

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

N3C/2852
5 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : War Materials Disposal and Italian Prisoner
of War Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Survivors from M. 3. 22.

1. A translation of Ministry of Marine letter number 12387/2, dated 20th June 1945, is forwarded for necessary inquiries to be made.

2. It is requested that any information obtained may be communicated to the Navy Sub-Commission for transmission to the Ministry of Marine.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: ----
Ref.: ----

Subject: Survivors from M.S. 22.

Your N°2726 of 22nd inst. refers.

We send you attached list in duplicate of the
Crew of M.S. 22.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Roma

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All NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Prot. N°

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ARGOMENTO *Superstiti della M.S. 22.-*

Riferimento foglio n. 2726 del 22
corrente.

Si trasmette un elenco in doppio,
dell'equipaggio della M.S. 22. =

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. AL V. P. BASLINI

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ELENCO DEL PERSONALE DEL C.R.E.M. IMBARCATO SULLA M.S. 22

Ten. Vasc. Comandante MEZZADRA Franco

5608	CAPO M.N.	CARDIA Giovanni	Cagliari Via Antonio Ferrero Lamur/ta 92
50519	Serg. Nocch.	PIBITONE Alberto	Trapani - Vicolo Salabarude
51591	S.C. R.T.	BAZZARO Placido	Venezia - Via S. Paolo 840
59772	S.C. M.N.	ANNESI Cosimo	Bari - Corso Mameli n.5
62203	Silur.	DE LIQUORI Salvat.	Napoli - Via Salvatore Aprea n.10
23041	M.N.	SPAZIANI Mario	Civitavecchia - Via Leone
66036	M.N.	PIERACCINI Gisberto	Viareggio - Via IV Novembre 42
753318	Silur.	BOTTANI Fiorenzo	Milano - Via Imbriani 65
55758	Cann. A.	PURGATORIO Serino	Perugia - Via Truris n.227
91904	Cann. P.M.	BENEVENTI Turibio	S. Maurizio (R. Emilia) Via Venezia 216
68601	Serg.	NIPOSI Tiberio	Ragusa - Corso Mazzini 110
22091	Cann. P.M.	BRAIDA Luigi	Cormons (Gorizia) Via Udine n.85

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2726
22 June 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Survivors from U.S. 22.

1. With reference to your letter 12387/2 dated 20th June 1945, before the matter is referred to Allied Authorities it is requested that a complete list of names of the crew be forwarded.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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23 JUN 1945

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 20 June '45/
Ref.: 12387/2 ✓

Subject: Survivors from M.S. 22.

Capt. Mario MEZZADRA wishes to receive news of his son Lt. Franco MEZZADRA, C.O. of M.S.22 and of her Crew of 12 men.

This craft was shot up by fighter A/C. on the afternoon of 7 May '43 (the date of the fall of Tunis); she caught fire and sank off Sidi-Bou-Said, close to the Cartagine beach (Tunis) in a calm sea.

Survivors of M.S. 22 reached the shore, were given shelter and taken prisoners the following morning, 8 May 1943.

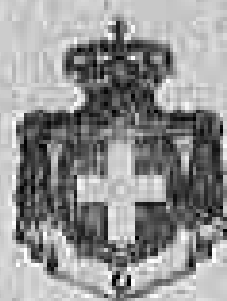
The families of these men have had no news to-date so it is thought that they must have been taken to some out-of-the-way Camp - hence lack of news.

If Allied Authorities lack information in their regard the inhabitants at Sidi-Bou-Said or Military Authorities in the area would know something about them.

N.S.C. is requested to kindly ascertain any information hereon.

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 12387/31 Allegato

ARGOMENTO: Superstiti della Motosilurante 22.

Roma,

20 GIU. 1945

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Si trasmette in allegato una istanza del Capitano di Vascello Mario MEZZADRA intesa ad avere possibilmente notizie di suo figlio, Ten. Vasc. Franco MEZZADRA, Comandante della M.S. 22 e del suo equipaggio composto di 12 persone.

P. IL CAPO DI GABINETTO (ass.)

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Roma, 18 Giugno 1945

ALLA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE NAVALE A.C.

R O M A

Dai rapporti ufficiali esistenti presso il Ministero della Marina risulta che la Motosilurante n.22 fu attaccata il pomeriggio del 7 Maggio 1943 (giorno della presa di Tunisi) da aerei da caccia, mitragliata, incendiata, affondata.

Un telegramma ufficiale dice che essa affondò senza equipaggio a bordo.

Testimonianze dicono che l'equipaggio ed il Comandante erano a terra e che non vi furono vittime fra di loro.

Il fatto si svolse davanti alla spiaggia di Cartagine (Tunisi), più precisamente a Sidi - Bou - Said a poche decine di metri da terra, con mare calmo.

In particolare il Comandante di una Motosilurante tedesca ha fatto al riguardo una precisa deposizione del seguente tenore al nostro Comando:

"Il pomeriggio del 7 Maggio 1943 mi trovavo nello specchio d'acqua prospiciente Tunisi. Visto l'attacco aereo svolto contro una Motosilurante che si trovava davanti a Cartagine e ritenendola tedesca, mi sono recato in suo soccorso. Giunto vicino ho constatato trattarsi della M.S. 22 Italiana. L'attacco era finito, un fuoribordo si alzava dalla prora, l'equipaggio stava andando a nuoto a terra, il Comandante della "22" andava avanti e indietro da prora a poppa esaminando gli incendi che andavano aumentando. Voltatomi ho visto che l'incendio aveva preso più grandi proporzioni e che il Comandante della "22" era sceso in mare dall'altra parte."

Dopo tale fatto non è accaduto più nulla di cruento nella zona; le forze Alleate da parecchie ore avevano iniziato il rastrellamento senza che si fosse verificato un colpo di moschetto. Verosimilmente i naufraghi della M.S.22 sono stati ricoverati nelle case a terra e quindi fatti prigionieri il 8268 seguente 8 Maggio 1943.

Siccome in tanto lasso di tempo nessuno dei componenti ha dato dirette notizie alla famiglia, ne risulta che abbiano tentato il rientro con mezzi di fortuna in unione ad altri, così è da ritenere che eccezionalmente essi siano stati portati o verso l'interno o in zona così appartata e lontana che non ha permesso di dare informazioni.

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Si ritiene pertanto che ove alle Autorità Alleate non risultasse nulla di specifico, la conoscenza della loro sorte potrebbe essere assunta con l'interrogatorio delle popolazioni abitate sulla spiaggia prospiciente Sidi - Bou - Said e quindi dalle Autorità Militari di giurisdizione.

La M.S. "22" era conosciuta perché aveva già operato nella zona.

Chiedo pertanto l'interessamento di codesta S. Commissione Navale per avere notizie di mio figlio Comandante della M.S. "22", Tenente di Vascello Franco MEZZADRA, e del suo equipaggio composto di 12 persone.

IL CAPITANO DI VASCELLO
(M. S. MEZZADRA)

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/5504
10 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome,
Subject: Motor Fishing Vessel SEMPRAVANTI, Survivors of.

1. In accordance with the request contained in Ministry of Marine letter 13771/E of 28 July 1945, inquiries have been directed to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean on the subject of the sinking of motor fishing vessel SEMPRAVANTI.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has informed the Navy Sub-Commission that 17 Italian prisoners were taken from a Northbound Italian motor fishing vessel at about 2300 on 11 September 1944. The name of the motor fishing vessel is reported to be either AMPLEA or motor fishing vessel No. 23. However, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has no record of the sinking of motor fishing vessel SEMPRAVANTI.

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

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station,
Allied Force Headquarters.
27th August, 1945.

Med. 15/0060/13.
THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION.

SURVIVORS OF THE MOTOR FISHING
VESSEL "SEMPREAVANTI".

With reference to your MSC/3110 dated 31st July, 1945, seventeen Italian prisoners were taken from a Northbound Italian Motor Fishing Vessel sunk by Allied Units in position 10 miles North of NOVICINO at about 2300 on the 11th September, 1944. The name of the Motor Fishing Vessel is reported to be either "NIPLO" or Motor Fishing Vessel No. 23. There is no record of the sinking of the Motor Fishing Vessel "SEMPREAVANTI".

H. B. Laving

for ADMIRAL

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION.
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3110
31 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
Subject: Survivors of the Motor Fishing Vessel
"SEMPREAVANTI".

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1. The Ministry of Marine advise that the above-named vessel sailed in convoy with four other vessels from ROVIGNO on the 11th September 1944 bound for TRIESTE.

2. At 2300 hours, 11th September 1944, the convoy was attacked by Allied Units and the four other vessels of the convoy made good their escape, whereas nothing has since been heard of the "SEMPREAVANTI" and the 12 persons on board.

3. The Ministry of Marine request information as to whether any survivors were picked up by Allied Units.

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

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3 AUG 1945

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From ... Ministry of Marine (Cabinet).
Date ... 28th July, 1945.
To N.S.C. - Rome.
Ref 13371/2.

Subject: Survivors of the Motor
Fishing Vessel "SEMPREAVANTI".

Attached is a copy of a letter received from I.R.C.C. at Geneva concerning the crew of the above M.F.V..

1. It is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission may ascertain, whether, in the encounter on the night of 11th September, 1944, any survivors were rescued by the Allied Vessels which carried out the attack.
2. In the event of an affirmative reply, it is requested that you may inform us whether the names of those saved appear in the list of names in the enclosed letter

Chief of Cabinet.

G.G.E.

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C O P Y.

The Red Cross Delegation in Rovigno, Pola, North Italy, has sent the following letter to the I.R.C.C. Geneva:

" During the night of September the 11th, 1944, the Motor Boat "SEMPREAVANTI" left in convoy, transporting food, the Port of Rovigno directed to TRIESTE. At 23 Hours, the five Motor Fishing Boats were attacked by Anglo-American Units. The Boats who had passengers on board managed to escape, leaving behind the "SEMPREAVANTI" belonging to the Società Ampemea. Nothing has been heard since and it is presumed that the boat was sunk and it is hoped that the crew and passengers were rescued."

Here below the list of missing all from Rovigno:

BRUNETTI	Mario	fu Antonio	Classe 1913
DETERNI	Matteo	di Giovanni	" 1910
BINELLI	Andrea	di Nicolo	" 1913
GRANDI	Giovanni	fu Raimondo	" 1893
GRANDI	Raimondo	di Pietro	" 1913
QUARANTOTTO	Giacomo		" 1910
ROCCO	Giuseppe	fu Domenico	" 1914
ROCCO	Giuseppe	fu Nicolo	" 1907
SCIOLIS	Francesco	di Antonio	" 1897
SCIOLIS	Giuseppe	di Francesco	" 1927
SFICCO	Ottavio	fu Antonio	" 1909
SPONZA	Francesco	di Battista	" 1912

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO, TELEGRAFICO, MARINA - ROMA

Dist. N.° 13371/2 *Allegato*

ARGOMENTO: Naufraghi Motopeschereccio
"SEMPREAVANTI".=

Allegato: Copia della lettera pervenuta
dal I.R.C.C. di Ginevra riguardante
il personale imbarcato sul motope-
schereccio in argomento.

- 1°) - Si prega la S. Commissione Nava-
le di voler verificare se nel comba-
timento della notte dell'11 Settembre
1944, in alto Adriatico, furono salva-
ti naufraghi dalle Unità Alleate attag-
centi.
- 2°) - In caso affermativo si prega vo-
ler comunicare se i naufraghi salvati
corrispondono ai nomi nativi di cui
alla lettera allegata.

IL CAPO DEL GABINETTO
C. di V. T. BASLINI

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C O P I A

The Red Cross Delagation in Rovigno, Pola, North Italy, has sent the Following letter to the IRCC Geneva:

"During the night of september the 11th, 1944, the motorboat "SEMPREAVANTI" left in convoy transporting food, the port of Rovigno directed to TRIESTE. At 23 hours, the five motor fishing boats were attacked by Anglo-American units. The boats who had passengers on board managed to escape, leaving behind the "SEMPREAVANTI" belonging to the Societa Ampelea. Nothing has been heard since and it is presumed that the boat was sunk and it is hoped that the crew and passengers were rescued.

Herebelow the list of missing all from Rovigno:

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DETERNI	Matteo	di Giovanni	" 1910
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SCIOLIS	Giuseppe	di Francesco	" 1927
SFICCO	Ottavio	fu Antonio	" 1909
SPONZA	Francesco	di Battista	" 1912

NEG/4982
3 May 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Seaman GENTILE Vincenzo.

1. With reference to your letter 4329/2 dated 12th March 1946 information has been received that the abovesaid is held at "S" Prisoner of War Camp, Taranto.

2. The administration of "S" Camp was transferred to Italian Authorities recently and it is therefore suggested that your enquiry be addressed to the Ministry of War.

W. F. BAHLMANN
Comdr., USNR

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

3 MAY 1946

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JOINT FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.O.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

MT/mdp

IPW/43/34

29 April 1946

SUBJECT : Seaman GENTILE VincenzoTO : Navy Sub-Commission

Reference your letter NSC/4907 dated
15 April 46

1. Above named subject is reported held at "S" PW
Camp on 6 Feb 46.

TARANTO

Major
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

ITALIAN PRISONER OF WAR DIVISION,	
(M.M.I.A.C.)	
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NSC/4907 ✓
15 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission (LFCIA),
Italian P.O.W. Division, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Seaman CENTILE Vincenzo.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/4748 of
15 March 1946.

1. Your attention is invited to the request contained
in reference (a).

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

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NSC/4748 ✓
15 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA),
Italian P.O.W. Division, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Seaman GENTILE Vincenzo.

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine's letter No. 4329/2 dated 12th March 1946 is forwarded and it is requested that inquiries be made and the Navy Sub-Commission informed in order that a reply can be forwarded to the Ministry of Marine.

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

16 MAR 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. H.C. A.C.
Date: 12th March 1946
Ref.: 4329/2 ✓

Subject: Seaman GENTILE Vincenzo

1. The family of the above rating, living at Monopoli (Bari), has applied to this Ministry for information concerning the fate of their relative, and in this respect has forwarded the following statement made by Sto. MARASCIULO Nicolo', presently to be found at No.13, Via Cimmino, Monopoli, having been released from the service.

""omissis.....

""On 6th July 1944 on Naples station, when about to depart to spend a period of leave in my home-town, Monopoli, I met seaman GENTILE Vincenzo of Giuseppe and Lacitagnola Maria, 1922 class, a friend of mine with whom I underwent my initial seamanship training course; he asked me to tell his mother that he was a prisoner in British hands, having been captured by them in Egypt whither he had made his way from Rhodes (Aegean), via Turkey and Palestine. I know seaman Gentile Vincenzo very well because besides being fellow-townsmen, we also worked together; furthermore, I would add that when I met him Gentile was eating the meal issued to him, consisting of a tin of meat, bread and wine.

In order that I might trace his family easily Gentile told me that his mother was very well known in the locality because another son and her husband were both P.O.W., being respectively the brother and father of Gentile Vincenzo.

I could mention many other very minute details of my meeting with Gentile but I believe the above statement to be sufficient and I accept full responsibility for it"".

2. In another statement MARASCIULO informed the Gentile family that the rating, who is sought, was at Naples station on 6th July 1944, being a prisoner of the British, together with about 300 other seamen, all of them from Turkey as he was, and all having disembarked at Naples and due to leave for a destination near Rome shortly afterwards. He affirmed, also, that he had seen the party of seamen surrounded by armed British soldiers.

3. Since the above rating does not appear in the list of those serving in Rhodes at the time of the armistice who took refuge in Turkey, it is requested that you may ask the appropriate Allied Authorities to furnish all the information held by them, and inform this Ministry of the result.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

Roma 12 MAR. 1946

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 4329/2 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Marinaio GENTILE Vincenzo.

1. La famiglia del militare in argomento, residente a MONOPOLI (Bari) ha rivolto istanza a questo Ministero per conoscere la sorte toccata al congiunto ed all'uopo ha fornito la seguente dichiarazione rilasciata dal Fuochista O. MARASCIULO Nicolò, attualmente in congedo a Monopoli, Via Cimmino n° 13:

"""" omissis.....

"""" Il giorno 6 Luglio 1944, nella Stazione di Napoli, mentre partivo per la licenza da fruire al mio paese nativo, Monopoli, mi incontravo con il marinaio GENTILE Vincenzo di Giuseppe e di Lacitignola Maria, classe 1922, mio compagno, con il quale ho frequentato il corso di istruzione premarinara, il quale mi incaricò di comunicare a sua madre che lui si trovava prigioniero degli Inglesi, dai quali era stato preso in Egitto dove lui si era recato passando da Rodi (Egeo) alla Turchia e da questa in Palestina, quindi in Egitto. Conosco benissimo il marinaio GENTILE Vincenzo perchè oltre ad essere mio compaesano siano stati a lavorare insieme; aggiungo inoltre che il GENTILE, quando, lo incontrai, stava mangiando la colazione distribuita e consistente in una scatoletta di carne, pane e vino.

Il GENTILE allo scopo di poter rintracciare con facilità la sua famiglia mi disse che la madre era conosciuta benissimo nel suo rione perchè aveva in quell'epoca un altro figlio ed anche il marito prigionieri rispettivamente padre e fratello del Gentile Vincenzo. Potrei citare ancora molti altri minutissimi particolari sull'incontro mio con Gentile, ma ritengo sufficiente quanto sopra ho dichiarato e di cui ne assumo piena responsabilità. """"

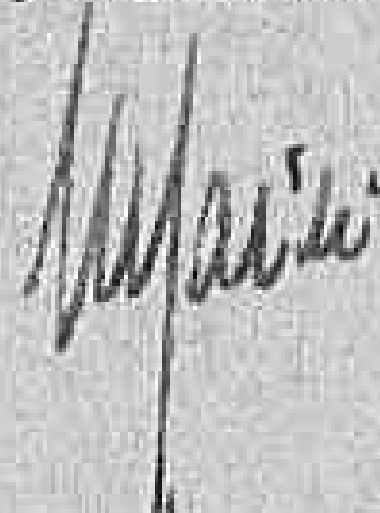
2. Con altra dichiarazione il MARASCIULO comunicò alla famiglia Gentile che il militare ricercato il 6 Luglio 1944 si trovava

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nella Stazione di Napoli, prigioniero degli Inglesi, insieme ad altri 300 marinai circa, tutti come lui provenienti dalla Turchia e sbarcati a Napoli e che di lì a poco sarebbero partiti per una destinazione vicino Roma. Confermò inoltre di aver visto il gruppo di marinai circondato da soldati inglesi armati.

3. Poichè dall'elenco dei militari destinati a Rodi all'armistizio e rifugiati in Turchia non risulta il militare in argomento, si prega interessare le competenti Autorità Alleate a fornire tutte le notizie in loro possesso, comunicandone l'esito a questo Ministero.

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



N3C/4819
29 March 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Seaman SCICCHITANO Agasio.

1. With reference to your letter B.758 dated 24th January 1946 it is regretted that the abovenamed cannot be traced at the address indicated by you.

G. F. MENIZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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30 MAR 1946

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Officer Commanding, 164th Battalion Combat Engineers,

APO 758, U.S. Army.

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NSC/4746
15 March 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Officer Commanding, 164th Battalion Combat Engineers,
APO 758, U.S. Army.

Subject: Seaman SCICOMITANO Agazio.

1. An early reply to letter NSC/4516 dated 30th January 1946 would be appreciated.

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

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16 MAR 1946

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COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES, GERMANY
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
NAVY SUB-COMMISSION APO 394

NSC/4516 ✓
30 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Officer Commanding, 164th Battalion Combat Engineers,
APO 758, U. S. Army. **UNIT IDENTIFIED
LOCALLY**

Subject: Seaman SCICCHITANO Agazio.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine advises that the abovenamed was interned in Germany and on being set free by Allied Troops was employed by your Battalion.

2. No news has been received of the Seaman for a long time and it is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed as to his present whereabouts, if known to you.

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

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NSC/4516
30 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Officer Commanding, 164th Battalion Combat Engineers,
APO 758, U. S. Army.
Subject: Seaman SOICCHITANO Agazio.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine advises that the abovenamed was interned in Germany and on being set free by Allied Troops was employed by your Battalion.

2. No news has been received of the Seaman for a long time and it is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be informed as to his present whereabouts, if known to you.

G. 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. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 24th January 1946
Ref.: B.758 ✓

Subject: Request for news of Seaman SCICCHITANO Agazio
(of Giuseppe)

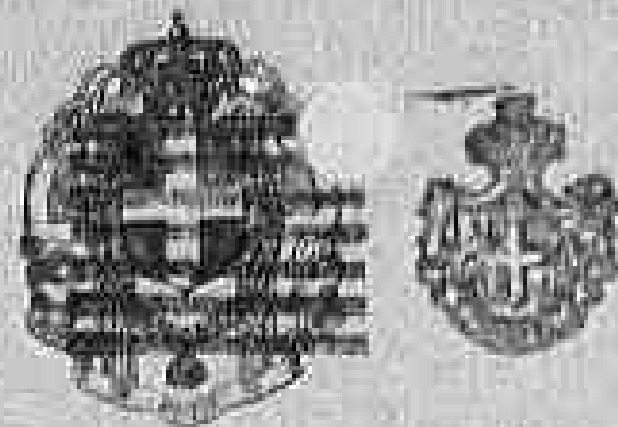
1. The above rating, formerly interned in Germany, joined the 164th Battalion of the Combat Engineers, A.P.O. 758, American Armed Forces, as soon as he was set free by Allied troops.

2. Since his family has had no news of him for a long time it is requested that, if possible, the necessary enquiries may be made to trace the above rating.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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*Ministero della Marina*

GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° B.758 *Allegati* =

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Roma 24 GEN 1946

NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

ARGOMENTO: Richiesta di notizie relative al Marinaio
SCICCHITANO Agazio di Giuseppe.-

L.- Il militare in argomento, già internato in Germania, appena liberato dalle truppe Alleate si aggregava al 164° Battaglione del Genio di Combattimento, A.P.O.758, delle Forze Armate Americane.

2.- Poichè la sua famiglia manca di notizie da molto tempo, si pregherebbe, qualora possibile, svolgere le relative ricerche atte a rintracciare il militare in argomento.-

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

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MSC/5285
16 July 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Rev. Clemente BIGNONE, Parroco di Montagioco
di TORONA (Alessandria).
Subject: PERNEGOTTI, Ugo - Repatriation of.

1. With reference to your letter dated 20th September 1945 addressed to the Admiralty, London, the following information has now been received:-

- a) PERNEGOTTI, Ugo - Leading seaman (Gunner 2nd class). No. 43744, son of Pietro and NUTTI, Eugenio, born at Montemarzino, 11th October 1919, was transferred in the Far East from the I.R.N. Ship "ERITREA" to I.R.N. Ship "LEPANTO" on the 31st January 1943.
- b) On the 9th September 1943 subject was interned by the Japanese but released in December 1943 on his adherence to the Italian Social Republic - He remained in China and is now in Shanghai awaiting repatriation according to lists recently brought to Italy by the Italian Ambassador.

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

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16 JUL 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 11th July 1946
Ref.: 11706/2

Subject: PERNIGOTTI Ugo

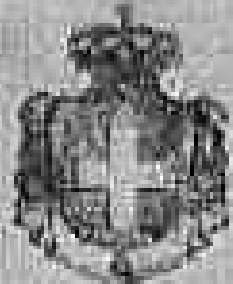
Further reference is made to my letter No.25888/2 dated 23rd December 1945.

From information recently received it appears that PERNIGOTTI was interned by the Japanese on 9th September 1943 and freed in December 1943 as a result of his adherence to the Italian Social Republic. He remained in China throughout the period following and, according to the lists of personnel who are there awaiting repatriation, brought by Ambassador TALIANI, is still at Shanghai.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Roma, 11 LUG. 1946
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HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA ROMA

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ARGOMENTO

PERNIGOTTI Ugo.-

Prosecuzione foglio n.25888/2 in data
23 dicembre 1945.

Da notizie recentemente pervenute
risulta che il PERNIGOTTI fu internato dai
Giapponesi il 9/9/43 e rilasciato nel dicembre
1943 in seguito alla sua adesione alla repub-
blica sociale italiana. Egli è rimasto in
Cina per tutto il periodo successivo e, dagli
elenchi del personale colà in attesa di rim-
patrio portati dall'Ambasciatore TALIANI,
egli risulta tuttora a Shanghai.-

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

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A. C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/3/3921 B

27 June 1946

SUBJECT : Enquiry re S/C Cann. PERNIGOTTI Ugo

TO : Navy Sub-Commission A.C.

Reference your letter NSC/4338 dated
31 December 45

1. This Division has been informed that Ugo
PERNIGOTTI has not been reported as a prisoner of war in
the custody of the United States.

[Signature]
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div. *[Initials]*

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ALLIED FORCES SUB COMMISSION D.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

MT/mdp

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10 April 1946

SUBJECT : Enquiry re PERNIGOTTI UgoTO : Navy Sub-Commission - A.C.

Reference your letter NSC/4835 dated
1 April 45

1. No reply has yet resulted from the request of this division for information.
2. You will be kept informed.

[Signature]
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div. *[Signature]*

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NSC/4835 ✓
1 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Italian Prisoners of War Division, Land Forces
Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: S/C Cann. PERINIGOTTI Ugo, No. 43744, Italian
Royal Navy.

1. An early reply to letter NSC/4338 dated 31st
December 1945 would be appreciated.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

MSC/4338
31 December 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Italian Prisoners of War Division,
Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: S/C Cann. PERNICOTTI Ugo, No. 43744, Italian
Royal Navy.

1. The abovenamed, son of Pietro and Eugenio
NUTTI, born at Montemarzino (Alessandria) was serving in
the Far East in Italian Royal Naval Vessel "ERITREA" and
drafted to Italian Royal Naval Vessel "LEPANTO" on 31st
January 1943.

2. It is thought that at the time of the Ar-
mistice he was made a prisoner of war by the Japanese and
it is requested that inquiries may be made as to his where-
abouts.

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

4 JAN 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 23rd December 1945
Ref.: 25888/2

Subject: Information concerning PERNIGOTTI Ugo.

Reference is made to letter NSC/4023 of 16th November 1945.

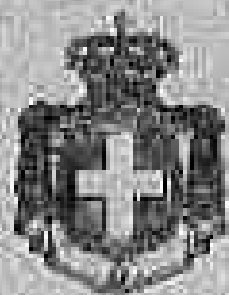
From the information held by this Ministry it appears that L/Sea (Gunner 2nd Cl.) PERNIGOTTI Ugo, Off. No.43744, son of Peter (Pernigotti) and of NUTTI Eugenio, born at Montemarzino (Alexandria) on 11th October 1919 and resident at Tortona-Montegisco (Alexandria) Via Biagio, 24, who formerly belonged to the crew of the Destroyer "NULLO", was transferred to the I.R.N. Ship "ERITREA" in the Far East and thence to the I.R.N. Ship "LEPANTO" on 31st January 1943.

In view of his place of duty at the time of the Armistice it is presumed that he is interned in Japan.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

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M NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Prot. N° 25888/2 *Allegato =*

ARGOMENTO Notizie riguardanti PERNIGOTTI Ugo.-

URGENTE

Riferimento foglio n. NSC/4023
in data 16 novembre 1945.

Dalle notizie in possesso di questo Ministero risulta che il Sottocapo Cann. PERNIGOTTI Ugo, matricola 43744, figlio di Pietro e di NUTTI Eugenio, nato a Montemarzino (Alessandria) l'11.10.1919 e domiciliato a Tortona-Montegisico (Alessandria), Via Biagio, 24, già appartenente al C.T. "NULLO" venne trasferito sulla R.N. "ERITREA" in Estremo Oriente, e da quest'ultima, in data 31 gennaio 1943 sulla R.N. "LEPANTO".

Per tale destinazione all'atto dell'Armistizio, viene considerato presunto internato in Giappone.-

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

M. Marini 8238

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TO. MINISTRY OF MARINE

FROM. NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

AN EARLY REPLY TO LETTER NSO/4023 DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1945 WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. SUBJECT ENQUIRY REGARDING UGO PERNIGOTTL.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4023
16 November 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Inquiry concerning Ugo PERNIGOTTI.

1. An inquiry has been received by the Navy Sub-Commission concerning the above subject who was an Italian Royal Navy enlisted man on board an Italian ship which left Shanghai after the 8th of September 1943. It is understood that the above subject was interned by the Japanese and his parents have received no news from him for two years. The ship to which he was attached was Eritrea.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission would appreciate any information which the Ministry of Marine could forward concerning Ugo PERNIGOTTI.

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

17 NOV 1945

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*Al. P. e Chiariss.
Capellano Capo della
Regia Marina Italiana
Ministero della Marina Regia
in
Inghilterra Londra
Admiralty S.W.*

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Translation.



From: Priory of Maria Assunta al Cielo.
MONTEGIOCO DI TORTONA.

20th Sept. 1945.

To the Resident Minister of the
British Embassy,
SHANGHAI. CHINA.

The son of the family of Pietro Pernigotti, of the district of Montegioco (Prov. Alessandria), one Ugo Pernigotti, a sailor, who was on board an Italian ship, which left Shanghai after the 8th September, was interned by the Japanese and for two years has not written to his parents.

The ship was the "ERITREA". I am applying to you to ask to if you can kindly let Pietro Pernigotti have some news of his son. As already stated, this sailor was interned by the Japanese.

Thanking you, Dear Sir,

I remain,

Yours respectfully

(Sister) Clemente BIDONE *Clemente*

Montegioco. (Province of Alessandria). ITALY.

P.S. The Parish of Montegioco (Province of Alessandria), Italy sends on this demand for information to the British Admiralty in London in order to get news of Ugo Pernigotti, son of Pietro Pernigotti, so that notification may be made here as soon as possible.

DATE: 24 November 1945
FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON
TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.
With very many thanks to this noble British Ministry. I am,
Your obedient servant.

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FORWARDED FOR ACTION
C. H. Dromey
for REAR ADMIRAL

(Sgd) Sister Clemente BIDONE.

CENTRAL
22 OCT 1945
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Onorevole Ministro Stroppiana,
rio delle Ambasciate Inglese ed
Siamgac (Cina)

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Quando la famiglia Pietro Pernigotti del Ca-
mine di Montegrosso (Prov. Alessandria)
suo figlio Algo Pernigotti massimario che
era sopra una nave italiana che dopo
l'8 Settembre venne via da Siamgac
erando con pochi massimari innanzi agli In-
glesi e mentre il matrimonio Pernigotti-
Algo veniva interrotto dai Giapponesi
entro terra, in modo che il Pernigotti Algo
e' ora due anni d'assile non ha potuto
cassa una ci' suoi cari genitori.
La nave si chiama P. V. V. Eritrea
Ma involgo alla sua buona ed equa
Volontà e Bontà al fine di avere No-
tizie del suddetto Pernigotti Pietro, di
Pietro: il quale matrimonio, come dissi, fu
interrotto dai Giapponesi. Con i suoi

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Un uomo per famiglia detto Pernigotti del Co-
 mune di Montegrosso (Prov. Alessandria)
 suo figlio Ugo Pernigotti marinaio che
 era sopra una nave italiana che dopo
 l'8 Settembre venne via da Brindisi
 avendo con pochi marinai insieme agli
 altri e mentre il marinaio Pernigotti
 Ugo veniva internato dai Greci
 entro terra, in modo che il Pernigotti Ugo
 c'era due anni da allora non ha scritto
 cosa sua ai suoi cari genitori
 La nave si chiama R. Nave Eritrea
 Ma rivolgo alla sua lettera e segna
 (Volontà e Bontà) affare di avere Ho
 figlio del suddetto Pernigotti Pietro, di
 Pietro: il quale marinaio, come dissi, fu
 internato dai Greci. Con ricordo
 sempre sono di Voi, e sono per me
 Comandante Inglese sereno e
 amico. Salvo. Piccolo. Benvenuto. Parro
 Montegrosso. Alessandria. Italia.
 Montegrosso Alessandria li 28 Set. 1945

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P.S. Il Comune di
 Montegicco (Prov. Pes.
 sanabri) Italia rivolge
 la domanda d'informazione
 a Questo Regio Ministero
 Inglese di Londra al fine
 fine di cercare del conto di
 Benigotti Ugo di P.eto maniero
 itaiano e di dare raggiuglio al
 Comune di Montegicco (Prov. A.
 Lemania) Italia per il punto
 Con via ingegranente a conto
 mobile Decurto Maniero
 Inglese sono sono
 suo
 Ore 4 Bidone (Comente
 Passa di Montegicco
 Italia) (Memoria)

NSC/5899
22 January 1947

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.
Subject: Probationary Midshipman Salvatore PACE, Surgeon
Sub-Lieutenant Salvatore VERDE.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 14063/2 of 27 August 1946.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5569 of 22 October 1946.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has been informed by the Italian Prisoner of War section of the Military Mission to the Italian Army that inasmuch as all replies from overseas commands have now been received, it is regretted that there is no trace of the two above-named Italian subjects in any part of the world where Prisoners of War are held under British and Empire Control.

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

24 JAN 1947

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

MYZ/mdp
Tel: 489081
Ext: 383

IPW/1/3/4588 B

17 January 1947

SUBJECT : Italian PW - Enquiries.
Prob. Midshipman Salvatore FACE
Surf. Sub Lieut. Salvatore VERDE

TO : Navy S/C - A.C. -

Reference your letter NSC/5560 dated 28 Oct. 46
and this Division letter IPW/1/3/4424 B dated 5 Nov. 46
addressed to General Headquarters - Central Mediterranean
Forces copy to you.

1. The following information has now been received:

" All replies from overseas Commands have now
been received and it is regretted that there is no trace
of the two above-named Italian subjects in any part of
the world where PW are held under British and Empire Control.

M. V. Yamani
MAJOR GEN.
CHIEF, LAND FORCES, SUB COMMISSION AC.
(M.M.I.A.)

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SECOND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

MVZ/mdp
Tel: 489081
Ext: 383

IPW/1/3/4424 U

5 November 1946

SUBJECT : Probation Midshipman Salvatore PACE and Surg.
Sub/lieut. Salvatore VERDE of the destroyer "Uragano".

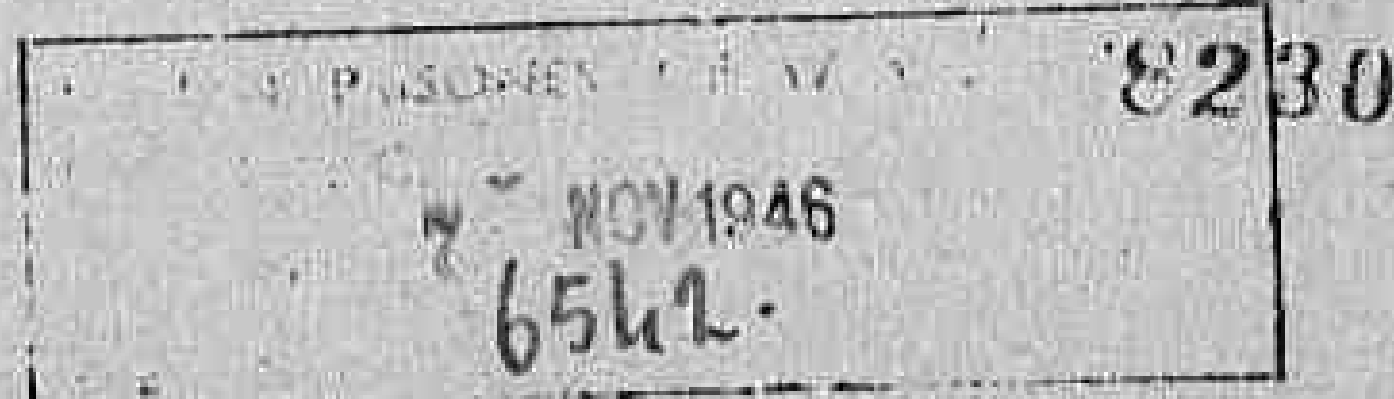
TO : Provost Marshal General
Army Service Forces, Pentagon Building,
Washington 25, D.C.

Reference this Division letter IPW/1/3/4300 U
dated 25 Sept. 46

1. An early reply to above reference would be
appreciated.

M. J. J. J. J.
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to : Navy S/C- A.C. (your letter NSC/5560 dated
28 Oct. 46)



Navy Sub-commission, Hq. AC 9 NOV 1946

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

LVZ/mdp
Tel: 489031
Ext: 383

IPW/1/3/4424 B ✓

5 November 1946

SUBJECT : Probation Midshipman Salvatore PACE and Surg.
Sub/Lieut. Salvatore VERDE of the destroyer
"Uragano"-

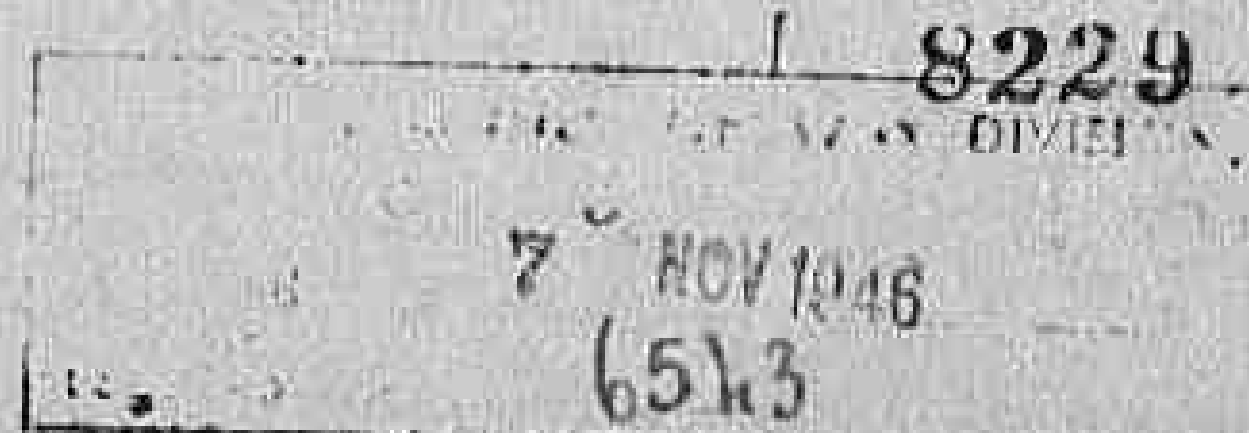
TO : General Headquarters
Central Mediterranean Forces

Reference this Division letter IPW/1/3/4300 B
dated 25 Sept.46 -

1. An early reply to above reference would be
appreciated.

[Signature]
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

Copy to: Navy S/C-A.G. (your letter NSC/5560 dated
28 Oct.46)



Navy Sub-commission, Hq. AC 9 NOV 1946

NSC/5560
28 October 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Italian Prisoners of War Division,
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C. M.M.I.A.

Subject: Prob. Midshipman Salvatore Pace and Surg. Sub/Lieut.
Salvatore VERDE of the destroyer "URAGANO".

1. An early reply to letter NSC/5431 dated 10th September 1946 would be appreciated.
2. Your letters IPH/1/3/4300 C dated 25th September 1946 refer.

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

N30/5569. ✓
22nd October, 1946.

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

Subject : Prob. MICHILIAN Salvatore PAGE and Surg. Sub/Lieut.
Salvatore VERDE of the destroyer "URAGANO".

With reference to your letter No. 15301/2 dated
16th October, 1946, a reply is awaited from Military Authorities
in the United States of America and as soon as same is received
you will be informed.

H. W. ZROLL,
COMMOGRU, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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23 OCT 1946

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 16th October 1946
Ref.: 15801/2 ✓

Subject: Prob. Midshipman Salvatore PACE and Surg. Sub/Lieut.
Salvatore VERDE of the destroyer "URAGANO"

Further to our letter No.14063/2, dated 27th August 1946,
it would be appreciated if you would inform us whether the investigation
in question has had any result.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZIO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 15801/2 *Allegato*

ARGOMENTO: Aspirante G. Marina PACE Salvatore e
S. Ten. Medico VERDE Salvatore della Torpedinie
ra "Uragano".

Prosecuzione foglio di questo Uf-
ficio di Gabinetto n° 14063/2 in data 27
Agosto 1946, si prega comunicare se la pra-
tica in argomento ha avuto esito.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/3/4300 B ✓

25 September 1946

SUBJECT : Probationary Midshipman Salvatore PACE and
Surg. Sub/Lieut. Salvatore VERDE of the
destroyer "Uragano"

TO : General Headquarters
Central Mediterranean Forces

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine letter No 14063/2
dated 27th August 1946 is forwarded and it would be
appreciated if necessary enquiries could be made in order
that a reply may be made.

W. Philip
James E. Regis
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

Encl: Letter m/a

→ Copy to: Navy S/C- A.C.

(your letter NSC/5431 dated 10 Sept. 46 refers)

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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25 September 1946 ✓

SUBJECT : Probationary Midshipman Salvatore PAGE and
Surge. Sub/Lieut. Salvatore VERDE of the
destroyer "Uragano"

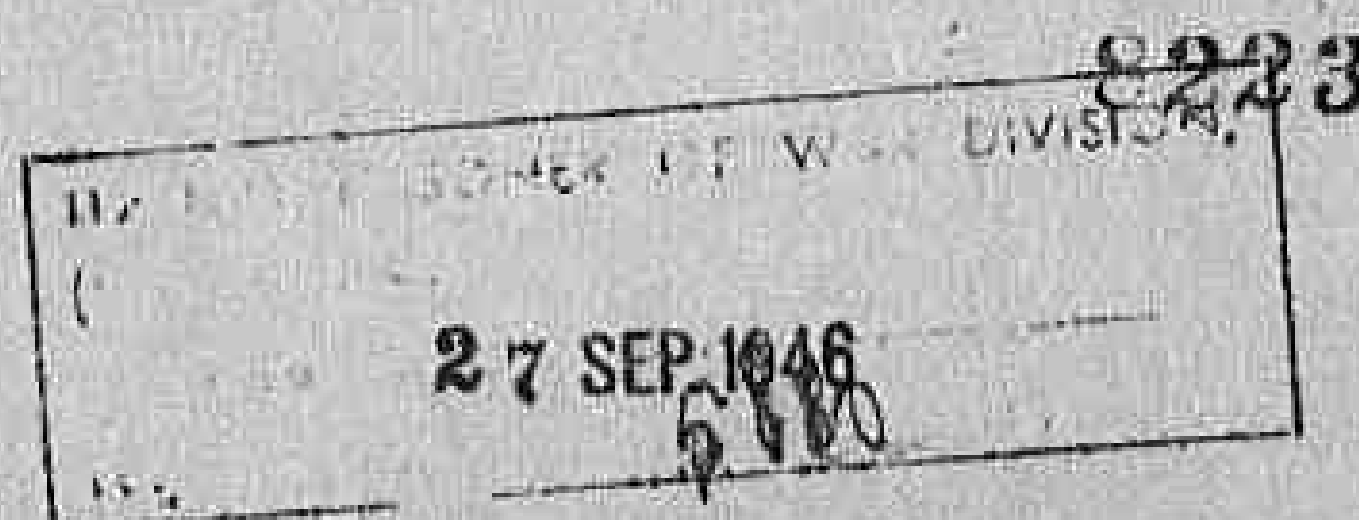
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Army Service Forces, Pentagon Building,
Washington 25, D.C.

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W.R. Philip
Maj. G.S.
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

Encl: Letter m/a

Copy to: Navy S/O- A.C. (your letter NSC/5431 dated
10 Sept. 46 refers)



NSC/5431 ✓
10 September 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Italian P.O.W. Division, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MMIA)
Allied Commission.

Subject: Probationary Midshipman Salvatore PAGE and Surg. Sub/Lieut.
Salvatore VERDE of the destroyer "URAGANO"

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine letter No 14063/2 dated 27th August 1946 is forwarded and it would be appreciated if necessary enquiries could be made in order that a reply may be made.

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

16 SEP 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 27th August 1946
Ref.: 14063/2 ✓

Subject: Probationary Midshipman Salvatore PACE and Surg. Sub/Lieut.
Salvatore VERDE of the destroyer "URAGANO"

On 3rd February 1943 the destroyer "URAGANO" sank in the Straits of Sicily.

Of the ship's company, 40, including officers and ratings, were saved; the remainder were considered missing by the Ministry of Marine and no news has been received of their fate.

Recently, Mr. Giuseppe Tornetta, an ex sergeant in the Italian Air Force who was made prisoner at the capitulation in Tunisia and who recently returned home after being a prisoner in British hands and later working for the French in Tunisia, presented a report to the Ministry of Marine in which he states that in December 1943 he knew a Naval Officer by the name of Salvatore PACE and a medical officer who was always in his company but whose name he did not know.

When Tornetta returned to Italy, he read a notice in the returned prisoners centre at Naples, requesting news of Prob. Midshipman Salvatore PACE and he immediately contacted PACE's family to whom he narrated the following: When shown a photograph of Midshipman PACE, Tornetta had no difficulty in recognizing the officer whom he had met in Tunisia. Information on the character of the medical officer which he was able to provide also enabled Surg. Sub/Lieut. VERDE to be identified.

The information provided by Tornetta briefly is as follows :

- His first meeting with the above officers was in December 1943 in an Italian field hospital about 4 km. from Bizerta on the Bizerta-Tunis road. This hospital was then under British jurisdiction.
- There were subsequently further meetings as Tornetta often had the opportunity to stop at the hospital in the lorry on which he was employed.
- Tornetta saw the two officers for the last time on 10th May 1944, when they left for Algiers in a British motor column.

In July 1945 the International Red Cross Committee communicated to the VERDE family that, according to information received from their branch at Algiers, he was a prisoner at the following address :

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P.O.W. Camp Fort Meade
G.P.O. Box 20 New York - U.S.A.

This newshad no result, however,^{as} the enquiries made in America directly on behalf of the VERDE family were unseccessful. As can easily be imagined, the information of Mr. Tornetta, who, although he was contradicted by the above facts, firmly stated that he was giving the true explanation, which he also endorsed in his report to the Ministry of Marine, was very distressing to the families of the two officers and they turned to the Casualties Office of the Ministry of Marine asking for the investigations to be renewed despite their previous negative result.

Owing to the importance of the matter, it is requested that the Navy Sub Commission should approach the Allied Authorities concerned, for the renewal of the investigations as it is not out of the question that some of the crew of the "URAGANO" should have been saved by British ships or have finished up on the coast of Algeria, contrary to the fate of the other group of survivors who were picked up by our own ships and whose names are known.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

Roma, 27 AGO. 1946

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Ortol N° 14063/2 *Allegato*

ARGOMENTO: Aspirante Guardiamarina PACE Salvatore di Carmelo e
S.Tenente Medico VERDE Salvatore della Torpediniera "URAGANO".-

Il giorno 3/2/1943 affondò nel Canale di Sicilia la Torpe-
diniera "Uragano".

Dell'equipaggio, 40, fra Ufficiali, Sottufficiali e Marinai
furono tratti in salvo: i rimanenti furono da questo Ministero
dichiarati dispersi e sino ad oggi nessuna notizia è stata possi-
bile avere sulla loro sorte.

Recentemente il Sig. TORNETTA Giuseppe, ex Maresciallo Mil-
tarizzato dell'Aeronautica, fatto prigioniero alla caduta della
Tunisia, e da poco rientrato in Patria dopo essere stato prigio-
niero in mani inglesi e aver successivamente lavorato al servizio
delle Autorità Francesi di Tunisia, ha presentato a questo Mini-
stero una relazione nella quale narra di aver conosciuto nel di-
cembre 1943 un Ufficiale di Marina a nome PACE Salvatore ed un
Ufficiale Medico, che era sempre in compagnia del PACE, di cui
però non ha saputo precisare il nome. Tornato in Italia il TOR-
NETTA, avendo letto a Napoli, nella Sede Reduci, un manifesto nel
quale venivano richieste notizie dell'Aspirante Guardiamarina
PACE Salvatore, si fece subito premura di mettersi in contatto
con la famiglia PACE alla quale narrò quanto più innanzi accenna-
to. Essendogli stata mostrata una fotografia dell'Aspirante PACE,
il TORNETTA non esitò a riconoscere l'Ufficiale con il quale si
era incontrato in Tunisia, mentre precisò dettagli sui caratteri
somatici dell'altro Ufficiale Medico che permisero di individua-
re in esso il S.Tenente Medico VERDE Salvatore. 8219

Le notizie portate dal TORNETTA sono in sintesi le seguenti:
- il primo incontro con i due suddetti Ufficiali sarebbe avvenuto
nel dicembre 1943 in un ospedale da Campo Italiano a circa 4

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Km. da Biserta, sulla strada Biserta- Tunisi. Detta Ospedale era allora sotto la gestione inglese.

- gli incontri si sarebbero poi susseguiti, dato che il TORNETTA aveva spesso occasione di transitare, con il camion affidatogli per il servizio, davanti all'Ospedale.
- il TORNETTA avrebbe visto per l'ultima volta i due Ufficiali in data 10/5/1944 mentre erano in partenza con un'autocolonna inglese con destinazione Algeri.

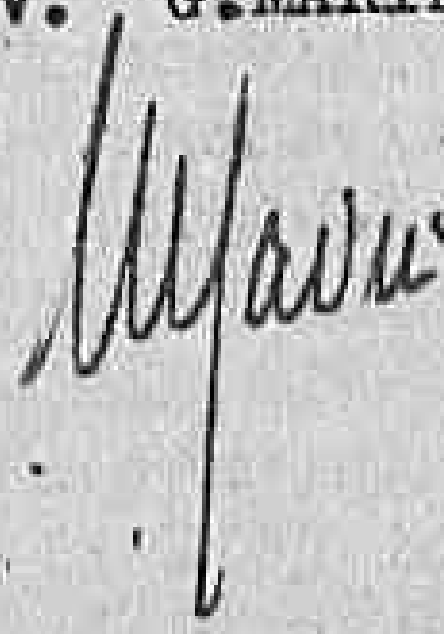
Si ritiene opportuno aggiungere che nel luglio 1945 il Comitato Internazionale della Croce Rossa comunicava alla famiglia VERDE che il suo congiunto, secondo una notizia pervenuta dalla Delegazione di Algeri, trovavasi prigioniero al seguente indirizzo:

P.O.W. Camp. Fort Meade
G.P.O. Box 20 New York - U.S.A.

La notizia purtroppo non ebbe seguito, perché le ricerche fatte, esperire direttamente dalla famiglia VERDE in America ebbero esito negativo. Come è facile comprendere le notizie portate dal Sig. TORNETTA che, malgrado le contestazioni rivoltegli, ha ribadito con fermezza di narrare fatti veritieri ed ha sottoscritto la dichiarazione innanzi citata, hanno messo in orgasma le famiglie dei due Ufficiali ricercati, che si sono rivolte all'Ufficio Assenti di questo Ministero chiedendo che vengano riprese le ricerche, malgrado il precedente esito negativo delle stesse.

Data l'importanza della questione si prega vivamente codesta S. Commissione Navale di voler interessare le competenti Autorità Alleate per l'attuazione delle ricerche, non essendo da escludere che alcuni membri dell'equipaggio della Torp. "Uragano", siano stati salvati da unità inglesi oppure siano finiti sulle coste dell'Algeria, al contrario di quanto accadde al gruppo di naufraghi della suddetta Torpediniera, che fu tratto in salvo dalle nostre unità e di cui si conoscono i nomi.

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



NSC/5477
30 September 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.
Subject: Enquiry re PW PUGLISI, Francesco.

1. With reference to your letter 11097/2 dated 2nd July 1946, addressed to Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, the following information has now been received:

- (a) One prisoner of war Puglisi Francesco, Pvt. 7W1-914 was repatriated to Naples on or about 6th December 1945.
- (b) There is a record of only one Italian prisoner of war listed under the name Puglisi Francesco, 7W1-914, who was born 1st December 1920, son of Domenico and Nunzia Puglisi.

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

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION AC
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/3/4265 B

16 September 1946

SUBJECT : Enquiry re PW. PUGLISI, Francesco -

TO : Navy Sub-Commission,
Headquarters, A.C.

Ref. your letter NSC/5258 dated 11 July 46

1. While Headquarters Peninsular Base Section has no more information available other than PW. PUGLISI, Francesco, Pvt. 7W1-914 was repatriated to Naples on or about 6 Dec. 45, War Department, Office of the Provost Marshal General, Washington 25, D.C. informs this Division of the following:

a) this Office has record of only one Italian prisoner of war listed under the name PUGLISI, Francesco, 7W1-914. This prisoner of war was born 1 December 1920; is the son of Domenico and Nunzia Puglisi.

b) this subject prisoner of war was repatriated, 10 November 1945, however, it is believed that the above mentioned prisoner is not the individual sought by Mrs. Rosalia Puglisi.

M. R. Philip
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
IPW Div.

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION	
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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/ 1/3/4007 B

16 July 46

SUBJECT : Gunner PUGLISI Francesco, son of Salavatore,
and of Simone Rosalia, 1919 class o/n. 99082

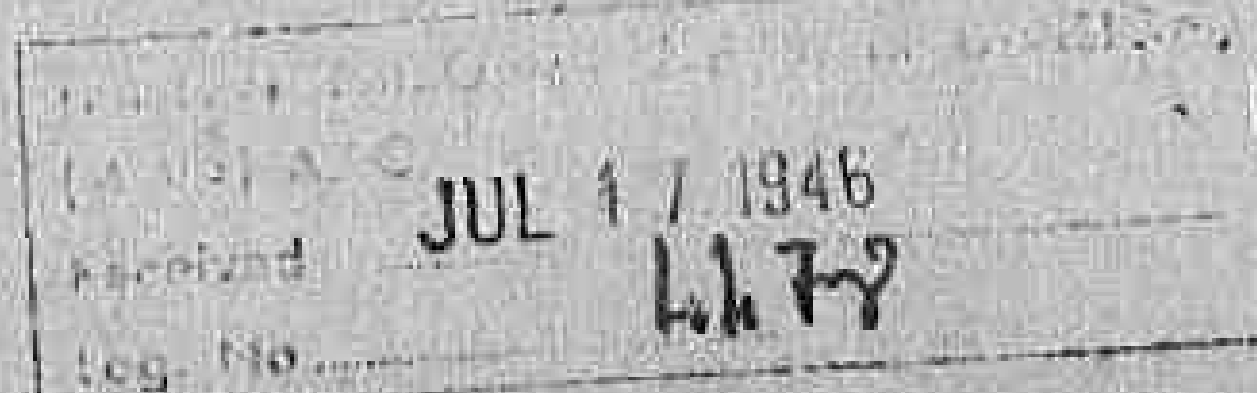
TO : HQ
Peninsular Base Section,
APO 782

1. Attached please find copy of Ministry of Marine letter 11097/2 dated 2 July 46 and relative enclosures.
2. It is requested that the necessary inquiries and clarification on the matter be made.
3. May this Division be informed as soon as possible of the result of your investigation.

M.V. Pannil
Capt. 82
JAMES B. REGIS
Lt. Colonel
Chief
IPW DIVISION

3 Encls as above.

Copy to Navy Sub Commission, HQ AC. (Your letter NSC/5258 DATED 11 July 1946 refers)



NEC/5258
11 July 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Italian POW Division, Land Forces Sub-Commission,
(H.M.I.A.), Allied Commission.
Subject: Gunner FUGLISI Francesco, son of Salvatore and of
De Simone Rosalia, 1919 class, o/n.99082.

1. Copy of Ministry of Marines letter 11097/2 dated
2 July 1946, together with relative enclosures, is forwarded
and it is requested that necessary inquiries be made.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
COMMODORE, USN.
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, AC.
ACTING.

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11 JUL 1946

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer Italy - Rome
Date: 2nd July 1946
Ref.: 11097/2 - Encl. No.2

Subject: Gunner PUGLISI Francesco, son of Salvatore and of De Simone
Rosalia, 1919 class, o/n.99082

The rating in question appears to have been missing since March 1941 following the sinking of his ship, the auxiliary vessel "GIOVINEZZA".

From the enclosed copies of letters sent to his family, Puglisi appears to have been a prisoner in the United States till November 1945 and subsequently repatriated.

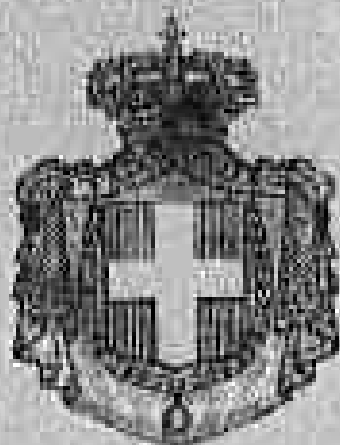
It is suggested that the man quoted by the American Authorities is a namesake of the man in question, since the fact that he did not communicate with his family during his long imprisonment nor return to his family on repatriation, can not be explained.

It is requested that the American Authorities concerned should be approached again to clarify the matter.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 11097/2 Allegati 2

ARGOMENTO: Cannoniere PUGLISI Francesco, figlio di Salvatore
e di DE SIMONE Rosalia, classe 1919, matr. 99082.-

Il militare in argomento risulta disperso dal 18 marzo 1941 in seguito all'affondamento della nave aus. "Giovinezza" sulla quale era imbarcato.

Dalle accluse due copie di lettere, qui inviate dalla famiglia, il PUGLISI risulterebbe fosse stato prigioniero negli Stati Uniti fino al novembre 1945 ed in seguito rimpatriato.

Questo Ministero ritiene che il nominativo segnalato dalle Autorità americane sia un omonimo del militare in questione, poichè non si spiegherebbe il mancato invio di notizie alla famiglia durante il lungo periodo dalla prigionia ed il non rientro in famiglia dopo il rimpatrio.

Si pregherebbe pertanto voler cortesemente interessare in merito le competenti Autorità americane, allo scopo di chiarire l'equivoco.-

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

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Roma - 21 LUG. 1946

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Al

SENIOR U.S. NAVAL LIAISON
OFFICER, ITALY - ROMA -

NSC/5572
27 October 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine.
Subject: Request for information regarding FORTUNATO D.

1. With reference to your letter No 16913/2 dated 18th October 1946 the information supplied is so vague that it is impossible for the N.S.C. to take further action and it is suggested that you communicate direct to the International Red Cross through the Italian Red Cross.

H. W. ZIROLI,
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. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 18th October 1946
Ref.: 16913/2

Subject: Request for information regarding FORTUNATO D.

With reference to your letter NSC/5376, dated 15th August 1946, we enclose a copy of the message received from the Italian Red Cross.

We inform you that the Ministry of Marine is not in possession of proof that FORTUNATO was a member of the crew, or a passenger on the SS. "SCNTAY".

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

JLP/P.
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Navy Sub-commission, Hq. AC
21 OCT 1946



Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Det. N° 16913/2 *Allegati*

ARGOMENTO: Richiesta di notizie relative a
FORTUNATO D.

Con riferimento al vostro foglio
NSC/5376 in data 15 Agosto 1946 si trasmet-
te copia del messaggio ricevuto dalla Cro-
ce Rossa Italiana.

Si comunica che questo Ministero
non possiede informazioni atte a stabilire
se il FORTUNATO era membro dell'equipag-
gio o passeggero del Piroscalo "SONTAY".-

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

Marini 8210

18 OTT. 1946

Roma

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

NSC/5376
15 August 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Request for information death of rating D. FORTUNATO
when S.S. "SONTAY" was sunk.

1. With reference to your letter No. 12635/2 dated 31st July 1946, it is requested that a copy of the message received from the International Red Cross be forwarded.
2. Information has been received that the S.S. "SONTAY" has not been sunk and it is requested that you state whether D. FORTUNATO was a member of the crew or a passenger.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR

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

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16 AUG 1946

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 31st July 1946
Ref.: 12635/2

Subject: Request for information death of rating D.FORTUNATO when
SS. "SONTAY" was sunk

The ~~Italian~~ Red Cross has informed us of the death of the rating D.FORTUNATO, lost at sea on the SS. "SONTAY", date unstated.

In order to establish whether the deceased is the same as the seaman Donato FORTUNATO, who is recorded as "missing" from the SS. "TABAPCA", sunk on the Veda shoals on 1st December 1942, it is requested that you approach the competent Authorities to discover the date of the sinking of the SS. "SONTAY" and whether the above man appears in the list of the personnel embarked.

JLP/P.
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*s/ "Sontay" left Antwerp for Har Gob
6/8/46
Registered. 7 Shipping + Seamen
Cardiff*

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Roma 31 LUG 1946 194

Al NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Prot. N° 12635/2

Allegato

ARGOMENTO

Richiesta di notizie: decesso del
militare FORTUNATO D. - Data di
affondamento del S.S.SONTAY.-

La Croce Rossa Internazionale ha comunicato
il decesso del militare FORTUNATO D. scomparso
in mare dal S.S.SONTAY, in data imprecisata.-

Allo scopo di poter stabilire se la persona
del defunto sia da attribuirsi al marinaio
FORTUNATO Donato, che risulta "disperso" dal
piroscafo TABARCA affondato sulle secche di
Vada il 1/12/42, si prega voler interessare le
Autorità competenti per conoscere la data in
cui venne affondato il S.S.SONTAY e se il pre-
detto nominativo risulta negli elenchi del
personale su di esso imbarcato.-

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

M. Marini 8207

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CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
UFFICIO PRIGIONIERI RICERCHE E SERVIZI CONNESSI

VUS/Ala

Prot. N° A/O/9771/VI.D.

OGGETTO : Militare FORTUNATO D.

Roma li 6/6/946

Via Puglia, 6 - Tel. 41530 - 484876

MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Ufficio Informazioni alla Famiglia
" MARPERS " - ROMA

Si comunica che il :

Militare FORTUNATO D.

è deceduto scomparso in mare dal S.S. "Sontay" (non si possiedono precisazioni sulla data di morte).

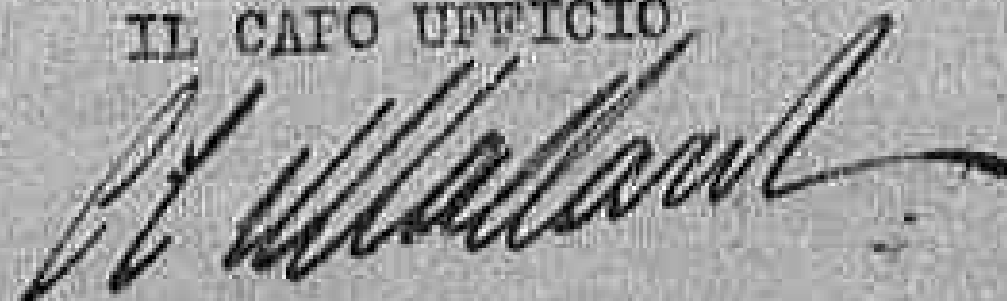
L'indirizzo della famiglia non risulta agli atti di questo Ufficio, ne si hanno elementi sufficienti per l'identificazione del deceduto. - Preghiamo di volerci dare, se possibile, chiarimenti necessari per la sistemazione della pratica.

CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
Ufficio Prigionieri di Guerra
F/to) illeggibile

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PER COPIA CONFORME

IL CAPO UFFICIO



NSC/2956
29 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Seaman CAILINI Rodolfo.

1. Copies of correspondence received from British Military Administration, Dodecanese are forwarded and it is requested that a suitable reply be made by you to the father of the abovenamed.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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30 APR 1946

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NAVY

SUBJECT:- Enquiries for Relatives

H.Q. ALCOM
ITALY

HQ
BRIT MIL ADMIN
DODECANESE
MEF
V 022c/12a.
6th April 1946.

CALLINI RODOLFO

The attached copy of a request has been received direct by this Administration from the father of the above named Italian sailor.

2. The only information which can be obtained on this sailor, is that, it is presumed he was deported with some 2,400 other naval ratings on the 22nd September 1943 per S.S. "DONIZETTI" which was sunk with no survivors on the 23rd September 1943. No nominal rolls were kept by the Germans of those embarked, and, as this name does not appear on any subsequent list of naval ratings, it can only be assumed that he was drowned.

3. Would you please convey the above information to the father, and state that it is regretted that more confirmatory information is not obtainable by this Administration.

LBW/EC/6

L.B. WEBBER
(L.B. WEBBER)
Ft/Lt.
for CHIEF SECRETARY

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Registered

- COPY -

Ancona, 21/2/1946.

To:- B.M.A. Dodecanese.

I take the liberty in asking you whether you could enlighten me on the whereabouts of my son.

Sailor CAILINI RODOLFO (of Cesare)

born on the 20/4/1922

Marina 507 (or 501 ?)

Reparto 6 - Posta Militare 550
Rhodes

Since 4th September 1943, we have not heard from him.

I would be very grateful if something could be done in this case.

Thanking you

(Sgd) CAILINI CESARE

Address:
CAILINI CESARE
Pietralacroce 218
ANCONA ITALIA.

L. 8202

MSC/5403
29 August 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: British Ministry of Shipping,
Corso d'Italia 25, Rome.
Subject: Adjustment of Civil Records Concerning Italian Seamen
Embarked on British SS EMPIRE DOGE.

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine, Directorate General of
Mercantile Marine's ltr. No. 16620 dated 12 July 1946, is forwarded and
it would be appreciated if appropriate action could be taken to comply
with the request.

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

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30 AUG 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Directorate General of Mercantile Marine)
To : F.O.L.I. - N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 12th July 1946
Ref.: 16620

Subject: Adjustment of Civil Records concerning Italian seamen embarked on British SS. "EMPIRE DOCE"

From unofficial information received at this Ministry it appears that the British SS. "EMPIRE DOCE" sank on 2nd December 1944, and that as a result of its sinking the undermentioned Italian seamen disappeared at sea, being then embarked on that ship :

- 1) Battista Marino born of Francesco and Calabrese Francesca at Mola di Bari on 5th April 1907.
- 2) Salvai Donato born of Giovanni and Lieggi Rosa at Mola di Bari on 18th April 1907.
- 3) Reochia Vincenzo born of the late Nicola and Clemente Caterina at Mola di Bari on 28th March 1912.
- 4) Spadavecchia Angelo.
- 5) La Forgia Pasquale.
- 6) Gandia Giuseppe.
- 7) Losito Domenico.

In order that the civil records of these seamen may be adjusted it is requested that the appropriate Allied Authority may be asked to forward their Death Certificates to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, informing the undersigned when this is done.

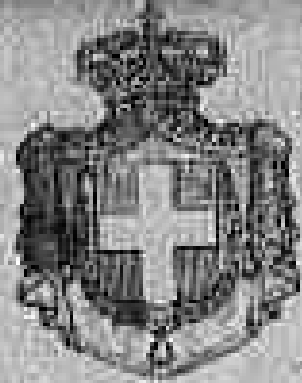
DATE: 30 July 1946
FROM: FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON
TO : NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, FOR AG.

FORWARDED FOR APPROVAL ACTION

A.V. Crippa
for REAR ADMIRAL

for THE MINISTER
(Sgd. Matteini ?)



*Ministero della Marina*DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Roma, 12 LUG 1946

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Al F.O.L.I.
Navy Sub Commission
ROMADivisione II Sec. II
Prot. N. 16620 AllegatiRisposta al Foglio del
Dir. Sec. N. 2

OGGETTO Regularizzazione stato civile marittimi italiani imbarcati sul p/fo inglese "Empire Doce"

Da notizie officiose pervenute a questo Ministero risulta che il 2/12/1944 è affondato il p/fo inglese "Empire Doce" e che in seguito a tale affondamento sono scomparsi in mare i seguenti marittimi di nazionalità italiana imbarcati sul p/fo stesso:

- 1) Battista Marino di Francesco è di Calabrese Francesca nato a Mola di Bari il 5/4/1907;
- 2) Salvai Donato di Giovanni e di Lieggi Rosa, nato a Mola di Bari il 18/4/1907;
- 3) Recchia Vincenzo fu Nicola e di Clemente Caterina, nato a Mola di Bari il 28/3/1912;
- 4) Spadavecchia Angelo;
- 5) La Forgia Pasquale;
- 6) Gandia Giuseppe;
- 7) Losito Domenico.

Allo scopo di provvedere alla regularizzazione dello Stato civile dei marittimi succitati, si prega di voler interessare la competente autorità alleata a rimettere al Ministero degli Affari Esteri gli atti di morte ad essi relativi dandone cortese comunicazione allo scrivente.

IL MINISTRO

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MSC/5197
27 June 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Enquiry re D'ACHILLE, Paolo.

1. With reference to your letter No. 17324 dated 1st April 1946, information has been received that D'ACHILLE, Paolo has not been reported as a prisoner-of-war or the custody of United States authorities.

2. Three photographs of the rating are returned herewith.

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

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ONE FORCES SUB COMMISSION C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

IPW/1/3/3870 B

21 June 1946

SUBJECT : Enquiry re D'ACHILLE PaoloTO : Navy Sub-Commission A C

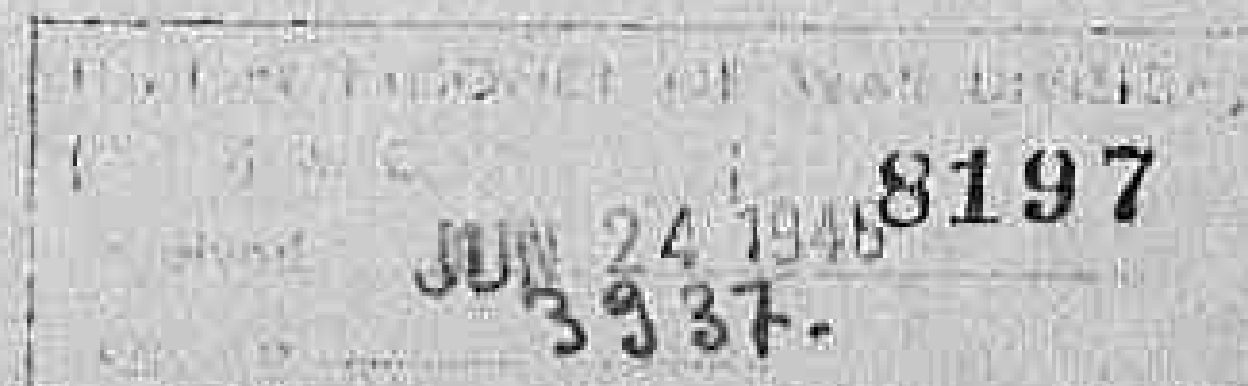
Reference your letter NSC/4950 dated
27 April 46

1. This Division has been informed that D'ACHILLE,
Paolo has not been reported as a prisoner of war in the
custody of the United States.

2. Returned herein are two photographs of subject
m/a.

[Signature]
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div. *[Signature]*

2 Encls: As above



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27 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
Subject: "Leading Seaman D'ACHILLE Paolo", Italian Royal
Navy, 1919 class.

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine's letter No. 17824 dated
1st April 1946 together with two photographs of the abovenamed are
forwarded.

2. It would be appreciated if necessary enquiries can
be instituted and the Navy Sub-Commission advised of the result.

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

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From: MINISTRY OF MARITIME (Maristat) ✓
To : N.S.C.
Date: 1st April 1946
Ref.: 17824

Subject: Request for information of prisoner of war or internee
"Leading Seaman D'ACHILLE Paolo" Italian Royal Navy,
1919 class

It would be greatly appreciated if, with the help of N.S.C, it could be possible to obtain information of Leading Seaman D'ACHILLE Paolo I.R.N, son of Giuseppe D'Achille and of Eugenia Riccardi born in Aegui (Alessandria) on 14th April 1919, who was a member of the ship's company of the destroyer "CLIDENE" sunk by submarine on 28th April 1943 in the Sicilian channel.

From reliable sources, it has been reported that after the sinking of the ship he was rescued by an American aircraft, and that he is at present an inmate of a North American military hospital, having completely lost his memory.

Difficulties have been encountered in previous enquiries made by Italian Royal Navy because of lack of details regarding the name and location of the hospital.

We transmit physical description of the subject : height about 1.72 metres, brown eyes, brown hair, slightly wavy, tending to baldness, appendicitis scar on stomach, and scar of burn on one elbow.

for CHIEF OF STAFF

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O

SERGENTE REGIA MARINA ITALIANA

D'ACHILLE Paolo

di Giuseppe

e di Eugenia Riccardi

nato il 14 Aprile 1919

A C Q U I (prov.Alessandria)

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Altezza metri 1,72 circa

occhi castani

capelli castani

cicatrice al ventre per opera_

zione di appendicite

cicatrici di bruciature ad un

gomito

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Imbarcato il 28 Aprile 1943

sulla R.Torp. " CLIMENE "

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat) ✓
To : U.S.C.
Date: 1st April 1946
Ref.: 17824

Subject: Request for information of prisoner of war or internee
"Leading Seaman D'ACHILLE Paolo" Italian Royal Navy,
1919 class

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From reliable sources, it has been reported that after the sinking of the ship he was rescued by an American aircraft, and that he is at present an inmate of a North American military hospital, having completely lost his memory.

Difficulties have been encountered in previous enquiries made by Italian Royal Navy because of lack of details regarding the name and location of the hospital.

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for CHIEF OF STAFF

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Roma

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. M.D.S. Uff. Segr.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. N. 1792* Allegato

ARGOMENTO Richiesta notizie prigioniero o internato di guerra
Sergente R. Marina D'ACHILLE Paolo cl. 919.

Si gradirebbe conoscere se, con il benevolo intervento di codesta N.S.C., sia possibile avere notizie del Sergente R.M. D'ACHILLE Paolo di Giuseppe e di Eugenia Riccardi, nato il 14 Aprile 1919 in Acqui (Alessandria) che il 28 Aprile 1943 era imbarcato sulla R. Torpediniera "CLIMENE", affondata in tale data nel Canale di Sicilia per azione di sommergibile.

Da fonte attendibile risulterebbe che egli dopo lo affondamento dell'unità sia stato raccolto da un aereo americano e che attualmente si troverebbe ricoverato in una casa di cura per militari, nel Nord America, avendo completamente perduto la memoria.

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Ciò che ha reso difficili le precedenti ricerche da parte della R. Marina è la mancanza della conoscenza del nome della casa di cura e la sua ubicazione.

Si trascrivono i dati somatici del ricoverato: altezza metri 1,72 circa, occhi castani, capelli castani leggermente ondulati e tendenti alla calvizie, cicatrice al ventre per operazione di appendicite e cicatrici di bruciature ad un gomito.--

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

E. ACCIARETTI

NSC/4949
27 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq, Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Napolitano Domenico, No. 27485.

1. A copy of letter from the wife of the abovenamed addressed to the United States Military Authorities in Washington is forwarded.

2. It is understood that the rating was serving in the Corvette "ANTILOPE" and was reported missing after a bombardment of the port of TRAPANI on the 6th April 1943. It is therefore considered most unlikely that the rating can be a prisoner of war and it is requested that you will inform the writer accordingly.

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

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29 APR 1946

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MINISTERO MARINA - GABINETTO - UFFICIO COLLEGAMENTO AUTORITÀ ALLEATE

A Marinequip (Sezione Segnalatori) risulta:

Sergente Segnalatore (rich.) NAFOLITANO Domenico,
matricola 27485, classe 1915, imbarcato sulla
Corvetta "Antilope" il 2 aprile 1943.

- Considerato disperso in seguito al bombar-
damento del Porto di Trapani il 6 aprile
1943.-

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NAPOLITANO, DOMENICO, Sergeant Signalman, Royal Marines.
(Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington's letter Pers-5321b-SKS
of 28th February, 1946)

II

No. 729/2799

FLAG OFFICER, (LIAISON), ITALY
NAVAL HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

Forwarded, since it appears that the man
in question is a member of the (Italian) Regia Marina and
not of the Corps of Royal Marines (British).

The Head of British Admiralty
Delegation,
1025 Vermont Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
18th March, 1946.
mc

Shankley
for ADMIRAL



DATE: 8 April 1946
FROM: FLAG OFFICER, LIAISON
TO: NAVY SUBCOMMITTEE HQ-AC.

FORWARDED FOR ACTION

Dr. C. C. C.
for REAR ADMIRAL

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In reply address not the signer of this
letter but Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

Refer to No.

Pers-5321b-SKS

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



28 February 1946

To: British Admiralty Delegation
1025 Vermont Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Subj: NAPOLITANO, Domenico, Sergeant Signalman, Royal Marines.
Information concerning; request for.

1. The enclosed letter from Mrs. Filomena D'Ovidio, Piazza S. Anargine
No. 1, Rossano, Calabro, is forwarded as a matter coming under the
cognizance of the Royal Navy.

2. The subject-named man cannot be identified as being a member of
the U. S. Marine Corps or the U. S. Navy.

By direction of Chief of Naval Personnel.



H. B. Atkinson
H. B. ATKINSON
Commander, USNR
Officer in Charge
Casualty Section

Encl.

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1st Endorsement

From: The Commandant,
U. S. Marine Corps.

To: ☐ The Adjutant General,
War Department.

☒ The Chief of Naval
Personnel,
Navy Department.

☐ The Commandant,
U. S. Coast Guard.

☐ The Director, Bureau
of Marine Inspection
and Navigation,
Department of
Commerce.

1. Not found in Marine Corps.
2. Writer has not been informed
of this reference.

P. Costello
P. J. COSTELLO
By direction.

14 January 1946.
(Date)

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D-8967
Italian

Translated in Service Branch, MIS
By E.M.F. 2-1-46

Rossano (Cosenza)

24.11.45

Army Service Forces
Office of the Commanding General
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

82 JAN 8 1946
C.F. by [unclear] [unclear]
JAN 8 1946
F. [unclear] 2 BLES UNIT

The undersigned, Filomena D'Ovidio, married to Sergeant Signalman
in the Royal Marines, Domenico Napolitano, son of Domenico, born at
Rossano 20 September 1915, resident of and domiciled at Rossano Calabro,
appeals to your general command in order to get information about her
husband.

The undersigned informs you that on 17 May 1945 she received a
radiogram from Washington and ~~from~~ ^{since} that day no information has come to her.

Confident of your interest I am awaiting a courteous reply from
you.

Filomena D'Ovidio
wife of Napolitano.

Piazza S. Anargine No. 1
Rossano, Calabro

(ITALY)

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NSC/4873
10 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: M/V "DOMIZETTI" - Missing I.R.N. Personnel.

1. With reference to your letter 17842/2 dated 9th September 1945 enclosed herewith is a copy of letter No. 549 dated 11th January 1946 from the Italian Commission Dodecanese Area together with relative nominal rolls of personnel.

2. It is regretted that nominal lists for some further 2,300 personnel are not available.

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REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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11 APR 1946

ND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

MT/mdp

IPW/1/3/3471 B

4 April 1946

SUBJECT : Enquiry Survivors of Steamship " DONIZETTI "

TO : Navy Sub-Commission, A.C. - ✓

Reference your letter NSC/4747 dated
15 March 46

1. Enquiries have been instituted by General Headquarters, Middle East Forces, following which the two attached nominal rolls have been received from the Italian Commission Dodecanese Area. One list is composed of Italian Air Force personnel totaling 122 from official Wehrmacht sources, and the other of 28 Italian naval ratings who were embarked on the S/S "DONIZETTI" on the 22 Dec'43, with some 2,300 other troops for whom nominal rolls are not available.

2. A copy of a letter from the Italian Commission communicating the above information to the Italian Ministry of War and to the Vatican Authorities, is also attached.

Thomson Capt
for JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

5 Encls : As above

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Copy to Ministry of Foreign Affairs -(your 6/4720/3052 dated
23 Nov 45 refers)

ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION	
(M.M.I.A.C.)	APR 5 - 1946
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MSC/4767
15 March 1946. ✓

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Land Forces Sub-Commission (M.M.I.A.),
Italian Prisoner-of-War Division.

Subject: Enquiry regarding M/V DONIZETTI.

1. With reference to your letter IPW/1/3/2141 B dated 4th February 1946, it would be appreciated if the Navy Sub-Commission could be informed whether any further information is now available.

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

16 MAR 1946

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LAND FORCES SUB COMMISSION A.C.
M.M.I.A.
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/3/2141 B ✓

4 February 1946

SUBJECT : Enquiry regarding M/V DONIZETTITO : Navy Sub-Commission A.C.

Reference your letter NSC/4521 dated 30 January 46

1. No reply has yet been received to request for information - mailed 27 December 45 re personnel of subject ship.
2. You will be informed when reply is received.

[Signature]
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div. *[Signature]*

Italian Prisoners of War Sub-Commission
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HSC/4521 ✓
30 January 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Italian Prisoner of War Division,
Hq. Allied Commission.

Subject: Enquiry regarding M/V DONIZETTI.

1. With reference to your letter IPW/1/3/1800B dated 21st December 1945, it is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be advised if a reply has now been received from P.W.I.B. M.E.

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

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Rodi, lì 11 Gennaio 1946

SEZIONE AFFARI MILITARI

UFFICIO RICERCHE

✓
No 549 di prot.

AL MINISTERO DELLA GUERRA

Cabinetto - ROMA -

ALLA SEGRETERIA DI STATO

DELLA SANTA SEDE - ROMA -

(riferimento radiomessaggio

in data 10 corr., per S.E.

l'Arcivescovo di Rodi)

AL MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POSTBELLICA

Cabinetto - ROMA -

AL MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POSTBELLICA

Ufficio Staccato Alta Italia MILANO

(Corso Italia)

ALLA CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA

Ufficio Prigionieri e Dispersi

- ROMA -

(Via Puglie 6)

Militari dispersi

Per doverosa conoscenza e per le prescritte comunicazioni da inviarsi alle famiglie dei militari deceduti e dispersi si tra-

smettono in allegato, i seguenti documenti:

- 1) - Elenco nominativo dei militari internati che, d'ordine del comando germanico, vennero imbarcati a Rodi l'11/2/44 su di un mezzo navale affondato, dopo la partenza, al largo delle coste greche, per cause ignote.
- 2) - Elenco nominativo di uno scaglione di militari internati della R. Aeronautica imbarcati, d'ordine del comando germanico, il 22/9/43 sul piroscafo "Donizetti" affondato la notte del 23 dello stesso mese al largo delle coste orientali dell'isola di Rodi in seguito ad azione aereo-navale Inglese.
- 3) - Elenco nominativo di uno scaglione di militari della R.M.A. imbarcati sul piroscafo di cui al precedente n° 2.

Come già riferito con precedente corrispondenza i superstiti dei due naufragi rimangono tuttora sconosciuti a questo Ufficio. Si sa solo che dei militari imbarcati sul piroscafo partito l'11 febbraio 1944 soltanto pochi (una trentina) riuscirono a salvarsi.

AL MINISTERO ASSISTENZA POSTBELLICA
Ufficio Staccato Alta Italia MILANO
(Corso Italia)

ALLA CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
Ufficio Prigionieri e Dispersi

- R O M A -
(Via Puglie 6)

Militari dispersi

Per doverosa conoscenza e per le prescritte comunicazioni da inviarsi alle famiglie dei militari deceduti e dispersi si tra smettono in allegato, i seguenti documenti:

- 1) - Elenco nominativo dei militari internati che, d'ordine del comando germanico, vennero imbarcati a Rodi l'11/2/44 su di un mezzo navale affondato, dopo la partenza, al largo delle coste greche, per cause ignote. -
- 2) - Elenco nominativo di uno scaglione di militari internati della R. Aeronautica imbarcati, d'ordine del comando germanico, il 22/9/43 sul piroscafo "Donizetti" affondato la notte del 23 dello stesso mese al largo delle coste orientali dell'isola di Rodi in seguito ad azione aereo -navale inglese. -
- 3) - Elenco nominativo di uno scaglione di militari della R. Marina imbarcati sul piroscafo di cui al precedente n° 2. -

Come già riferito con precedente corrispondenza i superstiti dei due naufragi rimangono tuttora sconosciuti a questo Ufficio. -

Si sa solo che dei militari imbarcati sul piroscafo partito l'11 febbraio 1944 soltanto pochi (una trentina) riuscirono a salvarsi. -

Con l'occasione si ritiene altresì doveroso attirare l'attenzione degli Enti in indirizzo su quanto segue:

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- a) - L'elenco allegato dei militari imbarcati sulla nave partita da Rodi l'11/2/1944 ad affondata al largo delle coste greche, venne compilato a suo tempo dal disciolto Ispettorato dei Reparti Italiani dell'Egeo orientale e da questo consegnato in copia alla Missione Francescana di Rodi. - Non si è in grado però di assicurare l'esatta esattezza di tale documento, sia per la scarsa precisione delle fonti, sia per il modo affrettato e caotico con cui i tedeschi

solevano disporre l'imbarco dei prigionieri Italiani -

b) - L'elenco allegato di uno scaglione di militari della R.Ae. nautica imbarcati sul piroscafo "Donizetti" venne a suo tempo compilato dal comando tedesco e da questo consegnato all'Ispettorato dei reparti italiani dell'Egeo orientale. - Il documento di che trattasi è stato rinvenuto nel carteggio del predetto Ispettorato raccolto da questa Commissione. -

c) - L'elenco nominativo di alcuni militari della R. Marina imbarcato sul menzionato piroscafo "Donizetti" è stato compilato dal dipendente ufficio Ricerche sulla base di notizie fornite da ex militari del disciolto comando Marina tuttora qui residenti. - Sull'attendibilità di tale documento questa Commissione fa, pertanto, le più ampie riserve. -

d) - Secondo informazioni a suo tempo attinte dagli ambienti militari e civili di Rodi, con piroscafo "Donizetti" sarebbero stati imbarcati circa 2.500 militari appartenenti, in gran maggioranza, a reparti della R. Marina, mentre le liste allegate danno le generalità di soli 150 militari. Conseguentemente si ignorano le generalità di oltre 2.300 militari imbarcati sul detto mezzo.

e) - Tutti e tre gli elenchi allegati si limitano all'indicazione del grado, nome e cognome dei militari ritenuti dispersi. - Questa Commissione si rende perfettamente conto delle difficoltà degli Enti in indirizzo per lo svolgimento delle conseguenti pratiche di rispettiva competenza, ma è spiacente non poter dare in alcun modo ulteriori precisazioni. -

Per la Croce Rossa Italiana, questa Commissione intende, col presente foglio, dare al tresì riscontro alla richiesta in data 5/10/45 N° 51076/1B diretta alla Missione Francese di Rodi, aggiungendo che l'elenco dei militari deceduti sull'isola di Rodi, venne già trasmesso a suo tempo al Ministero della Guerra che ne accusò ricezione con foglio n° 12540 in data 3/11/45. -

IL PRESIDENTE

P/TO Dott. Ing. ANTONIO MACCHI

ELENCO PERSONALE DELLA R. AERONAUTICA PARTITO PER IL CAMPO CONCENTRA-
MENTO IN DATA 22.9.43 CON LA R. NAVE "DONIZETTI" AFFONDATA DURANTE LA
NOTTE SUL 23.9.43 AL LARGO DELLE COSTE ORIENTALI DELL'ISOLA DI RODI IN
SEGUITO AD AZIONE AEREO-NAVALE INGLESE -

Serg. Magg.	CONTI	Domenico
Sergente	TIZZIANI	Giulio
1° Aviere	BISCARDI	Francesco
"	SAVELLI	Domenico
"	ANGELETTI	Ubaldo
"	BRUNI	Leonardo
"	MAGRI	Bruno
"	SALI	Giuseppe
"	CETICA	Giorgio
"	ZANELLI	Walter
"	MAESTRONI	Giuseppe
"	MANCA	Salvatore
"	RANZETTI	Guido
Aviere Sc.	BONCRISTIANI	Giorgio
"	BARONE	William
"	ROVERI	Cesare
"	BENIGNO	Salvatore
"	FARINA	Antonio
"	ROSSI	Pietro
"	SICILIA	Giuseppe
"	SALOMONE	Mario
"	DE CUNTO	Saverio
"	MARCINI	Armando
"	DI NOIA	Alfonso
"	PAIMA	Eugenio
"	PANIN	Nevio
"	CASANOVA	Filippo
"	DURSO	Antonio
"	TOGNOLI	Franco
"	SARTORI	Lanfranco
Aviere	STRAMUCCI	Emilio
"	SANTORO	Francesco
"	PULEO	Pietro
"	ALLEGRI	Giacomo
"	ANTOLE	Livio
"	GOTTI	Battista
"	COLAROSCI	Elso
"	CARACCILO	Eman
"	IZZO	Luigi
"	FLAIBANI	Leonida
"	ROMANO	Silvano

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Giorgio	Giorgio	Walter	Walter
Giuseppe	Giuseppe	Salvatore	Salvatore
Guido	Guido	Giorgio	Giorgio
William	William	Cesare	Cesare
Salvatore	Salvatore	Antonio	Antonio
Pietro	Pietro	Giuseppe	Giuseppe
Mario	Mario	Saverio	Saverio
Armando	Armando	Alfonso	Alfonso
Eugenio	Eugenio	Nevio	Nevio
Filippo	Filippo	Antonio	Antonio
Franco	Franco	Lenfranco	Lenfranco
Emilio	Emilio	Francesco	Francesco
Pietro	Pietro	Giacomo	Giacomo
Livio	Livio	Battista	Battista
Elio	Elio	Eman	Eman
Luigi	Luigi	Leonida	Leonida
Silvano	Silvano	Avio	Avio
Carlo	Carlo	Umberto	Umberto
Leonardo	Leonardo	Luciano	Luciano
Ettore	Ettore	Cesare	Cesare
Enso	Enso	Pietro	Pietro
Giuseppe	Giuseppe	Luigi	Luigi
Renato	Renato		

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CRICA	CRICA	ZANELLI	ZANELLI
MAESTRONI	MAESTRONI	MANCA	MANCA
RANZETTI	RANZETTI	BONCRISTIANI	BONCRISTIANI
BARONE	BARONE	ROVERI	ROVERI
BENIGNO	BENIGNO	FARINA	FARINA
ROSSI	ROSSI	SICILIA	SICILIA
SALOMONE	SALOMONE	DE CUNTO	DE CUNTO
MANCINI	MANCINI	DI NOIA	DI NOIA
PAIMA	PAIMA	FANIN	FANIN
CASANOVA	CASANOVA	DURSO	DURSO
TOGNOLI	TOGNOLI	SARTORI	SARTORI
STRANUCCI	STRANUCCI	SANTORO	SANTORO
PULEO	PULEO	ALLEGRI	ALLEGRI
ANTOLE	ANTOLE	GOTTI	GOTTI
COLAROSSE	COLAROSSE	CARACCIOLLO	CARACCIOLLO
IZZO	IZZO	FLAIBANI	FLAIBANI
ROMANO	ROMANO	ROSSETTI	ROSSETTI
SORMANI	SORMANI	SANTOPIETRO	SANTOPIETRO
SAGLIMBENE	SAGLIMBENE	SPADONI	SPADONI
SEHIAVO	SEHIAVO	SPACCASASSI	SPACCASASSI
SOPRA COLLE	SOPRA COLLE	SACCHI	SACCHI
TESTA	TESTA	TRAINI	TRAINI
TRICOSO	TRICOSO	VICCI	VICCI

Aviere Sc.

Aviere

Aviere	VIBERTI	Michelange
"	UGERI	Giuseppe
"	TOSTI	Italo
"	TRIVELLATO	Danilo
"	TROVATI	Guglielmo
"	MARANO	Michelangelo
"	MANDES	Antonio
"	BOTTERO	Valentino
"	BUSSA'	Salvatore
"	DE ANGELIS	Andrea
"	SICURO	Luigi
"	STELLA	Aldo
"	AGOSTO	Antonio
"	MAZZA	Angelo
"	CELLA	Augusto
"	DOCCHIO	Antonio
"	PORCELLI	Giovanni
"	AVARELLO	Giuseppe
"	ALESSI	Bruno
"	BARBI	Ivo
"	BRENNA	Mario
"	VESCHI	Anacleto
"	BIASIOLO	Enrico
"	BERTI	Antonio
"	BOIFARA	Raimondo
"	BELLAGAMBA	Paolo
"	BENASSI	Attilio
"	BOTTI	Aldo
"	CONTI	Carlo
"	CIGNETTI	Pierino
"	OHIEREGATO	Alfredo
"	CASAL	Riccardo
"	COVIELLO	Giuseppe
"	CIRELLO	Pasquale
"	CARAPEZZA	Salvatore
"	SAPFREI	Fausto
"	CALVARESE	Dino
"	CORTI	Giovanni
"	D'AGNESI	Gennaro
"	DELLE CASE	Anribale
"	DORIA	Simplicio
"	DE SANTIS	Nello
"	ESPOSITO	Vincenzo
"	FURLETTI	-Ermenegildo

STELLA	ALDO
ACOSTO	Antonio
MAZZA	Angelo
CELLA	Augusto
DOCCHIO	Antonio
PORCELLI	Giovanni
AVARELLO	Giuseppe
ALESSI	Bruno
BARBI	Ivo
BRENKA	Mario
VESCHI	Anacleto
BIASIOLO	Enrico
BERTI	Antonio
BOIFARA	Raimondo
BELLAGAMBA	Paolo
BENASSI	Attilio
BOTTI	Aldo
CONTI	Carlo
CIGNETTI	Pierino
CHIEREGATO	Alfredo
CASAL	Riccardo
COVIELLO	Giuseppe
CIRELLO	Pasquale
CARAPEZZA	Salvatore
SAFFREI	Fausto
CALVARESE	Dino
CORTI	Giovanni
D'AGNESI	Gennaro
DELLE CASE	Anribale
DORIA	Simplicio
DE SANTIS	Nello
ESPOSITO	Vincenzo
FURLETTI	-Ermenegildo
FACCIO	Domenico
FARINELLI	Amelio
FAZZINI	Attilio
FELIZZANI	Emilio
FANNESI	Nazzareno
FIGORE	Settimio
GHEZZI	Giuseppe
GAVIRACHI	Aldo
LUISSI	Rocco
LASTRUCCI	Emilio
MASOERO	Alfredo
MANNESI	Dino
MUSSI	-Adamo

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Aviere

MANCINI
ORNOPOLI
PALATO
PAGANO
PACIFICO
PAPINI
PALMIERI
RIZZOLO
ROMANO
RINALDI
RANIERI

Paolino
Paolo
Regolo
Giobatta
Angelo
Artemio
Giuseppe
Lino
Salvatore
Gustavo
Salvatore

Totale 122

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ELENCO DEL PERSONALE DELLA MARINA PARTITO PER IL CAMPO DI CONCENTRAMENTO
INDATA 22.9.43 CON LA R.N. "DONIZETTI" AFFONDATA DURANTE LA NOTTE SUL
23.9.1943 AL LARGO DELLE COSTE ORIENTALI DELL'ISOLA DI RODI IN SEGUITO AD
AZIONE AEREO-NAVALE INGLESE (informazioni attinte sul posto da fonte at-
tendibile) -

Tenente di vasc.	TICHERA	Salvatore
Tenente art.	PAPA	
Tenente	KELLER	Mario
2° Capo Mecc.	LORA	Giovanni
" " "	GARGIOLLI	Ubaldo
Sergente	NEAZZA	
Marinaio	PITONI	
S.D.T.	BEVILACQUA	
Fur.	BRESSAN	Romano
S.C. Eletr.	EURIA	Mario
Serg.R.T.	SALVADOR	Angelo
Capo	SCIBBI	
S.C. Furiere	DELL'OMARINO	
S.Nocch.	NUNZIANTE	Francesco
Ten.Art.	CLERICI	
S.Ten.Art.	MESSINA	Adolfo
2° Capo Fur.	SCARPA	Giovanni
" " Cann.	MEATTINI	
Capo 3° Cl.	PILONI	Pietro
Marinaio	PIUNTI	
Marinaio	FRATTA	
Cann.P.M.	BERNARDI	
Marinaio	SCHALLONI	Cesare
Fuoch.	VERDE	Angelo
Marinaio	IACOLACCI	Valerio
Marinaio	SABERTI	Antonio
Marinaio	LANCELLOTTO	Mario
Pales.	SETTEMBRE	

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" "	GARGIOLLI	
Sergente	MEAZZA	
Marinaio	PITONI	
S.D.T.	BEVILACQUA	Romano
Fur.	BRESSAN	Mario
S.C. Eletr.	FURIA	Angelo
Serg.R.T.	SALVADOR	
Capo	SCIBEL	
S.C. Furiere	DELL'OMARINO	Francesco
S.Nocch.	NUNZIANTE	
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S.Ten.Art.	MESSINA	Giovanni
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" " Cann.	MEATTINI	
Capo 3° Cl.	PILONI	Pietro
Marinaio	PIUNTI	
Marinaio	FRATTA	
Cann.P.M.	BERNARDI	
Marinaio	SCIALLONI	Cesare
Fioch.	VERDE	Angelo
Marinaio	IACOLACCI	Valerio
Marinaio	SABERTI	Antonio
Marinaio	IANCELLOTTI	Mario
Telef/	SETTEMBRE	
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		Totale 28

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
CIVIL AFFAIRS SECTION
ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR DIVISION

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IPW/1/3/1800 B ✓

21 December 1945

SUBJECT : Enquiry re M/V DONIZETTI

TO : Navy Sub-Commission
Headquarters A.C.

Reference your letter NSC/3552 dated 14 Sept 45

1. There is no record of the missing naval personnel at E.P.W. Section, G.H.Q., 2nd Echelon, C.M.F. (British) or at HQ, Peninsular Base Section.

2. This office is awaiting the reply to enquiry made from PWIB M.E.

3. You will be informed immediately.

James E. Regis
JAMES E. REGIS
Lieut. Colonel
Chief
I.P.W. Div.

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Italian Prisoner of War Sub-Commission
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4251 ✓
17 December 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Italian Prisoner of War Division, Allied Commission.
Subject: M/V DONIZETTI - Missing Italian Royal Navy Personnel.

1. It is requested that a reply be made to letter NSC/3552 dated 14th September 1945.

ASST. G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4051
20 November 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Italian Prisoner-of-War Division, Hq. Allied
Commission.

Subject: Missing Italian Royal Navy Personnel.

1. It would be appreciated if a reply could now be
given to letter NSC/3552 dated 14th September 1945.

W. 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

NSC/3770
15 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Italian Prisoner of War Division,
Civil Affairs Section, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Missing Italian Royal Navy Personnel.

1. An early reply to letter NSC/3552 dated 14th
September 1945 would be appreciated.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3552 ✓
14 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, HQ. Allied Commission.
To : Civil Affairs Section, Italian Prisoners of War
Division, HQ. Allied Commission.

Subject: M/V DONIZETTI - Missing Italian Royal Navy
Personnel.

Enclosure: (A) Translated copy of Ministry of Marine ltr.
17842/2 dated 9 September 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for the necessary
inquiries to be made.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission would appreciate being
informed of your findings so that an appropriate answer to
the Ministry of Marine's letter can be made.

H. S. L. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FORNAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.

14 SEP 1945

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C. - Rome
Date: 9 September 1945
Ref.: 17842/2 ✓

Subject: M/V. "DONIZETTI" - Missing I.R.N. personnel.

From the account given by Commander ARCANGIOLI Adriano, formerly commanding the I.R.N. Headquarters, Rhodes, it appears that the M/V "Donizetti", which was captured by the Germans in Greece, left Rhodes p.m. on 19th September 1943 carrying service personnel to be interned in Germany.

Of the troops on board this vessel which was sunk on the night of 19-20 September '43, about 1200 were Petty Officers and Seamen and the lists of these ratings were held by the German Authorities at Rhodes.

As this Ministry has failed to trace the nominal list of those embarked and the Italian Red Cross has not communicated names of survivors, it is requested that the appropriate Allied Authorities may be asked to make enquiries with the object of recovering the abovementioned lists.

CHIEF OF CABINET

GGE/P.

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WSC/5321
22 July 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : G-1 B, Hqtrs. Allied Commission.
Subject: Ident. R. R. F. SPENS, (MC) (92860) - British Army.

1. Further to letter WSC/5244 dated 5th July 1946,
copy of Ministry of Marine's letter No. 11967/2 dated 19th July is
forwarded in reference to your letter G-1B/122/A of the 1st of June
1946.

H. W. ZIROLL,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR

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

Encl.

24 JUL 1946

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 19th July 1946
Ref.: 11967/2 ✓

Subject: Lieut. R.R.F.SPENS, MC(92060) - British Army

With reference to your letter NSC/5137 dated 8th June and further to our letter 10781/2 dated 3rd instant.

The Lieutenant in question is included in a list of the missing, following the sinking of the SS. "ARIOSTO" on 13th February 1942.

This list was also sent by the general staff of the Italian Army to the C.R.I. (Foreign Prisoners Office) on the 17th April 1942 in letter No.27942 - P.O.W. office.

This information has been communicated by the Ministry of War.

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

Roma. 19 LUG. 1946

Al NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 11957/Allegati

ARGOMENTO:

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Tenente dell'Esercito Inglese R.R.F. SPENS (MC)
(92060).

Riferimento vostro foglio NSC/5137 datato 8 Giugno e prosecuzione lettera di questo Ministero n°10781/2 in data 3 corrente.

Si comunica che il Tenente in argomento è compreso in un elenco dei dispersi in seguito all'affondamento del piroscafo "ARIOSTO" avvenuto il 13 Febbraio 1942. Tale elenco risulta anche inviato dallo Stato Maggiore R° Esercito alla C.R.I. - Ufficio Prigionieri Stranieri - il 17 Aprile 1942 con foglio No.27942 - ufficio prigionieri di guerra.

Le suddette notizie sono state comunicate dal Ministero della Guerra.-

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

RCG/5244 ✓
5 July 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Headquarters Allied Commission, C-1 B.
Subject: Lieut. R.R.P. SPENS (MC) (92060) - British Army.

1. Copy of Ministry of Marine's letter No. 10781/2 dated 3rd July 1946 is forwarded in reference to your letter G-1B/122/A dated 1st June 1946.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, 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. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 3rd July 1946
Ref.: 10781/2 ✓

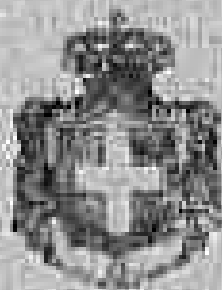
Subject: Lieutenant R.R.P. SPENS M.C. (92060) of the British Army.

With reference to your letter NSC/5137 dated 8th June 1946, you are informed that the Ministry of War and the Italian Naval Command, Sicily, have been asked to make enquiries in order to trace any particulars which may indicate the fate of the above officer, should he have been among the survivors of the SS. "ARIOSTO" who were disembarked at Palermo and Trapani from Italian warships.

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

-3 LUG. 1946

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All NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A. C.

Prot. N° 10781/2 *Allegato*

ARGOMENTO: Tenente dell'Esercito Inglese
R.R.P.SPENS(MC) (92060)

Con riferimento al foglio NSC/
5137 dell'8 Giugno 1946, si informa che è
stato interessato il Ministero della Guerra
ed il Comando Militare Marittimo della
Sicilia a svolgere indagini allo scopo di
poter rintracciare elementi atti a far cono-
scere la sorte toccata all'Ufficiale in
argomento, qualora egli fosse tra i superstiti
del piroscafo ARIOSTO, sbarcati a Palermo e
Trapani dalle unità di scorta della R. Marina.

IL CAPO DI GABINETTO
C. di V. MARINI

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An early reply to letter NSC/5137 dated 8th. June would be
appreciated. Subject British Army Lieutenant R.H.P. SPENS.

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NSC/5137 ✓
8 June 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Lieutenant R.R.P. SPENS (MC) (92060) - British Army.

1. A special enquiry has been received with regard to the abovenamed officer and it is thought that he lost his life in an Italian vessel at sea whilst a Prisoner of War. It is understood that the ship in which he was taking passage was struck by two torpedoes, remained afloat for some hours, but he was not amongst the survivors picked up by an Italian cruiser and Red Cross aircraft. His name subsequently appeared in an official Italian list of personnel missing from the ship.

2. It appears that the ship had sailed from Tripoli bound for Italy and it has been suggested that it may have been the M/V "JUVENTUS" torpedoed in the Sicilian Channel or the S/S "ARIOSTO" sunk on the 15th of February 1942.

3. It would be appreciated if any shipping lists of the Prisoner of War embarked in the above mentioned vessels could be made available for perusal.

G. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR

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

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8 JUN 1946 8168

Tel No: ROME 489081, Ext 573

Subject: Graves Registration

Headquarters,
Allied Commission (ITALY),
C.M.F.

Ref: G-1B/122/A ✓

1 June 1946

Vice President, Civil Affairs Section,
Director, Naval Sub-Commission,
Director, Land Forces Sub-Commission (MIA).

Lieut R.R.P. SPENS (MC) (92060) - RA.

1. Reference the attached copies of G.R. & R (Records)
Letter 70/3/68/GR(A) of 24 May 46.
2. If you can throw any light whatsoever on this matter,
will you please communicate such information to this office as soon as
possible.

R. a. Smith, cpy.

G-1B.

HC, Allied Commission.

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C O P YSUBJECT: Graves RegistrationG.R. & E. (Records). O.M.F.
APO 3.555,
Tel: Florence 67230,
70/3/88/GR(A).

21 May '46. ✓

Allied Commission,
APO 349Copy to:- CROCE ROSSA ITALIANA
ROMALieut R.R.P. SPENS, M.O. (92060),
65th A/Tk. Regiment, R.A.
K.I.A. as P/W:- 13/15 Feb 42 - At Sea.

1. A special enquiry has been received by this office with regard to the above mentioned officer.
2. The only known facts about Lieut. Spens are that he apparently lost his life on ship at sea whilst a Prisoner of War. The Italian vessel in which he was travelling being struck by two torpedoes, it stayed afloat for some hours, but he was not amongst the survivors picked up by the Italian cruiser and Red Cross aircraft. His name subsequently appeared in an official Italian list of missing personnel from the ship.
3. It appears that the ship was travelling from TRIESTE to ITALY.
4. It is suggested by this War Office that Lieut. Spens may have been travelling on the Motor Vessel "JUVENUS" torpedoed at 35° 36' NORTH 11° 18' EAST in the Sicilian channel, or on the steamer "ARISTOT" sunk by an allied submarine 12 miles off Cape Africa on the 15/2/42.
5. It would be appreciated if either addresses can help, or can suggest where if possible any shipping lists of prisoners may now be available for perusal.

/rc.

Major.
D.A.D.G.R. & E. (Records), O.M.F.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6-36

25 May 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Naval Officers in Far East.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 794.Reference NSC/3992, 14 Nov 45.
G-5: 383.6-36, 28 Mar 46.

1. The following additional information in the
case of Captain di Vase aus. ALBERTO GHE has been received:

"Captain di Vase aus. Alberto Ghe, former
Attache of Bangkok, left Bangkok in April and
is now believed to be in Italy. His home
address is Vals Maggi 113 Rome."

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:



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

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OPM:REP:leb
Serial: 0101

10 APR 1946

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From: Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
TO : Italian Ministry of Marine.

Subject: Italian Naval Officers in the Far East - Information concerning.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine letter, serial Rep. II, Off. C.I., Allegati 1, to SPHALUSIO, Rome, subject: "Notizie di Ufficiali della R. Marina in Estremo Oriente", dated 8 October 1945.
(b) SPHALUSIO, Italy, confidential letter serial 0120, dated 23 January 1946, same subject.

In accordance with your request contained in Reference (a), on the well-being and whereabouts of Italian Naval Officers on duty in the Far East at the time of the Armistice, 9 September 1943, the following is supplementary information to that submitted in Reference (b):

1. On 27 February, 1946 Captain di Corv. Gregorio Cavalehini was located at the Marunouchi Hotel, Tokyo and gave the following information to Major Walter A. Luski, CMP, United States Army:

a. Captain di Corv. Cavalehini stated that he was placed in charge of 164 Italian Naval personnel living in Japan who are scheduled to leave for Italy in the near future depending upon availability of water transportation; he added that he received instructions from his superior to return with the Naval personnel.

b. Asst. di Div. Carlo Balsano departed for Italy via United States from Yokohama, Honshu, 21 December, 1945 on the President Adams.

c. Captain di Corv. Amisondo and Ten. di Vasc. Guglielmo Stevens departed for LeHavre, France, via Panama Canal from Yokohama, Honshu, 15 February, on the Uruguay.

d. Captain di Vasc. aus. Alberto Ghe was last seen by Captain di Corv. Gregorio Cavalehini on 8 February 1942, at Bangkok, Siam.

e. Captain di Corv. Guglielmo Morante scuttled his ship on 8 September, 1943 upon instructions from his superiors. He was interned by the Japanese military authority in Shanghai; later transferred to a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp in the vicinity of Tokyo. Following the cessation of hostilities, he was taken into custody of the United States Army and transferred to Manila, Philippine Islands where he is now living. Guglielmo Morante requested to return to Shanghai where his family is located.

2. Request for additional information in the case of Captain di Vasc. aus. Alberto Ghe has been initiated and will be submitted upon receipt."

G. F. HENTZ
Captain, USN

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NSC/4852
4 April 1946

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
Subject: Italian Naval Officers in the Far East.

1. A copy of letter received from A.F.H.W., G-5,
383.6-36 dated 28th March 1946 is forwarded in reference to
your letter serial 996 dated 28th October 1945.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Navy

28 March 1946

G-5: 383.6-36

SUBJECT: Italian Naval Officers in Far East;

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
APO 394.

Reference NSC/3992, of 14 Nov. 45.

The following additional information has been received relative to the whereabouts and status of the Italian Naval Officers listed in above mentioned letter:

1. On 27 February, 1946 Captain di Corv. Gregorio Cavalcini was located at the Marunouchi Hotel, Tokyo and gave the following information to Major Walter A. Luski, CMP, United States Army:

a. Captain di Corv. Cavalcini stated that he was placed in charge of 164 Italian Naval personnel living in Japan who are scheduled to leave for Italy in the near future depending upon availability of water transportation; he added that he received instructions from his superior to return with the Naval personnel.

b. Amm. di Div. Carlo Balsamo departed for Italy via United States from Yokohama, Honshu, 21 December, 1945 on the President Adams.

c. Captain di Corv. Raimondo and Ten. di Vasc. Guglielmo Stevens departed for LeHavre, France, via Panama Canal from Yokohama, Honshu, 15 February, on the Uruguay.

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BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

[Signature]
K. L. HAMBLEN
Brigadier General, G.S.C.
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/4448
17 January 1946

FROM: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
TO : Senior U. S. Naval Liaison Officer, ITALY.
Subject: Italian Naval Officers in the Far East.

1. A copy of letter received from Allied Force Headquarters, G-5: 383.6-36 dated 12th January 1946 is forwarded in reference to your letter Serial 996 dated 28th October 1945.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

G-5: 383.6-36

12 January 1946

SUBJECT: Italian Naval Officers in the Far East.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,
APO 394.

1. Reference is made to your NSC/3992 of 14 November 1945, subject as above.

2. Of the group of Italian Naval Officers listed in above quoted reference, only the following have been reported to the office of the Provost Marshal General in Washington:

Capt. di Vasc. Giuseppe PRELLI	- Supreme Naval Commander in Far East.
Capt. di Vasc. Giorgio CALLETTI	- Naval Attache, Shanghai.
Ten. di Vasc. Roberto de LEONARDIS	- Commanding Officer, CARLOTTO.

3. The above listed prisoners of war were included in an initial roster dated 2 November 1945, received from Luzon Prisoner of War Camp #1, APO 75, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California. This roster contained the names of eighty-three (83) Italian Army and Navy personnel of various ranks, and is the only one of its kind reported by the Pacific Theater of Operations to date.

4. The Commander in Chief, U.S. Army Forces, Pacific, APO 500, San Francisco, California, has been requested to forward information concerning the status and place of internment of the six (6) individuals listed in the basic communication, on whom no information is available in the Prisoner of War Enemy Information Bureau.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL MORGAN:

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A. L. HAMBLIN
Brigadier General, GSC
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

REC/3992
14 November 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section.
Subject: Italian Naval Officers in the Far East - Information on.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine has requested the Navy Sub-Commission, AG to ascertain the whereabouts and status of the nine Italian naval officers listed below, who were on duty in the Far East at the time of the Armistice on 9 September 1943, and who were subsequently taken prisoners by the Japanese and are now believed to be in American custody:

Amm. di Div. Carlo BALSAMO - Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Vasc. Giuseppe FRELLI - Supreme Naval Commander in the Far East.
Capt. di Vasc. Giorgio GALIETTI - Naval Attache, Shanghai.
Capt. di Vasc. sus. Alberto GHE - Naval Attache, Bangkok.
Capt. di Corv. Maurizio RAIMONDO - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Corv. Gregorio CAVALCHINI - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Corv. Guglielmo MORANTE - Commanding Officer, LEPANTO (OGN).
Ten. di Vasc. Roberto de LEONARDIS - Commanding Officer, CARLOTTO.
Ten. di Vasc. Guglielmo STEVENS - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.

2. It would be appreciated if information could be obtained from Allied Headquarters, Tokyo, through military channels, concerning the present status of the above-named officers.

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

15 NOV 1945

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Rome, November 9, 1945

Dear Captain Butler,

I have your letter of November 6, 1945 (File No. NSC/3938), listing the names of several Italian naval officers believed to be in Japan about whom your SubCommission has received a request for information. While the Embassy would be happy to lend its services to comply with this request, I feel I must point out to you that we would be dependent upon the facilities of the U.S. armed forces in Japan to ascertain the whereabouts and welfare of this Italian naval personnel. The only State Department personnel in Tokyo are those on the staff of the Allied Supreme Commander. Consequently it would appear that the more direct channel would be from you to U.S. Naval Headquarters in Tokyo through naval channels in Naples and Washington. In the circumstances the Embassy will not take further action unless we hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

David McK. Key
David McK. Key

Charge d'Affaires ad interim

Captain H. St. J. Butler,
Navy Sub-Commission,
Allied Commission,
Rome.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3938
6 November 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: United States Embassy, Rome.
Subject: Italian Naval Officers in the Far East -
Information on.

1. The Navy Sub-Commission has received a request for information on the well-being and whereabouts of nine Italian Naval Officers on duty in the Far East at the time of the Armistice, 9 September 1943, subsequently taken prisoners by the Japanese and now believed in American hands. The officers and their last official duty posts are listed below:

Amm. di Div. Carlo BALSAMO - Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Vasc. Giuseppe PRELLI - Supreme Naval Commander in the Far East.
Capt. di Vasc. Giorgio GALLETTI - Naval Attache, Shanghai.
Capt. di Vasc. aus. Alberto GHE - Naval Attache, Bangkok.
Capt. di Corv. Maurizio RAIMONDO - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Corv. Gregorio CAVALCHINI - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Corv. Guglielmo MORANTE - Commanding Officer, LEPANTO(OCM).
Ten. di Vasc. Roberto de LEONARDIS - Commanding Officer, CARLOTTO.
Ten. di Vasc. Guglielmo STEVENS - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.

2. No information whatsoever of an official nature has been received on the above listed officers since the Allied occupation of Japan. Prior to that time fragmentary reports had come through only on the high-ranking officers indicating that they had been placed in concentration camps.

3. It is requested that the proper procedure be initiated towards obtaining the desired information and that the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, be advised when such information is obtained.

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

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SENIOR U. S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER, ITALY.
ROME, ITALY.

Serial 996

28 October 1945.

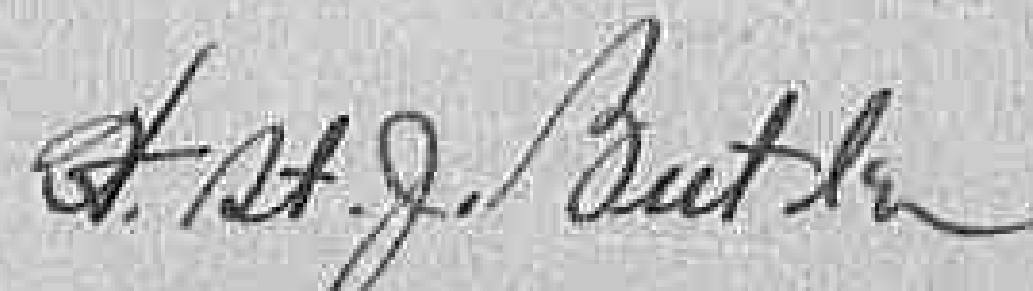
From: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
To : Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.
Subject: Italian Naval Officers in the Far East -
Information on.

1. This command has been requested by the Italian Ministry of Marine to secure information on the well-being and whereabouts of nine Italian Naval Officers on duty in the Far East at the time of the Armistice, 9 September 1943, subsequently taken prisoners by the Japanese and now believed in American hands. The officers and their last official duty posts are listed below:

Ann. di Div. Carlo BALSAMO - Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Vasc. Giuseppe PIELLI - Supreme Naval Commander in the Far East.
Capt. di Vasc. Giorgio GILLETI - Naval Attache, Shanghai.
Capt. di Vasc. aus. Alberto GHE - Naval Attache, Bangkok.
Capt. di Corv. Maurizio RAIMONDO - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Corv. Gregorio CAVALLINI - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.
Capt. di Corv. Guglielmo MORANTE - Commanding Officer, LEPANTO (OCM).
Ten. di Vasc. Roberto de LEONARDIS - Commanding Officer, CARLOTTO.
Ten. di Vasc. Guglielmo STEVENS - Office of the Naval Attache, Tokyo.

2. The Ministry of Marine indicates that no information whatsoever of an official nature has been received on the above listed officers since the Allied occupation of Japan. Prior to that time fragmentary reports had come through only on the high-ranking officers indicating that they had been placed in concentration camps.

3. It is requested that the proper procedure be initiated towards obtaining the desired information and that this command be advised when such information is obtained.



H. ST. J. BUTLER,
Acting.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

WSC/3959
8 November 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: S/M ZAFFIRO.

1. With reference to your letter SM/24013 dated
2nd November 1945, records show no trace of survivors from
the abovenamed submarine.

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

9 NOV 1945

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Maristat)
To : N.S.C. - Rome
Date: 2nd November 1945
Ref.: SM/24013 ✓

Subject: Submarine "ZAFFIRO".

The father of Lieutenant Carlo MOTTURA, Officer Commanding the S/M "ZAFFIRO" which failed to return to base from the Central Mediterranean in July 1942, has drawn it to this Ministry's attention that the British Naval Authorities at Venice have given information that the S/M "ZAFFIRO" was captured near Tobruk and turned over to the Greek Navy, and that its crew were made prisoner and taken first to South Africa, then to India.

It is requested that the Navy Sub Commission may advise us as to the truth or otherwise of this communication in order to allay the doubts raised thereby among the families of all missing servicemen belonging to the S/M "ZAFFIRO".

for CHIEF OF STAFF

GGE/P.

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Stato Maggiore della R. Marina

Reg. Operazioni Uff. O/A.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARISTAT - ROMA

Prot. V. L. 24/013. Allegati

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION

ROMA

ARGOMENTO: Sommersibile ZAFFIRO.-

Il padre del T.V. Carlo MOTTURA Comandante del Sommersibile ZAFFIRO andato disperso in Mediterraneo Centrale nel luglio del 1942, ha riferito a questo Ministero che le Autorità Navali Inglesi di Venezia avrebbero comunicato che il Sommersibile ZAFFIRO sarebbe stato catturato nei pressi di Tobruk e consegnato alla Marina Greca e che l'equipaggio sarebbe stato fatto prigioniero e trasportato prima in Sud Africa e quindi in India.-

Si prega codesta Sottocommissione Navale voler comunicare le eventuali notizie in merito alla veridicità o meno di tali comunicazioni onde poter togliere dalla incertezza da esse provocate le famiglie di tutti i militari dispersi appartenenti all'equipaggio del Sommersibile ZAFFIRO.-

IL CAPO DI STATO MAGGIORE

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 7th October 1945
Ref.: 20058/2

Subject: Petty Officer Alfredo POSTIGLIONE.

Reference is made to the Navy Sub Commission's
letter No. NSC/3584 dated 17th September 1945.

You are informed that the name of the above Petty
Officer does not appear in the records at this Ministry
(absentees Section)

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 20058/2 Allegati

ARGOMENTO Sottufficiale Alfredo POSTICIONE.

Riferimento foglio di codesta S.Com-
missione Navale No. NSC/3584 in data 17
Settembre 1945.

Si comunica che il Sottufficiale in
argomento non figura allo schedario di
questo Ministero (Ufficio Assenti).

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

[Signature] 8146

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3584 ✓
17 September 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: P.O. Alfredo POSTIGLIONE.

1. A copy of Memorandum No. 1382 dated 13th September 1945 from Royal Italian Naval Mission to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, addressed to Allied Force Headquarters is forwarded for your information.

2. Enquiries of this nature are dealt with by the Allied Commission and it is preferable for the Ministry of Marine to pass them through the Navy Sub-Commission.

3. It is requested that further particulars be furnished, such as name and address of parents, age, rank, etc before enquiries are instituted.

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

18 SEP 1945

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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14 September 1945

G-5: 383-1

SUBJECT: Enquiry - P. O. Postiglione (Italian Navy).

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

Attached communication reference abovementioned subject is forwarded for action as necessary with IPW or DP & R Sub Commission.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

L. E. Weston
L. E. WESTON,
J/Comd.

Encl: Memo fr Royal Italian Naval
Mission to CinMed dtd 13 Sep 45

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ROYAL ITALIAN NAVAL MISSION TO U.S. G.M.E.D.

Caserta, 13th September 1945

MEMORANDUM No. 1382 ✓

To: G.S. Displaced Persons Office.-

Subject: Request for news of P.O. Alfredo POSTIGLIONE R.It. Navy.-

The above Petty Officer was interned by the Germans and until January 1944 was able to communicate with his family, the only indication of address being his internee No. 13352 IX B. Since then his family has received no news whatsoever.-

It would be much appreciated if it were possible to obtain some information regarding Postiglione, in order to apprise his family of his present state of health and whereabouts.-

E. CAPPONI
Captain R. Italian Navy

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