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VIOLATION OF TRAVEL
REGULATIONS
JULY 45 - OCT. 46

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
HQ. AC.Ltr. Ref. Date & SubjectPublic Safety Division, AC, inter-
office memo. AC/14384/PS of 22 Oct.Date Rec'd 23 OCT 1946(X) ACTION
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ADDITIONAL ROUTINGTYPE AND RETURN TO ACTION OFFICER:

To FOL1 for action

DATE: 23 Oct
 FROM: NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, HQ. AC.
 TO : FLAG OFFICER ITALY & LIAISON.
 FORWARDED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

H.W.Z.
for Chief, Navy S/C.

FILING-UP DATE: _____

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RSC/4595
14 February 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Breach of Customs Regulations - "Duca degli Abruzzi".

1. During the visit of the "Duca degli Abruzzi" to Port Said in January 1946, considerable trouble was caused to the Egyptian Customs Authorities by members of the crew attempting to smuggle various articles with the intention of selling ashore and by illegally taking on board provisions such as coffee, the export of which is prohibited.

2. Two ratings were fined 8 Egyptian Pounds by the Tribunal Mixte on charges of smuggling four Kilos of coffee.

3. It is requested that the attention of Commanding Officers of ships visiting Egyptian Ports should be drawn to this incident and orders issued that customs regulations must be respected and that strong disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.

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

Copy to:
CINCPAC.
FOIL - FOIL.1061/6 11/2/46 refers.
FOLEP - 157/5 27/1/46 refers.

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ITALIAN SHIP - "DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI".
(Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean's Minute
II No. 157/5, dated 27th January, 1946.)

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No. F.O.I.L. 1051/6.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

(Copies to:- Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station,
Flag Officer, Levant and Eastern Mediterranean.)

Forwarded for appropriate action with the
Ministry of Marine.

SN Blackburn

RME,
11th February, 1946.

for REAR ADMIRAL.

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DUPLICATE

ITALIAN SHIP "DUCIA DEGLI ABRUZZI"
BREACH OF CUSTOMS REGULATIONS.

(The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Said's
7119/P.S.984 dated 17th January, 1946.)

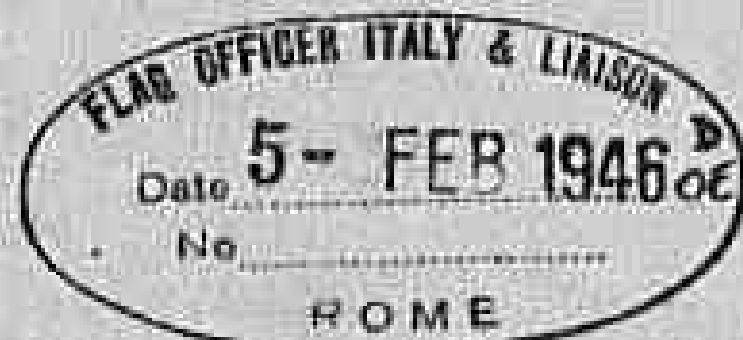
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FOLEA 157/5

FLAG OFFICER,
ITALIAN LIAISON.

(Copy to: Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean -
FOLEA 150/157/5)

Forwarded.



Office of
Flag Officer,
Levant and Eastern
Mediterranean.
27th January, 1946.

J. W. JOSSELYN
~~L. A. H. WRIGHT~~
for VICE ADMIRAL.

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C O P Y

BREACH OF CUSTOMS REGULATIONS - I.S. "DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI".

FROM: THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, PORT SAID

Date: 17th January, 1946. No. 7119/P.S. 984. V

TO: THE FLAG OFFICER, LEVANT AND EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

It is requested that attached correspondence may be forwarded to the Flag Officer, Italian Liaison, with a view to the attention of Commanding Officers of Italian ships about to visit and give leave in Egyptian ports being drawn to this incident.

2. It appears that the Egyptian Customs Authorities are not prepared to extend the provisions of the Anglo-Egyptian Customs Agreement to Italians but are rather inclined to interpret their own regulations as closely as possible.

3. Two ratings from I.S. "DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI" were fined £E.8 by the Tribunal Mixte on charges of smuggling 4 kilos of coffee.

(sgd.) W. W. Sitwell
CAPTAIN, R.N.

C O P Y

Office of Naval Officer-in-Charge,
Port Said.

No.P.S.934.

17th January, 1946.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.811 of 16th January, 1946, which was received in my office at 1800 on that day and consequently no effective action was possible prior to the ship's sailing at 2200.

2. It is very much regretted that so much trouble was caused on this occasion, and the necessity of complying with the Customs Regulations is being impressed upon the Italian authorities.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

Captain R.N.

The Director of Customs
Egyptian Customs Administration,
Port Said.

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C O P Y

(Form No. 71, D.E.)

Port Said 16th January, 1946.

Egyptian Customs Administration

No. 811

CONFIDENTIAL.

Sir,

The Italian warship "DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI" actually in the Harbour, is causing us a considerable trouble, as all the ratings and men are violating the Customs Regulations and the Laws of the Country by attempting to smuggle different articles which they try to sell in town, and by illegally taking on board provisions and similar articles such as coffee the export of which is prohibited.

As this state of affairs is extremely detrimental to the revenue and has become intolerable, I should be extremely grateful if you would kindly issue the necessary orders to the O.C. those ratings and men to comply with the Customs regulations and refrain from such irregularities, and to take up strong disciplinary action against any one who disobeys these orders.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D. Shorbale

DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

CONFIDENTIAL.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D. Shorbale

DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMS.

Senior Naval Officer,
Red Sea and Canal Area,
PORT-SAID, Navy House.

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NSC/4894
11 April 1946.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Refusal to submit to Customs Inspection.

1. The following information, received from Alexandria, Egypt, is forwarded to enable appropriate disciplinary action to be taken.

2. At 1430 hours on 18th February 1946 at No. 12 Gate Customs Office, Alexandria, twenty members of the crew of the "ITALIA" refused to submit their baggage to Customs Inspection but when the legal position was explained they agreed to the search.

3. Lieutenant I.A. ROSA MICHELE was found to be in possession of the following property which he was apparently endeavouring to export from Egypt to Italy on behalf of Italian civilians resident in that country:-

425,000 Italian Lire (notes)
L.E. 154 Pt. 60 (Egyptian currency)
4 Gold Sovereigns (English)
4 Gold half-sovereigns (English)
2 Gold chains
12 lengths snake skin
6 lengths suede
6 locally manufactured towels

4. Surgeon Lieutenant RINGOLI Ettore was found in possession of the following articles:-

2 locally manufactured leather suit cases
6 lengths snake skin
9 rolls of shoe leather
50 lbs. coffee
12 lbs. sugar
9 silk singlets

5. Seaman TACCINI ALFIO was in possession of 52,100 Italian Lire and L.E. 22 (Egyptian currency).

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6. Seaman CHETADINI ADOLPHO had in his luggage 28 lbs. glue, 24 lbs. sugar, 28 lbs. pepper, 56 lbs. coffee, 8 bottles perfume.

7. The Officers and Ratings were informed by the Customs that they could either surrender the property found in their possession or have the case submitted to the Egyptian National Parquet for investigation. They chose the former course and all the property was confiscated.

Geo H L WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AG.

28.2.46.

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SUPPLEMENT.

1. At 14.30 hours on 18.2.46 a message was received from No. 12 Gate Customs Office reporting that twenty members of the crew of the Italian Battleship "ITALIA" had refused to submit their baggage to Customs Inspection when entering the Docks and we were asked to assist in the matter.

2. Corporal (C.I.D.) CARDUS attended and he explained the legal position to the Italian Officers and Ratings concerned, following which they agreed to the search.

3. ~~Corporal~~ ^{Commander} LA ROSA RICHIE was found to be in possession of the following property which he was apparently endeavouring to export from Egypt to Italy on behalf of Italian civilians resident in this country:-

425,000 Italian Lire (notes),
 L.E. 154 Pt. 80 (Egyptian currency),
 4 Gold Sovereigns (English),
 4 gold half-sovereigns (English),
 2 gold chains,
 12 lengths snake skin,
 6 lengths suede,
 6 locally manufactured towels.

4. Surgeon Lieutenant RICHIE was found in possession of the following articles:-

2 locally manufactured leather suit cases,
 6 lengths snake skin,
 9 rolls of shoe leather,
 30 lbs. coffee,
 42 lbs. sugar,
 9 silk singlets.

5. Seaman DOMENICO ALFIO was in possession of 52,100 Italian Lire and L.E. 22 (Egyptian currency).

6. Seaman GERARDINO DOMENICO had in his luggage 28 lbs. glue, 24 lbs. sugar, 28 lbs. pepper, 56 lbs. coffee, 8 bottles perfume.

7. The Officers and Ratings were informed by the Customs that they could either surrender the property found in their possession or have the case submitted to the Egyptian National Pursuit for investigation. They chose the former course and all the property was confiscated.

8. A copy of the Customs Process Verbal has been applied for.

(Sgt) F.R. LOVELL. 908
 S.D. INSPECTOR.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT, ALEXANDRIA.

following property which he was apparently endeavouring to export from Egypt to Italy on behalf of Italian civilians resident in this country:-

- 425,000 Italian Lire (notes),
- L.E. 154 Ft. 60 (Egyptian currency),
- 4 Gold Sovereigns (English),
- 4 gold half-sovereigns (English),
- 2 gold chains,
- 12 lengths snake skin,
- 6 lengths suede,
- 6 locally manufactured towels.

4. Surgeon Lieutenant RINGILL FRORE was found in possession of the following articles:-

- 2 locally manufactured leather suit cases,
- 6 lengths snake skin,
- 2 rolls of shoe leather,
- 30 lbs. coffee,
- 12 lbs. sugar,
- 2 silk singlets.

5. Seaman LUCIUM AMFO was in possession of 52,190 Italian Lire and L.E. 22 (Egyptian currency).

6. Seaman CHERDINT ADOLPHO had in his luggage 28 lbs. blue, 24 lbs. sugar, 28 lbs. pepper, 56 lbs. coffee, 8 bottles perfume.

7. The Officers and Ratings were informed by the Customs that they could either surrender the property found in their possession or have the case submitted to the Egyptian National Parquet for investigation. They chose the former course and all the property was confiscated.

8. A copy of the Customs Procès Verbal has been applied for.

(Sd) F.R. LOVELL. 908
S.D. INSPECTOR.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT, ALEXANDRIA.

1. Submitted. The only action taken by us in this case was to act as interpreters and explain the Customs Regulations to the men concerned.



26.2.46.
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SUPERINTENDENT DOCKWARD POLICE,

Alexandria.

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Ref. No. D.1529/46

CAPTAIN,
ALEXANDRIA.

Submitted for information.



1st March, 1946

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ROME 157/3.

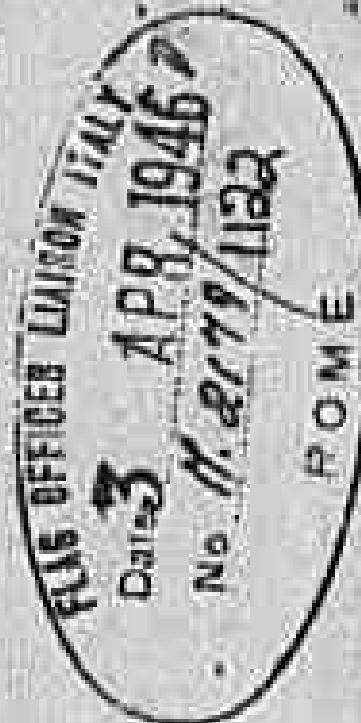
FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY.

Forwarded for information.

Captain (L),
Res-ct-Tin.
14th March, 1946.

J.W. Joseph

CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY.



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No. F.O.L.I. 1122/7.

THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

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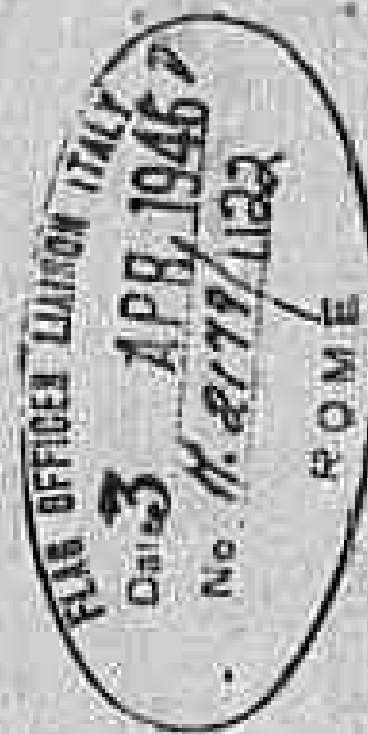
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Forwarded for information.

Captain (L),
R-8-el-Tin.
14th March, 1946.

J. W. Joseph

CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY.



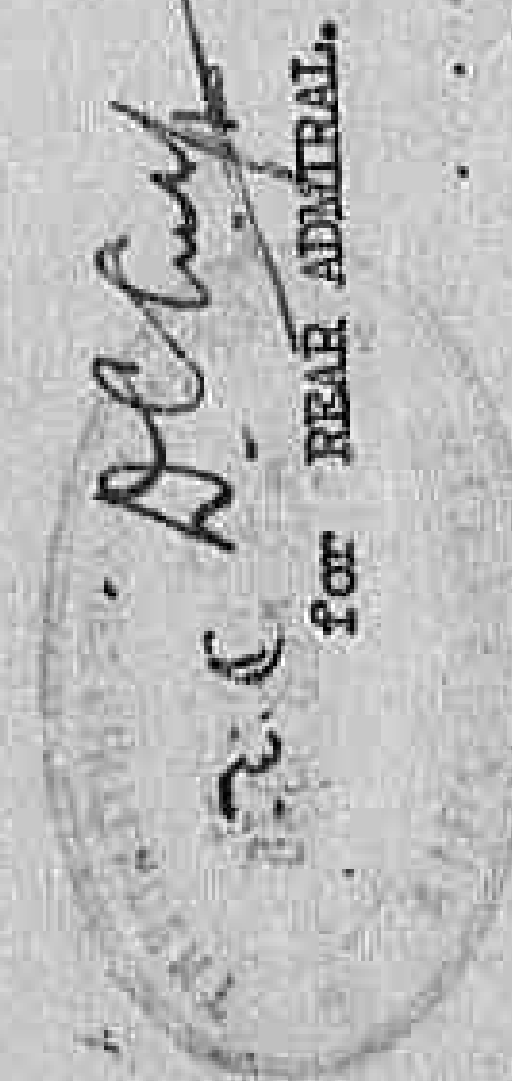
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No. F.O.L.I. 1122/7.

THE NAVY SUB COMMISSION, HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

Forwarded for information.

ROME,
9th April, 1946.



for REAR ADMIRAL.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2950
12 July 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Seaman PAUSELLI Sante - Class 1920.

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1. With reference to your letter 12126/2 dated 18th June 1945 and further to letter NSC/2891 of 10th July 1945, information has been received that the abovenamed was released from internment on the 29th April 1945.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2891
10 July 1945

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Seaman PAUSELLI, Sante, 1920 CI.

1. With reference to your letter 12126/2 dated 18th June 1945, you are referred to letter NSC/2193 of 20th April 1945 advising the release from internment of the above named.

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



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

REF : SD/550.3-24

9 July 1945

SUBJECT : Seaman PAUSELLI Sante

TO : Navy Sub Commission

1. Reference your NSC/2798 dated 30 June 1945.
2. Records state that the a/m Subject was released on 29 April 1945.

A. P. P. Banerji
Capt G.S.

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

CBH/nb

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

MSC/2798. V
30th June, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Security Division
Public Safety Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

Subject : Seaman PAUSELLI Sante, Class 1920.

A copy of Ministry of Marine's letter No.12126/2 dated
18th June, 1945, is forwarded for the favour of your comments.

HUGH JOHN BUTLER,
By Division
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : P.E.C. - Rome
Date: 18 June '49
Ref.: 12126/2

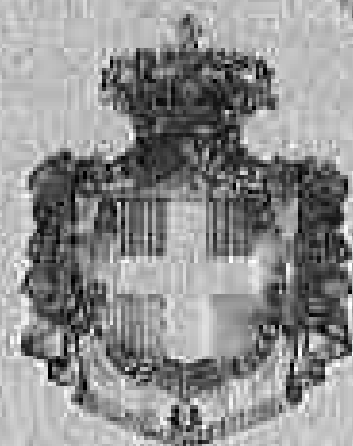
Subject: Seaman FAUSELLI. Sante. 1920 cl.

1. The above rating, sent on leave to S. S. polaro on October 1944, has not returned aboard the ship "GIULIO CESARE".
2. Inquiries have shown that the British P.S.S. stopped him at S. S. polaro for irregularities in his leave ticket, and he was transferred to an unknown place.
3. Later we were informed that he was in a Concentration Camp for Civilian Internees HQ, at Collecipoli, Terni.
4. Request his release if nothing else against him.

for CHIEF OF CABINET

B/

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

Roma

M NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 12126/2 *Allegati*

ARGOMENTO: Marinaio PAUSELLI Sante, classe 1920.

1. ^{The} Il militare in argomento, in forza alla R. Nave "Giulio Cesare", inviato nell'ottobre 1944 in licenza a S. Sepolcro non faceva più rientro a bordo.
2. Esperite le ricerche fu accertato che il PAUSELLI era stato fermato dalla F.S.S. inglese in S. Sepolcro, sembra per irregolarità nel foglio di licenza, e trasferito in località sconosciuta.
3. Successivamente fu possibile conoscere che il militare era stato ristretto nel campo di concentramento per internati civili n.2 di Collecipoli (Terni), ove tuttora trovasi.
4. Si prega compiacersi interessare le competenti Autorità Alleate perchè facciano conoscere se, oltre alle notizie riferite, sussistano sul conto del PAUSELLI ulteriori elementi di responsabilità esaminando, in caso negativo, la possibilità di disporne la consegna agli organi della R. Marina per l'esame della di lui posizione militare.

P. IL CAPO DI GABINETTO (ass.)

Allegati

Ministry of Marine letter N°12126/2 - Seaman PAUSELLI, Sante,
1920 Cl. The above Rating, sent on leave to S. Sepolcro on October
1944, has not returned aboard the Ship "Giulio Cesare". Inquiries
have shown that the British F.S.S. stopped him at S. Sepolcro for
irregularities in his leave ticket, and he was transferred to an
unknown place. Later we were informed that he was in a Concentration
Camp for Civilian Internees N°2, at Collecipoli, Terni. Request
his release if nothing else against him.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Navy Sub-Commission

FILE

HAG/2195

20 April 1945.

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

Subject: Marco Sante PIRELLI di Pietro, born 11-8-20,
of Via Dante Alighieri 59 S. Sepolcro, Arezzo.

1. Information has been received that the above named will shortly be released from a Civilian Internee Camp with instructions to return to his home.

2. It is understood that this rating formerly served in "GIULIO GIARDINO", the commanding officer of which has expressed the hope that he would be able to return to duty in that ship.

3. It is felt that you should be informed of his release so that he may be recalled to duty if required.

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



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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-15

15 April 1945

SUBJECT: Release of Italian Sailor from Internment.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Information has been received that the under-mentioned internee will shortly be released from "R" Civilian Internee Camp with instructions to return to his home.

2. His personal particulars are as follows:

Name: PAUSELLI.	Christian Name: Sante.
Date of Birth: 12.8.20	Father's Christian Name: Pietro.
Occupation: Marinaio.	Address: Via Dante Ciasarini 39, San SEPOLCRO, AREZZO.

3. It is understood that PAUSELLI was formerly serving in the Italian cruiser "GIULIO CESARE", the Commanding Officer of which has expressed the hope that he would shortly be able to return to duty in that ship.

4. In these circumstances, it is felt that the Italian Naval Authorities should be informed of his release so that steps may be taken to recall him to duty if required.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

N. W. Hind-Smith

N. W. HIND-SMITH
Captain, R.A.

HEADQUARTERS

17 APR 1945

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

HSC/2832
3 July 1945

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Sgt. LISI TERZO - Italian Royal Navy.

1. Enclosed is a copy of a report received from the Provost Marshall, Rome Allied Area Command regarding a traffic offense committed by the above named and it is requested that you take necessary disciplinary action.

2. It is understood that the above named is on the staff of Italian Naval-Officer-in-Charge, CIVITAVECCHIA and the vehicle is on charge to him.

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



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SERGEANT LISI TERZO - TRAFFIC OFFENCE
IN ROME.

(The Maintenance Commander, Rome's letter No. 19/3/5
dated 17th June, 1945)

II.

No. 26A/114.

THE MAINTENANCE COMMANDER,
ROME.

The driver of this vehicle is on the
staff of the Italian Naval Officer in Charge,
Civita Vecchia and the car in question is on charge
to him.

E. Eastwick - Field

NAPLES AREA.
27th June, 1945.

for CAPTAIN.
(Absent on duty)



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17th June, 1945.

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples
Area.

ref. 19/3/5.

Sgt. LUIS TIBO.
Traffic Offence in Rome.

With reference to the attached report from
230 Provost Company, information is requested,
please, as to whether there is any trace of the
driver or the vehicle concerned in Naples.

B. C. H. Holt

for Lieutenant F.R.V.R.
Maintenance Commander.

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Transmittal Slip.

Subject Traffic offence
 From: Office of the Provost Marshal,
 Rome Allied Area Command

Ref N. PROTS/2/0725

To: PM HQ AAI
 PM U.S. Forces
 DPM. 3 District.
 DPM. R.A.F.
 AFM. Canadian Corps
 AFM. U.D.F.
 G. 1 (Br) RAAC.
 Chief of Public Safety.
 HQ. A. C. C.
 Commandant French Forces HQ.
 D. A. D. CLAIMS.
 OC 111 Provost Coy.
 OC 121 Provost Coy.
 OC 76 Section, S. I. B.
 OC 76 Coy. CPT. (TC).

Maintenance Commander

R. N.

Rome.

For information _____
 Necessary action, please _____
 Investigation & report _____
 Note & forward as indicated _____
 Perusal and return please _____
 For report _____
 For report & completion _____
 Forwarded _____
 Remarks For onward transmission please.

Date 16 JUN 1945 Signature _____

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For Lt.-Col.
PROVOST Marshal.

R E P O R T.

To:-The Officer Commanding.
230 Provost Company.

Sgt Lisi Terso.
Italian Royal Navy.Rome.

Sir,

I have to report that at Rome on the 13 June 45 at about 1035hrs I was on duty in Piazza Venezia ~~and~~ accompanied by L/Cpl Standen, C.M. Police where I saw the above named NCO driving a WD 3 Ton Dodge No 5605759, in the driving cab I noticed an Italian civilian Female.

I caused him to stop, ascertained that she was not in possession of the necessary Authority to travel in WD vehicles and requested her to leave the vehicle.

I then asked the above named NCO for the AFG 3518 in respect of the vehicle, he could not produce one, I obtained and verified his particulars, informed him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

C.M.F.
14 June 45.

1930511 *L. May* L/Cpl
230 Provost Company.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/2959
17 July 1945.

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

Subject: BONTEMPA Salvatore - Traffic Offence. FILE

1. A copy of report received from the Provost
Marshal is forwarded for necessary action.

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

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP

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SUBJECT:—

Traffic Offence

Ref:— PM/TS/2/9859

From

— OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
 ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
 Tel. 478813 - 478675-6

To:—

PM, U.S. Forces, RAAC.
 DPM, 3 District.
 DPM, RAF.
 DAPM,
 G-1 (Br), HQ RAAC.
 Liaison Officer, A.C.
 HQ, A.C.
 Commandant French Forces HQ.
 53 Claims & Hirings.
 OC, Provost Coy.
 OC, Section SIB.
 Det Coy CMP (TC).
MAINTENANCE COMMANDER, R.N.
ROME

Forwarded for:—

Information
 Necessary action, please
 Investigation & report
 Note and forward as indicated
 Perusal & return please
 Onward transmission

REMARKS

Date 9 JUL 1945 Signature

Copy to:—

MC

A.P.S.O. - Does the Helms work

for you, please A.P.S.O.

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File
 for Lt-Col.
 Provost Marshal.

R E P O R T.

To: The Officer Commanding,
230 Provost Company.

Bontempa Salvatore.
Royal Italian Naval
Salvage Depot.

Sir,

I have to report that at Rome on the 6 July, 1945, at about 1435 hours, I was on duty in Via Tiburtina, accompanied by L/Cpl May, C.M. Police where I saw the above named driving a WD Chevrolet 3 ton No 5608156. In the cab of the vehicle there were three persons including the driver. I caused the vehicle to stop and ordered one of the passengers to leave the cab of the vehicle. I then obtained and verified the drivers particulars, informed him that he would be reported and allowed him to proceed.

CMF

6 July, 1945.

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M. M. Bontempa Cpl.
230 Provost Company.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3254
14 August 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Report of Delinquency.
Enclosure: (A) Letter from Hq., U. S. Military Police Co.,
Bari, dated 2 August 1945.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information
and any action deemed appropriate.

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

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16 AUG 1945

SUBJECT:- Discipline ORs.

TO:-... HQ... Naval... Sub. Commission, A.C....
 VS: MP. Coy.. BARI

1. Reports. Herewith offence reports submitted by.
2. Framing of Charges. Responsibility of framing charges is laid down in ACI 1914/41 (GRO 999/44).
3. Evidence Attention is also directed to ACI 1311/41 as to the circumstances requiring the attendance of CMP witnesses should the evidence be in dispute (GRO 999/44).
4. Disposal (a) All charges preferred by the Provost Service must be brought before Officers Commanding Unit and cannot be dealt with by subordinate commanders (GRO 999/44).
 (b) When the charge has been dealt with, AF B252 should be disposed of to Brigade of equivalent HQ for information together with this memorandum (GRO 999/44).
5. Reason for action taken
 Reason for lenient treatment should also be attached (KRs 1940, para 562).
6. The AF B252 of explanation under para (5) above should not be returned to the Provost Officer of CMP originating charge(s) (KRs 1940, para 562).

IN THE FIELD

8.8.45'

Deob...
 Major
 A.P.M.
 HQ 54 Area.

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HEADQUARTERS U. S. MILITARY POLICE CO BARI
APO 520 U.S. ARMY943
VIEW/

Date 2 August 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Delinquency

TO: Commanding General, Fifteenth Air Force, APO 520, U.S. Army

The following named member (s) of the Distacc R. Marina Bari

NAME	Panariello Orlando	ASN	RANK	Driver
NAME		ASN	RANK	
NAME		ASN	RANK	
NAME		ASN	RANK	

WAS / ~~WAS~~ / REPORTED BY: ~~XXXXXX~~ / U.S. Military Police

at Bari (Time) 13:30 (Date) 2 August 1945 (Place) Foggia-Bari Road

for Speeding 35 to 38 Miles per Hour

Witnesses: Pfc. Carral L. Starnes 128 M.P. Co. Bari

Pfc. Charles Baker 128 M.P. Co, Bari

Disposition: Informed Valuation and released

Remarks: The vehicle was speeding 35 to 38 M.P.H. in a 25 M.P.H. zone. Going to
through Santo Spirito. The vehicle was stopped and the soldiers
identification was checked and released. *Bennett B. Willingham*
VICTOR E. WILKINS
1st Lt. C.M.P.
Police Officer

Incl

Captain, C.M.P.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 194

NSC/3529.

14th September, 1945.

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

Subject : Italian Navy Personnel - Traffic Violation.

The enclosed Military Police report received from the Provost Marshal, Rome Area Allied Command, is forwarded for information and necessary action.

2. It is requested that the statement made by FRALDO VERONICA in paragraph 2 of the report be investigated as to its authenticity, that severe disciplinary action may be taken on whoever illegally emptied the petrol containers, and that FRALDO VERONICA be admonished for not having all his documents in order. H 8/9

3. In this connection the Ministry of Marine is reminded that, except when petrol coupons are held, all Italian Navy vehicles, including Allied vehicles on charge to the Italian Navy, are not, under any circumstances, entitled to draw petrol from Allied petrol points, observing that an allocation of P.O.L. is made monthly to the various Italian Navy bases through C.I.P. It is therefore, requested that the Ministry of Marine, will ensure that instructions to this effect have accordingly been promulgated to all concerned. B

4. Arrangements should be made in due course to collect the truck in question from the compound of the Central Police Station. 8885

(Sgd) G. L. WOODMAN

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

(Copy to :- Provost Marshal, Rome Area Allied Command.
Ref. NS/TS/10/2/2119 1st September, 1945.)

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TRANSMITTAL SLIP.

Ref: AM/TS/30/2/2138 1703SUBJECT:- Italian Navy Personnel.FROM :- OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL
ROME AREA ALLIED COMMAND
Tel 478813 - 478675-6

TO:-

FM., U.S. Forces, RAAC.
 DPM., 3 District.
 DPM., RAF.
 DAFM.,
 G-1(Br)., HQ RAAC.
 Liaison Officer, A.C.
 HQ., A.C.
 Commandant French Forces HQ.
 53 Claims & Hirings.
 OC., Provost Coy.
 OC., Section SIB.
 Det Coy CMP(TU).
 Admin. Officer, Naval Sub-
 Commission HQ., A.C. (Italy).

Forwarded for :-
Information

Necessary action, please

Investigation & report

Note and forward as indicated

Perusal & return please

Onward transmission

 REMARKS Attached report by L/Cpl.
 Hindley - 200 Provost Coy, dated
 29 Aug 45, in duplicate.
Date 3 SEP 1945 Signature

Capt,
 for Lt-Col
 Provost Marshal.
 (J.A.Pike).

REPORT.

TO:-

THE OFFICER COMMANDING,
200 PROVOST COMPANY.

Sir,

I have to report that at NTER, on the 29th August 1945, at about 17.30 hrs. I was on duty, at the CENTRAL POLICE STATION, when I received instructions to proceed, to the PETROL POINT on Route 3.

On arrival I contacted the Officer i/c, who informed me that there was a civilian, with a 5 Ton Bedford Truck, No. 4668356 wishing to draw petrol, but his Work Ticket was not in order. Through an Interpreter, I questioned the Italian driver, who was,

FRANCO VERONESE,
THE ITALIAN ROYAL NAVY,
VICENTINO.

This man stated that about 20 days ago, he had drawn 4 (48) Gallon drum and 1 (4) Gallon Can, of Petrol, from LBSHORE, and had since found, that both containers were full of water. Therefore he had come to this Petrol Point for the purpose of changing them. He did not want to draw any Petrol.

All his Vehicle documents were in order, with the exception of his A.F.C. 5518 which was made out in the name of one BENVENUTO, and last signed for a journey on the 23rd August 1945. He was also in possession of a permit allowing him to carry 200 Litre of Petrol, last authorising stamp dated 9th June 1945. This Vehicle was officially on charge to the ITALIAN NAVY, (signed) BREMER ROYAL NAVY.

I escorted the a/n Sailor to the CENTRAL POLICE STATION, where he was later handed over to the GARABINETTI. The Truck being impounded in the Compound of the CENTRAL STATION. (Receipt attached.)

R.A.A.C.
29.8.45

A. Brindley L/Opl.
200 PROVOST COY. G.M. POLICE.

HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3877
30 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Discipline - Italian Naval personnel.
BECCARO Pasquale.

1. A copy of report received from Allied Military
police is forwarded for your information and such action as
may be considered necessary.

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

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Subject: SPEEDING OFFENCE.

HQ 54 AREA CMF.
APM/16/2/No. ~~749~~ 63
Tel: 1 4 1 2 1.
25 October 45.

To: HQ. NAVAL SUB COMMISSION

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BACCARO PASQUALE - ITALIAN CIVILIAN.

The attached Report of Delinquency, dated 22nd Oct 45,
submitted by HQ 188 Military Police Company 2/1 AFO No. 388,
in respect of the a/m, is forwarded for your necessary action.

E.O.P./Sp.

E.O. Powell.
Major
Assistant Provost Marshal
(E.O. POWELL)

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HEADQUARTERS
188TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY 2/I
APO #388

EHP/ff

BWW/

Date 22 Oct. 1945

SUBJECT: Report of Delinquency.

TO : Commanding Officer, Adriatic Base Command, APO #388, US Army.

The following named member (S) of the Maresape T/C Bari . . .

. APO 394

NAME Baccaro Pasquale	ASN Italian	GRADE Civ.
NAME	ASN	GRADE
NAME	ASN	GRADE
NAME	ASN	GRADE

WAS / ~~WAS~~ / REPORTED BY: ~~British~~ / US Military Police

at Bari	1630 (Time)	22 October 1945 (Date)	Mola-Bari Road (Place)
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for Speeding 48 to 50 MPH on an open road. Truck allowed to go 30 MPH. In vehicle Chiv. 3 ton #14449048.

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Witnesses: Pfc. C. Hendricks 188 MP. CO. (ZI)
Cpl. R. J. Bowns 188 MP. CO. (ZI)

Disposition: Informed of the violation and released.

Remarks: Clocked 5/10 mile.

Incl

Edward H Parkowski

EDWARD H. PARKOWSKI

1st Lt. Inf.

Police Officer

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Police Officer

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R E S T R I C T E D

On 22 October 1945 at about 1630 hours, I was on duty on the Mola-Bari Road, accompanied by Cpl. R. J. Bowns when:

1. By means of the speedometer on my vehicle, I checked the speed of vehicle Civ. 3 ton #14449048 for a distance of 5/10 mile. Its speed thru this distance was 48-50 m.p.h. The speed of vehicles of this type is restricted to 30 m.p.h. The vehicle was stopped and the driver found to be Italian Civ. Baccaro Pasquale. I informed him of his violation and told him that he would be reported. I obtained his particulars, verified them from his _____, and allowed him to proceed.

2. By means of the speedometer on my vehicle, I checked the speed of vehicle _____ for a distance of _____, in a _____ m.p.h. zone. Its speed thru this distance was _____ m.p.h. The speed of all vehicles is restricted to _____ m.p.h. in this zone which is adequately posted with signs to warn drivers of the speed limit. The vehicle was stopped and the driver found to be _____. I informed him of his violation and told him that he would be reported. I obtained his particulars, verified them from his _____, and allowed him to proceed.

C. A. Hendricks
Signature C. A. Hendricks

188 MP. CO. (ZI)

I have read over and corroborate the above statement:

Cpl. R. J. Bowns
Cpl. R. J. Bowns

188 MP. CO. (ZI)

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APC 8941

WAC/3994.
29th September, 1945.

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

Subject : Discipline - Italian Military Personnel.
LA PIRATA PASQUALE.

A copy of report received from Allied Military
Police is forwarded for your information and such action as may
be considered necessary.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FORSEAN ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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3 OCT 1945

SUBJECT: Discipline - Italian Military Personnel.

DAD Claims & Hirings, C.M.F. (2).

HQ 3 District,
BARRALL 51.
PRD 431/5.

24 Sep '45.

'A' 3 District.
Navy Sub-Commission, HQ Allied
Commission, C.M.F. (2) ✓
'Camp' 3 District.

LA PIERA Pasquale.

The attached Military Police report in respect
of the above named civilian, is passed to you for information
and such action as may be considered necessary.

Charles Wortley.

Lt Col.
Deputy Provost Marshal.
(Charles Wortley).

WGL.

REPORT

TO: The Deputy Assistant Provost Marshal,
HQ. No 3 District.

Sir,

I have to report that at NAPLES on the 22nd September 1945, about 1115 hours, I was on duty in RIONE SERRIGNANO when I saw an Italian Naval vehicle, AUSTIN 3-ton No L4675393, enter the road. It appeared to me that the vehicle had turned into this road in error.

The vehicle then stopped immediately in front of the entrance to HQ 3 District offices and the driver, no doubt realising his mistake, commenced to reverse his vehicle in order to get back on to the main road as RIONE SERRIGNANO is a cul-de-sac. He reversed at a far greater speed than was necessary and without looking behind crashed the vehicle into a wall in front of the MI Room, HQ 3 District, knocking the top portion of the wall down; the underside of the vehicle became lodged on the lower part of the wall. Some few minutes later when the driver was endeavouring to clear the vehicle by driving in a forward direction, the remainder of the wall was pulled down.

I consider that this accident was caused through gross negligence on the part of the driver and he should never be allowed to have charge of such a vehicle.

The driver's particulars are as follows :-

LA PIETRA Pasquale,
NO. 6 VIA A. DIAZ,
NAPLES.

Employed by :-

R. I. ROYAL ITALIAN NAVY,
CAPO MISERO.

Naples.
22 Sep 45.

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C. H. POLICE.

From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 18th November 1945
Ref.: 22722/2

Subject: Lieutenant (E) SERENI Angelo, attached to N.O.I.C.
Naples, Fuels Office.

1. Reference is made to your letters NSC/3646 and NSC/3873 dated 28th September and 29th October respectively.
2. In August 1945 the above officer was granted leave to proceed to Genoa. For this journey he used a requisitioned motor vehicle belonging to him, which consequently bore an Allied registration plate. While on this leave he went to Trieste in order to visit relations, believing - he says - that the Trieste restrictions had been removed.
3. Lieutenant (E) SERENI has stated that he obtained the petrol on the public market and it has not appeared from investigations made by this Ministry that the Naval Commands supplied him with any.
4. Punishment of the maximum severity has been inflicted on the Officer in question

CHIEF OF CABINET

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

Roma. 18 NOV. 1945

M NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C..

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 22722/2 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Capitano G.N. SERENI Angelo addetto al N.O.I.C.
di Napoli, Uff. Combustibili.

1. Riferimento vostri fogli NSC/3646 e NSC/3873 rispettivamente in data 28 Settembre e 29 Ottobre 1945.
2. All'ufficiale in argomento, nell'Agosto 1945, è stata concessa una licenza per recarsi a Genova. Egli ha usato per tale viaggio una autovettura di sua proprietà requisita e perciò munita di targa alleata. Durante tale licenza egli si è recato a Trieste per visitare parenti ritenendo, a suo dire, che le limitazioni relative a Trieste fossero cessate.
3. Il Capitano G.N. SERENI ha dichiarato di aver acquistato la benzina al libero mercato e, da indagini svolte da questo Ministero, non è risultato che i Comandi Marina gliene abbiano fornita.
4. All'Ufficiale in questione è stato inflitto da questo Ministero il massimo della punizione di rigore.

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

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 13th November 1945
Ref.: 21758/2

Subject: Lieutenant (E) SERENI Angelo.

With reference to your letter No. NSC/3873 of 29th October 1945, you are informed that this Ministry is waiting for an explanation from the Commander-in-Chief of the Naples Maritime Department.

CHIEF OF CABINET

GGE/P.

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Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N. 21758/2 *Allegato*

ARGOMENTO Capitano G.N. SERENI Angelo.

13 NOV. 1945
Roma, 194

NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

Con riferimento al vostro foglio No. NSC/3873 in data 29 Ottobre 1945, si comunica che questo Ministero è in attesa di chiarimenti da parte del Comando in Capo del Dipartimento Militare Marittimo di Napoli.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3873
29 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Captain (G.N.) SEHENI Angelo.

1. An early reply to letter NSC/3846 dated 28th
September 1945 would be appreciated.

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

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

23rd October, 1945.

No.F.O.I.L.1007/5.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
HQ. ALLIED COMMISSION.

ITALIAN OFFICER IN TRIESTE.

With reference to my Minute II No.F.O.I.L.
1007/5 dated 21st September, 1945, for your information,
I am now informed by Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples
Area that the car being driven by Captain SERENI was
his own personal property and is used by him in
connection with his duties as Assistant (Italian)
Fuelling Officer. SERENI

2. Supplies of petrol are drawn from Royal
Italian Naval sources.

P. Apple
for REAR ADMIRAL.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APR 594

NSC/3548.

28th September, 1945.

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

Subject : Captain (C.V.) SEVERI Angelo - Attached staff of
Naval Officer in Charge, Naples - Working Office.

A report has been received that the above-named officer was in TRIESTE on 3rd September, 1945, driving a civilian motor-car with "AMIRALTY FUELING OFFICER" on the windscreen and bearing the number K 1303.

2. He was in possession of documents indicating that he was on leave from 18th August to 11th September, 1945, but had no permit authorising him to be in Trieste. He was not in possession of any workticket or document relating to the vehicle. H
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3. He stated that he had proceeded from Naples to his home in Genoa and went to Trieste via Milan to visit relatives and that he obtained patrol for the journey from Italian Royal Navy sources in Rome, Genoa and Mestre.

4. SEVERI was informed that Italian Service personnel, in uniform, were not permitted to enter Trieste and was accordingly instructed to remove his cap and shoulder badges of rank.

5. The fact that this officer visited Trieste without a regular permit despite the instructions in force, is viewed with concern and it is requested that the Ministry of Marine will ensure that the pertinent orders on travel to restricted areas has been brought to the notice of all naval personnel, and that appropriate disciplinary action be taken against this officer in order to put an early stop to this unauthorized travel.

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Navy Sub Commission letter No. NSC/3640 of the
29th September, 1945.

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3. With regard to the statement made in paragraph 3 above, the quantity of petrol issued to this officer in order to enable him to undertake, what would appear to be a journey for purely personal purposes, is considered to have been excessive and grossly misused. It is requested therefore, that an investigation be made into the circumstances in which petrol was supplied to this officer and a full report submitted to the Navy Sub Commission.

REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,

(copy to :- Flag Officer Italy and Liaison, Rome)

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ITALIAN OFFICER IN TRIESTE.

(The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste's letter No. 4499/97,
dated 6th September, 1945.)

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No. F.C.I.L. 1007/5.

NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
ALLIED COMMISSION.

(Copy to:- Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area.
Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.)

Forwarded for necessary action with the Ministry
of Marine. It is considered that an excessive quantity of petrol
was supplied to this officer for purely personal purposes.

2. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples Area, is being
asked to explain whether this officer was in possession of a vehicle
intended for Allied use and, if so, on whose authority.

ROME.
21st September, 1945.

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REAR ADMIRAL.

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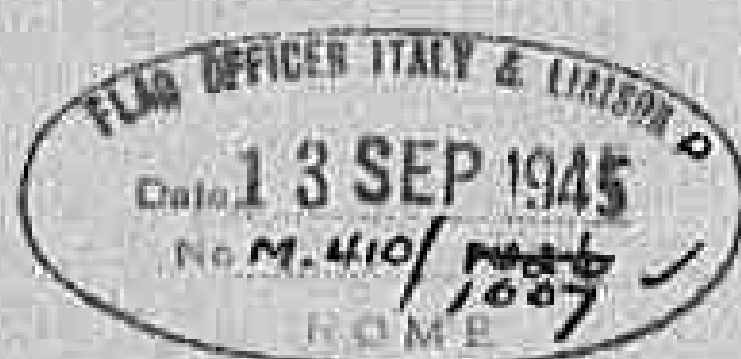
SUBJECT : ITALIAN OFFICER IN TRIESTE.

FROM : THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE. TRIESTE

DATE : 6th. September 1945. No. 4199/97

TO : THE NAVAL OFFICER IN CHARGE. NAPLES.
(Copy to : THE FLAG OFFICER, ITALY AND
LIAISON. ROME).

The attached report by the Naval Provost
Marshal, Trieste is forwarded for your information.



(Sgd) E. C. HULTON.

CAPTAIN. ROYAL NAVY.

Ref: TR/288/REP.

Tenente di Vascello SERENI Angelo,
attached to The Fuelling Officer, Staff of NOIC, Naples.

From The Naval Provost Marshal, Trieste.

Date 3 Sept. 45.

To The Naval Officer in Charge, Trieste.

The above-mentioned officer was observed in Trieste in uniform at 1130 hours on 3rd September, 1945.

2. He was driving a civilian motor car with "Admiralty Fuelling Officer" written on the windscreen and bearing the number K 1303.

3. He was in possession of documents indicating that he was on leave from 12 Aug 45 to 11 Sep 45, but was in possession of no permit authorising him to be in Trieste. He was not in possession of any workticket or documents relating to the vehicle.

He stated that he had proceeded from Naples to Genoa, which is his home, and had come to Trieste via Milano to visit relatives.

He had obtained petrol for the journey from Royal Italian Navy sources in Rome, Genoa and Mestre.

4. He was informed that Italian service personnel, in uniform, were not permitted to enter Trieste and he was accordingly instructed not to wear his cap and to remove his shoulder badges of rank.

He intimated that he was leaving Trieste before 1700 on the 3rd September, 1945.

SIGNED:

MAJOR RM,

NAVAL PROVOST MARSHAL.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800

AC/14022/PS

10 November 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal Movement between Italy
and Tripolitania.

TO : Navy Sub-Commission, ✓
HQ. A.C.

1. Reference your letter of 29 Oct. 45.
2. It is regretted that no active preventive measures have been possible.
3. However the Allied Commission Liaison Officer at Catania has been very active in pressing the local Italian Authorities for strong action.

John W. Chapman

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3395
31 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Agriculture Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Clandestine Traffic between Italy and France.
Reference: (a) Agriculture Sub-Commission ltr. AGR/861 of
27 October 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Italian Ministry of Marine ltr. E1443/2
of 20 October 1945.
(B) Copy Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/3394 of
31 October 1945.

1. In reply to reference (a), it has been confirmed by the Flag Officer Italy and Liaison that Italian naval vessels are not available for the purpose of establishing a coastguard service for the West Coast of Italy to control clandestine traffic between Italy and France. Likewise, no Allied motor vessels are known to be available for such service and it is highly improbable that their use for such service would be authorized.

2. As indicated in enclosure (A), the Italian Ministry of Marine previously has taken action to assist in the control of clandestine traffic between Italy and Tripolitania. Accordingly, the Italian Ministry of Marine has been requested in enclosure (B) to take similar action with respect to North-west Italian Waters.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

Copy to:
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Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC.

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3894
31 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Clandestine Traffic between Italy and France.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 21443/2 of
20 October 1945.

1. The Ministry of Marine in reference (a) inform the Navy Sub-Commission, AC, as to action taken to suppress clandestine traffic between Italy and Tripolitania.

2. A similar request has been received from the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forests through the Agriculture Sub-Commission, AC, to determine whether a coastguard service can be established to control clandestine shipments of wheat from Italy to France utilizing Allied motor vessels which may be available. It is further stated that the Italian Ministry of Marine has been approached by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forests to arrange such a service and was informed that Italian patrol vessels are not available. Likewise, no Allied motor vessels are available.

3. In order to assist in the control of clandestine traffic in Northwest Italian Waters, it is requested that the Italian Ministry of Marine take action similar to that indicated in reference (a) by informing Italian Port Captains in that area to assist whenever possible in suppressing such traffic.

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

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/3880
29 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Public Safety Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Illegal Movement between Italy and Tripolitania.
Reference: (a) Public Safety Sub-Commission ltr. AC/14022/PS
of 9 August 1945.
Enclosure: (A) Copy Italian Ministry of Marine ltr. 21443/2
of 20 October 1945.

1. In connection with reference (a), a copy of the Italian Ministry of Marine letter of 20 October 1945 is forwarded herewith for information indicating the action which has been taken to control unauthorized traffic between Italy and Tripolitania.

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

Copy to:
AFHQ, G-5 section.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
AGRICULTURE SUB-COMMISSION

AGR/861

27 October 1945 V

SUBJECT: Coast Guard Service for the West Coast of Italy

TO : Navy Sub-Commission, HQ., AC.

1. It is noted from your letter of 25 October, 1945, Ref. NSC/3843, that you will be glad to investigate the possibility of providing a patrol service for the purpose of controlling the smuggling of wheat to France by sea.

2. The problem of clandestine trade in wheat with France has been specially investigated by an officer of this Sub-Commission, and as a result the illicit trade over the land boundary with France has been considerably curtailed. This has been effected by road patrols using armoured cars and by increased vigilance on the part of the Carabinieri and the Guardia di Finanza. At the end of September the latter two organizations were asked to intensify their control. In spite of action taken as described above, this Sub-Commission is informed that small ships and boats are leaving the ports in the North of Italy with wheat for France.

3. The Captain of the Port of Genoa has requested means of controlling the coast, and your cooperation in this matter would be welcomed, because the loss of wheat by smuggling has a serious effect on the food situation in Italy.

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

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NSC/3843
25 October 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Agriculture Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
Subject: Coast Guard Service for the West Coast of Italy.

1. In answer to the Agriculture Sub-Commission's letter AGR/661 of 23 October 1945, it is requested that the Navy Sub-Commission be furnished additional and complete information concerning the necessity of establishing a Coast Guard Service for the purpose of controlling clandestine shipments of wheat from Italy to France. There is a shortage of suitable Italian vessels which might be utilized for such a patrol and while the Navy Sub-Commission will be glad, if supplied with additional justifying data, to investigate the matter further, it is considered unlikely that such a patrol service can be authorized.

2. It is suggested that the Public Safety Sub-Commission, AC be provided with full particulars of the problem in order that the Commanding General of the Guardia di Finanza may be directed to institute suitable controls in port areas of his jurisdiction.

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

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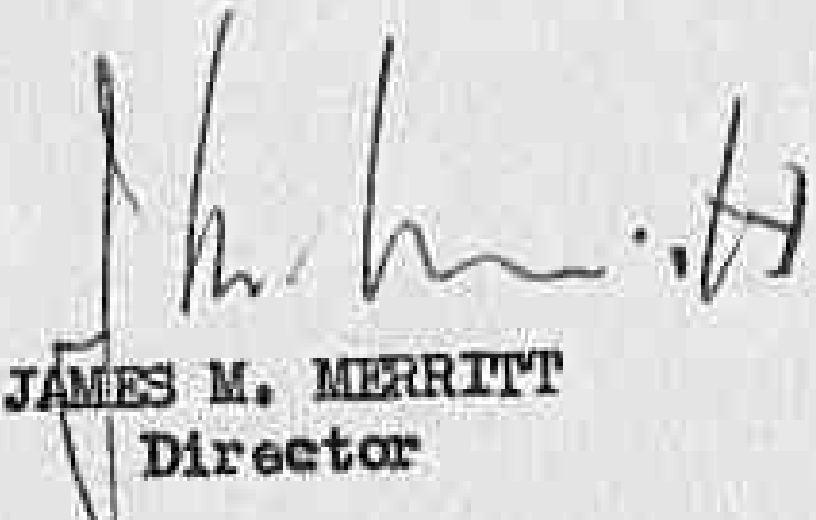
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ACR/861

23 October 1945

SUBJECT: Coastguard Service for the West Coast
TO : Navy Sub-Commission

1. The attached copy of translation of letter from the Ministry of Agriculture is forwarded for comments as to the practicability of arranging a service as suggested therein.


JAMES M. MERRITT
Director

1 Incl: Cy translation
ltr 13 Oct 45, Prot. 24163,
fm. Min. of Agr.

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From: MINISTRY OF MARINE (Cabinet)
To : N.S.C. - HQ. - A.C.
Date: 20th October 1945
Ref.: 21443/2

Subject: Clandestine traffic between Italy and Tripolitania.
(Navy Sub Commission's letter No.NSC/3362 of 25th August 1945.).

1. In compliance with the above letter you are informed that:

- (a) Orders have been given to the Port Captaincies in Sicily to arrange with the Public Security authorities concerned for a sharp watch upon attempts to leave the country;
 - (b) The High Commissioner for Sicily has been informed of the instructions given to the Port Captaincies;
 - (c) The independent Military Maritime Command for Sicily has been requested to investigate in collaboration with the Royal Prefectures what assistance the I.R.N. can give towards the prevention of illegal departures to Tripolitania and to refer the matter then to this Ministry.
2. With reference to para.3 of the above letter it is observed that as the traffic takes place in waters little frequented by Italian Naval Vessels no large part in suppressing the said traffic can be undertaken by the I.R.N. and in consequence it is suggested that the Ministry of the Interior should be invited to give orders designed to discover the clandestine expatriation organisation, and thus better ensure its effective prevention.

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Roma 20 OTT. 1945

Ministero della Marina
GABINETTO

M NAVY SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS, A.C.

INDIRIZZO TELEGRAFICO: MARINA - ROMA

Prot. N° 21443/2 Allegati

ARGOMENTO: Traffico clandestino fra l'Italia e la Tripolitania.-

Riferimento: Lettera della S. Commissione Navale della A.C. n°
NSC/3362 del 24 Agosto 1945.

1. In esito al foglio in riferimento si comunica che:
 - a) - sono stati dati ordini alle Capitanerie di Porto della Sicilia di prendere accordi con le competenti Autorità di Pubblica Sicurezza per una attiva vigilanza su tentativi di espatrio;
 - b) - è stato informato l'Alto Commissario per la Sicilia delle disposizioni impartite alle Capitanerie di Porto;
 - c) - è stato richiesto al Comando Militare Marittimo Autonomo della Sicilia di esaminare insieme alle RR. Prefetture, quale concorso possa dare la R. Marina alla repressione dell'espatrio illegale verso la Tripolitania e di riferire in merito a questo Ministero.
2. In relazione al paragrafo 3 del foglio in riferimento si osserva che, avvenendo il traffico in argomento in acque poco frequentate da unità navali italiane, non si può fare grande assegnamento sulla repressione del traffico stesso da parte della R. Marina e, pertanto, si suggerisce che, per assicurare meglio una efficace prevenzione di esso, venga interescato il Ministero dell'Interno affinché dia agli organi di polizia ordini intesi a scoprire l'organizzazione degli espatri clandestini.

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

DG/SP

TRANSLATION

MINISTERO AGRICOLTURE & FORESTE
Direzione General della Tutela Economica
dell'Agricoltura

Prot. 24163 Pos. 12.B.2

13 October 1945

SUBJECT: Coastguard Service for the
West Coast

TO : Agriculture Sub-Commission - AC.

and for information

Ministry of marine - Cabinet - Rome

Following the conversation regarding the advisability of establishing a coastguard service for the purpose of preventing the clandestine shipment of wheat from the Italian coasts to the French. This Ministry tried to obtain from the Marine Department a patrol service of torpedo-boats. The said Department however, indicates the impossibility of arranging such service owing to lack of means.

Your Sub-Commission is kindly requested to examine the possibility of allocating to said service the allied motor vessels rendered available by the cessation of hostilities.

Signed: Segni

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Public Safety Sub Commission
APO 394

Tel. 478X34

10 Sept. 45

AG/14022/PS

SUBJECT : Illegal movement between
Italy and Tripolitania

TO : G-5 Section AFHQ

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of a report (N° 500/74895 dated 25th August 1945) received from the Ministry of Interior on the arrest of Salvatore PATANIA for attempting to illegally transport 16 people to Tripoli.

2. This incident might be identical with that shown in paragraph (6) of the enclosure to our letter dated 25th August 1945.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director,

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Enc. I - Report referred to

Copy to : HQ. BMA Tripolitania
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Comm.
Navy Sub-Comm. *✓*
A.C. Liaison officer, Palermo
" " " Catania
Ministry of Interior (Dir. Gen. Pubb. Sicurezza)
Commanding General GCRR
" " GCFF

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(Translation L.3.)

Rome 25-8-1945

MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
General Direction of P.S.TO ALLIED COMMISSION
SUB COMMISSION FOR P.S.

Div. AG.R. Section IV

R O M E

File N° 500/74895

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SUBJECT : Abusive voyage from Italy to Tripolitania.

In relation of the past correspondence on the a/m subject, and the last note of this Commission N.A.C. 14022 P.S. of the 9 inst., we inform what has been reported by the Prefecture of Syracuse with note N° 12589 of the 13 inst.

" " We inform that with service predisposed by this Office the 29 July ult. the CO.RR. of Pachino came to know that Patania Salvatore fu Angelo born at Syracuse the 27-3-1944, fisherman, living in Tripoli, was getting ready to leave from Marzanemi for Tripoli with his motor-boat, to transport 16 persons. He was arrested and taken to the Harbour-Office of Syracuse.

Here questioned Patania stated that he left Tripoli clandestinely with the motor-boat "REGINA Margherita" M.T.F. 131 Tripoli, the 16 July ult., landed at Marzanemi without been seen after four days, with the purpose to take back with him, his family and some of his relatives to Tripoli, who were evacuated at Pachino in 1941.

Consequently the a/m person has been denounced to the Judicial Authority."

For the Minister

Ferrari

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 194

Tel : 478800

25 August 45

AG/14022/PS

SUBJECT : Illegal Movement between
Italy and Tripolitania

TO : AFHQ, G-5 Section.

1. Transmitted herewith for information is a copy of a further report submitted to this HQ by the AC Liaison Officer, Catania.

2. It will be noted that, in the view of the Liaison officer, the clandestine emigration to Tripoli has completely ceased.

3. The attention of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission has again been drawn the plight of refugees at Syracuse.

Major Wm. C. Sallance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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1 Enclosure

Copy : HQ ~~NA Tripolitania~~

~~Displaced Persons and Repatriation S/C~~

~~Navy Sub-Commission~~

~~AC Liaison officer, Palermo~~

" " Catania (without encl.)

Ministry of Interior (Dir. Gen. Pubb. Sicurezza)

Commanding General GCHQ

Commanding General GCHQ

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER

CATANIA

14 August 45

HQ ALLIED COMMISSION UNF

for Public Safety Sub-Commission

SUBJECT : Illegal Movement of Refugees.

1. Reference is made to your AC/14022/RS dated 27 July, and further to my report dated 25 July 45.
2. This matter has been thoroughly investigated at Syracuse and now, in my opinion, the clandestine emigration to Tripolitania has completely ceased. The Prefect, Questore, and Procuratore del Regno of Syracuse have been requested to take vigorous action in connection with this matter.
3. Two out of the three boats involved, the "Evangelistria" and the "Francesco Padra" have been held in Tripolitania, whilst the third, the "Nuovo S. Giovanni", which left clandestinely during the night 20/21 July, was sequestered by the authorities on its return to Syracuse. Appropriate action has been taken by the Police, and as soon as the proper statements made by the refugees come to hand, all the persons involved will be tried.
4. Legal proceedings are going to be taken against Viola, the owner of the "Evangelistria", together with the captain and crew. The owners of the "Nuovo S. Giovanni", named Valentini Gino and Gargè Luigi, together with a certain Siringo, a member of the crew, have been arrested and denounced to the Courts, and also the captain and the remainder of the crew who have gone to ground. The boat has been confiscated. The owners have been charged under Italian Law with various offences such as "obtaining money by false pretences from the refugees, non-registration in the case of the "Nuovo S. Giovanni" and false registration in the case of the "Evangelistria", clandestine emigration, etc."
5. As soon as the aforesaid statements from the refugees are received the Procuratore del Regno will be requested to expedite the trial. It seems that some of the refugees taken to Tripolitania on the 3 June by the "Evangelistria" have returned to Sicily and their statements have enabled the Questore to denounce Viola to the Courts. Action is also being taken against the refugees.
6. A small boat coming from Tripolitania in order to embark refugees at Syracuse has been seized and confiscated. The master stated that he was not doing it for profit, but only to take home some relatives who were in Sicily without means of support and completely destitute. He is to be proceeded against.
7. The plight of the refugees at Syracuse is lamentable, and it would be appreciated if their position could be taken into consideration by the Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission.

H. BENTLEY Major
A.C. Liaison officer
Catania.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

HSC/3362
24 August 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Ministry of Marine, Rome.
Subject: Movement of Vessels between Italy and Tripolitania -
"EVANGELISTRIA" - "NUOVO S. GIOVANNI" - "FRANCESCO
PADRE".

1. A report has been received regarding the illegal landing in Tripolitania of refugees transported in the above-named schooners.

2. Allied Authorities have been in contact with the prefect and Questore at Syracuse and it has been suggested that closer co-operation between the Naval, police and Coast-Guard Authorities would help considerably in preventing this traffic, which also might assist ex-fascists to escape.

3. It would be appreciated if you could advise the steps which you suggest taking to assist in preventing a recurrence of this illegal traffic.

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



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety sub-commission
APO 394

AG/14022/PS

Tel: 473800

9 August 1945

SUBJECT : Illegal Movement between Italy and Tripolitania.

TO : AFHQ, G-3 Section.

1. Enclosed herewith for information is a copy of a report submitted by the A.G. Liaison Officer, Catania, who has pursued this matter in a most praiseworthy manner.

2. Attention is drawn to the request made at the end of paragraph 3 for copies of any statements, or other evidence, which might facilitate the arrest of Viola.

3. The Liaison Officer will be advised as to whether Viola may be charged under Italian law as requested in para.

4. Copies of the report have been forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission and the Commanding General CG.PF. and their co-operation requested. A copy has also been forwarded to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission and their attention drawn to paragraph 4.

Major Wm. C. Ballance.

JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director

1 Enclosure
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Copy to: ~~HQ E-4 Tripolitania~~
~~Displaced Persons and Repatriation S/C~~
Navy Sub-Commission
A.G. Liaison Officer, Palermo (without encl.)
A.G. Liaison Officer, Catania (" ")
Ministry of Interior (Director Gen. della Pubblica Sicurezza.)
Commanding General CG.PF.
Commanding General CG.PF.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 478800
27 July 1945

AC/14022/PS

SUBJECT : Illegal movement between
Italy and Tripolitania.

TO : Ministry of Interior
(Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza).

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
500/73940, dated 17 July, 1945, in which it is stated
you have requested by telegram the Prefect of Syracuse
to make enquiries concerning a/a subject.

2. Farther items of information have now been
received as follows:

(a) a farther party of 87 arrived at Tripoli on
June 30 in two boats "Eva Evangelista" and "Francesco
Padre". The crews are in custody and the confiscation
of the boats is contemplated. The illegal repatriates
will be returned to Sicily as soon as possible. It is
believed that the "Eva Evangelista" brought the first
party on 5 June. The owner of the boats is thought to be,
as mentioned in our previous letter, one Viola who lives
near the Santa Lucia Church Syracuse".

(b) Despite all steps taken by the Questura,
Syracuse, during the night of 20 and 21 July schooner
REOVO LE Giovanni left for Tripoli with about 80 clan-
destine refugees.

3. Will you please press the authorities in
Syracuse to take vigorous action in connection with

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this matter, and to report early as to progress.

Wm. C. Ballance May

✓ JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, JAGD
Director.

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COPY : ~~AFHQ, G-3 Section~~
(your G-5.0005 of 17 July 1945 refers),
HQ EAM, Tripolitania,
~~Displaced Persons and Repatriation S/C,~~
Navy Sub-Commission,
AC Liaison Officer, Palermo,
AC Liaison Officer, Catania,
Commanding General, CG. RH.,
Commanding General, CG. PP.

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ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON OFFICER
CATANIA

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TO : Headquarters Allied Commission
CMF (for Public Safety Sub-Commission)

SUBJECT : Illegal Landings at Tripoli.

1. Reference your letter AC/14022/PS dated 18 June 45 and even Ref. dated 13 July 45, and further to our signal LO/CAT/20 dated 17 July 45, on above subject.
2. On receipt of your letter, the matter was immediately referred to the Questore of Syracuse with a request that enquiries be instituted and full report made to this office. However, no reply was received before the 17th July, this delay was due to the fact that the schooner had again put to sea and the owner, Viola, had apparently gone to ground. Viola returned to Syracuse on 16 July and made a statement to the Questore to the effect that he had just paid a visit to Rome on private business. He was interrogated with regard to the clandestine entry of refugees into Tripolitania and he made a written statement to the effect that, as far as he knew "on the 3 June the schooner left for Licata (Sicily) for a cargo of brooms, and returned to Syracuse on the 13th. The Master gave him a complete account of the shipment". On the 24th June, the schooner sailed again, presumably bound for Reggio, but up to the time of writing it has not returned. It appears more likely that the schooner left for Tripolitania where it was sequestered by the authorities there. For both these voyages, the schooner registered at the Capitaneria di Porto as bound for Licata and Reggio Calabria respectively. The schooner left Syracuse empty and it is presumed the emigrants were taken aboard at various isolated points of the coastline.
3. The above named Viola is a suspected character, he has appeared four times before the Courts, charged with various offences such as fraud and assault, but on each occasion he has been acquitted. Although a Tailor by profession, he carries out many wholesale business transactions and would appear to be very wealthy. At the request of the undersigned, he was detained by the Questore and again interrogated in my presence. Viola confirmed his written statement, declaring to be in complete ignorance of the clandestine departure of Libici. However, it was pointed out to him that emigrants who had been questioned had stated that "he agreed to take a party of Italians to Tripoli". His reaction to this was weak, and he appeared confused when told that ample evidence was available to this effect. He was also very concerned by the fact that the schooner had not returned to Port, and the probability of the Master having been arrested. My impression was that he feared the Master might "talk". It was suggested to the Questore that the man might be arrested on the facts

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stated in your letter, but she maintained that these were insufficient under Italian law. It would be appreciated, therefore, if a certified true copy of any statements by the emigrants, or other evidence, could be forwarded to this office, to facilitate the man's arrest. Viola is at liberty but is being kept under close observation.

4. The name of the schooner is "Evangelistria" and the particulars of the Master are, name - Umberto Di Luciano fu Antonino e fu Scandurra Giuditta, born at Syracuse on 27 February 1905, residing at No. 11 Via Mirabella, Syracuse. Particulars of the owner are, name - Viola Orazio di Oreste e di Giordano Emanuela, born at Syracuse on 23 April 1902, residing at No. 1 Piazza Duomo, Syracuse. Enquiries are being made in Rome to ascertain whether Viola did pay a visit there as stated above. It would be appreciated if you would advise under which Section of Italian law Viola could and should be charged.

5. From further enquiries, it would appear that other refugees from Libya are arriving daily at Syracuse from various points in Sicily, in order to try and leave for Tripolitania and Cirenaica, and that other schooners are prepared to run a risk and carry them. This business is no doubt highly remunerative, especially in view of the fact that the return trip can be used to carry contraband. The Questore stated that information suggested another schooner sailing and for the arrest of the Master and crew and other persons involved. It is pointed out that Coastguard duties are the responsibility of the Guardia Finanza, the Questore alleges a lack of vigilance on the part of the former, but it would appear that both parties have been somewhat lax.

6. On 23 July, a telegram was received from the Questore of Syracuse to the effect that another schooner, the "Nuovo S. Giovanni" had left for Tripoli with 80 refugees on board, during the night 20-21 July. The text of this telegram was immediately signalled to you and repeated to HQ B.M.A. Tripolitania, for Defence Security Office, and G-5, AFHQ, for information and to enable appropriate action to be taken in Tripoli.

7. The Questore was immediately contacted and a complaint made that efficient steps had not been taken to prevent this schooner sailing. The reply was to the effect that he had done his best but, owing to lack of co-operation from the Naval Authorities, and more especially from the Guardia Finanza, they had been unable to capture the schooner. The Questore was requested to submit a report stating what preventive steps and action had been taken, and it was pointed out that drastic measures must be taken against the persons involved in order to prevent this traffic. It was also suggested that all refugees should be informed of the seriousness of this offence and that enquiries

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ould be carried out amongst them.

8. The Prefect and Procuratore del Regno were also asked to use their efforts to cut short these clandestine activities, which may also result in the departure of ex-fascists who may be due for trial or execution. There appears to be a good deal of contraband trade also being carried out between Libya, Malta, and Sicily.

9. The whole matter was discussed at some length with the Prefect and he stated that the plight of many of the refugees is such that are prepared to do anything, and take any risk, in order to get away.

As pointed out in the Monthly Reports of this Office, the conditions surrounding the refugees in the Camp at Syracuse are very bad, many of them are completely destitute, they are urgently in need of clothing, and the rations they are granted to live on is totally inadequate.

10. A further visit is being made to Syracuse in order to pursue this matter further, and a second report will be submitted after this visit.

H/ BENTLEY
Major
Liaison Officer

Catania
25 July 45.

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