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APO 394

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In reply refer to:
319.1

6 January 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Report to AFHQ

TO : Admiral McGrigor, Naval Sub-Commission, Navy House, Taranto

The Allied Control Commission has been directed by AFHQ to submit monthly reports embracing all Commission activities. Would you kindly provide us regularly with the report of the Naval Subcommission? This report should reach the Secretary of the Allied Control Commission not later than the 15th of each month. It should cover the essential activities of the previous calendar month; that is, the report due on 15 January should cover the activities of December. It is not considered that the report should be a voluminous one but a terse summary of essential events.

For the Deputy President, Allied Control Commission:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
Brigadier General, USA

FLAG OFFICER
TARANTO AREA
DATE 9 Jan.
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MONTHLY REPORT TO A.F.H.Q.
(Headquarters, Allied Control Commission's letter
No.319.1 dated 6th January, 1944. )

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No.T.A.6/25.

COMMODORE PALLIER.
(Copy to:- Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission.)

Forwarded.

2. It is requested you will forward your reports through me. The first report should be forwarded as soon as possible.

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COMMODORE. 027/44

TARANTO.
15th January, 1944.

REAR-ADMIRAL.

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From..... Commodore I.M.Palmer. D.S.C.
Head of Naval Sub Commission, SALERNO.

To.....Rear Admiral R.R.Mc Grigor. C.B: D.S.O.
Vice President, Military Section,
Allied Commission of Control. TARANTO.

Date....21 January 1944.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION.

With reference to your T.A.6 / 25 of 15th January on A.C.C. 391.1 of 6th January, the following report of the activities of the Naval Sub-Commission is submitted.

2. 2nd December I was requested by the A.C.C. to arrange the visit of MrVYSHINSKY and his staff to Taranto to visit F.O.T.A.L.I. and the Dockyard. Arrangements were made by telephone, and party had lunch with F.O.T.A.L.I.

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6. Was instructed by General Taylor to procees to SALERNO to set up Naval Offices and accommodation in SALER N

7. Arrived at Salerno on 15th December and took up temporary accommodation at Navy House. Lieutenant E.C. Davies R.N.V.R. accompanied me as Staff Officer and Intelligence.

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COMMODORE.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
RC. & ME. Section
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Ref/497/44/CA.

25 April 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : Regional Commissioners, All Regions.
S.C.A.O's 5th and 8th Armies.

1. Commencing with the report for April 1944 the following procedure for the preparation and submission of monthly reports will be adopted.

2. The Regional Commissioners and S.C.A.O's report will consist of a summary of the salient activities of the region during the period under review, condensed into not more than 6 pages of single-typed foolscap. The summary should cover the following points in the order and under the headings shown :

(a) Political reactions and popular opinion.
(b) Local Government - Provincial.
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(d) Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
(e) Labour.
(f) Public Works and Utilities.
(g) Public Safety and the functioning of :

(i) Allied Courts.
(ii) Italian Courts.

(h) Public Health to include the Welfare and condition of the population.
(i) Education.
(j) Refugees.
(k) Communications to include.

(i) Road.
(ii) Rail
(iii) Telecommunications.
(iv) Posts.

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4. The report will be submitted (in quintuplicate) so as to reach this HQ (R.C. & M.G. Section - Civil Affairs Branch) not later than 1200 hrs on the 10th day of the month succeeding that covered by the report.

5. Divisional Reports will be submitted to the Sub-Commission (or Sub-Commissions) concerned, each in duplicate and not later than the 5th day of the month succeeding that covered by the report.

6. Reports will be factual and relate only to the situation prevailing during and at the end of the period under review. They will not contain proposals, or recommendations, which should form the subject of separate communications.

7. Reports on personnel, where not already covered by those called for by G-1 Branch this HQ should be submitted separately to R.C. & M.G. Section (Establishments Branch).

8. Para.6 and Appendix "D" of AMG 319.1 of 4 January 1944 and any other orders in conflict with the above instructions are hereby cancelled.

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Ref/497/64/CA

10 June 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O's 5 & 8 Armies.

1. Reference is made to letter 497/44/CA of 25 April 1944.

2. As agreed at the Regional Commissioners' Conference held on 31 May 1944, see minutes page 4 item 5(b), a paragraph on the general Finance situation in the region should in future be included in your report.

3. Accordingly para 2 of the above quoted letter is amended to include sub-para "(n) Finance."

Alfred C. Fergusson Lt Col
for M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
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Phone:
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Ref/497/74/RA.

8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report.

TO : Economic Section.
Administrative Section.
Political Section.
P.R.O.
Army Sub-Commission.
Navy Sub-Commission.
Air Sub-Commission.
Communications Sub-Commission.
War Material Disposal Sub-Comm.

Cdre P
Cdre Z
Cdr Butler
Lt Commander
Lt Harvey.

1. The Acting Chief Commissioner directs that in future the monthly report will appear in two forms :

(a) the normal condensed report having a wide internal and external distribution;

(b) reports in detail by Sub-Commissions as Appendices to (a) for distribution only to AFHQ (35 copies) who in turn distribute to London/Washington.

2. The detailed reports (para.1 (b) above) must be presented in a uniform manner. The lay out of the A.C.C. Monthly Report has met with approval and this therefore is suggested as an example to follow. 35 copies will be mimeographed by the Sub-Commissions and sent to R.C. & M.G. Section for coordination and distribution.

3. An aspect of the present report (para.1 (a) above) is that it has been the practice of the Economic Section to send detailed reports of their Sub-Commissions to R.C. & M.G. Section for condensation into suitable length. It is felt that this is unsatisfactory to Sub-Commissions and it is therefore suggested that commencing with the month of July they condense their reports into about 500 words before submitting to R.C. & M.G. Section. These will then be incorporated into one report and mimeographed by R.C. & M.G. Section.

4. It is requested that reports, both full length and abridged, are submitted to R.C. & M.G. Section by 15th of each month.

M.S. Lush

M.S.LUSH,
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Captain Blackburn.

Monthly report for ACC - Should
Contain - (i) operational
(ii) Ammo tasks
(iii) ACC dealings
all sections to put in reports as
Combat Crews -
Please Coordinate -
Admiral Sturgeon should approve &
Sign. Report to be in ACC. Brig back by
15 Sept.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INFORMATION DIVISION

2113/INFO
19 September 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Reports.

TO : Chief Clerk - INDUSTRY Sub-Commission
COMMERCE Sub-Commission
DISPLACED PERSONS Sub-Commission
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
MONUMENTS & FINE ARTS Sub-Commission
MINING DIVISION
NAVAL Sub-Commission
PATRIOTS BRANCH
AIR FORCES Sub-Commission
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
PUBLIC SAFETY Sub-Commission
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES Sub-Commission
TRANSPORTATION Sub-Commission
WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL

1. May one copy of each of your past Monthly Reports (as far back as available ) please be forwarded to Major JOHN V. HEIMEL of this Division, third floor, Room 11, if possible this afternoon.

2. It would be appreciated if in the future you would send us one more copy of your Monthly Reports.

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HANS P. BUSCH, S/Sgt.
Information Division

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Henry Lee Cross

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Office of the Chief of Staff.
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Ref/825/128/COS. 4 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Abridged Monthly Report.

TO : Distribution below.

1. An abridged version of all Regions' and Sub Commissions' Monthly Reports is sent to LONDON and WASHINGTON every month. Information for this has been obtained up till now from Part I of the Regional Reports and an abridged version of Sub-Commissions' full Monthly Report. But the compilation of this abridged report has become extremely difficult due to the manner in which Regions and Sub-Commissions present these portions of their report.

2. In future Regions will submit Part I and Sub-Commissions their abridged version set out in paragraphs exactly as they appear finally in the complete report. (See Monthly Abridged Report for October forwarded under 825/COS )

3. Regions.

a) Regions will as suggested in letter No. 497/79/CA of 2 September, divide their Monthly Reports into Parts I and II.

b) Part II will be the normal full length Monthly Report, exactly as previously submitted.

c) Part I, however, which has not been satisfactory, will comprise from ten to twenty (at the very outside) paragraphs on both outstanding facts of the month and the general position regarding supply, Public Safety, Transportation, Reconstruction, etc. It will not be a summary of Part II but a concise, independent report. Statistics will be included where precise information increases the value of the statement and there will be no vague or redundant comment.

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a) Similarly, the full length report of the Sub-Commissions does not need alteration. 963

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5. All Parts I and abridged versions will be submitted not later than the 15th of every month.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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of events during the month and the
abridged monthly report is an
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an abridged version of the
monthly report. Q.E.D. H.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 825/A56/EC. 10th March 1945.

SUBJECT: AC Monthly Report.

To : Distribution Below.

1. Regional Commissioners, Heads of Sections and Sub-Commissions will make it their personal responsibility to see that a higher standard in writing the abridged report, for inclusion in the AC Monthly Report, is achieved.

2. At present abridged reports are in nearly every case too long and there is a lack of appreciation of the relative value of items reported.

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For the Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Executive Commissioner

Ref: 823/249/EC 29 November 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports

TO : Distribution Below

1. It is realised that owing to a general shortage of officers and clerical staff it is difficult to carry out normal routine duties as promptly as could be wished. With respect to monthly reports however it is essential that delay should be avoided.

2. Monthly reports from all regions and Sub-Commissions should be received in the Executive Commissioner's Office by the 15th of the month. For the past two months they have very rarely appeared until the 20th, and some reports are not received until as late as the 27th of the month. This hinders the production of the Allied Commission monthly report, which although it is solely a record of progress achieved during the past month, must reach AFHQ, the Combined Chiefs of Staff and the respective War Departments as soon as possible.

3. Will you please ensure prompt arrival of monthly reports.

Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,
ROME

Monthly Report for November 1945.

List of Appendices:

Appendix "A" - List of Italian Flag Officer Changes.

1. PERSONNEL.

Captain George F. Mentz, U.S.N., Chief Staff Officer for the Navy Sub-Commission, was retired on 2 November and has left the Allied Commission.

Lieutenant Commander L.C. Davies, R.N.V.R., Personnel Officer of the Navy Sub-Commission, has returned to the United Kingdom for discharge.

Lieutenant Commander F.T. Simpson-Jones, R.N.V.R., relieves Lieutenant Commander L.C. Davies as Personnel Officer.

The report showing the strength of the Italian Navy on 31st October as follows: 43,555 ratings and 5153 officers shows a reduction of 3,251 ratings and 9 officers under the September figures and of 7,347 ratings and 734 officers under the number six months ago. There are still 6,789 ratings and 736 officers serving who are to be retired but are temporarily retained owing to theemployment difficulties upon discharge. The overall figure would have been much lower were it not for the fact that a new class of conscripts were called up in September. Actually the October 31st figure is almost the same as that of August 31st.

At the beginning of November a number of important changes were made among the flag officers of the Italian Navy. A full list of these changes is attached as Appendix "A".

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Commodore Zirolli, Deputy Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission made an inspection trip of ports in Sicily including Messina, Catania and Palermo to determine the status of those ports insofar as clearance of harbor and reconstruction of port facilities were concerned. It was noted that satisfactory progress is being made by the Italians.

The United States Navy has derequisitioned all buildings in the Palermo and Naples areas.

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AWARDS.

While at Gela, Sicily Commodore Mizoli presented Pr Nunzio BIONDI, local fisherman, with the United States Medal of Freedom for his aid in saving the lives of Allied airmen.

The Ministry of Marine was informed of the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant [illegible] of the Italian Navy. Formal presentation will take place shortly.

(4) MINES SWEPT.

Bad weather during the period halted operations in three of the areas where the Italian M/S Groups are working. Sweepers from the Spezia area have temporarily suspended clearance there and are concentrating on widening the approach route to Leghorn.

Italian minesweepers from Venice have been engaged in clearing an area inshore off Porto Lignano. This operation is being carried out to enable craft that have been built on the Isonzo estuary to reach the sea. Other Italian M/S groups have continued routine clearance operations. The sweepers employed on this check sweep at the Northern entrance to the Straits of Messina and proceeded to Trapani and Palermo to begin operations off western Sicily.

Bad weather continued to interfere with operations, but the groups in Leghorn and Venice cut 18 mines and obstructors between them during seven days ending November 23.

A meeting of the Senior officers of all Italian M/S Groups was held on 23 November 1944. The U.S. liaison officer reports that this conference cleared up many points and should serve to expedite clearance operations in the various areas.

Mines cut during the week to December 4 were as follows:-

Leghorn Area: 2 type UK
Venice Area: 16 type GY, 2 unidentified and 1 obstructor.

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(5) SALVAGE.

At the beginning of the month a letter was received from the Ministry of Marine requesting permission for the salvage of a wreck of a British minesweeper sunk in the entrance to the small harbor of Sampierdarena. On 5th November, the matter was referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean for a decision which is awaited.

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2. A request was received from three Salvage Companies "Ruggero e Marca", "Marisalva" and "Societa Mediterranea Ricuperi Marittimi", through the Ministry of Marine, with a view to salvaging ships in the Red Sea and particularly in Massawa, Assab and the Dalak Islands. This request was forwarded to the Flag Officer Bari on Italy for necessary action who, it is understood, has referred the matter to the Admiralty for a decision.

3. Permission was granted to the Ministry of Marine to salvage the German landing craft No. 233 sunk in La Spezia harbor.

4. Permission was also granted for the salvage at La Spezia of an unknown submarine. Additional instructions will be issued as soon as the nationality is ascertained.

5. Permission was granted to the Ministry of Marine for disposition of two small United States LCM type craft salvaged at Anzio.

## 17 RESTITUTION OF SHIPS.

Information on the whereabouts of 15 small craft was forwarded to the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy on 26 November 1945.

Information on 32 additional craft was forwarded to the Jugoslav representative on 28 November.

Orders for the restitution to the Jugoslav Government of ships were issued as follows:

1) The motor boat 32 at Bari.
2) The A.F.V. Rinfa (ex Vila) at Venice.
3) The Budimir (ex Nuovo Gallo) at Rimini.
4) The tug Zara (ex Bojana) at Venice.
5) The dredger No.4 (ex Juno) at Ancona.

The training ship Jadran (ex Berco Polo) was turned over to the Jugoslavian authorities and was towed from Venice to a Jugoslavian port.

## 2 CLEARANCE OF PORT OF LEGHORN.

A conference was held by the Navy Sub-Commission presided over by Commodore Zirolli with representatives from the Ministry of Marine, Engineering Section of Allied Force Headquarters and the Italian Ministry of Public Works. Problems regarding the immediate clearance of the harbor of Leghorn were discussed. A satisfactory program was laid out and a complete coordination of effort was achieved.

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Italian Naval POW/SEA who were detained in a camp commanded by U.S. Marine. Volsano - Sub-Command U.S.A., surrendered any money held by them to the camp authorities in accordance with A.F.H.Q. instructions and were informed that the sums deposited would be restituted to them in due course when released. In November 1945, while all the Italian POW/SEA in that camp had been released, they did not have their money refunded to them pending instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff through Allied Force Headquarters. The Ministry of Marine have brought the matter up again during the month, in view of the serious financial difficulties in which some of the men now find themselves. The matter has been referred to the competent authorities for favourable consideration and it is hoped that a satisfactory reply will be received.

2. In connection with the yearly estimate of Italian Naval requirements of Oropesa and "LL/SA" Minesweeping stores for inclusion in the National Import programme, referred to in paragraph 1 of the Navy Sub-Commission's report for April and sub-paragraph V, of the monthly report for July 1946, respectively, the Ministry of Marine have requested that an estimate of the cost of these stores be furnished them for scrutiny by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Treasury. The Ministry of Marine have also already been informed of the estimated cost of the Oropesa minesweeping stores and it is expected that the "LL/SA" estimate will be completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Marine shortly.

3. With reference to paragraph 4 of the October report, the Ministry of Marine have completed arrangements for the temporary provision of limited funds in Egyptian currency required by the Italian Battleships in the Bitter Lakes, and have accordingly supplied the Battleships with the necessary funds due at the end of the month. The question as to which Government, British or Italian, are to assume liability for payment is still under discussion, however, as a result of the Ministry of Marine's further representation of the Italian Government's extreme shortage of Egyptian currency. The matter has now been raised to Government level, and pending a solution to the problem, it is expected that the Ministry of Marine will continue to provide the funds required.

4. During the month various problems arising from the supply of victualling stores by the Royal Navy to Italian Ships in Mediterranean ports, were dealt with.

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## ALLEGATO N. 2 - Cambiamenti di Stato Maggiore.

Senior Rear-Admiral Arturo ROMIS DI POLLONE, Flag Officer Commanding the Independent Naval Command of the Upper Adriatic, relieved by Senior Rear-Admiral Massimiliano VIANINA.

Senior Rear-Admiral Emilio Faldella - From Commanding Officer Cruiser Group to Secretary General of the Navy.

Vice-Admiral Bruto Amoretti - From Secretary General of the Navy to Inspector of Naval Forces.

Vice-Admiral Alberto Da Zara - From Inspector of Naval Forces to "available for appointment".

Senior Rear-Admiral Carlo BALSAMO - From "available for appointment" to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples.

Vice-Admiral Angelo PARONA - From Commander-in-Chief Naval Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto, to "available for appointment".

Vice-Admiral Ignazio CLIVA - From Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples, to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto.

Rear-Admiral Giuseppe BRUNO di Martino - From Commanding Officer, Taranto Naval Base, to Admiral Superintendent of the La Spezia Naval Dockyard.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for November 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of November 1946.

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SALVAGE.

Reports continued to come in of unauthorized salvage operations on sunken American Ships in the port of Bari. The appropriate authorities were notified with the request that adequate steps be taken to prevent a continuation of such activities.

Information was received that the German pontoon which had foundered over the French barge "JENNACK" in Piombino harbor had been removed.

A small craft of presumed American nationality and military origin was salvaged in the harbor of Piombino.

The Italian Navy is again attempting to refloat the Gradisca which has been aground at Gavdo (S.W. Crete) since last winter.

Requests to survey marine wrecks in Tobruk and Benghasi were deferred pending an Admiralty decision on the general question of the clearance of both harbors.

A conference was held with the United States Maritime Committee Representative in the Mediterranean, in connection with the salvage of American merchant ships sunk in Mediterranean waters. It was established that the United States Maritime Committee Representative at Naples acting on instructions from the United States Maritime Committee, Washington, would deal with all matters appertaining to the sale and salvage of these vessels and that all requests for salvage or information regarding the purchase of such ships would be routed accordingly.

The United States Maritime Commission announced that bids for the sale for scrap of five American ships at Bari would be received.

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PERSONNEL REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER.

The total strength under command in the Italian Navy on 30th November was 46,613 as against 48,708 at the end of October. The number of conscripts called up actually shows an increase of 450 over the October figure.

The only important change in the Naval High Command is the retirement of Vice Admiral de Courten and the appointment as Chief of Naval Staff of Vice Admiral Franco[illegible]. Vice Admiral MAUGERI was chief of Naval intelligence during the latter part of the war and conducted underground activities during the period between the Armistice in September 1943 and the liberation of Rome in June 1944.

Approval was received from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean for Captains of ports to assume duties of Naval Control Service Officer at all ports in Italy.

Information was received that the French Naval Mission in Italy stationed at Genoa was withdrawn on 25th November 1946. The Naval Constructor Officer "Pinault" will remain for a time to deal with outstanding details.

PORT OF LEGHORN.

The Navy Sub-Commission was asked to assure the Ministry of Marine of the sincere appreciation of Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army for the cooperation shown by the Italian authorities in proceeding with the work at Leghorn and to say, in addition, that the Commanding General Peninsular Base Section would do everything in his power to assist those in charge of harbor clearance operations. The Peninsular Base Section, Leghorn has been authorized to provide the Italian authorities dealing with the clearance of the port of Leghorn with any equipment and supplies which may be needed and are available.

SUPPLY.

Steps have been taken during the month to effect the permanent transfer to the Italian Navy of land lease Salvage Equipment turned over to the Italian Navy salvage organisation by the Royal Navy. The provisional consent of the United States Government was obtained to this retransfer, and the Ministry of Marine was advised to approach the United States Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Rome concerning terms of transfer. The United States Government's consent is subject to financial terms being agreed upon in advance of the permanent turn over.

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The Ministry of Marine reported an underallocation of coal to the Italian Navy Minesweeping by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Coal Committee for the month of December. The importance of the minesweeping operations carried out by the Italian Navy, in ensuring the safe entry into Italian ports of cargo laden merchant ships was therefore pointed out to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce who were requested to make an additional allocation if possible. The Ministry of Marine have been informed accordingly and requested to report any difficulties in obtaining imported coal for minesweeping in future in order that the Economic Division may arrange for the supply of the necessary UNRRA imported coal.

The Ministry of Marine have been requested to forward a detailed estimate of the expenses contained in the Italian Navy budget for the year 1946-1947, showing how the figures laid down were arrived at, in order to justify the considerable increase in expenditure for some items, compared to the figures shown for similar items in the budget for the previous year.

Various problems arising from the supply of victualling stores by the Royal Navy to Italian Ships in Mediterranean ports, payment of port service charges for Allied men-of-war, and other routine matters have been dealt with during the month.

V REQUISITIONED CRAFT.

Several requests for information regarding small craft requisitioned by Allied Authorities during the war, were received during the month from CO.GI.MA. Those requests which did not include documentary evidence or copies of requisitioning forms were returned to CO.GI.MA. who were informed that while each claim, or request, would be considered on its merits, no action would be taken on any claims based only on the unsupported assertions of the individuals involved.

VI RETURN OF SHIPS.

With reference to paragraph III of the report for the month of September 1946, the question of release of the French barge IDOLATRE (ex HOHENSTEIN) to the French Government, is now under consideration by the Prize Court in London for financial settlement of the British Government's request for reimbursement in respect of the costs borne by the latter for the salvage and repair of the barge, and the French Government's request for compensation for the use of the vessel by the Italian Compagnia Meridionale.

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A request for information as to the procedure to be adopted to secure the release to the French Government of the French barge JOYCE now held by an Italian firm at Trieste has been received from the Chief of the French Mercantile Mission in Italy.

VII DEMILITARISATION OF PANTELLERIA AND LAMPEDUSA.

On 13th December, a representative from the Navy Sub-Commission accompanied the Demilitarisation Committee to Pantelleria to view the progress made in connection with the demilitarisation of the island, and subsequently prepared a report in conjunction with the Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMLA) representative for submission to the General Officer Commanding, Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMLA).

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15 January 1947

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for December 1946.

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22 November 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for October 1946.

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NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1946.

I. SUPPLY.

With reference to sub paragraph 3 of paragraph 1 of the Navy Sub-Commission's report for August, 1946, Admiralty's decision has now been received confirming previous instructions to the effect that the Italian Government should supply the necessary funds, in Egyptian currency, to cover the expenses of the Italian Battleships in the Bitter Lakes and Italian warships and auxiliaries visiting Egyptian ports and passing through the Suez Canal. The Ministry of Marine were therefore informed accordingly and requested to make appropriate arrangements. In the meantime payments due the Battleships at the end of September and October have been made from British sources, in exceptional circumstances, on Admiralty approval, pending arrangements by the Ministry of Marine which are expected to be completed by the end of November. In order to reduce the consumption of foreign exchange the battleships will be supplied to the fullest possible extent from Italy and ships in transit will be provisioned to capacity.

On 3rd October, 1946, Pantelleria was revisited by representatives of the Committee on demilitarization of the Island, including Lieutenant (S) H.A.V. Hall, R.N.V.R., from the Navy Sub-Commission. The process of demilitarizing the island is being carried out satisfactorily under the command of Captain S. Amato, Italian Navy, in spite of the very limited means at his disposal. A total of 1500 tons of warlike stores mostly composed of guns and ammunition have been removed to date. The party returned to Rome the same day accompanied by Captain Amato who, as a result of a visit to the Ministry of Marine, was successful in obtaining an allocation of more suitable ships to remove the material from the islands, and better transportation and equipment. It is hoped that the work will now be expedited.

A quantity of captured enemy material of naval origin, located in the Bologna area, has been turned over to the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian Navy, in accordance with the directives in force.

II. MINESWEEPING.

1. On the 28th October Italian minesweepers from Venice began to clear an area inshore off PORTO LIGNANO. This operation is being carried out to enable craft that have been built on the STELLA estuary to reach the sea. Other Italian M/S groups have continued routine clearance operations. The sweepers which have completed their check sweep at the Northern entrance to the Strait of Messina have proceeded to TRAPANI and PALERMO to begin operations off western Sicily.

III. MERCHANT SHIPPING.

1. The Italian Navy has arranged for pilotage and tugs in the port of Leghorn to be available to conduct Merchant Shipping from that port to La Spezia through heavily mined areas. Several Merchant ships have not made use of this service which is essential if mines are to be avoided. This situation has been brought to the attention of the Maritime Commission in order that Merchant Ship Masters may be more fully informed and casualities from inadvertantly passing through mine fields avoided.

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The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Station has approved the transfer of an italian tanker, now under construction at the Ansaldo Sestri Yards, to the Norwegian Government in exchange for two dry cargo vessels. The dry cargo vessels are not to be over 20 years of age, and must be from 7000 to 9000 tons deadweight.

IV. ITALIAN FLEET MOVEMENTS.

. The Italian cruisers Abruzzi, Montecuccoli, Scipione Africano and Attilio Regolo have completed the lifting of Italian P.O.W. from Egypt.

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16 November 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub Commission Monthly Report for September 1946.

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# NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1946.

## I. SUPPLY:-

It has been the practice in the past for the Italian Navy Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn, to authorise the issue of small quantities of British coal, which were supplied to the Italian Navy for the exclusive use of the Minesweepers, to harbour craft operated by the United States Authorities in the area. It has been reported that approximately 50 tons of coal have been supplied to date. In view of the great economy at present being made in supplies of coal to the Italian Navy, and the fact that the Allied Authorities in question are in a position to obtain their requirements of coal from their own sources, the Ministry of Marine were accordingly instructed to the effect that no further issues of coal were to be made to the Allied units, except in an emergency when arrangements for repayment in kind had to be made.

2. In accordance with the policy that all property which is clearly identified as having been removed from a non-enemy nation to another country during hostilities is to be restored to that nation, the Ministry of Marine has been requested to restore to the Yugoslav authorities some ex-Yugoslav naval equipment at present held by the Italian Navy in No.41 Store of MARICOST at Taranto.

3. During the month various problems arising from the supply of victualling stores to Italian ships in the Levant were dealt with.

## II. PERSONNEL:-

During September there was an important reshuffling in the high Command of the Italian Navy. The following new appointments were made among Flag Officers:

Vice-Admiral Bruto Brivonesi - From Secretary General of the Navy to Inspector of Naval Forces.

Vice-Admiral Alberto La Zara - From Inspector of Naval Forces to "available for appointment".

Senior Rear Admiral Carlo Balsano - From "available for appointment" to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples.

Vice-Admiral Romeo Oliva - From Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples, to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto.

Vice Admiral Angelo Parona - From Commander-in-Chief Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto, to "available for appointment".

Rear-Admiral Giuseppe Lubrano di Negozio - From Commanding Officer Taranto Naval Base, to Admiral Superintenent of the La Spezia Naval Dockyard.

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Until recently all official business relating to the Italian Merchant Marine has been conducted between the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission, and the Italian Ministry of Marine. To this end the Ministry of Marine had appointed an English speaking officer as Liaison Officer with the Navy Sub Commission. Now that the Ministry of Mercantile Marine has been separated from the Ministry of Marine and in view of the large amount of business conducted between the Ministry of Mercantile Marine and the Navy Sub Commission it has been requested that an English speaking representative be appointed by the Ministry to act as Liaison Officer with the Navy Sub-Commission.

III. RELEASE OF THE FRENCH RIVER BOAT "IDOLATRE"

The French Government have requested that it be reimbursed for the use of the "IDOLATRE" during the period which it was placed at the disposal of the Compagnia Maritima for the purpose of carrying coal and wheat from Civitavecchia to Fiumicino. This request was forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station who has agreed that the Italian Government should pay a reasonable hiring charge for the vessel and has directed that the matter is one for settlement between the Allied Commission, the charterers and the French Navy Mission. The exact sum to be paid is now under discussion.

IV. FRENCH BARGES.

Negotiations have been underway to arrange for the towing of certain French river barges from the Venice area to Toulon. The immediate possibility of arranging for this operation has been complicated by the fact that there are no tugs available in the Venice area. It is feared that with the approach of winter weather the projected towing operation will have to be postponed until next spring. In addition the following minor repairs are required to make the tugs seaworthy:

a. Test all hatches for watertightness.
b. Replace damaged ports.
c. Plug numerous bullet holes cause by machine gunning.

V. MINESWEEPING.

Confirmed progress has been reported by all Minesweeping groups. The Gulf of Taranto is completely clear.

VI. ITALIAN FLEET MOVEMENTS.

1. The cruiser Abruzzi, the transport Miraglia and the Sestiere continue to repatriate Italian prisoners of war.

2. The destroyer Carabiniere arrived in Port Said on the 5th with personnel and stores for the Battleships in the Bitter Lakes.

3. The Italian Fleet Auxiliary Monte Grappa bound from Alexandria to Malta ran aground on SKHISTO Island (Crete) on the 5th. She was refloated by the British trawler ROWENA and towed to Suda Bay.

ROME. 16th October, 1946.

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Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/5463.
20th September, 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub Commission Monthly Report for August, 1946.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1946.

I. SUPPLY

1. While the Ministry of Marine was informed in April, 1946, that no further supplies of British coal to the Italian Navy would be made from Admiralty sources, nevertheless, a request was received for a further issue of British coal from Naval Stocks when the 50,000 ton initial stock supplied to the Italian Navy by the Royal Navy for the exclusive use of the M/S Trawlers during March/April, 1946 had been reduced to 800 tons. The Ministry of Marine were again advised therefore, to obtain the Italian Navy's M/S Trawler coal requirements from the Italian Government's import programme. There appeared to be some difficulty however, as the only coal the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce could allocate to the Italian Navy was of American or South African origin. Trials with this coal were then carried out by several trawlers with satisfactory results, and arrangements were thus subsequently made with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the supplying of the necessary quantities.

2. Royal Navy stocks of P.O.L. at Leghorn, administered by the Italian Navy and C.I.P. on Admiralty behalf were completely turned over to C.I.P. approval for transfer having been received from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station on the 19th August.

3. On the 11th August, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station promulgated a Mediterranean Station Message to the effect that in accordance with Admiralty instructions Italy is now in a position to arrange with banks for the supply of necessary funds to cover expenses of Italian vessels when visiting foreign ports, and that supplies of money should only be advanced by British Naval Authorities in very exceptional circumstances. As a result, the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Said, requested that arrangements be made to cover the expenses of the Italian Battleships in the Bitter Lakes and Italian Warships and auxiliaries visiting Egyptian ports and transitting the Suez Canal. The Rear Admiral, Malta, also requested that arrangements be made for the supply of cash to Italian destroyer GRILLI, water-carrier PO and visiting Italian ships at Malta. The latter was then taken up with the Ministry of Marine who considered that these expenses were not an Italian liability and backed this contention with a strong representation. The Ministry of Marine's views were then transmitted to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station who referred the matter to Admiralty for a decision which is awaited. Meanwhile pending Admiralty decision, approval was given to the Rear Admiral, Malta for small amounts of lire to be exchanged into Maltese currency to meet immediate needs of Italian ships' companies at Malta, and to the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Said to make payments from British funds of pay and exchange due at the end of August, to the Italian Battleships in the Bitter Lakes.

4. During the month, various problems arising from supply of victualling stores to the Italian ships in the Levant were dealt with.

5. On August 19th, an Officer from the Navy Sub Commission accompanied the

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5. On August 13th, an Officer from the Navy Sub Commission accompanied the French Naval Mission to Sicily, in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's signal timed 301510 July, and returned to Rome p.m. 19th August. 953

## II PERSONNEL

Total strength of Italian Naval Personnel is gradually being reduced and has now arrived at a figure just below the 50,000 mark which is double that anticipated under the Peace Treaty.

## III PURCHASE OF ITALIAN SHIPS

The Norwegian Legation has approached the Navy Sub Commission with a view to purchasing a tanker constructed at Genoa and appropriate action was taken. In the event that the Italian Government agreed to this purchase a final decision will rest with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

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IV. REPATRIATION

During the month, the Italian cruisers, MONTECUCCOLI, DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI, and ATTILIO REGOLO, together with the transports MIRAGLIA, PACINOTTI, and SESTRIERE, almost cleared the Middle East of Italian Prisoners of War having repatriated to Italy a total of approximately 9,000 men including 170 Italian Prisoners of War from Tripoli (Lybya). The ex-hospital ship TOSCANA returned to Naples with about 1,500 Italian civilians repatriated from Massawa, and the sloop ERITREA finally entered the Mediterranean bound for Italy with 300 repatriates from China and Siam.

MINESWEEPING

2. Italian Minesweeping Groups have continued clearance operations in their respective areas satisfactorily. At Civitavecchia 11 mines and 7 anti-sweeping devices have been cut, and 10 mines at Venice and 6 mines at Carloforte have also been reported cut. Mine Disposal Units working along the Northern Adriatic Coast have cleared extensive areas of German G.K. mines. During the last week of August, Italian Navy Representatives attended the meetings of the MEDITERRANEAN ZONE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL MINE CLEARANCE BOARD in Rome.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS

3. The category "A" destroyer ARTIGLIERE at Malta, having retuned to Italy with defects, was relieved by the ORIANI on the 4th August. The training ship VESPUCCI continuing her summer cruise with Naval Academy cadets arrived in Naples on the 10th from Palermo and sailed on the 19th for Cagliari where she arrived on the 25th. The cable ship RAPIDO has been employed throughout the month on cable repair work in the Straits of Messina and Aeolian Islands Area. On the 11th the destroyer LEGIONARIO sailed from Taranto for the Bitter Lakes with personnel and stores for the Italian Battleships and returned to Taranto on 27th. The water-carrier PO having completed a refit at Messina proceeded to water Lampedusa and then returned to Augusta on 18th to resume her water carrying duties to Malta. Torpedo-boats, corvettes and coastal craft have continued anti-Contraband Patrol in the Italian Adriatic Waters throughout the month. No incidents have been reported. Destroyers and small craft have carried out the usual lifts of Italian Naval personnel and stores between principle Italian Ports.

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2. Italian Minesweeping Groups have continued clearance operations in their respective areas satisfactorily. At Civitavecchia 11 mines and 7 anti-sweeping devices have been cut, and 10 mines at Venice and 6 mines at Carloforte have also been reported cut. Mine Disposal Units working along the Northern Adriatic Coast have cleared extensive areas of German G.K. mines. During the last week of August, Italian Navy Representatives attended the meetings of the MEDITERRANEAN ZONE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL MINE CLEARANCE BOARD in Rome.

SHIPS MOVEMENTS

3. The category "A" destroyer ARTIGLIERE at Malta, having retuned to Italy with defects, was relieved by the CARLNI on the 4th August. The training ship VESPUCCI continuing her summer cruise with Naval Academy cadets arrived in Naples on the 10th from Palermo and sailed on the 19th for Cagliari where she arrived on the 25th. The cable ship RAPIDO has been employed throughout the month on cable repair work in the Straits of Messina and Acolian Islands Area. On the 11th the destroyer LEGIONARIO sailed from Taranto for the Bitter Lakes with personnel and stores for the Italian Battleships and returned to Taranto on 27th. The water-carrier PO having completed a refit at Messina proceeded to water Lampedusa and then returned to Augusta on 18th to resume her water carrying duties to Malta. Torpedo-boats, corvettes and coastal craft have continued anti-Contraband Patrol in the Italian Adriatic Waters throughout the month. No incidents have been reported. Destroyers and small craft have carried out the usual lifts of Italian Naval personnel and stores between principle Italian Ports.

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F.O.L.I.'S REPORT FOR 21ST AUGUST, 1946.

Repatriation of IPOW.

The following arrivals with IPOW from Port Said are reported

14th at Taranto - cruiser "MONTECUCCOLI"
17th at Naples - cruiser "ABRUZZI"
20th at Taranto - light cruiser "ATTILIO REGOLO"

Now at sea between Italy and Port Said are the "MONTECUCCOLI", the transport "PACINOTTI" and the requisitioned vessel "SESTRIERE".

Repatriation from East Africa.

The ex-hospital ship "TOSCANA" arrived in Naples on the 18th with 1500 civilian repatriates from Massawa.

The sloop "ERITREA".

The "ERITREA" sailed from Aden on the 16th for Massawa and Port Said, bound for Italy with 300 repatriates from the Far East on board.

Minesweeping.

The light Italian minesweeping groups have continued clearance operations in their respective areas during the week.

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F.O.L.I."S REPORT FOR WEEK 7TH - 14TH, AUGUST 1946.

IPOW Repatriation.

The cruiser "ATTILIO REGOLO" returned to Naples on 9th August with some 400 IPOW from Port Said. The cruisers "MONTECUCCOLI" and "ABRUZZI", and the transport "PACINOTTI" are at sea between Port Said and Italy engaged on the repatriation of IPOW.

The Sloop "ERITREA".

Escorted by the British repair ship "ALAUNIA" the "ERITREA" arrived in Aden on the 10th from Colombo. She is sailing for Suez and Naples on the 15th.

Salvage of S.S. "GRADISCA".

Salvage work is proceeding on the S.S. "GRADISCA" which ran aground on Caudo Island during the winter.

Minesweeping.

The Italian M/S Groups have reported the following progress during the week :-

CIVITAVECCHIA - eleven mines and seven anti-sweeping devices cut.
BRINDISI - check sweeping of one lay completed.
VENICE - ten mines cut.
IMPERIA - sweeping of three lays completed.
CARLOFORTE - six mines cut.
ANCONA - sweeping of one lay completed.

Off Spezia and in the Gulf of Taranto routine sweeping has continued; no mines have been cut.

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NSC/5377
16 August 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for June 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of July 1946.

(Sgd) C. L. WARREN

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

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY, 1946.

REPATRIATION :

Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War continued to be the principal occupation of the active units of the Italian Fleet. The Cruisers MONTECUCCOLI and DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI made a combined total of five visits to Port Said returning 800 prisoners on each return trip. In addition the transport MIRAGLIA, the SESTRIERE and the CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA have also been employed in this service. The ex-hospital ship TOSCANA has been employed in repatriating Italian civilians from MASSAWA.

ITALIAN NAVAL ACADEMY:

The Italian Naval Academy has been moved back to its permanent location in Leghorn. The shift was accomplished at the end of the month when the transport MIRAGLIA embarked the officer, cadet and enlisted personnel of the Academy at BRINDISI.

MINESWEEPING:

Italian minesweeping units have continued to make progress in clearing the coasts of mines and underwater obstructions.

NAVAL MATERIAL:

A considerable quantity of naval materials of all kinds recovered in the North have been turned over to the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian Navy. In addition ammunition of Italian origin has been returned to the Italian Navy for arsenal stocks, or to be destroyed. Three small motor launches have been made available by the Air Forces Sub-Commission to the Ministry of Marine.

SUPPLY:

The bulk of the Italian Navy's half yearly requirements of Naval Stores for the period July - December, 1945 were met from the large quantity of material turned over by the Royal Navy at Taranto in December, 1945 and January, 1946. The outstanding items were met from indigenious sources with the exception of 200 cu. ft. of teak in bulk and a quantity of India rubber insertion sheets. The teak was shipped from Malta to Taranto on 29th June, 1946 and the India rubber has been requested from the United Kigdom owing to its non-availability from Royal Navy stocks in the Mediterranean.



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2. During the month the Ministry of Marine reported that the Italian Navy's Sardinian coal allocation for July had been completely suspended by the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce pending the results of an inspection by the latter of the Italian Navy's coal consumption with a view to attaining greater economy. While there was no objection to the inspection, the abrupt suspension of coal, and the detrimental effect it would have, was reviewed with concern, and a strong representation to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce was made through UNRRA in order that the months allocation be made, pending the completion of the inspection. Any deduction arising could then be made in August. This step proved successful and the allocation was subsequently made.

3. In addition to the Italian Navy's yearly estimate of Oropesa minesweeping store requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of the monthly report for April, 1946, an Italian Navy yearly estimate of "IL/3A" minesweeping equipment, prepared by the Captain Minesweeping, Mediterranean, was forwarded to the Ministry of Marine for inclusion in the National import programme.

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of the monthly report for June, 1946, while arrangements to supply coal to Italian Navy Minesweepers at Genoa by UNRRA were completed, the Ministry of Marine were able to transfer sufficient stocks of coal to Genoa for their use, thus obviating the necessity for coal to be allocated by UNRRA, in conjunction with the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, for the present.

5. The monthly issue of 30 bottles of acetylene hitherto supplied from British sources to the Italian Navy at Naples for the use of lighthouses on the West Coast of Italy, has been discontinued and the Ministry of Marine is arranging for the provision of the quantities required from local resources.

6. Representatives of the Navy Sub Commission accompanied the Demilitarization Committee to the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa on 22nd of July, 1946.

ROME.
16th August, 1946.

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~~SUPPLY~~

The follow ing draft report on Supply Matters, is submitted for inclusion in the Navy Sub Commission Report for the month of ~~August~~ July, 1946.-

Supplies

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# F.O.L.I.'S REPORT FOR 1ST AUGUST, 1946.

## REPATRIATION.

The "ATTILIO REGOLO" disembarked 400 IPOW from Egypt in Taranto on 28th.

The S.S. "SESTRIERE" arrived in Naples on the 27th with about 1600 IPOW from Port Said.

The S.S. "TOSCANA" bound for Massawa to repatriate 1500 civilians to Italy is held up in Port Said while sterling is being found to pay the necessary Suez Canal dues.

## THE SLOOP "ERITREA".

The defects in the sloop "ERITREA" have been temporarily repaired, and the vessel sailed from Colombo escorted for Aden on 30th. She still has on board 300 Italian repatriates from the Far East.

## TRANSPORT OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL.

The cruiser "ABRUZZI" lifted 900 Italian army personnel from Naples to Cagliari on 25th before proceeding to Port Said to embarke IPOW.

## MINESWEEPING.

All Italian M/S groups report continued progress during the week.

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Extract from "ITALIA NUOVA" dated 1st August, 1945 :-

"THE RESEARCH DEPT. OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY".

"LEGHORN, 31. (A.M.) -

"The Research Department of the Naval Academy ("Ufficio Studi dell'Accademia Navale") has returned to Leghorn from Brindisi, having moved to the latter place after 8th September, 1943, when the Government was transferred to the South."

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REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The cruiser "ABRUZZI" landed 850 Italian Prisoners of War in Naples on the 20th having come from Port Said. The cruiser "MONTECUCCOLI" which arrived in Taranto the same day disembarked a similar number of Italian Prisoners of War from Egypt.

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS.

The ex-hospital ship "TOSCANA" sailed from Naples on the 20th for Massawa where she is due on the 31st. About 1500 Italian civilians will embark in her for repatriation to Italy.

MINESWEEPING.

All Italian Minesweeping Groups have reported progress during the week. During this period 46 mines or obstructors have been cut during sweeping operations.

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16 July 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for June 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of June 1946.

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CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION, A.C.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE

REPATRIATION

The cruisers "SCIPIONE AFRICANO" and "ABRUZZI", in addition to several smaller vessels have continued to repatriate Italian Prisoners-of War from the Red Sea and the Levant Areas.

The sloop "ERITREA" which had left Puket (Siam) on the 20th after increasing the number of displaced Italians on board to about 300 by embarking in that port 64 Italians in a distressed condition, had to put back to Singapor owing to defects.. It is proposed eventually to sail the cruiser "ATTILIO REGO to the Suez Canal Area to accept persons from the "ERITREA", and so permit the latter vessel to return to the Far East.

The ex-hospital ship "TOSCANA" arrived in Massawa on 24th to embark about 1,500 Italians nominated for repatriation.

MINESWEEPING

Minesweeping continues in all light areas where Italian M/S Groups ar operating. A further small M/S Group consisting of Motor Fishing Vessels is be ing constituted at Rimini.

Cable-ship "RAMPINO"

The cable-ship "RAMPINO" has completed her refit in Spezia, and has began repair work on the "CAPRERA" (Sardinia) - TALAMONI (Near Porto Santo Stefa cable.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

On 6th June the "ABRUZZI" departed from Naples for Lisbon with the Qu and members of the Royal Family on board.

CAPTURED MATERIALS

A large quantity of stores and equipment recovered in Northern Italy naval origin after screening by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station h been turned over to the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian N Enemy ammunition torpedo parts and other material of a potentially offensive na has been ordered to be destroyed or scrapped.

SUPPLY

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As the supply and maintenance of Italian warships in the Mediterranean beyond Italian resources, is a British responsibility, the Royal Navy has been authorised to make payments on behalf of the Italian Navy for supplies and servi rendered to Italian warships by the French Authorities in North Africa. All pay ments thus made are reported to the Navy Sub Commission for redemption from the Ministry of Marine. Arrangements have been made with the Ministry of Marine during the month, for the re-emburseement of all payments thus made by the Royal Navy, the lire equivalent being paid into the Royal Navy Supply Officer, Rome's account.

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FOLI's REPORT FOR 26th June, 1946.

REPATRIATION OF POW.

The cruiser "SCIPIONE AFRICANO" returned in Naples on the 25th with 400 Italian Prisoners of War from Port Said. The "MIRACLE" arrived in Port Said on the 24th to embark a further thousand men for Italy, while the cruiser "AMMIRAGLIO" sailed from Naples the same day for the Levant to repatriate a draft of about 800. On the 25rd the "MODENA" arrived in Tripoli (Libya) for Naples. The day after to-morrow the "GIBERNIA" reaches Port Said to repatriate 1600 men to Italy.

OTHER REPATRIATION.

The sloop "ERITREA" which had left Pulat (Siam) on the 20th after increasing the number of displaced Italians on board to about 300 by embarking in that port 64 Italians in a distressed condition, has had to put back to Singapore owing to defects. It is proposed eventually to sail the cruiser "ATTILIO REGOLO" to the Suez Canal Area to accept persons from the Eritrea, and so permit the latter vessel to return to the Far East.

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MINESWEEPING.

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Cable-ship "RAMPINO".

The cable-ship "RAMPINO" has completed her refit in Spezia, and has begun repair work on the "CAPRERA (Sardinia) - TALAMONI (near Porto Santo Stefano) cable.

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The following draft report on Supply matters is submitted for inclusion in the Navy Sub Commission Report for the month of July, 1946:-

SUPPLY:

Arrangements have been made during the month ~~have been~~ to supply the Italian Navy Mine Sweepers operating from Genoa with suitable coal made available by UNRRA, Coal Branch, at that port, observing that the Italian Navy have no stocks of steaming coal there. The quantities of ~~the~~ coal supplied will be redeemed by UNRRA from Italian Navy coal stocks at Leghorn. Pending the conclusion of final arrangements, the Italian Navy are despatching to Genoa by sea, 500 / 600 tons of coal from their stocks at Leghorn for the immediate consumption of the Mine Sweepers.

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NSC/5163
15 June 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for May 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of May 1945.

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

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NAVY SUB COMMITS MONTHLY REPORT
FOR MAY, 1946

SUPPLY

With reference to paragraph 2 of Navy Sub Commission's Monthly report for March, 1946 confirmation was received from the Italian Government that they could assume the responsibility for feeding the Italian Royal Navy as from 1st June, 1946. This information was forwarded to the Combined Chief of Staff through the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean, recommending that the transfer be approved. Pending approval from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, steps were taken during the month to ensure that food rations to the Italian Navy for the month of June, 1946 would be forthcoming from Italian Government sources. On the 22nd May, 1946, approval was received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the assumption by the Italian Government with effect 1st June, 1946, of the responsibility for subsisting the Italian Navy and Italian Air Force, thus making the Italian Government responsible for the subsistence of all her Armed Forces excluding US-ITI and BRIT-ITI troops. With the exception of one or two problems which were overcome, the transfer was carried out very satisfactorily and no difficulties have been evinced to date.

2. In addition to the supply of the Mine Sweeping Stores recommended by the President of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Clearance Board, referred to in paragraph 1 of Navy Sub Commission's Monthly Report for April, 1946, some German Minesweeping equipment has been transferred to the Italian Navy by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples. This equipment, together with the other Minesweeping stores which have been supplied from Malta will ensure the efficient operation of the Italian Minesweeping service and, in particular, of the British Minesweeping trawlers transferred to the Italian Navy.

3. In view of the internal political situation prevailing in Italy during the month prior to the elections on the 2nd June, 1946, the Ministry of Marine submitted a request for approval to aquire 500 carbines to strengthen the guarding of Italian Naval Ammunition and small arms depots. The approval of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station was sought and obtained, and the weapons were subsequently made available to the Ministry of Marine by the Ministry of War with the approval of the Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (CMA)

4. Italian Material stores and equipment of a Naval origin which have been recovered in Northern Italy by the Italian Navy recovery parties and reported to the Navy Sub Commission for screening, have, with a few exceptions been released to the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian Navy after approval has been received from the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR:

The end of May saw the completion of a full programme designed to repatriate all the 38,000 Italian P.O.W. in French North African Camps at the beginning of the year. All operational cruisers, the aircraft tender VIRGILIA, the depot ship PACINOTTI and three requisitioned merchant vessels, the SESTRIERE, the TOSCANA and the CITTA' DI ALESSANDRIA have been employed on this service. There remain now only a few sick in hospital in Algeria.

ABDICATION OF KING VICTOR EMANUEL:

King Victor Emanuel and Queen Helena of Italy embarked in the ABRUZZI for Alexandria after the King's abdication. The cruiser was escorted by the destroyer GRANATIERE.

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Information concerning ships, their location and condition was obtained for the followings countries:

FRANCE
JUGOSLAVIA
GREAT BRITAIN
THE NETHERLANDS
ITALY

The Narni P.O.W. camp was discontinued.

The Ministry of Marine reported the Jugoslav seizure of ten Italian fishing craft together with their crews. The report was later confirmed.

MINESWEEPING:

May saw all eight Italian M/S Groups beginning work in earnest to secure an expeditious clearance of mines in Italian waters. Almost all of the 32 minesweepers loaned to the IRN by the RN are now operational and have taken part in these operations. At present work is proceeding off LA SPEZIA, SESTRI, CIVITAVECCHIA, VIBO VALENTIA, CAPE RIZZUTO, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, ANCHERO, and CARLOFORTE.

The IRN was represented at the meeting of the Mediterranean Zone International Mine Clearance Board at the end of the month.

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F.O.L.I.'s REPORT 5TH JUNE 1946. for Navy

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War from French North Africa was completed with the return of the "SESTRIERE" to Naples on 1st June from Casablanca.

Nine sailings of warships to Port Said will be made during June to lift Italian Prisoners of War from the Levant.

MINESWEEPING.

The following reports have been received from Italian Minesweeping Groups on their operations during the past week :-

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| LEGHORN | - | 12 mines cut |
| CARLOFORTE | - | 10 mines cut |
| CHIOGGIA | - | sweeping of three lays completed. |
| SPEZIA | - | work continuing on five lays south of entrance - two mines cut. |
| ANCONA | - | sweeping of one lay north of the port completed. |
| TARANTO | - | sweeping of lays west of Cape Rizzuto continued - 152 mines cut. |
| CIVITAVECCHIA | - | eleven mines and twenty two anti-sweeping devices cut - work on three lays off entrance to harbour expected to be completed 20th June. |

SPEZIA HARBOUR.

The boom of one of the blockships the "RAVELLO" have been removed and the entrance is now 69 metres wide. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, is therefore being requested to declare the port open to fully loaded liberty ships.

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FOLI'S OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 29th MAY, 1946.

Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

The "SESTRIERE" due back in Naples from Casablanca on 1st June will bring the last draft of Italian Prisoners of War from French North Africa. During the past week the "MIRAGLIA" and the "TOSCANA" have lifted Italian Prisoners of War from Bizerta and Casablanca respectively.

The "ABRUZZI" sailed from Port Said yesterday with 800 Italian Prisoners of War for Naples and the "MONTECUCCOLI" will sail tomorrow for Taranto with a similar number.

Minesweeping.

Italian minesweeping groups working off Imperia, Spezia, Terracina, Vibo Valentia, Ancona, Venice and Carloforte have reported progress during the week. Work off Brindisi has been held up by bad weather.

Italian Elections.

Italian warships will be disposed as follows during the elections :

"ABRUZZI" at Naples.
"ATTILIO REGOLO" at Bari.
"SCIPIONE AFRICANO" at Cagliari.
" LEGIONARIO" at Reggio Calabria.
"GRANATIERE" at Salerno.
A torpedo boat at Amalfi.

The corvette "GABBIANO" will be used to ferry electors from Linosa to Lampedusa.

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FOLI'S Report for 22nd May 1946.

Repatriation of IPOW.

The ABRUZZI and the GRANATIERE returned to Naples on the 18th and TARANTO on the 17th respectively with one thousand IPOW between them, after having lifted the ex-King of Italy to Egypt.

The MONTECUCCOLI arrived in Taranto on the 21st with a further 800 IPOW from PORT SAID.

From French North Africa the PACINOTTI (which sailed instead of the CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA) lifted the last draft of IPOW from Philippeville. The SESTRIERE is due in Naples this morning from Casablanca, and the TOSCANA sailed from the latter port last night for Naples. One more trip to Casablanca and one to Bizerta will have cleared French North Africa of IPOW.

Minesweeping

Italian Naval representatives are attending the meeting of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Sweeping Board which is being held this week in Rome.

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From French North Africa the PACINOTTI (which sailed instead of the CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA) lifted the last draft of IPOW from Philippeville. The SESTRIERE is due in Naples this morning from Casablanca, and the TOSCANA sailed from the latter port last night for Naples. One more trip to Casablanca and one to Bizerta will have cleared French North Africa of IPOW.

Minesweeping

Italian Naval representatives are attending the meeting of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Sweeping Board which is being held this week in Rome.

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16 May 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for April 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of April 1946.

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

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18 MAY 1946

NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT
FOR APRIL, 1946.

SUPPLY.

In accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's directions, the Ministry of Marine have been informed that the Italian Navy Mine-Sweeping store requirements for the period November, 1946 to October, 1947 should be included in the Italian Government overall import programme. A request for Mine-Sweeping stores for the period up to 31st October, 1946 has however been submitted by the Ministry of Marine. This request has been forwarded to the President of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Clearance Board who has recommended the early supply of these stores.

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The cruiser MONTECUCCOLI returned to Naples on the 20th with 700 Italian Prisoners of War from Oran, and the cruisers ATTILIO REGOLO and SCIPIONE AFRICANO docked in the same port on the 18th and 19th respectively, each with 450 men from Philippeville on board. The merchant vessels TOSCANA and CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA are at present bound for Naples from Oran and Philippeville respectively with Italian Prisoners of War.

The repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War has been proceeding on schedule. Less than 300,000 remain overseas. Weekly lifts of Prisoners of War to Italy continue to amount to about 11,000.

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F.O.I.I.'s OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 15th MAY 1946 - "ABRUZZI" AND "GRANATIERE".

The cruiser "ABRUZZI" escorted by the destroyer "GRANATIERE" sailed from Naples on the evening of the 9th to left the ex-King and Queen of Italy to Alexandria. They arrived at their destination on the 12th and sailed the next evening for Port Said where a total of a thousand Italian Prisoners of War will be embarked before returning to Italy.

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following arrivals in Naples are reported :-

M.S. "GRANATIERE" 10th May from Casablanca (1600 Italian Prisoners of War)

S.S. "CITTA' DI ALESSANDRIA" 10th May from Philippeville (600 Italian Prisoners of War)

"ATTILIO REGOLO" }
"SCIPIONE AFRICANO" } 11th May ex Port Said with 700 Italian Prisoners of War.

THE SLOOP "ERITREA"

The "ERITREA" arrived in Shanghai on the 10th.

MINESWEEPING.

All the 32 minesweeping vessels being transferred by the Royal Navy to the Italian Royal Navy have now reached Italy from Malta. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has sent an Engineer Officer to Italy to assist the Italian M/S authorities to compile lists of spare parts etc. required for their motor-minesweepers.

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REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following arrivals in Naples with Italian Prisoners of War from French North Africa are reported.

Cruiser MONTECUCCOLI 2' May ex Algiers.

H.S. "TOSCANA" 9th May ex Oran. All Italian Prisoners of War have now been cleared from Oran, while the "MIRAGLIA" arriving in Algiers to-day will embark the last draft from that port. There remain four more lifts from Casablanca one from Bizerta and two from Philippeville.

MINESWEEPING.

Clearance continues in the following areas : West Coast of Sardinia, off Civitavecchia, off Spezia, and off Venice.

During this week the Italian Royal Navy will be assuming full responsibility for ground mine clearance in harbours on the west coast of Italy.

THE SLOOP "ERITREA".

The "ERITREA" sailed from Hongkong 7th for Shanghai.

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## Repatriation of I.P.O.W.

The following arrivals in Naples since the last weekly report can be reported:-

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| CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA | 26th from Philippville. |
| SCIPIONE AFRICANO | 27th from Philippville. |
| ATTILIO REGOLO | 28th from Oran. |
| ABRUZZI | 29th from Algiers. |
| MONTEGUCCOLI | 29th from Oran. |
| MIRAGLIA | 30th from Algiers. |

During the coming week the SCIPIONE AFRICANO and ATTILIO REGOLO will make the first of a regular programme of sailings to lift I.P.O.W. from the Levant.

## MINESWEEPING

The I.R.N. has reported clearance of mine lays off SPEZIA, POLICASTRO, and CAPE RIZZUTO. In addition a check sweep off CRANTO has been completed and will permit the cancellation of the danger area off the Apulian Coast.

## THE SLOOP "ERITREA"

The ERITREA sailed Singapore 1st May for HONGKONG.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY'S OPERATIONAL REPORT 21/4/46.

REPATRIATION OF P.O.W.

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MINESWEEPING

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The trawlers sweeping in the gulf of Policastro are expected to complete operations this week and will then proceed to Sardinia to begin clearance off SANT ANTIOCO and SAN PIETRO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 794.

NSC/4/90.
9th April, 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub Commission Monthly Report for February, 1946.

With reference to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's letter No.45/135/1/4 dated 2nd April, 1946, the enclosed copy of the report of an inspection carried out in the Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa by a representative of the Navy Sub Commission is forwarded herewith for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

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

Enclosure:- Report in duplicate
with maps.

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NSC/4925
18 April 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for March 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of March 1946.

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

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT
FOR MARCH, 1946.

SUPPLY

March.

Arrangements have been made during the month whereby the Italian Ministry of Marine is now responsible for the supply of Sardinian Coal to the Italian Royal Navy. CO.G.E.N.A. has undertaken to make available the required tonnage of shipping to ensure a regular monthly supply.

2. In common with the Air Force Sub Commission, the Italian Government have been provided with an estimate of the food requirements of the Italian Royal Navy for the period June to December 1946 with a view to the Italian Government assuming the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Royal Navy as from 1st June, 1946.

3. The Royal Navy is making available to the Italians coal from its own stocks at Naples and by diverting a collier to the ports of Leghorn and Naples, to enable the minesweepers to begin operations without waiting for the arrival in Italy of suitable coal under the National import programme, from which Italian Naval requirements are now met.

MINESWEEPING

The Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy reports that:-

All British minesweepers departed from Leghorn at the begining of the month. Minesweeping is now entirely in Italian hands under the direction of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Clearance Board. A meeting was held with the Italians the first week of March to acquaint them with the difficulties facing them. They seemed very enthusiastic at the prospect of assuming complete responsibility in regard to all minesweeping matters.

By the middle of March all of the crews to man the 32 sweepers turned over to the Italian Navy by the Royal Navy, had taken possession of their ships.

The first four Minesweeping Trawlers to begin operations had reached POLICASTRO on the 2 th to commence clearance of the Gulf. Four motor-minesweepers allocated to the LIGURIAN AREA have reached SPEZIA from Naples having completed their working up.

The four ex-British Trawlers have swept several mines from the bays which they are clearing in the Gulf of Policastro.

In the Adriatic minesweeping M.F.V's have check swept a channel for barge and schooner traffic between CHIOGGIA and the PO mouth at Porto Levante. Further the swept approaches to Pesaro and Rimini have been extended.

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REPATRIATION

The Italian cruisers continue to be employed in lifting P.O.W's back to Italy. All P.O.W's are expected to be repatriated from North Africa by 1st June if vessels now employed on this work can be kept operational. Forty per cent of the prisoners in India have been repatriated. In the week ending 24th March, 11,000 men were returned home leaving an estimated 318,000 overseas.

THE SLOOP "ERITREA"

The "ERITREA" sailed from Taranto, 1st April, for Port Said, for onward routeing to the East Indies and China. She carries Italian diplomatic personnel appointed to the Far East, and a few repatriates including 40 Chinese laundrymen.

16th April, 1946.

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RSC/4751
16 March 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for February 1946.

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C. F. MENTZ,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
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For CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT
FOR FEBRUARY, 1946

I MINESWEEPING

After clearing the important harbours of Italy, the policy has been to clear the approaches to the most important ports and landfalls and to sweep channels along the shore for the benefit of coastal traffic and fishermen, leaving the large areas which are known to contain mines to be cleared later.

For example British minesweepers have completed a clearance sweep of the area between Genoa and Savona and then proceeded inshore of the minefields between Savona and San Remo, carrying out a check sweep as they went, thus confirming the safety of this inshore channel for navigation. A check sweep about to be undertaken south of San Remo will open up the approach to that port from seaward, as well as to Imperia.

Before long the work of mine clearance in Italian waters will be carried out entirely by the Italians themselves, as well as the task of destroying or rendering harmless sea mines which break adrift from their moorings and become a danger either at sea or on the coasts.

The work of the minesweepers, which is hampered in the winter months by bad weather, will begin intensively this spring. Channels will be widened and dangerous areas will be whittled down, but so many and varied are the types of minefields laid by the Germans and Italians that it may be years before the entire waters of the Central Mediterranean can be declared free for all purposes.

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The Italian cruisers Montecuccoli, Abruzzi, and the SS TOSCANA, have operated throughout the month repatriating prisoners from the Middle East, Tripolitania and Morocco.

III RECRUITS FOR THE ITALIAN NAVY.

The call-ups of the classes of 1923-24 for the Italian Armed Forces in the territory under the control of the Allied Military Government in Northern Italy was postponed under that territory was turned over to the control of the Italian Government. When the Northern territories were restored to Italy at the first of the year no action was taken by the Italian Navy to conscript recruits in that area since additional recruits are not needed by the Italian

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IV ISLAND SURVEY.

During the month a survey with regard to the Military state of the Islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa, was made by a representative from this Sub Commission together with representatives from the Army and Air Force Sub Commissions on the occasion of the withdrawals of the Allied Liaison Officers from these localities. A report of the inspection which was actually carried out between the 8th and 14th February 1946 has since been made and forwarded.

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To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for January 1946.

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

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR

JANUARY 1946

1. The Ministry of Marine has been asked to make a comprehensive survey of major Italian naval warlike stores. A preliminary report based on an estimate has been received.

2. The screening and release of Captured Enemy Material to the Italian Royal Navy continues.

3. Arrangements have been made for the Italian naval authorities to withdraw provision items from Italian army depots; part of the requirements, however, will be supplied from British depots at Bari and Naples.

4. Transfer of the fuelling bases of Taranto, Naples and Leghorn to Italian control and responsibility took place on 1st January 1946. The transfer of the fuelling installations, which was made to C.I.P. does not indicate complete reversion to Italian control since various Allied organizations may require fuel to be held on their account.

5. Extensive data was collected and compiled for the French Representative to the Allied Commission, pertaining to French ships in Italian waters.

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To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for December 1945.

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H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR
DECEMBER, 1945.

The Ministry of Marine has been informed that the restrictions on the activities of Italian naval personnel in the islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa existing before the administration was restored to the Italian Government will be maintained, and such new restrictions as may, from time to time, be necessary, pending eventual settlement under the Peace Treaty.

2. Lists of former French vessels and naval material in Italy, claimed removed or disposed of by the French naval authorities have been received and filed for record purposes. Investigation and recovery by the Italian Ministry of Marine of naval enemy material is continuing.

3. The Port of Palermo, and shipyard, was returned to the Italian Royal Navy along with substantial lists of equipment and port facilities.

4. Arrangements are being made through the agency of the Chief Disposal Officer, British Ministry of Supply, Rome, for the turn over, to the Italian Ministry of Marine, acting for Italian Government, of all surplus naval stores and material at Taranto upon the withdrawal of the Royal Navy Base at that port on 31 January 1946. It is estimated that some 50,000 tons of material and stores are involved and it is hoped that this large contribution will ensure the continuation of work in, and the efficient operation of, Italian ship-repair yards.

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To : Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
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for CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB-COMMISSION FOR NOVEMBER 1945.

Rumours of illegal and unauthorised manufacture of naval arms and munitions were investigated and found untrue. To date the Navy Sub-Commission has not authorised the Ministry of Marine or any private or government owned industries to manufacture naval arms or munitions. The investigation and recovery by the Ministry of Marine of naval Captured Enemy Material is progressing slowly.

2. Authority has been granted for an Italian Naval Mission to proceed to the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Lincsa, where they will:

(a) Muster Italian Royal Navy personnel.

(b) Carry out a survey of sunken-ships and report as to those it is considered opportune to carry out salvage operations.

(c) Arrange various administrative matters which have been held in suspense since the surrender of the Islands to Allied Forces.

3. Extensive work pertaining to return of ships to former owners was done by the Sub-Commission.

4. The Ministry of Marine was authorised to utilize substantial lists of recaptured Italian Navy materials in the Canon Area.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

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16 November 1945

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To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR
OCTOBER, 1945.

The ration strength of the Italian Navy showed a decrease of approximately 10,000 in July as compared to the May and June figures of 64,000 and 60,000 respectively. This was explained by the Ministry of Marine as being due to discharges and exceptional leave granted to personnel residing in Northern Italy. The Ministry of Marine also pointed out that owing to the new recruiting and returning of men on leave the future ration strength would rise again to former figures. Further information recently has been received from the Ministry of Marine to the effect that as the recruiting of the remaining groups of the 1924 class is now in progress, and as, particularly in northern areas, there is a continuous inflow of ex-prisoners of war and of disbanded men who belong to those classes still under arms, for a brief period there will be an overlap between this inflow and the ratings of the 1921 and 1922 classes who are still to be discharged. As a result the present strength, which has increased to about 58,000 in September, may still mount up in the coming two months to approximately 62,000 men, and then gradually decrease by by February next to about 54,000.

2. As there has been a shortage of available shipping, there have not been ample facilities for the shipment of food to Sardinia. To assist in the strict control which has been instituted to curtail the issues of food rations in Sardinia, the Ministry of Marine was requested to instruct Commanding Officers of Italian naval vessels to draw rations in Sardinia only in cases of emergency and in every case in which it was possible, to carry a sufficient quantity of victuals for the round trip back to the mainland from Sardinia.

3. The San Marco Infantry Regiment located at Trani Vide passed to the Command of the Italian Ministry of War from the General Officer Commanding Three District on 18th October, and on 20th October it was further transferred to the Command of the Italian Ministry of Marine.

4. Unfortunately no Italian vessels are available for the purpose of establishing a coast guard service for the West Coast of Italy to control reported clandestine traffic between Italy and France. However the Ministry of Marine has been requested to take all possible action to suppress any illegal traffic which may exist by informing Italian Port Captains and Security Authorities of its existence.

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15 October 1945

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for September 1945.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR

SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1. During September the Navy Sub-Commission handled the usual large number of routine supply and personnel questions concerning the administration of the Italian Navy. A gratifying tendency was noticed during the month for the Italian Ministry of Marine to become more self sufficient and to communicate with the Navy Sub-Commission only on those matters which actually required the assistance of the Allied Governments.

2. Italian Navy personnel now may proceed to their homes East of the Morgan Line or within the Pola Conclave on leave or on demobilization if they are in possession of authorized leave or demobilization papers and if they are in possession of an Allied Military Government Pass countersigned by the Yugoslav Mission. These passes are issued by Allied Military Government, 13th Corps to which headquarters application must be made in advance through the Navy Sub-Commission. In all instances personnel on leave or on demobilization must wear civilian clothes and be unarmed.

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5. The operation of radio circuits by the Italian Government without Allied supervision has been authorized by Allied Force Headquarters, subject to the requirement that no new circuits will be opened without prior co-ordination with and specific approval of the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ. This restriction is necessary to guarantee integrated frequency allocation throughout the theater and to avoid in so far as possible interference with other radio stations. All negotiations with the Italian Ministry of Marine concerning Italian radio circuits will be handled through the Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

6. In connection with the implementation of an Allied Force Headquarters directive which requires the Allied Commission to make a survey of Italian war like stores in the hands of the Italian Armed Forces, a representative of the Navy Sub-Commission visited a number of Italian factories and depots in the Genoa Area for a 10 day period in order to determine their contents. During the inspection all Italian officials and factory representatives were extremely co-operative in providing the data required.

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7. Approval was given during the month for the transfer of the upper Tyrrhenian Lighthouse Command of the Italian Navy from Piombino to its old location at Leghorn.



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18 September 1945

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for August 1945.

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The ministry of Marine has reported that 20 Italian merchant vessels already have been disarmed and the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has approved tha disarming of the remainder of Italian merchant vessels, subject to the convenience of the charterers and operating authorities.

Approval has been given by Allied Force Headquarters for a small party of Italian Navy personnel to visit the islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa in the near future for the purpose of mustering any Italian Navy personnel which may be located on the islands and for the purpose of making a survey of the need and desirability of carrying out port salvage operations by Italian Navy personnel. The Ministry of Marine has been requested to nominate personnel for the above duty and has been informed that if approval is obtained for the visit it must be limited to a period of 8 weeks.

As a result of information received to the effect that the Regional Commissioner of Venice Province considered that improvement was necessary in the Venice ferry service, the Ministry of Marine is making arrangements for the transfer to Venice of 4 additional motor vessels.

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To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for July 1945.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR
JULY, 1945.

The report of the Campbell Committee, appointed to make recommendations on the methods to be employed in transferring the operations of Italian Ports to Italian Government Authorities, was approved during the month by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean and the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. In accordance with instructions received from Allied Force Headquarters the Navy Sub Commission has notified the Ministry of Marine of the approval and has directed the Ministry of Marine to take the necessary steps to implement the policies of the Campbell Committee report in regard to port operations.

2. In response to a request received from the Ministry of Marine concerning the procedure to be adopted for obtaining controlled materials for shipyards working for the Italian Merchant Marine, the following procedure has been adopted in conjunction with the Commerce Sub Commission. Applications for allocations of controlled materials will be made to the nearest Ufficio Provinciale dell'Industria e Commercio who, after screening, will pass the request to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce. Bids on behalf of the Ministry will then be presented to the Committee of Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board by the Commerce Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

3. The Ministry of Marine has been notified that there is no naval objection to the development of the Gulf of Genoa Ports of Imperia, Porto Maurizio and Oneglia. It is believed that the three ports are capable of being made serviceable for coaster or schooner traffic after a small amount of salvage work. The Ministry of Marine has been notified that all action in regard to the ports must be initiated by the Italian Government and that no Allied Naval resources can be made available for minesweeping or for the purposes of bomb and mine disposal.

4. An investigation of the circumstances surrounding a brush fire near a dump of Italian naval ammunition has brought to light the fact that adequate fire protection measures around the dump were not being observed. The fire lanes and fire guards were not satisfactorily cleared. Consequently, instructions have been issued to the Ministry of Marine to take appropriate action to inspect all Italian Navy ammunition dumps and to insure the existence of adequate safety measures and the presence of sufficient trained personnel.

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5. Four partially completed wooden minesweepers, which were ordered originally by the Italian Republican Navy Authorities on behalf of the German Navy, have been discovered at Venice and have been turned over to the Italian Ministry of Marine in order that arrangements may be made for their completion and use.

6. As a result of representations made by French Government Authorities, the Italian Ministry of Marine has been notified, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean that all French naval stores found in ex-enemy depots and dumps in Italy are to be returned to French Navy control.

7. It is expected that the critical water shortage in the Tremiti Islands will be alleviated in the near future as the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has directed that a water boat make two trips to the Islands with a full cargo of drinking water.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, Report for June 1945.

References: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC, Full Length Report for June 1945 (2 Copies).
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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR
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3. The remaining 1923 Class Naval recruits were called up during May. The Ministry considers the call-up satisfactory, even though only 65 percent of the total number of individuals called up were actually incorporated into the Naval Forces, due to the fact that the Ministry has given approval for many recruits to join other branches of the military forces and because many are working for Allied Commands. In addition, a number have been given time to finish their studies. In Sicily 42 percent of the recruits presented themselves. Of the remaining 58 percent, 22 percent were already under arms, 22 percent were justifiably absent and 14 percent were unjustifiably absent.

4. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has directed that Italian Merchant Vessels in the Mediterranean which carry Italian armament manned by Italian Naval personnel are now to be disarmed. Such action will permit a considerable number of Italian Navy gun crews to be released in order that they may rejoin other branches of the Italian Navy.

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION FOR MAY, 1945.

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Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for June 1945.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for May 1945.

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION FOR MAY, 1945.

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2. The Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief has made available one Italian cruiser and several smaller Italian Naval vessels for the purpose of transporting refugees and displaced persons from the northern Italian areas to Sicily and Sardinia. At the end of May, over 3,000 individuals had been moved on Italian Naval vessels as a result of arrangements made during the month. It is anticipated that Italian Naval vessels will continue to be utilised for the purpose of transporting refugees, at least until the more seriously congested areas are relieved.

3. On 23rd May, 1945, Italian Naval Control Service Officers were appointed to duty in the ports of CIVITAVECCHIA, PIOMBINO and MADDALENA. Directives to these officers were issued by the Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean, concerning their responsibility to the Italian Naval Officers-in-Charge for the safe routing of all Allied merchant vessels leaving the port.

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3. On 9th May, the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, issued a communication which altered the fishing regulations and permitted day and night fishing in a large area surrounding Italy and the adjacent islands. In the areas in which day and night fishing is now permitted, fishing vessels are subject to only a few restrictions which largely are designed for the protection of the vessels and which should not limit the size of their catch. Action has been taken with the Ministry of Marine to arrange the appointment of Italian Liaison Officers to Regional Commissioners of the Venice, Liguria and Emilia Regions for the purpose of assisting in fishing control and with a view to increasing the haul of fish.

4. The supply situation in the Italian Navy continues to be generally satisfactory, however, some concern has been felt over the unsatisfactory reports received of the progress made by the Italian Ministry of Marine, in the distribution of clothing, boots and shoes provided from Allied sources. Every effort is being made by the Navy Sub Commission to ensure that all Allied supplies furnished for the use of the Italian Navy are fully and equally distributed subsequent to their release to the Ministry of Marine.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for May 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, full length report for May 1945 (2 copies).

(B) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, abridged report for May 1945 (2 copies).

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of reference (a), enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith.

(Sgd) C. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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12 June 1945

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for May 1945.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of May 1945.

(Sgd) G. L. Warren

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
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14 May 1945.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for April 1945.

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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

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

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NSC/2405
14 May 1945.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for April 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/1611 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, full length report for April 1945 (2 copies).

(B) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, abridged report for April 1945 (2 copies).

1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of reference (a), enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith.

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

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION FOR APRIL, 1945.

Toward the end of April, encouraging news from the Italian military front caused the Ministry of Marine to give a large amount of attention to planning for the responsibilities of the Italian Navy in the Northern Ports. In conjunction with, and under the control of the Allied Naval Authorities, the Ministry of Marine is arranging to supply numerous Italian Navy personnel for duties connected with the operation of the various Northern Ports when they are freed from enemy control.

2. The Navy Sub Commission has been informed by the Ministry of Marine that on the 7th of April, 1945, His Royal Highness, Vice Admiral ALEONE di SAVOIA (The Duke of AOSTA) was relieved from his posts of Inspector General of M.A.S., of Assault Craft and of the San Marco Regiment and has been placed on the list of those officers available for assignment. Contrary to a widely held belief, the Duke of AOSTA has not been deprived of his rank of Vice Admiral for his statements regarding the Italian High Court of Justice but simply has been relieved of his duty appointment.

3. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has approved the employment of two Italian cruisers for the transfer of Italian prisoners to Sardinia from the mainland. The first group of 500, out of a total of 1200 prisoners to be transferred, left Naples shortly after the middle of the month. Those prisoners involved are being removed to Sardinia from the Regina Coeli prison in Rome for the purpose of alleviating the congested conditions in that prison.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR APRIL, 1945.

The Navy Sub Commission has been informed by the Italian Ministry of Marine that on the 10th May and 15th June, 1945, two drafts of 1923 and 1924 recruits will be called to service with the Italian Navy. These two drafts totalling approximately 4,550 men will be the first that have been called for service in the Italian Navy since the Armistice. The total personnel strength of the Italian Navy will not be affected as a result of the call-up as an equal number of individuals will be released simultaneously from those reserve classes which already have fulfilled their service obligations. The classes are called up in the year when selectees reach their 20th year. It is not considered that disturbances will occur as this is not a mass recall of men who have served in peace or war time but a call-up of recruits who still must carry out their service obligations and who should have been called up some time previously. Difficulties mainly will exist in connection with communications and transport. To keep such difficulties to a minimum, care has been taken to issue the necessary instructions well in advance.

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5. As a result of frequent difficulties that have been experienced in providing working funds to Italian firms performing work of military importance to Allied Naval Commands, the Finance Sub Commission, Allied Commission, on the 2nd April, 1945, directed that a fund be established at the Italian Finance Office (INTENDENZA dello FINANZE), Naples, from which payments may be made against bills presented by the firms. At some later date the various bills and payments will be reviewed by the Italian Government and charged against the appropriate account of the Italian Ministry concerned. This matter has been under discussion between the Navy Sub Commission and the Finance Sub Commission for a considerable period, due to the inability of the Italian Ministries to expeditiously provide firms with the lire required for day to day operations. It is hoped that the special fund at Italian Finance Office, Naples, will provide a satisfactory solution to many financing difficulties.

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Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/2197. FILE
20th April, 1945.

From : The Secretary to the Chief, Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.
To : The Secretary to Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy.

Subject : Amendments to Navy Sub Commission's Monthly Report for March,1945.

It is requested that the following amendments may be made to the reports of the Navy Sub Commission for March, 1945, forwarded under cover of NSC/2164 of the 11th April, 1945 :-

(a) Navy Sub Commission full-length report for March 1945

Paragraph 3, line 3.
Change "30,000 tons"
to read "1,500 tons".

(b) Navy Sub Commission abridged report for March, 1945.

Paragraph 3, line 4
Change "30,000 tons"
to read "1,500 tons."

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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION,
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NSC/2196.
20th April, 1945.

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From : The Secretary to the Chief, Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

To : The Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject : Amendment to Navy Sub Commission's Monthly Report for March, 1945.

It is requested that the following amendment may be made to the report of the Navy Sub-Commission for March, 1945, forwarded under cover of NSC/2163 of the 17th April, 1945:-

Paragraph 3, line 3
for "30,000 tons"
read "1,500 tons".

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NSC/2164
14 April 1945.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for March 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, full length report for March 1945 (2 copies).

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1. In accordance with paragraph 2 of reference (a), enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith.

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CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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NSC/2163
17 April 1945.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for March 1945.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of March 1945.

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

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR MARCH, 1945.

A directive was issued by Allied Force Headquarters on the 7th March, 1945, under which the Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission is responsible for all administrative and material questions affecting the Italian Navy, including :-

(a) Employment of Personnel.
(b) Supplies of food, clothing, transport and naval stores.
(c) Disposal of war material.
(d) Requisitioning of Italian Naval property.

The directive further provides that all communications relating to matters of policy in connection with the Italian Navy under the Armistice Terms and the general administration of the Italian Navy, not directly affecting the operation of the Italian Fleet under the Cunningham - de Courten Agreement will be referred directly to the Sub Commission.

2. The Ministry of Marine announced the promotion in naval rank of His Excellency the Minister Raffaele De Courten from Ammiraglio di Divisione to Ammiraglio di Squadra. The Italian Naval rank of Ammiraglio di Squadra corresponds to the British and American rank of Vice Admiral.

3. Approval was received from Allied Naval authorities, during the month, to make available 430,000 Italian shell forgings for scrap. By securing the release of these forgings, it is anticipated that nearly [redacted] tons of former Italian war material can be re-smelted into steel for more constructive purposes.

4. During March, the Ministry of Marine requested permission to post notices on all Italian industrial facilities which perform work for the Italian Navy, to the effect that such facilities are at the disposal of the Italian Navy and exempt from requisition. The Ministry was informed that as all Italian industrial facilities are subject to requisition by the Allied Armed Forces, no general exemption of such facilities from requisition could be allowed. However, the Ministry was notified that upon receipt of sufficient data, the Navy Sub Commission is prepared to authorize the use of notices which will be designed to prevent the requisition or removal of any material from the plants without the authority of the Navy Sub Commission. Due to the impracticability of fully investigating plants for which the Ministry desires exemption, the Ministry has been informed that any authorization granted will be subject to revocation in the event it is later determined that the facilities are more urgently required for other purposes.

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5. The Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board, has appointed a committee at Headquarters, Allied Commission to study and make recommendations with respect to shipping in ports which have been returned to Italian control. A representative of the Navy Sub Commission has been designated to the committee in view of the fact that the Director General of the Italian Mercantile Marine, under the Ministry of Marine, is the agency of the Italian Government which is responsible for their control and operation.

6. The Navy Sub Commission has received gratifying co-operation from Allied Employing Commands in securing the turn over of Italian employees who have been declared by the Ministry of Marine to be deserters from the Italian Navy. Upon receipt of information from the Ministry of Marine that an Italian Navy deserter is employed by a specific Allied Command, the Navy Sub Commission requests the employing unit to deliver the deserter to Italian authorities in accordance with the policy of Allied Force Headquarters. It is hoped that the apprehension of the majority of deserters from the Italian Navy will have salutory effect on other would-be absentees and will result in an increased respect for the central Italian Naval authorities by all Italian Navy personnel.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

3rd April, 1945.

No. L.430/8.

FLAG OFFICER TARANTO & ADRIATIC,
COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.

F.O.T.A.L.I., ROME REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH, 1945.

The following brief comments on activities in my capacity as your representative in Rome are forwarded for inclusion, if thought fit, in the report of proceedings for March, 1945.

2. The Minister of Marine, Admiral de Courten, was promoted to Ammiraglio di Squadra by Governmental Decree on the 28th March, 1945. The promotion will be announced when the necessary formalities have been completed and the signature of the Luogotenente del Regno obtained.

3. The attacks on the navy in the Left Wing Roman press have subsided. In those parts of the city most frequented by Italian Naval Officers and men the walls of buildings are disfigured with painted slogans such as "Death to the Fascist Admirals. The Navy belongs to the people".

4. In accordance with instructions from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, the Ministry of Marine have been asked to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee on Non-operational Salvage.

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Navy Sub-Commission APO 394

NSC/1811
15th March, 1945.

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From : Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC Monthly Report.

1. The Monthly Report submitted to the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy for February 1945 in FOLI, Rome letter No. L.430/7 of 6 March 1945, included the activities of the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC for the entire month. This report will form the basis of the full length and abridged report required to be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, AC on 15 March 1945, for the month of February 1945.

2. In the future the activities of the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC will not be included in the FOLI, Rome, report to FOTALI. Copies of the full length and abridged Monthly Report to the Chief Commissioner will be furnished to FOTALI for information when the complete Navy Sub-Commission report for the Allied Commission for each month is compiled.

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

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR FEBRUARY, 1945.

On the 19th February, Rear Admiral G. L. Warren, was appointed as Chief of the Navy Sub Commission, vice Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, C.B., D.S.O. Rear Admiral Warren will have his office in the Allied Commission Headquarters, Rome. Commodore H. W. Ziroli, United States Navy, will continue to be Deputy Chief of the Sub Commission.

2. The Ministry of Marine has informed the Navy Sub Commission that captured Italian merchant seaman who are prisoner of war co-operators under the control of the British Government, may now send remittances to beneficiaries in Italy. The remittances will be received and distributed by the Ministry of War in accordance with arrangements made by that Ministry and the Director General of the Mercantile Marine.

3. The Ministry of Marine, at the request of the Navy Sub Commission, has agreed to supply 60 Italian Naval officers for assignment to duty with Italian Military Courts. The 60 Navy officers will be assigned to the Courts in order that the Navy may bear its proportionate share of the Court work in accordance with the wishes of the Procuratore Generale Militare and the Legal Sub Commission.

4. It has been confirmed with the Ministry of Marine that the present capacity of the Port of SAN STEFANO, which is now under the control of the Italian Navy, is four motor schooners of 200 - 300 tons. These vessels could moor simultaneously to the jetties. By placing mooring buoys, the Italian Navy Port Officer at SAN STEFANO considers that an 8000 ton ship with a maximum draft of 8 metres could be accommodated in the port.

5. In recent weeks the Italian Navy has shown an interest in obtaining general technicalpublications from England and the United States. Some publications already have been supplied to the Ministry of Marine by American and British representatives.

6. In spite of the fact that the attention of Italian Naval authorities has been brought to the repeated violations to travel regulations by Italian Naval personnel, the violations of the security of the Rear Army Zone continue to occur. As a result, Chief, Navy Sub Commission has initiated action with a view to securing the trial by Allied Military Courts of all Italian Navy personnel who are found to be illegally travelling in the Rear Army Zone. It is hoped that such action will have salutory effect on other would be violators of the security regulations.

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7. Stromg representations have been made to the Minister of Marine drawing attention to the frequent breaches of the censorship regulations on the part of Italian Naval personnel in ships visiting Malta. The Minister has issued a general order to all Commanding Officers on the subject in which he indicated that, should Allied Authorities withdraw leave privileges for Italian ships at Malta on account of the continued breaches of the regulations he will not interocde to secure their restoration.

8. At the reqûest of the Minister of Marine, the possibility of arranging a small welfare enquiry service for the purpose of establishing a recognised source of information for ratings who have relatives in the Army Zone is being investigated.

9. The two reserve battleships "DUILIO" and "DORIA", carried out exercises together off the east coast of Sicily on the 21st February, 1945, subsequently returning to Taranto and Syracuse respectively. Apart from this, there has been no change in the normal activities of the Fleet.

10. On the 19th February, following attacks on Italian Naval Officers in the Rome press, some fifty ratings of the Italian Navy were reported to have demonstrated against the "AVANTI" by breaking into the offices of that newspaper and also protesting to the Socialist headquarters in Rome. Various newspapers commented adversely on what was termed a serious attempt on the freedom of the press; the Ministry of Marine, however, in an official statement referred to the incident as a spontaneous act on the part of the seamen which demonstrated their disapproval of the newspaper's assertations. Continued press attacks on serving officers in the Italian Forces had already been the subject of official representations.

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COMBINED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, JANUARY, 1945.

The outstanding event has been the repatriation of five warships and four minor vessels from Spain. These vessels, which left Spezia for Malta in September, 1943, with the remainder of the Italian Fleet, had put into ports in the Balearics and Spain to land survivors from the Battleship "ROMA" and for other reasons, and were interned after twenty four hours.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR JANUARY, 1945.

The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, has promulgated an interim policy governing the treatment of Italian munitions plants, both state and private concerns. In the case of firms that normally furnish items and stores to the Italian Navy, and those which have been working exclusively for the Italian Navy no action will be taken by the Allied Commission without the prior approval of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

2. Information from the Italian Ministry of Marine indicates that numerous "active duty" regular members of the Italian Navy have been employed by Allied commands without the approval of either Allied authorities or the Ministry of Marine. Unless the Ministry of Marine is notified and proper clearance obtained, such individuals are technical deserters from the Italian Navy. In a letter to Allied Force Headquarters which was sent via the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, the Navy Sub Commission has requested that a directive be promulgated which would require that Allied units employing "active duty" Italian personnel regularise their status through the Navy Sub Commission - Flag Officer Liaison Italy, Rome.

3. In a communication dated 4th January, 1945, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station informed that he would for the present continue to control non-operational salvage in Italian waters and that he would employ Flag Officer Liaison Italy, Rome (F.O.L.I.,Rome) as the channel of correspondence with the Italian Ministry of Marine, rather than the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

4. On behalf of the Legal Sub Commission, the Navy Sub Commission has requested the views of the Ministry of Marine in regard to supplying an appropriate number of Italian Navy officers for assignment to duty with Italian Military Courts. As many of the cases that are brought before Italian Military Courts in Southern Italy involve members of the Italian Navy, it is considered that the Ministry of Marine should supply a proportionate number of court personnel. It is anticipated that approximately 75 Italian Naval officers will be required. At present all of the personnel assigned to Italian Military Courts have been made available from Italian Army Sources.

5. The Navy Sub Commission at the request of the Finance Sub-Commission has asked the Ministry of Marine to assist in the formation of an Italian Government organisation which will permit captured Italian

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5. The Navy Sub Commission at the request of the Finance Sub-Commission has asked the Ministry of Marine to assist in the formation of an Italian Government organisation which will permit captured Italian merchant seamen "cooperators" to remit funds to Italy from locations in the United Kingdom. All prisoner "cooperators" with the exception of ex-Italian merchant seaman already have been accorded this privilege. The matter is presently under discussion between the Italian Director General of the Merchant Marine and the Italian Ministry of War.

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6. In the middle of January the Spanish Government agreed to release from internment the Italian Light Cruiser "ATTILIO REGOLO", the destroyers "MITRAGLIERE", "FUCILIERE" and "CANABINIERE" and the Torpedo Boat "ORSA". These ships, which left SPEZIA for MALTA in September, 1943 with the remainder of the Italian Fleet, had put into ports in the BALEARICS and SPAIN to land survivors from the Battle ship "ROMA" and for other reasons, and had been interned after 24 hours. The Spanish Government having now seen fit to release them, they sailed from Port MAHON on the 15th January for ALGIERS, and have since reached TARANTO, where they will require docking and small repairs before resuming their service. Various Italian small craft have been released from other Spanish ports and are returning to Italy.

7. At the request of the Italian Government, the cruiser "RAIMONDO MONTECUCCOLI" was sent to CATANIA on the 15th January to help in quelling the local disturbances by a show of force and to protect harbour installations if this should become necessary. The cruiser also visited PALERMO and ferried several batches of rebellious young men to the Island of USTICA. She has subsequently been withdrawn, not having been called upon to take any offensive action.

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Cruisers and destroyers of the Italian Navy continue their useful work of transporting troops and stores in the Mediterranean. The work of the dockyards, one of the most important contributions being made by the Italians to the Allied war effort, is proceeding satisfactorily.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR DECEMBER, 1944.

Cruisers and destroyers of the Royal Italian Navy continue to carry out the useful work of transporting men and materials between ports in the Mediterranean. Two cruisers and two destroyers have visited the Middle East and two Italian submarines have been escorted back to Taranto from the Levant for repairs. The battleships " LITTORIO " and " VITORIO VENETO ", interned in the Bitter Lakes, received their Christmas mails by destroyer. The Ministry of Marine still elects to keep a third of their complement on board these ships, although the crews are allowed no contact with the shore except for short daily periods of recreation in the desert.

2. One of the main difficulties encountered during the month has been the frequent infringement of Allied movement control regulations by Italian naval personnel. It has come to light that an organised motor bus service is in operation to take Italian naval personnel on leave to Leghorn, Florence and other places north of the Rear Army Control Line. In all instances travel has been for purely family reasons, but unauthorised movement constitutes a serious threat to security in the Army Zone and drastic steps are being taken to stop it.

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5. Desertions from the Italian Navy continue to be fairly numerous and the Ministry of Marine frequently complain that deserters are harboured by Allied units with whom they gain employment as civilians. Efforts to trace such men have always been fruitless however. Desertions to the Jugoslav Partisans have fallen off and there appeared to be reaction in favour of the Royal Jugoslav Navy to whom five men deserted during the month.

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7. On instructions from the Admiralty 10 Italian Naval Officers are being selected for training as Naval Control Service Officer.

8. The procedure for obtaining supplies from local resources is now working satisfactorily and in addition limited assistance has been given to industrial plants operating for the Italian Navy.

9. Stocks of much needed toilet articles for the Italian Navy have been unearthed. Special Christmas rations were gratefully received and brought forth effusive thanks from the Ministry of Marine.

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The general disposition of the Italian Fleet remains the same and the ships continue to carry out useful work in the Mediterranean. The larger vessels have been used mainly as fast transports.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR NOVEMBER, 1944.

The general disposition of the Italian Fleet remains the same. 18 Escort Vessels have now been based on Naples for work in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Although there have been Escort Groups working there previously, the ships had to return to Taranto for repairs. The new arrangement makes Naples once more an Italian Naval Base, as opposed to a port of call.

2. Owing to the present situation in the Mediterranean, no operations of war have been carried out by the larger Italian warships and it is not anticipated that any such employment can be found in the future. The cruisers are continuing to perform a useful fuction in moving British and Italian Naval drafts.

3. The usual questions of administration and supply have been dealt with during the month. The disposal of the officers and men from the Italian Naval Anti-aircraft and Coastal Defence batteries is still undecided, although it now appears that the personnel thus released may be retained to meet future naval commitments in advance ports.

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6. On the 28th November, 1944, a Navy Sub Commission representative attended a meeting at Allied Commission Headquarters in regard to the utilisation and disposition of Italian munition plants. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Army and Air Force Sub Commission, the Industry Sub Commission and the Economic Section, Allied Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the means of obtaining utilisation of all Italian manufacturing establishments in connection with the rehabilitation of Italy. At present, there is need for clarifying directives as well as a more complete interchange of information between Allied Military personnel and those Allied Personnel who are charged with supervising Italian civilian production to ensure that the maximum number of industrial facilities can be converted from munitions production to the manufacture of materials for the civilian economy. A report of the meeting has been sent to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and upon receiving his concurrence in several statements of policy which were made at the meeting, it is hoped that the Navy Sub Commission will be able to present a clear statement of Navy policy in regard to munition plants to the appropriate sections of the Allied Commission.

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8. Arrangements have been made for Italian Naval units in forward areas to draw rations from local British Army D.I.D's. Attempts by the Ministry of Marine to obtain increased rations for the Rome area have been squashed, since it is considered undesirable to encourage the presence of large numbers of Italian naval personnel in Rome, not all of whom can be fully employed.

CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION. OCTOBER, 1944.

Three of the seven active Italian cruisers have been refitting during the past month. The remainder, and the destroyers and small craft continue to be fully employed in their transport and escort duties. The morale of officers and men remains satisfactory.

2. The Ministry of Marine has been notified of the turn back of the ports of Civitavecchia, Piombino and San Stefano to Italian Navy Control and has been requested to issue appropriate organisation orders for the above ports to ensure their efficient operation.

3. The Navy Sub Commission during the past several months has arranged for the evacuation from the Rome area of over 1,000 inactive members of the Italian Navy and their families. The evacuees have been removed to Southern Italy and Sicily under the guidance of the Ministry of Marine, and have been removed to locations where they will be able to obtain better living conditions.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR OCTOBER, 1944.

With the reduction of escort commitments due to the removal of the U-boat menace in the Mediterranean and the fact that Italian ships are not allowed, for political reasons, to proceed to Greek or Yugo-Slav Ports, it is not now possible to employ the Italian Navy to the same extent as heretofore. Nevertheless Italian ships, having got out of the habit of remaining in harbour, are now proceeding to sea regularly for gunnery and other exercises in the vicinity of Taranto.

2. Approval has been requested for the battleship "DORIA" to proceed to Taranto for a short period for exercises due to lack of facilities at Syracuse, the decision on this question has not yet been received.

3. The Depot ship "ERITREA" returned to Taranto from Colombo during the month and is being taken in hand for a refit, which is expected to be complete about March, 1945.

4. Three submarines have left the Mediterranean, one for Bermuda and two for the Eastern Fleet.

5. Allied Force Headquarters have ordered that, apart from a few batteries, all Italian Anti Aircraft and Coastal Defence batteries in Italy and Sardinia, are to be disbanded. The Italian Navy formerly played a large part in the defence of the country, and, it is estimated that this reduction will release approximately 10,000 officers and men. A decision is now awaited as to the disposal of these men.

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7. Action has been taken to obtain a better allocation of materials from local resources for the Italian Navy. This should ease the critical supply situation and also reduce the demands being made on British Naval stocks.

8. Approval has been received to issue surplus stocks of certain articles of waterproof clothing to civilians being employed on essential outdoor work for the Royal Navy. With the onset of winter, the clothing problem, particularly as regards waterproof articles is becoming critical and the above mentioned action will have a very beneficial effect.

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9. As regards the supply of materials for the manufacture of uniforms for the Italian Navy, a certain amount has been shipped from the United Kingdom and there is more to come. A package of sewing machine needles has arrived in Taranto by air. The receipt of the material will be most welcome and only just in time, before the cold weather really sets in.

10. Due to a breakdown in discussions at Allied Force Headquarters regarding supplies of essential N.A.A.F.I. toilet articles to the Italian Navy, this vexed question is again "in the air". This is most disapointing and it is hoped that further action can be taken to allow of some regular supply of toilet articles in which the Italian Navy is so sadly lacking.

11. The Navy Sub Commission has to date arranged rail transportation out of the Rome area for over 1,000 members of the Italian Navy and their families, who have been evacuated to Southern Italy and Sicily, under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Marine. There are indications that the Ministry of Marine may require further transportation facilities, for evacuees in the future. An effort is being made to obtain complete information regarding the Ministry's future responsibilities in regard to transporting evacuees so that the Navy Sub Commission, will be able to plan for future assistance that may be required.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF H.M. NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER, 1944.

1. Ships of the Royal Italian Navy continue to be as fully employed as their state of readiness permits. An average of 4 cruisers are ferrying troops from Cagliari to Naples. Destroyers and small vessels are fully employed on escorting duties and special operations. During the month two further submarines have left the Mediterranean for training duties with the United States Navy. There is nothing of note in respect of morale of Naval personnel, which remains good.

2. Work is proceeding well in the dockyards at Taranto and Brindisi. The following figures give an indication of the numbers of ships which are now being dealt with:

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| Allied warships | in hand September | 69 |
| | completed | 44 |
| Italian warships | in hand September | 55 |
| | completed | 41 |
| Merchant ships | in hand September | 99 |
| | completed | 91 |
| Number of ships docked | Taranto | 53 |
| | Brindisi | 52 |

3. Considerable attention has been devoted by the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, to economic problems such as the control of manpower including the production of an adequate supply of food to meet requirements for finished products necessary for the war effort. The average price per quintal has been raised successively from 3150 lire to 4100 and recently to 4700 lire to induce farmers to deliver grain. Black Market prices are reported to be as high as 8000 lire per quintal.

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5. An endeavour is being made to formulate a policy and [illegible] for non operational salvage. Discussions have been held between representatives of Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Staff, Public Works and Utilities Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission and the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission. The President of the Italian Council of Ministers has been requested officially to designate either the Ministry of Marine or Public Works as the agency to plan for, and coordinate salvage work including the actual salvage operations.

6. Agreement has not yet been reached between MEDBO and the Labour Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, as to the proper agency for hiring Italian Merchant Seamen. MEDBO contends that this is a function for the Italian Port Captaincies, whereas the Labour Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, proposes that all hiring be through the Controlled Labour Offices. It now appears that both have function, the former to advise seamen on matters of crew's insurance, social welfare, allotments to dependents etc; and the latter to effect the actual hiring of seamen.

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7. The disposition of vessels of Italian ownership captured from Germany by the Allies after the Armistice with Italy has again been raised through the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Italian Government contends that in view of their status as a co-belligerent their vessels should be returned to Italian control under the provisions of the Cunningham Agreement.

8. Numerous other problems involving supplies for the Italian Navy, the control of movements of Italian Personnel, the arrangements for transport of persons and equipment, censorship regulations, accommodation etc., have been handled by the Sub Commission.

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Ships of the Royal Italian Navy continue to be as fully employed as their state of readiness permits. An average of four cruisers are ferrying troops from Caglieri to Naples. Destroyers and smaller vessels are fully employed on escort duties, minesweeping, etc. Work is proceeding well in the dockyards of Taranto and Brindisi, where Allied and Italian naval and merchant vessels are being repaired and docked in increasing numbers.

2. The Navy Sub-commission in devoting considerable attention to economic problems such as the control of hemp, including the production of an adequate supply of raw hemp to meet requirements for finished products necessary for the war effort.

3. A conference was held at Caserta to review the policy for shipbuilding. The present policy that the facilities should be used for repairs in the interest of the immediate war effort was reaffirmed, with the additional agreement that there is no objection to building small coastal vessels under 1500 tons, tugs, barges, and schooners, provided that material and machinery can be obtained without detriment to the war effort.

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7. Numerous other problems involving supplies for the Italian Navy, the control of movements of Italian naval personnel, arrangements for transport of persons and equipment, censorship regulations, accomodation, etc., have been handled by the Navy Sub-commission.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE NAVY SUB-COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER, 1944.

Ships of the Royal Italian Navy continue to be as fully employed as their state of readiness permits. An average of 4 cruisers are ferrying troops from Cagliari to Naples. Destroyers and small vessels are fully employed on escorting duties and special operations. During the month two further submarines have left the Mediterranean for training duties with the United States Navy. There is nothing of note in respect of morale of Naval personnel, which remains good.

2. Work is proceeding well in the dockyards at Taranto and Brindisi. The following figures give an indication of the numbers of ships which are now being dealt with:

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| Allied warships | in hand September | 69 |
| | completed | 44 |
| Italian warships | in hand September | 55 |
| | completed | 41 |
| Merchant ships | in hand September | 99 |
| | completed | 91 |
| Number of ships docked | Taranto | 63 |
| | Brindisi | 32 |

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

During the month of August the active cruisers of the Italian Fleet have carried out the normal programme of ferrying troops and civilians in the western Mediterranean. Destroyers and smaller vessels have been employed in escort work. The three older battleships have returned from Malta and have been reduced to reserve in Italian ports. The work of the Taranto dockyard proceeds satisfactorily. Supplies of food and medical stores for the fleet are satisfactory and the introduction of a single ration scale for combat and non-combat troops has simplified administration. As far as possible the Italian Navy utilises its own stocks of Naval Stores and every assistance is given to them to obtain materials from local resources. Essential items not available from these sources are supplied mainly from British Naval stocks. The clothing situation is unsatisfactory and will remain so until the arrival of materials ordered from the United Kingdom, when the Italians will manufacture their uniforms in their own factories.

The question of the responsibility for non-operational salvage is now under review and it is hoped that a directive may be issued in the near future. In normal times this work is the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Works, but it has been suggested that it should come under the Ministry of Marine. Steps are being taken to determine the correct authority to act as an employment agency for Italian Merchant Seamen, which at one time was under the Italian Port Captaincy, but will probably become a branch of the Provincial Labour Offices.

Steps are being taken to obtain favourable publicity for the work of the Italian Navy, and details which are being worked out in conjunction with the Public Relations Branch include the production of a short film, showing the work of the Italian Ships during the past year.



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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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20 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Regional Control & Military Government Section, Headquarters, ACC.

Subject: Monthly Report of Navy Sub-Commission for AUGUST, 1944.

Reference: (a) RC & MG 497/74/CA of 8 August 1944.

Enclosure: (A) Thirty five (35) copies of subject report.

1. In accordance with paragraph 1(b) of reference (a) thirty-five copies of the August 1944 Navy Sub-Commission report are forwarded herewith as enclosure (A).

2. The August report has been approved by Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, USN, Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission.

H. W. KIRKLI,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION
FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1944.

OPERATIONAL.

During the month of ~~July~~ August the active cruisers of the Italian Fleet have carried out the normal programme of ferrying troops and civilians between Cagliari and Naples. Escort vessels have escorted convoys between Sicily and Taranto and the west of Italy ports and the running destroyers have been employed on various missions, including the final move of the Ministry of Marine from Tararto to Rome, via Civitavecchia. Available Italian submarines are employed in the Mediterranean and on other stations for training Allied Anti-Submarine vessels. The Battleships Vittorio Veneto and Italia remain in the Bitter Lakes, with reduced complements. The three older battleships are reduced to care and maintenance crews in Italian ports.

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The morale of the Italian Navy, if not high, remains high enough to permit of a reasonable standard of discipline and efficiency being maintained. The task of repatriating unwashed and often verminous soldiery or Prisoners of War is not an inspiring one, but it is carried out in a spirit of resignation by docile crews, uncertain of the future and happy only to be clothed, fed and employed. Throughout the centuries, "pazienza" has been the Chief quality of the Italian peasant and one which has enabled him to endure misgovernment and misfortune. The sense of frustration and apathy which many of the younger and more energetic Naval Officers feel is reflected in the Ministry of Marine, where work appears to proceed in a very leisurely manner, except in the office of the Minister and in the Personnel Department. The work of "epuration" is proceeding and time-expired and reserve Officers and men are being recalled and placed on the retired list. There is a genuine feeling that the Italian Navy has pulled its weight during the past year and hopes are expressed that the Allies will not be unmindful of this at the Peace-table.

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4. SUPPLIES.

Supplies of food and medical stores are satisfactory. The introduction of a single ration scale for combat and non-combat personnel has simplified administration and has resulted in the former having slightly less to eat and the latter having considerably more. The two categories have respectively complained and rejoiced. It is unfortunate that the seagoing (i.e.combat) personnel should suffer by this change, but the reduction is small and reactions have not been serious.

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As far as possible, the Italians utilise their own stocks of Naval Stores and every assistance is given to enable them to obtain materials from local resources. Essential items not available from either of these sources are supplied mainly from British naval stocks at Taranto.

The clothing situation is still unsatisfactory and will remain so until the arrival of materials ordered from the United Kingdom. When these materials arrive, the Italian Navy will manufacture uniforms in their own factories.

An issue of N.A.A.F.I. supplies to Italian Naval personnel is now under consideration. If approved, this should have a most beneficial effect on morale.

5. Early in 1944, the Allied Control Commission was informed by the Flag Officer Western Italy that salvage operations in Italian waters, including the islands, are a responsibility of the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. Recently the Allied Control Commission was requested to consider taking over the responsibility for non-operational salvage in REGGIO (Calabria) and the Toe of Italy. As a result, the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, was requested to issue a directive covering non-operational salvage. A draft has been prepared which delegates the responsibility for non-operational salvage to the Ministry of Marine. As this work is normally carried out under the Italian Ministry of Public Works, the question is raised as to whether the Italian Ministry of Marine is competent to assume this responsibility. The whole matter is under review and it is expected that a directive will be issued in the immediate future.

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8. Approval has been obtained for the establishment of a procedure under which more favourable publicity can be obtained for the Italian Navy. Details are being worked out with the Public Relations B ranch, Allied Control Commission.



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In addition a project is unier consideration for making short films descriptive of Italian Navy operations in conjunction with Allied Forces. Italian Naval authorities have recently placed considerable stress on the fact that the Italian Navy was not required to lower the Italian Flag when the fleet surrendered. Under the original draft of the instrument of surrender, the Italian land, sea and air force surrendered unconditionally. Subsequently the instrument was modified and the word "unconditionally" removed from close proximity to the article relating to the surrender and placed in the preamble of the Agreement as a condition precedent to the signing of this modification by the United Nations. The Cunningham Agreement was modified to provide for the right of the United Nations to make any dispositions of Italian vessels as they might see fit. Late in July, an article on the activities of the Italian Navy was submitted for censorship prior to publication in the "Politica Esteria". In addition to inferring that Italian Officers take precedence according to seniority in the chain of command in the field of operations with Allied navies, which is incorrect, the last sentence of the article read as follows: "The Italian Navy touching the parts of the United Nations, show eloquent testimony of the respect due to the flag which she has never hauled down". While the Italian Navy was permitted by the Cunningham Agreement to continue to fly the Italian Flag, the surrender was unconditional. The attention of Press Censorship authorities was invited to this fact. Subsequently the Minister of Marine granted an interview with press authorities in which a statement was made that the Italian Navy had never been asked to lower the Italian flag. This statement was published without being submitted for censorship, as required by instructions issued to the Ministry of Marine, that all statements for publication must be forwarded to the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy for approval by the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, and release by Allied Forces Headquarters, Field Press Censorship Office. A few days later a similar article and editorial were submitted for censorship and the references to the flag deleted. Objections were raised by the Italian Ministry of Marine, whereupon it was decided that the statement made in permissive sense was not objectionable. The incident is note-worthy for the reason that it evidences a continued effort on the part of Italian authorities to gain complete acceptance as an Allied Nation. For this reason an indication of the future policies to be adopted by the United Nations, with respect to Italy, is highly desirable.

9. The Ministry of Marine has requested authority to institute a courier service by train and ship between points in Italy and the Islands for the delivery of secret official correspondence. The proposal is under consideration by the Transportation Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

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NEAR HEAD-QUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION

SECRET

No. 160/44.

25 April 1944.

To: Civil Affairs Branch, R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.

Subject: Monthly report.

1. The Italian Fleet are doing fine work to further the war effort of the Allies. Some fifty warships and a large number of submarines are operating in a various number of ways, - as Escorts, Transports etc.. The Officers and men are keen to co-operate with the United Nations. Some 12,000 Officers and men are used for Anti-Aircraft and Coastal defence duties and furthers port operating units have been, and are being formed, which will release military dock operating companies.

2. The Dockyards in liberated Italy are considered to be the most important Allied Asset and it is essential that every-thing possible be done to increase output. The Authorities are certain that Dockyard workmen would be able to produce more if they were better fed and in some cases an adjustment of pay is necessary. It is felt that those workmen classed as "militarised" in the Naval Dockyards should have their wages increased by the Italian Government to the scale of wages authorised by the Allied Authorities. These two problems are at present under discussion.

3. There is a great shortage of transport, and tyres are urgently needed for those Italian vehicles already in use. Tyres and inner tubes for bicycles would ease the traffic problem for Dockyard workers in Taranto, where many have been dispossessed of homes to make room for the Army and have had to go to the country. These problems are causing concern and greatly affect out-put and urgent appeals have been made for supplies.

4. The clothing and footwear situation in the Italian Navy is rapidly deteriorating and it is hoped that due consideration will be given to allocating to the Navy a proportion of the boots and clothing set aside for the Italian Armed Forces. Overall suits are also required for Dockyard workers.

5. It will be appreciated that the efforts of the Italian Navy have enabled the United Nations to transfer a considerable

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

Serial No. 25

12 June 1944.

To: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Subject: Activities for period 6 June to 12 June 1944.

1. The following matters are outstanding:

(a) The Minister has submitted a detailed accounting procedure for material and services rendered by the IRN to Allied Forces obviously designed to pave the way for eventual payment or credit for these items. Matter was referred to the ACC and reply received on 10 June 1944 stating that no specific provisions are made in the Armistice terms for such payments and that the question of eventual payment or compensation can only be decided on a high policy level as part of the general financial settlement.

Under Article 19 of Armistice terms, Italian Government is required to make available to United Nations "facilities and equipment - - - and all such stocks as may be required - - - with personnel required for working them".

Propose brief reply to Minister as indicated in draft attached.

(b) As a result of the correspondence relating to the requisitioning of San Vito Beach, the Minister has proposed a procedure to be adopted for requisitioning areas and works under jurisdiction of the IRN.

Representatives of the QM. Dept. 52nd Area, consider that the requisitioning of all property in this area belonging to the Italian Government is under the cognizance of that office.

Propose to submit proposal by Minister to 52nd Area HQ. for comment and request information as to the procedure and authority under which property is requisitioned.

(c) A request was received from D.S.T.O., Italy, on 11 June 1944 for a determination of the status of 18 Italian schooners operated by the R.A.S.C., either as prizes

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Subject: Activities for period 6 June to 12 June 1944.

of war or otherwise. Under study.

(d) F.O.W.I.T. on 24 May proposed to the C.A.C. A.A.I. that a small Italian Auxiliary Corps of workmen attached to IRM not to exceed 600 in first instance be formed.

A.A.I. on 7 June replied that considerable care should be taken in the formation of such a unit which should not be composed of casual labor, but that if plans were carefully worked out and submitted to Local Resources Board before 19 June, the proposal would undoubtedly be accepted.

(e) CinC MED by despatch on 11 June advised that proposed Italian mission to Rome is approved.

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

(a) All outstanding correspondence on Italian deserters to Jugo-slav forces has been replied to.

(b) Minister has been requested to comment on proposed Italian Central Purchasing Agency.

(c) Army Sub-Commission advised that all available shipwrights in Italian Navy are required for dockyard work.

(d) Request by Italian Director, Naval Arms and Armaments, Taranto, that Fiat shops at Bari or a portion thereof be de-requisitioned for use by Italian Navy, forwarded to 15th U. S. Army Air Force for comment.

(e) Routine correspondence answered.

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H. St.J. BUTLER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
for Deputy Chief Naval Sub-Commissioner, ACC.

# STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

Page No.

Subject: Accounting Procedure.

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Propose to Minister of Marine.

1. In reply to your letter, reference 216/FO of 2.4.44 the accounting procedure for general services rendered by the IRN to Anglo-American Forces is a matter of internal administration and responsibility of the Italian Navy. The provision which affect dealings with Allied representatives are not approved, as it is not desired to make radical changes in the current practices.

2. The services rendered by the Italian Navy are in accordance with Article 19 of the Armistice terms. It should be clearly understood that no financial obligation whatsoever is accepted at the present time for these services and they cannot be debited to the Allied Government as stated in Article 1 of the accounting procedure.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

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SECRET

5 June 1944.

To: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for period 24 May 1944 to 5 June 1944.

1. The following matters are outstanding:

(a) Request by Minister that Italian mission headed by Admiral Biancheri, comprising 240 officers and men proceed to Rome. Matter referred to FOTALI, FOWIT and Chief Commissioner by Commodore Palmer, who went to Naples on June 3, 1944 to discuss with Admiral Morse.

(b) Personal request by Minister referred to Chief Commissioner.

(c) Establishment of Central Purchasing Board by Italian Government to contract for the purchase of foodstuffs in bulk in lieu of present practice, which is to make individual purchases locally. Draft letter prepared to Minister of Marine to obtain his reactions to plan.

(d) Uniform statement of policy required for handling Italian deserters to Jugo-Slav forces. Recommend that when cases are reported that effort be made to locate man and if he is under Allied jurisdiction that he be returned to Italian Navy, but that if under Jugo-Slav jurisdiction, no further action be taken pending statement of policy by ACC

Action on letter, Minister of Marine, No 334 of 18 May and the Italian CinC, Ionian and Lower Adriatic letter No 2070/C.C of 13 May is outstanding. Recommend that copies of these letters be referred to the Chief Commissioner, ACC and that in addition effort be made to locate men. If found, action to be taken in accordance with policy stated above.

(e) Policy for control of Italian Lighthouses. Minister of Marine was advised by FOLI on 2 January 1944, that unlike the Italian Navy

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5 June 1944.

Subject: Activities for period 24 May 1944 to 5 June 1944.

the British Navy is not responsible for lighthouse maintenance. Region I, ACC, has recommended that the Navy take over the supervision of lighthouses in Sicily. Matter of spares was referred to CinC., Mediterranean, by Commodore Palmer on 10 March 1944. As no reply has been received, Commodore Palmer has been requested to furnish copy of his letter of 10 March so that matter may be followed through. Question is whether FOLI desires to cancel letter of 2 January to Minister of Marine and assume responsibility for Italian lighthouses. Recommend that Minister of Marine be advised that operation and maintenance is an Italian responsibility but that all matters arising which require coordination with Allied authorities should be referred to FOLI.

(f) Regional Public Safety officer, ACC, Sicily, advised that efforts made locally to secure restoration of Guardia di Finanza Barracks at Catania were unavailing and requested that matter be approached on a higher level. NOIC, Catania on 29 May advised that there is no possibility at present of returning any portion of Navy House to the Guardia. Question is whether any further investigation should be made before replying to Public Safety Commission, ACC.

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

(a) Commodore Palmer and Commodore Ziroli attended ACC Conference in Naples on May 30 and 31. Reports from the Heads of Sub-Commissions and Regions definitely indicate that organisation is functioning efficiently. Commodore Palmer addressed the meeting on the subject of the services rendered by the Taranto Dockyards to the Allied war effort.

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(b) Draft letter prepared to Minister of Marine outlining the current censorship instructions.

(c) Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC requested to furnish information on steel manufacturing plants in occupied Italy.

(d) Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC has been requested to furnish information on facilities for the repair of shoes.

(e) Chief Commissioner, ACC furnished with information for conference with Italian Government on rehabilitation of Italian shipbuilding facilities.

(f) Commanding General, No. 2 District, requested to investigate shooting of Italian at Giovinazzo Railway Station.

(g) Italian proposal for accounting for services rendered by Italian Navy forwarded to Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC.

(h) Naval Representative, Salerno, requested to determine present status of restrictions on use of S. Domino Prison Camp at TREMITI Island by Italians.

(i) Legal Sub-Commission, ACC advised that it is clear that Italian Motor Schooner, "Gil Paedo" should not be returned. Owner should be allowed to receive payment as requisition if he applies through regular channels. Minister of Marine will be notified.

(j) The 12 volunteer Italian merchant seamen who were returned to Italy from the United States for refusing to sign shipping papers are expected to arrive at Bari on SS A. P. HILL about 5 June. Arrangements have been made to have them met.

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(k) The Headquarter ACC officer of Secretary General was advised that no administrative instructions have been issued by the Italian Navy to implement Document A of the Terms of Restoration of Italian Territory on the subject of the right of the United Nations to use Italian facilities and to quarter troops.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Navy House, Taranto, Italy

Serial No. 25 — 12 June 1944.

SECRET

To: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Subject: Activities for period 6 June to 12 June 1944.

1. The following matters are outstanding:

(a) The Minister has submitted a detailed accounting procedure for material and services rendered by the IRN to Allied forces obviously designed to pave the way for eventual payment or credit for these items. Matter was referred to the ACC and reply received on 10 June 1944 stating that no specific provisions are made in the Armistice terms for such payments and that the question of eventual payment or compensation can only be decided on a high policy level as part of the general financial settlement.

Under Article 19 of Armistice terms, Italian Government is required to make available to United Nations "facilities and equipment - - - and all such stocks as may be required - - - with personnel required for working them".

propose brief reply to Minister as indicated in draft attached.

(b) As a result of the correspondence relating to the requisitioning of San Vito Beach, the Minister has proposed a procedure to be adopted for requisitioning areas and works under jurisdiction of the IRN.

Representatives of the G.H. Dept. 52nd Area, consider that the requisitioning of all property in this area belonging to the Italian Government is under the cognisance of that office.

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propose to submit proposal by Minister to 52nd Area HQ. for consent and request information as to the procedure and authority under which property is requisitioned.

(c) A request was received from P.W.E.C., Italy, on 11 June 1944 for a determination of the status of 13 Italian schooners operated by the R.A.F.O., either as prizes

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of war or otherwise. Under study.

(d) F.O.W.I.T. on 24 May proposed to the C.A.C. A.A.I. that a small Italian Auxiliary Corps of workmen attached to IRM not to exceed 500 in first instance be formed.

A.A.I. on 7 June replied that considerable care should be taken in the formation of such a unit which should not be composed of casual labor, but that if plans were carefully worked out and submitted to Local Resources Board before 19 June, the proposal would undoubtedly be accepted.

(e) CinC MED by despatch on 11 June advised that proposed Italian mission to Rome is approved.

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

(a) All outstanding correspondence on Italian deserters to Yugo-Slav forces has been replied to.

(b) Minister has been requested to consent on proposed Italian Central Purchasing Agency.

(c) Army Sub-Commission advised that all available shipwrights in Italian Navy are required for dockyard work.

(d) Request by Italian Director, Naval Arms and Armaments, Taranto, that Fiat shops at Bari or a portion thereof be de-requisitioned for use by Italian Navy, forwarded to 15th U. S. Army Air Force for consent.

(e) Routine correspondence answered.

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H. St.J. BUTLER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
for Deputy Chief Naval Sub-Commissioner, ACC.

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Subject: Accounting Procedure.

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Propose to Minister of Marine.

1. In reply to your letter, reference 216/FO of 2.4.44 the accounting procedure for general services rendered by the IRN to Anglo-American Forces is a matter of internal administration and responsibility of the Italian Navy. The provision which affect dealings with Allied representatives are not approved, as it is not desired to make radical changes in the current practices.

2. The services rendered by the Italian Navy are in accordance with Article 19 of the Armistice terms. It should be clearly understood that no financial obligation whatsoever is accepted at the present time for these services and they cannot be debited to the Allied Government as stated in Article 1 of the accounting procedure.

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Navy House, Taranto, Italy

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Serial: (OCW)

23 May 1944.

SECRET

To : Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for period 9 May - 23 May 1944.

1. The following matters are outstanding:

(a) Data on Italian Navy for U.S.S.R.

(b) Censorship Italian press news by Field Press Censorship, Naples instead of Allied Control Commission.

(c) Date for monthly conference A.C.C. May 30, 31 and June 1. Commodore Palmer has requested that Commodore Superintendent of the Dockyard furnish information made by Italian facilities and Dockyards in Taranto area as return for food and supplies furnished by Allies.

(d) Report to A.C.C. for conference with Marshal Badoglio. Draft has been prepared.

(e) Return of 12 Italian volunteer merchant seamen from U. S. to Italy for refusal to sign shipping agreement. Draft letter to Minister of Marine prepared.

(f) Liquidation Independent Port Authority Naples. Draft letter to Minister of Marine prepared.

(g) Advise Minister of Marine that F.C.T.A.L.I. is the only authority with whom he should communicate and that correspondence relating to matters pertaining to the Naval Sub-Commission should not be addressed to the Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C. as indicated in letter to Minister of Marine of 28 April 1944. Draft prepared.

(h) Request for release of Naval Officer P.O.W.'s held in concentration camp in Syracuse. Under study. 843

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

(a) F.C.T.A.L.I. requested to investigate subversive activities in the Italian Navy.

Commodore Palmer, D.S.C.

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Subject: Activities for period 9 - 23 May, 1944.

(b) Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the F.W.B. Bari Outpost to use an Italian Morse Radio Interceptor Unit at Bari.

(c) Question of status of Italian Motor Schooner "CRL PIERO" referred to Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

(d) N.M.O. Catania requested to furnish information on possibility of returning barracks of Guardia di Finanza to Italian Control.

(e) Naval Representative, A.C.C., Salerno advised that General Carlo Mattaini has relieved Admiral Barone and that instructions have been issued relative to signing of checks for CO.M.MA.

(f) Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, A.C.C. requested to endeavor to transfer 4 Yugoslav Arms to Middle East.

(g) C.C. No. 2 District requested to determine present whereabouts and status of 7 Italian Navy ratings reported to have been at Slav Refugee Camp, Lecce.

(h) Release of 1/2 quintali of leather obtained from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, A.C.C. for Italian Navy.

H. W. KINNEY,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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Serial: (0060)

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9 May, 1944.

To: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for week ending 8 May, 1944.

1. Commodore Ziroli visited Naples and Salerno on 5 May to confer with Commodore Palmer relative to the status of outstanding matters brought before the Naval Representative and also to arrange for the method of handling the work between Taranto and Salerno. It was decided that either Commander Butler, U.S.N.R. or Lieutenant Wotherspoon, U.S.N.R., will alternate in dividing their time between Taranto and Salerno consistent with the volume of matters to clear up which cannot be dealt with by correspondence or telephone. Commodore Palmer requested that Commander Butler remain in Salerno to assist him while Lieutenant Davies, R.N.V.R., was on the sick list.

2. It was brought to my attention that several matters required final action. This office has reviewed all correspondence and taken action.

3. Commodore Ziroli, by order of the Chief of Naval Sub-Commission conferred with General Mac Farlane, Chief Commissioner of A.C.C. relative to -

(a) Action on increase of food rations for Taranto dockyard workers.
(b) The case of Admiral Barone, the Director General of the Italian Merchant Marine.
(c) Transportation for Italian Navy.

4. During the past week the volume of matters referred to this office has increased. They are listed herewith with a view of presenting a general idea of the wide scope of subjects which have to be handled:

(a) Increase of food rations for Taranto Dockyard.
(b) Control of movement of Italian Naval Personnel in Italy.
(c) Request for repatriation of P.O.W. Colonel Pinna.
(d) Repatriation of sick and wounded to Bari.
(e) Discharge of cargo in port of Crotone.

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(f) Release of stores to Italian Royal Navy.
(g) Request for return of Barracks.
(h) Request for leather.
(i) Medicinal requirements of Italian Navy.

5. It has been noted that requests for material for the Italian Navy have been received from various sources. It is recommended that this office become the central agency for all such requests in order to centralize these demands from a central agency of the Italian Navy.

6. Commodore Ziroli was informed that it is the intention of the A.C.C. to have each military sub-commission obtain material for their respective services from the corresponding Allied service. This is not in accordance with the present directive which states that all material must be obtained from the M.M.I.A. (Army sub-commission). It is requested that Commodore Ziroli be authorized to confer with the Army Sub-Commission to determine what instructions in this regard exist.

H.W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S.Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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2 May, 1944.

To : Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for week ending 1 May, 1944.

1. Commander in Chief, Mediterranean and Chief Commissioner, A.C.C. approved recommendations as to membership Naval Sub-Commission. An order was issued by the A.C.C. on 24 April, 1944 confirming the appointments of the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Commission. The Italian Minister of Marine was advised that the Commission had been transferred to Taranto and informed as to the composition of the Commission.

2. Commodore Miroli was informed by ComNavNAW that orders would be issued for Lieut. Wotherspoon to report to the Senior U.S. Naval Officer, Italy for duty in connection with A.C.C. work. This officer will be available for duties with the Naval Sub-Commission but will not be a member. It is recommended that Paymaster Lieut. Harvey, R.N. be assigned ex officio as an assistant to the Sub-Commission.

3. Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet at the request of the Commander 7th Submarine Squadron (U.S.) Bermuda directed that the subject of pay advances to the Italian Naval personnel attached to submarines operating in that area be reviewed. The matter was referred to the Minister and a reply forwarded through ComNavNAW that the rates established by the Minister on 11 March 1944 are to be adhered to at least until they are actually demonstrated to be inadequate. Although this matter was not referred to the A.C.C. as it pertains to operations, it is submitted for record in the event it is referred to in the future when an accounting for the funds advanced is made by the A.C.C.

4. The following routine matters were handled:

(a) War Material, Sub-Commission, A.C.C. concurred in transfer of a German DETE Radar set to the U.K. (Approval for transfers of Italian war material will not be requested in the future.)

(b) Request by PWB, Bari Outpost that an Italian High-Speed Morse Radio Interception Unit be requisitioned was forwarded to the Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C. for investigation after the Chief Press Officer of the Italian Navy advised that the Navy does not require the unit but merely operates it for the Ministry of Interior.

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(c) A follow up letter has been received from A.F.H.Q. requesting that Ciro PROVENZANO, Italian Prisoner of War be apprehended. F.O.T.A.L.I. on 29 January 1944 referred the matter to the Minister who directed MARINA - Taranto to turn the man over to British authorities at Taranto. No action has been taken to date. A letter was prepared to the Minister but has been held in abeyance pending a decision as to whether this is a matter which properly should be handled by the Naval Sub-Commission.

(d) A garbled signal from Commodore Palmer apparently referring to Italian deserters to Yugoslav Forces advising that a reply was sent by mail on 25 April 1944 has been received. Signal is being confirmed.

(e) A letter has been prepared to Labour Sub-Commission, A.C.C. requesting advice as to whether letter by Commission dated 28 March 1944 on issue of rations for heavy workers had been made effective as modified by the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board and whether instructions have been issued for the distribution of the increased rations.

5. It is planned to obtain information from AFHQ Military Government Section a complete list showing the names of all U.S. Naval or Coast Guard officers assigned to the AMG/ACC and their duties. It is recommended that a similar list of British Naval officers be obtained.

6. It is noted that despatch and mail traffic between Salerno and Taranto is very slow. An endeavor will be made to expedite.

7. Commodore Ziroli plans to visit Salerno on Friday, May 5, 1944 to confer with Commodore Palmer.

R. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

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SECRET

25 April, 1944.

To : Chief, Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for week ending 24 April, 1944.

Done 1. The Allied Control Commission was advised on 18 April, 1944 that F.O.T.A.L.I. would assume duties as Chief, Naval Sub Commission, A.C.C. on 19 April, 1944. No order from A.C.C. establishing the Commission at Taranto and advising activities concerned has been received to date. Likewise approval

Done of the code word CONSCOM as a short title for the Naval Sub Commission has not been received.

2. Plans are being made for the operation of the Sub Commission. Space has been requested in Room 18, 3rd floor, Navy House. A separate office is essential in order to consolidate the work of the Commission.

Appd. 3. CinCMed has been requested to take steps to release Captain Crowther, R.N., Commander Bonney and Captain Hilbert from their appointments with the Sub Commission as these officers are not available for A.C.C. work. ComNavNAW has been requested to assign two U. S. Naval officers to the Staff of the S.U.S.N.C.I. for routine duties in connection with the Commission.

4. Routine letters have been forwarded to Allied Force organizations to obtain reports which will be useful in the work of the Commission.

? 5. The Regional Control and Military Government Section, A.C.C. and AFHQ were requested to issue clothing permits to ex-Italian POW's who were issued articles of clothing while at prison camps.

Done Reply 6. The Naval Representative, Salerno was requested to expedite action on F.O.T.A.L.I.'s secret letter No. 1027/58 of 17 March 1944 relative to Italian Naval Deserters to Yugoslav Forces. Action on this matter has been outstanding since 3 January 1944. The Italian Ministry of Marine requested a reply on 16 April 1944. Naval Sub Commission, A.C.C. in letter of 5 March took position that A.C.C. did not have cognizance. F.O.T.A.L.I. letter of 17 March 1944 in reply asked for a decision or policy either by A.C.C. or higher authority. Commodore Palmer discussed the problem with [illegible] General MacFarlane who instructed him to await outcome of a proposal by [illegible] that Italians be permitted to volunteer freely for service with Yugoslav forces.

7. Other matters of a routine nature such as the removal of a German DETE Radar set from an Italian vessel for research purposes in the U.K. and a request by the Psychological Warfare Branch, Bari for an Italian high speed Radio Interception Unit are being handled.

8. It is my intention to attend the next meeting of the A.C.C. at Naples which will be held early in May.

H. W. HINCKLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub Commission, ACC.

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SHAEF HQ. A.C.C.

Ref/497/64/CA 10 June 1944

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : R.C.'s Regions I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII and IX.
S.C.A.O's 5 & 6 Armies.

1. Reference is made to letter 497/44/CA of 25 April 1944.

2. As agreed at the Regional Commissioners' Conference held on 31 May 1944, see minutes page 4 item 5(b), a paragraph on the general Finance situation in the region should in future be included in your report.

3. Accordingly para 2 of the above quoted letter is amended to include sub-para "(n) Finance."

for M.S. LUSH
Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

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Ref/497/74/CA.

8 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : Economic Section.
Administrative Section.
Political Section.
P.R.O.
Army Sub-Commission.
Navy Sub-Commission.
Air Sub-Commission.
Communications Sub-Commission.
War Material Disposal Sub-Comm.

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Cdr Butler
Lt Commander
Lt Harvey.

1. The Acting Chief Commissioner directs that in future the monthly report will appear in two forms :

(a) the normal condensed report having a wide internal and external distribution;

(b) reports in detail by Sub-Commissions as Appendices to (a) for distribution only to AFHQ (35 copies) who in turn distribute to London/Washington.

2. The detailed reports (para.1 (b) above) must be presented in a uniform manner. The lay out of the A.C.C. Monthly Report has met with approval and this therefore is suggested as an example to follow. 35 copies will be mimeographed by the Sub-Commissions and sent to R.C. & M.C. Section for coordination and distribution.

3. An aspect of the present report (para.1 (a) above) is that it has been the practice of the Economic Section to send detailed reports of their Sub-Commissions to R.C. & M.C. Section for condensation into suitable length. It is felt that this is unsatisfactory to Sub-Commissions and it is therefore suggested that commencing with the month of July they condense their reports into about 500 words before submitting to R.C. & M.C. Section. These will then be incorporated into one report and mimeographed by R.C. & M.C. Section.

4. It is requested that reports, both full length and abridged, are submitted to R.C. & M.C. Section by 15th of each month.

M.S. Lush

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Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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Captain Blackburn.

Monthly report for ACC - Should contain - (1) operational
(2) Administrative
(3) ACC dealings
all sections to put in reports as
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Report to be in ACC. Brief book by
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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
INFORMATION DIVISION

2113/INFO
19 September 1944

SUBJECT : Monthly Reports.

TO : Chief Clerk - INDUSTRY Sub-Commission
COMMERCE Sub-Commission
DISPLACED PERSONS Sub-Commission
ITALIAN REFUGEE BRANCH
MONUMENTS & FINE ARTS Sub-Commission
MINING DIVISION
NAVAL Sub-Commission
PATRIOTS BRANCH
AIR FORCES Sub-Commission
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICE
PUBLIC SAFETY Sub-Commission
PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES Sub-Commission
TRANSPORTATION Sub-Commission
WAR MATERIAL DISPOSAL

1. May one copy of each of your past Monthly Reports (as far back as available ) please be forwarded to Major JOHN V. HINKEL of this Division, third floor, Room 11, if possible this afternoon.

2. It would be appreciated if in the future you would send us one more copy of your Monthly Reports.

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HANS P. BUSCH, S/Sgt.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Office of the Chief of Staff.

Ref/825/128/COS. 4 Jan 45

SUBJECT : Abridged Monthly Report.

TO : Distribution below.

1. An abridged version of all Regions' and Sub Commissions' Monthly Reports is sent to LONDON and WASHINGTON every month. Information for this has been obtained up till now from Part I of the Regional Reports and an abridged version of Sub-Commissions' full Monthly Report. But the compilation of this abridged report has become extremely difficult due to the manner in which Regions and Sub-Commissions present these portions of their report.

2. In future Regions will submit Part I and Sub-Commissions their abridged version set out in paragraphs exactly as they appear finally in the complete report. (See Monthly Abridged Report for October forwarded under 825/COS )

3. Regions.

a) Regions will as suggested in letter No. 497/79/CA of 2 September, divide their Monthly Reports into Parts I and II.

b) Part II will be the normal full length Monthly Report, exactly as previously submitted.

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It will comprise a well-balanced ten to twenty paragraphs containing the outstanding events of the month, written as a concise individual report and not as a summary of the detailed Monthly Report. It can therefore be compiled from facts collected throughout the month without reference to the detailed Monthly Report.

5. All Parts I and abridged versions will be submitted not later than the 15th of every month.

Brigadier,
Chief of Staff.

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REMARKS:

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Ref: 825/155/EC. 10th March 1945.

SUBJECT: AC Monthly Report.

To : Distribution Below.

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For the Chief Commissioner.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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Ref: 825/249/AC 24 November 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports

TO : Distribution Below

1. It is realised that owing to a general shortage of officers and clerical staff it is difficult to carry out normal routine duties as promptly as could be wished. With respect to monthly reports however it is essential that delay should be avoided.

2. Monthly reports from all regions and Sub-Commissions should be received in the Executive Commissioner's Office by the 15th of the month. For the past two months they have very rarely appeared until the 20th, and some reports are not received until as late as the 27th of the month. This hinders the production of the Allied Commission monthly report, which although it is solely a record of progress achieved during the past month, must reach AFHQ, the Combined Chiefs of Staff and the respective War Departments as soon as possible.

3. Will you please ensure prompt arrival of monthly reports.

T. Hinde Cleary Lt Colonel
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Executive Commissioner

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List of Appendices:

Appendix "A" -- List of Italian Flag Officer Changes.

1 PERSONNEL.

Captain George F. Mentz, U.S.N., Chief Staff Officer for the Navy Sub-Commission, was retired on 2 November and has left the Allied Commission.

Lieutenant Commander E.C. Davies, R.N.V.R., Personnel Officer of the Navy Sub-Commission, has returned to the United Kingdom for discharge.

Lieutenant Commander P.T. Simpson-Jones, R.N.V.R., relieves Lieutenant Commander E.C. Davies as Personnel Officer.

The report showing the strength of the Italian Navy on 31st October as follows: 43,555 ratings and 2,253 officers shows a reduction of 3,251 ratings and 9 officers under the September figures and of 7,347 ratings and 732 officers under the number six months ago. There are still 6,783 ratings and 736 officers serving who are to be retired but are temporarily retained owing to unemployment difficulties upon discharge. The overall figure would have been much lower were it not for the fact that a new class of conscripts were called up in September. Actually the October 31st figure is almost the same as that of August 31st.

At the beginning of November a number of important changes were made among the flag officers of the Italian Navy. A full list of these changes is attached as Appendix "A".

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Commodore Ziroli, Deputy Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission made an inspection trip of ports in Sicily including Messina, Catania and Palermo to determine the status of those ports insofar as clearance of harbor and reconstruction of port facilities were concerned. It was noted that satisfactory progress is being made by the Italians.

The United States Navy has derequisitioned all buildings in the Palermo and Naples areas.

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AWARDS.

While at Gela, Sicily Commodore Airoldi presented Mr Fulvio LICHOI, local fisherman, with the United States Medal of Freedom for his aid in saving the lives of Allied airmen.

The Ministry of Marine was informed of the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Romolo A. La Rosa of the Italian Navy. Formal presentation will take place shortly.

(U) Miscellaneous.

Bad weather during the period held up operations in three of the areas where the Leghorn M/S Group are working. Sweepers from the Spezia area have temporarily suspended clearance there and are concentrating on widening the approach route to Leghorn.

Italian minesweepers from Venice have been engaged in clearing an area inshore off Porto Levante. This operation is being carried out to enable craft that have been built on the Adella estuary to reach the sea. Other Italian M/S groups have continued routine clearance operations. The sweepers completed their check sweep at the Northern entrance to the Strait of Messina and proceeded to Empedi and Palermo to begin operations off Western Sicily.

Bad weather continued to interfere with operations, but the groups in Leghorn and Venice cut 13 mines and obstructors between them during seven days ending November 23.

A meeting of the Senior Officers of all Italian M/S Groups was held on 23 November 1943. The M/S Liaison Officer reports that this conference cleared up many points and should serve to expedite clearance operations in the various areas.

Mines cut during the week to December 4 were as follows:-

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| Leghorn Area: | 23 type UK |
| Venice Area | 10 type UK, 2 unidentified and 1 obstructor. |

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(U) SALVAGE.

At the beginning of the month a letter was received from the Ministry of Marine requesting permission for the salvage of a wreck of a British Minesweeper sunk in the entrance to the small harbor of Stampalia. On 5th November, the matter was referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean for a decision which is awaited.

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2. A request was received from three Salvage Companies "Ruggero e Marca", "Marisilva" and "Societa Mediterranea Ricuperi Marittimi", through the Ministry of Marine, with a view to salvaging ships in the Red Sea and particularly in Massawa, Assab and the Dalak islands. This request was forwarded to the Flag Officer Liaison Italy for necessary action who, it is understood, has referred the matter to the Admiralty for a decision.

3. Permission was granted to the Ministry of Marine to salvage the German landing craft No. 233 sunk in La Spezia harbor.

4. Permission was also granted for the salvage at La Spezia of an unknown submarine. Additional instructions will be issued as soon as the nationality is ascertained.

5. Permission was granted to the Ministry of Marine for disposition of two small United States Dukw type craft salvaged at Anzio.

IV RESTITUTION OF SHIPS.

Information on the whereabouts of 12 small craft was forwarded to the Jugoslav Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy on 26 November 1945.

Information on 32 additional craft was forwarded to the Jugoslav representative on 28 November.

Orders for the restitution to the Jugoslav Government of ships were issued as follows:

1) The Motor Boat 32 at Bari.
2) The M.F.V. Nanfo (ex Vila) at Venice.
3) The Rudinir (ex Nuovo Gallo) at Rimini.
4) The Tug Zara (ex Bojana) at Venice.
5) The dredger No.4 (ex Juno) at Ancona.

The training ship Jadran (ex Mareo Polo) was turned over to the Jugoslavian authorities and was towed from Venice to a Jugoslavian port.

V CLEARANCE OF PORT OF LEGHORN.

A conference was held by the Navy Sub-Commission presided over by Commodore Ziroli with representatives from the Ministry of Marine, Engineering Section of Allied Force Headquarters and the Italian Ministry of Public Works. Problems regarding the immediate clearance of the harbor of Leghorn were discussed. A satisfactory program was laid out and a complete coordination of effort was achieved.

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SUPPLY.

Italian Naval POW/SNF who were detained in a camp commanded by Lieut. Marano, Bolzano - Sub-Command U.S.A., surrendered any money held by them to the camp authorities in accordance with A.F.H.Q. instructions and were informed that the sums deposited would be restituted to them in due course when released. In November 1945, while all the Italian POW/SNF in that camp had been released, they did not have their money refunded to them pending instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff through Allied Force Headquarters. The Ministry of Marine have brought the matter up again during the month, in view of the serious financial difficulties in which some of the men now find themselves. The matter has been referred to the competent authorities for favourable consideration and it is hoped that a satisfactory reply will be received.

2. In connection with the yearly estimate of Italian naval requirements of Dropsea and "LL/SA" Minesweeping stores for inclusion in the National Import Programme, referred to in paragraph 1 of the Navy Sub-Commission's report for April and sub Paragraph V. of the monthly report for July 1946, respectively, the Ministry of Marine have requested that an estimate of the cost of these stores be furnished them for scrutiny by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Treasury. The Ministry of Marine have accordingly been informed of the estimated cost of the Dropsea Minesweeping stores and it is expected that the "LL/SA" estimate will be completed and forwarded to the Ministry of Marine shortly.

3. With reference to paragraph 1 of the October report, the Ministry of Marine have completed arrangements for the temporary provision of limited funds in Egyptian currency required by the Italian battleships in the Bitter Lakes, and have accordingly supplied the battleships with the necessary funds due at the end of the month. The question as to which Government, British or Italian, are to assume liability for payment is still under discussion, however, as a result of the Ministry of Marine's further representation of the Italian Government's extreme shortage of Egyptian currency. The matter has now been raised to Government level, and pending a solution to the problem it is expected that the Ministry of Marine will continue to provide the funds required.

4. During the month various problems arising from the supply of victualling stores by the Royal Navy to Italian ships in Mediterranean ports, were dealt with.

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ATTACHED TO ENCLOSURE OF TELEGRAM NAVY PLACE OPERATIONS.

Senior Rear-Admiral Amedeo NASOLI DI ROLONE, Flag Officer Commanding the Independent Naval Command of the Upper Adriatic, relieved by Senior Rear-Admiral Massimiliano VERRINA.

Senior Rear-Admiral Emilio FERRARI - From Commanding Officer Cruiser Group to Secretary General of the Navy.

Vice-Admiral Pietro BARTOLI - From Secretary General of the Navy to Inspector of Naval Forces.

Vice-Admiral Alberto [illegible] - From Inspector of Naval Forces to "available for appointment".

Senior Rear-Admiral Carlo BALSAMO - From "available for appointment" to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples.

Vice-Admiral Angelo PARONI - From Commander-in-Chief Naval Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto, to "Available for appointment".

Vice-Admiral Ignazio CLIVA - From Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples, to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto.

Rear-Admiral Giuseppe LITARDO di MARIO - From Commanding Officer, Taranto Naval Base, to Admiral Superintendent of the La Spezia Naval Dockyard.

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NSC/5771
16 December 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for November 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of November 1946.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

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

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SALVAGE.

Reports continued to come in of unauthorized salvage operations on sunken American Ships in the port of Bari. The appropriate authorities were notified with the request that adequate steps be taken to prevent a continuation of such activities.

Information was received that the German pontoon which had foundered over the French barge "JENBACK" in Piombino harbor had been removed.

A small craft of presumed American nationality and military origin was salvaged in the harbor of Piombino.

The Italian Navy is again attempting to refloat the Gradisca which has been aground at Gavdo (S.W. Crete) since last winter.

Requests to survey marine wrecks in Tobruk and Benghasi were deferred pending an Admiralty decision on the general question of the clearance of both harbors.

A conference was held with the United States Maritime Committee Representative in the Mediterranean, in connection with the salvage of American merchant ships sunk in Mediterranean waters. It was established that the United States Maritime Committee Representative at Naples acting on instructions from the United States Maritime Committee, Washington, would deal with all matters appertaining to the sale and salvage of these vessels and that all requests for salvage or information regarding the purchase of such ships would be routed accordingly.

The United States Maritime Commission announced that bids for the sale for scrap of five American ships at Bari would be received.

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PERSONNEL REPORT FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER.

The total strength under command in the Italian Navy on 30th November was 46,613 as against 48,708 at the end of October. The number of conscripts called up actually shows an increase of 450 over the October figure.

The only important change in the Naval High Command is the retirement of Vice Admiral de Courten and the appointment as Chief of Naval Staff of Vice Admiral Raffaele MAUGERI. Vice Admiral MAUGERI was chief of Naval intelligence during the latter part of the war and conducted underground activities during the period between the Armistice in September 1943 and the liberation of Rome in June 1944.

Approval was received from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean for Capitains of ports to assume duties of Naval Control Service Officer at all ports in Italy.

Information was received that the French Naval Mission in Italy stationed at Genoa was withdrawn on 25th November 1946. The Naval Constructor Officer "Pinault" will remain for a time to deal with outstanding details.

PORT OF LEGHORN.

The Navy Sub-Commission was asked to assure the Ministry of Marine of the sincere appreciation of Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army for the cooperation shown by the Italian authorities in proceeding with the work at Leghorn and to say, in addition, that the Commanding General Peninsular Base Section would do everything in his power to assist those in charge of harbor clearance operations. The Peninsular Base Section, Leghorn has been authorized to provide the Italian authorities dealing with the clearance of the port of Leghorn with any equipment and supplies which may be needed and are available.

SUPPLY.

Steps have been taken during the month to effect the permanent transfer to the Italian Navy of Lend Lease Salvage Equipment turned over to the Italian Navy salvage organisation by the Royal Navy. The provisional consent of the United States Government was obtained to this retransfer, and the Ministry of Marine was advised to approach the United States Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Rome concerning terms of transfer. The United States Government's consent is subject to financial terms being agreed upon in advance of the permanent turn over.

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The Ministry of Marine reported an under-allocation of coal to the Italian Navy Minesweeping by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Coal Committee for the month of December. The importance of the minesweeping operations carried out by the Italian Navy, in ensuring the safe entry into Italian ports of cargo laden merchant ships was therefore pointed out to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce who were requested to make an additional allocation if possible. The Ministry of Marine have been informed accordingly and requested to report any difficulties in obtaining imported coal for minesweeping in future in order that the Economic Division may arrange for the supply of the necessary UNRRA imported coal.

The Ministry of Marine have been requested to forward a detailed estimate of the expenses contained in the Italian Navy budget for the year 1946-1947, showing how the figures laid down were arrived at, in order to justify the considerable increase in expenditure for some items, compared to the figures shown for similar items in the budget for the previous year.

Various problems arising from the supply of victualling stores by the Royal Navy to Italian Ships in Mediterranean ports, payment of port service charges for Allied men-of-war, and other routine matters have been dealt with during the month.

REQUISITIONED CRAFT.

Several requests for information regarding small craft requisitioned by Allied Authorities during the war, were received during the month from CO.GI.M. Those requests which did not include documentary evidence or copies of requisitioning forms were returned to CO.GI.M. who were informed that while each claim, or request, would be considered on its merits, no action would be taken on any claims based only on the unsupported assertions of the individuals involved.

RETURN OF SHIPS.



With reference to paragraph III of the report for the month of September 1946, the question of release of the French barge IDOLATRE (ex HOFNUCSPERG) to the French Government, is now under consideration by the Prize Court in London for financial settlement of the British Government's request for reinbursement in respect of the costs borne by the latter for the salvage and repair of the barge, and the French Government's request for compensation for the use of the vessel by the Italian Compagnie Maritime.

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A request for information as to the procedure to be adopted to secure the release to the French Government of the French barge JOYE now held by an Italian firm at Trieste has been received from the Chief of the French Mercantile Mission in Italy.

VII DEMILITARISATION OF PANTELLERIA AND LAMPEDUSA.

On 13th December, a representative from the Navy Sub-Commission accompanied the Demilitarisation Committee to Pantelleria to view the progress made in connection with the demilitarisation of the island, and subsequently prepared a report in conjunction with the Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMIA) representative for submission to the General Officer Commanding, Land Forces Sub-Commission, (MMIA).

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NSC/5870
15 January 1947

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for December 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of December 1946.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
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NSC/5685
22 November 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for October 1946.

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

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NAVY SUB-COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1946.

I. SUPPLY.

With reference to sub paragraph 3 of paragraph 1 of the Navy Sub-Commission's report for August, 1946, Admiralty's decision has now been received confirming previous instructions to the effect that the Italian Government should supply the necessary funds, in Egyptian currency, to cover the expenses of the Italian Battleships in the Bitter Lakes and Italian warships and auxiliaries visiting Egyptian ports and passing through the Suez Canal. The Ministry of Marine were therefore informed accordingly and requested to make appropriate arrangements. In the meantime payments due the Battleships at the end of September and October have been made from British sources, in exceptional circumstances, on Admiralty approval, pending arrangements by the Ministry of Marine which are expected to be completed by the end of November. In order to reduce the consumption of foreign exchange the battleships will be supplied to the fullest possible extent from Italy and ships in transit will be provisioned to capacity.

On 3rd October, 1946, Pantelleria was revisited by representatives of the Committee on demilitarization of the Island, including Lieutenant (S) H.A.V. Hall, R.N.V.R., from the Navy Sub-Commission. The process of demilitarizing the island is being carried out satisfactorily under the command of Captain S. Amato, Italian Navy, in spite of the very limited means at his disposal. A total of 1500 tons of warlike stores mostly composed of guns and ammunition have been removed to date. The party returned to Rome the same day accompanied by Captain Amato who, as a result of a visit to the Ministry of Marine, was successful in obtaining an allocation of more suitable ships to remove the material from the islands, and better transportation and equipment. It is hoped that the work will now be expedited.

A quantity of captured enemy material of naval origin, located in the Bologna area, has been turned over to the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian Navy, in accordance with the directives in force.

II. MINESWEEPING.

1. On the 28th October Italian minesweepers from Venice began to clear an area inshore off PORTO LIGNANO. This operation is being carried out to enable craft that have been built on the STELLA estuary to reach the sea. Other Italian M/S groups have continued routine clearance operations. The sweepers which have completed their check sweep at the Northern entrance to the Strait of Messina have proceeded to TRAPANI and PALERMO to begin operations off Western Sicily.

III. MERCHANT SHIPPING.

1. The Italian Navy has arranged for pilotage and tugs in the port of Leghorn to be available to conduct Merchant Shipping from that port to La Spezia through heavily mined areas. Several merchant ships have not made use of this service which is essential if mines are to be avoided. This situation has been brought to the attention of the Maritime Commission in order that Merchant Ship Masters may be more fully informed and casualities from inadvertently passing through mine fields avoided.

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The Commander in Chief, Mediterranean Station has approved the transfer of an italian tanker, now under construction at the Ansaldo Sestri Yards, to the Norwegian Government in exchange for two dry cargo vessels. The dry cargo vessels are not to be over 20 years of age, and must be from 7000 to 9000 tons deadweight.

IV. ITALIAN FLEET MOVEMENTS.

The Italian cruisers Abruzzi, Montecuccoli, Scipione Africano and Attilio Regolo have completed the lifting of Italian P.O.W. from Egypt.

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NSC/5655
16 November 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub Commission Monthly Report for September 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of September 1946.

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

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT
FOR SEPTEMBER, 1946.

I. SUPPLY:-

It has been the practice in the past for the Italian Navy Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn, to authorise the issue of small quantities of British coal, which were supplied to the Italian Navy for the exclusive use of the Minesweepers, to harbour craft operated by the United States Authorities in the area. It has been reported that approximately 50 tons of coal have been supplied to date. In view of the great economy at present being made in supplies of coal to the Italian Navy, and the fact that the Allied Authorities in question are in a position to obtain their requirements of coal from their own sources, the Ministry of Marine were accordingly instructed to the effect that no further issues of coal were to be made to the Allied units, except in an emergency when arrangements for repayment in kind had to be made.

2. In accordance with the policy that all property which is clearly identified as having been removed from a non-enemy nation to another country during hostilities is to be restored to that nation, the Ministry of Marine has been requested to restore to the Yugoslav authorities some ex-Yugoslav naval equipment at present held by the Italian Navy in No.41 Store of MARICOST at Taranto.

3. During the month various problems arising from the supply of victualling stores to Italian ships in the Levant were dealt with.

II. PERSONNEL:-

During September there was an important reshuffling in the high Command of the Italian Navy. The following new appointments were made among Flag Officers:

Vice-Admiral Bruto Brivonesi - From Secretary General of the Navy to Inspector of Naval Forces.
Vice-Admiral Alberto Da Zara - From Inspector of Naval Forces to "available for appointment".
Senior Rear Admiral Carlo Balsano - From "available for appointment" to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples.
Vice-Admiral Romeo Oliva - From Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Lower Tyrrhenian, Naples, to Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto.
Vice Admiral Angelo Parona - From Commander-in-Chief Department of the Ionian and Lower Adriatic, Taranto, to "available for appointment".
Rear-Admiral Giuseppe Lubrano di Negozio - From Commanding Officer Taranto Naval Base, to Admiral Superintenent of the La Spezia Naval Dockyard.

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Until recently all official business relating to the Italian Merchant Marine has been conducted between the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Commission, and the Italian Ministry of Marine. To this end the Ministry of Marine had appointed an English speaking officer as Liaison Officer with the Navy Sub Commission. Now that the Ministry of Mercantile Marine has been separated from the Ministry of Marine and in view of the large amount of business conducted between the Ministry of Mercantile Marine and the Navy Sub Commission it has been requested that an English speaking representative be appointed by the Ministry to act as Liaison Officer with the Navy Sub-Commission.

III. RELEASE OF THE FRENCH RIVER BOAT "IDOLATRE"

The French Government have requested that it be reimbursed for the use of the "IDOLATRE" during the period which it was placed at the disposal of the Compagnia Maritima for the purpose of carrying coal and wheat from Civitavecchia to Fiumicino. This request was forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station who has agreed that the Italian Government should pay a reasonable hiring charge for the vessel and has directed that the matter is one for settlement between the Allied Commission, the charterers and the French Navy Mission. The exact sum to be paid is now under discussion.

IV. FRENCH BARGES.

Negotiations have been underway to arrange for the towing of certain French river barges from the Venice area to Toulon. The immediate possibility of arranging for this operation has been complicated by the fact that there are no tugs available in the Venice area. It is feared that with the approach of winter weather the projected towing operation will have to be postponed until next spring. In addition the following minor repairs are required to make the tugs seaworthy:

a. Test all hatches for watertightness.
b. Replace damaged ports.
c. Plug numerous bullet holes cause by machine gunning.

V. MINESWEEPING.

Confirmed progress has been reported by all Minesweeping groups. The Gulf of Taranto is completely clear.

VI. ITALIAN FLEET MOVEMENTS.

1. The cruiser Abruzzi, the transport Miraglia and the Sestiere continue to repatriate Italian prisoners of war.

2. The destroyer Carabiniere arrived in Port Said on the 5th with personnel and stores for the Battleships in the Bitter Lakes.

3. The Italian Fleet Auxiliary Monte Grappa bound from Alexandria to Malta ran aground on SKHISTO Island (Crete) on the 5th. She was refloated by the British trawler ROWENA and towed to Suda Bay.

ROME. 16th October, 1946.

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Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

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20th September, 1946.

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

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1946.

I SUPPLY

1. While the Ministry of Marine was informed in April, 1946, that no further supplies of British coal to the Italian Navy would be made from Admiralty sources, nevertheless, a request was received for a further issue of British coal from Naval Stocks when the 50,000 ton initial stock supplied to the Italian Navy by the Royal Navy for the exclusive use of the M/S Trawlers during March/April, 1946 had been reduced to 800 tons. The Ministry of Marine were again advised therefore, to obtain the Italian Navy's M/S Trawler coal requirements from the Italian Government's import programme. There appeared to be some difficulty however, as the only coal the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce could allocate to the Italian Navy was of American or South African origin. Trials with this coal were then carried out by several trawlers with satisfactory results, and arrangements were thus subsequently made with the Ministry of Industry and Commerce for the supplying of the necessary quantities.

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## II PERSONNEL

Total strength of Italian Naval Personnel is gradually being reduced and has now arrived at a figure just below the 50,000 mark which is double that anticipated under the Peace Treaty.

## III PURCHASE OF ITALIAN SHIPS

The Norwegian Legation has approached the Navy Sub Commission with a view to purchasing a tanker constructed at Genoa and appropriate action was taken. In the event that the Italian Government agreed to this purchase a final decision will rest with the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

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OPERATIONAL REPORT OF THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY.

IV. REPATRIATION

During the month, the Italian cruisers, MONTECUCCOLI, DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI, and ATTILIO REGOLO, together with the transports MARGLIA, PACINOTTI, and SESTRIERE, almost cleared the Middle East of Italian Prisoners of War having repatriated to Italy a total of approximately 9,000 men including 170 Italian Prisoners of War from Tripoli (Lybya). The ex-hospital ship TOSCANA returned to Naples with about 1,500 Italian civilians repatriated from Massawa, and the sloop ERITREA finally entered the Mediterranean bound for Italy with 300 repatriates from China and Siam.

MINESWEEPING

2. Italian Minesweeping Groups have continued clearance operations in their respective areas satisfactorily. At Civitavecchia 11 mines and 7 anti-sweeping devices have been cut, and 10 mines at Venice and 6 mines at Carloforte have also been reported cut. Mine Disposal Units working along the Northern Adriatic Coast have cleared extensive areas of German G.K. mines. During the last week of August, Italian Navy Representatives attended the meetings of the MEDITERRANEAN ZONE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL MINE CLEARANCE BOARD in Rome.

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F.O.I.I.'S REPORT FOR 21ST AUGUST, 1946.

Repatriation of IPOW.

The following arrivals with IPOW from Port Said are reported

14th at Taranto - cruiser "MONTECUCCOLI"
17th at Naples - cruiser "ABRUZZI"
20th at Taranto - light cruiser "ATTILIO REGOLO"

Now at sea between Italy and Port Said are the "MONTECUCCOLI", the transport "PADUSA" and the requisitioned vessel "SCHIERE".

Repatriation from East Africa.

The ex-hospital ship "TOSCANA" arrived in Naples on the 18th with 1500 civilian repatriates from Massawa.

The sloop "ERITREA".

The "ERITREA" sailed from Aden on the 16th for Massawa and Port Said, bound for Italy with 300 repatriates from the Far East on board.

Minesweeping.

The light Italian minesweeping groups have continued clearance operations in their respective areas during the week.

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E.O.L.I.'S REPORT FOR WEEK 7TH - 13TH, AUGUST 1946.

IPOW Repatriation.

The cruiser "ATTILIO REGOLO" returned to Naples on 9th August with some 400 IPOW from Port Said. The cruisers "MONTECUCCOLI" and "ARMUZZI", and the transport "PACINOTTI" are at sea between Port Said and Italy engaged on the repatriation of IPOW.

The Sloop "[illegible]".

Escorted by the British repair ship "ALAUNIA" the "[illegible]" arrived in Aden on the 10th from Colombo. She is sailing for Suez and Naples on the 15th.

Salvage of S.S. "GRADISCA".

Salvage work is proceeding on the S.S. "GRADISCA" which ran aground on Gaudo Island during the winter.

Minesweeping.

The Italian M/S Groups have reported the following progress during the week :-

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| CIVITAVECCHIA | - eleven mines and seven anti-sweeping devices cut. |
| BRINDISI | - check sweeping of one lay completed. |
| VENICE | - ten mines cut. |
| [illegible] | - sweeping of three lays completed. |
| CARLOFORTE | - six mines cut. |
| ANCONA | - sweeping of one lay completed. |

Off Spezia and in the Gulf of Taranto routine sweeping has continued; no mines have been cut.

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16 August 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for June 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of July 1946.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY, 1946.

REPATRIATION :

Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War continued to be the principal occupation of the active units of the Italian Fleet. The Cruisers MONTECUCCOLI and DUCA DEGLI ABRUZZI made a combined total of five visits to Port Said returning 800 prisoners on each return trip. In addition the transport MIRAGLIA, the SESTRIERE and the CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA have also been employed in this service. The ex-hospital ship TOSCANA has been employed in repatriating Italian civilians from MASSAWA.

ITALIAN NAVAL ACADEMY:

The Italian Naval Academy has been moved back to its permanent location in Leghorn. The shift was accomplished at the end of the month when the transport MIRAGLIA embarked the officer, cadet and enlisted personnel of the Academy at BRINDISI.

MINESWEEPING:

Italian minesweeping units have continued to make progress in clearing the coasts of mines and underwater obstructions.

NAVAL MATERIAL:

A considerable quantity of naval materials of all kinds recovered in the North have been turned over to the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian Navy. In addition ammunition of Italian origin has been returned to the Italian Navy for arsenal stocks, or to be destroyed. Three small motor launches have been made available by the Air Forces Sub-Commission to the Ministry of Marine.

SUPPLY:

The bulk of the Italian Navy's half yearly requirements of Naval Stores for the period July - December, 1945 were met from the large quantity of material turned over by the Royal Navy at Taranto in December, 1945 and January, 1946. The outstanding items were met from indigenious sources with the exception of 200 cu. ft. of teak in bulk and a quantity of India rubber insertion sheets. The teak was shipped from Malta to Taranto on 29th June, 1946 and the India rubber has been requested from the United Kigdan owing to its non-availability from Royal Navy stocks in the Mediterranean.

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3. In addition to the Italian Navy's yearly estimate of Oropesa minesweeping store requirements referred to in paragraph 1 of the monthly report for April, 1946, an Italian Navy yearly estimate of "LL/3A" minesweeping equipment, prepared by the Captain Minesweeping, Mediterranean, was forwarded to the Ministry of Marine for inclusion in the National import programme.

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of the monthly report for June, 1946, while arrangements to supply coal to Italian Navy Minesweepers at Genoa by UNRRA were completed, the Ministry of Marine were able to transfer sufficient stocks of coal to Genoa for their use, thus obviating the necessity for coal to be allocated by UNRRA, in conjunction with the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce, for the present.

5. The monthly issue of 30 bottles of acetylene hitherto supplied from British sources to the Italian Navy at Naples for the use of lighthouses on the West Coast of Italy, has been discontinued and the Ministry of Marine is arranging for the provision of the quantities required from local resources.

6. A representative of the Navy Sub Commission accompanied the Demilitarization Committee to the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa on 22nd of July, 1946.

ROME.
16th August, 1946.

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The following draft report on Supply Matters, is submitted for inclusion in the Navy Sub Commission Report for the month of ~~August~~ July, 1946.-

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# F.O.L.I.'S REPORT FOR 1ST AUGUST, 1946.

REPATRIATION.

The "ATTILIO REGOLO" disembarked 400 IPOW from Egypt in Taranto on 28th.

The S.S. "SESTRIERE" arrived in Naples on the 27th with about 1600 IPOW from Port Said.

The S.S. "TOSCANA" bound for Massawa to repatriate 1500 civilians to Italy is held up in Port Said while sterling is being found to pay the necessary Suez Canal dues.

THE SLOOP "ERITREA"

The defects in the sloop "ERITREA" have been temporarily repaired, and the vessel sailed from Colombo escorted for Aden on 30th. She still has on board 300 Italian repatriates from the Far East.

TRANSPORT OF ITALIAN ARMY PERSONNEL.

The cruiser "ABRUZZI" lifted 900 Italian army personnel from Naples to Cagliari on 25th before proceeding to Port Said to embarke IPOW.

MINESWEEPING.

All Italian M/S groups report continued progress during the week.

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Extract from "ITALIA NUOVA" dated 1st August, 1945 :-

"THE RESEARCH DEPT. OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY".

"LECCE. 31. (P.M.) -

The Research Department of the Naval Academy ("Ufficio Studi dell'Accademia Navale") has returned to Leghorn from Brindisi, having moved to the latter place after 8th September, 1943, when the Government was transferred to the South."

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# FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY'S REPORT FOR 24TH JULY.

## REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR

The cruiser "AMPUZZI" landed 850 Italian Prisoners of War in Naples on the 20th having come from Port Said. The cruiser "MONTECUCCOLI" which arrived in Taranto the same day disembarked a similar number of Italian Prisoners of War from Egypt.

## REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN CIVILIANS.

The ex-hospital ship "TOSCANA" sailed from Naples on the 20th for Massawa where she is due on the 31st. About 1500 Italian civilians will embark in her for repatriation to Italy.

## MINESWEEPING.

All Italian Minesweeping Groups have reported progress during the week. During this period 46 mines or obstructors have been cut during sweeping operations.

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION
MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE

REPATRIATION

The cruisers "SCIPIONE AFRICANO" and "ABRUZZI", in addition to several smaller vessels have continued to repatriate Italian Prisoners-of War from the Red Sea and the Levant Areas.

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MINESWEEPING

Minesweeping continues in all light areas where Italian M/S Groups ar operating. A further small M/S Group consisting of Motor Fishing Vessels is be ing constituted at Rimini.

Cable-ship "RAMPINO"

The cable-ship "RAMPINO" has completed her refit in Spezia, and has begun repair work on the "CAPRERA" (Sardinia) - TALAMONI (Near Porto Santo Stefano cable.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

On 6th June the "ABRUZZI" departed from Naples for Lisbon with the Qu and members of the Royal Family on board.

CAPTURED MATERIALS

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As the supply and maintenance of Italian warships in the Mediterranean beyond Italian resources, is a British responsibility, the Royal Navy has been authorised to make payments on behalf of the Italian Navy for supplies and services rendered to Italian warships by the French Authorities in North Africa. All payments thus made are reported to the Navy Sub Commission for redemption from the Ministry of Marine. Arrangements have been made with the Ministry of Marine during the month, for the re-embursement of all payments thus made by the Royal Navy, the lire equivalent being paid into the Royal Navy Supply Officer, Rome's account.

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FOLI's REPORT FOR 26th June, 1946.

REPATRIATION OF PoW.

The cruiser "SCIPIONE AFRICANO" returned in Naples on the 25th with 400 Italian Prisoners of War from Port Said. The "DUILIA" arrived in Port Said on the 24th to embark a further thousand men for Italy, while the cruiser "ABRUZZI" sailed from Naples the same day for the Levant to repatriate a draft of about 800. On the 23rd the "PACINOTTI" arrived in Tripoli (Libya) for Naples. The day after to-morrow the "DUILIO" reaches Port Said to repatriate 1600 men to Italy.

OTHER REPATRIATION.

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MINESWEEPING.

Minesweeping continues in all light areas where Italian M/S Groups are operating. A further small M/S group consisting of Motor Fishing Vessels is being constituted at Rimini.

Cable-ship "RAMPINO".

The cable-ship "RAMPINO" has completed her refit in Spezia, and has begun repair work on the "CARBERA (Sardinia) - TALAMONE (near Porto Santo Stefano) cable.

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The following draft report on Supply matters is submitted for inclusion in the Navy Sub Commission Report for the month of July, 1946:-

SUPPLY:

Arrangements have been made during the month ~~have been~~ to supply the Italian Navy Mine Sweepers operating from Genoa with suitable coal made available by UNRRA, Coal Branch, at that port, observing that the Italian Navy have no stocks of steaming coal there. The quantities of ~~this~~ coal supplied will be redeemed by UNRRA from Italian Navy coal stocks at Leghorn. Pending the conclusion of final arrangements, the Italian Navy are despatching to Genoa by sea, 500 to 600 tons of coal from their stocks at Leghorn for the immediate consumption of the Mine Sweepers.

2. As the supply and maintenance of Italian Warships in the Mediterranean beyond Italian resources, is a British responsibility, the Royal Navy has been authorised to make payments on behalf of the Italian Navy for supplies and services rendered to Italian Warships by the French Authorities in North Africa. All payments thus made are reported to the Navy Sub Commission for redemption from the Ministry of Marine. Arrangements have been made with the Ministry of Marine during the month for the re-embursement of all payments thus made by the Royal Navy, the lire equivalent being paid into the Royal Navy Supply Officer Rome's account.

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NSC/5163
15 June 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly report for May 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of May 1946.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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NAVY SUB COMMITS MONTHLY REPORT
FOR MAY, 1946

MAY

SUPPLY

With reference to paragraph 2 of Navy Sub Commission's Monthly report for March, 1946 confirmation was received from the Italian Government that they could assume the responsibility for feeding the Italian Royal Navy as from 1st June, 1946. This information was forwarded to the Combined Chief of Staff through the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean, recommending that the transfer be approved. Pending approval from the Combined Chiefs of Staff, steps were taken during the month to ensure that food rations to the Italian Navy for the month of June, 1946 would be forthcoming from Italian Government sources. On the 22nd May, 1946, approval was received from the Combined Chiefs of Staff for the assumption by the Italian Government with effect 1st June, 1946, of the responsibility for subsisting the Italian Navy and Italian Air Force, thus making the Italian Government responsible for the subsistence of all her Armed Forces excluding US-TTI and BRIT-TTT troops. With the exception of one or two problems which were overcome, the transfer was carried out very satisfactorily and no difficulties have been evinced to date.

2. In addition to the supply of the Mine Sweeping Stores recommended by the President of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Clearance Board, referred to in paragraph 1 of Navy Sub Commission's Monthly Report for April, 1946, some German Minesweeping equipment has been transferred to the Italian Navy by the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples. This equipment, together with the other Minesweeping stores which have been supplied from Malta will ensure the efficient operation of the Italian Minesweeping service and, in particular, of the British Minesweeping trawlers transferred to the Italian Navy.

3. In view of the internal political situation prevailing in Italy during the month prior to the elections on the 2nd June, 1946, the Ministry of Marine submitted a request for approval to aquire 500 carbines to strengthen the guarding of Italian Naval Ammunition and small arms depots. The approval of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station was sought and obtained, and the weapons were subsequently made available to the Ministry of Marine by the Ministry of War with the approval of the Land Forces Sub Commission, A.C. (TTA)

4. Italian Material stores and equipment of a Naval origin which have been recovered in Northern Italy by the Italian Navy recovery parties and reported to the Navy Sub Commission for screening, have, with a few exceptions been released to the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian Navy after approval has been received from the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS-OF-WAR:

The end of May saw the completion of a full programme designed to repatriate all the 38,000 Italian P.O.W. in French North African Camps at the beginning of the year. All operational cruisers, the aircraft tender VIRGILIO, the depot ship PACINOTTI and three requisitioned merchant vessels, the SESTRIERE, the TOSCANA and the CITTA' DI ALESSANDRIA have been employed on this service. There remain now only a few sick in hospital in Algeria.

ABDICATION OF KING VICTOR EMANUEL:

King Victor Emanuel and Queen Helena of Italy embarked in the ABRUZZI for Alexandria after the King's abdication. The cruiser was escorted by the destroyer GRANATIERE.

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Information concerning ships, their location and condition was obtained for the followings countries:

FRANCE
JUGOSLAVIA
GREAT BRETAIN
THE NETHERLANDS
ITALY

The Narni P.O.W. camp was discontinued.

The Ministry of Marine reported the Jugoslav seizure of ten Italian fishing craft together with their crews. The report was later confirmed.

MINESWEEPING:

May saw all eight Italian M/S Groups beginning work in earnest to secure an expeditious clearance of mines in Italian waters. Almost all of the 32 minesweepers loaned to the IRN by the RN are now operational and have taken part in these operations. At present work is proceeding off LA SPEZIA, SPEZIA, CIVITAVECCHIA, VIBO VALENTIA, CAPE RIZZUTO, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, ALGHERO, and CARLOFORTE.

The IRN was represented at the meeting of the Mediterranean Zone International Mine Clearance Board at the end of the month.

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F.O.L.I.'s REPORT 9TH JUNE 1946.

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War from French North Africa was completed with the return of the "DESTRIERO" to Naples on 1st June from Casablanca.

Nine sailings of warships to Port Said will be made during June to lift Italian Prisoners of War from the Levant.

MINESWEEPING.

The following reports have been received from Italian Minesweeping Groups on their operations during the past week:-

IMPERIA - 12 mines cut
CARLOFORTE - 10 mines cut
CHIOGGIA - sweeping of three lays completed.
SPEZIA - work continuing on five lays south of entrance - two mines cut.
ANCONA - sweeping of one lay north of the port completed.
TARANTO - sweeping of lays west of Cape Rizzuto continued - 152 mines cut.
CIVITAVECCHIA - eleven mines and twenty two anti-sweeping devices cut - work on three lays off entrance to harbour expected to be completed 20th June.

SPEZIA HARBOUR.

The bows of one of the blockships the "RAVELLO" have been removed and the entrance is now 69 metres wide. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, is therefore being requested to declare the port open to fully loaded Liberty ships.

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FOLI'S OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 29th MAY, 1946.

Repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War.

The "SESTRIERE" due back in Naples from Casablanca on 1st June will bring the last draft of Italian Prisoners of War from French North Africa. During the past week the "MIRAGLIA" and the "TOSCANA" have lifted Italian Prisoners of War from Bizerta and Casablanca respectively.

The "ABRUZZI" sailed from Port Said yesterday with 800 Italian Prisoners of War for Naples and the "MONTECUCCOLI" will sail tomorrow for Taranto with a similar number.

Minesweeping.

Italian minesweeping groups working off Imperia, Spezia, Terracina, Vibo Valentia, Ancona, Venice and Carloforte have reported progress during the week. Work off Brindisi has been held up by bad weather.

Italian Elections.

Italian warships will be disposed as follows during the elections :

"ABRUZZI" at Naples.
"ATTILIO PEGOLO" at Bari.
"SCIPIONE AFRICANO" at Cagliari.
" LEGIONARIO" at Reggio Calabria.
"GRANATIERE" at Salerno.
A torpedo boat at Amalfi.

The corvette "GARIBALDO" will be used to ferry electors from Linosa to Lampedusa.

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POLI'S Report for 22nd May 1946.

Repatriation of IPOW.

The ABRUZZI and the GRANATIERE returned to Naples on the 18th and TARANTO on the 17th respectively with one thousand IPOW between them, after having lifted the ex-King of Italy to Egypt.

The MONTECUCCOLI arrived in Taranto on the 21st with a further 800 IPOW from PORT SAID.

From French North Africa the PACINOTTI (which sailed instead of the CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA) lifted the last draft of IPOW from Philippeville. The SESTRIERE is due in Naples this morning from Casablanca, and the TOSCANA sailed from the latter port last night for Naples. One more trip to Casablanca and one to Bizerta will have cleared French North Africa of IPOW.

Minesweeping

Italian Naval representatives are attending the meeting of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Sweeping Board which is being held this week in Rome.

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NSC/5032
16 May 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for April 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of April 1946.

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

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT
FOR APRIL, 1946.

SUPPLY.

In accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's directions, the Ministry of Marine have been informed that the Italian Navy Mine-Sweeping store requirements for the period November, 1946 to October, 1947 should be included in the Italian Government overall import programme. A request for Mine-Sweeping stores for the period up to 31st October, 1946 has however been submitted by the Ministry of Marine. This request has been forwarded to the President of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Clearance Board who has recommeded the early supply of these stores.

MINESWEEPING ( Flag Officer Liaison, Italy reports that):-

In view of the numerous minefields still existing in Italian waters. and the great need for the increase of corstal shipping, the Italian Royal Navy have set up degaussing installations at various ports, for the protection of ships from magnetic mines. Italian Navy personnel have been trained by British Officers, and a large quantity of degaussing stores and equipment, including a mobile wiping unit namely H.M. M.L.S. 185, have been transferred to the Italian Royal Navy by the Royal Navy. While a number of items are still expected from Malta, the degaussing service is now operating satisfactorily.

The Italian Royal Navy have now assumed complete responsibility for the rendering safe of mines washed ashore on the East and West coast of Italy, and for the disposal of ground mines in Italian harbours. Italian Navy personnel have been trained by British Officers and the special gear required for this work, including non-magnetic tools have been made available by the Royal Navy. Specially fitted vehicles have also been supplied to the Italian Navy Mine and Bomb Disposal Units in order that large stretches of coast may be easily covered. The Units are now fully operational and working efficiently.

Four ex-British trawlers and an ex-British M.M.S. reached Naples at the end of last week from Malta. The last two of the sixteen trawlers, the Royal Navy is landing to the Italian Royal Navy will be sailed to Naples this week.

The trawlers sweeping in the gulf of Policastro are expected to complete operations this week and will then proceed to Sardinia to begin clearance off SANT ANTIOCO and SAN PIETRO.

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The Italian Royal Navy has reported clearance of mine lays off SIRACUSA, POLICASTRO, and CAPE RIZZUTO. In addition the check sweep off OTRANTO has been completed and will permit the cancellation of the danger area off the Apulian Coast.

REPATRIATION OF P.O.W.

The motor-ship SESTRIERE disembarked the 800 child repatriates in Tripoli Libya on 17th, proceeded then to Casablanca and left that port for Naples on the morning of the 23rd with 1600 Italian Prisoners of War.

The cruiser MONTECUCCOLI returned to Naples on the 20th with 700 Italian Prisoners of War from Oran, and the cruisers ATTILIO REGOLO and SCIPIONE AFRICANO docked in the same port on the 18th and 19th respectively, each with 450 men from Philippeville on board. The merchant vessels TOSCANA and CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA are at present bound for Naples from Oran and Philippeville respectively with Italian Prisoners of War.

The repatriation of Italian Prisoners of War has been proceeding on schedule. Less than 300,000 remain overseas. Weekly lifts of Prisoners of War to Italy continue to amount to about 11,000.

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APRIL REPORT

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F.O.I.I.'s OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 15th MAY 1946 - "ABRUZZI" AND "GRANATIERE".

The cruiser "ABRUZZI" escorted by the destroyer "GRANATIERE" sailed from Naples on the evening of the 9th to left the ex-King and Queen of Italy to Alexandria. They arrived at their destination on the 12th and sailed the next evening for Port Said where a total of a thousand Italian Prisoners of War will be embarked before returning to Italy.

REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following arrivals in Naples are reported :-

M.S. "GRANATIERE" 10th May from Casablanca (1600 Italian Prisoners of War)

S.S. "CITTA' DI ALESSANDRIA" 10th May from Philippeville (600 Italian Prisoners of War)

"ATTILIO PICCIO" } 11th May ex Port Said with 700 Italian Prisoners
"SCIPIONE AFRICANO" } of War.

THE SLOOP "ERITREA"

The "ERITREA" arrived in Shanghai on the 10th.

MINESWEEPING.

All the 32 minesweeping vessels being transferred by the Royal Navy to the Italian Royal Navy have now reached Italy from Malta. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has sent an Engineer Officer to Italy to assist the Italian M/S authorities to compile lists of spare parts etc. required for their motor-minesweepers.

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REPATRIATION OF ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following arrivals in Naples with Italian Prisoners of War from French North Africa are to be reported.

Cruiser MONTECUCCOLI 8th May ex Algiers.

S.S. "TOSCANA" 9th May ex Oran. All Italian Prisoners of War have now been cleared from Oran, while the "VIRGILIA" arriving in Algiers to-day will embark the last draft from that port. There remain four more lifts from Casablanca one from Biserta and two from Philippeville.

MINESWEEPING.

Clearance continues in the following areas : West Coast of Sardinia, off Civitavecchia, off Spezia, and off Venice.

During this week the Italian Royal Navy will be assuming full responsibility for ground mine clearance in harbours on the west coast of Italy.

THE SLOOP "ERITREA".

The "ERITREA" sailed from Hongkong 7th for Shanghai.

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## Repatriation of I.P.O.W.

The following arrivals in Naples since the last weekly report can be reported:-

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| CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA | 26th from Philippville. |
| SCIPIONE AFRICANO | 27th from Philippville. |
| ATTILIO REGOLO | 28th from Oran. |
| ABRUZZI | 29th from Algiers. |
| MONTECUCCOLI | 29th from Oran. |
| MIRAGLIA | 30th from Algiers. |

During the coming week the SCIPIONE AFRICANO and ATTILIO REGOLO will make the first of a regular programme of sailings to lift I.P.O.W. from the Levant.

## MINESWEEPING

The I.R.N. has reported clearance of mine lays off SPEZIA, POLICASTRO, and CAPE RIZZUTO. In addition a check sweep off CRATTO has been completed and will permit the cancellation of the danger area off the Aprilian Coast.

## THE SLOOP "ERITREA"

The ERITREA sailed Singapore 1st May for HONGKONG.

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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY'S OPERATIONAL REPORT 24/4/46.

REPATRIATION OF P.O.W.

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The cruiser MONTECUCCOLI returned to Naples on the 20th with 700 I.P.O.W. from Oran, and then the cruisers ATTILIO REGOLO and SCIPIONE AFRICANO docked in the same port on the 18th and 19th respectively, each with 450 men from Philipville on board. The merchant vessels TOSCANA and CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA are at present bound for Naples from Oran and Philipville respectively with I.P.O.W.

MINESWEEPING

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The trawlers sweeping in the gulf of Policastro are expected to complete operations this week and will then proceed to Sardinia to begin clearance off SANT ANTIOCO and SAN PIETRO.

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~~TRANSMITTED ALLIED CORRESPONDENCE~~
Navy Sub Commission APO 394.

NSC/4/90.
9th April, 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub Commission Monthly Report for February, 1946.

With reference to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's Letter No.M.05/1345/1/1 dated 2nd April, 1946, the enclosed copy of the report of an inspection carried out in the Straits of Dardanelles and Istanbul by a representative of the Navy Sub Commission is forwarded herewith for the information of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION,
FOR CHIEF OF ENGINEER.

Enclosure:- Report in duplicate
with maps.

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NSC/4925
18 April 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for March 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two (2) copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of March 1946.

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

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT
FOR MARCH, 1946.

March.

SUPPLY

Arrangements have been made during the month whereby the Italian Ministry of Marine is now responsible for the supply of Sardinian Coal to the Italian Royal Navy. CO.C.E.MA. has undertaken to make available the required tonnage of shipping to ensure a regular monthly supply.

2. In common with the Air Force Sub Commission, the Italian Government have been provided with an estimate of the food requirements of the Italian Royal Navy for the period June to December 1946 with a view to the Italian Government assuming the responsibility for the feeding of the Italian Royal Navy as from 1st June, 1946.

3. The Royal Navy is making available to the Italians coal from its own stocks at Naples and by diverting a collier to the ports of Leghorn and Naples, to enable the minesweepers to begin operations without waiting for the arrival in Italy of suitable coal under the national import programme, from which Italian Naval requirements are now met.

MINESWEEPING

The Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy reports that:-

All British minesweepers departed from Leghorn at the begining of the month. Minesweeping is now entirely in Italian hands under the direction of the Mediterranean Zone Mine Clearance Board. A meeting was held with the Italians the first week of March to acquaint them with the difficulties facing them. They seemed very enthusiastic at the prospect of assuming complete responsibility in regard to all minesweeping matters.

By the middle of March all of the crews to man the 32 sweepers turned over to the Italian Navy by the Royal Navy, had taken possession of their ships.

The first four Minesweeping Trawlers to begin operations had reached POLICASTRO on the 28th to commence clearance of the Gulf. Four motor-minesweepers allocated to the LIGURIAN AREA have reached SPEZIA from Naples having completed their working up.

The four ex-British Trawlers have swept several mines from the bays which they are clearing in the Gulf of Policastro.

In the Adriatic minesweeping M.F.V's have check swept a channel for barge and schooner traffic between CHIOGGIA and the PO mouth at Porto Levante. Further the swept approaches to Pesaro and Rimini have been extended.

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REPATRIATION

The Italian cruisers continue to be employed in lifting P.O.W's back to Italy. All P.O.W's are expected to be repatriated from North Africa by 1st June if vessels now employed on this work can be kept operational. Forty per cent of the prisoners in India have been repatriated. In the week ending 24th March, 11,000 men were returned home leaving an estimated 318,000 overseas.

THE SLOOP "ERITREA"

The "ERITREA" sailed from Taranto, 1st April, for Port Said, for onward routeing to the East Indies and China. She carries Italian diplomatic personnel appointed to the Far East, and a few repatriates including 40 Chinese laundrymen.

16th April, 1946.

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NSC/4751
16 March 1946.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for February 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of February 1946.

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

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION - MONTHLY REPORT
FOR FEBRUARY, 1946

I MINESWEEPING

After clearing the important harbours of Italy, the policy has been to clear the approaches to the most important ports and landfalls and to sweep channels along the shore for the benefit of coastal traffic and fishermen, leaving the large areas which are known to contain mines to be cleared later.

For example British minesweepers have completed a clearance sweep of the area between Genoa and Savona and then proceeded inshore of the minefields between Savona and San Remo, carrying out a check sweep as they went, thus confirming the safety of this inshore channel for navigation. A check sweep about to be undertaken south of San Remo will open up the approach to that port from seaward, as well as to Imperia.

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IV ISLAND SURVEY.

During the month a survey with regard to the Military state of the islands of Pantelleria and Lampedusa, was made by a representative from this Sub Commission together with representatives from the Army and Air Force Sub Commissions on the occasion of the withdrawals of the Allied Liaison Officers from these localities. A report of the inspection which was actually carried out between the 8th and 14th February 1946 has since been made and forwarded.

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18 February 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for January 1946.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of January 1946.

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CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
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FOR CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR

JANUARY 1946

1. The Ministry of Marine has been asked to make a comprehensive survey of major Italian naval warlike stores. A preliminary report based on an estimate has been received.

2. The screening and release of Captured Enemy Material to the Italian Royal Navy continues.

3. Arrangements have been made for the Italian naval authorities to withdraw provision items from Italian army depots; part of the requirements, however, will be supplied from British depots at Bari and Naples.

4. Transfer of the fuelling bases of Taranto, Naples and Leghorn to Italian control and responsibility took place on 1st January 1946. The transfer of the fuelling installations, which was made to C.I.P. does not indicate complete reversion to Italian control since various Allied organizations may require fuel to be held on their account.

5. Extensive data was collected and compiled for the French Representative to the Allied Commission, pertaining to French ships in Italian waters.

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15 January 1946

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for December 1945.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of December 1945.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC,
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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR DECEMBER, 1945.

The Ministry of Marine has been informed that the restrictions on the activities of Italian naval personnel in the islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa existing before the administration was restored to the Italian Government will be maintained, and such new restrictions as may, from time to time, be necessary, pending eventual settlement under the Peace Treaty.

2. Lists of former French vessels and naval material in Italy, claimed removed or disposed of by the French naval authorities have been received and filed for record purposes. Investigation and recovery by the Italian Ministry of Marine of naval enemy material is continuing.

3. The Port of Palermo, and shipyard, was returned to the Italian Royal Navy along with substantial lists of equipment and port facilities.

4. Arrangements are being made through the agency of the Chief Disposal Officer, British Ministry of Supply, Rome, for the turn over, to the Italian Ministry of Marine, acting for Italian Government, of all surplus naval stores and material at Taranto upon the withdrawal of the Royal Navy Base at that port on 31 January 1946. It is estimated that some 50,000 tons of material and stores are involved and it is hoped that this large contribution will ensure the continuation of work in, and the efficient operation of, Italian ship-repair yards.

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NSC/4259.
15 December 1945.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for November 1945.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB-COMMISSION FOR NOVEMBER 1945.

Rumours of illegal and unauthorised manufacture of naval arms and munitions were investigated and found untrue. To date the Navy Sub-Commission has not authorised the Ministry of Marine or any private or government owned industries to manufacture naval arms or munitions. The investigation and recovery by the Ministry of Marine of naval Captured Enemy Material is progressing slowly.

2. Authority has been granted for an Italian Naval Mission to proceed to the Islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa, where they will:

(a) Muster Italian Royal Navy personnel.

(b) Carry out a survey of sunken-ships and report as to those it is considered opportune to carry out salvage operations.

(c) Arrange various administrative matters which have been held in suspense since the surrender of the Islands to Allied Forces.

3. Extensive work pertaining to return of ships to former owners was done by the Sub-Commission.

4. The Ministry of Marine was authorised to utilise substantial lists of recaptured Italian Navy materials in the Genoa Area.

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16 November 1945

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for October 1945.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR
OCTOBER, 1945.

The ration strength of the Italian Navy showed a decrease of approximately 10,000 in July as compared to the May and June figures of 64,000 and 60,000 respectively. This was explained by the Ministry of Marine as being due to discharges and exceptional leave granted to personnel residing in Northern Italy. The Ministry of Marine also pointed out that owing to the new recruiting and returning of men on leave the future ration strength would rise again to former figures. Further information recently has been received from the Ministry of Marine to the effect that as the recruiting of the remaining groups of the 1924 class is now in progress, and especially in northern areas, there is a continuous inflow of ex-prisoners of war and of disbanded men who belong to these classes still under arms, for a brief period there will be an overlap between this inflow and the ratings of the 1921 and 1922 classes who are still to be discharged. As a result the present strength, which has increased to about 58,000 in September, may still mount up in the coming two months to approximately 62,000 men, and then gradually decrease by by February next to about 54,000.

2. As there has been a shortage of available shipping, there have not been ample facilities for the shipment of food to Sardinia. To assist in the strict control which has been instituted to curtail the issues of food rations in Sardinia, the Ministry of Marine was requested to instruct Commanding Officers of Italian naval vessels to draw rations in Sardinia only in cases of emergency and in every case in which it was possible, to carry a sufficient quantity of victuals for the round trip back to the mainland from Sardinia.

3. The San Marco Infantry Regiment located at Trani Vido passed to the Command of the Italian Ministry of War from the General Officer Commanding Three District on 18th October, and on 20th October it was further transferred to the Command of the Italian Ministry of Marine.

4. Unfortunately no Italian vessels are available for the purpose of establishing a coast guard service for the West Coast of Italy to control a reported clandestine traffic between Italy and France. However the Ministry of Marine has been requested to take all possible action to suppress any illegal traffic which may exist by informing Italian Port Captains and Security Authorities of its existence.

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The Russian Representative to the A.C. has enquired whether he may have a copy of the N.S.C. Report for September as in previous months.

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15 October 1945

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for September 1945.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR

SEPTEMBER, 1945.

1. During September the Navy Sub-Commission handled the usual large number of routine supply and personnel questions concerning the administration of the Italian Navy. A gratifying tendency was noticed during the month for the Italian Ministry of Marine to become more self sufficient and to communicate with the Navy Sub-Commission only on those matters which actually required the assistance of the Allied Governments.

2. Italian Navy personnel now may proceed to their homes East of the Morgan Line or within the Pola Conclave on leave or on demobilization if they are in possession of authorized leave or demobilization papers and if they are in possession of an Allied Military Government Pass countersigned by the Yugoslav Mission. These passes are issued by Allied Military Government, 13th Corps to which headquarters application must be made in advance through the Navy Sub-Commission. In all instances personnel on leave or on demobilization must wear civilian clothes and be unarmed.

3. The Italian Navy Material Recovery Parties, authorized by the Navy Sub-Commission with the approval of Allied Force Headquarters to locate and recover recaptured Italian and German naval stores and equipment, have experienced some difficulty in dealing with subordinate Allied Commands who had not received full information concerning the operation of the Italian Navy Parties. At the request of the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Force Headquarters on 4th September issued a directive to all Allied Army Commands to the effect that "All remaining recaptured Italian war material will be reported to Allied Force Headquarters and disposal instructions awaited, except that in the case of Naval and Air Force material when the instructions of the Navy or Air Force Sub-Commissions of Allied Commission, acting on behalf of the Allied Naval and Air Force Commanders, may be accepted". The Navy Sub-Commission has assisted in giving wide promulgation to the recent Allied Force Headquarters directive and has requested the Commanding Generals of major Army Commands to notify all respective authorities of the existence and purpose of the Italian Navy Material Recovery Parties and to provide them facilities to carry out their duties.

4. In response to a request from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, that Ministry was informed that the question of the repair of a Danish merchant vessel should be referred to the Italian Ministry of Marine. The Italian Ministry of Marine representative to the Mediterranean Shipping Board then will make necessary representations to the proper committee of the Mediterranean Shipping Board which will determine whether the repairs can be undertaken and establish a priority as necessary.

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5. The operation of radio circuits by the Italian Government without Allied supervision has been authorised by Allied Force Headquarters, subject to the requirement that no new circuits will be opened without prior co-ordination with and specific approval of the Chief Signal Officer, AFHQ. This restriction is necessary to guarantee integrated frequency allocation throughout the theater and to avoid in so far as possible interference with other radio stations. All negotiations with the Italian Ministry of Marine concerning Italian radio circuits will be handled through the Navy Sub-Commission, AC.

6. In connection with the implementation of an Allied Force Headquarters directive which requires the Allied Commission to make a survey of Italian war like stores in the hands of the Italian Armed Forces, a representative of the Navy Sub-Commission visited a number of Italian factories and depots in the Genoa Area for a 10 day period in order to determine their contents. During the inspection all Italian officials and factory representatives were extremely co-operative in providing the data required.

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7. Approval was given during the month for the transfer of the upper Tyrrhenian Lighthouse Command of the Italian Navy from Piombino to its old location at Leghorn.



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18 September 1945

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for August 1945.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of August 1945.

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

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The ministry of Marine has reported that 20 Italian merchant vessels already have been disarmed and the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has approved tha disarming of the remainder of Italian merchant vessels, subject to the convenience of the charterers and operating authorities.

Approval has been given by Allied Force Headquarters for a small party of Italian Navy personnel to visit the islands of Pantelleria, Lampedusa and Linosa in the near future for the purpose of mustering any Italian Navy personnel which may be located on the islands and for the purpose of making a survey of the need and desirability of carrying out port salvage operations by Italian Navy personnel. The Ministry of Marine has been requested to nominate personnel for the above duty and has been informed that if approval is obtained for the visit it must be limited to a period of 8 weeks.

As a result of information received to the effect that the Regional Commissioner of Venice Province considered that improvement was necessary in the Venice ferry service, the Ministry of Marine is making arrangements for the transfer to Venice of 4 additional motor vessels.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for July 1945.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR
JULY, 1945.

The report of the Campbell Committee, appointed to make recommendations on the methods to be employed in transferring the operations of Italian Ports to Italian Government Authorities, was approved during the month by the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean and the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. In accordance with instructions received from Allied Force Headquarters the Navy Sub Commission has notified the Ministry of Marine of the approval and has directed the Ministry of Marine to take the necessary steps to implement the policies of the Campbell Committee report in regard to port operations.

2. In response to a request received from the Ministry of Marine concerning the procedure to be adopted for obtaining controlled materials for shipyards working for the Italian Merchant Marine, the following procedure has been adopted in conjunction with the Commerce Sub Commission. Applications for allocations of controlled materials will be made to the nearest Ufficio Provinciale dell'Industria e Commercio who, after screening, will pass the request to the Italian Ministry of Industry and Commerce. Bids on behalf of the Ministry will then be presented to the Committee of Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board by the Commerce Sub Commission, Allied Commission.

3. The Ministry of Marine has been notified that there is no naval objection to the development of the Gulf of Genoa Ports of Imperia, Porto Maurizio and Oneglia. It is believed that the three ports are capable of being made serviceable for coaster or schooner traffic after a small amount of salvage work. The Ministry of Marine has been notified that all action in regard to the ports must be initiated by the Italian Government and that no Allied Naval resources can be made available for minesweeping or for the purposes of bomb and mine disposal.

4. An investigation of the circumstances surrounding a brush fire near a dump of Italian naval ammunition has brought to light the fact that adequate fire protection measures around the dump were not being observed. The fire lanes and fire guards were not satisfactorily cleared. Consequently, instructions have been issued to the Ministry of Marine to take appropriate action to inspect all Italian Navy ammunition dumps and to insure the existance of adequate safety measures and the presence of sufficient trained personnel.



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5. Four partially completed wooden minesweepers, which were ordered originally by the Italian Republican Navy Authorities on behalf of the German Navy, have been discovered at Venice and have been turned over to the Italian Ministry of Marine in order that arrangements may be made for their completion and use.

6. As a result of representations made by French Government Authorities, the Italian Ministry of Marine has been notified, with the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean that all French naval stores found in ex-enemy depots and dumps in Italy are to be returned to French Navy control.

7. It is expected that the critical water shortage in the Tremiti Islands will be alleviated in the near future as the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has directed that a water boat make two trips to the Islands with a full cargo of drinking water.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission, Report for June 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC, Full Length Report for June 1945 (2 Copies).
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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR JUNE, 1945.

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has directed that captured material of German and Italian Naval origin including that previously in the possession of the Italian Republican Navy, if not required for Allied Naval purposes may be turned over to the Italian Naval authorities for Italian Naval use. All such material will be turned over to Italian Naval authorities by the Navy Sub Commission, which has been designated by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, as the agency responsible for its disposition. The Navy Sub Commission has requested the Minister of Marine to form Material Recovery Parties under the Officers-in-Charge of Italian Royal Naval Centres at Genoa, Turin, Milan, Venice and La Spezia for the purpose of locating, sorting, classifying and listing such material. Monthly reports will be submitted to the Navy Sub Commission through the Ministry of Marine concerning particulars of material taken over by the Italian Material Recovery Parties. Material will be listed under a number of categories such as naval stores, victualling stores, armament stores, medical stores, engineering stores and motor transport.

2. In accordance with instructions received from the Supreme Allied Commander and from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, the Navy Sub Commission has informed the Ministry of Marine that any action to be taken concerning ex-Italian Republican Navy personnel who are still at large is the responsibility of the Italian Government and that such personnel cannot be taken into Allied protective custody either as prisoners of war or surrendered enemy forces.

3. The remaining 1923 Class Naval recruits were called up during May. The Ministry considers the call-up satisfactory, even though only 65 percent of the total number of individuals called up were actually incorporated into the Naval Forces, due to the fact that the Ministry has given approval for many recruits to join other branches of the military forces and because many are working for Allied Commands. In addition, a number have been given time to finish their studies. In Sicily 42 percent of the recruits presented themselves. Of the remaining 58 percent, 22 percent were already under arms, 22 percent were justifiably absent and 14 percent were unjustifiably absent.

4. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has directed that Italian Merchant Vessels in the Mediterranean which carry Italian armament manned by Italian Naval personnel are now to be disarmed. Such action will permit a considerable number of Italian Navy gun crews to be released in order that they may rejoin other branches of the Italian Navy. 961

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5. During the month of June the Navy Sub Comission has received several requests for assistance in securing mine-sweeping equipment for the purpose of clearing mines in fishing areas and Italian port areas on the West Coast of Italy. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has informed the Navy Sub Comission that no additional minesweeping forces can be made available on the West Coast of Italy at the present time, and that existing requirements for mine-sweeping equipment, particularly in the port of Genoa, make it unlikely that other less important areas can be swept for a considerable period. However, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has assured the Navy Sub Comission due consideration will be given to clearing other areas as soon as sufficient minesweeping equipment may become available.

6. Allied Naval Authorities have agreed to release machinery and equipment from the British Royal Navy Dockyard, Ancona in order that it may be returned to its original location at the Railway Waggon Works for the purpose of expediting rehabiliation of the Italian State Railways. The Machinery and equipment now can be returned to the Railway Waggon Works due to the fact that the machinery and equipment originally at the Ancona Dockyard has been located in Northern Italy and approval has been secured for its return to Ancona.

7. In order that any tendency to over-stock rations may be brought to light, arrangements have been made with the Military Mission to the Italian Army to cause periodic inspections to be made of the Italian Naval Bulk Depots. However, no detailed inquiry into the disposition of rations within the Italian Navy is contemplated as it has been the policy of the Navy Sub Comission not to interfere in the Italian Navy's internal administration.

8. At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, the Navy Sub Comission has arranged for the Ministry of Marine to establish an office of Genio Marina at Messina for the purpose of carrying out repair, maintenance and constructional work at the British Navy Base.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for June 1945.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of June 1945.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL
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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR JUNE, 1945.

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has directed that captured material of German and Italian Naval origin including that previously in the possession of the Italian Republican Navy, if not required for Allied Naval purposes may be turned over to the Italian Naval authorities for Italian Naval use. All such material will be turned over to Italian Naval authorities by the Navy Sub Commission, which has been designated by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, as the agency responsible for its disposition. The Navy Sub Commission has requested the Minister of Marine to form Material Recovery Parties under the Officers-in-Charge of Italian Royal Naval Centres at Genoa, Turin, Milan, Venice and La Spezia for the purpose of locating, sorting, classifying and listing such material. Monthly reports will be submitted to the Navy Sub Commission through the Ministry of Marine concerning particulars of material taken over by the Italian Material Recovery Parties. Material will be listed under a number of categories such as naval stores, victualling stores, armament stores, medical stores, engineering stores and motor transport.

2. In accordance with instructions received from the Supreme Allied Commander and from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, the Navy Sub Commission has informed the Ministry of Marine that any action to be taken concerning ex-Italian Republican Navy personnel who are still at large is the responsibility of the Italian Government and that such personnel cannot be taken into Allied protective custody either as prisoners of war or surrendered enemy forces.

3. The remaining 1923 Class Naval recruits were called up during May. The Ministry considers the call-up satisfactory, even though only 65 percent of the total number of individuals called up were actually incorporated into the Naval Forces, due to the fact that the Ministry has given approval for many recruits to join other branches of the military forces and because many are working for Allied Commands. In addition, a number have been given time to finish their studies. In Sicily 42 percent of the recruits presented themselves. Of the remaining 58 percent, 22 percent were already under arms, 22 percent were justifiably absent and 14 percent were unjustifiably absent.

4. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has directed that 8 Italian Merchant Vessels in the Mediterranean which carry Italian armament manned by Italian Naval personnel are now to be disarmed. Such action will permit a considerable number of Italian Navy gun crews to be released in order that they may rejoin other branches of the Italian Navy.

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5. During the month of June the Navy Sub Commission has received several requests for assistance in securing mine-sweeping equipment for the purpose of clearing mines in fishing areas and Italian port areas on the West Coast of Italy. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has informed the Navy Sub Commission that no additional minesweeping forces can be made available on the West Coast of Italy at the present time, and that existing requirements for mine-sweeping equipment, particularly in the port of Genoa, make it unlikely that other less important areas can be swept for a considerable period. However, the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has assured the Navy Sub Commission due consideration will be given to clearing other areas as soon as sufficient minesweeping equipment may become available.

6. Allied Naval Authorities have agreed to release machinery and equipment from the British Royal Navy Dockyard, Ancona in order that it may be returned to its original location at the Railway Waggon Works for the purpose of expediting rehabilitation of the Italian State Railways. The Machinery and equipment now can be returned to the Railway Waggon Works due to the fact that the machinery and equipment originally at the Ancona Dockyard has been located in Northern Italy and approval has been secured for its return to Ancona.

7. In order that any tendency to over-stock rations may be brought to light, arrangements have been made with the Military Mission to the Italian Army to cause periodic inspections to be made of the Italian Naval Bulk Depots. However, no detailed inquiry into the disposition of rations within the Italian Navy is contemplated as it has been the policy of the Navy Sub Commission not to interfere in the Italian Navy's internal administration.

8. At the request of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, the Navy Sub Commission has arranged for the Ministry of Marine to establish an office of Genio Marina at Messina for the purpose of carrying out repair, maintenance and constructional work at the British Navy Base.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for May 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, full length report for May 1945 (2 copies).

(B) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, abridged report for May 1945 (2 copies).

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REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION FOR MAY, 1945.

In response to a request from the Italian Ministry of Marine, the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has agreed to the return of a portion of Naples Harbour to Italian Government control. One discharge berth has been released without restriction and 3 berths have been released on Pontile Vigliena, subject to the right of Allied Naval Authorities to use one berth whenever it is required for the discharge of Allied tankers.

2. The Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief has made available one Italian cruiser and several smaller Italian Naval vessels for the purpose of transporting refugees and displaced persons from the northern Italian areas to Sicily and Sardinia. At the end of May, over 5,000 individuals had been moved on Italian Naval vessels as a result of arrangements made during the month. It is anticipated that Italian Naval vessels will continue to be utilised for the purpose of transporting refugees, at least until the more seriously congested areas are relieved.

3. On 23rd May, 1945, Italian Naval Control Service Officers were appointed to duty in the ports of CIVITAVECCHIA, PIOMBINO and MADDALENA. Directives to these officers were issued by the Flag Officer, Northern Area, Mediterranean, concerning their responsibility to the Italian Naval Officers-in-Charge for the safe routing of all Allied merchant vessels leaving the port.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR MAY 1945.

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2. During May, the Navy Sub Commission has received a large number of verbal and written requests as a result of owners of small merchant and fishing vessels attempting to obtain the derequisition of or clarification of the status of their vessels. Due to the large number of such requests and the usual lack of definite information concerning the vessels, the Navy Sub Commission has adopted the policy of requiring all individuals to submit their requests to the Italian Ministry of Marine. The Ministry of Marine has established a procedure for handling such requests, and from the information already available to the Ministry is usually able to give a satisfactiry reply to the owners. Where necessary and appropriate, the Ministry of Marine refers problems concerning the vessels to the Navy Sub Commission in order that a final decision may be reached in conjunction with Allied Naval Authorities.

3. On 9th May, the Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, issued a communication which altered the fishing regulations and permitted day and night fishing in a large area surrounding Italy and the adjacent islands. In the areas in which day and night fishing is now permitted, fishing vessels are subject to only a few restrictions which largely are designed for the protection of the vessels and which should not limit the size of their catch. Action has been taken with the Ministry of Marine to arrange the appointment of Italian Liaison Officers to Regional Commissioners of the Venice, Liguria and Emilia Regions for the purpose of assisting in fishing control and with a view to increasing the haul of fish.

4. The supply situation in the Italian Navy continues to be generally satisfactory, however, some concern has been felt over the unsatisfactory reports received of the progress made by the Italian Ministry of Marine, in the distribution of clothing, boots and shoes provided from Allied sources. Every effort is being made by the Navy Sub Commission to ensure that all Allied supplies furnished for the use of the Italian Navy are fully and equally distributed subsequent to their release to the Ministry of Marine.

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From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To: Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for May 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, full length report for May 1945 (2 copies).

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NSC/2634
12 June 1945

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for May 1945.

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(Sgd) T. L. W[illegible]

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14 May 1945.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for April 1945.

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(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL
CHIEF, NAVY SUB-COMMISSION, AC.
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14 May 1945.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for April 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, full length report for April 1945 (2 copies).

(B) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, abridged report for April 1945 (2 copies).

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION FOR APRIL, 1945.

Toward the end of April, encouraging news from the Italian military front caused the Ministry of Marine to give a large amount of attention to planning for the responsibilities of the Italian Navy in the Northern Ports. In conjunction with, and under the control of the Allied Naval Authorities, the Ministry of Marine is arranging to supply numerous Italian Navy personnel for duties connected with the operation of the various Northern Ports when they are freed from enemy control.

2. The Navy Sub Commission has been informed by the Ministry of Marine that on the 7th of April, 1945, His Royal Highness, Vice Admiral AIMONE di SAVOIA (The Duke of AOSTA) was relieved from his posts of Inspector General of M.A.S., of Assault Craft and of the San Marco Regiment and has been placed on the list of those officers available for assignment. Contrary to a widely held belief, the Duke of AOSTA has not been deprived of his rank of Vice Admiral for his statements regarding the Italian High Court of Justice but simply has been relieved of his duty appointment.

3. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has approved the employment of two Italian cruisers for the transfer of Italian prisoners to Sardinia from the mainland. The first group of 500, out of a total of 1200 prisoners to be transferred, left Naples shortly after the middle of the month. These prisoners involved are being removed to Sardinia from the Regina Coeli prison in Rome for the purpose of alleviating the congested conditions in that prison.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR APRIL, 1945.

The Navy Sub Commission has been informed by the Italian Ministry of Marine that on the 10th May and 15th June, 1945, two drafts of 1923 and 1924 recruits will be called to service with the Italian Navy. These two drafts totalling approximately 4,550 men will be the first that have been called for service in the Italian Navy since the Armistice. The total personnel strength of the Italian Navy will not be affected as a result of the call-up as an equal number of individuals will be released simultaneously from those reserve classes which already have fulfilled their service obligations. The classes are called up in the year when selectees reach their 20th year. It is not considered that disturbances will occur as this is not a mass recall of men who have served in peace or war time but a call-up of recruits who still must carry out their service obligations and who should have been called up some time previously. Difficulties mainly will exist in connection with communications and transport. To keep such difficulties to a minimum, care has been taken to issue the necessary instructions well in advance.

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5. As a result of frequent difficulties that have been experienced in providing working funds to Italian firms performing work of military importance to Allied Naval Commands, the Finance Sub Commission, Allied Commission, on the 2nd April, 1945, directed that a fund be established at the Italian Finance Office (INTENDENZA dello FINANZE), Naples, from which payments may be made against bills presented by the firms. At some later date the various bills and payments will be reviewed by the Italian Government and charged against the appropriate account of the Italian Ministry concerned. This matter has been under discussion between the Navy Sub Commission and the Finance Sub Commission for a considerable period, due to the inability of the Italian Ministries to expeditiously provide firms with the lire required for day to day operations. It is hoped that the special fund at Italian Finance Office, Naples, will provide a satisfactory solution to navy financing difficulties.

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20th April, 1945.

From : The Secretary to the Chief, Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.
To : The Secretary to Flag Officer Taranto, Adriatic and Liaison Italy.

Subject : Amendments to Navy Sub Commission's Monthly Report for March, 1945.

It is requested that the following amendments may be made to the reports of the Navy Sub Commission for March, 1945, forwarded under cover of NSC/2164 of the 14th April, 1945 :-

(a) Navy Sub Commission full-length report for March 1945

Paragraph 3, line 3.
Change "30,000 tons"
to read "1,500 tons".

(b) Navy Sub Commission abridged report for March, 1945.

Paragraph 3, line 4
Change "30,000 tons"
to read "1,500 tons."

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NSC/2196.
20th April, 1945.

FILE

From : The Secretary to the Chief, Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission.

To : The Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Subject : Amendment to Navy Sub Commission's Monthly Report for March, 1945.

It is requested that the following amendment may be made to the report of the Navy Sub-Commission for March, 1945, forwarded under cover of NSC/2163 of the 17th April, 1945:-

Paragraph 3, line 3
for "30,000 tons"
read "1,500 tons".

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14 April 1945.

FILE

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission, Report for March 1945.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/1811 of 15 March 1945.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, full length report for March 1945 (2 copies).

(B) Navy Sub-Commission, Hq., AC, abridged report for March 1945 (2 copies).

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REAR ADMIRAL
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NSC/2163
17 April 1945.

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

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for March 1945.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Navy Sub-Commission report to the Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, for the month of March 1945.

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

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REPORT OF NAVAL SUB COMMISSION FOR MARCH, 1945.

A directive was issued by Allied Force Headquarters on the 7th March, 1945, under which the Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters, Allied Commission is responsible for all administrative and material questions affecting the Italian Navy, including :-

(a) Employment of Personnel.
(b) Supplies of food, clothing, transport and naval stores.
(c) Disposal of war material.
(d) Requisitioning of Italian Naval property.

The directive further provides that all communications relating to matters of policy in connection with the Italian Navy under the Armistice Terms and the general administration of the Italian Navy, not directly affecting the operation of the Italian Fleet under the Cunningham - de Courten Agreement will be referred directly to the Sub Commission.

2. The Ministry of Marine announced the promotion in naval rank of His Excellency the Minister Raffaele De Courten from Ammiraglio di Divisione to Ammiraglio di Squadra. The Italian Naval rank of Ammiraglio di Squadra corresponds to the British and American rank of Vice Admiral.

3. Approval was received from Allied Naval authorities, during the month, to make available 430,000 Italian shell forgings for scrap. By securing the release of these forgings, it is anticipated that nearly [redacted] tons of former Italian war material can be re-smelted into steel for more constructive purposes.

4. During March, the Ministry of Marine requested permission to post notices on all Italian industrial facilities which perform work for the Italian Navy, to the effect that such facilities are at the disposal of the Italian Navy and exempt from requisition. The Ministry was informed that as all Italian industrial facilities are subject to requisition by the Allied Armed Forces, no general exemption of such facilities from requisition could be allowed. However, the Ministry was notified that upon receipt of sufficient data, the Navy Sub Commission is prepared to authorise the use of notices which will be designed to prevent the requisition or removal of any material from the plants without the authority of the Navy Sub Commission. Due to the impractibility of fully investigating plants for which the Ministry desires exemption, the Ministry has been informed that any authorisation granted will be subject to revocation in the event it is later determined that the facilities are more urgently required for other purposes.

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5. The Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board, has appointed a committee at Headquarters, Allied Commission to study and make recommendations with respect to shipping in ports which have been returned to Italian control. A representative of the Navy Sub Commission has been designated to the committee in view of the fact that the Director General of the Italian Mercantile Marine, under the Ministry of Marine, is the agency of the Italian Government which is responsible for their control and operation.

6. The Navy Sub Commission has received gratifying co-operation from Allied Employing Commands in securing the turn over of Italian employees who have been declared by the Ministry of Marine to be deserters from the Italian Navy. Upon receipt of information from the Ministry of Marine that an Italian Navy deserter is employed by a specific Allied Command, the Navy Sub Commission requests the employing unit to deliver the deserter to Italian authorities in accordance with the policy of Allied Force Headquarters. It is hoped that the apprehension of the majority of deserters from the Italian Navy will have salutory effect on other would-be absentees and will result in an increased respect for the control Italian Naval authorities by all Italian Navy personnel.



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FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY,
ALLIED COMMISSION,
HEADQUARTERS,
ROME.

3rd April, 1945.

No. L.430/8.

FLAG OFFICER TARANTO & ADRIATIC,
COMBINED HEADQUARTERS,
TARANTO.

P.O.L.A.I.L., ROME REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
MARCH, 1945.

The following brief comments on activities in my capacity as your representative in Rome are forwarded for inclusion, if thought fit, in the report of proceedings for March, 1945.

2. The Minister of Marine, Admiral de Courten, was promoted to Ammiraglio di Squadra by Governmental Decree on the 28th March, 1945. The promotion will be announced when the necessary formalities have been completed and the signature of the Luogotenente del Regno obtained.

3. The attacks on the navy in the Left Wing Roman press have subsided. In those parts of the city most frequented by Italian Naval Officers and men the walls of buildings are disfigured with painted slogans such as "Death to the Fascist Admirals. The Navy belongs to the people".

4. In accordance with instructions from the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, the Ministry of Marine have been asked to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee on Non-operational Salvage.

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R.C.N.A.I.L., MONTHLY REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS
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NSC/1811
15th March, 1945.

SECRET :

From : Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. Allied Commission.
To : Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy.

Subject: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC Monthly Report.

1. The Monthly Report submitted to the Flag Officer Taranto Adriatic and Liaison, Italy for February 1945 in FOLI, Rome letter No. L.430/7 of 6 March 1945, included the activities of the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC for the entire month. This report will form the basis of the full length and abridged report required to be submitted to the Chief Commissioner, AC on 15 March 1945, for the month of February 1945.

2. In the future the activities of the Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. AC will not be included in the FOLI, Rome, report to FOTALI. Copies of the full length and abridged Monthly Report to the Chief Commissioner will be furnished to FOTALI for information when the complete Navy Sub-Commission report for the Allied Commission for each month is compiled.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR FEBRUARY, 1945.

On the 19th February, Rear Admiral G. L. Warren, was appointed as Chief of the Navy Sub Commission, vice Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, C.B., D.S.O. Rear Admiral Warren will have his office in the Allied Commission Headquarters, Rome. Commodore H. W. Zirolli, United States Navy, will continue to be Deputy Chief of the Sub Commission.

2. The Ministry of Marine has informed the Navy Sub Commission that captured Italian merchant seaman who are prisoner of war co-operators under the control of the British Government, may now send remittances to beneficiaries in Italy. The remittances will be received and distributed by the Ministry of War in accordance with arrangements made by that Ministry and the Director General of the Mercantile Marine.

3. The Ministry of Marine, at the request of the Navy Sub Commission, has agreed to supply 60 Italian Naval officers for assignment to duty with Italian Military Courts. The 60 Navy officers will be assigned to the Courts in order that the Navy may bear its proportionate share of the Court work in accordance with the wishes of the Procuratore Generale Militare and the Legal Sub Commission.

4. It has been confirmed with the Ministry of Marine that the present capacity of the Port of SAN STEFANO, which is now under the control of the Italian Navy, is four motor schooners of 200 - 300 tons. These vessels could moor simultaneously to the jetties. By placing mooring buoys, the Italian Navy Port Officer at SAN STEFANO considers that an 8000 ton ship with a maximum draft of 8 metres could be accommodated in the port.

5. In recent weeks the Italian Navy has shown an interest in obtaining general technicalpublications from England and the United States. Some publications already have been supplied to the Ministry of Marine by American and British representatives.

6. In spite of the fact that the attention of Italian Naval authorities has been brought to the repeated violations to travel regulations by Italian Naval personnel, the violations of the security of the Rear Army Zone continue to occur. As a result, Chief, Navy Sub Commission has initiated action with a view to securing the trial by Allied Military Courts of all Italian Navy personnel who are found to be illegally travelling in the Rear Army Zone. It is hoped that such action will have salutory effect on other would be violators of the security regulations.

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7. Stromg representations have been made to the Minister of Marine drawing attention to the frequent breaches of the censorship regulations on the part of Italian Naval personnel in ships visiting Malta. The Minister has issued a general order to all Commanding Officers on the subject in which he indicated that, should Allied Authorities withdraw leave privileges for Italian ships at Malta on account of the continued breaches of the regulations he will not interoede to secure their restoration.

8. At the request of the Minister of Marine, the possibility of arranging a small welfare enquiry service for the purpose of establishing a recognised source of information for ratings who have relatives in the Army Zone is being investigated.

9. The two reserve battleships "DUILIO" and "DORIA", carried out exercises together off the east coast of Sicily on the 21st February, 1945, subsequently returning to Taranto and Syracuse respectively. Apart from this, there has been no change in the normal activities of the Fleet.

10. On the 19th February, following attacks on Italian Naval Officers in the Rome press, some fifty ratings of the Italian Navy were reported to have demonstrated against the "AVANTI" by breaking into the offices of that newspaper and also protesting to the Socialist headquarters in Rome. Various newspapers commented adversely on what was termed a serious attempt on the freedom of the press; the Ministry of Marine, however, in an official statement referred to the incident as a spontaneous act on the part of the seamen which demonstrated their disapproval of the newspaper's assertations. Continued press attacks on serving officers in the Italian Forces had already been the subject of official representations.

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The outstanding event has been the repatriation of five warships and four minor vessels from Spain. These vessels, which left Spezia for Malta in September, 1943, with the remainder of the Italian Fleet, had put into ports in the Balearics and Spain to land survivors from the Battleship "ROMA" and for other reasons, and were interned after twenty four hours.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR JANUARY, 1945.

The Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission, has promulgated an interim policy governing the treatment of Italian munitions plants, both state and private concerns. In the case of firms that normally furnish items and stores to the Italian Navy, and those which have been working exclusively for the Italian Navy no action will be taken by the Allied Commission without the prior approval of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

2. Information from the Italian Ministry of Marine indicates that numerous "active duty" regular members of the Italian Navy have been employed by Allied commands without the approval of either Allied authorities or the Ministry of Marine. Unless the Ministry of Marine is notified and proper clearance obtained, such individuals are technical deserters from the Italian Navy. In a letter to Allied Force Headquarters which was sent via the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, the Navy Sub Commission has requested that a directive be promulgated which would require that Allied units employing "active duty" Italian personnel regularise their status through the Navy Sub Commission - Flag Officer Liaison Italy, Rome.

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6. In the middle of January the Spanish Government agreed to release from internment the Italian Light Cruiser "ATTILIO REGOLO", the destroyers "BERSAGLIERE", "FUCILIERE" and "CARABINIERE" and the Torpedo Boat "ORSA". These ships, which left SPEZIA for MALTA in September, 1943 with the remainder of the Italian Fleet, had put into ports in the BALEARICS and SPAIN to land survivors from the Battle ship "ROMA" and for other reasons, and had been interned after 24 hours. The Spanish Government having now seen fit to release them, they sailed from Port MAHON on the 15th January for ALGIERS, and have since reached TARANTO, where they will require docking and small repairs before resuming their service. Various Italian small craft have been released from other Spanish ports and are returning to Italy.

7. At the request of the Italian Government, the cruiser "RAIMONDO MONTECUCCOLI" was sent to CATANIA on the 15th January to help in quelling the local disturbances by a show of force and to protect harbour installations if this should become necessary. The cruiser also visited PALERMO and ferried several batches of rebellious young men to the Island of USTICA. She has subsequently been withdrawn, not having been called upon to take any offensive action.

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, DECEMBER, 1944.

Cruisers and destroyers of the Italian Navy continue their useful work of transporting troops and stores in the Mediterranean. The work of the dockyards, one of the most important contributions being made by the Italians to the Allied war effort, is proceeding satisfactorily.

2. The Navy Sub-Commission has requested numerous Allied authorities to supply information in regard to benefits that can be derived from a greater use of the port of PIOMBINO. It is hoped that the replies received can then be used to formulate instructions to the Ministry of Marine which will ensure maximum assistance from the Italian Navy. Present indications are that increased use of PIOMBINO for off loading of civilian supplies would provide important relief for the port of Leghorn. Also, the Ministry of Marine has been requested to supply complete information regarding the number of schooners that can be handled by the Italian Navy Port organisation at SAN STEFANO.

3. 2000 volunteers are being enrolled into the Italian Navy to replace an equivalent number of time-expired men. These are the first volunteers to be accepted since August, 1943.



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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR DECEMBER, 1944.

Cruisers and destroyers of the Royal Italian Navy continue to carry out the useful work of transporting men and materials between ports in the Mediterranean. Two cruisers and two destroyers have visited the Middle East and two Italian submarines have been escorted back to Taranto from the Levant for repairs. The battleships " LITTORIO " and " VITTORIO VENETO ", interned in the Bitter Lakes, received their Christmas mails by destroyer. The Ministry of Marine still elects to keep a third of their complement on board these ships, although the crews are allowed no contact with the shore except for short daily periods of recreation in the desert.

2. One of the main difficulties encountered during the month has been the frequent infringement of Allied movement control regulations by Italian naval personnel. It has come to light that an organised motor bus service is in operation to take Italian naval personnel on leave to Leghorn, Florence and other places north of the Rear Army Control Line. In all instances travel has been for purely family reasons, but unauthorised movement constitutes a serious threat to security in the Army Zone and drastic steps are being taken to stop it.

3. The Navy Sub Commission is continuing to collaborate with the Ministry of Marine on non-operational salvage matters following the formation of the inter-Ministerial Committee for Non-Operational Salvage by the Italian Government. The Committee includes representatives of all of the Ministries concerned, ie. Public Works, Commerce and Labour, Finance, Agriculture, and Navy. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has advised that the matter of non-operational salvage in Italian waters, and the designations of non-operational salvage areas is under consideration and that further communication on the subject will be made

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5. Desertions from the Italian Navy continue to be fairly numerous and the Ministry of Marine frequently complain that deserters are harboured by Allied units with whom they gain employment as civilians. Efforts to trace such men have always been fruitless however. Desertions to the Jugoslav Partisans have fallen off and there appeared to be reaction in favour of the Royal Jugoslav Navy to whom five men deserted during the month.

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7. On instructions from the Admiralty 10 Italian Naval Officers are being selected for training as Naval Control Service Officer.

8. The procedure for obtaining supplies from local resources is now working satisfactorily and in addition limited assistance has been given to industrial plants operating for the Italian Navy.

9. Stocks of much needed toilet articles for the Italian Navy have been unearthed. Special Christmas rations were gratefully received and brought forth effusive thanks from the Ministry of Marine.

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION, NOVEMBER, 1944.

The general disposition of the Italian Fleet remains the same and the ships continue to carry out useful work in the Mediterranean. The larger vessels have been used mainly as fast transports.

2. The Navy Sub Commission has received information from the Ministry of Marine, that the Italian organisation of the ports of Civitavecchia, San Stefano and Piombino is proceeding satisfactorily. The three ports were recently returned to Italian control and the full administrative and operational responsibility is now vested in the Ministry of Marine. The Ministry has announced its intention of establishing a Port Division in its offices in Rome which will be under the direction of a Senior Naval Officer and which will co-ordinate all matters in those ports which have been or which will in the future be returned to Italian Navy Control. In the larger ports the local Italian organisation will be in charge of a Naval Commander of appropriate rank, however, in the smaller ports, such as San Stefano, Tenente di Porto or Harbourmaster will be in charge. The representatives of the Ministry of Marine appear to have accepted their new responsibilities in the ports enthusiastically and have undertaken the necessary arrangements in a business-like manner. It is hoped that it will be possible for the Ministry of Marine to obtain an estimate of the amount of Allied traffic that it is expected will use the ports so that necessary arrangements can be made by them for labour and equipment.

3. One of the main difficulties regarding the supply of Naval Stores to the Italians is that no central storing system exists in the Italian Navy. The Ministry of Marine have recognised the disadvantage of their departmental system however, and it is understood that they are setting up a central stores department which will co-ordinate the demands of the various departments of the Ministry. It is worthy of note that this step is being taken quite spontaneously by the Ministry of Marine.



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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR NOVEMBER, 1944.

The general disposition of the Italian Fleet remains the same. 18 Escort Vessels have now been based on Naples for work in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Although there have been Escort Groups working there previously, the ships had to return to Taranto for repairs. The new arrangement makes Naples once more an Italian Naval Base, as opposed to a port of call.

2. Owing to the present situation in the Mediterranean, no operations of war have been carried out by the larger Italian warships and it is not anticipated that any such employment can be found in the future. The cruisers are continuing to perform a useful fuction in moving British and Italian Naval drafts.

3. The usual questions of administration and supply have been dealt with during the month. The disposal of the officers and men from the Italian Naval Anti-aircraft and Coastal Defence batteries is still undecided, although it now appears that the personnel thus released may be retained to meet future naval commitments in advance ports.

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6. On the 28th November, 1944, a Navy Sub Commission representative attended a meeting at Allied Commission Headquarters in regard to the utilisation and disposition of Italian munition plants. The meeting was also attended by representatives of the Army and Air Force Sub Commission, the Industry Sub Commission and the Economic Section, Allied Commission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the means of obtaining utilisation of all Italian manufacturing establishments in connection with the rehabilitation of Italy. At present, there is need for clarifying directives as well as a more complete interchange of information between Allied Military personnel and those Allied Personnel who are charged with supervising Italian civilian production to ensure that the maximum number of industrial facilities can be converted from munitions production to the manufacture of materials for the civilian economy. A report of the meeting has been sent to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, and upon receiving his concurrence in several statements of policy which were made at the meeting, it is hoped that the Navy Sub Commission will be able to present a clear statement of Navy policy in regard to munition plants to the appropriate sections of the Allied Commission.

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8. Arrangements have been made for Italian Naval units in forward areas to draw rations from local British Army D.I.D's. Attempts by the Ministry of Marine to obtain increased rations for the Rome area have been squashed, since it is considered undesirable to encourage the presence of large numbers of Italian naval personnel in Rome, not all of whom can be fully employed.

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CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION. OCTOBER, 1944.

Three of the seven active Italian cruisers have been refitting during the past month. The remainder, and the destroyers and small craft continue to be fully employed in their transport and escort duties. The morale of officers and men remains satisfactory.

2. The Ministry of Marine has been notified of the turn back of the ports of Civitavecchia, Piombino and San Stefano to Italian Navy Control and has been requested to issue appropriate organisation orders for the above ports to ensure their efficient operation.

3. The Navy Sub Commission during the past several months has arranged for the evacuation from the Rome area of over 1,600 inactive members of the Italian Navy and their families. The evacuees have been removed to Southern Italy and Sicily under the guidance of the Ministry of Marine, and have been removed to locations where they will be able to obtain better living conditions.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION FOR OCTOBER, 1944.

With the reduction of escort commitments due to the removal of the U-boat menace in the Mediterranean and the fact that Italian ships are not allowed, for political reasons, to proceed to Greek or Yugo-Slav Ports, it is not now possible to employ the Italian Navy to the same extent as heretofore. Nevertheless Italian ships, having got out of the habit of remaining in harbour, are now proceeding to sea regularly for gunnery and other exercises in the vicinity of Taranto.

2. Approval has been requested for the battleship "DORIA" to proceed to Taranto for a short period for exercises due to lack of facilities at Syracuse, the decision on this question has not yet been received.

3. The Depot ship "ERITREA" returned to Taranto from Colombo during the month and is being taken in hand for a refit, which is expected to be complete about March, 1945.

4. Three submarines have left the Mediterranean, one for Bermuda and two for the Eastern Fleet.

5. Allied Force Headquarters have ordered that, apart from a few batteries, all Italian Anti Aircraft and Coastal Defence batteries in Italy and Sardinia, are to be disbanded. The Italian Navy formerly played a large part in the defence of the country, and, it is estimated that this reduction will release approximately 10,000 officers and men. A decision is now awaited as to the disposal of these men.

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7. Action has been taken to obtain a better allocation of materials from local resources for the Italian Navy. This should ease the critical supply situation and also reduce the demands being made on British Naval stocks.

8. Approval has been received to issue surplus stocks of certain articles of waterproof clothing to civilians being employed on essential outdoor work for the Royal Navy. With the onset of winter, the clothing problem, particularly as regards waterproof articles is becoming critical and the above mentioned action will have a very beneficial effect.

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9. As regards the supply of materials for the manufacture of uniforms for the Italian Navy, a certain amount has been shipped from the United Kingdom and there is more to come. A package of sewing machine needles has arrived in Taranto by air. The receipt of the material will be most welcome and only just in time, before the cold weather really sets in.

10. Due to a breakdown in discussions at Allied Force Headquarters regarding supplies of essential N.A.A.F.I. toilet articles to the Italian Navy, this vexed question is again "in the air". This is most disapointing and it is hoped that further action can be taken to allow of some regular supply of toilet articles in which the Italian Navy is so sadly lacking.

11. The Navy Sub Commission has to date arranged rail transportation out of the Rome area for over 1,000 members of the Italian Navy and their families, who have been evacuated to Southern Italy and Sicily, under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Marine. There are indications that the Ministry of Marine may require further transportation facilities, for evacuees in the future. An effort is being made to obtain complete information regarding the Ministry's future responsibilities in regard to transporting evacuees so that the Navy Sub Commission, will be able to plan for future assistance that may be required.

12. The question of the proper agency for hiring Italian Merchant Seaman is still unsettled between MEDBO and the Labour Sub Commission. An effort is being made by the Navy Sub Commission, to expedite an early decision. The Labour Sub Commission is opposing MEDBO's contention that the hiring is a function of the Italian Port Captaincies, and desires that the Controlled Labour Offices be allowed to assume full responsibility.

13. The Ministry of Marine has drafted proposals for the regularization of the status of Navy personnel who are employed by Anglo - American Commands or Controlled Industries. The Navy Sub Commission has approved the Ministry's proposals in principle and stated that assistance would be given in obtaing the release of twenty active (permanent) service ratings, from their present employment so that their Naval service and benefits will be unimpaired. The Ministry was informed, however, that it is not possible to advise which other Italian servicemen can be released by Anglo - American Commands, or the anticipated dates of their release.

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8. Numerous other problems involving supplies for the Italian Navy, the control of movements of Italian Personnel, the arrangements for transport of persons and equipment, censorship regulations, accommodation etc., have been handled by the Sub Commission.

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CONFIDENTIAL

CONDENSED MONTHLY REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION, SEPTEMBER, 1944.

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6. The disposal of vessels of Italian ownership captured from Germany by the Allies after the Armistice with Italy has again been raised through the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Italian view is that the Cunningham Agreement entitles them as co-belligerents to the return of these vessels to Italian control.

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REPORT OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

During the month of August the active cruisers of the Italian Fleet have carried out the normal programme of ferrying troops and civilians in the western Mediterranean. Destroyers and smaller vessels have been employed in escort work. The three older batleships have returned from Malta and have been reduced to reserve in Italian ports. The work of the Taranto dockyard proceeds satisfactorily. Supplies of food and medical stores for the fleet are satisfactory and the introduction of a single ration scale for combat and non-combat troops has simplified administration. As far as possible the Italian Navy utilises its own stocks of Naval Stores and every assistance is given to them to obtain materials from local resources. Essential items not available from these sources are supplied mainly from British Naval stocks. The clothing situation is unsatisfactory and will remain so until the arrival of materials ordered from the United Kingdom, when the Italians will manufacture their uniforms in their own factories.

The question of the responsibility for non-operational salvage is now under review and it is hoped that a directive may be issued in the near future. In normal times this work is the responsibility of the Ministry of Public Works, but it has been suggested that it should come under the Ministry of Marine. Steps are being taken to determine the correct authority to act as an employment agency for Italian Merchant Seamen, which at one time was under the Italian Port Captaincy, but will probably become a branch of the Provincial Labour Offices.

Steps are being taken to obtain favourable publicity for the work of the Italian Navy, and details which are being worked out in conjunction with the Public Relations Branch include the production of a short film, showing the work of the Italian Ships during the past year.



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Navy Sub-Commission
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20 September 1944.

From: Navy Sub-Commission, Hq. ACC.
To : Regional Control & Military Government Section,
Headquarters, ACC.

Subject: Monthly Report of Navy Sub-Commission for AUGUST, 1944.

Reference: (a) HC & NC 497/74/CA of 8 August 1944.

Enclosure: (A) Thirty five (35) copies of subject report.

1. In accordance with paragraph 1(b) of reference (a) thirty-five copies of the August 1944 Navy Sub-Commission report are forwarded herewith as enclosure (A).

2. The August report has been approved by Rear Admiral C. E. Morgan, DSC, Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission.

H. W. HIRAM,
Commodore, U.S. Navy,
for Chief, Navy Sub-Commission, ACC.

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF NAVY SUB COMMISSION
FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1944.

OPERATIONAL.

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4. SUPPLIES.

Supplies of food and medical stores are satisfactory. The introduction of a single ration scale for combat and non-combat personnel has simplified administration and has resulted in the former having slightly less to eat and the latter having considerably more. The two categories have respectively complained and rejoiced. It is unfortunate that the seagoing (i.e. combat) personnel should suffer by this change, but the reduction is small and reactions have not been serious.

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As far as possible, the Italians utilise their own stocks of Naval Stores and every assistance is given to enable them to obtain materials from local resources. Essential items not available from either of these sources are supplied mainly from British naval stocks at Taranto.

The clothing situation is still unsatisfactory and will remain so until the arrival of materials ordered from the United Kingdom. When these materials arrive, the Italian Navy will manufacture uniforms in their own factories.

An issue of N.A.A.F.I. supplies to Italian Naval personnel is now under consideration. If approved, this should have a most beneficial effect on morale.

5. Early in 1944, the Allied Control Commission was informed by the Flag Officer Western Italy that salvage operations in Italian waters, including the islands, are a responsibility of the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean. Recently the Allied Control Commission was requested to consider taking over the responsibility for non-operational salvage in REGGIO (Calabria) and the Toe of Italy. As a result, the Naval Allied Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, was requested to issue a directive covering non-operational salvage. A draft has been prepared which delegates the responsibility for non-operational salvage to the Ministry of Marine. As this work is normally carried out under the Italian Ministry of Public Works, the question is raised as to whether the Italian Ministry of Marine is competent to assume this responsibility. The whole matter is under review and it is expected that a directive will be issued in the immediate future.

6. Italian Naval authorities are apparently endeavouring to establish normal conditions in the north of Italy. Numerous requests have been received for authority to permit naval officers and men to visit or re-establish naval activities in the north of Italy ports. This, however, is met with determined resistance from Allied authorities in that area. As these facilities must inevitably be returned to the Italian Navy, there is no practical reason except security why action should be delayed. For this reason, whenever practicable, authority has been granted for such visits.

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8. Approval has been obtained for the establishment of a procedure under which more favourable publicity can be obtained for the Italian Navy. Details are being worked out with the Public Relations B ranch, Allied Control Commission.

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In addition a project is under consideration for making short films descriptive of Italian Navy operations in conjunction with Allied Forces. Italian Naval authorities have recently placed considerable stress on the fact that the Italian Navy was not required to lower the Italian Flag when the fleet surrendered. Under the original draft of the instrument of surrender, the Italian land, sea and air force surrendered unconditionally. Subsequently the instrument was modified and the word "unconditionally" removed from close proximity to the article relating to the surrender and placed in the preamble of the Agreement as a condition precedent to the signing of this modification by the United Nations. The Cunningham Agreement was modified to provide for the right of the United Nations to make any dispositions of Italian vessels as they might see fit. Late in July, an article on the activities of the Italian Navy was submitted for censorship prior to publication in the "Politica Esteria". In addition to inferring that Italian Officers take precedence according to seniority in the chain of command in the field of operations with Allied navies, which is incorrect, the last sentence of the article read as follows: "The Italian Navy touching the parts of the United Nations, show eloquent testimony of the respect due to the flag which she has never hauled down". While the Italian Navy was permitted by the Cunningham Agreement to continue to fly the Italian Flag, the surrender was unconditional. The attention of Press Censorship authorities was invited to this fact. Subsequently the Minister of Marine granted an interview with press authorities in which a statement was made that the Italian Navy had never been asked to lower the Italian flag. This statement was published without being submitted for censorship, as required by instructions issued to the Ministry of Marine, that all statements for publication must be forwarded to the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy for approval by the Navy Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission, and release by Allied Forces Headquarters, Field Press Censorship Office. A few days later a similar article and editorial were submitted for censorship and the references to the flag deleted. Objections were raised by the Italian Ministry of Marine, whereupon it was decided that the statement made in permissive sense was not objectionable. The incident is note-worthy for the reason that it evidences a continued effort on the part of Italian authorities to gain complete acceptance as an Allied Nation. For this reason an indication of the future policies to be adopted by the United Nations, with respect to Italy, is highly desirable.

9. The Ministry of Marine has requested authority to institute a courier service by train and ship between points in Italy and the Islands for the delivery of secret official correspondence. The proposal is under consideration by the Transportation Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

10. A statement of policy has been requested from Allied Naval authorities whether payment should be made in Allied Military Lire for

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10. A statement of policy has been requested from Allied Naval authorities whether payment should be made in Allied Military Lire for the cost of construction of the hulls and for the launching and fitting out of two (2) tugs. Under Allied Forces Headquarters Administrative confidential memorandum No. 31 of 1st August, 1944, the Allied Control Commission is required to set up within the Ministry of Finance of the Italian Government an agency to accept and fill such requisitions for supplies, facilities and services, locally obtainable, and as may be passed to it by the Allied Forces. It is further provided that a Lire account will be advanced by the Italian Government for payment of items and services which are impracticable to procure through the Italian services of requisition. While this appears to be the solution to the problem involved, a further study will be made before the final decision is reached.

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No. 180/44. 25 April 1944.

To: Civil Affairs Branch, R.C. & M.G. Section, A.C.C.

Subject: Monthly report.

1. The Italian Fleet are doing fine work to further the war effort of the Allies. Some fifty warships and a large number of submarines are operating in a various number of ways, - as Escorts, Transports etc.. The Officers and men are keen to co-operate with the United Nations. Some 12,000 Officers and men are used for Anti-Aircraft and Coastal defence duties and furthermore port operating units have been, and are being formed, which will release military dock operating companies.

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3. There is a great shortage of transport, and tyres are urgently needed for those Italian vehicles already in use. Tyres and inner tubes for bicycles would ease the traffic problem for Dockyard workers in Taranto, where many have been dispossessed of homes to make room for the Army and have had to go to the country. These problems are causing concern and greatly affect out-put and urgent appeals have been made for supplies.

4. The clothing and footwear situation in the Italian Navy is rapidly deteriorating and it is hoped that due consideration will be given to allocating to the Navy a proportion of the boots and clothing set aside for the Italian Armed Forces. Overall suits are also required for Dockyard workers.

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COMMODORE.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

Serial No. 25

12 June 1944.

To: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Subject: Activities for period 6 June to 12 June 1944.

1. The following matters are outstanding:

(a) The Minister has submitted a detailed accounting procedure for material and services rendered by the IRI to Allied Forces obviously designed to pave the way for eventual payment or credit for these items. Matter was referred to the AOC and reply received on 10 June 1944 stating that no specific provisions are made in the Armistice terms for such payments and that the question of eventual payment or compensation can only be decided on a high policy level as part of the general financial settlement.

Under Article 19 of Armistice terms, Italian Government is required to make available to United Nations "facilities and equipment - - - and all such stocks as may be required - - - with personnel required for working them".

propose brief reply to Minister as indicated in draft attached.

(b) As a result of the correspondence relating to the requisitioning of San Vito Beach, the Minister has proposed a procedure to be adopted for requisitioning areas and works under jurisdiction of the IRI.

Representatives of the QM. Dept. 52nd Area, consider that the requisitioning of all property in this area belonging to the Italian Government is under the cognizance of that office.

propose to submit proposal by Minister to 52nd Area HQ. for comment and request information as to the procedure and authority under which property is requisitioned.

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H. St.J. BIRCHER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
for Deputy Chief Naval Sub-Commissioner, ACC.

# STAFF MINUTE SHEET.

Paper No.

Subject: Accounting Procedure.

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A SECTY

Propose to Minister of Marine.

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Navy House, Taranto, Italy

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SECRET

5 June 1944.

To: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for period 24 May 1944 to 5 June 1944.

1. The following matters are outstanding:

(a) Request by Minister that Italian mission headed by Admiral Biancheri, comprising 240 officers and men proceed to Rome. Matter referred to FOTALI, FOWIT and Chief Commissioner by Commodore Palmer, who went to Naples on June 3, 1944 to discuss with Admiral Morse.

(b) Personal request by Minister referred to Chief Commissioner.

(c) Establishment of Central Purchasing Board by Italian Government to contract for the purchase of foodstuffs in bulk in lieu of present practice, which is to make individual purchases locally. Draft letter prepared to Minister of Marine to obtain his reactions to plan.

(d) Uniform statement of policy required for handling Italian deserters to Jugo-Slav forces. Recommend that when cases are reported that effort be made to locate man and if he is under Allied jurisdiction that he be returned to Italian Navy, but that if under Jugo-Slav jurisdiction, no further action be taken pending statement of policy by ACC

Action on letter, Minister of Marine, No 334 of 18 May and the Italian CinC, Ionian and Lower Adriatic letter No 2070/C.C of 13 May is outstanding. Recommend that copies of these letters be referred to the Chief Commissioner, ACC and that in addition effort be made to locate men. If found, action to be taken in accordance with policy stated above.

(e) Policy for control of Italian Lighthouses. Minister of Marine was advised by FOLI on 2 January 1944, that unlike the Italian Navy

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the British Navy is not responsible for lighthouse maintenance. Region I, ACC, has recommended that the Navy take over the supervision of lighthouses in Sicily. Matter of spares was referred to CinC., Mediterranean, by Commodore Palmer on 10 March 1944. As no reply has been received, Commodore Palmer has been requested to furnish copy of his letter of 10 March so that matter may be followed through. Question is whether FOLI desires to cancel letter of 2 January to Minister of Marine and assume responsibility for Italian lighthouses. Recommend that Minister of Marine be advised that operation and maintenance is an Italian responsibility but that all matters arising which require coordination with Allied authorities should be referred to FOLI.

(f) Regional Public Safety Officer, ACC, Sicily, advised that efforts made locally to secure restoration of Guardia di Finanza Barracks at Catania were unavailing and requested that matter be approached on a higher level. NOIC, Catania on 29 May advised that there is no possibility at present of returning any portion of Navy House to the Guardia. Question is whether any further investigation should be made before replying to Public Safety Commission, ACC.

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

(a) Commodore Palmer and Commodore Ziroli attended ACC Conference in Naples on May 30 and 31. Reports from the Heads of Sub-Commissions and Regions definitely indicate that organization is functioning efficiently. Commodore Palmer addressed the meeting on the subject of the services rendered by the Taranto Dockyards to the Allied war effort.

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(b) Draft letter prepared to Minister of Marine outlining the current censorship instructions.

(c) Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC requested to furnish information on steel manufacturing plants in occupied Italy.

(d) Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC has been requested to furnish information on facilities for the repair of shoes.

(e) Chief Commissioner, ACC furnished with information for conference with Italian Government on rehabilitation of Italian shipbuilding facilities.

(f) Commanding General, No. 2 District, requested to investigate shooting of Italian at Giovinazzo Railway Station.

(g) Italian proposal for accounting for services rendered by Italian Navy forwarded to Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, ACC.

(h) Naval Representative, Salerno, requested to determine present status of restrictions on use of S. Domino Prison Camp at TREMITI Island by Italians.

(i) Legal Sub-Commission, ACC advised that it is clear that Italian Motor Schooner, "Gil Paodo" should not be returned. Owner should be allowed to receive payment as requisition if he applies through regular channels. Minister of Marine will be notified.

(j) The 12 volunteer Italian merchant seamen who were returned to Italy from the United States for refusing to sign shipping papers are expected to arrive at Bari on SS A. P. HILL about 5 June. Arrangements have been made to have them met.

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(k) The Headquarter ACC Officer of Secretary General was advised that no administrative instructions have been issued by the Italian Navy to implement Document A of the Terms of Restoration of Italian Territory on the subject of the right of the United Nations to use Italian facilities and to quarter troops.

H. W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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H. St.J. HUNTER,
Commander, U. S. Navy,
for Deputy Chief Naval Sub-Commissioner, ACC.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Navy House, Taranto, Italy

23 May 1944.

To : Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

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(b) Censorship Italian press news by Field Press Censorship, Naples instead of Allied Control Commission.

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(h) Request for release of Naval Officer P.C.M.'s help in concentration camp in Syracuse. Under study.

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

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(h) Request for release of Naval Officer P.O.W.'s held in concentration camp in Syracuse. Under study. 843

2. Action has been taken on the following matters:

(a) F.C.T.A.L.I. requested to investigate subversive activities in the Italian Navy.

Commodore Palmer, DSC



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(b) Satisfactory arrangements have been made for the P.W.B. Bari Outpost to use an Italian Morse Radio Interceptor Unit at Bari.

(c) Question of status of Italian Motor Schooner "GEL PIERDO" referred to Legal Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

(d) R.N.C. Catania requested to furnish information on possibility of returning barracks of Guardia di Finanza to Italian Control.

(e) Naval Representative, A.C.C., Salerno advised that General Carlo Mattolini has relieved Admiral Barone and that instructions have been issued relative to signing of checks for CO.GE.NA.

(f) Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, A.C.C. requested to endeavor to transfer 4 Yugoslav Priests to Middle East.

(g) C.G. No. 2 District requested to determine present whereabouts and status of 7 Italian Navy ratings reported to have been at Slav Refugee Camp, Lecce.

(h) Release of 1/2 quintali of leather obtained from Industry and Commerce Sub-Commission, A.C.C. for Italian Navy.

H. W. KIRKE,
Commodore, U. S. Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

ACC

Serial: (0060)

SECRET

9 May, 1944.

To: Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for week ending 8 May, 1944.

1. Commodore Ziroli visited Naples and Salerno on 5 May to confer with Commodore Palmer relative to the status of outstanding matters brought before the Naval Representative and also to arrange for the method of handling the work between Taranto and Salerno. It was decided that either Commander Butler, U.S.N. or Lieutenant Wotherspoon, U.S.N.R., will alternate in dividing their time between Taranto and Salerno consistent with the volume of matters to clear up which cannot be dealt with by correspondence or telephone. Commodore Palmer requested that Commander Butler remain in Salerno to assist him while Lieutenant Davies, R.N.V.R., was on the sick list.

2. It was brought to my attention that several matters required final action. This office has reviewed all correspondence and taken action.

3. Commodore Ziroli, by order of the Chief of Naval Sub-Commission conferred with General Mac Farlane, Chief Commissioner of A.C.C. relative to -

(a) Action on increase of food rations for Taranto dockyard workers.
(b) The case of Admiral Barone, the Director General of the Italian Merchant Marine.
(c) Transportation for Italian Navy.

4. During the past week the volume of matters referred to this office has increased. They are listed herewith with a view of presenting a general idea of the wide scope of subjects which have to be handled:

(a) Increase of food rations for Taranto Dockyard.
(b) Control of movement of Italian Naval Personnel in Italy.
(c) Request for repatriation of P.O.W. Colonel Pinza.
(d) Repatriation of sick and wounded to Bari.
(e) Discharge of cargo in port of Crotone.

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(f) Release of stores to Italian Royal Navy.
(g) Request for return of Barracks.
(h) Request for leather.
(i) Medicinal requirements of Italian Navy.

5. It has been noted that requests for material for the Italian Navy have been received from various sources. It is recommended that this office become the central agency for all such requests in order to centralize these demands from a central agency of the Italian Navy.

6. Commodore Ziroli was informed that it is the intention of the A.C.C. to have each military sub-commission obtain material for their respective services from the corresponding Allied service. This is not in accordance with the present directive which states that all material must be obtained from the M.M.I.A. (Army sub-commission). It is requested that Commodore Ziroli be authorized to confer with the Army Sub-Commission to determine what instructions in this regard exist.

H.W. ZIROLI,
Commodore, U.S.Navy,
Deputy Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, A.C.C.

Copy to: Commodore Palmer.

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Navy House, Taranto, Italy

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2 May, 1944.

To : Chief, Naval Sub-Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for week ending 1 May, 1944.

1. Commander in Chief, Mediterranean and Chief Commissioner, A.C.C. approved recommendations as to membership Naval Sub-Commission. An order was issued by the A.C.C. on 24 April, 1944 confirming the appointments of the Chief and Deputy Chief of the Commission. The Italian Minister of Marine was advised that the Commission had been transferred to Taranto and informed as to the composition of the Commission.

2. Commodore Ziroli was informed by ComNavNAW that orders would be issued for Lieut. Wotherspoon to report to the Senior U.S. Naval Officer, Italy for duty in connection with A.C.C. work. This officer will be available for duties with the Naval Sub-Commission but will not be a member. It is recommended that Paymaster Lieut. Harvey, R.N. be assigned ex officio as an assistant to the Sub-Commission.

3. Commander in Chief, U. S. Fleet at the request of the Commander 7th Submarine Squadron (U.S.) Bermuda directed that the subject of pay advances to the Italian Naval personnel attached to submarines operating in that area be reviewed. The matter was referred to the Minister and a reply forwarded through ComNavNAW that the rates established by the Minister on 11 March 1944 are to be adhered to at least until they are actually demonstrated to be inadequate. Although this matter was not referred to the A.C.C. as it pertains to operations, it is submitted for record in the event it is referred to in the future when an accounting for the funds advanced is made by the A.C.C.

4. The following routine matters were handled:

(a) War Material, Sub-Commission, A.C.C. concurred in transfer of a German DETE Radar set to the U.K. (Approval for transfers of Italian war material will not be requested in the future.)

(b) Request by PWB, Bari Outpost that an Italian High-Speed Morse Radio Interception Unit be requisitioned was forwarded to the Interior Sub-Commission, A.C.C. for investigation after the Chief Press Officer of the Italian Navy advised that the Navy does not require the unit but merely operates it for the Ministry of Interior.

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Subject: Activities for week ending 1 May, 1944.

(c) A follow up letter has been received from A.F.H.Q. requesting that Giro PROVENZANO, Italian Prisoner of War be apprehended. F.O.T.A.L.I. on 29 January 1944 referred the matter to the Minister who directed MARINA - Taranto to turn the man over to British authorities at Taranto. No action has been taken to date. A letter was prepared to the Minister but has been held in abeyance pending a decision as to whether this is a matter which properly should be handled by the Naval Sub-Commission.

(d) A garbled signal from Commodore Palmer apparently referring to Italian deserters to Yugoslav Forces advising that a reply was sent by mail on 25 April 1944 has been received. Signal is being confirmed.

(e) A letter has been prepared to Labour Sub-Commission, A.C.C. requesting advice as to whether letter by Commission dated 28 March 1944 on issue of rations for heavy workers had been made effective as modified by the Allied Force Local Resources (Italian) Board and whether instructions have been issued for the distribution of the increased rations.

5. It is planned to obtain information from AFHQ Military Government Section a complete list showing the names of all U.S. Naval or Coast Guard officers assigned to the AMG/ACC and their duties. It is recommended that a similar list of British Naval officers be obtained.

6. It is noted that despatch and mail traffic between Salerno and Taranto is very slow. An endeavor will be made to expedite.

7. Commodore Ziroli plans to visit Salerno on Friday, May 5, 1944 to confer with Commodore Palmer.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
NAVAL SUB-COMMISSION
Navy House, Taranto, Italy

25 April, 1944.

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To : Chief, Naval Sub Commission, Allied Control Commission.

Subject: Activities for week ending 24 April, 1944.

1. The Allied Control Commission was advised on 18 April, 1944 that F.O.T.A.L.I. would assume duties as Chief, Naval Sub Commission, A.C.C. on 19 April, 1944. No order from A.C.C. establishing the Commission at Taranto and advising activities concerned has been received to date. Likewise approval of the code word CONSON as a short title for the Naval Sub Commission has not been received.

2. Plans are being made for the operation of the Sub Commission. Space has been requested in Room 18, 3rd floor, Navy House. A separate office is essential in order to consolidate the work of the Commission.

3. CinCMed has been requested to take steps to release Captain Crowther, R.N., Commander Bonney and Captain Hilbert from their appointments with the Sub Commission as these officers are not available for A.C.C. work. ComNavNAW has been requested to assign two U. S. Naval officers to the Staff of the S.U.S.N.O.I. for routine duties in connection with the Commission.

4. Routine letters have been forwarded to Allied Force organizations to obtain reports which will be useful in the work of the Commission.

5. The Regional Control and Military Government Section, A.C.C. and AFHQ were requested to issue clothing permits to ex-Italian POW's who were issued articles of clothing while at prison camps.

6. The Naval Representative, Salerno was requested to expedite action on F.O.T.A.L.I.'s secret letter No. 1027/58 of 17 March 1944 relative to Italian Naval Deserters to Yugoslav Forces. Action on this matter has been outstanding since 3 January 1944. The Italian Ministry of Marine requested a reply on 16 April 1944. Naval Sub Commission, A.C.C. in letter of 5 March took position that A.C.C. did not have cognizance. F.O.T.A.L.I. letter of 17 March 1944 in reply asked for a decision or policy either by A.C.C. or higher authority. Commodore Palmer discussed the problem with General MacFarlane who instructed him to await outcome of a proposal by Tito that Italians be permitted to volunteer freely for service with Yugoslav forces.

7. Other matters of a routine nature such as the removal of a German DeTE Radar set from an Italian vessel for research purposes in the U.K. and a request by the Psychological Warfare Branch, Bari for an Italian high speed Radio Interception Unit are being handled.

8. It is my intention to attend the next meeting of the A.C.C. at Naples which will be held early in May.

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Deputy Chief, Naval Sub Commission, ACC.

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