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SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

(Director, Italian Naval Branch's letter
No. SX-1/N/46 dated 8th April, 1947.)

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Med.47/1349/2/1.
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
OF ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Reply was made in Admiralty
Letter M.3581/46 dated 13th March, 1947
which was forwarded to you under Commander-
in-Chief, Mediterranean's Minute II No.
Med.47/1349/2/1 dated 21st March, 1947
(copies attached).

MEDITERRANEAN
24th April, 1947.

P. H. L.
for ADMIRAL.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

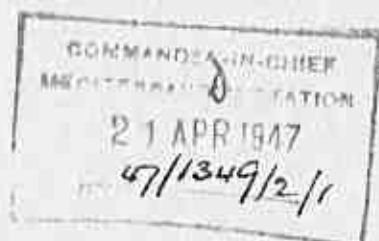
SX-1/N/46

8 April 1947

Subject: SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.
To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
Reference: (a) Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's ltr.
No. 383/Med.47/1349/2/1 dated 7th February 1947.

1. It is submitted that Their Lordships may now be hastened
for the information requested in paragraph 2 of reference (a).

L. J. Rogers
for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.



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Any further communication
should be addressed to -

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
London, S.W. 1.

Admiralty, S.W. 1.

13th March, 1947.

quoting "M.3581/46."

The Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean.

Reference No.383/Med.47/1349/2/1 of 7th February, 1947,
I am to acquaint you that it is not possible to arrange supply of
Teak in bulk and Rubber Insertion Sheets from Admiralty stocks.
The former commodity is in very short supply, and Their Lordships
suggest that some suitable substitute should be used.

2. With regard to the rubber Insertion Sheets the Italian
Government should be advised to place an order, through their
London representative, with any of the following firms:-

- (a) Messrs Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd.,
General Rubber Goods Division,
Manchester, 1.
- (b) The North British Rubber Co. Ltd.,
204-208 Tottenham Court Road,
London, W.C. 1.
- (c) Messrs. David Moseley & Sons, Ltd.,
Chapel Field Works,
Ardwick,
Manchester.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS.

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SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY

(Admiralty Letter M.3581/46 dated 13th March, 1947)

II

Med. 47/1349/2/1
DIRECTOR OF ITALIAN NAVY BRANCH
OF ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Forwarded for necessary action.

sgd. P. S. SMITH

for ADMIRAL

MEDITERRANEAN
21st March 1947

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
 ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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SX-1/N/71

15 April 1947

Subject: SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.
 To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
 Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. NSC/5235
 dated 5 July 1946.

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of reference (a), regarding the supply to the Italian Navy of India rubber insertion sheets, a reply has now been received from the Admiralty, to the effect that it is not possible to arrange for the supply of this commodity from Admiralty stocks.

2. In the event therefore, that this last remaining item of the Italian Navy half-yearly requirements of naval stores from British sources for the period July-December 1945, is still required, it is suggested that it be included in the national import programme, or alternatively, purchased from any of the following firms through the Italian Ambassador in London:-

- (a) Messrs. Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd.,
 General Rubber Goods Division,
 Manchester, 1.
- (b) The North British Rubber Co., Ltd.
 204-208, Tottenham Court Road,
 London, W.C.1.
- (c) Messrs. David Moseley & Sons, Ltd.
 Chapel Field works,
 Ardwick,
 Manchester.

Previous correspondence
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W. W. ZIROLL,
 COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
 FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
 DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY

Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters'
letter SX-1/W/ dated 15th April 1947.

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SX-1/W/ 75
The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Forwarded for information with reference to the Commander-in-
Chief Mediterranean's minute Med.47/1349/2/1 dated 21st March 1947.

2. Their Lordships' decision regarding the supply of teak in bulk
has not been communicated to the Ministry of Defence, Navy, observing that
this item has already been supplied to the Italian Navy by the Commodore
Superintendent Malta in accordance with Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's
letter Med.46/1349/2/1A dated 9th May 1946, and that the Ministry of Defence,
Navy have been informed of the details of despatch contained in the Commodore
Superintendent Malta's signal timed 011904 July 1946, copy of which is
attached.

H. W. ZIROLI,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

ROME,
15th April 1947.

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SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

(Admiralty Letter L. 3581/46 dated 11th March, 1947.)

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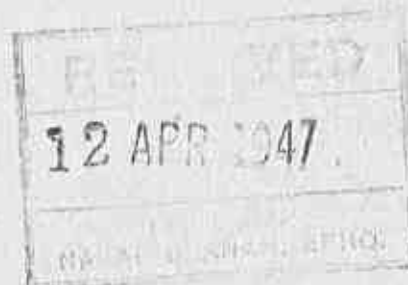
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DIRECTOR OF UNITED NAVY BRANCH
OF ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Forwarded for necessary action.

MEDITERRANEAN
21st March 1947

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for ADMIRAL

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Any further communication
should be addressed to—

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
London, S.W.1

quoting "M.3581/46"

L.P.—No. 8

Admiralty, S.W.1

13 March, 1947

The Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean.

Reference No. 383/Med 47/1349/2/1 of 7th February, 1947, I am to acquaint you that it is not possible to arrange supply of Teak in Bulk and Rubber Insertion Sheets from Admiralty stocks. The former commodity is in very short supply, and Their Lordships suggest that some suitable substitute should be used.

2. With regard to the rubber Insertion Sheets the Italian Government should be advised to place an order, through their London representative, with any of the following firms:—

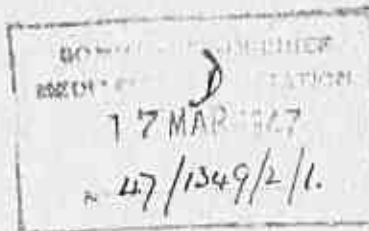
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Chapel Field Works,
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Manchester.

BY COMMAND OF THEIR LORDSHIPS,

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

8 April 1947

SX-1/N/46

Subject: SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.
To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
Reference: (a) Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's ltr.
No. 383/Med.47/1349/2/1/ dated 7th February 1947.

1. It is submitted that Their Lordships may now be hastened
for the information requested in paragraph 2 of reference (a).

MISS ROGERS,
For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Office of the Commander-in-Chief,
Mediterranean Station.
7th February, 1947.

No. 383/Med. 47/1349/2/1.
SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

(Copy to:-
Navy Sub Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission).

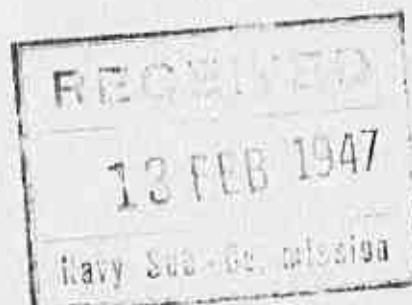
SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

Be pleased to inform Their Lordships that the
Italians no longer require the 1,120 lbs of the 1/32"
India Rubber Insertion Sheet referred to in Admiralty
Message timed 031645/September.

2. It is requested that the remaining items may be
supplied as soon as possible and despatch details
communicated.

Sgd P.S. SMITH

for ADMIRAL



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SI-1/R/24

8 February 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.
To: Ministry of Marine.
Subject: Baulks of Timber - Supply of Naval Stores to the Italian Navy.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's ltr. No. 2356/2 dated
1 February 1947.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission's ltr. NSC/5235 dated 5 July 1946.

1. In reply to reference (a), the Ministry of Marine's attention is invited to reference (b), and especially, paragraph 3 thereof.

2. This timber, was originally requested by the Ministry of Marine, as part of the Italian Navy half-yearly requirements of Naval stores from British sources for July-December 1945. It is therefore the property of the Ministry of Marine for the maintenance of the Italian Navy. H
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3. The statement made by the "Assistant Naval Store Officer", Taranto, that the timber had to be forwarded to the "Italian Naval Mission Rome" is erroneous, as such organization does not appear to exist. The timber in question may therefore be disposed of at the direction of the Ministry of Marine.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

SX-1/N/23

28 March 1947

Subject: SUPPLIES AND SERVICES RENDERED TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. The Ministry of Defence, Navy, is informed that the British Admiralty have directed that in future all supplies and services rendered to the Italian Navy by the Royal Navy, will normally be afforded only on the basis of pre-payment in sterling locally. Exceptions will only be permissible in the following circumstances:

- (1) Services (including stores) required for the immediate safety of ship where there is no time to obtain pre-payment. Payment of the resulting claim, will however, be obtained locally before the vessel leaves the port.
- (2) Services and supplies customarily rendered under the rules of international courtesy.

2. It is requested that this information may be promulgated to all Italian Naval authorities concerned.

H. W. ZIROLLI,
COMMODORE, R. NAVY.
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

31 MAR 1947

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COPY OF MEDITERRANEAN TEMPORARY MEMORANDUM DATED 8th FEBRUARY,
1947: SUPPLIES AND SERVICES TO THE ITALIANS.

With effect from 23rd January, 1947, supplies and services to the Italians are normally to be afforded only on the basis of pre-payment in sterling locally. Exceptions are permissible in the following circumstances :-

- (1) Services (including stores) required for the immediate safety of a ship where there is no time to obtain pre-payment. Payment of the resulting claim, or, alternatively of sufficient deposit to cover the claim, should however, be obtained locally before the vessel leaves the port.
- (2) Services and supplies customarily rendered under the rules of international courtesy.

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With effect from 23rd January 1947, supplies and services to the Italians are normally to be afforded only on the basis of pre-payment in sterling locally. Exceptions are permissible in the following circumstances.

- (1) Services (including stores) required for the immediate safety of a ship where there is no time to obtain pre-payment. Payment of the resulting claim, or alternatively of sufficient deposit to cover the claims, should however be obtained locally before the ship leaves the port.
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From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.
 To: The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
 (Copy to: The Flag Officer Liaison Italy.)

Subject: Supplies to the Italian Navy from the British Authorities.

Reference: (a) The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's Minute
 Med.46/1342/2/1 dated 2 July 1946.
 (b) Navy Sub-Commission's letter NSC/5450 dated 9
 September 1946.
 (c) The Ministry of Marine's letter B.8946 dated 3
 October 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Translation of the Minister of Marine's letter
 B.422 dated 25 January 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith in accordance with reference (a). The sense of Base Supply Officer, H.M.S. Nile's letter No. 5/2 dated 25 May 1946, and paragraph 2 of reference (a) have been communicated to the Ministry of Marine under cover of reference (b) in which the Ministry of Marine was also requested to render a full report on the matter. Reference (c) is an interim reply.

2. While it is appreciated that Italian vessels should have an adequate reserve of provisions at all times, it is considered, that in the circumstances, the withdrawal of such a large quantity of provisions by Italian warships in this instance, and the subsequent misunderstanding regarding payment for the stores supplied would appear to be fairly well justified. The failure of Italian ships "ABRUZZI" and "GRANATIERE" to pay for the provisions from the cash provided is mitigated by (a) the possibility of a language difficulty (b) that, as has been the practice in the past, all stores issued to the Italian Navy were usually signed for by the Italian authority concerned on the appropriate form and not supplied on a cash basis, and (c) advances of cash were made to Italian ships in addition to the supply of victualling stores, all such issues being reported to Admiralty in accordance with Admiralty Fleet Order 1047/44. As will be seen by paragraph 4 and 5 and especially paragraph 6 of enclosure (A), the slight deviation from the usual procedure by the Base Supply Officer, H.M.S. Nile, resulted

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15 February 1947

Subject: Supplies to the Italian Navy from the British Authorities.

in this unfortunate misunderstanding.

3. Paragraph 13 and 14 of minute 1 of reference (a) are concurred in, but no further action is now considered necessary however, in view of the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter Med.46/1349/2/1 dated 31 December 1946, Admiralty Fleet Order 2949/46 amplified by the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Station's Message 551B timed 161256B August 1946 and Admiralty's signal timed 161559A January 1947.

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H. W. ZIRON,
COMMODORE, U.S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IAS.

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