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4TH PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEMILITARIZATION  
OF THE ISLANDS OF PANTHELLIA AND LAMPEDUSA

Chairman of Demilitarization Committee's  
letter G/8/2 dated 26th March 1947.

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PL-1/N/31  
the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
(Copy to: The Naval Liaison Officer to the  
Supreme Allied-Commander, Mediterranean.)

Forwarded for information in continuation of my minute PL-1/N/86  
dated 4th March 1947.

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FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

ROME,  
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ST-2/H/30

1 April 1947

Subject: PURCHASE OF 16 AMERICAN BYMS BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

To: OFFICE OF FOREIGN LIQUIDATION COMMISSION,  
VIA UMBRIA 2, ROME.

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch ltr. ST-2/H/2 dated 21 March  
1947.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 1064/UT  
dated 28 March 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for such action as may be  
deemed necessary.

2. Attention is invited to paragraphs 3 and 4 of enclosure.  
This branch is of the opinion that favourable consideration should be  
given to equipping these four vessels as much as possible, consistent  
with the materials on hand.

3. It will be appreciated if this branch may be kept  
informed of the action taken and results obtained.

H. W. ZIROLL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

Copy to:  
ComNavMed Rep., Rome.

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PG-1/R/23

31 March 1947

Subject: NULL L. 247 - CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE ON.

To: COMITATO ITALIANO GESTIONI NAVI, ROME.

Reference: (a) CO.OD.NA. ltr. 2153/3/12 dated 10 March 1947.

1. Reference (a) which enclosed a copy of requisition order for the a/m craft was forwarded by this branch to the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army, for action.

2. The Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army has replied to this branch that the matter has already been handled by him through the Principal Sea Transport Officer, General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Forces, at Padua.

3. Accordingly, inasmuch as it is apparent that the matter is being investigated by Comitato Italiano Gestioni Navi through other sources, this branch is not prepared to take further action.

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

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IRN-12/N/28

31 March 1947

Subject: MICROSCOPE LOANED TO 1ST BRITISH AIRBORNE DIVISION - REQUEST FOR RETURN OF.

To: THE SENIOR OFFICER COMMANDING, GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES, PAJUA.

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Defence (Navy) Ltr. D.2038 dated 28 March 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded.
2. It is requested that steps be instituted to locate and effect the return of the c/m microscope to the Taranto Naval Hospital, and that this branch be advised of action taken.

H. W. ZIROLL,  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL ADVISOR.

Copy to:  
Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet).

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IRN-11/N/27

31 March 1947

Subject: TUG "CHIRONIS".  
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's minute  
NSC/5917 dated 30 January 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if this Branch could be informed as to when a reply to reference (a) may be expected, or how the matter now stands.

H. W. ZIBROD,  
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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MIN-12/R/26

28 March 1947

Subject: CORRESPONDENCE - FORWARDING OF.  
To: HEADQUARTERS ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,  
VENEZIA GIULIA.  
Enclosure: (A) Letter addressed to Commission for State Pensions,  
Trieste.

1. At the request of the Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy),  
the enclosed letter is forwarded for transmittal to the Commission for State  
Pensions, Trieste.

H. W. THOMAS,

SOC. REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

Copy to:  
Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet).

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IRN-11(4)/N/25

28 March 1947

Subject: MOTOR LAUNCH "TORNADOR".  
To: THE JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.  
Reference: (a) Jugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy ltr. N. 362/47 dated 25 March 1947.  
  
1. In reply to reference (a) addressed to Navy Division, Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch you are advised that inquiries have been instituted into the matter of the TORNADOR, and you will be notified in due course.  
2. For your information, the correct address of this branch is:  
Italian Naval Branch,  
Allied Force Headquarters,  
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R. W. ZIMMEL,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-11(4)/N/ 24

28 March 1947

Subject: MOTOR LAUNCH "TONEADON".  
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. This Branch has received inquiries concerning the subject vessel, which is described as in wood, motor Diesel Fiat, HP 110, BRT 53.08, MRT 32.41. The TONEADON is alleged to have been requisitioned by the Italian Navy during the war and to have been in Rapallo in April 1944.

2. It is requested that information as to the present location and condition of the TONEADON be furnished to this Branch.

S: W. J. O'DELL,  
COMM'DR. ITALIAN BRANCH,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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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.

P. W. DUGGIE,  
COMMODORE-IN-CHIEF, NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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TRH-11(1)/M/22

Subject: TUG BOAT "SERBINO".  
To: JUGOSLAV REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Reference: (a) Jugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council  
for Italy, Letter Br. 363/46 dated 25 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), you are advised that this  
Branch has instituted inquiries into the matter. You will be advised  
in due course.

H. W. T.  
C.C.  
R.R. REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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TRN-11(4)/W/ 21

Subject: TUG BOAT "SIRBINO".  
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. This Branch has received inquiries regarding the  
a/m vessel which is described as being in wood, engine 210 HP, and  
sunk in the port of Naples.

2. It is requested that information be furnished  
to this Branch as to the present status of the vessel.

RE: W.  
C.C. (Signature)  
FOR: DEAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PC-1/M/20

26 March 1947.

Subject:

MOTOR SCHOONER "LIPPO".

To:

COMITATO ITALIANO GESTIONE NAVI, ROME.

Reference:

(a) CO.CY.MR. ltr. 2506/S/16 dated 22 March 1947.

1. Reference (a), with enclosure thereto, has been forwarded by this Branch to Peninsular Base Section, Claims Division, Leghorn.

2. The Claims Division has been requested to reply directly to you and to advise this Branch of action taken.

H. W. ZIMMER,  
MAJOR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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28 March 1947.

Subject: MOTOR SCHOONER "LIDO".  
To: PENINSULAR BASE SECTION, LEGHORN.

Enclosure: (A) CO.GE.NA. ltr. 2566/S/46 dated 22 March 1947.

1. Enclosure (A), together with the letter of 7 January 1947 attached thereto, is forwarded.

2. It is requested that the information desired be furnished directly to the Comitato Italiano Gestioni Navi and that this Branch be advised of the action taken.

H. W. ZIMMEL,  
COMMODORE U.S.N.R.  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Motor schooner "LIDO"

PENINSULAR BASE SECTION  
Claims Division  
LEGHORN

1. Mr. Ernesto Mazzei, Owner of the subject vessel has submitted claim for the payment of the hire accruing to his craft for the services rendered for Allied account during the period from 27/10/1943 to 24/8/44.
2. This Committee have no information regarding the alleged services performed and it would be appreciated if you could confirm kindly whether the owner's statement is correct and the vessel was taken on bare boat or gross terms.
3. It is understood that the vessel was employed on a shuttle service between the islands of Corsica and Capraia to supply food for the civilian population of Capraia.
4. It is requested kindly to be advised of any sum of money advanced directly by the Allied Authorities to the owner on the above period.

By order of the President:

Sgt. A.T. MARENA.

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PC-1/N/18

28 March 1947

Subject: BALTIMORE NAVAL LANDING CRAFT.  
MARKED N.S.C.L. 46.

To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr.  
NSC/5903 dated 24 January 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if an early reply could now be given to reference (a), copy of which is enclosed.

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

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25 March 1947

IRN-L2/R/17

Subject: P.O. WRITER ALFANDO MONTAURCHIO, 45057.  
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY (CABINET).  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's ltr. 178/2 of 10 January 1947.  
             (b) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 4270/2 of 1 March  
             1947.

1. The "ALBA CAPANO" is at present employed in the Eastern Mediterranean. Efforts to communicate with her have so far produced no result. As soon as a reply is received it will be communicated to you.

U. W. Z. [unclear]  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-11/N/ 16

26 March 1947

Subject: SS STAMIRA.  
To: BRITISH MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE  
(ITALIAN AREA), ROME.  
Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section letter IRN-11/N/117 of 11th March  
1947.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of letter from Societa' Fiumana di Navigazione  
of 15th February 1947.  
(B) Documents relating to SS STAMIRA.

1. Herewith is forwarded as requested a further copy of the letter sent as enclosure (A) with my reference (a), as well as other documents which have come to hand since that letter was written. It would be appreciated if any of them which you consider of interest, may be forwarded to London.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

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SI-3/N/15

25 March 1947

Subject: TANKS OF ALLIED ORIGIN AT CIVITAVECCHIA.  
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's ltr. 150 dated 22 January 1947  
signed by the Secretary General.  
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 513 dated  
15 March 1947 signed by the Secretary General.

1. In reply to reference (a) and with reference to reference  
(b), the two oil fuel tanks in question may be retained by the Italian Navy  
for such use as may be deemed desirable by the Ministry of Defence, Navy.

H. W. ZIPOLI,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-11/N/14

25 March 1947

Subject: JUGOSLAV AUXILIARY VESSEL "USPOMENA" (RICOORDO).  
To: JUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ITALY.  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5571 of 23 October  
1946.  
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5697 of 25 November  
1946.  
(c) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs  
Section ltr. IRN-11/n/61 of 25 February 1947.

1. The attention of the Jugoslav Delegation to the  
Advisory Council for Italy is invited to the request contained in references  
(a), (b) and (c).

H. W. TURNER,  
COMMENDOR, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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INN-11(3)/N/13

24 March 1947.

Subject: FRENCH BARGE "IMOLIADE".  
To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's ltr. 16306 dated 26th February 1947.  
(b) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's ltr. INN-11(3)/N/110 dated 10th March 1947.  
Enclosure: (A) Translation of report of work carried out on French barge IMOLIADE, (ex Koenigsberg) by the firms of Odero-Terni-Orlando, Leghorn.  
(B) Translation of list of material supplied by Odero-Terni-Orlando, while repairing the IMOLIADE.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) referred to in sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) respectively of paragraph 1 of the enclosure to reference (a), which was transmitted to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station under cover of reference (b), are forwarded.

2. The omission of these enclosures from reference (b) is regretted.

H. W. ZURDT,  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR Rear Admiral,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IPM-19/N/12

24 March 1947

Subject: WRECK OF SS SHIPJACK IN PORT OF RAVENNA.  
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY (MARISTAT.)  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Maristat) ltr.9992 dated 24  
February 1947.  
(b) Ministry of Defence (Navy) (Maristat) ltr.13122  
dated 17 March 1947.

1. In reply to the request contained in reference (a) you are advised that the matter has been referred to the Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western Mediterranean, Genoa.

2. Upon receipt of his reply, you will be advised.

H. W. ZIRDIL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-17/W 11

24 March 1947

Subject: WRECK OF SS SKIPJACK IN PORT OF RAVENNA.  
To: DIRECTOR OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIRS, WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN,  
PIAZZA DELLA VITTORIA NO.5, INTERNO 8, GENOA.  
Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Marine (Maristat) ltr. 9992 of 24  
February 1947.

1. It has been confirmed that the vessel referred to in enclosure (A) is the British SS SKIPJACK which was sunk on 20 August 1945.
2. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith with the request that this Branch be furnished with information to enable us to reply to the request contained in paragraph 2 thereof.

H. W. LADD,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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24 March 1947

Subject: MATERIAL OF GERMAN ORIGIN AT SACCA FISOLA.  
To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.  
Enclosure: (A) List of German W/T material recovered by the Italian Navy at Sacca Fisola, Venice.

1. It is requested that disposal instructions be given for the material listed in enclosure (A) in order that the items not required by the Allied Navies may be turned over to the Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy).

H. W. ZIMMEL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IPN-19/V/9

24 March 1947.

Sir,

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter regarding the salvage of the wreck of an Allied landing craft at Anzio.

Copies of your application have been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence, Navy and the Ministry of Mercantile Marine who have recently assumed responsibility for the clearance and salvage of unrecognizable wrecks in Italian waters, and it is suggested therefore, that you approach them direct with a view to obtaining authority to demolish and salvage the wreck in question.

Yours truly,

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

Mr. Borsa Libero,  
Via Giacomo Borsi, No. 9,  
Rome.

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Subject: ALLIED LANDING CRAFT WRECK IN THE PORT OF SYRACUSE.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

(COPY TO: THE MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE.)

Reference: (a) The Ministry of Mercantile Marine's ltr. 1054/P dated  
23 January 1947.  
(b) The Ministry of Mercantile Marine's ltr. 11430/P dated  
12 December 1946.

Enclosure: (a) Mr. Borsig Libero's ltr.

1. The proposals contained in paragraph 3 of reference (a) have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

2. It is pointed out however, that this authority only applies to wrecks of unidentifiable Allied landing craft and vessels, but not to wrecks of merchant ships, disposal of which rests with the Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western Mediterranean, Genoa, for British vessels, and the United States Maritime Commission, Naples, for American vessels.

3. With regard to L.O.I. 353 referred to in paragraph 1 of reference (b) and the landing craft mentioned in paragraph 2 of reference (a), it is requested that the condition of the former, and the condition and identity of the latter be reported as soon as possible, in order that the information required by paragraph 2 of reference (b) may be given.

4. Enclosure (a) is therefore forwarded herewith for necessary action in view of paragraph 3 thereof, and the fact that the wreck in question is of Allied origin whose exact ownership cannot be determined.

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

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Subject: POSITION OF "MOLA DI BARI" SHIPPING.  
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY).  
Enclosure: (A) Ltr. No.6041 dated 24 February 1947, from the  
Associazione Nazionale degli Armatori ed Industriali  
della Pesca e Affini.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information with  
the request that an appropriate reply be made direct to Associazione  
Nazionale Degli Armatori Ed Industriali Della Pesca E Affini.

2. While this Branch has no knowledge of the craft in  
question having been at the disposal of the Allied Commission, they would  
appear to be those which are at present in Italian Navy custody awaiting  
disposal instructions from the British Admiralty.

H. M. COOKS,  
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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From: National Association of Owners and Manufacturers engaged in  
fishing and its by-products.

To : M.S.S. - I.M.M. - A.P.M.C. - Rome.

Date: 25th February, 1947.

Ref.: 6041.

Subject: Position of "Isola di Dari" shipping.

Several owners of the shipping which tied up at the "Isola di Dari" after the 8th September 1944, have asked for the assistance of this Association to obtain their return.

The above shipping is at present in various harbours of the Apulian coast at the disposal of the I.M.M. and we understand that the Italian Ministry of Merchant Marine has repeatedly taken up the subject.

The abovementioned craft have already suffered serious damage either through lack of maintenance or through the damage received in their abandoned state up to the present.

Some of the craft could easily be reconditioned and used for fishing and for passenger traffic.

This Association is therefore approaching the M.S.S., hoping that the owners concerned, who have already been hard hit by the war, may have their vessels returned and thus be able to resume their activities, which have been interrupted for years, with the obvious economic consequences.

The Chief of the Mediterranean Section

(Sgd). Romito Perroni.

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21 March 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.  
To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,  
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

1. It is requested that A.M.G. travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval rating Giuseppe PESSANI to visit Trieste as per leave pass enclosed.

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

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21 March 1947

Subject: WRECK OF A BRITISH MINESEWER AT THE ENTRANCE  
TO THE SMALL HARBOR OF SAN TERENZIO.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY).

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr.  
NSC/5392 dated 18 January 1947.

1. Information is requested as to whether the steel chest  
referred to in paragraph 2 of reference (a) has yet been found and recovered.

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

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IRN-19/N/ 4

21 March 1947

Subject: NAVY BOATS AND EQUIPMENT ABOARD SS R.F. FISCHAM.

To: UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION,  
VIA ROMA 123, NAPLES.

Reference: (a) United States Maritime Commission, Naples ltr. of  
January 18, 1947, addressed to Commodore Ziroli.

1. In reply to reference (a), it is regretted that this office is unable to locate the previous correspondence on the a/m subject. However, it is suggested that this matter be taken up prior to April 14, 1947 directly with the Commander, United States Naval Forces, Mediterranean, in Naples, who has been informed verbally concerning the correspondence.

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

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH  
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Giuseppe Belaaff  
Via G. Battista Basile No.8,  
Naples.

20 March 1947

Sir,

Your letter, dated 4 March 1947, addressed to Admiral Stone, has been referred to this Branch, for answer.

It is regretted, however, that this Branch is not in a position to intervene, observing that the Base Supply Officer, Royal Navy, Trieste, is fully competent to deal with the matter.

Yours truly,

H. W. Ziroli,  
Commodore U. S. Navy,  
Deputy Director, Italian Naval Branch,  
Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters  
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH  
APO 794

STN/N/ 2

21 March 1947

Subject: PURCHASE OF 16 AMERICAN BYMS BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.  
To: OFFICE OF FOREIGN LIQUIDATION COMMISSION,  
VIA UMBRIA 2, ROME.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Ministry of Defence (Navy) ltr. 935/UT  
dated 18 March 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for such action as may be  
deemed necessary.

2. The Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, is  
in accord with the statements made in paragraph 5 of enclosure (A) inasmuch  
as it appears that it was the intention of the United States Government to  
furnish to the Italian Navy such minesweepers as are most readily available  
and useful for the best interests of the United Nations and for the protection  
of Allied shipping. It is therefore requested that the Italian Government  
be permitted to purchase the 16 BYMS indicated by number in their original  
bid and as requested in paragraph 7 of enclosure hereto.

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

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17 March 1947

Subject: CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. The Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters, was abolished as of 2359 hours on 15 March 1947, and the successor organization is Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, APO 794.

2. All correspondence should be addressed accordingly.

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH .

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NSD-7/N/147

15 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean.  
Subject: Naval Sub-Section Monthly Report for February 1947.

1. Attached hereto for information is a copy of the Naval Sub-Section report to the Chief, Italian Military Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for the month of February 1947.

H. W. ZIVELL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY.

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

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NSS-7/A/146

15 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Subject: Naval Sub-Section Monthly Report for February 1947.

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Naval Sub-Section report to the Chief, Italian Military Affairs Section, Allied Force Headquarters, for the month of February 1947.

P. W. ZIRKEL  
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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JMN-S/N/145

15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Subject: Torpedo Boat "DOMESTICO" - Wreck of, Cleared in  
Leghorn Harbour.

1. The Italian Ministry of Defence, (Navy) has notified this Sub-Section that the clearance of the wreck of the subject Torpedo Boat in the harbour of Leghorn has been completed.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

Copy to:  
F.O.I.L.  
AFHQ, G-3

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SS LARS KRUSE SUNK IN THE PORT OF DARI

Ministry of Mercantile Marine's letter  
1350/P dated 28th January 1947.

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The Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean.

Forwarded.

2. It would be appreciated if the information requested in paragraph 2 of minute I could be obtained, from London if necessary and forwarded to this Section as soon as possible, for onward transmission to the Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

3. The British Ministry of Transport Representative, Rome, having been requested to supply this information, has replied that attempts by the Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western Mediterranean, the Sea Transport Officer, Padus and Military Authorities to discover the contents of this vessel's cargo have been of no avail.

H. W. ZIROLI,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR MAJOR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, WAS.

Rome,  
15th March 1947.

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C O P Y

From: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE  
To : N.S.C. - A.C. Rome  
Date: 28th January 1947  
Ref : 1350/P. - Encl. No.1

Subject: SS. "Lars Kruse" sunk in the port of Bari

The British Ministry of Transport, in the letter of which a copy is enclosed, informed the Bari Harbour Office that the wreck of the SS. "Lars Kruse", sunk in that port, could be considered at the disposal of the Port Authorities as the owner did not intend to proceed with the salvage and considered himself no longer concerned.

As the removal of the above wreck must now be proceeded with, the Navy Sub Commission is requested to communicate details regarding the cargo which the ship was carrying when she was sunk. It is particularly important to know whether there are any explosives or poison gas stores on board.

FOR THE MINISTER

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PO-1/N/ 143

15 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy.  
Subject: Cargo of SS PROMETHEUS.  
Reference: (a) The Greek Delegation to the Advisory Council for Italy's  
litr. No.218 dated 14 January 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), the Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, while confirming in principle paragraph 4 of your letter, it being impossible for him to arrange for the direct supervision of the salvage, owing to shortage of staff, has informed me that a careful check and a complete record of all transactions and quantities of coal salvaged, is being kept.

2. As regards the price at which the coal is being sold, this has been fixed by the Commerce Division, Allied Military Government, and it is understood that Capt. Guido Musizza, the custodian appointed by the Tribunal is now negotiating with the Commerce Division for the price to be raised to 10,290 lire per ton. The increase, if approved, would be retroactive as from 12 December 1946.

3. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has been requested to hasten the Admiralty for disposal instructions in respect of the cargo and/or proceeds and you will be informed of the Admiralty's decision as soon as it is received.

H. W. ZURILL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, DMS.

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IRM-11/M/142

15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy (Cabinet).  
Subject: Belgian Large "EDAN III".  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defense, Navy (Cabinet) ltr. 2997  
dated 14 March 1947.

1. The information contained in reference (a) has been communicated to the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy who have been designated by the Belgian Embassy as agent.

2. The French Mercantile Marine Mission has been instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the visit of the representative to Trieste through the Ministry of Defense (Navy).

H. W. TIGG,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR Rear Admiral,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, DMS.

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15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy,  
Through: Captain Heron de Villefosse, French  
Representative to the Allied Military Authorities in  
Italy.  
Subject: Belgian Barge "EDAN III".

1. This Sub-Section has received a communication from the Belgian Embassy, Rome, stating that the Belgian Barge "EDAN III" in the port of Brindisi had been identified as Belgian property.

2. The Italian Ministry of Marine thereupon was requested to institute inquiries to confirm the ownership of the barge. A reply has been received from the Italian Ministry stating that Marine Brindisi had no information regarding the barge, nor did they have any means to trace it. However, the Ministry suggests that a representative of the owners be sent to Brindisi for the identification of the craft, and further states that the Brindisi Naval Command will cooperate with the representative so designated.

3. This information is forwarded for action by the French Mercantile Mission, inasmuch as the original request from the Belgian Embassy stated that the tracing of the barge would be organized by the French Mission. Accordingly, it is suggested, that arrangements be made by you directly with the Italian Ministry of Defence, (Navy).

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TO: REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, TIAS.

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15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Subject: Tug "BELGORI", utilized by the Allies.  
Reference: (a) SWFEC signal timed 301350B July 1946 to Navy  
Sub-Commission.  
(b) SWFEC TRINITE signal timed 121545 November 1946  
to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.

1. This Sub-Section has been requested by the Italian Ministry of Merchant Marine to furnish a certificate of utilization of the s/m vessel by the Allies.

2. Reference(a) certifies that the BELGORI was employed in salvage work in the port of Rhodes from 1 February 1946. Reference (b) states that the vessel was returned to the owner, P. Tripcovich Company of Trieste, on 12 November 1946. This appears to regularize the status of the vessel as being employed by the British Military Administration in the period 1 February 1946 to 12 November 1946.

3. From information furnished by the Italian Ministry of Merchant Marine, based upon declaration of the Captain of the tug and extracts from the ship's log, it appears that it was utilized by the Royal Naval Authorities from 16 May 1945 to 31 January 1946. It is stated that the BELGORI was in Lerins, Greece, at the time of the Armistice, and on 16 May 1945 began salvage work in the port of Lerins on orders of the British Harbourmaster. Further, it is stated that the crew was paid by the Royal Navy Paymaster office of Rhodes during the period 16 May to 15 December 1945.

4. Authority is requested in view of the information in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, to furnish the Italian Ministry of Merchant

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15 March 1947.

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Subject: Tug "BILBOE", utilized by the Allies.

Marine with a certificate that the Tug "BILBOE" has been continuously employed by the Allies from 16 May 1945 to 12 November 1946.

H. W. KROOK,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR Rear Admiral,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SCTION, IMAS.

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15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Merchant Marine (Maritime Traffic  
Section).  
Subject: "ug WILPORT", utilized by the Allies.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Merchant Marine (Maritime Traffic  
Section) ltr. 104 dated 8 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) you are advised that Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has been furnished the information contained therein, in order that permission may be given for the issuance of certificate of utilization.

2. His decision will be communicated to you upon receipt.

REAR ADM. M.  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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15 March 1947.

From: United States Naval Member, Naval Sub-Section, I.M.S.  
To: Amleto Tomatini, Viale Italia No. 12,  
In Spesia.  
Subject: Machine for processing surface of propeller blades.  
Reference: (a) Your ltr. of 10 January 1947 addressed to  
Admiral Stone.

1. Your letter has been referred to this office for action. I take pleasure in informing you that I have referred your letter to the Office of Research and Inventions, United States Navy Department, Washington, D.C., for consideration. They have been requested to communicate directly with you.

2. In addition, your letter is being referred through British Naval Channels to the Admiralty in London.

H. W. ZIMLI,  
Commodore, U. S. Navy.

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15 March 1947.

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From:

United States Member, Naval Sub-Section, IAMS.  
Office of Research and Inventions, United States  
Navy Department, Washington D.C.

To:

Machine for processing surface of propeller blades -  
Information.

Subject:

(A) Copy of ltr. from Adele Constantini, La Spezia,  
Italy dated 10 January 1947.  
(B) Copy of Minister of War ltr. 1501 of 10 March  
1947.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith for  
information and such action as may be deemed necessary.
2. It is requested that reply be directed to Mr. Constantini  
directly.

J. W. ZIDOLI,  
Cosmocore, U. S. Navy.

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15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Mr. Francesco de Sarzana, Via Paisiello No. 24,  
Room.  
Subject: Allied Landing Craft at Messina, Purchase of.  
Reference: (a) Far ltr. to Navy Sub-Commission, Allied  
Commission, dated 9 December 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) you are advised that the landing craft at Messina have now been declared to the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Rome, for disposal. It is therefore recommended that you contact the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission, Via Umbria No. 2, Rome relative to purchase of the c/m craft.

FOR FEAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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15 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Director, Allied Financial Agency.  
Subject: Return of Funds Deposited by Ex-Italian Prisoners of War.  
Reference: (a) The Director, Allied Financial Agency's ltr. FA/4.830  
dated 23 January 1947.

1. With regard to reference (a), the matter has been referred to the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section, as suggested in paragraph 3 of reference (a).

2. A reply has now been received to the effect that while Headquarters, Peninsular Base Section does attempt to recover and return to individuals the currency and property impounded from them while in United States custody, the procedure regarding currency taken in Italy is governed by the following extract from an Allied Financial Agency directive dated 16 April 1946:

"Italian nationals or other persons considering themselves resident in Italy:

Such persons should file their claims for repayment with the Banca d'Italia, supported by original receipts."

and that the question should be referred to, and settled jointly by the Allied Financial Agency and the Banca d'Italia.

3. Confirmation is requested therefore, that the Ministry of

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15 March 1947

Subject: Return of Funds deposited by ex-Italian Prisoners of War.

Defense (Navy) should be advised to take the matter up with the Banca d'Italia direct in order to settle this long outstanding claim.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUBSECTION, BMG.

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15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine (Property and Harbour  
Services).  
Subject: Damage done to Harbour Works in Genoa by Allied  
Ships.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 220L/P  
of 12 March 1947.

1. Reference (a), addressed to the British Ministry of Transport, Rome, has been referred to this Sub-Section.

2. In reply, you are advised that the Admiralty has been hastened for a decision on the matter, which will be transmitted to you upon receipt.

H. W. ZIMMEL,  
COMMENDR., U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean.  
Subject: Hospital Ship "PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA" -  
Ship Documents.  
Reference: (a) Rear Admiral Melte's Minute III Malta No. 1203/MS  
dated 10 November 1946.

1. It is requested that this Sub-Section be advised  
if reply has been made to reference(s).

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

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PI-2/U/ 132

15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Superintendent Security Division,  
Venetian Giulia Police Force.  
Subject: Movement Control.

1. It is requested that A.M.G. travel permits be forwarded to enable Italian Naval officer Ubaldo AGOSTINI to visit Zara and Italian Naval ratings Eustacio MARTELLI and Luigi ZANFRINO to visit Trieste as per leave passes enclosed.

H. W. Tamm,  
C. M. S., U.S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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SP-4/8/131

15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy.  
Subject: Theft of coal from Leghorn Dockyard.  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission's ltr. NSC/5786 dated 19  
December 1946.  
(c) Navy Sub-Section's ltr. SP-4/8/33 dated 15  
February 1947.

1. It is requested that the certificate required by paragraph 3 of reference (a) and hastened by reference (b) be forwarded now please.

(Sgd.) G. L. WARREN

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

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IMI-11/B/130

15 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy.  
Subject: Disposal of Allied Craft in Italian Custody at Messina - Report to OFIC.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 58072 dated 9 December, 1946.  
             (b) Ministry of Marine signal Maristat 3565 timed 100015 of 15 January 1947.  
             (c) Ministry of Defense, Navy (office of the Secretary General) ltr. 439 dated 3 March 1947.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section ltr. IMI-11/B/129 dated 15 March 1947.

1. In reply to references (a) and (b) and further to reference (c), there is forwarded herewith enclosure (A) for information and necessary action.

2. It is understood that there is, in addition to the vessels listed in enclosure (A), one Italian Motor Boat with a British Diesel engine. This boat (with engine) may be retained for use at the discretion of the Ministry of Defense, Navy.

CC:  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission,  
Via Umbria No. 2, Rome.  
Subject: Disposal of Allied Craft in Italian Custody at Bassina.

The following bassina-land craft of United States origin,  
now in Italian naval custody at Bassina are herewith reported as available  
to the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission for disposal:

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| LSD 173 (ex LCP (A) 732)  | LSD (3) 1027 |
| LSD 84 (ex LCM (3) 1036)  | LSD (3) 1032 |
| LSD 90 (ex LCM (3) 1028)  | LSD (3) 1038 |
| LSD 91 (ex LCM (3) 1037)  | LSD (3) 1040 |
| LSD 145 (ex LCM (2))      | LSD (3) 1074 |
| Ran 159 (ex LCM (3) 1081) | LSD (3) 1102 |
| LSD (3) 524               | LCP (A) 671  |
| LSD (3) 566               | LCP (A) 709  |
| LSD (3) 573               | LCP (A) 906  |
| LSD (3) 910               | LCP (A) 904  |
| LSD (3) 917               |              |
| LSD (3) 1002              |              |

In addition, there are the following craft bearing  
unreadable numbers:

2 in number LCP (2)  
2 in number LCP (1)  
2 in number LCV (6)  
4 in number LCV.

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15 March 1947

Subject: Disposal of allied craft in Italian custody at Messina.

2. It is understood that the Italian Navy is now in possession of two of the above craft, which they have repaired and used for harbour transport in Messina. It is accordingly recommended that the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission enter into direct negotiations with the Italian Ministry of Defense (Navy) for the sale of these two craft, which are described as having the following characteristics:

2 small landing craft - Nos (USA) 90 - 91  
Length - 15 meters  
Width - 4.25 meters  
Draft - 0.6 meters  
2 "May" type Marine engines, 6 cylinder, 2000 rev., 250 h.p.  
maximum speed 8 knots.

3. The Italian Ministry of Defense (Navy) is being furnished a copy of this letter.

M. W. Gilmer,  
COMDT. U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DEPUTY, NAVAL SUP. SECTION, LIND.

## Copy to:

Italian Ministry of Defense (Navy).

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15 March 1947.

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From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Superintendent Security Division,  
Veneto Giulia Police Force.  
Subject: Movement Control.

1. It is requested that A.M.G. travel permit be forwarded  
to enable Italian Naval rating COSTE Mario to visit Trieste as per leave  
pass.

H. V.  
COMMUNICATOR  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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14 March 1947

IRN-12/R/ 127

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy (Maristat, Operations)  
Subject: Title "Commander-in-Chief of Naval Forces", approval of.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 1741/O.A. dated 14 February  
1947 addressed to Flag Officer Liaison Italy.

1. In response to reference (a), you are advised that the request to substitute the title "Inspector of Naval Forces" by that of "Commander-in-Chief of Naval Forces" is herewith approved.

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

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PC-1/N/126

13 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army.  
Subject: Motor Launch "Hull" L.247 - Request for certificate of Service on.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of CG.MA ltr. 2153/S/12 dated 10 March 1947 with enclosure thereto.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith.

2. It is respectfully requested that the certificate and information requested in paragraph 2 of enclosure (A) be forwarded to this Sub-Section for transmittal to the Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi.

H. W. ZIMMER,  
COMMANDER U. S. NAVY,  
FOR DEAR ADRIAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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C O P Y

COMITATO ITALIANO GESTIONI NAVI (CO.GE.NA)

Prot. N° 2153/S/12

Rome 10th March 1947  
Via De' Cesari N. 3  
ac/mia

Oggetto: Motor launch "Hull" L. 247.  
A : Navy Sub-Section - AFHQ  
Italian Military Affairs Section (IMAS)  
Rome.

1. Attached please find copy of Requisition Order for  
the above craft employed in Leghorn by the Ordnance 10th Port of  
Embarkation, on bare boat terms.

2. It is requested kindly that a certificate of  
service be supplied with the information whether at present the  
craft is to be considered lost and since what date.

By order of the President:

A.T. MARENA.

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C O P YCERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY BY MASTER, OWNER,AGENT OR OTHER PERSON HAVING CHARGE OFTHE SHIP

I hereby acknowledge that in accordance  
 with the terms of the above order, the Utility boat L.247  
 was delivered to S.C.L.O. for the use of Ordnance 10th Port Embark  
 on April 5th 1945 at 1600 hours.  
 Fuel on board at delivery

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Master/Owner/Agent etc. with description  
 S. TENENT DI PORTO  
 Countersigned (G.C. ROSSINI)

Description G.C. ROSSINI

Date 20/1/1946 Port Leghorn

Name of vessel \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Co. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner PICCHIOTTI NICODIMO Address Limite sull'Arno

Type of vessel Utility boat Built 1902

Condition Used and in need of repairs. Damaged by bombing

Length o/a mt.8 Beam mt.2 n/w Capacity \_\_\_\_\_

Bunker capacity \_\_\_\_\_ Tons Coal/Diesel/Petrol \_\_\_\_\_ Speed \_\_\_\_\_

Consumption \_\_\_\_\_ Draught \_\_\_\_\_

Hatches: No.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_

" 2 \_\_\_\_\_ "

" 3 \_\_\_\_\_ "

Fresh water capacity \_\_\_\_\_ Boat is damaged and requires repairs

Engine type \_\_\_\_\_ Condition \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_ L.247 A.O.D.O.

## MATERIALS ORDERED TO THE COMPANY BY THE ALLIES

Chiosza Marine Contractors Company letter  
dated 1st March 1947.

## II

DRN-19/M/125

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

Forwarded for consideration.

2. While the statement in paragraph 4 of minute I is erroneous in view of the fact that the material is requisitioned and not of Allied origin, it is not stated whether the Italian Navy local authorities have yet claimed this material as Italian Navy property, as the enclosed copy of a statement by the Base Engineer Officer dated 9th October 1943 infers it to be.

3. In order to clarify the matter, therefore, it is submitted that Lieutenant Commander (S) H.E. Smith, R.N., late Base Engineer Officer, Naples be traced and requested to

- (a) Confirm paragraph 3 of minute I, giving his reasons for verbally turning over to Chiosza this requisitioned machinery.
- (b) Confirm that the sum of 6,703,330 lire spent by the company is a fair and reasonable expenditure and a liability of the Royal Navy.
- (c) Supply information as to the origin and previous ownership of the machinery and equipment in question.

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## MATERIALS CEDED TO THE COMPANY BY THE ALLIES

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It is also submitted that the accounts and records of the Base Supply Officer, Naples be inspected in order to ensure that the sum quoted in paragraph 3 of minute I is not shown as a debit to the Royal Navy.

4. On receipt of the above information, it is requested that a decision may be given as to the retention or otherwise of the machinery by Chiossea Marins Contractors Company, Naples and that approval be given for payment of 6,703,330 lire to the Company in the event that the retention by them of the machinery is disallowed.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

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

Rome,  
13th March, 1947.

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From: OFFICIEL MARINS CONTRACTEURS DES ARS. NATIONAUX  
BODRUM (HOLY CROSS CARRIERS) Naples.  
To : Naples - Italy - France.  
Date: 1st March, 1947.

Subject: Materials coded to the Company by the Allies.

Reference is made to the Italian Navy's demand for our materials on anti-aircraft note in the Naples Naval Base. This question has already been discussed in previous letters to the D.E.S., which has stated that it is unable to intervene in our favour. On this subject we have one further request to make:

1. During the period when we were working for the Allies (Navy) in Naples, the Allied Comand of the port of Naples (U.S.A.) invited us to use the materials in the attached list, so that we could complete the work which we had been given.

2. When the allied Comand left the Naples Naval Base, our gain (arising from work carried out) and calculated at 1,700,000 lire, was deducted from the pending bills.

3. To bring the machines coded by the Allies to a state of efficiency, and to substitute parts worn out by use, the Company had to spend 6,705,500 lire on the work listed in the enclosure. The U.S.A., therefore, when it left the Naples Naval Base, compensated this expense by ceding us the materials, machines and replaced parts which are mentioned above.

4. Now, when our yards must be handed back, the Italian Navy intends to appropriate this equipment, asserting that all ex allied property must pass to the Italian Government.

5. In this way our Company is to be deprived of all the equipment which represents the compensation for overhauling and repair of the machines, which was made in the interest of the allied Navies.

6. It is requested that the U.S.A. should confirm in writing to the Chiosca Company, that the P.E.O. had stated verbally, namely that all the equipment in question was to remain in the full ownership of the Company.

In attendance of your reply, we thank you in anticipation.

(sgd.) OFFICIEL MARINS CONTRACTEURS  
DES ARS. NATIONAUX. 1616

C O P Y

The firm of Messrs "Chiozza", and all machinery and equipment  
in the workshops at the Submarine Base, Naples, has been  
requisitioned by, and is reserved for the use of, the Royal  
Navy.

(Sgd) W. V. STITT

British Naval Base Engineer Officer.

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IRN-19/6/124

13 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Ministry of Defense, Navy.  
Subject: Materials ceded to the Company by the Allies.

1. It has been reported to this Sub-Section, that the Italian Naval Command, Naples intend to appropriate equipment ceded to the CHIOZZA Marine Contractors Company, Naples, by the British Naval authorities at that port, in re-payment for the expenses incurred in repairing the equipment for the purpose of effecting repairs to Allied ships during the war.
2. It is requested, therefore, that instructions be given to the Italian Naval Command, Naples forthwith not to remove or use any of the equipment or machinery in question pending the results of an investigation which is at present being carried out in order to establish its ultimate disposal.
3. The results of the investigation will be communicated to the Ministry of Defense, Navy as soon as they are known.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

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

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12 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Director of Stores Admiralty.  
Subject: Supply of Dropped gear and spare parts for  
trawlers and M.M.S.  
Enclosure: (A) Estimate of Italian Navy LL/SI Minesweeping store  
requirements for the year November 1946 to October  
1947.

1. Enclosure (A), prepared by the Captain Minesweeping Mediterranean, was forwarded to the Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy)—(ex Ministry of Marine)—for inclusion in their overall import programme in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's instructions.

2. Observing however, that Italian Government purchases from abroad are strictly controlled by the Italian Treasury owing to the Italian Government's limited sterling assets, the Ministry of Defence (Navy) requested to be informed of the individual and total prices of the stores listed in enclosure (A).

3. Owing to the non-availability of this information locally, it was therefore requested from the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean who directed, in reply, that the prices be obtained from the Rate Book of Naval Stores, B.R. 810/43, which was forwarded by the Flag Officer, Malta, and that an approximate percentage charge of 2% with a surcharge of 5% on the total be applied, varying dependent on the shipping and handling charges of those stores which would require to be shipped out from the United Kingdom.

4. On examining the Rate Book of Naval Stores, however, it was discovered that while the price obtaining in April and July 1943 is listed against some of the items, others have "cost price" listed against them.

5. In view of the possibility therefore, that the prices of the items in question may differ at present from those established in April and July 1943, and in order to furnish the Ministry of Defence (Navy) with an accurate estimate of the cost of these minesweeping stores, it would be appreciated if the information required by them in paragraph 2 above, could be forwarded to this Section as soon as possible for onward transmission to

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Subject: Supply of Oropesa gear and spare parts  
trawlers and M.M.S.

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the Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy) for appropriate action with the  
Treasury.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

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

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13 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section,  
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.  
Subject: Yugoslav SS. SAJL (ex JURAI SUBIC).  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. No. 11456/p  
of 2 December 1946.  
(b) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. No. 1128/p  
of 28 February 1947.

1. In reply to references (a) and (b) you are advised  
that no satisfactory reply has been received from the Yugoslav  
Representative.

2. However, inasmuch as the Yugoslav Representative  
is now officially accredited to the Italian Government, it is not  
intended to take any further action in the matter and the Ministry  
is advised to deal with the case through diplomatic channels.

H. W. ZIGLER,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR Rear Admiral,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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PC-1/M/ 121

13 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi (CO.GE.NA.).

Subject: Motor Schooner SUCCESO.

Reference: (a) CO.GE.NA. ltr. 1486/S/46 dated 15 February 1947.  
(b) CO.GE.NA. ltr. 2199/S/46 dated 12 March 1947.  
(c) Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch, Claims and Assessments Board ltr. G-4/Claims/493 dated 11 March 1947.

1. In reply to the request contained in references (a) and (b) you are advised that this sub-section is in receipt of a copy of a letter from G-4 Claims Board addressed to you (reference (c), which, it is hoped, furnishes sufficient information to you for settlement of the owner's claim.

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

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GAS OIL DELIVERED TO M/H POLA

Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste's letter  
No. 1700/50 dated 28th February 1947.

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S.S.-2/M/ 120

The Chief Accountant,  
Allied Supply Accounting Agency, A.P.O. 794.

Forwarded for information with reference to your letter  
No. 13642/c dated 4th February 1947.

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

ROME,  
13th March, 1947.

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C O P Y

Subject: GAS OIL DELIVERED TO N/N POLA.

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

Date : 26th February 1947. No. 1700/50

To : THE DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS  
SECTION, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Reference is made to Allied Supply Accounting Agency's letter No. 13642/C dated 4th February, 1947. This transaction was a single emergency measure for the maintenance of an essential service during a general strike, and should have already been accounted for as the purchase price of the oil Lit. 141.011= has already been paid to Ente Petroli Triestino by UGMA.

(Sgd) C.S.D. NOMES  
(C.S.D. NOMES)  
CAPTAIN, ROYAL NAVY.

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12 March 1947.

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From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Papal Commission of Assistance.  
Subject: Transport of civilians from Lagosta.  
Reference: (a) Papal Commission of Assistance ltr. 2103/5 dated  
4 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), you are advised that the Ministry of Defense, Navy has made similar representations to this Sub-Section.

2. The Ministry of Defense, Navy was advised that this Sub-Section did not consider it advisable for a warship to be employed, but had no objection to the use of a Merchant ship. However, it is considered that the procedure for obtaining authority for this vessel to call at Lagosta would be for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to refer the matter to the Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean. The Ministry of Defense, Navy has been so advised.

R. J. COOPER, C.R.A.  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, I.M.A.S.

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12 March 1947  
Dm-19/N/ 113

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western Mediterranean,  
15/8, Piazza della Vittoria, Genoa.

Subject: Allied Ships Sunk in the Port of Augusta.

Reference: (a) Director of Merchant Ship Repairs' ltr. dated 27  
February 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's  
minute NSC/5845 dated 6 January 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith in accordance with  
reference (a).

H. W. KIRK  
COMMISSIONER IN CHIEF,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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11 March 1947.

IRN-11/N/ 117

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: British Ministry of Transport Representative (Italian Area).  
Subject: SS PIREAUS (Ex: PIRAEUS, Ex: FREIBURG, Ex: STALKA).  
Reference: (a) British Ministry of Transport Representative letter  
GAO/1474/47 of 5th March 1947.  
(b) Naval Sub-Section letter IRN-11(1)/B/45 of 15th  
February 1947.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of translation of letter from Societa' Fiumana di  
Navigazione dated 15th February 1947.  
(B) Two photostat copies of German requisitioning form,  
and Ministry of Mercantile Marine letter 1559 dated  
30th September 1944.

1. This authority is satisfied that the subject vessel remained  
Italian although requisitioned by the Germans and sailing under the German  
flag as a hospital ship.

2. A copy of a letter from the Societa' Fiumana di Navigazione  
dated 15th February 1947 is forwarded as enclosure (A). This sets out in  
considerable detail all the facts of the matter. Enclosure (B) are  
photostats of the German requisitioning form and a letter from the Italian  
Ministry of Mercantile Marine to the owners.

3. Any further information required will be readily forwarded  
and it is hoped that an early decision may be reached.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

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

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RIB-19/N/ 116

11 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations,  
United States Army.

Subject: SS CHARLES HEDDISON, sunk in the port of Bari - Salvage of.

Reference: (a) MIUSA ltr. AG 400.93/110 D-0, dated 27 November 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 807/P  
dated 13 January 1947.

1. Reference (a) was transmitted by this Sub-Section to the United States Maritime Commission and to the Italian Ministry of Mercantile Marine. A copy of the reply from the Ministry of Mercantile Marine is forwarded herewith as enclosure (A).

2. It will be noted that, although in paragraph 3 of enclosure (a) the Italian Ministry of Mercantile Marine states that it is not concerned with the removal of the explosives on board the SS CHARLES HEDDISON, nevertheless, in paragraph 5 thereof they request the loading plan of the vessel so that the Italian Administration may effectively supervise the removal of the explosives.

3. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this Sub-Section be given instructions in order that a reply may be made to the requests contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 of enclosure (A).

W. V. [Signature]  
CO. NAV. SUB-SECTION  
FOR REGD. ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB SECTION, IMAS.

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11 March 1947

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From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Avv. Comm. Mario Ferri,  
Viale Perioli No. 76, Rome.  
Subject: M.F.V. ANITA ANTICASTRA.

1. Further to your letter of 30 January 1947, regarding claim for compensation for loss of the a/m vessel, you are advised herewith that the Flag Officer liaison Italy, on 1 March 1947, furnished Consitato Italiano Gestione Navi with the necessary certificates to enable payment to the owner of M.V. ANITA ANTICASTRA fees and compensation for the loss of the vessel.
2. Mr. Cristoforo Costanzo, the owner was so advised.

H. W. ZIEGLER,  
COMMISSIONED, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR FLAG ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, DIAA.

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IRN-3/N/114

11 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Combined Signal Board, Allied Force Headquarters.

Subject: Radio Interference.

Reference: (a) Combined Signal Board, AFHQ, ltr. X590 of 5 February 1947.  
(b) Naval Sub-Section ltr. IRN-3/N/38 of 15 February 1947.

1. Further to references (a) and (b), this Sub-Section is in receipt of a communication from the Italian Ministry of Defense, Navy, stating that arrangements have been made to eliminate the disturbance caused by the stations with call signs IDP and ICH, which have to use the frequency of 4645 kcs., assigned to the Italian Navy.

P. W. T. M.L.  
COMMUNICATOR, NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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11 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy.  
Subject: Lifting of Italians from Lagosta to Bari.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defense, Navy ltr. n.1476 dated 26 February 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), you are advised that the Naval Sub-Section does not consider it advisable for an Italian warship to be employed in lifting the Italians from Lagosta to Bari. There is no objection to the use of a Merchant Vessel.

2. It is considered, however, that the procedure for obtaining authority for the calling of the vessel at Lagosta would be for the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to refer the matter to the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean.

H. W. ZROLL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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HSS-7/N/ 112

11 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for January 1947.  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Section ltr. HSS-7/N/79 of 3 March 1947.

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 1947, intended to replace the two copies forwarded with reference (a).

H. W. ZROLL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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IRM-19/N/ 111

11 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.

Subject: Allied Ships Sunk in Port of Bari.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine letter 1190/P dated  
25 January 1947.  
(b) Naval Sub-Section letter IRM-19/N/22 dated  
6 February 1947.

1. In reply to the request contained in reference (a) and further  
to reference (b) the following information is transmitted herewith:

The following vessels are being lifted in Bari by  
the Fratelli Maggi Firm of Genoa:

PUGK - Lloyd's Open Form, No Cure No Pay  
BOLIATA - " " " " " "  
TESTBANK - Hull sold outright, cargo being  
salvaged on a percentage basis  
LGM - Sold outright  
DMOW - " " "

H. W. ZIEGLER,  
COMMENDOR, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR HONORABLE,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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Int-11(3)/N/110

10 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
(Copy to: Flag Officer Liaison Italy.  
Reference: FOI 975/3 dated 5th December 1946).  
Subject: Lighter liaison (ex ROME 1946).  
Reference: (a) The Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's letter Med. 46/210/J/1 dated 1st November 1946 to the Flag Officer Liaison Italy.  
(b) Naval sub-section, Italian Military Affairs Section's letter Int-11(3)/N/3 dated 4th February 1947.  
Enclosure: (c) Translation of Ministry of Marine's letter 10306 dated 26th February 1947 and enclosures.

1. Enclosure (c) is forwarded herewith in accordance with reference (a) and in continuation of reference (b).

R. W. TIRCH,  
COMMANDER U.S. NAVY,  
FOR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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10 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Said.  
Subject: Supply of fresh provisions and clothing to the Italian Navy.  
Enclosure: (A) Form S.-547 dated 31st October 1944.

1. Enclosure (A) has been forwarded to the Italian Ministry of Marine for signature, but in reply, this section has been informed that issues could not have been made to the Italian ship "ITALIA" as she passed through the Suez Canal on the 15th/16th October 1944, and arrived at Taranto on the 23rd October where she remained throughout November.

2. The name of the ship had been amended to read "BRITANIA" prior to forwarding the form to the Ministry of Marine, observing that there is no Italian ship in existence which bears the name of "ITALIA" and "BRITANIA" appeared to be the only other alternative.

3. It is requested therefore, that a check be made on the date of issue and the name of the ship, in order that the required signature may be obtained from the appropriate Italian naval authority.

H. M. ZODD  
COMMENDATION NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB SECTION, IMAS.

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PF-2/M/103

10 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Archives Division.  
Subject: List of Firms who Carried out Repairs and Furnished  
Supplies to German Occupation Authorities - Forwarding of.  
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Ministry of Defense, Navy Ltr. E. 1051  
dated 6 March 1947 with enclosures thereto.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith in accordance  
with previous request made by the Archives Division to the Arsenal,  
Venice Base Command.

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

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IMM-1/B/107

10 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defence, Navy.  
Subject: Release of "Grazio di Lante" Barracks to Italian Navy.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 2826/2 dated 20 February 1947.  
(b) Naval Sub-Section ltr. IMM-1/B/65 dated 26 February 1947.

1. Further to references (a) and (b), the Real Estate Section, the Allied Command, has advised this Sub-Section that, although they have made tentative plans for release of the s/m barracks in the near future, it is impossible to give any exact date.
2. As soon as circumstances permit, more definite information will be furnished you.

Director, Naval Sub-Section, IMM-1/B/65

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMM-1/B/65

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10 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy.

Subject: S/Lt. (N) Giulio URSUS.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Warne's ltr. B. 1418 dated 25 February 1947.  
(b) Ministry of Warne's ltr. B. 186 dated 9 January 1947.

1. Subject officer is interned for an unspecified period, having been classed by Allied Force Headquarters as an "enemy agent". The Naval Sub-Section is not prepared to initiate any further special steps to secure his release which must be negotiated via the ordinary channels by the officer concerned.

H. W. 2/10/47

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

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8 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy (Cabinet).  
Subject: Salvage of S.S. EINIDA VASILIKI.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defense, Navy (Cabinet) ltr. 748/UT  
of 4 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), with regard to the request of the owner of the s/m vessel to salvage it, you are advised that on 15 February 1947 Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi, made a similar request on behalf of the owner to Flag Officer Liaison Italy.

2. Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has been approached by Flag Officer Liaison Italy for a decision on this matter and upon receipt of a reply, it will be communicated to you.

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FOR FMR AD MPAI,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, DMAE.

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7 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western Mediterranean,  
Piazza della Vittoria No. 5, Interno 8, Genova.  
United States Maritime Commission Representative,  
Via Roma 123, Naples.

Subject: Salvage of Allied wrecks - Request for permission by  
National Association of Political Victims of Fascism.

Enclosure: (A) copy of ltr. from National Association of Political  
Victims of Fascism, Gen., dated 21 February 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information.
2. The National Association of Political Victims of  
Fascism have been notified by this Sub-Section to contact your office  
directly.

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COURTESY COPY  
FOR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAR.

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7 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: National Association of the Political Victims of Fascism -  
Apulia Region, Bari.  
Subject: Salvage of Allied wrecks.  
Reference: (a) Letter of National Association of Political Victims  
of Fascism dated 21 February 1947.

1. In reply to your letter, reference (a), requesting permission to salvage all Allied wrecks sunk in the ports of Bari, Barletta, and within coastal territorial waters, you are advised that the proper authorities to be contacted are as follows:

(a) For salvage of British wrecks:

Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western Mediterranean  
Piazza della Vittoria 15, Interno 8, Genova.

(b) For salvage of American wrecks:

The United States Maritime Commission  
Via Roma 123, Naples.

2. Copies of your letter are being forwarded to the a/m authorities by this Sub-Section, so that you may now contact them directly.

FOR REAL ADMIRAL  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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PL-2/B/ 102

7 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Superintendent Security Division,  
Venezia Giulia Police Force.  
Subject: Movement Control.

1. It is requested that A.M.C. travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval officer VITTONI Corrado to visit Gorizia as per leave pass enclosed.

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

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7 March 1947.

From:  
To:Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
French Merchantile Marine Mission to Italy  
Through Captain Baron de Villafosse, French  
Representative to the Allied Military Authorities  
in Italy.

Subject:

French Barge HERCULE and Belgian Barge TIPPER at  
Venice.

Reference:

(a) French Merchantile Marine Mission Itr. 1.919  
10/21. TS/TS dated 6 February 1947.

1. While the Naval Sub-Section concurs in principle with reference (a), it is however noted that the Barge TIPPER is Belgian and it will be appreciated if this Sub-Section could be furnished any details which may substantiate your action on behalf of the Belgian Government in the restitution of the TIPPER.

2. Upon receipt of your reply, the matter will be given further consideration and you will be advised.

Very truly yours,  
COL REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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7 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Superintendent Security Division,  
Venezia Giulia Police Force.  
Subject: Movement Control.

1. It is requested that A.M.G. travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval rating ZAFFADOR Alfredo to visit Pola as per leave pass enclosed.

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

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7 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Land Forces Sub-Section, IMAS.  
Subject: Periodically reports upon the Italian Medical Situation.

1. forwarded herewith are the reports upon the Italian Navy medical situation covering the second fortnight of January 1947.

M. W. ZIBOLI,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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7 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section,  
To: Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet).  
Subject: Belgian Barque "EDAN III".  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5825, dated 3  
January 1947.  
(b) Naval Sub-Section ltr. IRN-11/N/2 dated 3  
February 1947.

1. The attention of the Ministry of Defence, Navy is  
again invited to references (a) and (b) and the requests contained therein.

H. W. ANDREWS,  
COMMISSIONER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR DEAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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PA-2/M/97

7 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy.  
Subject: Appointments of Flag Officers.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's B.1246 of 19 February 1947.

1. I have to inform you that the appointments of Flag Officers proposed in reference (a) have been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

(Signature)  
RANK ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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7 March 1947

My dear Count Sforza,

With reference to your Memorandum to the Allied Commission dated 22nd January 1947 regarding the return to Italy of the Italian tanker "ARCOLA", at present at Dakar, I wish to confirm paragraph one of your memorandum, and inform you that the matter is under active consideration by the Admiralty in London from whom a reply is awaited.

I will communicate to you the Admiralty's decision as soon as it is received.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry M. Stone

HENRY M. STONE  
Rear Admiral, U.S.N.  
Chief  
Italian Military Affairs Section.

H.M. On-Court Carlo Sforza  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Rome.

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IRN-11/N/95

6 March 1947.

From  
To:

Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
Ministry of Defense, Navy (Meristat).

Subject:

Wreck of the British SS. SKIPJACK lying in the  
Port of Ravenna.

Reference:

(a) Ministry of Marine (Meristat) ltr. 9992 of 24  
February 1947.

1. Further to reference (a), it is presumed that the vessel referred to is the SS. SKIPJACK, inasmuch as there is no record of a British vessel SS. SKAI PAYCH. Accordingly, it is requested that you obtain further information in order to confirm the presumption that the vessel is the SKIPJACK.

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

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IRE-01/N/31

6 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Subject: SS STAMIRA. (re-named SS PIRAEUS.)  
Reference: (a) Societa' Finanziaria di Navigazione letter of 15th February 1947.  
(b) British Ministry of Transport letter GAB/1384/17 of 12th February 1947.  
(c) Naval Sub-Section Letter URN-11(1)/N/45 of 18th February 1947.  
(d) Ministry of Marine letter 640/J/1 of 20th February 1947.

1. Copies of all letters referred to above are enclosed. They represent only the last month's correspondence relating to this matter which dates back to September 1945, but by themselves they give a complete picture of the Italian reasons for reclaiming the ship. There would appear to be strong evidence to support their claim. The local representatives of the British Ministry of Transport are of the opinion that a mistake was made in handing her over to the Greeks.

2. However, the main reason for this matter being referred to you is that it has so far been found quite impossible to obtain a decision from the British Ministry of Transport in London, through their representative in Rome.

3. It is therefore requested that you will consider placing the matter before Their Lordships, with a view to pressing the Ministry to give a decision one way or the other without delay, as our inability to give a decisive reply to the Ministry of Marine's repeated representations is proving an embarrassment.

(Sgd)

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

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IRN-19/R/93

6 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The British Ministry of Transport Representative, Rome.  
Subject: SS LAK. KRUGG sunk in the port of Bari.  
Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's  
minute IRN-19/R/93 dated 4th February 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if the information requested in  
reference (a) could now be forwarded.

H. W. ZURHILL,  
COMMUNIQUE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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EN-19/M/92

6 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Director of Merchant Ship Repair, Western Mediterranean.  
Subject: Allied Ships Sunk in the Port of Augusta.  
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's minute  
NSC/5845 dated 6th January 1947.

1. A reply to reference (a) not having been received, information is requested as to when it may be expected or how the matter now stands.

H. W. ZIROLL,  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
**FOR REAR ADMIRAL**  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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IRN-31(6)/M/31

6 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Subject: SS LINA CAMPANELLA, registered No. 1630 - Genoa.

1. The Italian Ministry of Marine has requested that attempts be made to obtain recognition of the property of the a/m vessel and its restitution to the Italian Government.

2. It is stated that this vessel was requisitioned by the Italian Navy in 1941 and was at the Port of Pola at the date of the Armistice. Subsequently, she was in Trieste in May 1945 at which time she was removed by the Yugoslavs. Flying the Yugoslav flag, she subsequently ran aground near Albion, after having hit a mine. She was repaired and is now working for the Yugoslav Government.

3. The gross tonnage of the CAMPANELLA is 3355.70 and net tonnage 1952.31 tons. Her registry number is 1630, Genoa, and she is owned by the Tito Campanella Company at Genoa.

4. On 10 October 1946, the Navy Sub-Commission requested information on the a/m vessel from the Yugoslav representative to the Advisory Council for Italy. The following reply has been received:

"We have been instructed from the Yugoslav Government to communicate that the vessel LINA CAMPANELLA was declared for Yugoslav War Booty by the Yugoslav Maritime Prize Court on May 13, 1946."

5. The Italian Ministry of Marine states that inasmuch as this vessel is equipped as a water tanker it would be of great use to them, owing to the serious water supply situation confronting the Italian Navy.

6. Inasmuch as this is not the first case of such illegal declaration of war booty, instructions are accordingly requested in order that reply may be made to the Italian Ministry.

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS P 565

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PL-2/N/ 90

6 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Superintendent Security Division,  
Venetia Julia Police Force.  
Subject: Movement Control.

1. It is requested that A.M.G. travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval officer ROMAKY Edmondo to visit Fiume as per leave pass enclosed.

H. W. JONES,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB SECTION, IMAS.

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PP-2/N/89

6 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defense, Navy.  
Subject: Arturo MIRONA.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's Ltr. N. 15/2 of 3 March 1947.

1. I have to inform you that everything possible is being done to secure the release of the subject officer and rating both by Italian Military Affairs Section and through diplomatic channels.
2. I will communicate with you immediately if any progress is made.

H. W. ZINN,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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IRN-19/B/ 83

6 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Mercantile Marine.  
Subject: SS. PORT ATHABASKA - sunk in the port of Bari.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 1191/P of  
25 January 1947.

1. Further to the request contained in reference (a) you are advised that the authorities in London have been hastened by signal to obtain Canadian approval for abandoning the wreck, inasmuch as the PORT ATHABASKA is of Canadian origin.
2. Upon receipt of their approval, you will be advised.

H. W. ZEROLI,  
COMM'DR, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR DEAK ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, TMA.

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SB-6/N/87

5 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
 To: Victualling Store Officer, Levant.  
 c/o The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Port Said.

Subject: Supply of fresh provision to warships at Alexandria.

Reference: (a) Victualling Store Officer, Levant's ltr. No. HQ.3265/46  
 dated 1st July 1946  
 (b) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr. NCC/5495  
 dated 1st October 1946.

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| " (C) :         | "          | 253          | "ARDIMENTOSO"       |
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| " (E) :         | "          | 115          | "TITAN"             |
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| " (H) :         | "          | 662          | "ARDIMENTOSO"       |

1. Enclosures (A) to (H) inclusive, are forwarded herewith  
 in accordance with reference (a) and in continuation of reference (b).

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

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THIRD PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEMILITARIZATION  
OF THE ISLANDS OF PANTELLERIA AND LAMPEDUSA.

Land Forces Sub-Section, Italian Military  
Affairs Section's letter 3/8/2 of 7th February  
1947.

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The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
(Copy to: The Naval Liaison Officer to the Supreme  
Allied Commander, Mediterranean).

forwarded for information in continuation of my minute  
NOC/2352 dated 9th January 1947.

2. An amendment to minute 1 dated 13th February 1947 is  
also enclosed.

P.T. S<sup>3</sup>. 17/3

H. W. ZURDIL,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SSECTION, IMAS.

ROMA,  
4th March 1947.

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IRN-12/N/ 85

4 March 1947

MEMORANDUM TO AIR FORCES SUB SECTION, IMAS.

Subject: Life Raft - Recovering of.

1. This Sub-Section is in receipt of a communication from the Italian Ministry of Marine, stating that on 8th February 1947, an empty life raft was picked up at the mouth of the Albegna river, and that from stencilled information thereon, it is considered that the raft may be of American origin.

2. The following is the information on the raft:

"Kokomo Bragg Globe American Corp Corona Indian Aier Tank  
Camp 139/line F T 20 persons Ingract by Phico Nine Buide  
1/24/35 at Pendino".

3. This information is forwarded for whatever action is deemed appropriate. Please advise this Sub-Section of action taken.

H. W. ZIEGLER,  
CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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3 March 1947

PA-2/N/ 84

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
 To: Ministry of Defence, Navy.  
 Subject: Substitution of Captain Roberto BUZZOS DI PONKANTO  
 at the Trieste Recruiting Centre.  
 Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's ltr. N.1025 of 13 February 1947.  
 1. There is no objection to the proposed mutation referred  
 to above.

H. W. DUNN,  
 COMM'DR. U.S. NAVY,  
 FOR: RANK: ADMIRAL,  
 DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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CEM-A/N/ 83

4 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Defence - Navy (Cabinet)  
Subject: Capstans of presumably French Origin  
in the Montecatini Works at Legnano.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence - Navy (Cabinet) ltr. 667/UT  
of 1 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) you are advised that this matter has been referred to the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy for action.
2. Upon receipt of their reply, you will be advised.

H. W. COOK,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAG.

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4 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Mission Section.  
To: French Merchantile Marine Mission in Italy.  
(Through Captain Heron de Villefosse, French Representative  
to the Allied Military Authorities in Italy.)  
Subject: Captains of presumably French Origin in the Montecatini  
Works at Legnano.

1. This Sub-Section has been advised that the Montecatini  
Company has discovered in its establishment at Legnano two steam capstans,  
bearing the following plate:

"ULTRAS AND HAUSER - BOIS SEZI LE HAVRE Port de Lorient".

The approximate weight of each capstan is 1.5 tons.

2. It is requested that the French Authorities provide for an  
inspection of the a/m material, in order to ascertain that it is French.

3. It would be appreciated if this Sub-Section may be advised  
of the action taken and the result of the investigation.

U.S. NAVY  
FOR FLEET ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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C-1/b/81

3 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ferrera Stefano, Via Vittorio Emanuele 33,  
(Agrigento) Lanesa.  
Subject: Claim for Compensation for loss of boat "SAN GIUSEPPE".  
Reference: (a) Your letter (undated) re above vessel.

1. In reply to your request for payment for the value of your boat, "SAN GIUSEPPE", which was lost in June 1943 at which time you state it was used by the British for the embarkation of prisoners of war onto a British destroyer, you are advised that it is agreed that there is "prima facie" case for compensation to you for the loss.

2. Accordingly, it is suggested that you prepare, and forward to this office a claim, supported by a sworn statement by you, and also by the three witnesses mentioned in paragraph 3 of your letter, Lieutenant (infantry) Salamone Carmelo, the "V. brigadiere" of Carabinieri Verdeasca Raffaele, and the "S. brigadiere" of Coastguards Nicciardi Basilio. Upon receipt of these sworn statements the matter will be taken up with the Claims Service for settlement.

A. W. C. T.  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR  
REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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3 March 1947

PL-2/N/80

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Superintendent Security Division,  
Venetia Giulia Police Force.  
Subject: Movement Control.

1. It is requested that AMG travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval rating SIRACUSA Antonio to visit Trieste as per leave pass enclosed.

H. V. ZIMMEL,  
CQMS, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR MAJOR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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MSS-7/N/79

3 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.  
Subject: Navy Sub-Commission Monthly Report for January 1947.

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 1947.

E. W. TURNER,  
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR Rear Admiral,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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PC-1/N/ 73

3 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi (CO.GE.NA.)  
Subject: Motor Boat "S. ALIGHIERI" Reg. No. 2896 Naples.  
Reference: (a) CO.GE.NA ltr. 13085 of 12 December 1946.

1. Further to the request for information contained in reference (a), you are advised that a complete check has been made of the records of this theater and no information regarding the s/m can be found. Further, no record could be found of 1st Lieutenant Arthur H. Van Kirk, Requisitioning officer.

P. W. ZUBRIL  
COMMISSIONED, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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3 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: The Ministry of Mercantile Marine.  
Subject: Schooner GILFORD.  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine's ltr. 36285 dated 13  
November 1946.  
(b) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr.  
NAC/5671 dated 15 January 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) and in continuation of reference (b), it is regretted that the exhaustive enquiries which have been made in Yugoslavia in an effort to trace the schooner GILFORD have failed to achieve their purpose.

2. The vessel should therefore be considered lost and it is understood that a certificate to this effect has been forwarded to you by the Flag Officer Liaison Italy.

C. C. COOPER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, EMAS.

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PI-2/N/76

3 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Adjutant Political Representative  
Viale Bruno Buozzi 113.  
Subject: Leave in Austria - Leading Telegraphist Angelo OLIVOTTO.

1. Attached is a request for a permit to visit Austria which is forwarded to you for action.
2. The Naval Sub-Section has no objection.

H. W. ZIEGLER,  
COMMAGINE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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PD-1/N/75

1 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Allied Military Government, Venetian Giulia.  
Subject: Stoker Lino CHRISTOFIC.

1. Please deliver to the next of kin of above rating,  
the official notice that he is missing.
2. It would be appreciated if confirmation of its  
delivery could be sent to me for the Italian Ministry of Marine.

H. W. ZIROLI,  
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR PEAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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PD-1/N/ 74

1 March 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Signore Margherite Freccieri.  
Subject: Search for Lorenzo Viglietti of Angelo, Torpedoman  
on board the Submarine GAMBITO.

1. In reply to your letter I have to inform you that you should communicate direct with the Italian Red Cross, Via Puglie 6, Roma.

2. They have a department especially devoted to tracing missing persons and are the most competent organisation at present engaged in this work.

B. W. COOK,  
CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. NAVY,  
FOR NEAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB SECTION, IMAS.

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PD-4/N/ 73

1 March 1947.

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: G-1 (MOUSA).

Subject: Seaman Simone AFOLIO.

Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Commission ltr. NHC/5885 dated 20 January  
1947.  
(b) General Headquarters Central Mediterranean Forces  
ltr. 3155 dated 28 January 1947.

1. Request that a reply may be sent as soon as possible to my enquiry as to the whereabouts of the above seaman.

K. W. ZEEB,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR HIGH ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT to  
BuPers ltr. Pers - 8122-EFM-JVG  
of 7 February 1947.

From: Deputy Director, Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Lieutenant Commander Allen G. Ven Wye, SCS, USNRR,  
Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission, Paris.  
Subject: Transportation for Dependent Wife to Italy.

1. Forwarded.

H. W. ZIROLI.

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342UNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES  
MEDITERRANEANFLEET POST OFFICE,  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

24 FEB 1947

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on  
Bulova LTR Pers-9122-  
87W-jvg of 7 February  
1947.

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean.  
To: Lt. Comdr. Allen G. Van Wye, SOS, USMR.  
Via: Chief, Navy sub-section, Italian Military Affairs section,  
Rome.  
Subject: Transportation for dependent wife to Italy.

1. Forwarded.

W. T. HOLMES,  
By direction.

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C O P Y

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

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

Pers-8122-EFM-jvg

7 February 1947.

To: Lt. Comdr. Allen G. Van Wye, SC(S), USNR  
U.S. Naval Forces Mediterranean  
EPO, New York, New York  
Via: Commander U.S. Naval Forces Mediterranean  
Subj: Transportation for Dependent Wife to Italy.

Ref: (a) Your request dated 11 January 1947.  
(b) CNO letter serial 195P21 OP-21 dated 6 March 1946  
(c) AlNav #89 of 1946

1. Reference (a) requested transportation for your wife from the United States to Italy. Reference (c) outlines the requirements for the military personnel before transportation for dependents may be authorized.

2. As your tour duty will not fulfill the requirements of reference (c), transportation for your wife can not be authorized at government expense, nor can permission be granted for her travel at your own expense.

3. By copy of this letter your wife will be advised of this action.

By direction of the Chief of Naval Personnel:

L.W. PANCOAST, Captain, USN  
Director of Transportation

CC:  
Mrs. Allan G. Van Wye  
603 Township Line  
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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1 March 1947

IRN-H/H/ 71

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.  
To: Ministry of Marine.  
Subject: S/S "ANNA CAPANO".  
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Shipping Requisition Office) ltr.  
19794 dated 18 December 1946.  
Enclosure: (A) Cantieri Riuniti dell'Adriatico - Trieste, Cantieri  
S. Rocco's bill No. 365717 dated 5 February 1947 for  
a total of 621.378 lire in duplicate.

1. Enclosure (A) in respect of work carried out on the S/S  
"ANNA CAPANO" is forwarded herewith for settlement in accordance with  
reference (a).

H. W. Z.,  
COMMANDER, U. S. NAVY,  
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL SUB-SECTION, IMAS.

Copy to:  
The Base Supply Officer,  
I.M. base, Trieste.  
(Ref. 8/8/1940/c of 19 February 1947).

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J. J. G.

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