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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PL-2/N/105

28 April 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

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

L. S. ROGERS.
Lieutenant, USNR.
For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

29 APR 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PH-1/N/ 104

23 April 1947.

Subject: FORTNIGHTLY REPORT ON THE ITALIAN NAVAL MEDICAL
SITUATION.

To: LAND FORCES BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

1. Forwarded herewith are the reports upon the Italian
Navy Medical Situation covering the 2nd fortnight of February 1947.

L. S. ROSSITER,

Lieutenant, USNR.

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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CEM-3/M/103

25 April 1947

Subject: GERMAN W/T MATERIAL RECOVERED BY
ITALIAN NAVY AT SACCA FISOLA.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 1584 dated 13
January 1947.

1. The W/T stores of German origin listed in the enclosure
to reference (a) may be utilized at the discretion of the Ministry of
Defence, Navy for the maintenance of the Italian Navy.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

28 APR 1947 1539

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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FD-3/E/ 102

23 April 1947

Subject: COMMANDER LUGI PORRESTA' AND P.O. WALTER ARTURO BERGERA.
To: GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCES.

1. Since December 27th 1945 the Italian Naval authorities have been requesting that urgent steps be taken to secure the release of the subject officer and rating who were captured by the Yugoslav authorities while carrying out work behind the enemy lines on behalf of a British Intelligence organisation. I have received repeated "hastenings" but have not yet been able to give a definite reply.

2. As mentioned in my MSC/5915 of 30th January 1947 I consider that a definite moral obligation rests with the Allies to secure the release of these two men. No reply has yet been received to this letter or to my signal timed 200922B/March 1947.

3. I am aware that the matter is also being dealt with on a diplomatic level and possibly that great efforts are being made to clear the matter up, but nevertheless I must ask you to instruct the appropriate department to reply to my various communications stating what progress has been made.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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24 April 1947

IRM-11(4)/NA/01

Subject: MSV "NUOVO GALLO" EX "S. GEROLAMO" (BUDIMIR)

To: THE JUGOSLAV CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES.
JUGOSLAV LEGATION, ROME.
(Copy to: THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: Ltr. 1231/UT dated 18 April 1947.)

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission Ltr. NSC/5733
dated 4 December 1946 to the Yugoslav Delegation to
the Advisory Council for Italy.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission Ltr. NSC/5740
dated 6 December 1946 to the Yugoslav Delegation to
the Advisory Council for Italy.

1. Notwithstanding references (a) and (b), information has been received from the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy that no Yugoslav representative has yet presented himself at the Capitaneria di Porto, Rimini, for the turn over of the M/S "BUDIMIR" to the Yugoslav Government.

2. It is requested therefore, that early arrangements be made for the taking over of this vessel, and that a Yugoslav representative be detailed to report to the Capitaneria di Porto, Rimini as soon as possible in order that the consignment of this schooner to the Yugoslav Government may be effected.

3. It is further requested that the information called for in paragraph 2 of reference (a) be subsequently forwarded.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

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PL-2/N/103

24 April 1947

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

1. It is requested that AMG travel permits be forwarded to enable Italian Naval officers BARBI Arrigo, RAVALICO Lino to visit Trieste and ALEMANESE Mario to visit Gorizia as per leave passes enclosed.

L. S. ROGERS,
Lieutenant, USNR,
For
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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COMPLETION OF ITALIAN NAVY AMMUNITION
COMPLEMENT FOR 90/53-50 mm. GUNS.

Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters letter
WSI-2/R/93 dated 23 April 1947.

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WSI-2/R/99

The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Forwarded for information with reference to your minute Med.
47/1350/5/1 dated 30 March 1947.

2. The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy have not been informed of Their Lordships' decision contained in paragraph 3 of the Secretary of the Admiralty's letter M. 0250/47 dated 25 February 1947, observing that the Italian Navy 90 mm. ready use and reserve ammunition requirements for guns actually mounted, when calculated on the basis of the information given in enclosure (C) to Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's letter MSC/5761 dated 11 December 1946, only amount to 3,180 rounds arrived at as follows:

Afloat:

Ready use:	44 mounted guns @ 400 rounds per gun	=	17,600	rounds
Reserve :	44 mounted guns @ $\frac{1100}{2}$ rounds per gun	=	24,200	"

Ashore:

Ready use:	48 mounted guns @ 535 rounds per gun	=	25,680	"
Reserve :	48 mounted guns @ $\frac{2675}{2}$ rounds per gun	=	64,200	"
			131,680	"
Less rounds already held by Italian Navy:			128,500	"
Total:			3,180	"

It will thus be appreciated that this figure is considerably less than the

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COMPLETION OF ITALIAN NAVY AMMUNITION
COMPLEMENT FOR 90/53-50 mm. GUNS.

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number of shells whose manufacture has already been approved.

3. It is submitted, therefore, for consideration, that the Italian Navy 90 mm. guns actually mounted be limited to a full ready use, and reserve complement of ammunition, and that an allowance be made for exercises. This provision will reduce the number of shells required to complete the complement to approximately one third of the original Italian estimate as follows:

Afloat:

Ready use:	44 mounted guns @ 400 rounds per gun	-	17,600	rounds
Reserve :	44 mounted guns @ 1100 rounds per gun	-	48,400	"

Ashore:

Ready use:	48 mounted guns @ 535 rounds per gun	-	25,680	"
Reserve :	48 mounted guns @ 2765 rounds per gun	-	<u>128,640</u>	"
			220,080	"
Plus allowance for exercises		-	<u>18,500</u>	"
			238,580	"
Less rounds already held by Italian Navy		-	<u>128,500</u>	
Total requirement is therefore:			<u>110,080</u>	rounds

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

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NSI-2/N/ 38

23 April 1947

Subject: COMPLETION OF ITALIAN NAVY AMMUNITION
COMPLEMENT FOR 90/53-50 mm. GUNS.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) The Ministry of Marine's ltr. No. 3447/UT dated
23 October 1946.

1. In reply to reference (a) the Ministry of Defence, Navy is informed that the manufacture of 30,000 shells for 90 mm. Naval guns is approved.

2. The question regarding the gradual completion of the 90 mm. ammunition complement is still under consideration however, and a further communication in this respect will be made in due course.

(Signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-11/N/ 37

23 April 1947.

Subject: ITALIAN TANKER "ARCOLA" - RESTITUTION TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

Reference: (a) The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's submission No. 504/Med.47/1346/7/1 dated 18th February 1947.
(b) The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's submission No. 72/Med.47/1346/7/1 dated 8th January 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if Their Lordships' decision referred to in paragraph 2 of reference (a) could now be hastened in order that a reply may be made to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs' request mentioned in paragraph 1 of reference (b).

(signed) S. M. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-8/N/36

23 April 1947

Subject: REPLACING OF MOORINGS AT LEGHORN.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Maristat) ltr. 17174
dated 16 April 1947.

1. It is requested that this branch be furnished data giving the exact location of the two moorings mentioned in reference (a). This information is necessary in order that operational charts may be amended accordingly.

(Signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN STATE ARCHIVES

Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch letter
G-5: 921.03 dated 19th April 1947.

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G-5 Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch.

There are no Italian State papers held by this Branch.

ROME,
23rd April 1947.

(Signed) S. N. MACKEBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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G-5: 921.03

Italian State Archives

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1. The US Embassy has enquired for particulars of Italian State papers in Allied possession.

2. Will you please state whether any Italian papers are under your control. If so please give short particulars and how it is proposed that they should be disposed of.

3. It will be appreciated if your reply can reach this HQ by 28 April.

S.H. WHITE
Lt. Col.

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Subject:

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Reference:

Enclosure:

1. In reply to reference (a), enclosure (A) is transmitted. It is to be noted that the transaction must be completed before the Peace Treaty comes into effect. It is requested that this Branch be advised when the transaction has been completed.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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C O P Y

Allied Force Headquarters
G-5 (LACAB) Section
ROME
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22 April 1947

G-5: 963.01

Subject: Delivery of Ammunition to Turkish Navy
Destroyers Built in Italy.

To: Director
Italian Naval Branch.

Reference is made to Navy Sub-Commission letter NSC/5920 of
31 January 1947.

It is agreed that the ammunition in question be released
immediately provided that the transaction can be completed before the Peace
Treaty comes into force.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEE:

A.L. HAMLEN,
Colonel, GSC
Assistant Chief Staff, G-5

Copy to: NLO AFHQ
G-3 AFHQ
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IRM-11(4)/W/33

22 April 1947

Subject: RESTITUTION OF 2 MAN DIESEL MOTORS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. NSC/5491
dated 28 September 1946.

1. Information has been received from the Yugoslav Legation to the effect that during the Italian occupation of Yugoslavia the Italian Navy removed from the Dockyard in Split two motors MAN Diesel, 720 H.P., 8 cylinders each, with parts belonging to the same motors: Reductor "Vulkan", oil refrigerator and oil depurator (complexive capacity of both 1100 litres), two mortars and other parts. Net weight 60,000Kg. The motors were built in 1939 in Augsburg (Germany) and were never used nor unpacked. They were taken from Split in their original packing of the factory and transported to "Cantieri Navali Arde", Marghera, Venice, where they are still stored in their original state.

2. Subject to the Ministry of Defence, Navy's confirmation of the above therefore, it is requested that the necessary instructions be given in order that the motors and parts in question may be made available to the Yugoslav authorities for collection in accordance with the Allied policy outlined in paragraph 1 of reference (a).

3. The Ministry of Defence, Navy will be informed of the exact date upon which a Yugoslav representative will collect this material, as soon as confirmation of paragraph 1 above is received.

4. It is understood that this matter has also been raised with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the ex-Executive Commissioner, Allied Commission, in his letter No. 9009/477/EC dated 29th January 1947.

(signed) S. N. MURPHY

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRN-19/N/32

21 April 1947

Subject: WRECK OF SS SKIPJACK.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Maristat) ltr. 9992 of 24 February 1947.
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 13122 of 17 March 1947.
(c) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr. IRN-19/N/12 of 24 March 1947.

1. In reply to references (a) and (b), and further to reference (c), you are advised that the Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western Mediterranean, Genoa, has communicated to this Branch the information that the owners of the SKIPJACK have abandoned the wreck to the Ravenna Harbour Authorities.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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FI-2/W/31

21 April 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

1. It is requested that A.M.G. travel permits be forwarded to enable Italian Naval ratings ROGOLINI Mario, BOSCARDINI Guerrino, and FARINA Filippo to visit Trieste as per leave passes enclosed.

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

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21 April 1947

Subject: " M/V MARIA GABRIELLA ".
Re: SOCIETA' ANONIMA COMMERCIALE INDUSTRIALE RECCARO.
Reference: (a) Societa' Anonima Commerciale Industriale Reccaro ltr.
dated 14 March 1947 addressed to Allied Command, Rome.

1. In reply to reference (a), which has been referred to this Branch, you are advised to direct correspondence concerning the matter to:

The Director of Navy Contracts,
Admiralty (Contract Department),
Block "B", Foxhill Hutments,
Bath, Somerset,
England.

This Branch is not prepared to take any action in the matter.

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

Copy to:
Mr. Ardario Perla,
Via Alessandro Poerio No. 127,
Rome.

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IRM-11/R/89

18 April 1947

Subject: TUG "BELBORIE" - CERTIFICATE OF UTILIZATION.
To: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE (MARITIME TRAFFIC SECTION).
Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine (Maritime Traffic Section)
ltr. 184 of 8 March 1947.
(b) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section ltr.
IRM-11/R/140 dated 15 March 1947.

1. By authority of Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean, it is hereby certified that the tug BELBORIE was continuously employed by the Allies from 16 May 1945 to 12 November 1946.

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

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18 April 1947

IRM-8/N/88

Subject: TORPEDO BOAT "BOSSINI" - WRECK OF - CLEARED IN
LEGNORNI HARBOUR.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Maristat) ltr. 12392 dated
12 March 1947.

1. With reference to the clearance of the wreck of the a/m torpedo boat, reported to this Branch by reference (a) it is requested that the position in which the wreck lay be furnished to this Branch.

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

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IRM-19/N/87

18 April 1947

Subject: RETURN OF TUG T.88 TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
To: THE HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy has requested approval to take possession of the tug T.88, salvaged in Trieste harbour by the S.A.R.R.O.M. Company, on the understanding that salvage expenses will be paid by the Italian Navy, and that the tug is henceforward used for civilian purposes. The authority quoted for this request is the Industry and Utilities Division of your Headquarters' letter number VG/AMG/IND/N-2, dated 30 October, 1946.

2. Confirmation is requested that it is your intention to return this tug to the Italians, notwithstanding Annex X of the Italian Peace Treaty.

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

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18 April 1947

FD-4/N/86

Subject: SEAMAN SIMONE APOLLO.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 21/86/2 of 31 December 1946.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr. FD-4/N/56 of 10 April 1947.

1. Regarding the information contained in my reference (b), a communication has now been received from the Italian Naval Headquarters at Livorno that the above rating can be contacted at Italian Naval Headquarters, Centro Raccolta, presso Maricconi, Pagliari (La Spezia).

2. However, a communication has also been received from the Office of Provost Marshal General, Washington 25, DC, which states that a seaman APOLLO Simone, No. 81 - 1 - 152355, next of kin APOLLO Maria (wife, Messera del Valle Via Oieto 88, Trapani) was reported deceased 16 January 1945. Cause of death was drowning. Place of death was Istres (Marseille) France.

3. These conflicting reports can doubtless be elucidated by comparing biographical data in your possession.

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

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Wreck of the Cruiser Attendolo at Naples.

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
THE FLAG OFFICER LIAISON ITALY.
(Copy to each).

Forwarded for information.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-19/H/ 84

17 April 1947

Subject: WRECK OF THE CRUISER ATTENDOLO AT NAPLES.
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 2224 dated 16 January 1947.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. RSC/5916 dated 29 January 1947.

1. Further to reference (b), the Ministry of Defence, Navy is informed that in view of the recent withdrawal of the United States Naval Forces from Naples, the salvage of the Italian cruiser ATTENDOLO, referred to in reference (a), is approved providing that it is subsequently destroyed or scrapped for metal.

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

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BJ-3/8/ 83

16 April 1947

Subject: REFIT PROGRAMS FOR ITALIAN WARSHIPS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. With reference to your letters No. 821/UT of 8th March 1947, No. 837 of 8th March 1947, and No. 858/UT of 11th March 1947 it is requested that you will forward as early as possible a revised refit programme for Italian warships, which

- (a) contains no reservations
- (b) shows the dates of beginning and completion of each refit
- (c) shows the name and location of the firm undertaking each refit.
- (d) takes into account the requests made to the Minister of Defence, Navy in my letter No. BJ-3/8/59 dated 15th April, 1947.

(Sgd.) G L WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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17 April 1947

SJ-3/N/ 82

Subject:

OFFICIAL REFIT PROGRAMME FOR ITALIAN WARSHIPS.

To:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

1. In continuation of my Minute dated 15th April 1947, No. SJ-3/N/72, on my letter of the same date addressed to the Minister of Defence, Navy, regarding refits of Italian warships, the points raised in paragraph 6 of the Four Power Naval Commission's message timed 281200 March (received as 290300 March) have also been dealt with.

2. It appears that the document in question was not accepted as official because the copy sent to the Commission did not bear a date and reference number. Both these have since been communicated to the Commission.

3. A letter, copy of which is attached, has been sent to the Ministry of Defence, Navy, requesting that a new refit programme containing the information desired by the Commission, and taking into account the requests made to the Minister in my letter referred to in paragraph 1 above, be forwarded as soon as possible.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-11/N/81

16 April 1947

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 23rd March 1947 from Palermo, regarding the return of your schooner "GIFFREDO", the matter has been represented to me by the Italian Ministry of Mercantile Marine who have been informed that the vessel should now be considered lost, and have accordingly been provided with the necessary certificates in order to secure fair compensation for you.

It is recommended therefore, that you approach the Ministry of Mercantile Marine as soon as possible, with a view to obtaining the early settlement of your case.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. Mule' Rocco,
Via Sperone, vicolo d'Anna 12,
Gela, Sicily.

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IRM-11/N/80

16 April 1947.

Subject: ALLIED CRAFT IN ITALIAN HANDS AT MESSINA.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY (MARISTAT).
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Maristat) ltr. 14712 dated
29 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), you are advised that the Rome Representative of Commander United States Naval Forces Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean for lease-lend matters has notified this Branch that several of the s/m craft have already been sold and it is anticipated that an early transfer will be made to the purchasers. He further states that he will do everything possible to expedite transfer of the craft upon receipt of the contracts from Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission, Paris.

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

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IRN-11/N/ 79

16 April 1947.

Subject: ALLIED CRAFT IN ITALIAN CUSTODY AT MESSINA.

To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

Reference: (a) Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station's signal
dated 191524A/February/1947.
(b) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section
letter IRN-11/H/129 of 15 March 1947, to Office of
Foreign Liquidation Commission, Rome.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, letter
14712 dated 29 March 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded.
2. This Branch reported the a/m craft as available for disposal
to the Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commission on 15 March, (reference
(b)).
3. The Rome Representative of Commander United States Naval
Forces, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, for lease-lend matters has advised
this Branch that several of the craft have been sold and it is anticipated
that an early transfer will be made to the purchasers. He further states that
he will do everything possible to expedite transfer of the craft upon receipt
of the contracts from the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commission, Paris.

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

Copy to:
ComNavEastLant Rep., Rome.

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Maristat)
 To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q.
 Date: 29th March 1947
 Ref: 14712

Subject: Allied craft in Italian Hands at Messina

With reference to your letters IMM-11/1/130, and IMM-11/1/129, dated 15th March 1947.

1. The Sicily Naval Command has informed us that of the craft mentioned in the letter to which reference is made, the following 30 are unserviceable and partly sunk, as the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, is already aware :

- 17 iron hulled : L.C.M.s (3) Nos. 504 - 566 - 910 - 917 - 1002 - 1012 - 1016 - 1022 - 1027 - 1032 - 1038 - 1040 - 1074 - 1102 and 2 whose numbers are unidentifiable.
- 13 wooden hulled craft: L.C.P.s (R) Nos. 671 - 769 - 906
 L.C.P.s (L) Nos. 564 - 574 and 2 whose numbers are unidentifiable.
 L.C.V.s (2) Nos. 2, whose numbers are unidentifiable.
 L.C.V.s Nos. 4, whose numbers are unidentifiable.

2. The prolonging of these craft's presence in their present condition, besides encumbering uselessly stretches of water and quays which are necessary for the harbour traffic in Messina, will make clearance more expensive and difficult as the wooden craft are subject to very rapid deterioration.

3. You are therefore requested to hasten the American Authorities' decisions regarding the breaking up or sinking in deep water of the above craft.

for CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

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IRM-11(4)/B/ 78

16 April 1947

Subject: JUGOSLAV MOTOR BOAT "CESTNIK" -- 15 TONS.
To: THE JUGOSLAV LEGATION, ROME.

1. This Branch has been advised that the above craft is at present in Taranto and is available for return to the Yugoslav Authorities. It has been stated that the hull of the vessel is in too bad a condition to render towage advisable.

2. It is requested that this Branch be informed of the intentions of the Yugoslav Authorities regarding this vessel.

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

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16 April 1947

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Subject: JUGOSLAV MOTOR BOAT "CESTIR" - 15 TONS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY (CABINET).
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet) ltr. 1174/UT
dated 11 April 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) you are advised that the matter has been referred to the Yugoslav Legation for advice.
2. Upon receipt of their reply, it will be communicated to you.

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

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WSI-2/N/76

15 April 1947

Subject: DELIVERING OF AMMUNITION TO TURKISH NAVY
DESTROYERS BUILT IN ITALY.

To: ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS - ATTENTION G-5 SECTION.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. NEC/5920
dated 31 January 1947.

1. Attention is invited to reference (a) and the request
contained therein.

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

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SUPPLIES TO THE ITALIAN NAVY

Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters
letter SA-1/E/74 dated 15th April 1947.

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SA-1/E/75
The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

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

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

ROME,
15th April 1947.

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

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SK-1/N/ 74

15 April 1947

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

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

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

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

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

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CS MALTA.

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Ref. Request details of shipment.

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Ardwick,
Manchester.

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

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PI-3/H/73

16 April 1947.

MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL HANBLIN, G-5, AFHQ.

Subject: LIFTING OF ITALIANS FROM LAGOSTA TO BARI - REQUEST OF
ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Enclosure: (A) Naval Branch File PI-3/N, Transport of Italians from
Lagosta to Bari.

1. The matter concerning lifting of Italians from Lagosta to Bari was presented by the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, to the Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section. Attached hereto is correspondence relative to the action taken.

2. It is to be noted that the Naval Branch has informed the Ministry of Defence, Navy, that it has no objection to the employment of a Merchant vessel for such lift, but did not consider it advisable for an Italian warship to be employed.

3. It is recommended by the Naval Branch that both for political reasons due to the close proximity of Lagosta Island to Yugoslav territorial waters and in view of the possibility that some unfavorable situation might arise, Allied Force Headquarters authorize and grant clearance for this operation in order that the Yugoslav authorities may be informed.

4. It is requested that enclosure (A) be returned to this Branch.

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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SJ-3/N/

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15 April 1947

Subject:

REFITTING OF ITALIAN WARSHIPS.

To:

MINISTER OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. The Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean requests that you will arrange for work on all major vessels listed in Annex B of the Peace Treaty with Italy, which are now being refitted, or whose current refits have been suspended, to be expedited as much as possible, priority being given to these vessels over those in Annex A.

2. The Commander-in-Chief further requests that the work of refitting be begun as soon as possible on the REGOLO and RIBOTY.

3. I have noted from the Ministry of Defence, Navy's letter No. 1041/UT of 27th March, 1947, addressed to the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, that the Italian Government has ordered the refitting of the battleship GIULIO CESARE to be carried out in a civilian shipyard. I request that the actual date of commencement of her refit may be communicated, and, in addition, the name of the shipyard as soon as this is decided.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SJ-3/N/72

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.
Flag Officer Liaison Italy.
(Copy each)

Forwarded for information with reference to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's messages timed 110930 and 110934 April.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

15 April 1947.

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IRN-11/N/ 71

15 April 1947

Subject: MOTOR LIGHTERS "JULIA" AND "EDAN III" AT BRINDISI.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5825 dated 3 January 1947.
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 2997 dated 14 March 1947.
(c) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section ltr. IRN-11/N/142, dated 15 March 1947.
Enclosure: (A) French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy ltr. 2,067 dated 2 March 1947 with enclosures.

1. In continuation of references (a) and (c), enclosure (A) is forwarded for information and appropriate action. It is felt that the information contained therein will enable the craft in question to be identified and located.

2. It is requested that this Branch be advised of action taken.

H. W. ZIROLLI,
OFFICER, U. S. NAVY,
FOR
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-19/M/ 70

15 April 1947

Subject: ALLIED SHIPS SUNK IN THE PORT OF AUGUSTA.

To: THE DIRECTOR OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIRS, WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN,
15/8 PIAZZA DELLA VITTORIA, GENOA.

Reference: (a) The Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western
Mediterranean ltr. J.R.S./et dated 8 April 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), it is agreed that in the circumstances, a notice of abandonment should be served in order to allow the Italian Authorities, subject to your approval, to remove the wrecks in question.

2. In the event, therefore, that the removal of these wrecks by the Italian Authorities is approved, it is requested that the necessary notice of abandonment in respect of the "EMPIRE FLORIZEL" and "OCEAN PEACE", be served to the Capitano di Porto, Augusta, through the Italian Ministry of Mercantile Marine, and forwarded to this Branch for onward transmission.

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

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IRB-11(6)/N/ 89

15 April 1947

Subject: TANKER "LINA CAMPANELLA" - REG. NO. 1630 - GENOA.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY (CABINET).
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) ltr. 2931/UT dated 24 August 1946.
(b) Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) ltr. 3281/UT dated 2 October 1946.

1. In reply to references (a) and (b) you are advised that the matter of the restitution of the a/m vessel was referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, from whom a reply has now been received.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, states that inasmuch as there is now a Yugoslav Minister in Rome, it is considered that the Italian Government should take up the matter of the registration of the Italian ownership of the LINA CAMPANELLA and her restitution, direct with the Yugoslav Government.

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

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15 April 1947

IRM-12/N/ 68

Subject: PORT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS.
To: HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION SERVICE,
MEDITERRANEAN THEATER SEPARATE ZONE COMMAND, MTOUSA,
APO 794, UNITED STATES ARMY.
Reference: (s) Headquarters American Graves Registration Service ltr.
AD 518 dated 1 April 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) requesting information concerning vessels enroute to the United States calling at Italian ports for loading of caskets containing the remains of United States World War II dead, you are advised that this branch has ascertained that negotiations concerning this matter must be conducted between the United States Department of State and the Italian Foreign Office.

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

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IRM-11/N/ 67

15 April 1947

Subject: WHEREABOUTS OF ITALIAN SHIP "GINEPPO".
To: BRITISH EMBASSY, ATHENS.
Reference: (a) Senior British Naval Officer (Greece) Minute II
No. 748/40 dated 15 February 1947.

1. It is requested that this Branch be advised when a reply
may be expected to reference (a).

H. V. SINGH,
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-11(4)/N/ 66

14 April 1947

Subject: JUGOSLAV AUXILIARY SAILING VESSEL "RICORDO".
To: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 7562/P dated 14 August 1946.

1. In reply to reference (a) you are advised that this branch has been advised by the Yugoslav Legation that the Yugoslav Maritime Authorities have no objection to the salvage of the a/m vessel by her owners.

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

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IRM-11(4)/N/ 65

14 April 1947

Subject: PORT OF LEGHORN - REMOVAL OF SHIPS SUNK AT
SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE PORT.

To: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE (PORTS AND PROPERTIES SERVICE).

Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 2813/F dated 28
March 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Chief, Italian Military Affairs Section ltr.
IMAS/IRM-11(4)/N/36 dated 17 February 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), you are advised that the Chief of Italian Military Affairs Section transmitted the decision of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean, to the Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) on 17 February 1947. Copy of his letter is forwarded as enclosure (A).

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

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IRM-11/N/ 64

14 April 1947

Subject: SHIP'S PAPERS - SS "PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA".
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 1139/UT of 9 April 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) you are advised that the matter of the subject papers has been referred by Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean to the Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean for a reply.
2. This Branch has requested the Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean, for an early reply, which will be transmitted to you upon receipt.

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

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SB-1/N/ 63

11 April 1947

Subject: PROVISIONS DRAWN BY ITALIAN SHIPS AT MALTA.
To: THE SUPERINTENDENT, H.M. VICTUALLING YARD, MALTA.
Enclosure: (A) Store Issue Note, Reg. No. 9407 dated 22/31 August 1946.
(B) Store Issue Note, Reg. No. 10151 dated 5/27 September 1946.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) which have been received from the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, are returned herewith duly signed.

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

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PD-1/H/ E2

11 April 1947

Subject: FORWARDING OF OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF DECEASE.
To: POLA MUNICIPAL OFFICES.
Enclosure: (A) Subject certificate and ltr. of transmittal in the
case of Gunner Mario ALESSI, 2 Vicolo San Marco,
Pola.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for appropriate action as
stated therein.

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

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PD-1/N/ 61

11 April 1947

Subject: FORWARDING OF OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF DECEASE.
To: TRIESTE MUNICIPAL OFFICES.
Enclosure: (A) Subject certificate and ltr. of transmittal in the case
of Motor-Mechanic Giordano CRAVA', 1 Via del Solitario,
Trieste.
1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for appropriate action as stated
therein.

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

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11 April 1947

PI-2/W/ 60

Subject:

TRAVEL PERMITS FOR SERG. PUR. BIAGI ANTONIO, CAPO M.N.
MARINELLI NAURO, AND S.T. VASC. RONAKI EDMONDO.

To:

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA.

Reference:

- (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. NSC/5803
dated 23 December 1946.
- (b) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. NSC/5619
dated 5 November 1946.

1. It is requested that the Allied Military Government travel permits asked for in references (a) and (b) may be forwarded as soon as possible.

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

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94-3/4/59

15 April 1947

Subject: REFITTING OF ITALIAN WARSHIPS.
To: MINISTER OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. The Allied Naval Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean requests that you will arrange for work on all major vessels listed in Annex XII B of the Peace Treaty with Italy, which are now being refitted, or whose current refits have been suspended, to be expedited as much as possible, priority being given to these vessels over those in Annex XII A.

2. The Commander-in-Chief further requests that the work of refitting be begun as soon as possible on the REGOLO and RIBOTY.

3. I have noted from the Ministry of Defence, Navy's letter No. 1041/MT of 27th March, 1947, addressed to the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy, that the Italian Government has ordered the refitting of the Battleship GIULIO CESARE to be carried out in a civilian shipyard. I request that the actual date of commencement of her refit may be communicated, and, in addition, the name of the shipyard as soon as this is decided.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PE-1/N/ 58

11 April 1947

Subject: ITALIAN PRIZE COURT DECISIONS AND ORDERS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. It is requested that you forward a list giving particulars of all Italian Prize Court Decisions and Orders, affecting British ships and their cargoes, made between 10th June, 1940, and 8th September, 1943, and including details of the cargoes concerned, together with the prices at which they were sold.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-4/N/ 57

8 April 1947.

SECOND ENDORSEMENT to
ComNavMed ltr. Serial 2314,
dated 26 December 1946.

From: Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters, (Successor
Organization to Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, and
Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section).
To: U. S. Naval Member, Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force
Headquarters.
Subject: Lire Disbursements Made by the Ministry of War Transport to
United States Navy Vessels.
Enclosure: (B) Copy of Naval Sub-Section, IMAS, ltr. IRN-4/N/52 of
21 February 1947, to Legal Section, LACAB.
(C) Copy of Legal Section, LACAB, ltr. LACAB/4005/L of
9 March 1947, to Naval Sub-Section, IMAS.
(D) Copy of translation of letter from CO. GE. NA. No.
4851/EB/Jg of 30 December 1946, to British Ministry
of War Transport.

1. Enclosures (B), (C), and (D) are submitted herewith for your
information and study.

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

12 APR 1947

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C O P YUNITED STATES NAVAL FORCES
MEDITERRANEANFile:
LII-15/L23

Serial: 2314

c/o FIRST POST OFFICE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

26 December 1946.

From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean (Admin).
To: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.

Subject: Lire Disbursements Made by the Ministry of Transport,
Mediterranean Representative.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Transport Ltr. GVP/2A/46 dated 8 October
1946 with enclosure.
(b) SENALUSLO, Italy Disp. 1710352 December 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of reference (a).

1. This command is in receipt of reference (a), requesting reimbursement of 3,552,172 lire for services furnished U.S. Navy ships during 1943, 1944, and 1945. Services cover such items as pilotage, stevedoring, diving, and provisions received in Italian ports.

2. In view of reference (b), information is requested as to whether reimbursement to the Ministry of Transport is in order. As the individual bills are very voluminous, they are being retained pending receipt of advice from your office.

T. B. CLARK,
Assistant Chief of Staff.-----
FIRST ENDORSEMENT
File: LII-15/L23

9 January 1947.

From: Senior U.S. Naval Liaison Officer, Italy.
To: Navy Sub-Commission.

1. Forwarded for appropriate action.

L.S. ROGERS,
By direction.

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
MEDITERRANEAN REPRESENTATIVE,

A.P.O. S.592,
C.M.P.

8th October, 1946.

Dear Sir,

LIRE DISBURSEMENTS MADE BY M.T.T. ON AMERICAN
NAVAL VESSELS

During the course of operations in Italy, a number of disbursements have been made through our organization in respect of vessels operated by the U.S. Navy, and I am now concerned in obtaining from you reimbursement of the total am so disbursed - viz., Lire 3,552,172.-.

Accordingly, I enclose herewith Schedules T.H.1-21, together with supporting vouchers. I shall be pleased to receive your acknowledgment of receipt and, as soon as possible, a cheque in settlement.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ J.V. Perkins

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT
M.O.T., M.D.

Commander,
U.S. Naval Forces, Med.,
Navy No. 728,
NAPLES.

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COPYLIRE DISBURSEMENT BY M.N.T. OF AMERICAN NAVAL VESSELS

Designation	Amount	Remarks
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21	<u>Lire 3,552,172.00</u>	

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COMNAVEM, CHG.

COMNAVEM 121550Z REFERS X RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF ALL PORT SERVICE CHARGES IN ITALY WHICH INCLUDE PILOTAGE FEES, TUG SERVICES, WATER, GARBAGE DISPOSAL ETC. FOR U.S. NAVAL VESSELS DEFINITELY RESTS WITH ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WHILE PRESENT ARMISTICE TERMS ARE IN EFFECT X ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES CONCERNED ARE FULLY AWARE THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND HAVE DIRECTED HARBOURMASTERS (CAPITANERIA DI PORTO) OF ALL PORTS IN ITALY TO COMPLY X U.S. NAVY VESSELS MUST MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH SERVICES WITH CAPITANERIA DI PORTO X RESPONSIBLE NAVAL OFFICERS ORDERING SUCH SERVICES REQUIRED TO CERTIFY FOR SERVICES RENDERED X RECOMMEND INVOICES OR BILLS NOW WITHHELD BY COMNAVEM BE SUBMITTED TO CAPITANERIA DI PORTO FOR PAYMENT BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT XX

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OO,OL,NSC, Adm. Stone

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H. W. ZIROLI, COMMODORE, USN
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IRM-4/B/52

21 February 1947

From: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.
To: Legal Section, Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch.
Subject: Lire Disbursements Made by Ministry of War Transport to
United States Naval Vessels.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean Serial
2314 of 26 December 1946, with enclosures.

1. This Sub-Section is in receipt of enclosure (a) from Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean, enclosing letter and statement of Lire Disbursements made by the British Ministry of War Transport on American Naval Vessels. It will be noted that the services for which reimbursement is desired cover such items as "pilotage, stevedoring, diving, and provisions received in Italian ports". The total amount is Lire 3,552,172 for services furnished during 1943, 1944 and 1945.

2. It has been the understanding of this Sub-Section that such services are covered by paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Armistice Terms; which are quoted herewith:

18. The forces of the United Nations will require to occupy certain parts of Italian territory. The territories or areas concerned will from time to time be notified by the United Nations and all Italian Land, Sea and Air Forces thereupon withdraw from such territories or areas in accordance with the instructions issued by the Allied Commander-in-Chief. The provisions of this article without prejudice to those of article 4, above. The Italian Supreme Command will guarantee immediate use and access to the Allies of all airfields and Naval ports in Italy under their control.

19. In the territories or areas referred to in article 18 all Naval, Military and Air installation, power stations, oil refineries, public utility services, all ports and harbours, all transport and all intercommunication installations, facilities and equipment and such other installations, or facilities and all such stocks as may be required by the United Nations will be made available in good condition by the competent Italian authorities with the personnel required for them. The Italian Government will make available such local resources or services as the United Nations may require.

IRN-4/11/52

21 February 1947

Subject: Lire Disbursements Made by Ministry of War Transport
 to United States Naval Vessels.

In particular, it is felt that Article 19, above, places the responsibility for payment for such services on the Italian Government, especially in view of the fact that the bills under discussion were incurred during the years 1943, 1944 and 1945, at which time the Armistice terms were clearly in effect. It is the opinion of this Sub-Section that services of "pilotage, stowage, and diving" come under the provision that "all ports and harbours,..... facilities and equipment and such other installations or facilities and all such stocks as may be required by the United Nations will be made available in good condition by the competent authorities with the personnel required for working them." However, with respect to the "provisions" mentioned in basic letter, it would appear that these do not come strictly under the armistice terms referred to herein, and therefore the portion of the bill for them would be payable by the United States Navy.

3. Inasmuch as the services a/m were for "United States Naval Vessels", an interpretation is desired from the Legal Division as to whether the charges are payable by the United States Navy or by the Italian Government.

H. W. BROWN

CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY.

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

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LIAISON AND CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH
LEGAL DIVISION
ROME
APO 794

LACAB/4005/L

7 March 1947.

SUBJECT : Liability for the payment of services
supplied to U.S. Navy ships in Italian
ports

TO : Naval Sub-Section
Italian Military Affairs Section

1. See your letter IRN-4/52 dated 21 February 1947.
2. An examination has been made into the questions raised, and there is attached hereto a report thereon. It is hoped that the discussion will be of value.

JOHN K. WEISS
Colonel, Infantry
Chief Legal Advisor

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C O P Y

Subject: Liability for the payment of services supplied to U.S. Navy ships in Italian ports.

To: Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section.

1. Reference your IRM-4/H/52 of 21 February 1947.
2. During the years 1943, 1944, and 1945 the Ministry of Transport made certain disbursements for services supplied in Italian ports to vessels operated by the U.S. Navy, and requested payment by the U.S. Naval authorities in the Mediterranean. The services furnished were for "pilotage, stevedoring, diving and provisions received in Italian ports". The question submitted for opinion is whether the charges for the above-mentioned services (other than that for provisions for which it is admitted there is no liability) are payable by the United States Navy or by the Italian Government.
3. If the charges are payable by the Italian Government it must be in pursuance of a definite obligation resting upon that Government. It is not suggested that there are any obligations upon the Italian Government in respect of ships and services other than those contained in the Armistice Terms, and the question at issue has accordingly to be determined by the interpretation to be placed upon the relevant Articles of that instrument.
4. Under Article 18 the Allies reserve the right to occupy certain parts of Italian territory, and the Italian Supreme Command guarantees to the Allies immediate use and access of all airfields and ports in such territory.
5. Article 19 provides that in the occupied territory or naval and military installations, power stations, oil refineries, public utility services, all ports and harbours, all transport facilities and equipment, and all such stocks the Allied may require "will be made available in good condition by the competent Italian authorities with the personnel required for working them." It should be noted that, while certain of the things mentioned such as military installations, ports and harbours are within the control of the Italian Government, other things to be made available to the Allies such as power stations, public utilities, and labour for working the docks, and for loading and unloading ships are in the hands of private companies, who of course are not parties to the Armistice Agreement. In respect to such matters the Italian Government's obligation amounts to no more than that it will use its best endeavours to secure for the Allies the use of installations, services, and labour in the control of private companies.

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6. The object aimed at in Article 19 is clear from its terms: it is, that the Allies should have immediate use of military installations, ports, harbours, and equipment necessary for carrying on active war operations against Germany. The extent of the obligation imposed upon the Italian Government must be measured by the actual terms employed. Various things have to be "made available" in good condition to the Allies. This is another way of saying that military installations, ports, harbours, etc. shall be placed at the disposal of the Allies for their unrestricted use. With regard to the things mentioned in Article 19 over which the Government exercised control, such as military installations, harbours, transport, the Government could ensure performance of the obligation undertaken, but as to the things not under Government control their obligation is of necessity of a different nature. It is to see that the "competent authorities" place at the Allies disposal the things mentioned together "with the personnel required for working them." The harbours, quays, warehouses, and port equipment would be of little use without the usual staff to work them, and that appears to be contemplated in Article 19 is that the Government should do all in its power to see that these various installations should be maintained in efficient working order and for this purpose they would among other things have to see that no damage was done to ports, quays, etc., and that no disorders broke out among the workers.

7. In seeking to discover what was the intention of the parties to the Armistice Terms as regards the obligations mentioned in Article 19 it is important to note that no obligation is imposed on the Italian Government itself to "supply" or "furnish" all the labour and personnel necessary to work the installations, ports, harbours, etc., but the Italian Government did undertake that the installations and the personnel required for their working should be placed at the disposal of the Allies by "the competent Italian authorities." This fact is very relevant to the question of the liability for payment of the cost of such services as the loading, unloading and bunkering of ships which would be carried out by companies or authorities not under Government control.

8. The Armistice Terms contain no provision as to who is to pay for the installations, stocks, services and personnel which are required to be made available to the Allies by "the competent Italian authorities", and in the absence of such a provision an obligation upon the Italian Government to pay for such services can only arise if it flows by necessary implication from the terms of the instrument taken as a whole. If such an obligation is to be inferred, it is of an extremely far-reaching character and could have the result of placing enormous financial liabilities upon the Italian Government in that the latter would be liable to pay for unlimited quantities of stocks of materials, irrespective of their value, which the Allies have the right to demand within the various classes of things mentioned in Article 19, which comprise most of the commercial and industrial activities of the whole country.

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9. One instance appears which shows that the drafters of the Armistice Terms did not intend that such an important and far-reaching obligation should be left to arise by implication. Under Article 15 all Allied merchant ships in Italian hands had to be surrendered, the object of this provision being to obtain all these ships for immediate use in the war. The Article goes on to provide "Any necessary repairs to any of the above-mentioned vessels will be effected by the Italian Government, if required, at their expense." Such a provision as contained in the last part of the clause cited was wholly unnecessary, if an obligation to pay has, as must be contended, to be inferred whenever the instrument imposes an obligation to perform services, or supply materials or labour.

10. A claim for payment for the services of "pilotage, stevedoring, and diving" supplied to American Naval vessels could only be maintained against the Italian Government if there is a clear liability to make such payment created by the Armistice Terms. As already mentioned, there is no specific provision in this instrument as to payment for the services in question. Concerning liability by implication, as pointed out in paragraph 9 supra, language used in the instrument is against rather than in support of liability. From an examination of the documents submitted for consideration we are unable to discover any solid legal ground upon which to fix the liability of the Italian Government to pay the charges in question.

MUSCHAVE THOMAS.
Italian Branch,
for Chief Legal Adviser.

C O P Y

Translation of letter from the
Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi (CO.GE.NA.)

Ref. No. Rag/4851/KB/jg.

Naples, 30th December, 1946.

EXPENSES

Subject: Italian tonnage - disbursements recovery.

To : British Ministry of Transport,
A.P.O. S. 551 C.M.F. Rome.

We refer your (Naples office) letter of 26th July with two lists of disbursements for Italian vessels in Italian ports amounting respectively to Lit. 33,815,459 and Lit. 863,777.-

From an inspection of the vouchers attached to the two lists we observe that the expenses for which you request payment refer, for the most part, to bills paid by representatives of your Ministry in Italian ports to firms which carried out stevedoring loading and discharging of cargo carried in Italian vessels directly employed by the Allied Authorities, also the cost of placing bankers on board, services of pilots and tugs, repairs, etc.

We wish to draw the attention of your Ministry of the fact that after having taken official advice-in would seem that such expenses in so far as they refer, as aforementioned, to the period when the vessels were directly employed by the Allied Authorities, cannot be considered as those which are chargeable to Italian Government Departments, in accordance with the terms of the armistice.

In fact we have advised precisely that charges in respect of stevedoring loading and discharging of Allied cargoes carried in Italian vessels, also port charges (anchorage, pilotage, mooring, etc.) cannot be at the expenses of the Italian Government, as according to the interpretation given to the clauses of the armistice by the said Italian Government, only the fixed installation in Italian ports must be held at the disposal of the United Nations for the purposes for which they were installed but not without charge.

Similar remarks are to be in respect of expenses incurred for placing bankers on board, repairs, etc. as the responsibility for such work would rest on the Allied Authorities by whom the Italian vessels were directly employed and used, whilst, for the same vessels the Italian Government bears the expenses relating to requisition on charter hire paid to the Shipowners.

In accordance therefore with these views, COGEHA is now scrutinising the accounts which have been presented to them, and await your courteous acknowledgement and agreement in this respect.

(Signed A. T. Marone)

Yours faithfully,
For the President.

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Allied Force Headquarters
U. S. NAVAL MEMBER
Italian Naval Branch
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File No.
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11 April 1947.

Serial: 381

THIRD ENDORSEMENT to
Continued ltr. Serial 2314
dated 26 December 1946.

From: U. S. Naval Member, Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force
Headquarters.
To: Commander U. S. Naval Forces, Mediterranean.
Subject: Live Disbursements Made by the Ministry of War Transport to
United States Navy Vessels.

1. Upon study and examination of enclosures (B), (C), and (D), it appears that the Italian Government is not liable to payment of the subject disbursements made by the British Ministry of Transport for services by Italian vessels employed by Allied Authorities.

2. However, as a result of further conferences and study, it is my opinion that though the terms of the Armistice do not specifically indicate the responsibility for payment by the Italian Government, such services as pilotage, tugs, water, and stevedoring, may be considered as the equivalent of "fixed installations" and should be furnished and paid for by the Italian Government.

3. On the other hand, supplies furnished to British authorities directly should be paid by the U. S. Government. Insofar as supplies furnished to Italian vessels manned by Italians, there is a distinction and these obligations should be assumed by the Italian Government. Attention is invited to the procedure adopted by the Royal Navy in furnishing supplies to Italian war vessels in that signed vouchers of all supplies furnished were collected and submitted to the British Admiralty. But recently a British Navy directive requires prepayment in sterling for all supplies furnished the Italian Navy.

4. It appears that the interpretation of the Armistice Terms as stated by the Naval Sub-Section in enclosure (B) is in conflict with the opinions expressed by the Legal Division of the Liaison and Civil Affairs Branch. It is recommended that the final decision as to the legality of payment of subject vouchers rest upon the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.

H. W. ZIROLI.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

10 April 1947

FD-16/11/56

Subject: SEAMAN SIMONE APOLLO.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. A reply has been received from Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army that subject rating was in P.W.S. 337 at the time the camp with all its inmates was transferred to Italian control in 1945.

2. It would therefore appear that he is in Italian hands.

H. W. STODOL
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

12 APR 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PC-1/N/ 55

10 April 1947

Subject: SEAMAN FAZIO BARTOLOMEO.
To: MINISTRY OF POST WAR ASSISTANCE.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Post War Assistance ltr. 11702/4 of 10
December 1946.

1. A reply has now been received from the United States Department of Justice to the effect that subject seaman belongs to a class of persons inadmissible to the United States and that no application can be considered.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

12 APR 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PI-2/N/54

9 April 1947

Subject:

MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To:

SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VERONA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

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

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

12 APR 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PI-2/N/53

9 April 1947

Subject: MILITARY MOVEMENTS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 5127/2 and 1939/2 of 14 March 1947.
Enclosure: (A) Leave passes and travel permits for ZANDRINO Luigi and MARBICH Eustelio.
(B) Copy of ltr. from Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia of 27 March 1947.

1. It is requested that all future applications for permits to enter Jugoslavia may be dealt with in accordance with enclosure (B).

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

12 APR 1947

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HEADQUARTERS
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE
SECURITY DIVISION

C O P Y

27 March 1947

Tel. No. :6628
File No. :VGP/15/60
Subject :Military Movement
To :A.H.Q. ITALIAN MILITARY AFFAIRS SECTION.
NAVAL SUB SECTION
APO 794

1. Attached herewith are travel permits in respect of the u/n Italian Soldiers who wish to enter into Zone "A"

- ZANDRINO Luigi
- MARSICH Eustelio

2. As per correspondence from Delegation of the Federal People's Republic of Yugoslavia inform: In cases of Italian citizens resident in Italy and requesting to travel in or through Yugoslavia, regular passports are required, issued by the Italian authorities and endorsed with Yugoslav visa.

3. For this AGOSTINI UBALDO, should apply first to the competent authorities to be issued with a passport, after which he should apply to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs who will make the request for the visa through the Czechoslovakian Legation.

For the S.C.A.P.O.

F.J. QUINN Lt.
Asst. Superintendent (PSO)
Security Division

FJQ/ER.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

IRB-4/W/52

9 April 1947

Subject: RETURN OF FUNDS DEPOSITED BY EX-ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

To: THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES ARMY.
(COPY TO: THE DIRECTOR, ALLIED FINANCIAL AGENCY).

Reference: (a) The Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section's ltr. AG. 383.6. BPATC (12-546) dated 3 March 1947.
(b) The Director, Allied Financial Agency's ltr. FA/4.85a dated 25 March 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Translation of Ministry of Marine's ltr. B.13021 dated 23 October 1945 and enclosure.
(B) Translation of Ministry of Marine's ltr. B.13494 dated 8 November 1945 and enclosure.
(C) Allied Force Headquarters' ltr. FA/4.83a dated 23 January 1947 and enclosure.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) were originally referred to the Finance Sub-Commission, Headquarters Allied Commission for remarks on 27th and 20th November 1945 respectively, and replies were subsequently received to the effect that all funds removed from POW/SEP, by Allied Authorities were deposited with the Allied Financial Agency pending disposal instructions from the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This information was accordingly communicated to the Ministry of Marine, who, in view of the serious financial difficulties in which some of these ex Naval Prisoners of War now found themselves, brought the matter up again on 30th October 1946. An exchange of correspondence between the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission and the Economic Division, Allied Commission resulted in enclosure (C), to which TAM 724 containing the Combined Chiefs of Staff's disposal instructions is attached.

2. The matter was therefore referred to the Commanding General, Peninsular Base Section as recommended in paragraph 3 of enclosure (C). A reply was subsequently received under cover of reference (a), 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:

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

IRM-4/R/52

9 April 1947

Subject: RETURN OF FUNDS DEPOSITED BY EX-ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

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

Such persons should file their claims for re-
payment 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. The contents of reference (a) were therefore referred to
the Director, Allied Financial Agency, for confirmation. His reply,
contained in reference (b), stated that the Allied Financial Agency directive
quoted in reference (a) referred only to persons who were detained in
Prisoners of War camps but released on being "re-classified as friendly" after
screening, and that the Commanding General, Headquarters, Peninsular Base
Section was accordingly informed under cover of the Director, Allied Financial
Agency's letter FA/4.85a dated 25th January 1946.

4. Observing therefore, that none of the Italian Navy personnel
mentioned in enclosures (A) and (B) have yet been reimbursed the sums
deposited by them while Prisoners of War in United States Army custody, and
that the Prisoner of War camps to which they were transferred now no longer
exist, it is requested that necessary action be taken, direct with the
Director, Allied Financial Agency if necessary, in order to effect the
restitution of the personal funds in question to the Italian Ministry of
Defence, Navy, through this Branch, as soon as possible. The Ministry of
Defence, Navy will arrange for the delivery of the respective funds to the
personnel concerned.

H. W. ZINSH,
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH. 1744

12 APR 1947

C O P Y

From: Ministry of Marine (Cabinet)
To: N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 23 October 1945
Ref: B.13021 - Encl. 2 in No.

Subject: Transfer of money deposited - Ex-Vice-Admiral M. Falangola.

Forwarded attached is a request from Ex-Vice-Admiral Mario Falangola, it being desired that the matter may be brought to the attention of the appropriate U.S. Authorities.

CHIEF OF STAFF

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C O P Y

To the Ministry of Marine -- Cabinet

I request that you may kindly approach the appropriate Authorities in order that they may arrange the transfer to Forte Boccea, where I am at present confined, of the sum of 2868 lire, deposited by me with the American Headquarters, Bolzano, on 9th July this year, and for which I have receipt of that Headquarters.

To date the sum of money in question has not been received by the Officer Commanding Forte Boccea, nor to the best of my knowledge was it received ever by the Officer Commanding Carinara (Aversa) Camp, or that of Coltano, in which camps I remained from 14th July 1945 to 26th August and from 27th August to 5th October.

The receipt issued by the American Headquarters at Bolzano is set out as follows:

HEADQUARTERS MERANO-BOLZANO SUB-COMMAND
UNITED STATES ARMY
APO 88

9 July
DATE

RECEIPT FOR MONEY REMOVED FROM P.O.W.

In accordance with Par. 41 (4) Directive No 1 Hqs MTOUSA P.O.W. Command, the following money has been removed from

<u>Name</u>	<u>Admiral</u> Rank	<u>Italian</u> Organization
<u>Mario Falangola</u>		
	Total Lire 2868	
	<u>Edward J Wiles (?)</u> Signed	
	<u>Major</u> Rank	<u>349 Inf (?)</u> Organization

ROME, Forte Boccea, October 1945.

Mario Falangola
Ex Vice-Admiral.

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G O P Y

From: Ministry of Marine
To: N.S.C. - H.Q. - A.C.
Date: 8 November 1945
Ref: B.13494

Subject: Internees at Narni Camp.

1. During the period from 13th to 30th July 1945 the American Command of the Modena P.O.W. Camp collected all the negotiable money which each prisoner declared to be in his possession.
2. The collection was made in an absolutely legal manner and it was obligatory for the money to be handed over, the said Command having stated that any sums found in the possession of prisoners subsequently would be confiscated.
3. The collection was made personally by the American Camp Administrative Officer, whose signature appears on every receipt issued. Furthermore, each prisoner signed a form on which the sums handed over were inscribed and which was retained by the Americans. At the time when charge was taken of the money, it was stated that it would be repaid by the Authority who in due course arranged the liberation of each P.O.W.
4. Notwithstanding approaches made to the Italian Command of the Coltano Camp, upon their leaving and transfer from the said Camp, the P.O.W. coming from the Modena Camp did not receive repayment of the sums they had given up. According to the statement of the Coltano Camp Commandant, the American Authorities did not forward to him the sums owned by the prisoners when the latter were transferred to his Camp.
5. Since several of the prisoners, who were formerly confined in the Modena concentration Camp and then transferred to that at Coltano, are now at the Narni Naval Camp, it is requested that arrangements may be made with the appropriate Allied Authorities for the despatch to the Narni Camp Headquarters of the money received into their custody at Modena.
6. Attached is a list of the personnel concerned.

CHIEF OF CABINET.

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LIST OF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE HANDED OVER SUMS OF MONEY AT THE MODENA CONCENTRATION CAMP.

Rank	Surname and Name	Resident at	Amount handed over	Date
L/sea (2class)	VENUTA	Palermo	Lire	13.7.945
L/sea	PINCO	Trapani	1150.-	13.7.945
Petty Officer	SEBASTI	Genoa	12200.-	14.7.945
Petty Officer	"	"	1900.- (cheques)	14.7.945
L/sea (2 Class)	TEDESCO	Milan	100.-	14.7.945
Petty Officer	ROSSI	S. Calende	510.-	14.7.945
Petty Officer	"	"	20.-	14.7.945
C.P.O.	D'AMILLER	Venice	1000.- (cheques)	14.7.945
S/Lieut	VECOLI	Turin	1000.-	24.7.945
S/Lieut	"	"	1060.- (cheques)	24.7.945
Mt. Officer	LEONCINI	Forli	1000.-	24.7.945
Lieutenant	PEROTTI	Pavia	730.-	24.7.945
Lieutenant	"	"	50.- (cheques)	25.7.945
L/sea	AMATO	Salerno	9460.-	18.7.945
Petty Officer	MENCHINI	Vercelli	4000.-	18.7.945
Petty Officer	"	"	500.- (cheques)	19.7.945
Captain	MERINI	Bologna	3535.-	19.7.945
L/sea (2 Class)	ANTONELLI	Coro	10000.-	19.7.945
Lieut. Cdr.	MAGLIULO	Leghorn	555.-	19.7.945
Commander	AMARANI	Milan	3165.-	19.7.945

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PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY
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AFSC N 307/19

ROUTINE

FROM: AGHAR FROM CCS

TO: AFHQ WAR DEPARTMENT SUB SIGNAL CENTER INFORMATION CABINET OFFICES
WHITEHALL FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

REFERENCE NO THIS MESSAGE: W-89188,

18 December 1945

For FHGEG.
Cite CCAC.
To MORGAN.
This is TAM 724

Disposition of Currency taken up against receipt.

You are authorized to undertake following disposition of personal funds
taken up from Surrendered Enemy Personnel against receipt:

- (A) All Lire so obtained should be turned over to Italian Government.
- (B) Currencies of invaded UNITED NATIONS should be returned to Government which issued currency.
- (C) All other currencies, including specifically dollars, sterling, Swiss francs and such reichsmarks as have been picked up, should be retained in custody of AFA or MILGOV AUSTRIA (British) as appropriate pending further CCS instructions

2. You should arrange for return of identifiable portions of currency taken up from POWs to Army which took up currency originally for handling in accordance with respective UNITED STATES UNITED KINGDOM Army regulations relative to personal funds POWs. Currency taken up from POWs which can NOT be distinguished from currency taken up from SEPs or DPs should be disposed of in accordance paragraph 1 above.

3. Separate reply will follow earliest regarding disposition.

PARAPHRASE UNNECESSARY
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C O P Y

Allied Financial Agency

Branch of
Allied Force HQ
G-5 Section, CMF

Postal Address:
APO 794 US Army

PA/4.83a

23 January 1947

Subject: Transfer of money deposit of Ex-Vice-Admiral
Mario Falangola.

To: H.Q. Allied Commission
Navy Sub-Commission, APO 794

1. Reference is made to your NDC/5883 dated 20 January 1947 and conversation of today (Lt. Hall - Lt. Col. Fletcher Randall).

2. As explained, the role of this Agency is entirely passive in respect of monies removed from POW/SEP; in that we act as bankers for the USA and UK POW Authorities. The existing directive of CCS is as laid down in TAM 724 (copy attached for easy reference).

3. It is understood that HQ Peninsular Base Section is dealing with this subject in respect of monies removed by the American POW Authorities and it is suggested you refer the subject case to that Headquarters.

L.R. BATTENSBY,
Colonel, G.L.,
Director
Allied Financial Agency

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

SP-2/N/51

10 April 1947

Subject: PURCHASE OF 16 AMERICAN BYMS BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY (CABINET)
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet) ltr. 1064/UT dated 28 March 1947.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of letter from Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Maritime Branch, APO 512, dated 9 April 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information.
2. The enclosure is in reply to reference (a) which was transmitted by this Branch to the Office of the Foreign Liquidation Commissioner.

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

Copy to:
Chief Maritime Branch,
OFLO,
APO 512.

10 APR 1947

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C O P Y

APD 512

9 April 1947

To: Deputy Director
Italian Naval Branch
Allied Force Headquarters
APO 794

Subject: Purchase of 16 American BYMS by Italian Government.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence letter 1064/UT dated 28 March 1947.

1. Your attention is invited to the terms and conditions of the contract entered into between the Ministry of Defence and the Central Field Commissioner. The purchase of these vessels was strictly on an "as is, where is" basis in accordance with the established policy governing the disposal of surplus property.

2. There is no supply of surplus materials, parts, or equipment listed in reference (a). However we shall, of course, request the British Navy to make available to the Italian Government the parts and gear belonging to the United States on board each vessel.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:

ROGER PRESTWOOD
Comdr. USNR
Chief, Maritime Branch.

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CEM-3/H/50

Subject: RELEASE OF CERTAIN WAR BOOTY TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Enclosure: (A) List of Italian Naval material at Trieste,
Monfalcone and Pola.

1. The Ministry of Defence, Navy is informed that the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has approved the release to the Italian Navy of the former Italian Naval property contained in enclosure (A).

2. The Flag Officer Liaison Italy will make direct arrangements with the Ministry of Defence, Navy for the removal to Italy of the equipment located at Pola and Trieste.

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

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FD-1/N/49

8 April 1947

Subject: LIEUTENANT (S) EGIL GHERSI.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 993/2 of 22 January 1947.

1. The following communication was received by Prisoners of War Information Bureau from Staff Officer (L) Port Said on 26 August 1942.

"The bodies of the following two Italian personnel were recently washed up:-

Capitano Commissario GHERSI, Egil.
Secondo Capo I.E.F. DAL BEN, Eugenio No.33347 C.

These Italians were buried in graves Nos. B 13 and B 2 respectively, at Haifa New War Cemetery on 16 August 1942."

2. The above information would appear to be fairly conclusive.

L. S. ROBERTS
Lieutenant, USN,
For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/R/48

Subject: LIEUTENANT (E) (RESERVE) BANCALA' ELISEO.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr.
NSC/5747 of 10 December 1946.
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 5694/2 of 23 March
1947.

1. A reply has now been received from Allied Military
Government, Hamburg to the effect that subject officer should apply to the
Travel Control Section, Visa Department, British Embassy, Rome.

Lt. E. BANCALA'
Lieutenant (E) (Reserve)
For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PD-4/N/47

Subject: EX-COMMANDER FERDINANDO CORBI.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. B. 10124 of 21 November 1946.
(b) Ministry of Marine ltr. B. 11072 of 31 December 1946.
(c) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. NSC/5857
of 10 January 1947.

1. A final reply has now been received from General Headquarters concerning the subject ex-officer. It is regretted that after the most extensive search through the records, no trace of him can be found. It must be assumed therefore that he is no longer in Allied hands. 1 SEP Centre ADMIRI state that in fact he was never held there.

L. S. ROBERTS
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SX-1/N/46

8 April 1947

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

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

L. S. HODGES
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-11(3)/N/45

8 April 1947

Subject: RETURN OF TWO LIGHTERS TO THE FRENCH NAVY.
To: THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF
OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES ARMY.
Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs
Section's ltr. IRN-11(3)/N/18 dated 7 February
1947.

1. Comment required by paragraph 2 of reference (a) not
having been received, information is requested as to when it may be expected,
or how the matter now stands.

L. S. ROGERS,
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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4th April, 1947.

SE-4/N/44

Subject: N.S. FUEL, ITALY - ADMIRALTY STOCKS.
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN.
References: (a) The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's signal
dated 131608 February, 1947 to the Flag Officer
Liaison Italy.
(b) Naval Sub-Section's signal dated 141437 March,
1947.
Enclosures: (A) Statement of Fuel Oil issued to British Units
during 1946.

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

2. The various discrepancies discovered, or made, by the
Comitato Italiano Petroli, while compiling this report are being investigated,
and the matter will be taken up with the Director of Stores and Transport,
General Headquarters, C.M.F.'s representative, who is expected to visit Rome
shortly. A further communication will therefore be made to the Commander-in-
Chief, Mediterranean as soon as a satisfactory solution has been arrived at.

3. Details of issue of the 10 and 15 barrels debited to
British account at Ancona for March and April respectively, are being obtained
by the Comitato Italiano Petroli head office in Rome, and these will be forwarded
to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean as soon as they are received.

(Signature)
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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3 April 1947.

IRN-11(3)/N/43

Subject:

FRENCH BARGE "ANNETTE" AND BELGIAN BARGE "THERESE"
AT VENICE.

To:

THE CHIEF OF THE FRENCH MERCANTILE MARINE MISSION
IN ITALY
(THROUGH THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALLIED
MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN ITALY).

Reference:

- (a) The Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission
in Italy's letter No. 1,919-10/24-PS/MIS dated
6 February 1947.
- (b) The Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission
in Italy's letter No. 2,060-10/24-PS/PB dated
22 March 1947.

1. The receipt of reference (b), whose contents has been
fully noted, is acknowledged.

2. With regard to reference (a) however, and with reference
to your conversation with Lieutenant Hall, on my staff, it is understood
that the question regarding the restitution of the barge "Annette" to the
French Government has already been settled, and that the Belgian barge
"Therese" is expected to be similarly released to the French Mercantile
Marine Mission, for eventual consignment to the Belgian authorities.

3. In view of paragraph 2 above therefore, it is considered
that no further action by this Branch is now required.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/H/42

Subject:

REMOVAL OF FURNITURE - C.P.O. GUNNER VITANTONIO
TRATNO.

To:

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA.

Enclosure:

(A) Letter from subject C.P.O. dated 14 March 1947.

1. It is requested that the application contained in
enclosure (A) may be referred to the competent authorities and that
a reply be sent as soon as possible.

L. S. H. H. H.
Lieutenant General.

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-19/N/41

2 April 1947

Subject: ITALIAN WARSHIPS SUNK IN ZONE "A" OF VENEZIA GIULIA.
To: ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
VENEZIA GIULIA.
Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 919/UT of 23 March
1947.

1. It is requested that consideration be given to the possibility of Commander (E) Franco Francini visiting the area and, if approved, that a travel pass be issued.

Lt. S. MONTORI
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PD-1/4/40

2 April 1947

Subject: SEAMAN MARTINO VELLOVICH - MISSING.
To: ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. It is requested that the attached letter officially informing next of kin that subject rating is missing, may be forwarded to them in Pola at 18 Via Preauada.

2. It would be appreciated if confirmation that this has been done could be forwarded so that the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy may be informed.

L. S. ROBERTSON
Lieutenant, USNR.
For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-19/M/39

2 April 1947

Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 28 March 1947, regarding your visit to Tobruk, I have consulted the Allied authorities concerned, and they have informed me that no Italian nationals are at present allowed to visit Tobruk.

I regret to inform you therefore, that your request to visit Tobruk, together with your wife, cannot be approved for the present and I suggest that you take no further action in this connection, pending the receipt of a reply to your letter to the Civil Affairs Branch, General Headquarters, Middle East.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) G. L. MARSH

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

E. Ghiozza Esq.
Via Verona 11,
Rome.

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IRM-11(3)/N/38

1 April 1947

Subject: RETURN OF TWO LIGHTERS TO THE FRENCH NAVY.
To: THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALLIED
MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN ITALY.
Reference: (a) The French Representative to the Allied Military
Authorities in Italy's ltr. No. 3251/3 dated 24
March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), the matter has been taken up
with the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United
States Army from whom an early reply is expected.

2. Any further developments arising, will be communicated
to the French Representative to the Allied Military Authorities in Italy
as soon as they are known.

H. S. [illegible]
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The REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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1 April 1947

PH-1/H/37

Subject:

FORTNIGHTLY REPORT ON THE ITALIAN
NAVAL MEDICAL SITUATION.

To:

LAND FORCES BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

1. Forwarded herewith are the reports upon the Italian
Navy medical situation covering the 1st fortnight of February 1947.

L. S. HODGINS,
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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FRENCH MOTOR BARGE "JOYCE" AT TRIESTE

Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy's
letter 2,048 dated 18th March 1947.

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G-5 Section, Allied Force Headquarters.
(Copy to: The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Venezia Giulia).

Referred for consideration, concurring.

2. The letter referred to in paragraph 1 of minute I has
neither been forwarded to the Chief of the French Mercantile Marine
Mission in Italy by this Branch nor been received.

(SIGNED) L. V. W. P. S.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

ROME,
1st April 1947.

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IRM-19/N/35

Subject:

TUG "MARITTIMO".

To:

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY (CABINET).

Reference:

- (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet) ltr. 466/UT of 13 February 1947.
- (b) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet) ltr. 1059/UT of 28 March 1947.

1. In response to references (a) and (b) you are advised that the matter has been referred to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station, whose decision will be communicated to you as soon as it is received.

H. W. ZIMMER
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FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-19/M/34

1 April 1947

Subject: TUG MARITTIMO - REQUEST FOR RETURN OF.

To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

1. The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy has requested information as to the possible return of the tug MARITTIMO to the Italian Navy.

2. It is stated that the vessel has been salvaged at Trieste, at the order of Allied authorities, and is at present moored off the Trieste Petroleum Refinery at S. Saba, in the safekeeping of the Trieste Harbour Office.

3. A decision is requested.

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

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ECN-11/N/33

1 April 1947

Subject: TUG "CHERONE".
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 1060/UT dated
28 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), the matter has been referred to the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean for a decision which will be communicated to the Ministry of Defence, Navy as soon as it is received.
2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean has been requested to hasten the communication of the aforementioned decision on 31st March 1947.

H. W. ZIMMER,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, NAVY,
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-19/N/32

Subject: MATERIAL IN THE POSSESSION OF THE FIRM OF CHIOZZA.
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
Enclosure: (A) Translation of Chiozza Marine Contractors Company letter dated 21st March 1947 and enclosures.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith in amplification of my minute IRN-19/N/125 dated 13th March 1947.

2. In view of paragraph 1 of enclosure (A), it is submitted that any Italian Navy machinery included in the equipment turned over to Chiozza by the ex-base Engineer Officer, Naples, be handed back to the Italian Navy, who should pay Chiozza for the expenses incurred by him in repairing it, and that the amount thus paid be deducted from Chiozza's bill for 6,705,530 lire.

3. A case in point is represented in the 3rd enclosure to enclosure (A), where the O/M engine which was salvaged in Naples Harbour and turned over by the ex-base Engineer Officer Naples to Chiozza, who has brought it to a state of full efficiency, is now claimed by the Italian Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples, as being Italian Navy property.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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