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IRN-11(4)/N/155

28 May 1947

Subject: MOTOR LAUNCH "TONEADOR" - RESTITUTION.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters
ltr. IRN-11(4)/N/24 dated 28 March 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if an early reply could now be made to reference (a).

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

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ST-1/N/154

27 May 1947

Subject: SUPPLY OF "LL" AND S/A MINESWEEPING STORES
TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

To: THE DIRECTOR OF STORES, ADMIRALTY.

Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's
ltr. ST-1/N/123 dated 12 March 1947.

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

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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EXCESS PRODUCTS - INSTALLATION OF POZZUOLI

Comitato Italiano Petroli's Memorandum No. 25
dated 3 April 1947.

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The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.

Referred.

2. There is no record of this transaction in this Branch, or the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy's office.

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

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IRN-19/N/152

27 May 1947

Subject: ALLIED LANDING CRAFT SUNK IN THE PORT OF SYRACUSE.
To: THE MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE.
(Copy to: Ministry of Defence, Navy).
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
IRN-19/S/8 dated 24 March 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if the information required by paragraph 3 of reference (a) could now be forwarded.

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

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SB4/N/151

26 May 1947

Subject: SUPPLY OF FRESH PROVISIONS AND CLOTHING TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference : (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr. NSC/5782
dated 19 December 1946.

1. It would be appreciated if enclosures (A) and (G) to reference (a), could now be returned to this Branch in accordance with paragraph 2 of the above mentioned reference.

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

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PC-2/N/150

26 May 1947

Subject: GLADA FOR SALVAGED SHIP "PELIKAN".

To: THE SENIOR CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
VENEZIA GIULIA.

Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's ltr.
PC-1/N/34 dated 15 February 1947.
(b) The Senior Civil Affairs Officer, Allied Military Government,
Venezia Giulia's ltr. VG/AMG/63/78 dated 15 March 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if the action referred to in paragraph 3 of reference (b) could now be reported in order that a reply may be made to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' memorandums which were forwarded to you under cover of reference (c).

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

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PI-2/N/149

26 May 1947

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

1. It is requested that A.H.G. travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval officer PANARIMLO Alfonso to visit Trieste as per leave pass enclosed.

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

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IRN-19/W/148

24 May 1947

Subject: ITALIAN WARSHIPS SUNK AT MONFALCONE.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) The Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. No. 1625/UT
dated 17 May 1947.

1. In view of the location of these vessels in Allied Military Government territory, and the length of time it would take to obtain authority and the subsequent travel permits from the Allied Military Government authorities, it is recommended that the request contained in reference (a) be withdrawn.

2. It is observed furthermore, that as soon as the Treaty of Peace, whose early ratification is anticipated, comes into force, the Ministry of Defence, Navy will automatically assume responsibility for the clearance of Monfalcone harbour in accordance with Article 58, paragraph 1 (d) of the Treaty.

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

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BNW-11(3)/N/147

22 May 1947

Subject: SALE BY THE ITALIAN NAVY OF EX-GERMAN LIGHTERS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. The Rome newspapers, notably "Il Globo" of the 14th May 1947, announce the sale by the Italian Navy of 9 ex German lighters sunk at Marsala.
2. When the Axis Forces evacuated Bizerta, in May 1943, they took 3 tugs and 19 lighters of various tonnages, of which only three have so far been traced.
3. There is good reason to suppose that among the 9 lighters on sale at Marsala, some, at least, come from Bizerta, and belong to the French Navy.
4. It is requested therefore, that all available information regarding the identity of these lighters, together with their exact dimensions, may be forwarded as soon as possible, and that the sale of the lighters be suspended pending clarification of their origin.

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

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IRM-19/N/146

20 May 1947

Subject: SALVAGE OF SS ELVIRA VASELLI.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 748/VT dated 4 March 1947.
(b) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's ltr. IRM-19/N/105 dated 8 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), the Senior Naval Officer, Dodecanese, has reported that after inspection, he considers the ELVIRA VASELLI a total loss.
2. In the event of the owner wishing to pursue the question of salvage of the vessel, however, it is recommended that he take the matter up through the Greek Legation in Rome as British Naval representation has since been withdrawn from the Dodecanese.
3. The Flag Officer Liaison, Italy has also informed Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi (CO.GE.NA.) in the above sense on 16 May 1947.

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

Copy to:
The Flag Officer Liaison, Italy.

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PL-2/N/145

20 May 1947

Subject: ITALIAN WARSHIPS SUNK IN ZONE "A" OF VENEZIA GIULIA.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 1572/VI of 10 May 1947.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
PL-2/N/139 of 15 May 1947.

1. A reply has now been received from Headquarters Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia to the effect that the question of whether or not the Italian vessels concerned become the property of the Free Territory of Trieste is at present sub-judice.

2. It is regretted therefore, that Commander (R) Franco Francini cannot be issued with a travel permit to visit zone "A" until a decision as to the final disposal of these vessels is reached.

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

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19 May 1947

CEM-4/N/144

Subject: CAPSTANS PRESUMED TO BE OF FRENCH ORIGIN.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) The Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 667/UT dated
1 March 1947.
(b) The Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 1574/UT dated
10 May 1947.

1. In reply to reference (b) the Ministry of Defence, Navy is informed, that owing to a misunderstanding regarding the locality in which these capstans are held, a French Naval Representative made an unsuccessful visit to Legnano near Milan.

2. While arrangements have been made for a French Naval Officer to visit Legnago, near Verona, to inspect this machinery in the near future, the French authorities would be grateful, if they could be informed whether the capstans held by the Montecatini establishment at Legnago answer to the following characteristics:

- Cylinder bore	: 240 mm.
- Piston stroke	: 240 mm.
- Diameter of barrel	: 500 mm.
- Maximum tangent force at 12 kgm. steam pressure	: 3,000 kgms.
- Winding speed at 250 revs.	: 1 metre per sec.
- Total weight	: 2,360 kgs.

3. It is requested therefore, that the above information be forwarded to this Branch as soon as possible in order that a reply to reference (a) may be expedited.

H. W. ZIMMEL
COMMANDER, U.S. NAVY, 4376
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SE-4/N/143

16 May 1947

Subject: NAVY SPECIAL FUEL OIL STOCK POSITION.

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to:

The British Embassy, Rome.
The Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport,
General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean
Forces, Padua.
The British Liaison Officer, Petroleum Division,
Peninsular Base Section, Rome.).

Reference: (a) The Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport's letter
2118/312 dated 18th April 1947.Enclosure: (A) The British Embassy, Rome's letter E5/47 dated 13th
May 1947.

1. Enclosure (A), certifying that 222.95 barrels of Admiralty
fuel oil have been received by the British Consulate at Turin, is forwarded
herewith for necessary accounting action in accordance with paragraph 3 of
reference (a).

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

DEAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

17 MAY 1947

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COPYBRITISH EMBASSY,
ROME.

E5/47

13th May 1947

To: AFMA Italian Naval Branch
(Att. Lt. Hall)

From: Administration Dept.

Your SE-4/N/116 of 7th May 1947 refers.

It is certified that navy special fuel oil referred to
in DBST letter 2118/ST2 of 18th April 1947 was received by the British
Consulate at Turin. Details of issues are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Gallons - barrels</u>
24/10/46	3978 - 113.66
8/11/46	3825.25 - 109.29
Total -	<u>7803.25 - 222.95</u>

(Sgd)

B. Gatten.

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IRM-11(4)/N/ 142

16 May 1947

Subject: TUG BOAT "SERBINO".

To: THE JUGOSLAV CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES,
JUGOSLAV LEGATION, ROME.

Reference: (a) The Yugoslav Representative to the Advisory Council for
Italy's ltr. Nr. 363/47 dated 25 March 1947.
(b) The Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters'
ltr. IRM-11(4)/N/22 dated 28 March 1947 to the Yugoslav
Representative to the Advisory Council for Italy.

1. In reply to reference (a), the Yugoslav Charge' d' Affaires
is informed, that the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, having caused
enquiries to be made into the matter, have communicated that they could
find no trace of the tug in question.

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

Copy to:

Ministry of Defence, Navy.
(Reference: 5492 of 13 May 1947)

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IRN-19/N/141

17 May 1947.

Subject: RETURN OF TUG T. 88 TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
To: HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
VENEZIA GIULIA.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters
ltr. IRN-19/N/87 dated 18 April 1947.

1. It would be appreciated if an early reply could now
be made to reference (a).

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

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FD-140/140

15 May 1947.

Subject: ASSISTANCE TO H.M.S. CHECKERS.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. When H.M.S. "CHECKERS" recently arrived at Spezia her power boat had been badly damaged at sea. The Italian Admiral at Spezia very kindly arranged for the repair of the boat without charge to His Majesty's Government.

2. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station has asked me to convey to you his appreciation of this gesture of good will by the Italian Navy.

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

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PI-2/N/ 133

15 May 1947.

Subject: ITALIAN WARSHIPS SUNK IN ZONE "A" OF VENEZIA
GIULIA.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 1572/UT dated
10 May 1947.

1. The request for permission for Commander (E) Franco Francini to visit zone "A" was forwarded to Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia on 2nd April. A letter requesting that a decision in this matter be hastened was also sent on 15th of May.

2. As soon as a reply is received it will immediately be forwarded to you. An attempt is being made to expedite the handling of permits to visit both zone "A" and zone "B" but the political situation in the area makes this difficult.

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

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15 May 1947.

IRM-19/N/138

Subject:

S.S. "IARS KRISH" SUNK IN THE PORT OF BARI.

To:

THE PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, MEDITERRANEAN.

Reference:

(a) Navy Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs
Section's minute IRM-19/N/144 dated 15 March
1947.

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

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

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IRM-11/N/137

15 May 1947

Subject: SHIPS'S PAPERS - SS "PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA".
To: PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, MEDITERRANEAN.
Reference: (a) Rear Admiral Malta's minute Malta No. 1203/MS dated
10th November 1946.

1. The documents referred to in reference (a) not having been received, very early information is requested as to when they may be expected, or how the matter now stands.

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

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10 May 1947

Subject: ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 1947.
To: COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, G-3 SECTION.
COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL FORCES, MEDITERRANEAN (1 copy only).

1. Attached hereto for information are two copies of the Italian Naval Branch monthly report for March 1947.

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

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IHH-8/A/135

15 May 1947

Subject: TORPEDOBOAT "BASSINI" - WRECK CLEARED IN LEGHORN HARBOUR.
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to: The Flag Officer Liaison Italy.
Without enclosure)
Reference: (a) The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's minute Med.
47/218/2/2 dated 1st April 1947.
Enclosure: (A) Chart of port of Leghorn showing wreck of "BASSINI"
prior to its clearance.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information in reply to reference (a).

2. The wreck was that one shown by a continuous line with its stern to the Molo Mediceo on Admiralty chart 2554, published 21st January 1946, i.e., the northernmost of the two wrecks lying in that position.

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

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13 May 1947.

CEM-3/N/134

Subject:

RELEASE OF CERTAIN WAR BOOTY TO THE ITALIAN NAVY.

To:

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference:

(a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters
ltr. CEM-3/N/50 dated 8 April 1947.

1. The Ministry of Defence, Navy is informed, that in view of Annex X, paragraph 1 and Annex XIV paragraphs 1 and 2, of the Italian Peace Treaty, the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean has cancelled his approval for the release to the Italian Navy of the former Italian Naval property listed in the enclosure to reference (a).

H. W. ZIBOLL
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

Copy to:

The Flag Officer Liaison Italy.
(Reference No. FOLI/313/7 of 9 May 1947).

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IPN-19/N/133

13 May 1947.

Subject: AMERICAN SS KENMAR SUNK BETWEEN VIESTI AND MANFREDONIA.
To: THE UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION, NAPLES.
(Copy to: The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy.)
Enclosure: (A) Translation of Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr.
7549/2 dated 30 April 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for consideration.
2. By copy of this letter the Ministry of Defence, Navy is informed that any further correspondence relative to the above subject should be submitted directly to the United States Maritime Commission, Naples.

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

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From: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Cabinet)
To : Italian Naval Branch - A.F.H.Q.
Date: 30th April 1947
Ref.: 7549/2

Subject: American S.S./"KORAR" sunk between Viesti and Manfredonia

It would be appreciated if you could confirm whether the Allied Authorities have decided to abandon the wreck of the vessel in question to the Italian Administration, leaving the latter to arrange for the salvage by competition between firms.

This inquiry has been prompted by numerous requests to the Ministry of Defence (Navy) regarding the salvage of the above vessel.

By direction
CHIEF OF CABINET

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12 May 1947

Subject: SS STAMIRA.

To: SOCIETA' FIUMANA DI NAVIGAZIONE.
(Attention: Signor A. d'Urso)Reference: (a) Societa' Fiumana di Navigazione ltr. dated 15 February
1947.

1. A communication has been received from the British Ministry of Transport, Foreign Shipping Relations Division, to the effect that the future disposal of subject vessel is under active consideration by the Foreign Office in London. It is explained that the Foreign Office is fully aware of the circumstances which caused the vessel to be under the control of the Germans; but that the fact that she was flying the German flag at the time she came into the possession of the Allied Authorities raises a legal problem which has not yet been resolved.

2. It is desired that this matter be now placed on a diplomatic level. You are therefore informed that you should send an official request for action to the Italian Government in order that the British Foreign Office can inform them direct of the final decision taken in this matter.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ST-2/H/131

14 May 1947

Subject: BYMS BEING PURCHASED BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
To: FLAG OFFICER LIAISON, ITALY.

1. The following dispatch, quoted for your information, has been received from the Office of Foreign Liquidation Commissioner, Paris.

" Ten vessels located at Venice have been selected for award to Italy, after careful consideration of all of the factors, including objections raised by Italy to the mine sweeping gear on the four vessels at Malta which they asked for. The hull numbers of the vessels at Venice are: 2206, 2073, 2037, 2141, 2027, 2024, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2023.

In addition, six mine sweepers which are in good condition and are now in the United Kingdom have been selected for award to Italy and are available for immediate inspection by the Italian Navy. The hull numbers of these vessels are: 2167, 2252, 2040, 2034, 2016, 2029.

The decisions reflected above will enable the Italian Government to acquire 16 mine sweepers entirely satisfactory to them.

There are being reallocated to Egypt the four YMSs now in Malta which the Italians have not wished to accept as well as two at Venice. The relevant hull numbers are: 2028, 2075, 2013, 2212, 2175, 2149. GINCO MED is being asked to deliver these vessels to authorized representatives of the Government of Egypt.

The Italian Government is authorized to continue to hold in protective custody the 10 YMS now at Venice, which have been awarded to them so that the British Navy can be relieved of the responsibility. It should be understood that until these ships are formally turned over after execution of the credit agreement the Italian Government assumes full responsibility for their care and protection. " No DT group no.

REAR ADMIRAL
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

Copy to:
Ministry of Defence, Navy.

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SE-4/H/130

12 May 1947

Subject: EXCESS PRODUCTS - INSTALLATION OF POZZUOLI.
To: COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI.
Reference: (a) Comitato Italiano Petroli Memorandum No. 31 of 3
May 1947.

1. It is requested that this Branch be furnished with a copy of your Memorandum No. 25 of 3 April 1947, referred to in reference (a), as it has not been received by this office.

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

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IN-11/H/ 129

12 May 1947.

Subject: TUG "CHIRON".
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine (Cabinet) ltr. 284/MT dated 26
January 1947.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean, has stated that
the tug CHIRON will probably be released in June this year.

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

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IRM-12/N/128

12 May 1947.

Subject: MICROSCOPE - LOAN OF.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference : (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy (Cabinet) ltr. B.2038 of
28 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) inquiries have been made through all British medical units in this theater, but it is regretted that there is no trace of the KIRSTKA microscope No. 21165.

H. W. ZIROLL
COMMODORE, U. S. NAVY,
FOR

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-S/E/ 127

12 May 1947

Subject: NEW MOORINGS AT LEGHORN.

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to: The Flag Officer Liaison Italy)

Enclosure: (A) Chart indicating positions of berths No. 3 and 4 of
the "DIGA CURVILINEA" - Port of Leghorn.

1. The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy has notified this Branch that two moorings secured by two four (4) ton anchors have been placed into position for the use of ships mooring stern to the quay at berths No. 3 and 4 of the "DIGA CURVILINEA" in the port of Leghorn.

2. Enclosure (A) is a chart indicating the position of these berths.

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

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SJ-3/N/ 126

12 May 1947.

Subject: DIRECTIONS REGARDING THE SHIPS IN APPENDIX
XII B OF THE PEACE TREATY.
To: CHAIRMAN, FOUR POWER NAVAL COMMISSION.
Enclosure: (A) Copy of translation of Ministry of
Defence, Navy, ltr. No. 1395/UT of
24 April 1947, with enclosure thereto.

1. The enclosed translation of a letter and an
enclosure received from the Italian Ministry of Defence (Navy)
is forwarded for your information.

(Sgt) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-11(3)/N/ 125

12 May 1947

Subject: "IDOLATRE" EX "KONIGSBERG".

To: COMPAGNIA MARITTIMA, ROME.

References: (a) The Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy's ltr. I.730 dated 23 December 1946, to the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

(b) The Compagnia Marittima, Rome's ltr. dated 28 January 1947, to the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission.

1. In reply to the ultimate paragraphs of references (a) and (b), the British Admiralty have authorized the release of the barge "IDOLATRE" ex "KONIGSBERG" to the French Government, and have directed that the barge be handed over to the French Naval authorities forthwith.

2. It is requested therefore, that necessary action may be taken in order to effect this transfer without delay, and that I may be informed of the date when this has been done.

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

Copies to:

The Italian Ministry of Mercantile Marine.
The Chief of the French Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy, Rome.
(Through the French Representative to the Allied Military Authorities in Italy)

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PC-1/N/124

10 May 1947.

Subject: CARGO OF S/S "PROMETHEUS".

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

Reference : (a) The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's Minute
Med.46/1381/4/L dated 19 July 1946.
(b) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs
Section's ltr. PC-1/N/L dated 3 February 1947.

1. It is requested that I may informed as to when Admiralty's instructions referred to in paragraph 4 of reference (a) may be expected, in order that a reply may be made to the Greek Legation, Rome's request for a decision referred to in reference (b).

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

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PI-3/N/123

10 May 1947.

Subject: CIVILIAN TRAVEL PERMITS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. No. 7912/2 dated
3 May, 1947.

Reference (a) has been referred to the British Military Authority, Libya whose reply will be communicated to the Ministry of Defence, Navy as soon as it is received.

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

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Subject: CIVILIAN TRAVEL PERMITS.
To: BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITY, TRIPOLI, LIBYA.
Enclosure: (a) Translation of Ministry Of Defence, Navy ltr.
No. 7912/2 dated 3 May, 1947.

Enclosure (a) is forwarded herewith for favourable
consideration.

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

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IRM-19/H/121

7 May 1947.

Subject: S.S. CHARLES HENDERSON, PORT OF BARI -
REMOVAL OF.

To: MINISTRY OF MERCANTILE MARINE.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 807/P dated
18 January 1947.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission ltr. NSC/5905 dated 28 January
1947.
(c) Ministry of Mercantile Marine ltr. 1406/P dated
5 February 1947.

1. Further to references (a) and (b), this Branch has been advised by the Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army that manifests, loading diagrams and information pertaining to the cargo aboard the a/m vessel, have been requested from the War Department in Washington, and they will be forwarded to the Ministry of Mercantile Marine upon receipt.

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

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PL-1/N/120

7 May 1947.

Subject: SITUATION OF ITALIAN NAVY PERSONNEL.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 17544 of 18 April 1947.

1. It is noted that the Army personnel employed with the Navy are, for the first time, not included in the over-all figure. Confirmation is requested that this omission is intended and, if this is so, that the personnel concerned are included in the figures of the Army's strength.

2. It is further noted that the ratings shown under the heading "Militarizzati CFMM" during the last few months, no longer appear. Confirmation that these men have in fact been demobilised is requested.

3. The figure representing the number of officers and men on the active list has increased by 1,176 (38,995 to 40,171) during the month. Your remarks concerning this increase would be appreciated.

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

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RELIEVING OF COMMODORE H. W. ZIROLI, U. S. NAVY, AS U. S.
NAVAL MEMBER, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Letter from Deputy Director, Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters (Commodore H. W. Zirolì,
USN) dated 6 May 1947.

NSS-6/N/119

9 May 1947.

COMMANDING GENERAL, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS.

In view of the proximity of the ratification of the Peace Treaty and the consequent closing down of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters, I view with apprehension any change of staff.

2. Commodore Zirolì, who has served with the Allied Commission almost since its inception, has the necessary background and knowledge, which will be invaluable when the final turnover takes place.

3. In the event of any undue delay in ratification of the Peace Treaty it will certainly be necessary to review the whole matter of the staffing of the Italian Naval Branch, but in view of the short time involved it is considered that a newcomer on the U. S. side of the integration would not be conducive to efficiency.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-11(4)/N/ 118

7 May 1947

Subject: RETURN OF 2 MAN DIESEL ENGINES.
To: THE JUGOSLAV CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES,
JUGOSLAV LEGATION, ROME.

1. With reference to your letter N.349/47 dated 11 April 1947, information has been received from the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy to the effect that arrangements for the return of the engines in question to the Yugoslav owner Eugenio Matcovich, had been completed in January 1946, but owing to Matcovich's death, however, the engines were not withdrawn and are still in the Breda yards pending the settlement of the distribution of the deceased's estate amongst the beneficiaries.

2. The above was also communicated to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Ministry of Defence, Navy on 9 March 1947 as a result of your letter Br. 144/47 of 27 January 1947 to the Liaison Division, Allied Commission. Inasmuch as diplomatic relations have now been established between Italy and Yugoslavia, therefore, it is considered that this matter is one for settlement between the two Governments concerned through diplomatic channels and it is suggested that you approach the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs accordingly.

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

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SE-4/H/117

7 May 1947.

Subject: NAVY SPECIAL FUEL OIL STOCK POSITION.

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

Reference: (a) The Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport's letter 2110/7/ST2 dated 23 April 1947 addressed to D.N.S.O., Office of C-in-C Mediterranean, Malta.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Director of Supplies and Transport's letter 2118/10/OCT/ST2 dated 28th October 1946.

1. Details of the issue of 1401 barrels of fuel oil at Naples referred to in paragraph 3 of reference (a) are as follows:

Tug "EMPIRE TITANIA" (Authority for issue S.T.O. Agency Naples)	: 78 metric tons -530 barrels
Tug "EMPIRE GRIFFIN" (Authority for issue S.T.O. Agency Naples)	: 77 metric tons -523 barrels
Floating Crane "ROMANUS" (Authority for issue Director of Supplies and Transport)	: 50 metric tons -348 barrels 1401 barrels

2. The tugs EMPIRE TITANIA and EMPIRE GRIFFIN were transferred to Sea Transport Control on 4th September 1946. The Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's signal timed 050955 September 1946 to the Admiralty refers.

3. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for information in connection with the issue made to the Floating Crane ROMANUS.

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SE-4/N/116

7 May 1947

Subject: SUPPLIES OF POL TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY.
To: THE BRITISH EMBASSY, ROME.
Reference: (a) The Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport's ltr.
2118/ST2 dated 18 April 1947.

1. It is requested that a certificate of receipt in respect of the 223 barrels of navy special fuel oil referred to in paragraph 3 of reference (a), together with details of issue, may be forwarded to this Branch for onward transmission to the Admiralty as soon as possible.

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

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7 May 1947.

CEM-L/N/ 115

Subject:

CAPETANS OF PRESUMABLY FRENCH ORIGIN IN THE
MONTECATINI WORKS AT LEGNANO.

To:

FRENCH MERCANTILE MARINE MISSION IN ITALY,
(THROUGH CAPTAIN HERON DE VILLEFOSSE, FRENCH
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALLIED MILITARY AUTHORITIES
IN ITALY.)

Reference:

(a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section
ltr. CEM-L/N/82 dated 4 March 1947.

1. It is requested that this Branch be advised as to the requests made in paragraphs 2 and 3 of reference (a).

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

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PC-1/N/ 114

6 May 1947

Sir,

Receipt of your letter dated 12th March 1947 addressed to General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Forces, Padova, regarding your motor fishing vessel "NAZARIO SAURO" is acknowledged.

While it is hoped that your vessel will be among those which may be returned to Italy by the Yugoslavs, I regret to inform you that I cannot take any further action on individual cases of this nature observing that the matter is now being dealt with on a diplomatic level.

I suggest therefore, that you present your case to the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, who will either take the matter up with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a view to obtaining the restitution of your vessel, or compensate you for its loss.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. Donati Mazzareno,
Via Bezzacca 19,
S. Benedetto del Tronto.

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PC-1/N/ 113

7 May 1947.

Subject: OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF DECEASE.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 5113342/D dated 7 February 1947.

1. Confirmation has now been received from Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia that the document enclosed in reference (a) has been delivered to the family of gunner Francesco Sepicich.

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

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6 May 1947.

PG-1/N/ 112

Subject: CLAIM BY DEPENDENTS OF STOKER FRY.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. Subject rating was killed in a street brawl in Terento 24th November 1945. His assailant Comm. Pisanini Francesco, No. 130660 was sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude by Italian court martial.

2. The British Admiralty wishes to know whether, in the event of stoker Fry's dependents bringing a successful civil action against Comm. Pisanini, the latter would be in a position to satisfy any judgment of damages brought against him.

3. The address and financial position of his family if known would be greatly appreciated.

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

Copy to:

British Embassy, Rome.

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5 May 1947

SD-4/N/ 111

Subject: THEFT OF COAL FROM LEGHORN DOCKYARD.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission ltr. MSC/5786
dated 19 December 1946.
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. No. 2897 dated 30
March 1947.

1. In view of the repeated hasteners from the Admiralty and the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean on this matter, it is requested that immediate hastening action be taken in order to expedite the Ministry's examination referred to in reference (b) and the forwarding of the certificate in accordance with paragraph 3 of reference (a).

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PC-1/W/110

5 May 1947

Sir,

Receipt of your letter dated 28th March 1947 addressed to General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Forces, Padova, regarding your motor fishing vessel "S. FRANCESCO" is acknowledged with thanks.

While it is hoped that your vessel will be among those which may be returned to Italy by the Yugoslavs, I regret to inform you that I cannot take any further action on individual cases of this nature observing that the matter is now being dealt with on a diplomatic level.

I suggest therefore, that you present your case to the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, who will either take the matter up with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs with a view to obtaining the restitution of your vessel, or compensate you for its loss.

Yours faithfully,

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

Mr. Giuseppe Olivieri,
Viale C. Colombo 37,
S. Benedetto del Tronto.

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2 May 1947.

PI-2/N/109

Subject: PERMITS TO VISIT ZONE "A".
To: ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA.
References: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
IFN-19/N/41 of 2 April 1947.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
PI-2/N/42 of 3 April 1947.
(c) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
PI-2/N/60 of 11 April 1947.
(d) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
PD-1/N/40 of 2 April 1947.

1. It is requested that all the above letters may be replied to without delay. References (a) and (b) are a month old and (c) is a hastener relating to applications made last December. There are a number of confirmations similar to the one requested in reference (d) still outstanding.

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PC-1/N/ 108

1 May 1947

Subject: CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION, CARGO SS MARINO EX SOLIM.
To: MR. EDOARDO DORATI, VIA L. CASCIANA 4, TRIESTE.
Reference: (a) Your ltr. of 21 August 1946 addressed to Flag Officer
Liaison, Italy.

1. In reply to your letter (reference (a)) you are advised that the matter was referred for decision to the British Admiralty in London. A reply has now been received stating that your claim should be addressed to the Italian Government for settlement, inasmuch as it is not an Allied liability.

Herman S. M. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PC-1/N/ 107

1 May 1947

Subject: CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF BOAT "SAN GIUSEPPE".
To: MR. HERRERA STEFANO, VIA VITTORIO EMANUELE 33,
(AGRIGENTO) LINOSA.
Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section
ltr. PC-1/N/81 of 3 March 1947.

1. Further to my letter of 3 March 1947 (reference (a)) you are advised that the British Admiralty in London has ruled that the settlement of your claim is not an Allied liability but one for the Italian Government.

2. In view of the above, it is therefore suggested that you approach the appropriate agency of the Italian Government with a view to the settlement of your claim.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-11(3)/N/106

2 May 1947

Subject:

TRACING OF SHIPS.

To:

THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALLIED
MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN ITALY.

Reference:

(a) French Representative's ltr. 3264/27M dated 4
April 1947.

1. In reply to the request contained in reference (a) for information on the present position of the vessels: LANDOLO, NICOLA ODIERO, ROSAMIRA, TAGLIAMENTO, SAN PIETRO, FORTUNATA, and CAPO FINO, you are advised to take this matter up with the Italian Government through diplomatic channels, inasmuch as this Branch is not empowered to deal with this matter.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

For REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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