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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PI-2/N/ 128

30 June 1947

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

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

for (sd.) R. J. RYCE
REAR ADMIRAL
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ALLIED Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

30 June 1947

IRM-11/N/ 197

Subject: TUG "CHIRON".

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to: The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.)

1. It is submitted for consideration that action in accordance with paragraph 3 of your minute No. Med. 13/56/2/3 dated 26th May 1947, be suspended, subject to revision if necessary, since it is understood that the status and future disposal of the tug "CHIRON" is at present under re-consideration.

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

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ALLIED Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRN-4/N/ 136

28 June 1947

Subject: TRANSFER OF MONEY DEPOSITED BY ADMIRAL MARIO PALANGOLA.
To: THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF
OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES ARMY.

1. With reference to your letter AG. 383.6/COS A-0 dated 28 April 1947, the funds referred to in paragraph 4 of my letter IRN-4/N/52 dated 9 April 1947, not having been received, information is requested as to when they may be expected, or how the matter now stands.

(Sd.) R. J. Price.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

30 JUN 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

27 June 1947

IRM-19/N/185

Subject: ENGINE OF ITALIAN NAVAL PROPERTY, AT THE
CHIOZZA ESTABLISHMENT.

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

Enclosure: (A) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 1699/UT dated
17 May 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith in continuation of my letter IRM-19/N/32 dated 1st April 1947, and with special reference to paragraph 3 thereof.
2. While there is no doubt of the authenticity of this transaction, it would appear that the ex Base Engineer Officer, Naples (Ty. Lieutenant Commander (E) H. A. Smith RN) handed over this engine, to the Chiozza Company, without the authority of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Naples, to whom he was responsible.
3. While generally concurring in paragraph 3 of Enclosure (A), the point raised would appear to have been already submitted for Admiralty consideration, albeit impliedly, in paragraph 2 of my letter IRM-19/N/32 of 1st April 1947. Inasmuch as the engine was found abandoned and sunk in Naples harbour however, there can be little doubt that the ex Base Engineer Officer, Naples, who salvaged it, would have been unable to recognize it at the time as being the property of the Italian Navy. Nevertheless it is considered that in view of the fact that the engine was accepted to be of Italian origin at the time of recovery, (Base Engineer Officer's certificate where the make of the engine "O.M." which stands for "OFFICINE MILANESI" is mentioned) it should have been subsequently delivered to the Italian Navy, on behalf of the Italian Government, in accordance with Admiralty message 240627 February 1944, copy of which is attached for ease of reference.
4. It is considered, furthermore, that in view of the considerable work that the Chiozza Company carried out on this engine, to bring it to a state of full efficiency, it should only be returned to the Italian Navy after the Ministry of Defence, Navy have compensated the Chiozza Company for all the expenses incurred in repairs and additions to the engine. Alternatively, the Chiozza Company could continue to retain the engine provided that they pay the Ministry of Defence, Navy the value of the engine at the time of recovery.

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IRE-19/N/195

27 June 1947

Subject: ENGINE OF ITALIAN NAVAL PROPERTY, AT THE
CHIOZZA ESTABLISHMENT.

5. It is therefore submitted that approval be given for a reply to be made to the Ministry of Defense, Navy in the sense of paragraph 4 above, informing them that in the event of the ruling given not being adhered to, the return of this engine to the Italian Navy would be subject to the settlement of any salvage charges which the Royal Navy may deem it desirable to prefer.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

30 JUN 1947

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From : THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY) (Cabinet).

To : ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH, A.F.O.H.

Date : 17th May, 1947.

Ref. : 1699/U.T.

Subject : Engine of Italian Naval property, at the Chionza
Establishment.

Last February, the Naples Naval authorities found an O.M., 25 HP. engine, No.O.M.I. D 27-17162, recognised to belong to the Italian Navy, on the motorboat "RADAMES" of the Chionza Company.

The Chionza Company produced a certificate given by the Base Engineer Officer, R.N.Base, Naples (copy attached), from which it appears that the engine was ceded to the Company in exchange for materials which it has supplied to the British Authorities.

The Ministry of Defence (Navy) is of the opinion that the transaction was invalid (if it did, in fact, take place), as the clauses of the Armistice allowed the United Nations to make use of Italian resources for war purposes, but they did not, for this reason become the owners, and therefore had no right to transfer ownership to a third party.

The Italian Naval Branch is therefore requested to inform us whether the Base Engineer Officer, R.N. Base, Naples, was acting under instructions, when he handed over the engine.

By direction

THE CHIEF OF CABINET



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From..... Base Engineer Officer, R.N. Base, Naples.

To..... E. Chiozza Firm.

Date..... 25th November 1943.

It is to certify that 1 in No. O/M engine (recovered material -
damaged by the enemy) has been supplied to the firm E CHIOZZA in exchange
for materials supplied to us by the a.m. firm.-

H. R. SMITH
Lt. (E) RN.

British Naval Base Engineer Officer.

C O P Y

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ALLIED Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

IRM-19/N/94

24 June 1947

Subject: ENGINE OF ITALIAN NAVAL PROPERTY, AT THE
CHIOZZA ESTABLISHMENT.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) The Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 1699/UT
dated 17 May 1947.
(b) The Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's
ltr. IRM-19/N/124, dated 13 March 1947.

1. The Ministry of Defence, Navy, is informed that reference (a) has been referred to the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean whose reply will be communicated as soon as it is received.

2. With regard to reference (b), the matter is now under consideration by the Admiralty, and it would be appreciated, meanwhile, if confirmation could be given that action in accordance with paragraph 2 of reference (b) has been taken.

(Sgd) G. A. J. J. J.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

30 JUN 1947

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

FD-2/K/ 193

24 June 1947

Subject: COMMANDER LUIGI PODESTA' AND P.O. WRITER ARTURO BERGIERA.
To: ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2 ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission's ltr, NSC/5915 of 30 January 1947,
to General Headquarters.
(b) General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Forces'
ltr. Transit/A-2 of 7 February 1947.
(c) Chief, Italian Military Affairs Section's Memorandum
IMAS/8003/CS of 24 February 1947, to G-5 Allied
Force Headquarters.

1. A reply is urgently required to letter quoted in reference (a) as the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, are constantly, and quite naturally, requesting that some indication of the progress which is being made be given to them. It is understood that General Headquarters have passed all the documents in this matter to you.

(SIGNED) L. WINTHROP

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

30 JUN 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PD-2/N/ 192

26 June 1947

I am writing to you personally as I have been completely unable to obtain a reply to a number of letters addressed to your Headquarters relating to a matter which I consider to be of considerable importance.

Since December 1945 the Italian Naval Authorities have been requesting that urgent steps be taken to secure the release of Commander LUIGI FOMESTA and P.O. writer ARTURO BELLERA, 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.

As mentioned in my letter No. 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 or to my further letter No. PD-2/N/102 of 23rd April.

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

30 JUN 1947

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL

Lieutenant General Sir John Harding, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.,
General Officer Commanding in Chief, Central Mediterranean Forces.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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SI-1/E/ 121

28 June 1947

Subject: NAVAL-AIR CO-OPERATION TRAINING DATA.

To: THE DIRECTOR, ITALIAN AIR FORCE BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.Enclosure: (A) Copy of the translation of the Ministry of Defence,
Navy's Ltr. No. 15222/2 dated 18 June 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded herewith for information and
your remarks please.

/s/ (Sgd.) R. F. PRYCE.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

28 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

FI-2/N/ 190

27 June 1947

Subject: PERMITS TO VISIT ZONE "A".

To: ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA.

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
FI-2/N/109 of 2 May 1947.
(b) Headquarters Allied Military Government, Venezia
Giulia ltr. VG/AMG/72/1 of 13 May 1947.

1. With regard to the replies in paragraph 2 of reference (b) to the letters mentioned in my reference (a):-

Sub-paragraph (a) - This has been communicated to the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy.

Sub-paragraph (b) - a reply is still awaited.

Sub-paragraph (c) - a reply is still awaited.

Sub-paragraph (d) - this was not intended to be an inquiry about a "missing marine" but simply a request that the fact that the rating is missing be communicated to his next of kin and an acknowledgement sent to this office.

2. You are requested to take urgent steps to expedite the replies under sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) and if possible to confirm that the official notice under (d) has been delivered.

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

28 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PI-2/R/ 189

27 June 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VENEZIA GIULIA.

1. It is requested that AMG travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval rating TANCOSI Attilio to visit Pola as per leave pass enclosed.

(Sgd) R. A. Simpson for
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

28 JUN 1947

1953

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

WSI-3/N/ 183

26 June 1947

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

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Enclosure: (A) The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs Representative
to the Allied Commission's ltr. 11/229 dated 27
January 1947.
(B) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
WSI-2/H/94 dated 22 April 1947 together with the
enclosure thereto.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded herewith for the
information of the Ministry of Defence, Navy and for any action that may
be deemed desirable.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

28 JUN 1947

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri
Ufficio del Funzionario distaccato
presso la Commissione Alleata.

11/229

Rome, 27 January 1947.

MEMORANDUM
FOR THE
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER

The writer has been requested by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to inform the Allied Commission of the following:

" The exclusive agent for Italy of the "Celiktas" of Istanbul, Alessandro Orsi, has applied to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs giving information that an agreement has been perfected for the supply to the Turkish Navy of the following ammunition to be delivered to four destroyers of the Turkish Navy which were built in Italy:

a) 5.000 shells for guns of 120/50 Ansaldo make. Part of them live and part of them for practice.

b) 5.000 cartridge-cases for said shells, at the global price of U.S. 375.000.

The a/m ammunition manufactured before the armistice was signed and was not disposed of following the sinking, in naval action, of the units of the Italian Navy to which it was to be delivered.

This material would complement the precedent supply delivered at the consignment by the Italian Naval Yards of the four destroyers to the Turkish Government.

Mr. Orsi has requested the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to intervene with the Allied authorities in order that the necessary permission for the delivery to him by the Ministry of the Navy of the a/m surplus material and its export to Turkey, be granted, calling the attention upon the fact that no objection is made by the Ministry of the Navy provided that the Allied

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Authorities grant their permission"

The a/m Ministry would be grateful if the Allied Commission would obtain for the Italian Ministry of the Navy the authorization necessary for the cession of the material in question to Mr. Orsi, and its exportation to Turkey.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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WSI-2/N/94

22 April 1947

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

To: ITALIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE
TO ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS, ROME.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Foreign Affairs Representative Memorandum
No. 11/229 dated 27 January 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Allied Force Headquarters G-5 ltr. G-5: 963.01 dated
22 April 1947.

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.

fr (signed) S. N. BLACKBURN
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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G-5: 963.01

22 April 1947

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. HAMBLIN,
Colonel, GSC
Assistant Chief Staff, G-5

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PC-1/N/187

26 June 1947

Subject: CLAIM FOR SALVAGED SHIP "PELIKAN".

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

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
PC-1/N/150 dated 26 May 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.

(Sgd.) R. J. Pryce
for
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

27 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
AFO 794

26 June 1947

DCN-11(4)/N/185

Subject: MFV "NUOVO GALLO" EX "S. GIROLAMO" (BUDIMIR).
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 1231/UT dated 18 April 1947.

1. With regard to reference (a), early information is requested as to whether the transfer of the MFV "NUOVO GALLO" ("BUDIMIR") to the Yugoslav authorities has yet been effected.

(Sgd) R. J. Pryce.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

27 JUN 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PL-1/N/ 185

24 June 1947

Subject: PERSONNEL SITUATION - ITALIAN NAVY.
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

1. The enclosed Italian Naval personnel situation report for the month of May, 1947 is forwarded herewith for information.

(SIGNED) [illegible]
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

26 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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ADM-11(3)/W/1947

24 June 1947

Subject: MOTOR LIGHTERS "EDAN III" (RITA) AND
"JULIA" (EDDA) AT BRINDISI.

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 ltr. No. 2.067 dated 22 March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), the Chief of the French
Mercantile Marine Mission in Italy is informed that the Italian Ministry of
Defence, Navy, under cover of their letter No. 2149/UT dated 21 June 1947,
notified this Branch that the two lighters EDAN III (RITA) and JULIA (EDDA)
are at Brindisi at the disposal of the French authorities.

(Sgt) C. L. WATSON
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

25 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-19/H/183

24 June 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.
IRM-19/H/8 dated 24 March 1947.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
IRM-19/H/152 dated 27 May 1947.

1. Further to reference (b), it is requested that an early reply may now be made to reference (a).

(Sgd.) R. J. Rep.
for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

25 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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21 June 1947

IRM-11(4)/N/182

Subject: JUGOSLAV MOTOR BOAT "CEKIR" - 15 TONS.
To: THE JUGOSLAV CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,
JUGOSLAV LEGATION, ROME.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters,
ltr. IRM-11(4)/N/78 dated 16 April 1947.

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

2. In the event of a reply not being made prior to the date the Italian Peace Treaty comes into force, it is requested that the intentions of the Yugoslav Authorities concerning the disposal of the motor boat in question, be communicated to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs quoting the Ministry of Defence, Navy's letter No.1147/UT dated 11 April 1947.

(Sgd.) R. F. Lycz.
Rear Admiral,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

24 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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21 June 1947

IRM-11(4)/N/181

Subject: JUGOSLAV MOTOR BOAT "GETNIK" - 15 TONS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No.1174/UT dated
11 April 1947.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
IRM-11(4)/N/77 dated 16 April 1947.

1. The intentions of the Yugoslav Authorities in connection with this matter not having been received, the Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires has been hastened for the reply referred to in paragraph 2 of reference (b) and has been advised to address it to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs quoting reference (a) in the event of it not being made by the date the Italian Peace Treaty comes into force.

(Sgd.) R. F. Pyce.
for
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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LHM-12/N/181

23 June 1947

Subject: MICROSCOPE LENT TO THE 1ST BRITISH AIRBORNE DIVISION.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. B.2038 dated
28 March 1947.
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. B.3818 dated
15 June 1947.

1. Prior to taking any action on reference (b), it is requested that the facts set out in reference (a) may be examined as they do not appear to coincide with the contents of the enclosure to reference (b).

2. Confirmation is requested, furthermore, that the missing microscope is No. 16510 and not No. 21165.

(Sgd) R. F. Pryce
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-11(3)/E/179

23 June 1947.

Subject: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON WRECK "ANNA MARIA GUALDI".
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. It has been reported that in the Port of Palermo near No. 1 quay and the North breakwater lies the wreck of the "ANNA MARIA GUALDI" which is believed to be of French origin.

2. It would be appreciated therefore if all available information regarding the identity and dimensions of the wreck could be communicated in order that its origin may be ascertained.

for (Sgd) R. F. Ayer
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-11/W/178

23 June 1947

Subject: SS PRINCESS GIOVANNA - SHIP'S PAPERS.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) The Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 2040/UT
dated 13 June 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a) the Ministry of Defence, Navy is informed that the Principal Sea Transport Officer, Mediterranean has again been requested to expedite the despatch of the documents in question which will be forwarded to the Ministry of Defence, Navy as soon as they are received.

(SGO.) R. F. Pryce
for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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21 June 1947

DM-11(3)/N/ 177

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. DM-11(3)/N/18 dated 7 February 1947.
(b) The Commanding General, Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army's ltr. AG 560 D-O dated 26 April 1947.

1. Information is requested as to when a reply to reference (a), to which reference is made in the letter at (b) above, may be expected.

for (Sgd) R. F. PRYCE.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

24 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-19/N/178

21 June 1947

Subject: ALLIED SHIPS SUNK IN THE PORT OF AUGUSTA.
To: THE DIRECTOR OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIRS,
WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.
Reference: (a) The Director of Merchant Ship Repairs, Western
Mediterranean's ltr. dated 27 April 1947.

1. With regard to reference (a) it would be appreciated if London could now be hastened for a decision regarding the abandonment of the "EMPIRE FLORIZEL" and "OCEAN PEACE" sunk in Augusta harbour.

2. It is most desirable that this question be liquidated as soon as possible in view of the imminent ratification of the Italian Peace Treaty and the subsequent closing down of this Branch.

(S.G.D.) R. F. PRYCE
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

24 JUN 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
AFC 794.

23 June 1947.

Subject: SUPPLY OF BOXES.
To: ARCHIVES BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

1. It is requested that this office be supplied with six boxes for packing away files in the Archives Branch.

sgt *A. M. Mearns*
Secretary to,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

24 JUN 1947

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ALLIED Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PI-2/N/175

20 June 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VEREZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

1. It is requested that A.M.G. travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval Officer SALERMI Renato to visit Gorizia as per leave pass enclosed.

(cc) P.T. SIMPSON - JONES.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

23 JUN 1947

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PC-1/N/174

19 June 1947

Subject: CLAIM BY DEPENDENTS OF STOLER PRY.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
PC-1/N/112 dated 6 May 1947.

1. It is requested that a reply to the letter referred to in reference (a) may be sent as soon as possible.

(Jas.) R. F. PRYCE.
for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

23 JUN 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRN-19/H/173

19 June 1947

Subject: TUG MARITTIMO.

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copies to: The Flag Officer Liaison, Italy.
The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.)

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' Ltr.
IRN-19/H/34, dated 1st April 1947.

1. Further to reference (a), the Ministry of Defence, Navy have communicated that the tug MARITTIMO was built for the Italian Navy at Sestri Levante (near Genoa) in 1914, was at Ancona on 3rd September 1943, where it was taken over by the Germans, and on the liberation of Trieste was found sunk in that port.

2. In these circumstances, it would appear that this tug comes under the provisions of paragraph 2 of Annex X and either paragraph 1 (f) of Article 98 or paragraph 4 of Article 99 of the Italian Peace Treaty and could therefore be returned to the Italian Navy. Details of transfer could be arranged by the Ministry of Defence, Navy and Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste, through the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy.

3. Subject to the remarks of the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste it is therefore recommended that early approval be given for the return of the tug MARITTIMO to the Italian Navy.

4. Copies of reference (a) are enclosed for the information of the Flag Officer Liaison, Italy and the Naval Officer-in-Charge, Trieste.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ISSUES OF NAVY LUBRICATING OILS EFFECTED BY C.I.P.
TO THE ROYAL NAVY.

COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI's Memorandum No. 44/33 a.,
dated 13 June, 1947.

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SE-1/N/171

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION

(Copies to:-

The Director of Supplies and Transport,
General Headquarters, U.S.F.
The Vice President,
Comitato Italiano Petroli).

Referred.

2. Enclosed herewith is the list referred to in paragraph 2
of minute 1.

(Sgd) G. L. VANDER

ROME,
16th June, 1947.

REAR-ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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C.I.P.

PETROLI

Rome, 13 th June, 1947.

Memorandum No. 44/33 S.

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Subject: Lubricating Oils Account -
Issues of Navy Oils effected by CIP to
the Royal Navy during the period 1st Feb.-31st Dec. 1946.

To : A.F.H.Q., G-5 Section, Italian Navy Branch, APO 792.
Attn: Lt. Hall, R.N.V.R.

1. Reference CIP, CIP, S.T. Directorate's letter 2116/3/312 of the 30th April last, copy to you, we are detailing hereunder the quantities of Navy Oils issued by us to the Royal Navy during the period above mentioned, and we should be obliged if you would kindly take the matter up with the C. in C. MED, Malta with a view to obtaining for us replacement of the quantities in question:

Navy Oil	2190	705 Imp Gallons
" "	3050	86 " "
" "	4065	263 " "
" "	5190	252 " "
" "	9170	62 " "
" "	9250	7279 " "
" "	9370	2924 " "

2. Under separate cover, we are to-day forwarding to you a detailed list showing each issue, with relative supporting vouchers and authorities, which we kindly request you to forward to the C. in C. Med, Malta as requested in the above letter of CIP, CIP, S.T. Directorate.

COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI - CIP -
The Vice President
(Sgd.) E. INCON.

Copy to : CIP, CIP,
S.T. Directorate
Padua.

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AIRMAILTY OIL FUEL IN ITALY.

(The British Liaison Officer, Petroleum Division's
letter B/1/3 dated 30th May, 1947.)

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SE -4/3/172.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

(Copy to:-

The Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport.
General Headquarters, C.M.F.).

Forwarded for information and any action that may be
deemed desirable in continuation of my letter SE-4/3/44 dated
4th April, 1947

2. The enclosure to the Comitato Italiano Petroli's
memorandum No.68 referred to in paragraphs 3 and 6 thereof, is
also forwarded in accordance with the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's
signal fixed 211820 April, 1947.

ROME,
16th June, 1947.

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

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Subject : N.S.F.O. Accounting.

B/L/S
30 May 47.

To : Lieut Hall R.N.
A.F.H.Q.
Italian Navy Branch.

Further to this office letter of even reference dated 21 May 47,
D.D.S.T. GHQ CMF has instructed that the attached original copies of C.I.P.
Memorandum number 68 dated 19 May 47 be passed to you.

No adjustments to the N.S.F.O. account will be made except by written
authority of the Italian Navy Branch or the office of C in C Med (DMSO).

(Sgd). C.E. PASSMORE
Capt. RASC.
British Liaison Officer,
Petroleum Division, POL.
A.P.O. 794.

Copy to : D.D.S.T. G.H.Q. C.M.F.

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IRN-11/N/170

16 June 1947

Subject: SHIP'S DOCUMENTS -- SS PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA.
To: THE PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, MEDITERRANEAN.
Reference: (a) Flag Officer, Malta's minute No.1208/MS dated 10 November 1946.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr. IRN-11/N/137 dated 15 May 1947.

1. It is requested that a very early reply may now be made to reference (b).

2. In the event of the documents referred to in reference (a) not being available by the date the Italian Peace Treaty comes into force, it is requested that they may be forwarded to the Naval Attaché, British Embassy, Rome.

for S.C. Loomis. Jnr.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-19/N/169

16 June 1947

Subject: SS LAKE KRUSE SUNK IN THE PORT OF BARI.

To: THE PRINCIPAL SEA TRANSPORT OFFICER, MEDITERRANEAN.

Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's
minute IRM-19/N/144 dated 15 March 1947.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
IRM-19/N/138 dated 15 May 1947.

1. It is requested that a very early reply may now be made to reference (b).

2. In the event of the information requested in reference (a) not being available by the date the Italian Peace Treaty comes into force, it is requested that it may be forwarded to the Naval Attache', British Embassy, Rome.

S. C. Loomis, Jr.
FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/R/ 168

14 June 1947

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

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

(Sgd.) P.T. Simpson-Jones
for
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/W/167

12 June 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 CARAU Angelo, BRECEVICH Licio, OPTOLANI Mario and RAGUSEO Aldo to visit Trieste, PROTO Giovanni to visit Pola and POLIARNE Giovanni to visit Gorizia as per leave passes enclosed.

for P.T. SIMPSON - JONES.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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12 June 1947

FL-1/N/ 166

Subject: ITALIAN PRIZE COURT DECISIONS AND ORDERS.
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
No. FL-1/N/58 of 11 April 1947.

1. It is requested that a reply may now be made if possible to this branch's letter at (a) above.

(signed) S. N. BLACKBURN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/n/165

6 June 1947

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

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

for R. H. PRYCE
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ST-1/N/154

10 June 1947

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

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr. NSC/5290
dated 17 July 1946.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr. NSC/5628
dated 6 November 1946.

Enclosure: (A) Estimate of Italian Navy LI/SA Minesweeping store
requirements together with their value.

1. Enclosure (A), showing the estimated values of the stores listed in the enclosure to reference (a), is forwarded herewith in continuation of reference (b). The values include the 25% charge and 5% surcharge referred to in paragraph 2 of reference (b).

2. In the event of any of these stores being required, therefore, it is recommended that they be obtained by means of their inclusion in the Italian Government overall import programme in accordance with paragraph 3 of reference (a).

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

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IRN-12/A/

10 June 1947

Prof. Ugo Cerletti,
University of Rome,
Viale Dell'Universita' No. 30
Rome.

Dear Professor Cerletti,

I regret to inform you that it appears that the Navy Department has failed to discover any new innovation in your invention of "retarded fuses".

S. C. LOOMIS,
Commander, USN.

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Allied Force Headquarters
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10 June 1947

PI-3/N/ 162

Subject: CIVILIAN TRAVEL PERMITS FOR LIBYA.
To: BRITISH MILITARY AUTHORITY, TRIPOLI, LIBYA.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.
PI-3/N/122 dated 10 May 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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IRN-4/N/ 161

10 June 1947

Subject: TRANSFER OF MONEY DEPOSITED BY ADMIRAL MARIO PALANGOLA.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. B.3771 dated 8 June 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), the matter is at present under consideration by the Commanding General Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army who has been requested to take necessary action in order to effect the restitution of the personal funds in question to the Ministry of Defence, Navy through this Branch.

2. The Ministry of Defence, Navy will be informed of the subsequent reply as soon as it is received.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SA-3/H/160

3 June 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR G-5 SECTION, ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Subject: Submarine Attack Teachers for the Royal Navy
and the United States Navy.

Enclosure: (A) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission Ltr. MSC/5890
dated 20 January 1947.
(B) Ministry of Marine Ltr. 333/UT dated 8 February 1947.
(C) Three photographs of the Submarine Attack Teacher.

1. On 8th June 1945 the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean signalled the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission, Rome requesting that enquiries be made with the Ministry of Marine to determine whether a submarine attack teacher understood to have been constructed for the Italian Navy by the Officine Galileo, Florence could be made available to the Royal Navy for despatch to the United Kingdom.

On 13th June 1945 the Ministry of Marine were requested to investigate and report.

On 18th June 1945 the Ministry of Marine reported that this apparatus was in fact stored at the Officine Galileo, Florence, but that it was only 70% complete on 8 September 1943 and that the unassembled half manufactured parts were considerably damaged by German mines. In view of this damage, the Ministry, while not considering it advisable to order the Company to complete the construction of the apparatus, (for the Italian Navy) did however place the attack teacher at the Royal Navy's disposal if required.

This was referred to the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean on 3rd January 1945 who requested in reply on 24th July 1945, that the Ministry of Marine be informed that the teacher was required together with drawings of any incomplete or damaged portions necessary to complete manufacture in the United Kingdom. The Navy Sub-Commission was then to arrange shipment of the crated apparatus to the United Kingdom.

On 6th August the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's request was transmitted to the Ministry of Marine and arrangements for shipment were made.

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and the United States Navy.

The Ministry of Marine finally reported the attack teacher ready for shipment to the United Kingdom on 24th November 1945. Owing to the withdrawal of the Royal Navy from Naples however, there was a delay in shipment. The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Leghorn eventually reported on 13th February 1946 that he had collected the apparatus, and on 25th February 1946 he had shipped it to Malta for onward forwarding to the United Kingdom.

2. Meanwhile on 1st November 1945 the Acting Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy reported that it had been determined in conferences between the inventor, and the Galileo works, that sufficient material was available to supply the United States Navy with an additional teacher, which, it is stated, was originally requested from the Galileo works by a United States Navy representative in July 1945. In order to simplify the procedure in satisfying the British and American requirements, the Acting Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy requested the Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission to join the United States Navy's request with that of the Royal Navy's and that the Ministry of Marine be so instructed.

On 6 November 1945 the Ministry of Marine were therefore requested, to confirm the availability at the Galileo works of the material for the assembly of an additional attack teacher, and in the event of the existence of the material being confirmed, to procure one complete submarine attack teacher with all drawings and any unassembled parts and deliver it to the United States, Port Office, Naples. In their letter of 24th November 1945 the Ministry of Marine stated that there was another attack teacher in course of construction at the Galileo works but that the incomplete parts which were not fitted were in Northern Italy. The Ministry of Marine requested to be informed whether the teacher was to be completed by Galileo and despatched to the United States Port Office, Naples or whether it was to be sent to Naples in its present unfinished condition.

The Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy having been

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asked for instructions on 8th September 1945, replied on 27th December with a copy to the Ministry of Marine, that he desired to be informed of the approximate date of completion of the assembly and final trials of the entire apparatus.

No further action was however taken by the Navy Sub-Commission and the Ministry of Marine in this matter as the Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, through his representative in Florence, was dealing with the Galileo Company direct.

The Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy files on the subject reveal that under cover of a letter dated 19th November 1945 the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Department, Washington officially requested that this apparatus be obtained and shipped to the United States. The Chief of Naval Operations in his letter of 23rd November 1945, further requested that technicians from the Galileo works be selected and sent to the United States for the purpose of adequate assembly and demonstration of the device. On the 17th December 1945 the Commander U.S. Naval Forces, Northwest African Waters to whom the above two letters were addressed, forwarded the Chief of Naval Operations' instructions to the Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy for necessary action. Subsequently, at the request of the United States Navy's representative in Florence arrangements were made for the assembly of the complete apparatus by 15th February 1946 in order to perform a demonstration in Florence.

The Galileo Company completed the assembly ahead of time however, and a satisfactory demonstration was held on 1st February 1946. After the demonstration, the apparatus was again dismantled and carefully packed in waterproof canvas and specially built wooden crates in such a fashion so as to facilitate assembly on arrival in the United States. The work was completed on 17th March 1946. Final arrangements were then made for the shipment to the United States of the 10 crates, containing the device, and for the despatch of the selected technicians, namely the inventor, and the engineer.

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The attack teacher was eventually shipped to the United States on 15th April 1946 and the technicians followed suit on 30th May 1946 accompanied by a United States Naval officer.

3. It will be observed from the above, that while the action taken by the Royal Navy to obtain the Italian Naval attack teacher from the Galileo Company was conducted entirely through the Ministry of Marine, the United States Naval representative, except for the initial request which was channelled to the Ministry of Marine, through the Navy Sub-Commission, eventually dealt directly with the Company. Relevant to this, is the following extract of the United States Navy, Florence representative's letter dated 15th January 1946 to the Staff Officer Intelligence to Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy: "To this date the Galileo Company have received no order from the Italian Ministry of Marine to build and assign this device to the United States Navy. However, on their own initiative they have gone ahead with the production. They stress that this order from the Italian Navy would facilitate matters for them in final disposition of the device. However, failure to receive this order will in no sense hold up the delivery of this device to the United States Navy."

4. No contract with, or mention of payment, was ever made to the Ministry of Marine or the Galileo Company as it was assumed that the Italian Government would pay any expenses incurred, observing that the request for these teachers, and especially for the British one, was made to the Ministry of Marine, who, it would appear from paragraphs 1 and 2, had agreed to supply them. Subsequently however, on 28th September, 1946, the Galileo Company in a letter addressed to the Ministry of Marine requested that necessary steps be taken in order to effect the settlement of the company's expenses, totalling 350,000 lire, which the company incurred in assembling, cleaning, testing and packing for shipment to United Kingdom the 70% completed apparatus as well as for the series of drawings which were made in accordance with the Royal Navy's request. This letter was forwarded to the Navy Sub-Commission for necessary action, who in agreement with the Legal Sub-Commission, recommended that approval for payment by the Royal Navy's Supply Officer in Rome be obtained from the Commander-in-

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Chief Mediterranean. This was done, and the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean in November, 1946 approved payment in principle, but considered that the charges appeared to be excessive and requested that they be investigated and that a report be made to him prior to effecting payment.

5. Meanwhile, however, on 8th October, 1946, the Galileo Company despatched a similar letter to the Ministry of Marine in respect of the expenses incurred in satisfying the United States Navy's request, i.e. the completion of the apparatus by the repair and manufacture of damaged and incomplete parts respectively, assembly of the device for testing, transportation of some of the stores from Battaglia Terme (North Italy) to Florence for mounting, series of drawings, disassembly after testing, and packing for shipment. These expenses totalled 7,733,400 lire and were reduced by the company to a round figure of 7,500,000 lire. This letter was also forwarded by the Ministry of Marine to the Navy Sub-Commission for settlement.

6. While fully appreciating that considerably more work had been carried out on the apparatus destined for the United States, than on the one for the United Kingdom, the Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy, who was also Deputy Chief of the Navy Sub-Commission, considered this sum to be exorbitant and was of the opinion that the payment of this bill was an Italian Government liability in accordance with the Armistice terms. This also appeared to be the opinion of the Galileo Company and the United States Navy Representative, Florence as will be seen from the following extracts of letters addressed to the Senior United States Naval Liaison Officer, Italy: -

(a) Extract from the Galileo Company's letter dated 28 November, 1946:

" Many months ago a training device for submarines, which was part of a supply that we were making for the Italian Government, was delivered to the American Navy. To prepare this training device we sustained the expense of 7,500,000 lire, which we asked from the Italian Ministry of Marine, as we thought that the payment

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had to be made by the Italian Ministry of Marine and not by the American Navy. As far as we know, the above mentioned Ministry of Marine, in order to be able to settle the account, needs to be given directions by your Office. We ask, therefore, that you inform the Ministry about the reception of the training device for submarines, and that you give directions for the payment of the expense".

(b) Extract from the United States Naval Representative's letter enclosing Galileo's aforementioned letter of 28th November:

"I was able to secure from them the enclosed letter which clearly eliminates any financial responsibility on our part. As previously explained to you by me, Galileo never intended to bill us for any of the work of mounting or of building the device. If you will recall, we requested this device from the Italian Navy through the Ministry of Marine in Rome. They in turn assumed the responsibility of payment as the device was ordered by them from Galileo prior to September 1943. All that is requested of us by Galileo, is that we notify the Ministry of Marine that the device was delivered to the United States Navy. With this pressure from us Galileo will be able to get payment from the Italian Government".

After a lengthy search, no trace has been found of written evidence to support the following statement made by the United States Naval Representative, Florence: "they in turn assumed responsibility of payment", the only justification for which seems to be the continuation of the statement which reads: "as the device was ordered by them from Galileo prior to September 1943".

7. It was therefore decided to inform the Ministry of Marine that the

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 settlement of these expenses was an Italian Government liability, and to
 suspend action on the payment of the expenses in connection with the supply
 of the attack teacher to the United Kingdom, pending the Ministry of Marine's
 written acceptance of liability.

8. Enclosure (A) is the letter to the Ministry of Marine and enclosure
 (B) is the reply thereto. While the Ministry of Marine's remarks, contained
 in paragraph 2 (d) of enclosure (B), which are substantiated by the fact that
 no charges have been raised in respect of the attack teachers in their unfinished
 condition of 8th September 1943, are appreciated, it is observed nevertheless,
 that portions of Articles 12 and 13 of the Armistice terms have been omitted by
 the Ministry of Marine in paragraphs 2 (a) and (b)

The latter part of Article 12 states "and the necessary maintenance
 and repair will be the responsibility of the Italian Authorities". The last
 sentence of Article 13 states "The Italian Government will comply with any
 directions given by the United Nations for the manufacture, production or
 construction..... of war material."

The argument raised in paragraph 2 (c) is not understood since there
 may have been the possibility that Florence was under Allied occupation and
 Allied Military Government jurisdiction at the time the attack teachers were
 initially requested, thus making their supply subject to the provisions of
 Article 19.

9. Whilst this Branch fully recognises, therefore, that this appears to be
 a border line case, and that in all fairness the payment of these expenses may
 be a Royal Naval and United States Naval liability respectively, it would be
 grateful if a decision could be given as to whether the Italian Government or
 the respective Allied Navies concerned should bear the costs in whole or in
 part for the work that has been carried out on these attack teachers as a result
 of the Allied Navies' demands, taking into consideration the following points:

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- (a) It has been the practice for the Italian Government to pay compensation to the owners of vessels requisitioned by Allied Authorities for the period of requisition, in addition to which, compensation is paid in the event of the loss of a vessel whilst under Allied control and operation.
- (b) In the majority of cases, where goods have been drawn by Allied units from Italian civilian stores on Release orders from Allied Forces Local Resources Board, and not paid for, the owners obtain payment from the Italian Government.
- (c) When the Peace Treaty comes into force, Italy will waive all claims against the Allied Powers on behalf of the Italian Government or Italian Nationals, in accordance with Article 76 of the treaty.

10. It is requested that enclosure (c), which is forwarded for information be returned to the Italian Naval Branch in due course.

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

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PC-1/N/ 159

5 June 1947

Subject: DAMAGE DONE TO HARBOUR WORKS IN GENOA BY ALLIED SHIPS.
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN SECTION.
Reference: (a) The Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's submission to the Admiralty No. 2963. Mod. 46/333/6/7/ dated 3rd October 1946.
(b) Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's ltr. NSC/5833 dated 4th January 1947.

1. Further to reference (b), it is submitted that Their Lordships may now be hastened for an early reply to reference (a) in order that a reply may be made to the Ministry of Mercantile Marine's letter of 14th August 1946.

2. In the event of a reply not being received before the Italian Treaty of Peace comes into force, it is requested that the Admiralty's reply be communicated to the British Naval Attaché, Rome, to whom the file on this matter will have been turned over.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IN-19/W/158

6 June 1947

Subject: RETURN OF TUG T.88 TO THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. No.1072/UT dated 8 April 1947.

1. It is regretted that in view of the information contained in reference (a), the disposal of the Italian Naval tug T.88 would appear to be subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2 of Annex X of the Treaty of Peace with Italy, thus precluding the grant of the authorization requested in paragraph 4 of reference (a).

2. If, however, the Ministry of Defence, Navy considers that paragraph 2 of Annex X of the Treaty can be invoked in this case, it is requested that full details of the transfer of the tug to Trieste be forwarded to this Branch for consideration.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SX-3/W/157

Subject: SUBMARINE ATTACK TEACHERS ORDERED TO THE BRITISH
AND UNITED STATES NAVIES.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy ltr. 1801/OT dated 25
May 1947.

1. The question regarding payment for the completion of the
attack teachers referred to in reference (a) is still under consideration
by Allied Force Headquarters.

2. The Ministry of Defence, Navy will be informed of the
decision of the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean on the matter
as soon as it is known.

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

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Subject: STOKER LINO CRISTOFIC.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine ltr. 5113747 of 7 February 1947.
Enclosure: (A) Mrs. Rosa Cristofic's ltr. dated 19 May 1947.

1. The Ministry of Defence, Navy, is informed that the official communication forwarded to this branch under cover of reference (a) has been forwarded to Stoker Cristofic's next-of-kin.

2. Enclosure (A), which is a letter from Cristofic's mother acknowledging receipt of the aforementioned communication, is forwarded herewith for information. It will be observed that it raises the question of the subject rating having been sighted in 1945.

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