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Allied Force Headquarters
 ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
 APO 794

PO-1/11/301

15th September 1947

Subject: Acquisition of a Fiat Motor boat owned by Mr. Luciano Cippavone
 The Commanding General, Mediterranean Theatre of Operations, U.S. Army
 TO: (copy to:- Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi (CO.GE.NA., Rome)

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Base, Allied Force H.Q.'s letter, PO-1/11/242
 dated 5th August, 1947.

In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval
 Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September,
 1947, it is requested that you will address your reply to
 Reference (a) ~~the~~ direct to

Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi (CO.GE.NA.), Via dei Gestari No. 3,
Rome.
~~who/which department is now handling the matter~~

Sgt. H. A. V. HALL
 Secretary
 Italian Naval Branch,
 Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters
 ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
 APO 794

PC-11/1/300

15th Sept 1947

Subject: Motor Schooner "Lido"

TO: Hq ATOUSA.

Reference: (a) Hq ATOUSA's ~~1st~~ Ind. ^{AG} #0.561.1 D-0
 of 21st August 1947

In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval
 Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September,
 1947, it is requested that you will address your reply to the War
 Reference (a) to-

..... Department's reply, which you refer to referred to in
 who/which department is now handling the matter.

reference (a) to the USNA, US Embassy Rome

Sgd. H. A. V. HALL.
 Secretary
 Italian Naval Branch,
 Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PC-1/n/299

15th Sept 1947.

To: Comitato Nazionale Gestione Ravi (Co. GE. RA)

Subject: Motor Schooner "Lido".

You are hereby notified that consequent on the closing of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters, today 15th September, 1947, your letter

Ref. No. 5521/5/46 dated 4th July 1947

regarding the above schooner

together with copies of other relevant correspondence have been transferred for further action to

the USNA, US Embassy, Rome

to whom any further communication should be addressed.

Sgd. H. A. V. HALL.
Secretary
Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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REF PK-3/N/298

15th Sept 1947

TO: *Mr. HODGSON*
SUBJECT: *C.O. Mechanic Alfredo Balbo*

You are hereby notified that, consequent on the closing of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters, today 15th September, 1947, your letter

Ref. No. *13731/2* dated *23rd August 1947*
regarding *the above matter*

together with copies of other relevant correspondence have been transferred for further action to:

the USNA, US Embassy, Rome

to whom any further communication should be addressed.

Sgt. H.A.V. HALL.

Secretary
Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PD-1/N/297

15 Sept 1947

TO:

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Subject:

P.O. Telegraphist Alfonso Vecchione. ~~1947~~

You are hereby notified that consequent on the closing
of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters, today
15th September, 1947, your letter

Ref. No. 12497/2 dated 26th July 1947

regarding ~~the present whereabouts~~ of the above sailing

together with copies of other relevant correspondence have been
transferred for further action to

..... TR USNA, US Navy, Rome

to whom any further communication should be addressed.

Sgt. H. A. V. HALL

Secretary

Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters
 ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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15th Sept 1947.

IRN-4/~~226~~N/296

Subject: Return of Funds Deposited by Ex Italian Prisoners of War.
 TO: The CG, Red Theater of Operations, USA.
 Reference: (a) INB, AFHQ's IRN-4/N/196 dated 28th June 1947

In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September, 1947, it is requested that you will address your reply to Reference (a) to

the USN Attache, US Embassy Rome

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 who/~~which~~ department is now handling the matter

Sgt. H. V. HALL
 Secretary
 Italian Naval Branch,
 Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRN-4/N/295

15th Sept 1947.

TO: The Ministry of Defense, Rome.

Subject:- Return of funds deposited by ex Italian P.O.W's.

You are hereby notified that consequent on the closing of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters, today 15th September, 1947, your letter

Ref. No. B.3771.....dated...: 8th June 1947.

regarding the return of funds deposited by ex Italian Prisoners of War and Admiral Mario Faldinola together with copies of other relevant correspondence have been transferred for further action to

.....The USNA, US Embassy, Rome.

to whom any further communication should be addressed.

Sgd. H.A.V. HALL
Secretary
Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-11(4)/N/294

15 September 1947

Subject: MFF "Marzo Gallo" Ex "S. Girolamo" (Budinir).
To: Ministry of Defence, Navy.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 2464/UT dated 16 July 1947.

1. In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September 1947, it is requested that the matter regarding the turn over of the above vessel to the Yugoslav Authorities be taken up with the Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires, through diplomatic channels.

Sgd. H.A.V. HALL

for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
 ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-11(4)/N/293

15 September 1947

Subject: MFV "Nuovo Gallo" Ex "S. Girolamo" (Budimir)
 TO: The Yugoslav Charge d'Affaires,
 Yugoslav Legation, Rome.
 Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
 Reference: (a) IRM-11(4)/N/230 dated 25 July 1947.

In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval
 Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September,
 1947, it is requested that you will address your reply to
 Reference (a) to the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy through diplomatic
 channels.
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 who/which department is now handling the matter

Sgt. H. A. V. HALL.

Secretary
 Italian Naval Branch,
 Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-11(3)/N/292

15 September 1947.

Subject: SALE OF WRECKS BY ITALIAN NAVY.

To: CAPITAINE DE FREGATE D.E. YBERT,
FRENCH EMBASSY, ROME.

Reference: (a) The French Representative to the Allied
Authorities in Italy's ltr. No. 1860 SM/REC
dated 20th August 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Copy of Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters's
ltr. IRM-11(3)/N/270 dated 29th August 1947.
(B) Copy of Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force
Headquarters's ltr. IRM-11(3)/N/ dated
15th September 1947.

1. Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded for information
with reference to reference (a).

Sgd. D.A.V. D.M.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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DM-11(3)/N/291

15 September 1947.

Subject: SALE OF WRECKS BY ITALIAN NAVY.

TO: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters's,
ltr. No. ITN-11(3)/N/270 dated 29th August 1947.

In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval
Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September,
1947, it is requested that you will address your reply to
Reference (a) to

..... The French Naval Attache', French Embassy, Rome.
who/which department is now handling the matter
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Sgd. H.A.V. Hall.

~~for~~

Secretary
Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PI-2/W/290

15 September 1947.

Subject: LEAVE PERMIT FOR P.O. BANOVAZ DUSSAN TO VISIT
POLA.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: The Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 9338/2
dated 1st June 1947.

1. In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September 1947, the Superintendent Security Section, Venezia Giulia, Police Force, to whom reference (a) was referred on 6th June 1947, has been requested to address his reply direct to the Ministry of Defence, Navy.

Sgd. H.A.V. Hall.
for

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
 ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PI-2/N/189

15 September 1947.

LEAVE PERMIT FOR P.O. BANOVAZ DUSSAN TO VISIT POLA.

Subject:

THE SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION, VENEZIA
 GIULIA, POLICE FORCE.

TO:

Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters ltr.

Reference:

(a) No. PI-2/N/165 dated 6th June 1947.
 (b) Superintendent Security Division, Venezia Giulia,
 Police Force's ltr. VGP/15/60 dated 29th August 1947.

In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval
 Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September,
 1947, it is requested that you will address your reply to
 Reference (a) ~~as~~ direct to:

The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, Rome.

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 who/which department is now handling the matter

2. The contents of reference (b) has been noted.

Sgd. W.A.V. Hall.

Secretary
 Italian Naval Branch,
 Allied Force Headquarters.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PI-2/N/288.

15 September 1947.

Subject: LEAVE PERMITS FOR CALFA CAMILLO AND
GANDUSIO SANTE.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 10771/2
dated 4th August 1947.
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 12735/2
dated 2nd August 1947.

1. In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September, 1947, the Superintendent Security Section, Venezia Giulia, Police Force, to whom references (a) and (b) have been referred, has been requested to address his reply direct to the Ministry of Defence, Navy.

Sgd. H.A.V. Hall.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PI-2/N/287

15 September 1947.

Subject: LEAVE PERMITS FOR CALFA CAMILLO AND GANDUSIO SANTE,
TO: THE SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY SECTION, VENEZIA
GIULIA, POLICE FORCE.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters's, ltr.
No. PI-2/N/243 dated 8 August 1947.
(b) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force, Headquarters's, ltr.
No. PI-2/N/244 dated 8 August 1947.

In consequence of the closing of the Italian Naval
Branch of Allied Force Headquarters today 15th September,
1947, it is requested that you will address your reply to
Reference (a) ~~to~~ and (b) direct to:

.....The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, Rome.....

~~the which department is now handling the matter~~
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Sgt. H.A.V. Hall

Secretary
Italian Naval Branch,
Allied Force Headquarters.

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Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

SE-4/8/286

15 September 1947.

Subject: DELIVERY OF GAS OIL TO ROYAL NAVY.

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to: The Assistant Director of Supplies
and Transport, S.T. Directorate, General
Headquarters, C.M.F.)

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters's
ltr. No. SE-4/N/277 dated 12 September 1947.

Enclosure: (A) The Assistant Directorate of Supplies and
Transport, S.T. Directorate, General
Headquarters, C.M.F.'s ltr. No. 2116/3/ST2,
dated 26 August 1947 and enclosures.

1. Enclosure (A) is referred for necessary action, as this office is not in a position to make complete annotations as requested.
2. In view of the imminence of "R" day, it is suggested that the schedules be returned direct to the Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport, S.T. Directorate, General Headquarters, C.M.F.
3. It is requested that reference (a) be cancelled.

Sgd. H.A.V. Hall.
for

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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C O P YGENERAL HEADQUARTERS CMC.S.T. DIRECTORATE.

SUBJECT:- Deliveries of Gas Oil to
Royal Navy.

2116/3/ST2.Tel: MESTRE 27429.26 August 1947.

Italian Navy Branch,
AFHQ (LACAB Section), ROME.
(Attention Lt. Hall RNVE.)

Reference conversation Hall - Rayner, will you please mark "RN" all vessels on the attached schedules (deliveries of Gas Oil on British Account - February/December 1946) which were to either Royal Naval vessels or to vessels which were a Royal Naval responsibility for fuelling. The only copy of these schedules received is being forwarded, and as a considerable amount of work in segregating these issues has already been done, will you please take special care to ensure that they are not lost.

(Sgt) *Rayner*
for Lieutenant Colonel,
Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

PC-1/N/285

15 September 1947.

Subject: CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO MOTOR BOAT "S. GIUSEPPE"
OWNED BY ERRERA STEFANO.

To: IL DELEGATO SINDACO, MUNICIPIO DI LAMPEDUSA
E LINOSA.

1. The enclosed documents are forwarded with reference to your letter dated 1st August 1947, regarding Mr. Errera Stefano's claim for compensation for the loss of his boat named "SAN GIUSEPPE".

Sgd. H. A. V. Hall.
for

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PI-2/N/284

15 September 1947.

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VENEZIA GIULIA, POLICE FORCE.

Enclosure: (A) Leave permit in respect of P.O. TASSI Armando,
Italian Navy to visit Trieste.
(B) Leave permit in respect of P.O. LUSCO Riccardo,
Italian Navy to visit Trieste.
(C) Leave permit in respect of P.O. MOSSI Carlo,
Italian Navy to visit Trieste.

1. Enclosures (A), (B) and (C) are forwarded with the request that Allied Military Government travel permits be forwarded direct to the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy in order to enable the above mentioned Italian Navy ratings to visit Trieste.

2. In the event, that the procedure for the entry in Trieste of military personnel has changed owing to the coming into force of the Italian Peace Treaty, it is requested that the Ministry of Defence, Navy be informed accordingly.

Sgd. H.A.V. Hall.

For

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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PI-2/N/ 283

15 September 1947.

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 14677/2
dated 5th September 1947.
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 14830/2
dated 11th September 1947.
(c) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 14889/2
dated 11th September 1947.

1. References (a), (b) and (c) have been forwarded to the Superintendent Security Division, Venezia Giulia, Police Force for necessary action.

2. The Superintendent Security Division, Venezia Giulia, Police Force has been requested to forward the leave passes direct to the Ministry of Defence, Navy.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

IN-19/14 282

13 September 1947

Subject: REPAYMENT OF EXPENSES TO THE SACKS, CO. OF MARINA
IN THE CASE OF THE SALVAGE OF ANCHOR AND CHAIN FOR
"THE JOURNAL ALBERT".

To: HEADQUARTERS, MEDITERRANEAN AREA, U.S. MARITIME
COMMAND, 783 Via Roma, ROME.
(Copy to: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, NAVY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.).

1. The Italian Ministry of Defense, Navy, advises this office that SACKS CO. informed them that the repayment of expenses of the salvage of anchor chain for the "SS. JOURNAL ALBERT" would be negotiated directly between your office and the Ministry of Defense, Navy.

2. It is requested that you advise the Ministry of Defense, Navy, direct, on to your intentions in the interest of settling the above matter.

Sgd. H.A.V. Hall
for
DEAR ADMIRAL,
DEPARTMENT ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

IRN-12/N/281

15 September 1947.

Subject: FORWARDING OF DOCUMENTS.

To: THE CHIEF WELFARE OFFICER, HQ. ALLIED MILITARY
GOVERNMENT, VENEZIA GIULIA.
(Copy to: THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.)

Enclosure: (A) Translation of the Ministry of Defence, Navy's
ltr. 13750/2 dated 25th August 1947 and
enclosures.
(B) Translation of the Ministry of Defence, Navy's
ltr. 14400/1 dated 1st September 1947 and
enclosures.
(C) Translation of the Ministry of Defence, Navy's
ltr. 14714/2 dated 11th September 1947 and
enclosures.
(D) Translation of the Ministry of Defence, Navy's
ltr. 14818/2 dated 11th September 1947 and
enclosure.
(E) Translation of the Ministry of Defence, Navy's
ltr. 14716/2 dated 11th September 1947 and
enclosure.
(F) Translation of the Ministry of Defence, Navy's
ltr. 14720/2 dated 11th September 1947, and
enclosure.

1. Enclosures (A) to (F) are forwarded with the request
that the enclosures thereto be delivered to the respective addressees.

2. In view of the closing down of this Branch, to day,
it is requested that delivery of the documents in question be confirmed
direct to the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH 950

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

IRN-11(3)/N/ 280

15 September 1947.

Subject: "F" LIGHTERS.

To: FINANCE, ECONOMIC AND SUPPLY BRANCH, ALLIED FORCE
HEADQUARTERS, ROME.
(Copy to: THE RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICER, VENICE.)

Enclosure: (A) Resident Naval Officer, Venice ltr. WLP/608/7
of 18 August 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for necessary action observing that no trace of this matter can be found in this Branch.

S.C. Loomis
to REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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FROM : RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICER, VENICE.

DATE : 13th August 1947

Ref. WLP/608/7

TO : ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH A.F.H.Q., ROME A.P.O. 794.

(Copy to: COMMANDER IN CHIEF MEDITERRANEAN, MALTA.)

Lighters.

The following signal was received from Admiralty, addressed :
C-in-C Med. (R) R.N.O. Venice. Begins.

Reference your Number 2667/Med/46/935/2/18 dated 5th September 1946 and subsequent signals exchanged between Admiralty and R.N.O. Venice culminating in message time 110932 April re provision of currency for purchase of "M" lighters. There appears to be no way in which this purchase can be concluded. It is believed however, that the craft are operated by L'Ausiliare Internazionale, Milan under contract with Allied Commission whereby they were given an option to purchase. Request copy of contract be forwarded for scrutiny and R.N.O. Venice will enquire from Allied Commission, Milan what liabilities if any are still outstanding against the craft. It may be that the firm already spent considerable sum in repairing them. These may have been wiped out by amount debit to them in respect of hire. N.T.G. 071914E/August. Encls.

2. As the Allied Commission, Milan has now closed down, and it is understood that you have taken over their responsibilities, it is requested that any available information, asked for by the Admiralty, may be forwarded to this Office.

3. According to correspondence held Lighters Nos 3 - 4 - 5 and 10 have now been re-conditions and liens amounting to Lire 10,703 (the equivalent of Lire 4,281,250) in respect of each of these craft have been registered in favour of "L'Ausiliare Internazionale" S.R.I. Lighters Nos 8 - 9 - 11 and 12 have not yet been completed, but the work is well under way. On completion it would appear that "L'Ausiliare Internazionale" S.R.I. are entitled to register liens for a sum not exceeding Lire 10,703 (Lire 4,281,250) on Lighter No. 8 and the sum of Lire 10,390 (Lire 4,156,250) on each of the Lighters Nos 9 - 11 and 12.

4. It is presumed that in accordance with paragraph 9 of a copy of the proposed loan contract (unassigned and untested) which is held here that the lessee is entitled to register these liens in Sterling. I have not however sufficient legal knowledge to be clear on this point.

5. This office has no knowledge of any agreement that the lessee shall pay any hire charges for the use of these Lighters.

6. Application is being made to the lessee for account of all

Lighters.

The following signal was received from Admiralty, addressed to C-in-C Med. (R) R.N.O. Venice. Begins.

Reference your Number 2667/Med/46/935/2/18 dated 5th September 1946 and subsequent signals exchanged between Admiralty and R.N.O. Venice culminating in message time 110932 April re provision of currency for purchase of "A" lighters. There appears to be no way in which this purchase can be concluded. It is believed however, that the craft are operated by L'Ausiliare Internazionale, Milan under contract with Allied Commission whereby they were given an option to purchase. Request copy of contract be forwarded for scrutiny and R.N.O. Venice will enquire from Allied Commission, Milan what liabilities if any are still outstanding against the craft. It may be that the firm already spent considerable sum in repairing them. These may have been wiped out by amount debit to them in respect of hire. N.T.G. 07194B/August. En's.

2. As the Allied Commission, Milan has now closed down, and it is understood that you have taken over their responsibilities, it is requested that any available information, asked for by the Admiralty, may be forwarded to this Office.

3. According to correspondence held Lighters Nos 3 - 4 - 5 and 10 have now been re-conditioned and liens amounting to Lire 10,703 (the equivalent of Lire 4,281,250) in respect of each of these craft have been registered in favour of "L'Ausiliare Internazionale" S.R.I. Lighters Nos 8 - 9 - 11 and 12 have not yet been completed, but the work is well under way. On completion it would appear that "L'Ausiliare Internazionale" S.R.I. are entitled to register liens for a sum not exceeding Lire 10,703 (Lire 4,281,250) on Lighter No. 8 and the sum of Lire 10,390 (Lire 4,156,250) on each of the Lighters Nos 9 - 11 and 12.

4. It is presumed that in accordance with paragraph 9 of a copy of the proposed loan contract (unsigned and undated) which is held here that the lessee is entitled to register these liens in Sterling. I have not however sufficient legal knowledge to be clear on this point.

5. This office has no knowledge of any agreement that the lessee shall pay any hire charges for the use of these Lighters.

6. Application is being made to the lessee for account of all operations carried out.

7. Your comments and any information in accordance with paragraph 2 is requested.

W.L. POLLARD
Lieutenant, Cdr. R.N.V.R.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

SI-1/N/279

13 September 1947.

Subject:

SPARE PARTS FOR L.C.T. ENGINES.

To:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to: FLAG OFFICER, MALTA.
COMMOORE SUPPLYMENT, MALTA.
OFFICER IN CHARGE, SPARE PARTS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE,
MALTA.)

Reference:

(a) Italian Naval Branch AFHQ ltr. SI-1/N/204 dated
5 July 1947.

Enclosure:

(A) Revised list of spare parts for Paxman and Gray
Marine engines required by the Italian Navy.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded with the request that it may
be substituted for the list enclosed with reference (a) (not to Officer in
Charge, Spare Parts Distribution Centre, Malta) which should be cancelled.

2. It would be appreciated if the information requested in
paragraph 2 of reference (a) could be forwarded as soon as possible in
respect of the revised requirements.

(Signed) A. M. MESSENGER.

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for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

IRN-4/N/278

13 September 1947.

Subject:

UNPAID BILLS.

To:

THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALLIED MILITARY
AUTHORITIES IN ITALY.

Enclosure:

(A) The French Consul General's ltr. No. 200 (12-2)
dated 1st September 1947.

1. please.

Enclosure (A) is forwarded for necessary action

2. The Navy Sub-Commission letter referred to in paragraph
2 of enclosure (A) was forwarded to the French Consul General, Rome,
through your office in September 1946.

(Signed) ARTHUR BRIDGES

FOR REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

SE-A/N/277

12 September 1947.

Subject: DELIVERIES OF GAS OIL TO ROYAL NAVY.

To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.
(Copy to: Sea Transport Directorate General Headquarters,
C.M.F.)

Enclosure: (A) S.T. Directorate, General Headquarters, C.M.F.'s letter
number 2116/3/ST2, dated 26 August 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is referred for necessary action, as this office is not in a position to make complete annotations as requested.
2. In view of the imminence of "R" day, it is suggested that the schedules be returned direct to S.T. Directorate, General Headquarters.

Sgt R. E. PRYCE.
for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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12 SEP 1947

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

SD-4/W/276

6 September 1947.

Subject: THEFT OF COAL LEGHORN HARBOUR.

To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

1. With reference to your letter No. E. 3870, of 15th June, 1947, you are informed that the arguments there set out, disclaiming the Italian Navy's responsibility for the loss, cannot be accepted.

2. The contents of the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's directive No. Med.45/301/9/13A, of 25th December, 1945, which was forwarded to you under cover of the Navy Sub-Commission's letter No. NSC/4382, of 7th January, 1946, together with the circumstances connected with the turning over of the coal, make it abundantly clear that the whereabouts and disposal of such coal were to be the responsibility of the Italian Navy, in their capacity of administrative authority. The operative words are contained in paragraph 2 of the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's directive, which states that such stocks "are to be handed to the Italian Naval Authorities, who are to administer the stocks on Admiralty's behalf." It is indeed impossible to deduce that it was intended that such responsibility should fall otherwise.

3. Furthermore, paragraph 3 of the Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean's directive, which states "Issues to H.M. Ships and establishments are to be made direct from the stocks held, etc...."; together with the first sentence of paragraph 5, shows that the Italian Navy was in fact responsible for the actual issuing of the coal, and the issues to British ships and establishments, did not require the approval of the British Naval Officer in Charge. If the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean was desirous of handing over to the Italian Navy the "mere accounting" of the coal, he would have used those words in his directive instead of the word "stocks" as to whose interpretation there can be no doubt.

4. Whilst it is recognised that during this time the British Navy was the owner of the coal, it does not follow that it assumed the supervision for its storage. This coal was on charge to the Italian Navy as agents of the British Navy, just as it might have been on charge to a British Naval Officer. In the event of a loss while any coal is on charge to a British Naval Officer,

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6 September 1947

Subject: THEFT OF COAL IN LEGHORN HARBOUR.

he is held responsible for it and, if necessary, is called upon to reimburse the Admiralty in cash for the loss. It would appear that the Italian Navy is in a similar position in this case with the difference that Ministry of Defence, Navy, is only requested to certify an acceptance of financial liability. In consequence, the legal principle "res perit domino" is, in this instance, inapplicable. Consideration should also be given to the fact that the certificate will probably be used as a debit voucher to the account held in Admiralty in respect of all the supplies and services rendered to the Italian Navy by the Royal Navy, during the post Armistice period 1943-1946, which debt, may in all probability be reduced or cancelled, dependent upon the policy of the British Government.

5. With regard to the guarding of the coal, your attention is invited to paragraph 3 of the Navy Sub-Commission's letter No. NSC/5133 dated 4th June 1946, and the fact that the Italian Port Authorities were responsible for the guarding of the coal through the medium of Italian M.P.'s who were later replaced by Guardia di Finanza. The Italian Navy automatically assumed overall responsibility for the safe custody of the coal when it was turned over for administration on behalf of the Admiralty on the 1st January 1946. It is of no concern to the Admiralty as to whom the Ministry of Defence, Navy, delegated to guard the coal, since the stocks were on charge to the Italian Navy Authorities, Leghorn, who as custodians of Admiralty property, are now held responsible for the loss in question.

6. It is therefore requested that the certificate first requested in my letter No. NSC/5736, of 19th December, 1946, may be forwarded as soon as possible.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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FI-2/N/ 275

8 September 1947.

Subject:

REMOVAL OF FURNITURE BY C.F.O. TRAINO VERASTONIO.

To:

SECRETARY OF THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN FORCE.

Receipt of your letter JEC/2-215A, dated 28 August
1947 together with enclosures, is acknowledged.

Sgt. R. F. PRICE.
for: RYAN ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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Allied Forces Headquarters
SERBIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

FI-2/274

8 September 1947.

Subject: REMOVAL OF FURNITURE BY S.P.O. TRAJKO VITANOVIC.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defense, (Navy)'s letter No. 5629/2 dated
27 March 1947.
Enclosure: (a) Joint Economic Committee, Yugoslav Military
Government's letter 2/153 dated 20 August 1947
together with enclosures.

Enclosure (a), which is the authority from the
Economic Section of the Yugoslav Military Government for Trajko Vitan-
ovic to withdraw his furniture from Zone B before the 25th
September 1947, is forwarded in reply to reference (a).

Sgd. R. T. PRYCE.

for.

CHIEF, SERBIAN NAVAL BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERS.

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PL-1/N/ 273

3 September 1947

Subject: STRENGTH UNDER COMMAND.

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

1. The enclosed Italian Naval Personnel situation report as at 1st August 1947, is forwarded herewith for information in continuation of my letter PL-1/N/241 dated 1st August 1947.

Sgt. R. E. DUNCE.
for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRN-19/N/ 272

30 August 1947

Subject: MATERIAL IN POSSESSION OF THE CHIOZZA MARINE
CONTRACTORS COMPANY OF NAPLES.

To: THE DIRECTOR,
THE CHIOZZA MARINE CONTRACTORS COMPANY - NAPLES.

1. With reference to your letters dated 1st March, 21st March and 20th August 1947, relating to the Italian Navy's claim to machinery and equipment held by you, the Admiralty have interrogated Lieutenant-Commander H.R. Smith, D.S.C., R.N., late Base Engineer Officer, Naples, and from the information furnished by him, have directed me to acquaint you as follows:-

(i) No Allied machinery or equipment appears to have been ceded to your firm, but a number of machines of Italian origin were placed at your disposal as your machining capacity was inadequate to meet the repair requirements of the Base. Further, the cost of putting them into working order was regarded as a matter for your firm. In any event, this cannot be accepted as an Admiralty liability and no claim would appear to have been made at the time.

(ii) The machinery of Italian origin would, in normal circumstances, have been classified as "scrap", but owing to the general shortage of machine tools, repair was considered worth while. Lieutenant-Commander Smith has stated categorically that at the time it was made quite clear that the final disposal of the machinery was one to be settled between you and the Italian Authorities. Indeed, he states that he was directed by Naval Officer in Charge, Naples, to instruct you to furnish a list of the machinery in your workshop for transmission to the Italian Naval Authorities. In these circumstances it would not seem unreasonable, if the Italian Navy wish to claim the machinery, for your firm to look to the Naval Authorities for compensation for the expense of repairing it.

2. It is requested, therefore, that you approach the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, direct with a view to settling the final disposal of the machinery in question.

3. In this connection, a copy of my letter IRN-19/N/ dated 29th August 1947, addressed to the Ministry of Defence, Navy, is enclosed herewith for information.

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REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRM-19/R/ 271

29 August 1947

Subject: MATERIAL IN POSSESSION OF THE CHIOZZA MARINE
CONTRACTORS COMPANY OF NAPLES.
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's
ltr. IRM-19/R/124 dated 13 March 1947.

1. Further to reference (a), the results of the investigation which has been carried out in London, and which contains the Admiralty's decision regarding the machinery and equipment in question is as follows:-

(i) It is recognised that no machinery or equipment appears to have been coded to the Chiozza Marine Contractors Company, but that a number of machines of Italian origin were placed at the Company's disposal for refitting and operation, in order to meet the repair requirements of the Base.

(ii) This machinery of Italian origin would in normal circumstances have been classified as "scrap", but, owing to the general shortage of machine tools, repair was considered worth while.

(iii) In these circumstances it is considered that the Italian Navy should compensate the Chiozza Marine Contractors Company for any expenses incurred in repairing the machinery, which is claimed by the Italian Naval Authorities.

2. The Company has therefore been advised to approach the Ministry for the final settlement of the disposal of the machinery and equipment in question.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH. 2048

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IRN-11(3)/N/270

29 August 1947

Subject: SALE OF ITALIAN NAVAL WRECKS.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 2823/UT dated 13 August 1947.

1. The comparison of the dimensions contained in reference (a) with those of the lighters removed from Bizerta shows that the wrecks at Marsala do not appear to be of French origin.

2. While there is, therefore, no objection to the sale of these 9 lighters by the Italian Navy now, it is requested that the dimensions of 26 x 14 x 1,70 metres in respect of the five pontoons given in reference (a), be confirmed prior to their being sold, and that the measurement of 14 metres for the breadth of each of the five pontoons be ascertained, since there is reason to believe that three of them may have a breadth of 5,70 metres.

Sgd. R. E. PRYCE.

For,

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PC-1/N/ 269

29 August 1947

Subject: MOTOR SCHOONER "LIDO".

To: COMITATO ITALIANO GESTIONE NAVI (CO.GE.NA.), ROME.

1. With reference to your letter No. 5521/5/46 dated 4 July 1947, enquiries in connection with this matter, are being made by the Superintending Sea Transport Officer, General Headquarters, Central Mediterranean Forces, and by Headquarters Mediterranean Theater of Operations, United States Army, who have also referred the matter to Washington for a search of the records of the 6th and 8th Port of Embarkation Units, United States Army.

2. The results of these enquiries will be communicated to you as soon as they have been received.

Sgt B. F. PRYCE.
for.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-4/N/288

29 August 1947

Subject: RETURN OF FUNDS DEPOSITED BY EX ITALIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.
**To: THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF
OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES ARMY.**

1. It would be appreciated if a reply could now be made to
my letter IRN-4/E/196 dated 28 June 1947.

Sgt. R. F. PRICE
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PK-3/N/ 267

28 August 1947

Subject: ITALIAN P.O.W. ALFREDO BALBO.

To: IPW DIVISION, ITALIAN LAND FORCES BRANCH,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

Reference: (a) IPW Division, Italian Land Forces Branch's ltr.
IPW/1/3/4842 dated 24 July 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Translation of Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr.
13731/2 dated 23 August 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded with the request, that the information requested therein, may be forwarded to this Branch as soon as possible in order that it may be transmitted to the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy.

2. Reference (a) also refers to the matter.

Sgt. R. F. PRICE.
for. REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-4/N/266

28 August 1947

Subject: RENTAL OF DECOMPRESSION CHAMBER TO THE FRENCH NAVY.
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 2660/UT dated
30 July 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), information has been received from the French Naval Authorities to the effect that on the 12th January 1947 the hire of the diving bell was paid for up to the 31st December 1946 by cheque No. 129.775 of the Bank of America and Italy - Genoa Agency - addressed to the Director General of Naval and Mechanical Construction, Ministry of Marine, Rome.

2. In view of the above therefore, it is suggested that a further investigation be made into the matter in order to determine whether it has been settled already.

Sgd. R. P. PRICE.
for.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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IRN-4/N/ 265

25 August 1947

Subject: UNPAID BILLS.
To: THE CHIEF PILOT, PHILIPPEVILLE, ALGERIA.

1. A copy of my letter IRN-4/N/ 264 dated 25 August 1947, addressed to the French Consul General, Rome is forwarded herewith for information with reference to your letter dated 2 August 1947 regarding bills in respect of services rendered to Italian ships.

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

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IRN-4/W/ 284

25 August 1947

Subject: UNPAID BILLS.

To: THE FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL, HOME.
(Through the French Representative to the Allied
Military Authorities in Italy).

1. The enclosed letter dated 2 August 1947 and enclosures, received from the Chief Pilot at Philippeville, is forwarded with reference to Navy Sub-Commission, Allied Commission's letter H30/5454 dated 16 September 1946 addressed to the Italian Ministry of Marine, copy to you.
2. The bills in question would appear to be those contained in enclosures (B) to (F) inclusive to the Navy Sub-Commission's above mentioned letter.
3. It is requested that you will reply to the Chief Pilot, Philippeville, informing him of the action taken.

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

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SE-4/N/ 263

25 August 1947

Subject: EXCESS PRODUCTS - INSTALLATION OF POZZUOLI.
To: THE VICE PRESIDENT, COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI - CIP.

1. It would be appreciated if an early reply could now be made to my letter SE-4/N/225 dated 23rd July 1947.

Sgd. R. F. PROYDE
for. REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRN-11(3)/#261

25 August 1947

Subject: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON WRECK "ANNA MARIA GUALDI".
To: THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
ALLIED AUTHORITIES IN ITALY.

1. With reference to your letter No. 3278/28 dated 16 June 1947, the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, have furnished me with the following information regarding the wreck of the SS ANNA MARIA GUALDI:-

" The wreck is lying on the bottom, completely submerged, approximately 300 metres off the outer mole at Palermo, near the quay. The ship, which is owned by the Societa' Industria e Pesca, Rome, whose registered number is 196 at the Rome Harbour Office, left Taranto on the 27th September 1942, arrived at Palermo on the 30th of the same month, and was sunk there on the 1st December 1942. The vessel, of 3274 GRT and 2054 NRT, was loaded with about 2300 tons of petrol."

Sgd. R. E. PRYCE.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SE-4/N/269

23 August 1947

Subject: ISSUES OF NAVY SPECIAL FUEL OIL.
To: THE VICE PRESIDENT, COMITATO ITALIANO PETROLI - CIP -
ROME.

1. It would be appreciated if the information requested in
my letter SE-4/N/211 dated 9th July 1947, could now be forwarded.

Sgd. R. E. PRYCE.
For: REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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INN-11/N/ 050

22 August 1947

Subject: SALE OF LANDING CRAFT TO ITALIANS.
To: THE CHIEF DISPOSALS OFFICER, MINISTRY OF SUPPLY,
c/o BRITISH EMBASSY, ROME.

1. The enclosed list of specialized types of assault craft is
forwarded with reference to your signal No. M.S. 516 timed 011015 August 1947:-

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS WAR MATERIAL IN ZONE "A" OF
VENEZIA GIULIA.

Flag Officer Liaison, Italy's minute No. II FOLI/946 of 5th
August 1947.

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CRM-3/N/258

THE NAVAL OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, TRIESTE.
(Copy to: The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Station.
The Flag Officer, Liaison, Italy).

Forwarded for information and necessary action on paragraph 6 of
minute I observing that if this report is correct, disposal of Italian Naval
property in Trieste would appear to be anticipating the coming into force
of the Peace Treaty to the disadvantage of Italy.

ROME,
23rd August 1947.

For: REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
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FC-1/E/ 257

23 August 1947

Subject: SEAMAN MARTINO VELLOVICH - MISSING.
To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. 5891/2 dated 26
March 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, have confirmed that the family of the above mentioned rating have been officially notified that he is reported as missing by the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy.

Sgt R. T. PRYCE.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IAN-19/B/256

18 August 1947

Subject: ITALIAN WARSHIPS SUNK IN LIBYA AND IN ERITREA.
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

1. The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy have requested permission to send two naval officers to Eritrean and Libyan ports with a view to examining the possibilities of salvage of Italian warships sunk in those ports.

2. A list of these wrecks showing their location is forwarded herewith for information, together with a copy of my reply to the Ministry of Defence, Navy.

(Sgt) G. L. BORDEN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-19/A/ 255

18 August 1947

Subject: ITALIAN WARSHIPS SUNK IN LIBYA AND IN ERITREA.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Marine's ltr. No. 214/UT dated 29 January 1947
(b) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 1457/UT dated 4 May 1947.

1. In reply to reference (a), it is regretted that the visit to Libyan and Eritrean ports by the officers referred to in reference (b) cannot be approved, since it is considered that title to these Italian warships passed to His Majesty's Government on the capture of the ports in question.

2. If you wish to pursue this matter further, it is suggested the British Government be approached through diplomatic channels.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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FD-1/8/254

20 August 1947

Subject: P.O. TELEGRAPHIST ALFONSO VECCHIONE, 1922 CLASS.

To: THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER, MEDITERRANEAN,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.
THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MEDITERRANEAN THEATER OF
OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES ARMY.

1. The Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, have expressed a desire to trace or establish the fate of the above mentioned Petty Officer.

2. According to information which has recently been received from the rating's father, P.O. telegraphist VECCHIONE, of the Italian Naval Radio station, Pisa, managed to reach Naples, where he joined the American forces as an interpreter and entered Rome with them on the 5th June 1944. He stayed there a few days and then departed for an unknown destination. After about a year he sent some news to various acquaintances in Rome, but since 1945 his parents have had no more news. It appears that VECCHIONE is working on behalf of the American Information Service.

3. It would be appreciated therefore, if you could cause an enquiry to be made into the matter, informing me of the result as soon as possible, in order that it may be communicated to the Ministry of Defence, Navy.

(Sgt) G. L. WARREN 2032

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/W/ 253

20 August 1947

Subject: LEAVE PASSES.

To: THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.

Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. No. 11085/2 dated
2 July 1947.

Enclosure: (A) Leave Pass in respect of P.O. GOSPODNETICH, Giacomo.

1. In reply to reference (a), the Ministry of Defence, Navy, is informed that Headquarters, Allied Military Government, Venezia Giulia, having approached the Yugoslav Delegation with regard to the visit of GOSPODNETICH Giacomo, to Brazza, were informed that in the cases of Italian citizens resident in Italy and requesting to travel in or through Yugoslavia, regular passports are required, issued by the Italian authorities and endorsed with a Yugoslav visa.

2. It is suggested therefore, that for this, and for any future cases of a similar nature, application be made to the competent authorities for the issue of a passport to the person concerned, after which a request for a Yugoslav visa should be made to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. who, it is understood, will apply for it through the Czechoslovakian Legation.

Sgt R. P. BRYCE, 2031
for, REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/R/ 251

18 August 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

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

Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
PI-2/R/165 dated 6 June 1947.

1. The travel permit referred to in reference (a), copy of which is enclosed, not having been received, information is requested as to when it may be expected or how the matter now stands.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PA-3/R/ 250

20 August 1947

Subject: NAVAL CONTROL SERVICE OFFICERS.
To: THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

1. The enclosed translation of the Ministry of Defence, Navy's letter No. 32728 dated 6 August 1947 is forwarded for information with reference to your minute Med. 46/1347/3/2 dated 28 November 1946.

Sgt. R. T. PRICE.
For: REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/N/ 249

18 August 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

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

for: REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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FD-2/H/248

18 August 1947

Subject: COMMANDER LUTGI PODESTA' AND P.O. WRITER ARTURO BERGERA.
To: MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, NAVY.
Reference: (a) Ministry of Defence, Navy's ltr. B. 1562 of 3 March, 1947.
(b) Naval Sub-Section, Italian Military Affairs Section's ltr. PD-2/H/89 of 6 March, 1947.

1. It is regretted that no tangible progress has been made in this matter although energetic action has, and continues to be taken, on high Military and Diplomatic levels to secure the release of the two men.

2. As soon as any definite news is received, it will be immediately communicated to you.

(Sgd) G. L. WARREN

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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IRM-11(9)/N/247

18 August 1947

Subject: SALE BY THE ITALIAN NAVY OF EX GERMAN WRECKS.
To: THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALLIED
MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN ITALY.

1. With reference to your letter No. 3306/3 dated 19th May 1947, the details of the 9 wrecks sunk at Marsala, whose disposal was arranged by the Ministry of Defence, Navy, who recognised them to be German are as follows:-

5 pontoons - 26 x 14 x 1,70 metres

1 small landing craft - 19 x 4,50 x 1,50 metres

1 semi demobilised - 16 x 4 x 1 metres

2 pontoons split into 4 sections of 9 x 4,20 x 1,70 metres
and 14,40 x 4,20 x 1,70 metres.

2. It would be appreciated if you could inform me at an early date whether or not the Italian Navy may proceed with the sale of these 9 lighters, since the Italian Ministry of Defence, Navy, have suspended the sale pending clarification of their origin.

Spd. to F. PRICE
for

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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18 AUG 1947

NEW MOORINGS AT LEGHORN.

Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's letter
Med.47/1152/3/10 dated 20th May 1947.

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IRN-8/N 246
THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF,
MEDITERRANEAN STATION.

The moorings are not fitted with
buoys, as these would obstruct free navigation in the harbour.

S. P. V. BRUCE.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

ROME,
11th August 1947.

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PC-L/N/ 245

11 August 1947

Subject: MORDE SCHOMER "LIDG".
To: THE COMMANDING GENERAL, PENINSULAR MARE SECTION, LERHON.
Reference: (a) Italian Naval Branch, Allied Force Headquarters' ltr.
PC-L/N/210 of 9 July 1947.

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

W. F. PRICE.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/N/ 244

8 August 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

1. It is requested that AMG travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval rating GANDUSIO Sante to visit Capodistria as per leave pass enclosed.

S. J. M. F. PAVIER.
REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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PI-2/N/ 243

8 August 1947

Subject: MOVEMENT CONTROL.

To: SUPERINTENDENT SECURITY DIVISION,
VENEZIA GIULIA POLICE FORCE.

1. It is requested that AMG travel permit be forwarded to enable Italian Naval rating CALFA Camillo to visit Isola d'Istria as per leave pass enclosed.

Sgt. R. E. PRICE.
Rear Admiral,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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FC-1/W/242

5 August 1947

Subject:

REQUISITION OF A PIAT MOTOR BOAT OWNED BY
MR. LUCIANO CLIPARONE.

To:

THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE OF
OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES ARMY.
(Copy to: Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi (CO.GI.MA.), Rome)

Enclosure

(A) Translation of Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi's ltr.
No. 5063/5/12 dated 28 July 1947.

1. Enclosure (A) is forwarded for appropriate action with the
request that a reply may be made to Comitato Italiano Gestione Navi through
this Branch as soon as possible.

2. The information requested by Comitato Italiano Gestione
Navi, in paragraph 3 of enclosure (A), is required in order to enable the
owner of the motor-boat to obtain suitable compensation from the Italian
Government.

(Sgd) S.C. Donais. f

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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1 August 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 July, 1947 is forwarded herewith for information.

(Sgd.) S.C. Loomis, Jr.
FOR HEAD ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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ITA-11/W/240

1 August 1947

Subject: SHIPPING CLAIMS - SEIZURE BY JUGOSLAVS OF M/V "ASTREA".
To: THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-5 LIAISON AND
CIVIL AFFAIRS BRANCH.

1. With reference to your airtel G-5: 916.23 dated 22 July 1947, regarding the return of the M/V ASTREA to its owner, it is considered that the reply to the Yugoslavs should take the form of a plain denial that the ship was ever War booty. The following alternative draft reply to Allied Military Government is accordingly proposed:-

Reference your letter SO.17/21/1939 of 17 July 1947.

1. You will please refer to the Yugoslav delegates letter 2/282 of 10 December 1946 and state that under the provisions of international law the vessel ASTREA is not War booty being an Italian privately-owned vessel and therefore the proclamation on 12th November 1945 is automatically null and void.
2. You will request that the ship be returned to the owner without delay, subject to the payment by him of the cost of repairs."

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(Sgd.) S.C. Loomis, Jr.

REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR, ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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