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SALE OF EX-GERMAN
"F" LIGHTERS

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ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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SALE OF EX-GERMAN "F" LIGHTERS.

Further action by British Naval Attache, Rome.

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SALE OF EX-GERMAN "P" LIGHTERS.

Further action by British Naval Attache, Rome.

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9th September 1947.

SUPPLEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION

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Be pleased to lay before Your Lordships with reference to Ministry of Commerce 07N944/August the attached translation of a letter dated 29th August 1947 from Messrs Amilind International, Venice and also the statement rendered by them showing the financial position of the working of the 8 "gr" lighters up to 31st July 1947.

2. according to correspondence held Lighters Nos 3 - 4 - 5 and 10 have now been re-conditionalized and liens amounting to £ 10,703 (the equivalent of Lire 4,281,250) in respect of each of these craft have been registered in favour of "Ausiliare Internazionale" S.R.L. 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 "Ausiliare Internazionale" S.R.L. are entitled to register liens for a sum not exceeding £ 10,703 (Lire 4,281,250) on Lighter No.8 and the sum of £ 10,390 (Lire 4,156,250) on each of the Lighters Nos 9 - 11 and 12.

3. It is requested that in accordance with paragraph 9 of a copy of the proposed loan contract (unassigned and unratified) which is held here that the Lessee is entitled to register these claims in sterling at £100 to \$1. Sufficient legal knowledge is not possessed to be clear on this point and the status of the contracts are not known.
4. This office has no knowledge of any agreement that the Lessee shall pay any (the) charges for the use of these Lightships.
5. The Allied Commission Milan closed down in June 1945 and it is understood that the Italian Naval Branch, I.N.B., Rome have taken over their responsibilities. Application has been made to them for any information they may possess on this subject.

W. L. Ballard.

W. T. FULTON

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Be pleased to lay before their Lordships with reference to Admiralty Message 07/94/August the attached translation of a letter dated 29th August 1947 from Servizio Ausiliari Internazionali, Venice and also the statement rendered by them showing the financial position of the working of the 9 "pa" Lighters up to 31st July 1947.

2. According to correspondence held Lighters Nos. 3 - 4 - 5 and 10 have now been re-constituted and lines amounting to £10,703 (the equivalent of Lire 4,284,550) in respect of each of these craft have been registered in favour of "L'Ausiliare Internazionale" S.R.L. Lighter 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.L. are entitled to register lines for a sum not exceeding £10,703 (Lire 4,284,550) on Lighter Nos. 8 and the sum of £10,390 (Lire 4,156,350) on each of the Lighters Nos. 9 - 11 and 12.

3. 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 loanes is entitled to register these lines in sterling at Lire 400 to £1. Sufficient legal knowledge is not possessed to be clear on this point and the dates of the contracts are not known.

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

5. The Allied Commission Milan closed down in June 1945 and it is understood that the Italian Naval Branch I.R.I.C. have taken over their responsibilities. Application has been made to them for any information they may possess on this subject.

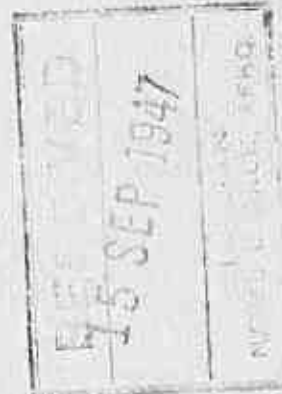
W. L. Ballard

S. L. POLANS

Lieut. Cdr. R. N. V. R.

Enclosures: Letter from "Servizio Ausiliari Internazionali"

dated 29th August 1947.
Statement up to 31/7/47.



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TRANSLATION

MOTOR BARGES MANAGEMENT.

WORKING ACCOUNT
Financial Situation at 31/7/47

	INCOME	EXPENSES	WORKING LOSS
	Hires earned	Management Expenses	
Motor Barge No. 3	535.294,50	552.919,30	24.624,80
" " 4	368.681,--	376.814,60	8.133,60
" " 5	308.193,40	383.811,55	75.618,15
" " 10	242.585,90	313.277,60	68.391,70
Totals	1.457.734,80	1.634.523,05	176.768,25
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MOTOR BARGES MANAGEMENT

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Financial Situation at 31/7/47

EXPENSES	Lighter No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 10	Totals
Crew Wages	192.659,25	184.557,65	192.246,65	156.730,45	726.194,--
Crew Insurances and Contributions	51.191,80	57.801,45	59.902,75	52.571,45	221.467,45
Tugs	12.472,10	8.434,30	19.683,40	16.563,40	57.153,20
Consumption and Maintenance	28.391,55	19.926,55	21.298,55	17.183,55	86.800,20
Brokerages	5.289,--	10.237,--	7.575,--	7.189,--	30.290,--
Insurance	126.600,--	--	--	--	126.600,--
Various	9.492,--	3.687,40	6.056,85	2.343,30	21.579,55
General Expenses : 25% of hires totals	133.823,60	92.170,25	77.048,35	61.396,45	364.438,65
Total Expenses	559.919,30	376.814,60	383.811,55	313.977,60	1.634.523,05
INCOME					
Hires earned	535.294,50	368.681,--	308.193,40	245.585,90	1.457.734,80
Management Losses	24.624,80	8.133,60	75.618,15	68.391,70	176.768,25
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REPAIRS ACCOUNT EX GERMAN LIGHTERS.

Liens in favour of Society SERVIZI AUSILIARI INTERNAZIONALI.

"	"	4	368,681,--	575,814,60	8,133,60
"	"	5	308,193,40	383,311,55	75,618,15
"	"	10	242,585,90	243,277,60	58,391,70
Totals fire			1,457,754,80	1,634,523,05	176,768,25

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INCOME

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Management Losses fire	24,624,80	8,133,60	75,618,15	68,391,70	176,768,25

REPAIRS ACCOUNT EX GERMAN LIGHTERS

Liens in favour of Society SERVIZI AUSILIARI INTERNAZIONALI.

LIGHTER No. 3	£	10,703.
" 4	£	10,703.
" 5	£	10,703.
" 10	£	10,703.
" 8	£	9,098.
" 9	£	8,831.
" 11	£	8,831.
" 12	£	8,831.

Total £ 78,403.

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TRANSMISSION

FROM : SERVICE AUXILIARY INTERNATIONAL, VENICE

DATE : 29th August 1947

TO : RESIDENT ITALIAN OFFICER, VENICE

SUBJECT : EX-GERMAN BARGES.

With reference to your letter AL/696/7 dated 18/8/47 we enclose a statement of the financial position of the 3 barges (ex German) handed over to our firm under the contract made with the Allied Commission Control.

The financial statement is divided in two distinct parts as follows:

- 1) regular account
- 2) working account

In this matter we wish to make the following observations :-

Regular Account

The re-commissioning of the barges, which in the first place was contracted out with various shipyards under the impression that the supply of material would be relatively easy, was actually extremely difficult, so much so that the repairs to the last barges were stopped when only 90% complete, owing to the impossibility of finding spare parts for the German engines. Spare parts have been looked for everywhere and application was made, through R.N.C. Venice and R.N.C. Trieste, to the manufacturers Messrs. Lentz but always without result.

To all this is to be added the continuous increase of the cost of labour which has caused a consequent increase of shipyard expenses much beyond the amount estimated in the first contracts. In any case the balance resulting from the savings in our favour amounts to 2 78.000 to our credit. To this amount established by contract is to be added the minimum and heavy expenses exceeding the contract, expenses which the shipyard have not yet been able to present a definite financial statement, but it will be about 25.000 (taking into consideration the cost of labour, spare parts and iron).

Work Account

Allowing that the working of the barges started as each one was completed, that is to say gradually after October 1946, we inform you that the normal working of these motor barges in the North Adriatic was planned to be the natural traffic between the Italian shores and the upper reaches of the Italian rivers (bauxite, coal, wood, etc.).

This plan of working was hindered first by the much reduced traffic of Venice harbour, secondly by the difficulties of river navigation (the rivers not yet being dredged and the water not put in efficiency) and then by the allied veto (due to causes independent from us) to allow the barges to go to some B or the Yugoslav shores.

Without these causes of work we had to consider the possibility of carrying out transshipments in the harbour and transport of merchandise in the harbour area. The well known reduction of Venice harbour traffic has made even this employment difficult and during the summer season we could only carry out the transport of stores from Slatina to Venice.

Owing to this slight income, the management costs have increased with regard to the crew, insurance, coal, spare parts etc. so that of 250,000

with reference to your letter 15/608/7 dated 18/8/47 we enclose a statement of the financial position of the 8 barges (ex German) handed over to our firm under the contract made with the Allied Commission Command.

The financial statement is divided in two distinct parts as follows:

- 1) regular account
- 2) working account

In this matter we wish to make the following observations:-

Regular Account

The re-conditioning of the barges, which in the first place was contracted out with various shipyards under the impression that the supply of material would be relatively easy, was actually extremely difficult, so much so that we regret to the last barges were stopped when only 30% complete, owing to the impossibility of finding spare parts for the German engines. Spare parts have been looked for everywhere and application was made, through R.N.C. Venice and S.N.C. Trieste, to the manufacturers concerned, but always without result.

To all this is to be added the continuous increase of the cost of labor which has caused a consequent increase of shipyard expenses such beyond the amount estimated in the first contracts. In any case the balance resulting from the barges in our favour amounts to £ 78,005 to our credit. To this amount established by contract is to be added the armature and heavy expenses exceeding the contract, expenses which the shipyard has not yet been able to present a definite financial statement, but it will be about £ 13,000 (taking into consideration the cost of labor, spare parts and iron).

Work Account

Allowing that the working of the barges started as each one was completed, that is to say gradually after October 1946, we inform you that the normal working of these motor barges in the North Adriatic was planned to be the natural traffic between the Italian shores and the upper reaches of the Italian rivers (benzene, coal, wood, etc.).

This plan of working was hindered first by the much reduced traffic of Venetian harbor, secondly by the deflection of river navigation (the rivers not yet being dredged and the moles not put in efficiency) and then by the Allied veto (due to causes independent from us) to allow the barges to go to save B or the Yugoslav shores.

Without these sources of work we had to consider the possibility of carrying out trans-shipments in the harbor and transport of merchandise in the harbor area. The well known reduction of Venetian harbor traffic has made even this employment difficult and during the summer season we could only carry out the transport of stores from Salsola to Venice.

Owing to this slight decrease, the management costs have increased with regard to the crew, insurance, coal, spare parts etc., so that of 280 final balances which at the end of December 1946 showed a profit, later became a loss due to the cost of the crew of the barges which were not working.

At the moment, there being no hope of a profitable utilization of the barges, assistance by the Allied Command would be appreciated in finding work with the Allied Forces, WFO, in the past, used the barges for transportation.

The financial work account up to 31/7/47 with relative sub-divisions for the 4 completed barges is enclosed. Informing you that our ledger may be inspected at any time at our office.

Waiting your reply we send to you our best regards.

Sgt. FRANKLIN

Office of Resident Naval Officer,
V e n i c e .
15th September, 1947

Ref. WLF/627/7
SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

(Copies to :

Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Station Malta.
Italian Naval Branch AFM Rome APC 74.

"F" LIGHTERS.

Be pleased to lay before Their Lordships with reference to my signal 110933B/September 1947 the attached translation of a letter received from Servizi Ausiliari Internazionali, Venice in which they propose handing over to the British Authorities two "F" lighters, already fitted and repaired, in payment for the six remaining lighters which they wish to retain.



W. L. Pollard

W. L. POLLARD
Lieut. Col. R.N.V.R.

Enclosure : Letter from Servizi Ausiliari Internazionali
dated 30th August 1947.

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TRANSLATION

From : Servizi Ausiliari Internazionali, Venezia, Ital. Ia Venezia 2594.

Date : 30th August 1947.

To : Resident Naval Officer, Venice.

Subject: Ex German Lighters.

Further to our letter dated 29th August 1947, we beg you to pass to the Admiralty the following:

It being agreed that the ex German Lighter wrecks were valued at the total amount of £ 14,000 and that full possession would have taken place after the payment of this sum, we have, as you know, tried to find the necessary money to make that payment.

The R.N.O. knows that the Italian Government has refused to let us have this money but has left us free to earn it through foreign traffic. This traffic, as has already been stated, has been impossible owing to Venice harbour conditions and afterwards by the refusal of permission by the Allied Command for the barges to be sent to the Dalmatian coast which is at the moment the only foreign outlet from Venice for these type of craft. On the other hand the necessary money cannot be obtained by other means as sterling is strictly controlled and its origin must be justified under English law.

Considering all this, and wishing to get a solution, we propose to pay for the 6 wrecks by returning to the British Authorities 2 lighters already repaired and fitted.

By this proposal this Firm intends to show its wish to make the payment over the amount of that of the contracted one; considering for each lighter the amount of £ 7,500 for repairs and material (leaving out the amount of 25% of the works made due to us under the contract terms). The handing over of the two lighters would mean the amount of £ 15,000 for the wrecks of 6 lighters instead of £ 14,000 for 8 lighters.

We hope our offer will be considered and will show you our wish to settle the position of these lighters which, for the moment cannot be used owing to the general restricted traffic conditions of the Adriatic. If wished and instructed by the R.N.O., the managers of this Firm are willing to go to the Admiralty in order to discuss the matter in full detail.

Sgt. FRIGERIO

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TO ADMIRALTY (R) CINC MED, INB AFHQ, ROME. FROM RND VENICE.

Unclassified.

Ref. your 07194B/August. SERVIZI AUSILIARI INTERNAZIONALI propose handing over to British authorities two 'P' lighters already fitted and repaired in payment for the remaining six which they wish to retain. A representative of the firm is willing to visit the Admiralty to discuss the matter if you are interested. Copy of their letter on this subject follows by ordinary mail.

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Allied Force Headquarters
ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH
APO 794

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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.

Sgt. S. Lottis Jr.
for REAR ADMIRAL,
DIRECTOR ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH.

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B.A.

FROM : RESIDENT NAVAL OFFICER, VENICE.

DATE : 18th August 1947

Ref. WP/603/7

TO : ITALIAN NAVAL BRANCH A.E.H.Q., ROME A.P.O. 704.

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

"PM" Lighters.

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

Reference your Number 2667/Med/L6/035/2/18 dated 5th September 1946 and subsequent signals exchanged between Admiralty and R.N.O. Venice culminating in message timed 11093Z April re provision of currency for purchase of "PM" 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. T.T.O. 071014B/August. Dn'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 No.s 3 - 4 - 5 and 10 have now been re-conditional 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.L. Lighters No.s 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.L. 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 10,300 (Lire 4,156,250) on each of the Lighters No.s 9 - 11 and 12. 2263

4. It is presumed that in accordance with paragraph 3 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.

"M" Lighters.

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

Reference your Number 2667/Met/L6/035/2/78 dated 5th September 1946 and subsequent signals exchanged between Admiralty and R.N.O. Venice culminating in message time 110022 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. D.T.G. 0719LAE/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.

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4. It is presumed that in accordance with paragraph 9 of a copy of the proposed loan contract (unsigned and unratified) 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. COLLARD
Lieutenant, Cdr. R.N.V.R.

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