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15 February 1947.

SUBJECT: Monthly Reports.

TO : Director, Naval Sub-Section.  
Director, Land Forces Sub-Section.  
Director, Air Forces Sub-Section.

1. The monthly reports of the former three service Sub-Commissions of the Allied Commission will continue, without breaking continuity, as reports of the Sub-Sections of IMAS. The same distribution will be made as formerly, except that Chief of IMAS will be substituted for Chief Commissioner, Allied Commission.

2. Where applicable, appropriate reference in the report will be made to provisions of the Peace Treaty. (As an example, strength of personnel of the Italian Navy will be shown, having regard to the provisions of Article 60 of the Peace Treaty.)

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NAVY SUB COMMISSION, ALLIED COMMISSION,  
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Monthly Report for January 1947.

I. PERSONNEL SITUATION -- ITALIAN NAVY.

1. The total strength of officers and men administered by the Italian Navy on 31 December 1947, was 42,893 as against 44,055 on 31 December and 46,613 at the end of November, 1946.

2. The distribution of the personnel is as follows:

PERSONNEL ASHORE - ACTUALLY ON DUTY

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Men.</u>
Service ashore .....	2302	12914
Service for the Allies.....	28	18
S. Marco Regt. (marines).....	6	110
Naval Academy: (including 97 officers, 118 cadets).....	333	461
Available for draft or appointment..	<u>706</u>	<u>3017</u>
	3375	16520

PERSONNEL ASHORE - MISCELLANEOUS

(In hospital, sick, awaiting demobilization, repatriated P.O.'s awaiting interrogation, deserters, etc. .... 418                      5251

PERSONNEL AFLOAT

Personnel aboard ships..... 1125                      15264

ARMY PERSONNEL ATTACHED TO NAVY.      64                      881  
4982                      37916

Grand Total -                      42898

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PERSONNEL SITUATION - ITALIAN NAVY (continued)

3. There were no changes in assignment of high commands of the Italian Navy.

II. WARSHIP MOVEMENTS.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean gave approval for the Italian battleships ITALIA and VITTORIO VENETO to be moved from the bitter Lakes, Egypt, to Augusta Sicily.

2. Arrangements were made for the Italian ships ROSAMA, GIUSEPPE MASSIMA, and MONTE CUCCO to evacuate Italian nationals and their possessions from Pola.

III. RETURN OF PORTS TO ITALIAN CONTROL.

1. Notification was received that, effective 1 February, the Port of Naples was to be returned to control of the Italian authorities.

IV. REPAIRS OF FOREIGN WARSHIPS BY ITALIAN SHIPYARDS.

1. The Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean has approved the repair of Turkish destroyers of Italian manufacture by ANSALDO providing that repairs to Allied and Italian ships are not hampered and that the Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean's policy for the rehabilitation and utilization of Italian ship repair and shipbuilding facilities in Italy is not violated.

V. SALVAGE.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean's

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SALVAGE (continued)

decision has been received and the Italian Ministry of Marine has been informed that there is no objection to the salvage of the wreck of the British motor minesweeper No. 168 lying at the entrance to the small harbour of Sampierdarena.

2. The Ministry of Marine was informed that the United States Army abandoned its rights in, and title to, the small craft marked with the letters M.T.I. located in the harbour of Piombino.

3. The United States Maritime Commission announced that the hulks of the following American ships beached in Italy are to be sold for scrapping:

- (a) LLITHU YALE, Liberty ship. Bombed and broken in two at Anzio in February 1944. Hull located at Anzio.
- (b) GOLF PRINCE, tanker. Torpedoed in July 1943 near Naples, now afloat at Taranto.
- (c) ISAAC SHELLY, Liberty ship. Struck mine in January 1945. After section towed to Naples, bow beached 100 miles away.
- (d) JAMES GURALE, Liberty ship. Struck two mines in April 1944 near Capri, beached at San Giovanni near Naples.
- (e) PLEASANT GLENN, Liberty ship. Struck mine in August 1945. Bow section beached at Piraeus, Greece, and after section docked at Palermo.

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VI. TRACING OF SHIPS

1. Information was received that the Italian minesweeper ELVIGA must be considered as having been

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TRACING OF SHIPS (continued)

sunk during the war as there has been no trace of her since 8 September 1943.

2. In reply to a request for information of the tanker SAN MARCO the Navy Sub-Commission was informed that the tanker ran aground on a shoal in the vicinity of Punta Grossa, north of Maddalena (052 degrees, Porer rock lighthouse, 6 miles) early in 1944. She was later bombed out. Since then she has broken up in the seas and become a total loss.

3. In response to a request for information concerning the yacht MILANOK II, word was received that she was sunk by the Germans at Porto Maurizio.

VII. RETURN OF SHIPS

1. Appropriate steps have been taken during the month in order to expedite the turnover of the French barge JOYCE, referred to in sub paragraph 2 of paragraph VI of the monthly report for December 1946, to the French authorities.

2. The Admiralty have been requested through the Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean to consider the early release to the French Government of the French barge IDOLIN (ex ROEMIGSENIG), referred to in sub paragraph VI of the monthly report for December 1946, pending the result of the Prize Court proceedings in London.

VIII. SUPPLY.

1. with reference to sub paragraph 3 of paragraph V of the monthly report for November 1946, the question regarding the Italian ministry of Marine providing funds for the Italian battleships in the Bitter Lakes, Egypt, has now been solved by the



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SUPPLY (continued)

transfer of the battleships ITALICA and VITTORIO VENETO to Augusta, Sicily.

2. In reply to a request from the Ministry of Marine to transfer Italian naval footwear and clothing machinery from Pola to Italy, the Ministry of Marine, were informed that the machinery in question could not at present be transferred to Italy owing to the fact that the movement of all machinery in Venezia Giulia is still governed by the MOGENTHAU-LORENZINI Agreement under which no plant or industrial machinery could be removed from Venezia Giulia during the period of the agreement.

3. The Ministry of Marine again reported an under allocation of coal for minesweeping during the month of January. The matter was taken up with the Economic Division, Allied Commission, and while it was impossible to arrange for a further allocation of coal for January, owing to the fact that over half of the month had already elapsed, a greater allocation of coal for the month of February was obtained.

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