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AGENDA.

ONE HUNDREDTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 20TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 99 DATED 13TH FEBRUARY, 1945, AND MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

   Minutes of Meeting No. 49 dated 14th February, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

   Minutes of Meeting No. 65 dated 16th February, 1945.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

   Reports Nos. 45 and 46 dated 8th and 16th February respectively and translation of Minutes of a Meeting held on 22nd January, 1945.

5. ITALIAN SCHOONER POSITION.

   Position List No. 12 of 15th February, 1945.

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   Report of 19th February, 1945.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 100.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

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Members:	Commodore C.R.E.W. Perryman R.N.	P.S.T.O. Med.
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	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
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	Lt. J.W.H. Munn R.N.V.R.	A/S.O.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Lt.Col. J.A. Balfour	A.C. Trans. Sub-Commission.
	Capitaine A.M. Léon	French Liaison Officer.
	Mr. I.D. Campbell	D.M.W.T.R. Med.
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	Mr. R. Heard	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. A.R.D. Thompson	D.M.W.T.R. Augusta.
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	Mr. A.J. Hanvey	M.W.T.
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1760. A.C. WAREHOUSE AT NAPLES. Ref. 1753. Lt.Col. Balfour reported that the wreck had not yet been moved and Commander Sharp said he would once more take up the matter. Cmdr. Sharp.

1761. SUPPLIES FROM ORAN FOR NORTH FRANCE. Ref. 1755. The cargo, Colonel Dunsher reported, was now required at Marseilles.

1762. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1741. Item 2 on Agenda. "GEORGE ANESTEHY" (Vide Minute 405 (b)) would complete, Colonel Ackerley said, about 20th February.

Colonel Dunsher reported that at that time there were vacant collier berths at Naples.

The Chairman had been informed that there was a possibility of another strike taking place in Sardinia and until the various difficulties and grievances were overcome the output per month of coal was not likely to exceed 25-30,000 tons (Vide Minute 1623). He said that this amount fell short of the agreed programme and did not anticipate that an increase of imported coal could be authorised. Lt.Col. Johns said that vigorous action was being taken to remedy the situation.

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The Chairman understood that the request for "G.G. LEPINE" and "SIDI BRAHIM", for movement of Jugoslav and other military personnel between Ajaccio and Marseilles, had been withdrawn as a result of an informal Meeting held with the French, which was confirmed by Colonel Dunsher who stated the demand for "PROVIDENCE" and "G.G. CHANCY" was maintained.

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1767. TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1724. Item 7 on Agenda. That all bids for the period 7th-16th March could be met, with no surplus of shipping remaining, was noted by the Board.

1768. HARBOUR CRAFT. Ref. 1746. Item 8 on Agenda. In reply to [illegible] Col. Balfour,/

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/Balfour, who referred to Item 62, the Chairman was of the opinion that Prize craft could be operated in the area by C in C Med. and Mr. Hughes believed that discussions were taking place in London on this subject.

A number of small craft required repairs but Mr. Hughes said that owners were unwilling for these to be taken in hand as they feared the vessels would subsequently be requisitioned. If owners were without funds the Chairman said that arrangements had been made for them to be financed through CO.CE.MA., (vide Minute 1672), but that in no case could a guarantee against requisition be made.

The Hinca barges had arrived at Civita Vecchia, but Lt.Col. Balfour said they were unsuitable for coal until the bilges had been sheathed, for which timber was required. It was decided that the work could most conveniently be done before the barges were towed to Civita Vecchia and Colonel Donahoe said that if the timber W.S.A. were providing from Catania were insufficient, further supplies would be made available from P.B.S.

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1776. BRINDISI. In connection with Para. 8 of French Shipping Report No. 45, Colonel Ackerley stated that "BANICOT" was normally based at Brindisi and the Chairman said the position should be ameliorated if a holding berth there for the M.W.T. Store ship "CISNEROS" (vide Minute 1715) were allocated. Commander MacLean reported that a berth could only be made available at the expense of another vessel and the Board agreed that C in C Med. should be requested to reconsider this decision. Chairman.

1777. SUPPLIES FOR JUGOSLAVIA. Ref. 1690. Both Colonel Ackerley and Lt. Mann informed the Chairman that, as yet, no delays to vessels in Jugoslav ports had occurred.

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1782. FIRE BOATS. Colonel Ackerley enquired the present position regarding the 9 each MFVs and MCLs that had been requested, a considerable time ago, for conversion to fire boats for use in Italian and N. African ports. Six MCLs were presently under conversion and six MFVs were to be provided but he had been informed that four would be sufficient in present conditions. As these fire floats were to combat normal fire hazards in ports, the Board agreed that the allocation for N. Africa should stand and that sufficient craft should be available for Northern Italian ports, when captured. It was therefore felt that the position should be studied in this light before deciding that any craft were surplus to requirements.

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Tel : FREEDOM 302

Subject : MINUTES OF COAL MEETING NO. 49 HELD AT 1000 HRS 14 FEB 45 IN G-4(MOV & TN) CONFERENCE ROOM.

In the chair : Lt.Col.C.F.RUSSELL

Present : Col. J.T. DANAHER — G-4(Mov & Tn)
Capt. P. CHRISTIAN — Tn(A) Operations
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Mr. R. NICOL — G-4(Mov & Tn)
Mr. J. LYNCH — W.S.A. rep.
Lt.Col. E. ANDERSON — W.S.A. rep.
J.comd. M.E. CHERRILL — M.W.T. rep.
Secretary.

499. LABOUR STRIKE CATANIA (See minute 396)

The question of the feeding and working conditions of miners and stevedores in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA had been referred to G-5, who had replied stating that M.W.T. rep in CATANIA should contact the local A.C. rep. M.W.T. rep stated this had already been done and the conclusion reached that discharge and turn round of vessels would be expedited by the provision of an adequate midday ration. It was agreed that the matter again be referred to G-5 with a view to deciding what was actually required to provide this extra meal since it appeared the question may be one of additional foodstuffs not presently available in SICILY.

500. COAL FOR S. FRANCE (See minute 397)

The E.T.A. of the CAPETA at S. FRANCE had been notified to SHAEF as 20 Feb. This vessel was now loading in BARCELLA.

501. COAL FOR BALKANS (See para 399)

(a) Delete sub-para (a) (iv) CRETE 300 tons. This was included in (a) (ii) FRANCION 450 tons.

(b) Amended additional demands for the period 26 Jan to 24 Feb had been received from GIBRALTAR as follows:-

PORT	AMENDED DEMAND	TOTAL ADDITIONAL NOW REQUIRED.
PIRAEUS	5000 tons	5000 tons
SALONIKA	nil	1500 "
PATRAS	300 "	1125 "
CORFU	300 "	300 "
CRETE	50 "	200 "

(c) As shipping had already been set up for the original and additional tonnages demanded GIBRALTAR had been informed that these tonnages would be shipped for this period and adjustments would be made for the period 25 Feb to 26 Mar.

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Capt. [illegible] Q. BARNES — W.S.A. rep.
Mr. R. NICOL — W.S.A. rep.
Mr. J. LYNCH — M.W.T. rep.
Lt.Col. L. ANDERSON — Secretary.
T.comdr. M.E. GILLETT

402. LABOUR STRIKE CATANIA (See minute 396)

The question of the feeding and working conditions of miners and stevedores in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA had been referred to G-5, who had replied stating that A.M.W.T. rep in C.M.T.I.A. should contact the local A.C. rep. M.W.T. rep stated this had already been done and the conclusion reached that discharge and turn round of vessels would be expedited by the provision of an adequate midday ration. It was agreed that the matter again be referred to G-5 with a view to deciding what was actually required to provide this extra meal since it appeared the question may be one of additional foodstuffs not presently available in SICILY.

403. COAL FOR S. FRANCE (See minute 397)

The E.T.A. of the CARETA at S. FRANCE had been notified to G.A.F.T. as 20 Feb. This vessel was now loading in SARDINIA.

404. COAL FOR BALKANS (See para 399)

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CRETE		

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(c) As shipping had already been set up for the original and additional tonnages demanded GIBRALTAR had been informed that these tonnages would be shipped for this period and adjustments would be made for the period 25 Feb to 26 Mar.

(a) Ref para 399 (b) GIBRALTAR had agreed the proposals submitted, but suggested in the case of PIRAEUS and CATANIA that ocean-going vessels should discharge to lighters at GIBRALTAR at the rate of 400 tons per day, and complete at PIRAEUS (27' draft alongside berth) at the rate of 500 tons per day. It was agreed this should be allowed as an experiment.

405. COLLIERS DUE (See minute 401)

(a) Vessels had been routed as agreed with the exception of OMEGA which had been diverted to GIBRALTAR as there was a shortage of Sardinian coal in that port.

(b) The chairman stated that, owing to operational reasons, the rate of discharge of GEORGE MEPHATHY at ANCONA was approximately 350 tons per day, and estimated date of completion was given as 26 Feb.

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(b). (b) (contd).

It was not possible, therefore, to accept FORT SUMTER at ANCONA, and it was agreed that this vessel, after lightening at BARI would complete discharge at either BRINDISI or NAPLES.

ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)

C.F. RUSSELL, Lt. Col.
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G.(Mov & Tn)

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COAL PIECE B.[illegible]. CC [illegible] 05-[illegible] AS AT 14 FEB 1943.

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	BIZERTA
LORD COCHRANE		PONE		12 Feb		Army	2174 Pitch		2174 P
EMPIRE GAMTON (TWP)		U.K.		17 Feb			3734	3734	
JOHN C SPENCER	F 27'7" A 29'10"	U.S.A.	UGS 72	18 Feb	H. Vol		1874	1874	
JOHN C SPENCER		ALGIERS		1 Mar	"		3549		

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DEPT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	HUSSEIN	ROUTE	Le GOULETTE AND TUNIS
	DONE		12 Feb		Army	2174 Pitch		2174 Pitch		
	U.K.		17 Feb			3734	3734			
F 27'7" – 29'10"	U.S.A.	UGS 72	18 Feb	K. Vol		4874	4874			
	ALGIERS		1 Mar	"		3549				3549

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY SICILY AND GREECE
AS AT 14 FEB

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHARGE	TONNAGE REMAINING	ETC
ANCONA	GEORGE [illegible]	20'	BAIE		H.Vol	11 FEB	5134	3679	26 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR	20'	BAIE		H.Vol	27 FEB	4244		9 MAR
BARI	FORT SALEMAN	35'9"	USA	UGS 70	H.Vol	15 FEB	4000		20 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR		USA	UGS 71	H.Vol	20 FEB	4000		25 FEB
BRINDISI									
CATANIA	OMEGA		SARD		Sard	14 FEB	5900		24 FEB
CIVITAVECCHIA	KATIKA RANGITIKI-BAIS		SARD		Sard	10 FEB	5144		18 FEB
	ANDREW PATTON		NAPLES		H.Vol	20 FEB	5524		
	FORT GR.K		NAPLES		H.Vol	23 FEB	5136		
									3290
GALATZ NI									
						13 FEB	4977	5148	22 FEB

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		DRFT	PROC. CONTROL					
				OF Cond	ETA	FOR DISCH'D	[illegible] -ING	ETD
ANCON	GEORGE ENGLEHART	20'	Sard	H.Vol	11 FEB	5154	3679	26 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR	20'	Sard	H.Vol	27 FEB	4241		9 MAR
BARI	FORT STIKINE	35'9"	USA	UGS 70	H.Vol	15 FEB	4000	20 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR		USA	UGS 71	H.Vol	20 FEB	4000	25 FEB
C[illegible]I								
C[illegible]L	CHEG.		SARD		Sard	14 FEB	5900	24 FEB
CIVIL VENGEANCE	KATING HAMJIP T-AK 3		SARD		Sard	19 FEB	5144	16 FEB
	ANDREW FURUSETH		NORFOLK		H.Vol	20 FEB	5524	
	FORT GA[illegible]		NORFOLK		H.Vol	23 FEB	5136	
								3590
G[illegible]LI								
LIBERTY	LEWIS CITY	22'	NORFOLK			12 FEB	6277	5448 22 FEB
	WILLIAM D MCARD	22'	PHILA-DA.			8 MAR	5000	18 MAR

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PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONV T	TYPE OF CO.D	ST..	TONNAGE FOR DISCHG	TONNAGE RETAINED I.T.	ETO
NAPLES	[illegible]		S.D		[illegible]D	12 FEB	7500	2500	16 FEB
	[illegible]	28'6"	US.	UGS 70	H.Vol	11 [illegible]	5000		19 FEB
	[illegible]	25'8"	US.	UGS 71	H.Vol	16 [illegible]	3000		22 FEB
PALERMO	[illegible]		S.D		S.D	13 FEB	2850		16 FEB
	[illegible]	28'2"	S...			25 FEB	4380		6 MAR
REGGIO	[illegible]		B.RI		H.Vol	22 FEB	4125		1 MAR
ANZIO									
[illegible]	[illegible]		B.RI			18 FEB	4809		28 FEB
	[illegible]		S.LON-IK.			12 MAR	6044		24 MAR
[illegible]	[illegible]	28'3"	S...			1 MAR	3350		10 MAR

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

JANUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	Draft	Flag	Convoy	Date AUGUSTA	Type of Coal	Tonnage	
NOMBRE (Vehs & Potatoes)		U.K.	KS 80	4 Feb		4673	(Coal ORAN)
WILLIAM DONALDSON		USA					ITALY

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

VAN DER HEIST		U.K.				500 Coke	NAPLES
SARAMENTA		USA					ITALY
EDGAR ALLEN (200 Vehs)		U.K.	KS 84			5[illegible]3	NAPLES
H PIKE OUTOLAN (26 Vehs)		U.K.				3200	"
[illegible] (150 Vehs)		U.K.	KS 84			1400	SICILY
MONT CO MENARD (170 vehs)	19'	U.K.	KS 84	24 Feb	H. Vol	3957	ORAN via
KING JAMES (191 Vehs)		U.K.				559 Coke	NAPLES
FORT GLASGOW		USA				8500	ITALY
SAMTORA	28'10"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	8219	" ?
[illegible]		U.K.				1800 Coal) 1750 Pitch)	ALGIERS
OCEAN		U.K.				2433 Coal) 617 Coke)	ORAN
[illegible]		U.K.				[illegible]	[illegible]
EDITH CAVELL		U.K.				3734	ALGIERS
BARON [illegible]		U.K.				4600 Coke	BONE
BARON CRAIG		U.K.				4700	ALGIERS
JOHN P HOLLAND	25'8"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	8279	ITALY
[illegible] DAVAT	27'		UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol.	7705	ITALY

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JANUARY ARRIVALS

	Draft	From	Convoy	Dis AUGUSTA	Type of Coal	Tonnage	Remarks
Potatoes)		U.K.	KMS 80	1 Feb		4673	(Coal Ords) via NAPLES
		USA					ITALY

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

		U.K.				500 Coke	NAPLES
		USA					ITALY
Wheat)		U.K.	KMS 84			5003	NAPLES
Veh's)		U.K.				3203	"
Coal)		U.K.	KMS 84			2100	SICILY
350 Vehs)	19'	U.K.	KMS 84	24 Feb	H. Vol	3957	ORAN via NAPLES
Coke)		U.K.				559 Coke	NAPLES
		USA				3503	ITALY
	28'1.5"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	8219	" ? S. FRANCE
		U.K.				1800 Coal) 1750 Pitch)	ALGIERS
		U.K.				2433 Coal) 617 Coke)	ORAN
		U.K.				45	G.L. LATIC
		U.K.				5734	ALGIERS
		U.K.				1,600 Coke	BONE
		U.K.				4790	ALGIERS & [illegible]
	25'8"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	H. Vol	8279	ITALY
	27'		UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	7795	ITALY

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U.K. CONVOYS

SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING POINT	
THELMA.		Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE.		
CARA		At sea - To load Naval coal at TARANTO for discharge BARI		
VELIER		Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.		
ASTRA		At sea. - To discharge at ANCONA.		
CORCYRIER		To load at NANTES for discharge at CAGLIARI.		
MATILDA		Released to N.W.T. 1 February.		
KEFLA		In TARANTO discharging - To embark 2000 tons for discharge BARI		
PENTHAR		In BARI discharging		
EMPIRE [illegible]	HMS 83	Lieut Welsh	U.K.	GIBRALTAR
SIRIO (Italian Gunboat)	Leaving at 2am ARTIOCC for S. FRANCE.			

Provisional sailings advised but not yet nominated:-

EMPIRE [illegible]) both in HMS 83
EMPIRE [illegible])

H.M.S. Gallione to Malta

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U.S. COLLIERS

CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING POINT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
	Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE.			
	At sea - To load Naval coal at TARANTO for discharge BARI			
	Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.			
	At sea - To discharge at AUCCHia.			
	To load at NAPLES for discharge at CAGLIARI.			
	Released to M.W.T. 1 February.			M.W.T.
	In TARANTO discharging. - To remain 2000 tons for discharge BARI			M.W.T.
	In MALTA discharging	U.K.	GIBRALTAR to discharge	M.W.T.
	HMS [illegible]	Mid-Feb Feb.		
[illegible]ember)	Loading at BAY ARTIOCO for S. FRANCE.			

[illegible] sailings but not yet ascertained:-

EMPIRE [illegible]) both in HMS [illegible]
EMPIRE [illegible])

[illegible] S. Africans in U.S.S.R.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

SOUTH OF FRANCE

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CARGO	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
PARLATORE		U.K.	NRS 78		Locc	7327	SOUTH FRA
HIGH					"	7932	"
FAIRWATER			NRS 81			4913 Pitch	SETE
DUKE		U.K.	NRS 82			6408	SOUTH FRA
GIBEL					Sardinian	7000	ETANG 20 M
ARTHUR H. CURTIS	25'7" Fwd 29'½" Aft	U.S.	UGS 70	7 Feb	Vol	7846	MARSEILLE
WILLIAM PATTERSON	27'6" Fwd 28'10" Aft		UGS 72	17 Feb	"	8379	"
BARON F[illegible]E	26'0"	S.AFRICA		15 Feb		8690	"

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PING BOARD — SOUTH OF FRANCE — SECRET

ATTEE — APPENDIX 'H'

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF OIL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
		U.K.	KMS 78		Lobo	7327	SOUTH FRANCE
					"	7032	" "
			KMS 81			4913 Pitch	SETE
		U.K.	KMS 84			6400	SOUTH FRANCE
					Sardinian	7000	Ex. 20 Feb 45
L	25'7" Fwd 29'4" Aft	USA	UGS 79	7 Feb	Vol	7646	MARSEILLES
OIL	27'6" Fwd 28'10" Aft		UGS 72	17 Feb	"	8379	"
	26'0"	SAFICA		18 Feb		8690	"

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NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING BOARD
RECEPTION COMMITTEE

DATE OF ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUCKLAND	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
GEORGE BELLOWS	29'6"	S. AFRICA		2 Jan		8960	ITALY (V
CHANCELLOR		S. AFRICA					FRANCE
EL.124		U.K.					ITALY
CHARLES W. STILES		S. AFRICA					ITALY
EL.167		U.K.				8057	ITALY (V
FORT CRAWFORD	26'3"	S. AFRICA		27 Feb		4800	ARGENTI
DELTA ATLAS		U.K.					ITALY
JOHN MOTLEY MORTON		S. AFRICA			Coke	1265	ITALY
BALLINGTON COURT		U.K.				5650	ALGIERS
PROTEA						8981	ITALY (V
SILAS LAKEMAN	27'10"			3 Jan			ITALY
KAPITI TUROR		S. AFRICA				1,600 Coal 100 Coke 100 Pitch	ORAN (V
FREDERICK		U.K.					

APRIL ARRIVALS

FORT BROWNING		S. AFRICA					ITALY
OCEAN VIGOR		"					"
FORT CLINTON		"					"
DORSET BAKER							
BRITAIN LIND							
GRACE WELLS							" "
JOSEPH LE CONTE							"
RIVERMIST		"					
ROBERT GOLF							

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[illegible] RAPID ARRIVALS

DEPT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE ALGIERS	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
28/6th	S. AFRICA		2 Jan		6960	ITALY (West)
	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	U.K.					ITALY
	S. AFRICA					
	U.K.					ITALY
29/3rd	S. AFRICA		27 Feb		8057	ITALY (West)
	U.K.				4809	ALGIERS
	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	U.K.			Coke	1265	Italy
					5659	ALGIERS
27/10th			3 Jan		8981	ITALY (West)
	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	U.K.				4800 Coal 100 Coke 490 Pitch	Obdt via GIBRALTAR

RAPID ARRIVALS

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	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	"					"
	"					"
	"					"
	"					"
	"					"

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 65.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 16TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

Present: Mr. J. Gibson Graham — Chairman.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Lt. C.B. Dullen, R.N.R.
Capitaine de Corvette E.E. Ybert.
Mr. I.D. Campbell.
Mr. Davison.
Mr. G.S. Ramsdale.
Captain D.D. Bate.
Captain T.L. Kidwell.
Miss M.M. Michie — Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

1012. REPAIRS AT MARSEILLES. Ref. 992. The Chairman understood that C in C Med. had agreed to the formation of the Committee to sit in South France and felt it should be constituted at an early date, for requests were being received for large numbers of vessels to be accepted for repairs in these ports. If this continued he thought it might eventually be necessary to create priorities for the number of repair berths allocated for Merchant Ships were limited.

1013. "LAURENT MEUS". Ref. 1005. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Davison said his visit to Marseilles had been postponed until the following day and he had therefore not yet been able to investigate the availability of coke in that area.

1014. WATER BOATS AT TARANTO. Ref. 1010. Information had been received that "PASS OF MELFORT" was immobilised with engine trouble, but Mr. Ramsdale said she was able to supply water to vessels alongside. Captain Bate said she would be relieved shortly.

1015. CASABLANCA. French Warships were in No. 1 Dock until about 22nd February when Commander Hardie said the dock would be under repair, the latest information giving 15th March as expected date of readiness. "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER" was then due to dock, being followed by a French Warship, "ALETTA", then "ILE D'OUESSANT". Captain Bate said that "ALETTA" was still at Gibraltar as her relief had been delayed, but as the dock was to be out of commission for some time, Commander Hardie suggested she should not be routed to Casablanca before discussing the matter further with him.

Local craft were programmed for No. 2 Dock.

1016. GIBRALTAR. Local craft were then in No. 1 Dock and would be followed by "ASTURIAS" and Commander Hardie said that H.M. Ships were programmed for all other docks at this port.

1017. ORAN. "JOHNS HOPKINS" was not now due to complete until 11th March, and in reply to the Chairman, Mr. Davison said this was due to a large number of French Merchant Ship repairs taking most of the labour. She would be followed in No. 1 Dock by "EAGLE".

The French Warship in No. 2 Dock was due to complete about 19th February and would be followed, Commander Hardie said, by "ORKLA", Local craft then "JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE".

It was agreed that the new French bid "ARGONNE" be allocated to a dock at

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Mr. I.D. Campbell.
Mr. Davison.
Mr. G.S. Ramsdale.
Captain R.D. Dale.
Captain T.L. Kidwell.
Miss M.M. Michie Assistant Secretary.

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It was agreed that the new French bid "ARGONNE" be allocated to a dock at a subsequent Meeting.

Commander Hardie reported that in answer to their query, U.S. Authorities had been informed that, so far as Oran was concerned, only those French Warships operationally required would take priority over Merchant Ships.

1018. ALGIERS. French Warships were due to come out of No. 1 Dock about 23rd/

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/25rd February and would be followed by "MEDINA", required to re-dock for completion of rudder repairs, then "SIDI BRAHIM" being followed by French Warships.

The programme for No. 2 Dock remained as agreed last week.

1019. FERRYVILLE. No. 1 Dock would be occupied by French Warships for an indefinite period but Commander Hardie said those in No. 2 Dock would complete about 19th February whereupon "ORPHEUS" was programmed to go in. Lt.Bullen stated, however, that the latter vessel would not be available until about 22nd February. An H.M. Ship which would take some time to complete was in No. 3 Dock, "PROSPERO SCHIAFFINO" having docked during the week.

There was an H.M. Ship in No. 4 Dock which would be followed by "M.L. LE BORGNE" and H.M. Ship, then "LOBOS" for examination only. Regarding the latter vessel, the Chairman felt some misunderstanding with the owners had arisen in connection with her acceptance for repairs. Commander Hardie felt it unlikely that permanent repairs could be undertaken at Ferryville and considered it advisable that the dock for examination and a report be submitted before any decision were made.

1020. TARANTO & BRINDISI. The programme, as stated last week, remained unchanged for No. 1 Dock and Commander Hardie said that "MASTRANTE", "EMPIRE ADUR" and H.M. Ship were then in No. 2 Dock, but completion date was uncertain.

On the undocking of Floating Crane and Italian Ships "TOSCANA" would go into No. 12 Dock about 22nd February. All other docks would be taken up by H.M. Ships.

Mr. Campbell reported that orders had been given for "VESI" to scrub at Augusta, and if it was found she still could not make convoy speed she would be bid for another port and it was therefore decided she be deleted from the Taranto list.

Advice had been received that "ASSUNZIONE" should not yet dock for no drawings of her rudder or stern frame were available and Mr. Ramsdale also said that the bid for "LYMINGE" had not been made through an M.W.T. Surveyor and stated that necessary repairs were being done afloat. It was therefore agreed that both these vessels be removed from the docking list.

Subsequent priorities were agreed as "EMPIRE CANDIDA", "CHERCA".

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The Chairman reported that two new coasters were being salved at Leghorn and would require drydocking. He therefore suggested that, if possible, other vessels requiring to drydock be accepted elsewhere. Commander Hardie did not think, however, that long term docking jobs could yet be envisaged at this port.

Mr. Davison had received information that the maximum length on the blocks of the Leghorn dock was 375 feet, which therefore precluded acceptance of Liberty type vessels.

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1023. LA CIOTAT. "SIDI AISSA" was due to complete about 25th February and would be followed by "NAGO", then a French Warship which Capitaine Ybert stated would take three days. "VILLE DE BASTIA", "VAL DE L. HAYE", French Warship, then "SOMALIA" were programmed to follow in that order. As regards the second French Warship, which was to have a bow off a sunken ship fitted, it was agreed that if the bow could not be raised in time, the Warship would remain out of dock until it were available for work to be commenced immediately on docking.

1024. TOULON. Commander Hardie stated that No. 1 Dock would be occupied by H.M. Ships and Local Craft.

1025. "CORFIELD". Ref. 907. The Chairman reported it had been agreed with the Fleet Salvage Officer that this vessel be towed to Leghorn, where the latter stated she could lie on mud. It was not known how this arrangement would affect the port and Commander Hardie said he would look into the matter.
Cmdr. Hardie.

1026. AUGUSTA. A reduction in the Naval staff at Augusta was to take place and Commander Hardie asked how the immediate and permanent withdrawal of the D.C.O. at that port would affect M.W.T. and W.S.A. As the D.M.W.T.R. from that port happened to be in Naples, the Chairman said he would obtain his views on the matter.
Chairman.

1027. REPAIRS IN THE AREA. The Chairman remarked that Merchant Ship Repairs throughout the area seemed to take some considerable time, but also stated that the position was somewhat aggravated by the fact that on vessels returning to the Mediterranean after a refit in the United Kingdom, three more weeks' repairs were usually needed. As there were necessary facilities at Castellamare, Lt. Fullen suggested vessels be sent there to repair, but Captain Kidwell thought there might be some difficulty as regards berths. Commander Hardie could see no prospect of the repair position improving for a considerable length of time.

1028. RE-FIT OF TWO TUGS IN MEDITERRANEAN. Commander Hardie drew attention to a signal from M.W.T. London concerning the re-fit at Mediterranean ports of two tugs routed to the Far East. He said that the position regarding the re-fit of Naval tugs was not easy and pointed out that if sent to a port where facilities were inadequate the vessels might be indefinitely delayed. "FOREMOST 43", Mr. Campbell said, had been ordered to Algiers, and he therefore suggested that a sister ship should be examined there and the port asked to state whether the necessary work could be undertaken. Captain Kidwell said there was an engine shop at Castellamare which port he considered most suitable for the re-fitting of such vessels. It was also suggested that these two tugs be accepted in the Middle East.

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	25th Feb.		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian tanker. Requires new stern t[illegible] and propellor.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	EAGLE	At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Ma[illegible] overhaul and extensive repairs.
	ORKLA	At Sea for Oran	19th Feb.		Speed reduced from 8-7½k. Hull repai[illegible]
	JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	At Marseilles	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k.
	ARGONNE	At Marseilles		Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. Drawing tai[illegible] shaft.
ALGIERS.	MEDEA	At Algiers	ready	Feb. 1945	To re-dock for completion of rudder repairs.
	SIDI BRAHIM	At Marseilles	on arrival	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k.
FERRYVILLE.	UGO TORELLI	DOCKED			
	PROSPER SCHLAFFINO	IN DOCK			
	M.L. LE BORGNE	At Naples		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k.
	ORPHEUS	At Ancona discharging	22nd Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10-7k. Drawing of [illegible] propeller shaft.
	LODOS	At Ferryville	ready		For examination.
TARANTO & BRINDISI. Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE ADUR	IN DOCK			
	EMPIRE CANDIDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed.
	CHIOCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	ORATA	At Taranto	ready over year out of d/d		Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	VITTORINI ZANDON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle awaiting relief	end Feb.		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 1[illegible] To be wiped.
	SAMLEVEN	Heel-Greece Shuttle	12th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
ERMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
t Gibraltar awaiting relief		25th Feb.		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/FED BID)
SAINT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end a. propellor. (MWTR BID)
LER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
	At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FED/WSA BID)
	At Sea for Oran	19th Feb.		Speed reduced from 8-7½k. Hull repairs. (PSTO BID)
LE DORGNE	At Marseilles	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. (FRENCH BID)
	At Marseilles		Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. Drawing tail shaft. (FRENCH BID)
	At Algiers	ready	Feb. 1945	To re-dock for completion of rudder repairs. (FRENCH BID)
IM	At Marseilles	on arrival	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k. (FRENCH BID)
LLI	DOCKED			
CHAFFINO	IN DOCK			
ORGNE	At Naples		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k. (FRENCH BID)
	At Ancona discharging	22nd Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10-7k. Drawing of propeller shaft. (PSTO BID)
	At Ferryville	ready		For examination. (MWTR BID)
UR	IN DOCK			
NEDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed. (PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready over year out of d/d		Italian. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
ZANTHON	Bari-Ancona	end Feb.		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
	Shuttle awaiting relief			
	Heel-Greece Shuttle	12th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k. (PSTO BID)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DEDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI. For Repairs.	TOSCANA	At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning and painting and shaft.
	ICELAND	At Taranto	ready		Cargo ship. Examination of stern tube.
	TERESA SCHLATTER	At Taranto	ready	Jan. 1945	Ital. To re-dock for re-wooding of stern tube.
	ASSUNZIONE	At Taranto	ready		Ital. Repairs to rudder & stern post.
	VEST	Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning & painting.
	IMPERO	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.
	CRISTA	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands.
	CALEB	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and cleaning and painting.
NAPLES.	ITU	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	Italian. Hull repairs. For examination
	WASHINGTON IRVING	At Naples	ready		To re-dock for completion rudder repair
	"Y" 79	Immobilised at Naples	ready		Tanker. Cleaning and painting.
	TRITON MAIDS	At Naples	20th Feb.		Italian - To fit new propellor.
	PO	Bid Withdrawn			
LEGHORN.	ZAANSTROOM	IN DOCK			
	ANDREA CONTARINI	At Civita Vecchia on arrival May, 1944			Italian. Cleaning and painting.
PALERMO.	ALLESFORD	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern t
LA CIOTAT.	SIDI AISSA	IN DOCK			
	ARAGO	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	VILLE DE PARIS	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	VAL DE LA HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	MORIALTA	At Marseilles			Torpedo damage.

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5TH FEBRUARY, 1944.

POSITION	READINESS FOR UNDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
	At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning and painting and draw tail and shaft. (PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Ozone ship. Examination of stern tube. (PSTO BID)
CLEANING	At Taranto	ready	June 1945	Ital. To re-dock for re-wooding of stern tube. (MWTR BID)
NE	At Taranto	ready		Ital. Repairs to rudder & stern post. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning & painting. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination. (PSTO BID)
	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands. (PSTO BID)
	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For examination. (MWTR BID)
ON DRYING	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs. (WSA BID)
Immobilised at	Naples	ready		Tanker. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
MIS	At Naples	20th Feb.		Italian - To fit new propeller. (WSA BID)
	Bid Withdrawn			
CM	IN DOCK			
ONTARINI	At Civita Vecchia on arrival May, 1944			Italian. Cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
RD	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush. (MWTR BID)
SSA	IN DOCK			
	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
E NETA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
LA HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
A	At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. (MWTR BID)

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D O C K I N G P R O G R A M M E

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C A S A B L A N C A.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
French Warships (out abt. 22nd Feb.) Under Repair until abt. 15th March ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days) French Warship ALETTA (3/4 days) ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)	Local Craft

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
Local Craft (out abt. 25th Feb.) ASTURIAS (uncertain)	H. M. Ship
No. 3. Dock.	**No. 4. Dock.**
H. M. Ship	Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 11th March) EAGLE (2 days)	French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.) ORKLA (4/5 days) Local Craft JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
French Warships (out abt. 23rd Feb.) MEONIA (to re-dock) (3 days) SIDI BRAHIM (3/4 days) French Warships	French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.) EMIL BAUDOT (7 days) French Warships

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
French Warships (indefinite)	French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.) ORPHEUS (4 days)

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No. 1. Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 22nd Feb.)
Under Repair until abt. 15th March
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
French Warship
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

No. 2. Dock.

Local Craft

G I B R A L T A R.

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Local Craft (out abt. 25th Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2. Dock.

H. M. Ship

No. 3. Dock.

H. M. Ship

No. 4. Dock.

Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1. Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 11th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.)
ORKLA (4/5 days)
Local Craft
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1. Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 23rd Feb.)
MEONIA (to re-dock) (3 days)
SIDI BRAHIM (3/4 days)
French Warships

No. 2. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.)
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warships

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F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1. Dock.

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 2. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.)
ORPHEUS (4 days)

No. 3. Dock.

PROSPER SCHLAEFFNO (abt. out)
H. M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4. Dock.

H. M. Ship
M. L. LE BORGNE (2 days)
LOBOS (for examination)

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No. 1. Dock.

EMPIRE ROACH, TURIDDU & H. M. Ships
(out abt. 19th Feb.)
ICELAND, TERESA SCHLAFFINO & H.M.Ship
(15 days)

No. 2. Dock.

NASPRITE, EMPIRE ADUR & H. M. Ship
(uncertain)

No. 12. Dock.

Floating Crane & Italian Ships
(out abt. 20th Feb.)
TOSCANA (4 days)

No. 13. Dock.

H. M. Ship

No. 16. Dock.

Warship

No. 23. Dock.

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi
in order of priority.

EMPIRE CANDIDA
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)

N A P L E S.

No. 1. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 23rd Feb.)
ITU (for examination) & "Y" 79 (2 days)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock) (7 days)
Under Repair (7 days)
Italian Warship
H. M. Ship

No. 2. Dock.

CAPO MELE (out abt. 27th Feb.)
TRITON MARIS (2 days)

No. 3. Dock.

H. M. Ships
Local Craft

Floating Dock

H. M. Ship
Italian Warships

No. 5. Dock.

Local Craft

L E G H O R N.

ZAANSTROOM (out abt. 18th Feb.)
ANDREA CONTARINI (5 days)
U.S. Warship (14 days)
Local craft

P A L E R M O.

U. S. Warships
AIRESFORD (3/4 days)

M E S S I N A.

H. M. Ships

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(15 days)

No. 12. Dock.

Floating Crane & Italian Ships
(out abt. 20th Feb.)
TOSCANA (4 days)

No. 13. Dock.

H. M. Ship

No. 10. Dock.

Warship

No. 23. Dock.

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

EMPIRE CANDIDA
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)

N A P L E S.

No. 1. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 23rd Feb.)
ITU (for examination) & "Y" 79 (2 days)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock) (7 days)
Under Repair (7 days)
Italian Warship
H. M. Ship

No. 2. Dock.

CAPO MELE (out abt. 27th Feb.)
TRITON MARIS (2 days)

No. 3. Dock.

H. M. Ships
Local Craft

Floating Dock

H. M. Ship
Italian Warships

No. 5. Dock.

Local Craft

L E G H O R N.

ZAANSTROOM (out abt. 18th Feb.)
ANDREA CONTARINI (5 days)
U.S. Warship (14 days)
Local craft

P A L E R M O.

U. S. Warships
AIRESFORD (3/4 days)

M E S S I N A.

H. M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

SIDI AISSA (out abt. 25th Feb.)
ARAGO (2 days)
French Warship (3 days)
VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
VAL DE LA HAYE (2 days)
French Warship (7 weeks)
MORLAIX (3 weeks)

T O U L O N.

No. 1. Dock.

KING SALVOR (3 weeks)
Local Craft

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D O C K I N G P R O G R A M M E

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C A S A B L A N C A.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
French Warships (out abt. 22nd Feb.) Under Repair until abt 15th March ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days) French Warship ALETTA (3/4 days) ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)	Local Craft

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
Local Craft (out abt. 25th Feb.) ASTURIAS (uncertain)	H. M. Ship
No. 3. Dock.	**No. 4. Dock.**
H. M. Ship	Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 11th March) EAGLE (2 days)	French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.) ORKLA (4/5 days) Local Craft JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
French Warships (out abt. 23rd Feb.) MEONIA (to re-dock) (3 days) SIDI BRAHIM (3/4 days) French Warships	French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.) EMIL BAUDOT (7 days) French Warships

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1. Dock.	No. 2. Dock.
French Warships (indefinite)	French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.) ORPHEUS (4 days)
No. 3. Dock.	**No. 4. Dock.**

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C A S A B L A N C A.

No. 1. Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 22nd Feb.)
Under Repair until abt. 15th March
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
French Warship
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

No. 2. Dock.

Local Craft

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1. Dock.

Local Craft (out abt. 25th Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2. Dock.

H. M. Ship

No. 3. Dock.

H. M. Ship

No. 4. Dock.

Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1. Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 11th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.)
ORKLA (4/5 days)
Local Craft
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1. Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 23rd Feb.)
MEONIA (to re-dock) (3 days)
SIDI BRAHIM (3/4 days)
French Warships

No. 2. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.)
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warships

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F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1. Dock.

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 2. Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 19th Feb.)
ORPHEUS (4 days)

No. 3. Dock.

PROSPER SCHIAFFINO (abt. out)
H. M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4. Dock.

H. M. Ship
M. L. LE BORGNE (2 days)
LOBOS (for examination)

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS. ON 16th. FEBRUARY 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In	DRYDOCKING Out	Completion for return to service	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port. (Not Power)	In tow
A	B	C	D		F	G

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO - 13.2.45				
VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	E 15/2	
SEMINOE	A 25/3 B 24/9 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery and boilers slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 23/2	Repairs to boilers etc. removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 13/3 E 25/3	Vessel to be redocked to complete renewedding of stern tube.
CRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LYMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Dock and engine repairs.	E 28/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 6/1 B 22/1 C 5/2	Rudder repairs.	D 19/2 E 21/2	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 5/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 19/2 E 28/2	Slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E Ind.	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 14/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 20/2 E 15/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 22/2	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.	D 27/2 E 28/2	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
	A Immobilised B Commenced	C In dock for return to service	D Out of Dock	E Proceeding to other ports for repairs	F Arrived	G In dock
TARANTO - 13.2.45.				
VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	E 15/2	
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery and boilers slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 23/2	Repairs to boilers etc. removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 13/3 E 25/3	Vessel to be redocked to complete renewing of stern tube.
GRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LYMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Dock and engine repairs.	E 26/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 6/1 B 22/1 C 5/2	Rudder repairs.	D 19/2 E 21/2	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 19/2 E 28/2	Slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E Ind.	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 12/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 20/2 E 15/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 22/2	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.	D 27/2 E 26/2	
SAMDAK	A 27/1 B 29/1	Starb'd boiler repairs after explosition.	E 7/2.	Completed.
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 25/2	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 15/3 E 14/3	Awaiting D/D.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (CONT'D)				
TARANTO:				
BARONESA EMPIRE STRONGHOLD FORT ENTERPRISE FORT KULLYSPELL LECH SAALBVEN		FORT LATOUR FORT LIVINGSTONE HAI LEE OCEAN GALLANT SAMSKERN	PALEHLEH PALOPO PASS OF MELFORT SANCREST TUSA 216	VITTORINO ZANIBON	Minor repairs since 6.2.45
BRINDISI:				
OCEAN GYPSY LOSSIBANK		BENJAMIN TAY CORSTAR	ARGENTINA HILDUR I.		
BARI:				
FORT ERIE SANCREST FAUVETTE		DENEWOOD EMPIRE CANDIDA ELPIS	STAR OCEAN GALLANT SCOTTISH MONARCH	SAM HOUSTON	
MARSEILLES 14.2.45				
MORIALTA.		Supposed mine damage starb'd side No.2 Hold.		Temporary repairs completed. Awaiting D/D.
P.L.M. 13	A) 6/2 B)	Boiler cleaning & survey; repairs to hold bilge pipes.	E 12/2	
SERULA	A 12/2 B 13/2	Hull damage; repairs to boilers and windlass.	E 18/2	
KOUTOUBIA.				Awaiting confirmation vessel is to be refitted as troop ship.
CARA: HAEMATRIS: EMPIRE VALOUR: LYCAON: MORIALTA.				Minor repairs since 7.2.45.
GIBRALTAR - 12.2.45				
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final mach'g of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No.2 hold by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
FORT	A 7/2	Slack rudder bearing bracket.	E Not	Awaiting inside berth.

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FORT KILLYSPELL	HAI LEE	PASS OF BELFORT		Minor
LECH	OCEAN GALLANT	SAMCREST		
SAALEVEN	SAMSHERN	TUSA 216		repairs
				since
BRINDISI:				6.2.45
OCEAN GYPSY	BENJAMIN TAY	ARGENTINA		
LOGSIDEANK	CORSTAR	HILLDUP I.		
BARI:				
FORT ERIE	DENEWOOD	STAR	SAM HOUSTON	
SAMCREST	EMPIRE CANDIDA	OCEAN GALLANT		
FAUVETTE	ELPIS	SCOTTISH MONARCH		

MARSEILLES 14.2.45

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P.L.M. 13	A) B) 6/2	Boiler cleaning & survey; repairs to hold bilge pipes.	E 12/2
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CARA: HAMATRIS: EMPIRE VALOUR: LYCAON: MORIALTA) Minor repairs since 7.2.45.

GIBRALTAR - 12.2.45

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final mach'g of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No.2 hold by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
FORT MINGAN	A 7/2 B 12/2	Slack rudder bearing bracket.	E Not stated.	Awaiting inside berth.
HILDA KNUDSEN	A) B) 6/2 C)	Routine D/D.	D) E) 7/2	
MOONCREST	A 8/2 B 10/2	Engine repairs.	B 14/2	
BRITISH PATIENCE	A 7/2 B 8/2	Collision damage to shell plating. Repairs to exhaust pipe & degaussing cable.	E Not stated.	Work delayed by transfer of cargo.

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GIBRALTAR (CONT'D)				
CHISWICK ST. ROCHIO	HIGHLAND BRIGADE CITY OF LINCOLN	TUGBOAT ATLAS TUGS	-	Minor repairs since 30.1.45.
~~Minor repairs since 5.2.45 - No information.~~				
LEGHORN - 11.2.45.				
ZAANSTROOM	A 27/1 B 28/1 C 13/2	Routine D/D. Minor hull, engine and boiler repairs.	D)Not stated.	Repairs well forward. Docking delayed through dock being non-operational.
Minor repairs - Nil.				
NAPLES - 11.2.45.				
AVON COAST	A 1/2 B 2/2	General overhaul. Main engines, boiler & auxiliaries.	E 18/2	Completed.
OTTINGE	A)6/2 B)	Hull defects.		
ALVALZERO	A) B)21/12 C 13/2	Making new propeller.	D 15/2 E 16/2	
FORT FRONTENAC	A 13/2 B 6/2	Repairs to main engines and deck plating.	E 16/2	
HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 6/3	
SAMUGOY EMPIRE SCOTT DEMAS BRITTANY COAST SCYTHIA FORT WEDDERBURN CRACKSHOT WORCESTERSHIRE FORT PARADEE KRISTEL FORT SPOKANE CARLTON CINTORCH VILLE D'ORAN	PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA HARRINGTON P.L.M.14 EMPIRE GALE FORT ANNE CANUTE EMPIRE TORRENT FORT STURGEON EMPIRE GAIN EMPIRE GAT FORT MAISONNEUVE IEDWARD SAINTETTY SWITZERLAND	COLLY DGI SAUERLAN LEEDS CITY DJEBEL AURES CARLTON	Minor repairs since 7.2.45.	

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Minor repairs since 5.2.45 - No information.

LEGHORN - 14.2.45

ZUIDERKROON	A 27/1 B 28/1 C 13/2	Routine D/D. Minor work, engine and boiler repairs.	D)Not stated.	Repairs well forward. Docking delayed through dock being non-operational.

Minor repairs - Nil.

NAPLES - 14.2.45

AVON COAST	A 1/2 B 2/2	General overhaul. Main engines, boiler & auxiliaries.	E 16/2	
CTTINGE	A) B) 6/2	Hull damage.	E 2/2	Completed.
ALVANLEY	A) B) 21/12 C 13/2	Welding new propeller.	D 15/2 E 16/2	
FORT FRONTENAC	A 13/2 B 6/2	Repairs to main engines and deck plating.	E 16/2	
HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 6/3	

SAMUNGOY	PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA	GOLLY	Minor repairs since 7.2.45.
EMPIRE SCOTT	HARRINGTON	DON	
DINARA	P.L.M.14	SIBERIAN	
BRITTANY COAST	EMPIRE GALE	LEEDS CITY	
SCYTHIA	FORT ANNE	DJEBEL AMMES	
FORT WEDDERBURN	SANUTA	CARLTON	
CRACKSHOT	EMPIRE TORRENT		
WORCESTERSHIRE	FORT STURGEON		
FORT FARMURE	EMPIRE GAIN		
KRISTEL	EMPIRE GAT		
FORT SPOKANE	FORT NIPASLEN		
CARLTON	HELMYARD		
SAMTORCH	SAMSETHY		
VILLE D'ORAN	SWITZERLAND		

BONE - 13.2.45

No major repairs reported.

EMPIRE SCOTT - HERLAI (TUG) - Minor repairs since 7.2.45.

PHILLIPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

MALTA - 12.2.45

CANTAKEIT	A 16/12 B 18/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 20/2	Previously reported completed in error.

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MARSA (CONT'D)				
EMPIRE SPINNEY	A) B) 23/1 C 8/2	Routine D/D. Winch repairs.	D 13/2 E 14/2	
ALEXANDRE ANDRE	A) B) 25/1	Cracked cylinder heads.	E 14/2	Completed.
ANGELO	C 8/2	Routine D/D.	D 13/2 E 14/2	
EMPIRE TWEED FERNBANK	BALTIC GEORGE WHITEFIELD	CONSTANZA BRITTAIN COAST)	Minor repairs since 5.2.45.	
BIZERTE - 14.2.45				
GUDRUN	A 15/1 B 25/1 C 30/1	Routine D/D; stern gland to repack; boiler cleaning & survey. Dock and engine repairs.	D 5/2 E Ind.	Will probably complete about 25.2.45
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C Ind.	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20 ft. below water line; holed forward end No.2.	D 26/2 (Est) E Ind.	Will complete discharge of cargo on 21.2.45 and dock for examination about 26/2.
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; dock and engine repairs.	D 16/2 E 21/2	

Minor repairs since 6.2.45 - LORD COCHRANE: FORTUNATA.

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ORAN:

JOHN S. HOPKINS On dock at Oran, now being cleaned preparatory to complete survey. Expect to undock about 4th March and complete permanent repairs afloat, probably one month required after drydocking.

Minor repairs ending 11th February.

THOMAS HYDE	LYMAUR ABBOTT	THOMAS HAPPLEY	ARTHUR L. PERRY
YANKEE ARROW	GEORGE BADGER	VERNON FARRINGTON	WILLIAM COLEMAN.

NAPLES: Minor repairs ending 14th February.

HENRY JOCELYN	NATHAN HALE	JOHN W. BROWN	WASHINGTON IRVING
JOHN SULLIVAN	P.T. BARNUM	MELVILLE JACOBY	WILLIAM E. BORZH.
JUSTIN MORRELL	WILLIAM RUSH	MONT EVEREST	

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ANDRE	A) B) 25/1			
ANGELO	C 8/2	Routine D/D.	D 15/2 E 14/2	
EMPIRE TWEED FERNBANK	BALTIC GEORGE WHITEFIELD	CONSTANZA KUITTAIN COAST	Minor repairs since 5.2.45.	

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JUSTIN MORTELL	WILLIAM HUME	MONT EVEREST	

LEGHORN: Minor repairs ending 14th February.

EDWIN MOORE	JOHN BLAIR	JOSEPH PULITZER
FITZHUGH LEE	ALEXANDER SHEPHARD	W.P. FESSENDEN.

GIBRALTAR:

HENRY MILLER — Awaiting drydock at Gibraltar, indications are that this will not be available before end of March. Meanwhile investigating possibility of permanent repairs at some Mediterranean port.

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AMERICAN REPORT (CONT'D)				
MARSEILLE: Minor repairs ending 11th February.				
JAMES PERKINS	ISAAC COLES	ASA GRAY		
WILLIAM YOUNG	PONCE DE LEON	GEORGE MARR		
WILLIAM MOSELEY	BOOKER T. WASHINGTON	TIMOTHY DWIGHT		
WILL WOOD	BENJAMIN HOLT	ISAAC SHARPLESS		
JOSEPH DINAND	SAMUEL ADAMS	BENJAMIN MILAN		
WALTER RANGER	WILLIAM SMITH			
GRAN - 12.2.45				
FORT FIDDLER	B 27/11 C 26/11	L.A.S.F. Stiffening bulkheads to proceed to permanent repair port.	D 10/12 E 14/1	Work completed. Awaiting crew and port of destination.
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engine room and No.3 Hold.	D 4/3 E Ind.	
EMPIRE JULIA	A) B) 21/1	Fractured H.E. intermediate stop valve chest.	E Ind.	Vessel laid off pending arrival of new valve chest.
ALEXANDER STEVENS	B 27/1	Refrigerator repairs.	E 7/2	Completed.
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1	Routine D/D; machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 6/3 E 12/3	
VERNON PARRINGTON	B 6/2	Defects not stated.	E -	Signal incomplete.
ARTHUR L. PERRY - Minor repairs since 6.2.45				
AUGUSTA - 9.2.45				
ALRESFORD	A 31/2 B 1/1/45	Re-wooding stern tube.	E 6/1/45	Vessel to proceed nearest D/D under escort of tug. Awaiting escort.
EMPIRE GOD	A 8/2 D 9/2	Boiler clean; oil leakage into boilers from defective heaters.	E 12/2	
OCEAN VIRTUE: ALRESFORD - Minor repairs since 30.1.45				
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JAMES PERKINS — ISAAC JONES — GEORGE MARR
WILLIAM YOUNG — PONCE DE LEON — TIMOTHY DWIGHT
WILLIAM ROSELEY — BOOKER T. WASHINGTON — ISAAC SHARPLESS
WILL WOOD — BENJAMIN HOLT — BENJAMIN MILAN
JOSEPH DINAND — SAMUEL ADAMS
WALTER RANGER — WILLIAM SMITH

ORAN - 12.2.45

BURT / FIDDLER	B 27/11 C 26/11	L.A.S.F. Stiffening bulkheads to proceed to permanent repair port.	D 10/12 B 14/1	Work completed. Awaiting crew and part of destination.
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engine room and No.3 Hold.	D 4/3 E Ind.	
EMPIRE JULIA	A) B) 21/1	Fractured M.E. intermediate stop valve chest.	E Ind.	Vessel laid off pending arrival of new valve chest.
ALEXANDER STEVENS	B 27/1	Refrigerator repairs.	E 7/2	Completed.
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1	Routine D/D; machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 8/3 E 12/3	
VERNON FARRINGTON	B 6/2	Defects not stated.	E -	Signal incomplete.

ARTHUR L. PERRY - Minor repairs since 6.2.45

AUGUSTA - 9.2.45

ALRESFORD	A 31/2 B 1/1/45	Re-wooding stern tube.	E 6/1/45	Vessel to proceed nearest D/D under escort of tug. Awaiting escort.
EMPIRE GOLD	A 8/2 B 9/2	Boiler clean; oil leakage into boilers from defective heaters.	E 12/2	

OCEAN VIRTUE: ALRESFORD - Minor repairs since 30.1.45

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GIBRALTAR - Vessels in Hand

FULCOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller, tail & shaft.	E Not stated.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final mach'g of stern tube not possible until ship docks.

VESSELS L...S.F.

GUERRA	Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 man crew for crossing machinery.

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VESSELS L.A.F.F. (CONT'D)

POLLENZIO A 1940	In very bad condition.	Left at present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Not fit for a long towing.

SUSA IN HAND

GIUSEPPE LEVA	General repairs.	E 28/2	No report.

MESSINA IN HAND

FERRY BOAT VILLA S. GIOVANNI	General repairs.	E Feb. 1945	Under survey of Reparto Navigazione delle Ferrovie Stato Messina.

LEGHORN BIDS FOR REPAIRS

ANDREA DORIA	Foul	Last D/D on 28.5.44.

AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS

LUCIA C.	Routine D/D. Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.	15 days asked. Last D/D 6 months ago. Vessel to be sent to M.E.
S. CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	Already docked once. Repairs to hull not completed at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA	Repairs to capstan.	6 days repairs.

TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND

SANDRINA	B 17/1	Boiler defects.	E 28/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	E 3/11	Temporarily suspended. Not possible foresee completion date.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & painting of hull.	D 21/12	Work temporarily suspended.
TAYGETE (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Repairs to cargo pumps valve extension rods.	E	Starting repairs in order to go on.
ERIDANO	B 9/11 C 9/11	General repairs.	D 10/11 E 28/2	Must be redocked for completion hull repairs.
TURIDDU	B 14/10	Repairs following salvage	D 19/2	Salvaged on 29 July,

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GIUSEPPE LEVA		General repairs.	E 28/2	No report.

MESSINA IN HAND

FERRY BOAT VILLA S. GIOVANNI		General repairs.	8 Feb. 1945	Under survey of Reparto Navigazione delle Ferrovie Stato Messina.

LEGHORN BIDS FOR REPAIRS

ANDREA CONTARINI		Hull		Last D/D on 28.5.44.

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TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND

SANDRINA	B 17/1	Boiler defects.	E 28/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/6	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	E 3/11	Temporarily suspended. Not possible foresee completion date.
GRATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & painting of hull.	D 21/12	Work temporarily suspended.
TAYGETE (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Repairs to cargo pumps valve extension rods.	E	Starting repairs in order to go on.
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11	General repairs.	D 18/11 E 28/2	Must be redocked for completion hull repairs.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 1/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 19/2 E 17/2	Salvaged on 29 July, 1944. Work proceeding slowly.
TERESA SCHIATTINO	B 20/10	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 25/1	Vessel to be redocked to complete renewing of stern tube. Work temporarily suspended.

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EARMED BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA		Boilers and engine defects. Cleaning & painting of hull.	15 days asked for repairs. D/D one day only. Last docked Dec. 1943. D/D has been postponed.
ANDALUSIA.		Engine & Boiler Repairs woodwork. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.	30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stuffing broken.	Lying since April 1942. Twice D/D requested. Ship should be requisitioned and handed over to M.E.D.B.O.
LUANA.		General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

MAPTES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 B 28/2/45.	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Large hole in hull. Ship mined.	D 19/2 E Ind.	Amount of work was found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.		Repair work commenced.
LONGANO	B 10/2	No report.	E 25/2/45.	
ARSIA	B 13/2	Routine D/D. Minor repairs.	E 19/2	(1 day only asked.
PO	B 10/2	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	E 10/4	Four days asked for D/D

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear and capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Repairs completed. Ship must be redocked for replacing of bilge keel.

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			have been postponed.
ADAMUSLA.		Engine & Boiler Repairs roofwork. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.	30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stbd. broken.	Lying since April 1942. Brief D/D requested. Ship should be requisitioned and handed over to M.E.D.T.S.O.
LIGIA.		General repairs. Ship raised.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN YARD.

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 B 28/2/45.	
CAPO VOLE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Large hole in hull. Ship raised.	B 19/2 E Inf.	Amount of work was found to be much more than reported by diver. Repair work commenced.
ITU	B 15/1	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	E 25/2/45.	
LONGINO	B 10/2	No report.		
MUSIA	B 15/2	Routine D/D. Minor repairs.	B 15/2	1 day only asked.
PO	B 10/2	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	B 10/4	Four days asked for D/D

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear and capstan. False keel to replace.	B 28/12	Repairs completed. She must be redocked for replacing of bilge keel.

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES - 16.2.45.

ALGER:

NEGRIA	B 15/12	Examination of main and auxiliary motors. Repairs to hull & propeller after grounding.	E 15/3	
GRAND QUEVILLY	B 1/2	Overhaul & scaling of 3 boilers. Gen. overhaul and grinding road the valves. General overhaul of all auxiliaries. D/D. Cleaning & painting.		In D/D from 27/1 to 1/2.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

FRENCH REPORT (CONT'D)

GRAND GENEVILLY (CONT'D)	B 1/2	General overhaul of hull. Replacement of stern bush. Inspection of rudder, anchors & cables.		

CASABLANCA:

ILE DE NOIRMOUTIERS	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting.	E Mar. 45.	
ILE D'OUESSANT		Overhauling of boilers & auxiliary machinery. D/D for examination of hull.		

BIZERTE:

MEDIE II.	B 10/10	New boiler tubes. General repairs and upkeep.	E 10/2.	
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration. D/D.	E March.	
VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs after refloating.		

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM ALGIERS AND CASABLANCA.

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~~M.W.T.~~ D.M.W.T.R. N.A.
ALGIERS.
9th.February 1945.

No.45.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBO.

From: French Liaison, D.M.W.T.R. N.A.

French Shipping Allocation Committee
8th.February 1945.

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3-RETURN TO FRENCH OF SIX COASTERS:(see para.6 Report No.43 and others). THE D.M.M. once again stressed the importance of the return to them of the six coasters of the List "B". They are already finding it very difficult to assure the normal needs of F.N.A. and the South of France with the remaining vessels at their disposal and are now confronted with the urgent need of immobilising the s.s."CHELIA" at an early date for very necessary repairs. When this latter vessel is finally compelled to stop for these repairs (she is at present carrying on with a certificate of seaworthiness valid to the next port at which repairs can be carried out) there is no doubt that the present back-log on the programme will be considerably increased. MWT.Representative agreed to report accordingly to MEDBO. (please see later paragraph in present report)

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5-s.s."FLORIDA": (Liner refloated and under repairs at BOUGIE). MWT. rep. 3579 stated that a signal had been received from MARSEILLES asking for the E.T.A. of this vessel at Marseilles. The D.M.M. that vessel was expected normally to be ready at the end of February but that this was subject to their being able to procure through purchase, hire or on loan a dynamo of 110 Volts-250 Amps. Until this was obtained vessel would be unable to move except under tow. In the meantime every possible effort was being made to acquire the necessary dynamo and MWT. and WSA. were asked if they could

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6- s.s."P.L.M.13", "P.L.M.14", "SURCOUF", & "CORTAMBERT": D.M.M. were asked whether any agreement had been reached in Paris regarding the date on which the transfer to "MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT", should be considered as having taken place. It was replied that M.Chardon had not given his answer.

7- s.s."GRAND QUEVILLY": W.S.A. repres. informed the D.M.M. that it was imperative that this vessel be ready to sail on the 20th.inst. The workshops have assured the D.M.M. that she will be ready by that date.

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8-s.s."TARIGOT": D.M.M. passed on the contents of a letter received by the owners from the master, complaining very bitterly that this vessel on Gross T/Ch.to the M.W.T. finds it impossible to obtain maintenance material both deck and engine-room in the ports the vessel touches on the voyages she makes for account of the Allies, and as she very infrequently touches a F.N.A.port the general condition of the vessel is accordingly suffering seriously.

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9-CREW RELIEFS: The D.M.M. informed the Committee that the crew of the s.s."LE TRAIT" (on G.T.C.to M/T.) were once again asking that they be relieved and pointed out that the "morale" of the crew was suffering by having to navigate in proximity to French ports without having the opportunity of being relieved. In anticipation of a future call at a French Metropolitan port a relief crew was standing by and the D.M. asked to be advised in time whether there was a possibility of the vessel making such a call.

9-French Programme & Tonnage available to transport same.(see paras.3 & 4).
The D.M.M. gave certain details and figures in connection with this matter, and the essentials are given below:

For the month of February, the military tonnage to be transported from F.N.A. to France is approximately 13.000 tons. To this figure must be added civil transports appearing onthe same plan amounting to about 40.000 tons.

On the coasting trade for F.N.A. there are at:

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From ORAN also there will be the cargo of a first Liberty ship expected at that port with about 8.500 tons cargo of which two thirds will have to be transhipped urgently to Phillipeville and Bone.

A second arrival of wheat from the U.S. by the s.s."AMERIKI" is also awaited at ORAN. This cargo is also destined to Algeria and Constantine, and will have to be transhipped to coasters for carriage by sea, and in view of the difficulties involved the Gouvernement General had asked the Allied authorities to permit the discharge of the vessel at BONE instead of ORAN. A reply is still awaited and if it is in the negative it will mean that there will be a further 8.000 tons of tonnage to be carried between ORAN and Phillipeville or Bone.

At this juncture the matter of the "SIDI BRAHIM" was raised and the general discussion ended in the request by the French that the 6 coasters of the "List "B", the "DJEBEL AURES" and the "CHATEAU LATOUR" be released to them to enable them to meet as far as possible the situation which is

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D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS.
February 16th.1945.

No.46.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDEC;

From: French Liaison, D.M.W.T.R. North Africa.

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
15th.February 1945.

1- PROGRAMME FOR COASTERS: Translation attached hereto. Read and approved subject to the question of the approval of MEDEC and LONDON to the proposed voyage of the "VENDOME" to ROUEN (see ref.below).

2- REPAIR COMMITTEE: Lists of bids for dry dock and repairs sent earlier this week. Amendment: Please place "JOS.LE BORGNE" on Drydock list under ALGIERS and not ORAN.

3-s.s."VENDOME": The Representative of the M.W.T. stated that he had been informed by MWT.French Liaison MARSEILLES that the intention to sail this vessel to North France was creating considerable difficulties in Naples and London. He supposed that what was meant by this was that whilst D.M.M. had asked that vessel should proceed to Rouen from West Africa it had not been confirmed that the request had been acceded to . D.M.M. repr.Algiers will obtain confirmation from Paris that the voyage has the full approval of all interested parties including London and Medec.

4-s.s."MARIGOT": Vessel had arrived that week in Algiers for certain repairs and other work in connection with S.T.C. requirements, expected to take about 12 days. The Owners having asked that certain maintenance repairs urgently needed be carried out whilst at Algiers. On enquiry from MWT.repr. as to the estimated duration of these repairs, he was informed that the work entailed would be considerable, whereupon he informed the D.M.M. that should the vessel be delayed beyond the time necessary for S.T.C. account, the question of vessel going OFF-HIRE would arise. D.M.M. took note of this but pointed out that as mentioned in the last report, vessel had been unable to obtain the necessary material for maintenance work and repairs during the time she was on charter, and a fair amount of the work now needing to be done is due to the lack of means to carry out the work when it was required.

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6-SIX COASTERS OF THE "A"LIST: French were informed that it appeared likely that their request for the return of these vessels would shortly be agreed to. They were asked to draw Paris's attention to the fact that S.T.C. had not yet been signed as a reply from Paris re rate of hire and insurance values had not been received to date.

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7-"CHATEAU LATOUR" & DJEBEL AURES": Once more the French asked that MEDSO consider the release of these two vessels, both essential to the carrying out of the French programme.

8-CREW RELIEFS: Destinations of the following vessels were asked for by the D.M.M so as permit their services to arrange for the relief of the crews. s.s."LIMOUSIN" (T). "ERIDAN" and "DRAGON..

agd. P.F. LE BARS.
French Liaison.
D.M.W.T.R.N. N.A.

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ATTACHED TO FRENCH REPORT No.46.

FRENCH PROGRAMME NO.7.(meeting of the 15th.Feby.1945).

TABLE No.1.

VESSELS ON PASSAGE(Arrived or left)
(week ending 18th.Feb.1945)

Vessel.	List:	Port & date of departure	Intermediate ports.	Destination	Remarks.
FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.					
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	B	MOSTAGANEM 12/2	CASABLANCA	DAKAR	Wine.
CHAS.SCHIAFFINO	B	CASABLANCA 14/2	DAKAR	W.A.Coast	
DUNKERQUE	B	-do- 18/2	DAKAR	-do-	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	-do- 13/2	DAKAR	-do-	
FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.					
AUGUSTIN LE BORGNE	B	ARZEW 13/2	ALGIERS (repairs)	ORAN (ultimate)	Salt.
CAP PINEDE	B	ORAN 16/2	ALGIERS	CASA	Oil
				MOSTAGANEM	Wheat
JEAN SCHIAFFINO	B	ALGIERS 13/2	ORAN	PH/VILLE	Sugar.
LE ZERAMNA	B	ALGIERS 14/2		ORAN/ALGIERS	Pyrites Phosphates
LACYDON	B	BONE 13/2	BONE	ORAN	Cement
LES ISSERS	B	ALGIERS 13/2	ARZEW	ORAN	Light
CAP FALCON	B	ARZEW 15/2	ALGIERS	ORAN	
GALLIUM	B	PH/VILLE 16/2		ORAN	

TABLE NO.2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION(Week ending 25 Feby.)

FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.

CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	B	CASA 18/2		DAKAR	
SCHIAFFINO FRERES	B	CASA abt 25/2		-do-	
FAUZON	B	CASA abt 20/2		-do-	
FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.					
CAP FALCON	B	ALGIERS 19/2		ORAN	(repairs)
CAP PINEDE	B	ALGIERS 22/2		CASA	Oil
				BOUGIE	Semolina

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DUNKERQUE	B	-do- 16/2	DAKAR	-do-	
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		FRENCH NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
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CAP PINEDE	B	ORAN 16/2	ALGIERS	CASA	Oil
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO	B	ALGIERS 13/2	ORAN	MOSTAGANEM	Wheat
LE ZERAMNA	B	ALGIERS 14/2		PH/VILLE	Sugar.
LAOYDON	B	BONE 13/2	BONE	ORAN/ ALGIERS	Pyrites Phosphates
LES ISSERS	B	ALGIERS 13/2	ARZEW	ORAN	Cement
CAP FALCON	B	TUNIS 15/2	ALGIERS	ORAN	Light
GALLIUM	B	PH/VILLE 16/2		ORAN	

TABLE NO.2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION(W[illegible] ending 25 Febr.)

		FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.			
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	B	CASA 18/2		DAKAR	
SCHIAFFINO FRERES	B	CASA abt 25/2		-do-	
FAUZON	B	CASA abt 20/2		-do-	
		FRENCH NORTH AFRIC. TRAFFIC.			
CAP FALCON	B	ALGIERS 19/2		ORAN	(repairs)
CAP PINEDE	B	ALGIERS 22/2		CASA	Oil
LE ZERAMNA	B	PH/VILLE 18/2		BOUGIE	Semolina
LAOYDON	B	ORAN 20/2	MEMOURS	ORAN	Coal
LES ISSERS	B	ORAN 20/2	MOSTAGANEM	ARZEW	Wheat
TOURS	ALGIERS 21/2		PH/VILLE	BONE/ La GOULETTE	General
CHELMA	B	ALGIERS 19/2		Tunisian Ports.	-do-
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO	B	MOSTAGANEM 20/2	MEMOURS	ALGIERS	-do-

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FRENCH PROGRAMME NO.7 (Sheet two)

Vessel	List	Port & Date of departure.	Intermediate ports	Destination	Remarks.

TABLE NO.3.

ROTATION PROGRAMMED FOR AFTER 25th.Feby.1945.
(for information.)

FRENCH WEST AFRICA / FR.NORTH AFRICA.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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MEMORANDUM.

a) CORSICAN TRAFFIC.

M.D.d'AFRIQUE	B				Coasting.
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	AJACCIO 18/2		ALGIERS	
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	AJACCIO 13/2		SETE	

b)-Vessels at disposal of Fr.G.H.Q.

CHATEAU LATOUR	B				

c)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.

DJEBEL AURES	B				
KLEBER	B				
RICHEMBOURG	B				
KRISTEL	B				
LE TRAIT	B				
M.L.LE BORGNE	B				
ESPIGUETTE	B				

d)- Colonial Traffic.

MEDNIA	B	at ALGIERS			Stopped for repairs.
SAGITTAIRE	B	ALGIERS 9/2	MARSEILLES/ ALGIERS	WEST INDIES:	

TABLE NO.4.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANDRE MOYRAND	B	KOLACK 20/2		DAKAR	
ARCTURUS	B	RABOU 15/2		FREETOWN	
CAP LOPEZ	B	DAKAR 15/2		KAOLACK	
G.GUIST'HAU	B	DAKAR 6/2		then repairs until 20/2.	
OUED FES	B	PIGUINCHOR 26/2		DAKAR	
VENDOME	B	DAKAR 12/2	CASA	ROUEN	
ACEN	B	FREETOWN 14/2	SASSANDRA	PORT BOUET:	

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G.GUIST'HAU	B	DAKAR 6/2		then repairs until 20/2.	
OUED FES	B	ZIGUINCHOR 26/2		DAKAR	
VENDOME	D	DAKAR 12/2	CASA	ROUEN	
AGEN	B	FREETOWN 14/2	SASSANDRA	PORT BOUET	
HOGGAR	B	DOUALA 15/2		PTE.NOIRE	
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	B	DAKAR 12/2	KONAKRY	BURUTU	
CAP EL HANK	B	DAKAR 20/2		W.A.COAST	
CN.SCHLAFFINO	B	DAKAR 22/2		-do-	
DUNKERQUE	B	DAKAR 25/2		-do-	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	DAKAR 23/2		-do-	

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Vessels	List	Port & date of departure	Intermediate ports	DESTINATION.	Remarks.

TABLE No. 5.

RELATIONS WITH NEAR POLITICAL FRANCE.

a) - MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.

VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	SETE abt 16/2		ALGIERS	
G.G.LEFINE	B	SETE abt 20/2	ORAN	SETE	
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	SETE abt 25/2		ORAN	
DARANT	B	SETE abt - /2		ORAN	Repairs.
JOS.LE BONCHE	B	SETE abt - /2	AJACCIO	ALGIERS	D/D.-repairs.
ARGONNE	B	SETE abt - /2		ORAN	Dry-Dock.
SIDI BRAHIM	B	MARSEILLES abt 15/2			
PROVIDENCE	B	TOULON 14/2	ALGIERS	TOULON	
TENIOTES	B	SFAX abt 19/2	CARONTE	SFAX	
PROS.SCHIAFFINO	B	SFAX abt 22/2	CARONTE	SFAX	
GALLIUM	B	SFAX abt - /2	SETE	ALG.Ports	
CHELIA	B	SFAX abt - /2		SETE	
MEDIC 11	B	TUNIS 19/2		MARSEILLES	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	ORAN abt 18/2	SETE	ALG.Ports	
CAUDEBEC	B	ORAN abt 20/2	SETE	-do-	
CARTHAGE	B	ORAN abt - /2	SETE	-do-	

b) - OTHER TRAFFIC.

FAUTON	B	SETE 14/2	CASA	W.A.COAST	
SCHLUMBERGER FRERES	B	SETE - /2	CASA	-do-	
CEVENNES	B	SETE - /2	CASA	DAKAR	
MONTAIGNE	B	MARSEILLES abt -/2	CASA	W.A.COAST	
MADAGASCAR	B	-do-	CASA	-do-	
MARRAKECH	B	-do-	CASA	DAKAR	
DUNKERQUE	B	-do-	CASA	W.A.COAST	
PROVIDENCE	B	TOULON abt - /2	CASA	DAKAR	
MEDIC 11	B	MARSEILLES abt -/2	CASA	W.A.COAST	
VENDOME	B	CASA abt 21/2		ROUEN	
JANINE	B	CASA abt -/2	HUELVA	MED.FRANCE	

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SUPPLEMENTARY DETAILS NOT SUPPLIED ON PROGRAMME.

CHATEAU RAVEL	B	ON COASTING TRAFFIC IN MADAGASCAR WATERS.
CAP FALCON	B	TO UNDERGO REPAIRS. DURATION UNCERTAIN.
PONFAIT	B	UNDER REPAIR AT TOULON SINCE THE 2/2.
VILLE DE TENES	B	AT ALGIERS SINCE 6/11/44. VESSEL OUT OF COMMISSION.

[illegible] MINE BARRAGE AREA. DAMAGED AND NOT UTILISABLE.

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VILLE DE DUNKERQUE	:B	:SETE abt 18/2	:	:[illegible]	:
G.G.LEPINE	:B	:SETE abt 20/2	: ORAN	:SETE	:
STRASBOURGEOIS	:B	:SETE abt 25/2	:	:ORAN	:
PARANA	:B	:SETE abt - /2	:	:ORAN	:Repairs.
JOS.LE BORGNE	:B	:SETE abt - /2	:AJACCIO	:ALGIERS	:D/D.-repairs.
ARGONNE	:B	:SETE abt - /2	:	:ORAN	:Dry-Dock.
SIDI BRAHIM	:B	:MARSEILLES abt 16/2:		:	:
PROVIDENCE	:B	:TOULON 14/2	:ALGIERS	:TOULON	:
FINISTERE	:B	:SFAX abt 19/2	:CARONTE	:SFAX	:
PROS.SCHLAFFINO	:B	:SFAX abt 22/2	:CARONTE	:SFAX	:
GALLIUM	:B	:SFAX abt - /2	:SETE	:ALG.Ports	:
CHELLA.	:B	:SFAX abt - /2	:	:SETE	:
MEDIT 11	:B	:TUNIS 19/2	:	:MARSEILLES	:
VILLE DE BOUGIE	:B	:ORAN abt 18/2	:SETE	:ALG.Ports	:
CAUDEBEC	:B	:ORAN abt 20/2	:SETE	: -do-	:
CARTHAGE	:B	:ORAN abt - /2	:SETE	: -do-	:

b) - OTHER TRAFFIC.

FAUVON	:B	:SETE 14/2	:CASA	:W.A.COAST	:
SCHLAFFINO PECHES	:B	:SETE - /2	:CASA	: -do-	:
CEVENNES	:B	:SETE - /2	:CASA	: DAKAR	:
MONTAIGNE	:B	:MARSEILLES abt -/2:	CASA	:W.A.COAST	:
MADAGASCAR	:B	: -do-	:CASA	: -do-	:
MARRAKECH	:B	: -do-	:CASA	: DAKAR	:
DUNKERQUE	:B	: -do-	:CASA	:W.A.COAST	:
PROVIDENCE	:B	:TOULON abt - /2	:CASA	: DAKAR	:
MEDIT 11	:B	:MARSEILLES abt -/2:	CASA	:W.A.COAST	:
VENDOME	:B	:CASA abt 21/2	:	:ROUEN	:
JAMING	:B	:CASA abt -/2	:HUELVA	:MET.FRANCE	:

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CHATEAU PAVIE	:B	: ON COASTING TRAFFIC IN MADAGASCAR WATERS.
CAP FALCON	:S	: TO UNDERGO REPAIRS. DURATION UNCERTAIN.
FONFAIT	:B	: UNDER REPAIR AT TOULON SINCE 7TH 2/2.
VILLE DE TUNIS	:B	: AT ALGIERS SINCE 6/11/44. VESSEL OUT OF COMMISSION.
VILLE DE BASTIA	:B	: VESSEL IN FR.METROP.AREA. DAMAGED AND NOT UTILISABLE.
ROUTOUBIA.	:?	: TROOPER REFLOATED IN N.A. AND NOW UNDER REPAIR AT MARSEILLES.
FLORIDA.	:?	: TROOPER SALVAGED AT BOUGIE. READY TO UNDERGO TRIALS IF DYNAMO AVAILABLE. DATE OF READINESS TO PROCEED TO REPAIRS IS SUBJECT TO THIS QUESTION.

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14TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

FRENCH COASTER PROGRAMME.

V E S S E L S O N P A S S A G E.

SHIP	LIST	PORT & DEPARTURE DATE	INTERMEDIARY PORTS	DESTINATION	REMARKS
		Week of 5th to 11th February, 1945.			
		WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
CAP EL HANK	B	Casa 6/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Algiers 5/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
CAP ST. MARTIN	B	Algiers 8/2	Mostaganem Casa	W.African Ports	
CH. SCHLAFFINO	B	Oran 4/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
CHELMA	B	Dakar 24/1	Casa-Oran	Algiers	
		NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
A. LE BORGNE	B	Tunis 11/2		Algiers	Salt.
CAP FALCON	B	Algiers 6/2		Tunis	Coal.
CAP PINEDE	B	Tunis 6/2	Sfax	Algiers	
GALLIUM	B	Casa 3/2	Algiers	Philippeville	Barley.
JEANNE SCHLAFFINO	B	Nemours 9/2		Algiers	Coal.
LE ZERAMNA	B	Bone 11/2		Algiers	Phosphates.
LACYDON	B	Algiers 9/2		Bougie	Sugar.
LES ISSERS	B	Philippeville 6/2		Algiers	Tin plate.

A D V I C E O F M O V E M E N T S.

Week of 12th to 18th February, 1945.

WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

CAP ST. MARTIN	B	Mostaganem 12/2	Casa	Dakar	Wine.
CH. SCHLAFFINO	B	Casa 12/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	
DUNKERQUE	B	Casa 15/2		W.African Ports	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Casa 11/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	
CAP EL HANK	B	Casa 6/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	
		NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP FALCON	B	Tunis 15/2		Algiers	Salt.
CAP PINEDE	B	Algiers 15/2		Casa	
CARTHAGE	B	Algiers 12/2		Oran	
LE ZERAMNA	B	Algiers 17/2		Philippeville	Sugar.
LACYDON	B	Bougie 16/2		Bone	Pyrites - Wine.
LES ISSERS	B	Algiers 13/2	Arzow	Oran	Cement.

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SHIP LIST

Week of 5th to 11th February, 1945.

WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

CAP EL HANK	B	Casa 6/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Algiers 5/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
CAP ST. MARTIN	B	Algiers 8/2	Mostaganem Casa	W.African Ports	
CH. SCHLAFFINO	B	Oran 4/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
CHELIA	B	Dakar 24/1	Casa-Oran	Algiers	

NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

A. LE BORGNE	B	Tunis 11/2		Algiers	Salt.
CAP FALCON	B	Algiers 6/2		Tunis	Coal.
CAP PINEDE	B	Tunis 6/2	Sfax	Algiers	
GALLIUM	B	Casa 3/2	Algiers	Philippeville	Barley.
JEANNE	B	Nemours 9/2		Algiers	Coal.
SCHLAFFINO				Algiers	Phosphates.
LE ZERAMNA	B	Bone 11/2		Bougie	Sugar.
LACYDON	B	Algiers 9/2		Algiers	Tin plate.
LES ISSERS	B	Philippeville 6/2			

ADVICE OF MOVEMENTS.

Week of 12th to 18th February, 1945.

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CH. SCHLAFFINO	B	Casa 12/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	
DUNKERQUE	B	Casa 15/2		W.African Ports	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Casa 11/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	
CAP EL HANK	B	Casa 6/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	

NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

CAP FALCON	B	Tunis 15/2		Algiers	Salt.
CAP PINEDE	B	Algiers 15/2		Casa	
CARTHAGE	B	Algiers 12/2		Oran	
LE ZERAMNA	B	Algiers 17/2		Philippeville	Sugar.
LACYDON	B	Bougie 16/2		Bone	Pyrites - Wine.
LES ISSERS	B	Algiers 13/2	Arzew	Oran	Cement.
TOURS	B	Algiers 13/2	Philippeville	Bone	
				La Goulette	
GALLIUM	B	Philippeville 13/2	Bone	Algiers	
JEANNE	B	Algiers 14/2.			
SCHLAFFINO					

ADVICE OF MOVEMENTS.
(After 18th February, 1945).

WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

FAUZON	B	Casa 22/2		W.African Ports

NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

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SHIP	LIST	PORT & DEPARTURE DATE	INTERMEDIARY PORTS	DESTINATION	REMARKS
			CORSICAN TRAFFIC.		
W.D. D'AFRIQUE	B				Corsican Coastal Traffic.
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	Algiers 3/2	Ajaccio	Marseilles	
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	Algiers 10/2	Ajaccio	Sete	
			VESSELS AT DISPOSITION OF MINISTRY OF WAR.		
CHATEAU LATOUR	B				
			VESSELS AT DISPOSITION OF THE ALLIES.		
DJEBEL AURES	B				
MAROC	B				
MAGHEBOURG	B				
KRISTEL	B				
LE TRAIT	B				
M.L. LE BORGNE	B				
ESPIGUETTE	B				
			COLONIAL TRAFFIC.		
MEONIA	B	at Algiers			Repairing.
SAGITTAIRE	B	Algiers 9/2	Marseilles Algiers Les Antilles		
			WEST AFRICAN TRAFFIC.		
ANDRE MOYRAND	B	Dakar abt.15/2		Casamance	
ARCTURUS	B	Octonou 13/2	Tabou	Freetown	
CAP LOPEZ	B	Dakar 15/2		Kaolack	
G. GUIST'HAU	B	Dakar 6/2			Then short term repairs.
OUED FES	B	Dakar 15/2		Ricuinchor	
VENDOME	B	Dakar 12/2	Casa	Rouen	
AGEN	B	Dakar 1/2		W.African Ports	
HOGGAR	B	Dakar 5/2	Douala	Pointe Noire	
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	B	Dakar 12/2		Douala	
			TRAFFIC WITH FRANCE.		
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	Algiers abt.9/2	Ajaccio	Sete	
PROSPER	B	Marseilles abt. -/2		Bizerta	
SCHLAFFINO					
SIDI BRAHIM	B	Oran abt. 10/2	Marseilles	Algiers	
LUZON	B	Sete abt.-/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
MINISTERE	B	Caronte -/2	Sfax	Caronte	
MONTAIGNE	B	Marseilles -/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
J.G. LEPINE	B	Algiers abt.11/2	Sete	Oran	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	Sete abt.-/2	Oran	Sete	
CAUDEREC	B	Sete abt.-/2	Oran	Sete	
MADAGASCAR	B	Marseilles -/2	Sete	Marseilles-W.African Ports	
SCHLAFFINO FF.	B	Sete abt.-/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	Oran abt.8/2	Sete	Oran	
CEVENNES	B	Sfax abt.1/2		Sete	
[illegible]	B	Sfax abt.1/2	Sete	N.African Ports	

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CHATEAU LATOUR B

VESSELS AT DISPOSITION OF THE ALLIES.

[illegible]EBEL AURES	B			
[illegible]AROC	B			
[illegible]ICHEBOURG	B			
[illegible]RISTEL	B			
LE TRAIT	B			
M.L. LE BORGNE	B			
ESPIGUETTE	B			

COLONIAL TRAFFIC.

MEDEA	B	at Algiers		Repairing.
SAGITTAIRE	B	Algiers 9/2	Marseilles Algiers Les Antilles	

WEST AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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ARCTURUS	B	Octorou 13/2	Tabou	Freetown
CAP LOPEZ	B	Dakar 15/2		Kaolack
G. GUIST'HAU	B	Dakar 6/2		Then short term repairs.
OUED FES	B	Dakar 15/2		Ricuinchor
VENDOME	B	Dakar 12/2	Casa	Rouen
AGEN	B	Dakar 1/2		W.African Ports
HOGGAR	B	Dakar 5/2	Douala	Pointe Noire
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	B	Dakar 12/2		Douala

TRAFFIC WITH FRANCE.

VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	Algiers abt.9/2	Ajaccio	Sete
PROSPER SCHLAFFINO	B	Marseilles abt. -/2		Bizerta
SIDI BRAHIM	B	Oran abt. 10/2	Marseilles	Algiers
[illegible]UZON	B	Sete abt.-/2	Casa	W.African Ports
[illegible]NISTERE	B	Caronte -/2	Sfax	Caronte
[illegible]ONTAIGNE	B	Marseilles -/2	Casa	W.African Ports
.G. LEPINE	B	Algiers abt.11/2	Sete	Oran
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	Sete abt.-/2	Oran	Sete
CAUDEBEC	B	Sete abt.-/2	Oran	Sete
MADAGASCAR	B	Marseilles -/2	Sete	Marseilles-W.African Ports
SCHLAFFINO FF.	B	Sete abt.-/2	Casa	W.African Ports
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	Oran abt.8/2	Sete	Oran
CEVENNES	B	Sfax abt.1/2		Sete
ARGONNE	B	Sfax abt.3/2	Sete	N.African Ports
PROCIDA	B	Sfax abt.8/2	Toulon	Algiers

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SHIP	LIST	PORT & DEPARTURE DATE	INTERMEDIARY PORTS	DESTINATION	REMARKS
TRAFFIC WITH FRANCE CONTD.					
MEDIE II	B	Tunis abt.14/2	Marseilles	W.African Ports	
PARME	B	Casa abt.1/2	Sete	Oran	
SAGITTAIRE	B	Algiers 8/2	Marseilles Algiers	Antilles via U.S.A.	
MARRAKECH	B	Marseilles -/2	Casa	Dakar	
JOS.LE BORGNE	B	Sete abt.-/2		Oran	
VENDOME	B	Port Bouet abt.31/1	Casa	Rouen	
JANINE	B	Casa abt.-/2	Huelva	France	
W.D. D'AFRIQUE	B	Ajaccio abt.-/2		Nice	
CARTHAGE	B	Algiers abt.-/2	Oran	Sete	
GALLIUM	B	Algiers abt.-/2		Sete	On return from Philippeville & Bone.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject : G-4(Mov & Tn) Weekly Report to NEDBO on Civil Sups.

G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/411/GDM

17 Feb 45

Tolo : FREEDOM 302

144. CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY.

Statement is att at Appx 'A'.

145. MAY SUBSISTENCE REQUIREMENTS - ITALY.

Procurement responsibility for ITALIAN May subsistence requirements is given below, all in metric tons :-

ITEM	TONNAGE	RESPONSIBILITY
Flour	8,635	U.S.
Wheat (i)	155,406	25,000 CANADA 32,983 U.S.
Milk Dry Skim	2,815	U.S.
Sugar	2,700	U.S.
Milk Evaporated	5,666	4,866 U.S. 800 CANADA

146. BARLEY - ITALY (See para 132)

Advice has been received that should the import of Barley ex IRAQ be cancelled, total import grain programme will be reduced by corresponding monthly tonnages of wheat (i.e. 16,000 tons on a basis of 20,000 tons Barley equals 16,000 tons Wheat), owing to the difficulty of arranging shipping and sup of equivalent tonnage wheat/flour from other sources. In view of this it has been agreed to accept 20,000 tons barley ex IRAQ.

147. CEREALS EX N. AMERICA.

(a) The following Br controlled vessels have been nominated for Mar cereals loading ex N. AMERICA for MIDDLE EAST :-

VESSEL	TONNAGE	ESTIMATED DATE READY TO LOAD
NYHOPEN	7,000	20 Feb
ARGOLIKOS	5,800	
[illegible]	9,000	

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VESSEL	TONNAGE	ESTIMATED DATE READY TO LOAD
NYHORN	7,000	20 Feb
ARGOLINOS	5,800	1st half MARCH
[illegible]	9,000	
[illegible]	8,850	
SAMTHLA	8,200	
LOCHDEE	700	
ANN. ORLAND	8,000	
EMPIRE DAWN	8,000	
FORT ST LEGIS		

(b) Vessels will carry bagged cereals with up to 3,000 tons bulk per vessel.

(c) Ref para. 115. FORT PASKOLLO will carry grain NOT sugar.

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148. CIVIL SUPS - BALKANS (See para. 71)

Given below are estimated civil subsistence requirements for BALKANS for the period May through Jul, all weights in metric tons :-

ITEM	GREECE	JUGOSLAVIA	ALBANIA	TOTAL PER MONTH
Wheat	52,000	45,000	4,500	101,500
Other Sups	12,930	7,540	1,170	21,640
Total per Month	64,930	52,540	5,670	123,140

149. WHEAT - BALKANS.

PEALBAN have been notified that bagged wheat requirement for BALKANS for Apr delivery is 44,800 ship tons.

150. CIVIL SUBSISTENCE - AUSTRIA.

Procurement responsibility for first 90 days subsistence requirements is given below :-

ITEM	TONNAGE	RESPONSIBILITY
Wheat bagged	120,000	U.S.
Other foods etc	5,650	US except 565 peap ex CANADA.

154. WHEAT FOR JUGOSLAVIA (See para. 59)

Owing to the limited capacity of liberated ADRIATIC ports unconditional acceptance of RUSSIAN wheat is at present impracticable.

The following info has been requested in order to phase in with presently planned shipments :-

(a) Total amount of wheat now offered to JUGOSLAVIA and ready for shipment.

(b) Whether bagged or bulk.

(c) Any conditions affecting offer.

(d) BLACK SEA ports at which available and any navigational restrictions on vessels entering.

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(d) BLACK SEA ports at which available and any navigational restrictions on vessels entering.

(e) To whom Masters should apply.

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152. SWEDISH/SWISS SHIPMENTS (See para 125)

Given below is a further statement of cargoes discharged in PIRAEUS :-

VESSEL	ARRIVED	WHEAT	FLOUR	OTHER FOODSTUFFS	OTHER COMMODITIES	TOTAL
SAGGAT	13 Jan	-	-	5882	1672	7554
FONTOSA	14 Jan	-	-	6275	216	6491
TAMARA	27 Jan	3000	-	5124	173	8297
PANAGATA	29 Jan	7500	-	-	-	7500
ANNA	29 Jan	2009	67	5029	103	7208
TOTAL		12509	67	22310	2 64	37050

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for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G.(Mov & Tn).

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HQ Allied Commission (2)
HQ Mov & Tn RL & LF(G) (3)

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D.Q.M.G.(Mov & Tn)
Mov 1
Mov 3

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APPENDIX 'A'

CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY AND S.RDINIA - POSN AT 16 FEB.

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO	CAPLES	REM
BENGLEER	22' 7"		333		UGS 72	USA	27 Feb			For A
WM D. BLOXHAM	27' 0"	7783	535		Returned from UGS 69	USA	Feb	8318		At A
FLORENCE CRITTENDON			422		UGS 73	USA	1 Mar		422	
ETHAN ALLEN			274		UGS 73	USA	Mar			
FORT CHATSOP			8500			USA	Mar			
JOHN M. HARLAND						IRAQ				Ballast
KATE NELSON						IRAQ	Mar			Ballast
FORT PASKOYAC		8300			UGS 74	USA	6 Mar			

(F) = Flour

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...Y, SICILY AND SARDINIA - ...AM AT 16 FEB.

...MENT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO	2 SAMPLES	REMARKS
7"		353		UGS 72	USA	27 Feb			For ANCONA
6"	775	355		Returned from UGS 69	USA	[illegible] Feb	8310		At AZORES
		422		UGS 73	USA	1 Mar		420	
		[illegible]		UGS 73	USA	1 Mar			
		8500			USA	Mar			
					IRAQ	[illegible]			Bagged Barley + 1000 Tons Army cargo
					IRAQ	Mar			Bagged barley
	8300			UGS 74	USA	6 Mar			

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EDWARD SPARROW	29' 0"	7740	268		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb				8008	
JUSTIN MORRIL			71(F)		UGS 69	USA	5 Feb		71			
JOEL ROSS				7513		IRAQ	8 Feb	4052(PALERMO)				
LOSSIEBANK				4415	Sailed ex ALEX 1 Feb	IRAQ	8 Feb			4145(BRINDISI)		
CLINTON D. MACEY	28' 0"		7944(F)		UGS 68	USA	10 Feb			7944(BRINDISI/ANCONA)		
[illegible]	27' 6"	7471	402		UGS 68	USA	10 Feb				7870	
WILLIAM HIDE	28' 4"		8696		UGS 68	USA	11 Feb		4610(NAPLES)			
GEORGE G. HALE				7712	[illegible] ALEX 2 Feb	IRAQ	11 Feb					
HORACE BIDDLE			809(F)		UGS 70	USA	11 Feb		70			
SAMUEL ASH	26'10"		7282		UGS 70	USA	11 Feb	7282(MESSINA/AUGUSTA)				
JOSIAH PARKER	27' 2"	8005	421		UGS 69	USA	13 Feb	8429(PALERMO)				
ROBERT R. RANDALL	27' 0"	7471	694		UGS 69	USA	14 Feb					4282
HENRY R. HUGHES	27' 2"		1596		UGS 67	USA	15 Feb			8596		
JOHN MCKEAN				3582	Ready ALEX 9 Feb	IRAQ				3582(BRINDISI)		
[illegible] SANDERS	27' 6"		5028(F) 3398		UGS 69	USA	16 Feb			6544(BRINDISI)		
PALMER			1227		Ready ALEX 11 Feb	M.E.	18 Feb		1227			
SAMUEL [illegible]			750		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb		750			
[illegible] WARSOW	27' 6"		7824(F) 464		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb		8288			
SAMUEL [illegible]	27' 6"		8472		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb			8472		

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SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 16 FEB.

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7740	268		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb				8008		Now discharging
	71 (F)		UGS 69	USA	5 Feb		71				Now discharging
		7513		IRAQ	8 Feb	4052 (PALERMO)					Dischd CATANIA 3461 tons Now discharging PALERMO
		4445	Sailed ex ALEX 1 Feb	IRAQ	8 Feb			4445 (BRINDISI)			Now discharging
	7944 (F)		UGS 68	USA	10 Feb			7944 (BRINDISI/AUGUSTA)			Now discharging AUGUSTA
7471	402		UGS 69	USA	10 Feb				7673		Now discharging
	8690		UGS 68	USA	11 Feb		4610 (S.LEMPO)				Dischd 4080 tons NAPLES Now discharging SALERNO
		7712	Ready ALEX 2 Feb	IRAQ	11 Feb						Dischd 4600 tons LEGHORN Now discharging CIVITAVECCHIA
	800 (F)		UGS 70	USA	11 Feb		79				Now discharging
	7282		UGS 70	USA	12 Feb	7282 (MESSINA/REGGIO)					At MESSINA
8446	421		UGS 69	USA	13 Feb	8429 (PALERMO)					Now discharging
7471	694		UGS 69	USA	14 Feb					4282	Dischd CATANIA 3889 tons Sailed to CROTONE 13 Feb
	8596		UGS 67	USA	15 Feb			8596			Dischd 4504 tons BARI. Now at TARANTO
		3582	Ready ALEX 5 Feb	IRAQ				3582 (BRINDISI)			Also carries 2207 tons Amn. Discharging.
	3822 (F) 3390		UGS 69	USA	16 Feb			6944 (BRINDISI)			Dischd PALERMO 1874 tons. Sailed for NEAPOLIS 13 Feb.
	1227		Ready ALEX 11 Feb	M.T.	16 Feb		1227				Also carries 1195 tons Ord. Due AUGUSTA 16 Feb.
	750		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb		750				
	7824 (F) 96.		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb		8288				
	8472		UGS 72	USA	25 Feb			8472			

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MEDITERRANEAN ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

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Minutes of

16th meeting held on 12th February 1945

In the chair: Major A.G. Torfield

Present: D/Cdr. D.D.Stuart, R.N.V.R. — P.S.T.O. representative.
Major J.K.Insty — RASC Water Transport Office
Capt. C.Sweet — C-in-C. (Mov & Tn)
Cdr. T.E.Quinn — Tn(A)
Mr. Lynch — W.S.A.
Lt. J.Hanver — M.W.T.R. representative
Lt. F.Allen — MEDIO Schooner Control
Lt. [illegible] — Secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

Points arising were discussed as follows:

(a) Action had been taken on 3(b) and (c).

(b) 3(b) - It was agreed that arranged shipping for the chestnut strips at Marina di Carrara, but the strips had been found to be at Reggio. There would be 700 tons [illegible] by the first week of March. W.S.A. agreed to bear in mind that a view to shipment in a U.S. vessel. (Action - W.S.A.)

(c) 3(c) - D/Cdr.Stuart said he was now informed that the pyrites were at Portoferraio: Capt. Sweet promised to ascertain the position definitely. (Action - Capt.Sweet)

(d) [illegible] (previous ref. 8d). As the maximum draught at Bona was 16 ft., Cdr. Quinn agreed to investigate the possibility of moving the 3100 tons to Philippeville or another suitable port. (Action - Tn(A))

2. Movements [illegible]

(a) [illegible] Cdr. Quinn said the U.S. bids from Corsica to HMML and Leghorn would be met by [illegible].

(b) [illegible] The Committee took note that

(i) [illegible] would be available to meet all bids over the period [illegible] remain, except that

(ii) there might be some delay in shipments from Mideast to Italy owing to operational demands for ocean-going ships; (Q.Maint. to be asked to give information [illegible] shipment - - - - - Action - C-in-C (Mov & Tn))

(iii) no surplus of shipping could at present be foreseen; the question of [illegible] to U.K. was to be discussed at a meeting the [illegible] reported that 1715 tons of RASC schooners had been

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W.S.A.
M.W.T.A. representative
M.E.D.S. Schooner Control
Secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

Points arising were discussed as follows:

(a) Action had been taken on 3(b) and (c).

(b) 3(c) - [illegible] had arranged shipping for the chestnut strips at Livorno to Piombino, but the samples had been found to be at Reggio. There [illegible] but the samples would be forwarded by the first week of March. W.S.A. agreed to [illegible] with a view to shipment in a U.S. vessel. (Action - W.S.A.)

(c) 3(c) - Lt.Col. Stuart said he was now informed that the pyrites were at Portoferraio: Col. Sweet promised to ascertain the position definitely. (Action - Capt.Sweet)

(d) U.S. stocks at Djidjelli /Algeria (previous para. ed). As the maximum draft available at Djidjelli was 16 ft., Capt. Quinn agreed to investigate the possibility of moving the 5100 tons to Philippeville or another suitable port. (Action - Tn(A))

2. Shipping for Italian Ports.

(a) [illegible] said the U.S. bids from Corsica to Italy would not be [illegible].

(b) [illegible] The Committee took note that

(i) [illegible] would be available to meet all bids in the period under review, except that

(ii) there might be some delay in shipments from Middle East to Italy owing to [illegible] for ocean-going ships; (Q.Maint. to be asked [illegible] to give priority to shipment - - - - - Action - C-L (Mov & Tn))

(c) The surplus of shipping could at present be foreseen: the question of [illegible] to U.K. was to be discussed at a meeting the next day. M.W.T. Rep. reported that 1715 tons of MEDC schooners had been released to the Schooner Control.

3. Freight collection. (See Minute 4 of last meeting.)

Returns were tabled and handed to the Schooner Control representative. U.S.A. representative to fill in return.

A.G. TOFIELD,
Major, D.A.Q.M.G.(M)

Dist: As for previous meeting's Minutes.

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SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO. 53

SUMMARY OF MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 7 - 16 MAR 45

TO		FROM M.E.	ALGIERS	BONE	ORAN	HEEL	ELBOW	SICILY	CORSICA	SARDINIA	LEGHORN	BASTIA	MALTA	CASABLANCA	ANCO
ELBOW	BR	11092	1373			2300		2000		9500					
"	USA				40				3315					35	
HEEL	BR	13042	21	20		1350				2000			5		510
"															
MIDEAST	BR		312			265	160						5		
"	USA					110(B)	150(A)							(C) 25	
ANCONA	BR	2713	50			6795	3410								
"	USA					1675						2000		25	
LEGHORN	BR						1850						350		
"	USA				30				4019					20	
NAPLES	BR		31			20									
SICILY	BR		1				300			4013					
CORSICA	BR						26								
SARDINIA	BR		5				98								
GIBRALTAR	BR		1			6									
N. AFRICA	BR	812				200	111			50			5		
South of France FR.		2447													
SOUTH OF FRANCE. USA					60		546		10		215				
CASABLANCA	USA					5	120				195				
TOTALS =		27659	1796	20	130	12726	6771	2000	7344	15563	410	2000	365	105	510

(A) Incl 100 for INDIA (B) Incl 75 for INDIA (C) Incl 25 for INDIA

GRAND TOTAL [illegible] SHIPMENT

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EVENTS MEETING NO. 53

SUMMARY OF MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BLD FOR PERIOD 7 - 16 MAR 45

	FROM															
M.E.	ALGIERS	BONE	ORAN	HEEL	ELBOW	SICILY	CORSICA	SARDINIA	LEGHORN	BASTIA	MALTA	CASA-BLANCA	ANCONA	CROTONE	TOTAL
															26265
11092	1373			2300		2000		9500				35			5300
			40				2315								
								2000			5		510	3000	19948
13042	21	20		1350											
											5				744
	314			265	160							(G) 25			285
				110(B)	150(A)										12968
2713	50			6795	3410					2000		25			3700
				1675							550				2200
					1850							20			4069
			30				4019								51
	31			20											4314
	1				300			4013							26
					26										
	5				98										103
	1			6											7
812				250	111			50			5				1178
per 2447															2447
			60		546		10		215						831
				5	120				195						320
27659	1796	20	130	12726	6771	2000	7344	15563	410	2000	365	105	510	3000	86379

GRAND TOTAL BY ... =

(B) Incl 75 for EDLA. (G) Incl 25 for EDLA

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Director of Harbor Craft,
Western Mediterranean.

19th February 1945.

To : Chairman, Medho.

Weekly Report No. 42.

ITEM 62. ALLIED COMMISSION.

A demand has been placed by ALCOM for tugs and barges to carry 1500 tons Charcoal monthly from PIOMBINO to FIUMICINO and 9,000 tons Coal monthly from CIVITAVECCHIA and GAETA to FIUMICINO and ROME. A list of suitable craft is being presented and it is understood they consist of mainly Italian craft not in Service use. From preliminary discussions no difficulty is seen in making all the craft available, with the exception of Prize craft, although some require repair. The matter is well in hand and a report will be submitted for approval in due course. In the meantime the work is being pushed as much as possible.

ITEM 63. PIOMBINO.

Reference item 61. The ARMO required for rehabilitation of PIOMBINO Harbour (not salvage as reported last week) has been allocated.

ITEM 64. TUSA 216 and TUSA 217.

These tugs have arrived at CIVITAVECCHIA.

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Director of Harbor Craft.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 12.00 HO

	CLEAN No. of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Cap. (bbls.)	DIRTY No. of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Cap. (bbls.)	No. of Ve
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	15	1,497,000	1	60,000	16
2. In Ballast	5	515,000	1	96,000	6
3. In Dry-dock or Repair	1 (a)	113,000	-	-	1
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C, D, & E.)					
1. Working	23	379,000	2	96,000	25
2. In Dry-dock or Repair	9	120,000	2	97,000	11
C. WATER CARRIERS	26	239,000	-	-	26
D. HARBOUR FUELLERS	4 (b)	31,000	14 (c)	344,000	18
E. ON OPERATIONAL SERVICE (including N.F.A.)	8	60,000	4	187,000	12

REMARKS

(a) Tanker 'Siffi' repairing at Casablanca
(b) 1 Vessel (RONDINE 68,000 bbls.) used as Floating Storage.
(c) 3 Vessels (HORY MAZOUTE 4,000 bbls GULF PRINCE 33,000 bls. CHRISTINE 1,000 bls.) also used as Floating

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No.of Vessels	Cargo Cap. (bbls.)	No.of Vessels	Cargo Cap. (bbls.)	No.of Vessels	Cargo Cap. (bbls.)
15	1,497,000	1	60,000	16	1,557,000
5	515,000	1	96,000	6	611,000
1 (a)	113,000	-	-	1	113,000
23	379,000	2	96,000	25	475,000
9	120,000	2	97,000	11	217,000
26	239,000	-	-	26	239,000
4 (b)	81,000	14 (c)	344,000	18	425,000
8	60,000	4	187,000	12	247,000

REMARKS

(a) Tanker 'Sun' repairing at Casablanca
(b) 1 Vessel (RONDINE 60,000 bbls.) used as Floating Storage.
(c) 3 Vessels (HENRY LAZOUFFE 4,000 bbls GULF PRINCE 33,000 bls. CHRISTINE 1,000 bls.) also used as Floating Storage.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board).

No. 27. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 12th. FEBRUARY 1945.

Present :-

Mr. A.C. Robertson (D.M.W.T. M.M.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr. T.K. Garrard RNR (SSTO)
Lt. R.W. Calcutt RNR (STO)
Lt. Comdr. Lewis (NCSO)
Lt. R. Bradley USNR (Pet. Sec.)
Mr. W.S. Thomas (Coal Div. ALMED)

Capt. L. Hutchings (Tn. Br.)
Capt. W.R. Malloch (WSA. NA.)
Major H.C. Stebbens (DAQMG(M))
Mr. R.B. Scriven (DMWTR)

Mrs. E.M. Bertrand - (Sec.)

The Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Mr. R.B. Scriven, whom he introduced as his successor as Chairman at Napsco Committee Meetings.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 26 were agreed.

183. CARGO BROACHING.

Reverting again to Min. 177, Comdr. Garrard pointed out that it was impossible to check cargo without unloading on to the quay. He stated that if S.T.O. were required to check cargo, a request should be sent by the Port Commandant, whereupon checkers would be laid on, at Army expense.
It was suggested that Stevedores should supply checkers, and the cost invoiced to receivers at a rate per ton.
Major Stebbens stated that he had no authority to alter existing conditions whereby military cargo was not checked on discharge but only on arrival at the Depot. However, in view of the fact that the quantity of military stores has now decreased in proportion to the total ships' tonnage involved, he is putting forward a proposal to AFHQ that commercial discharges in Algiers should include those ships with a small tonnage of military and R.A.F. cargo, the Services taking over the stores in the shed after discharge.
The Committee generally agreed with the suggestion that Algiers should now revert to peace-time conditions, and all cargo handled on a commercial basis. It was decided that the "FORT WRIGLEY" should be dealt with on this basis, since approximately only 260 tons were for Services account. The costs of checking involved could be settled in such cases on a pro-rata basis between S.T.O., M.W.T., Army and R.A.F.
Major Stebbens proposed that, as the already large proportion of R.A.F. stores for discharge was likely

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Present :-

Mr. A.G.Robertson (D.M.W.T.I.N.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr.T.K.Garrard RNR	(SSTO)	Capt.L.Hutchings	(Tn.Br.)
Lt.R.W.Calcutt RNVR	(STO)	Capt.W.R.Halloch	(WSA.NA.)
Lt.Comdr.Lewis	(NCSO)	Major H.C.Stebbens	(DAQMG(M))
Lt.R.Bradley USNR	(Pet.Sec.)	Mr.R.B.Scriven	(MEWTR)
Mr.W.S.Thomas	(Coal Div.AMGOT)		

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Major Stebbens proposed that, as the already large proportion of R.A.F. stores for discharge was likely to increase, the R.A.F. should be represented on the NAPSCO Committee. He agreed to contact R.A.F. Movements and invite a representative from this Branch to attend future meetings.

Action: Major Stebbens.

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184. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :-

"LORD COCHRANE"	- Due Bone 13/2.
"NORBRYN"	- Completes Oran 16/2.
"BOREAS"	- KMS 83 - La Goulette/Tunis.
"EDMUND CAXTON"	- KMS 83 - for Algiers.
"PETROS GOULANDRIS"	- For Algiers from S.Africa.
"CYLONIA"	- For Algiers.

185. EQUIPMENT FOR CARGO-HANDLING GEAR.

Capt.Hutchings advised that this matter had now been settled, the War Office having agreed to the supply of a certain amount of gear. The French indent for Bone has also been agreed, subject to the approval of the War Office. Figures have been submitted for Oran and Casablanca (in accordance with an agreement made in the early days of the occupation of N.Africa), which may also be accepted if approved by the War Office.

186. SHIPMENT OF TANKS FROM BONE.

Major Stebbens reported that a signal had been sent to AFHQ and a reply expected shortly. Comdr.Garrard advised that in the near future S.T.O. staff would no longer be required at Bone, and that N.W.T. representative would supervise their interests. It was pointed out that some responsible person would be needed to supervise the loading of the remaining Services cargo, especially where lashing would be required.

187. U.S. CONVOYS.

The Chairman advised that, according to MEDBO Minutes these convoys will continue to form up at Oran, even though storing and bunkering are carried out at Algiers.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, February 19th. 1945.

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MEDDO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

DATE:- 11TH F

N. AFRICA, MALTA, SICILY, GREECE PORT STATE.

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships	CASA	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	AUGUSTA	CATANIA	PALERMO	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	VOLOS	IE
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
B. No. of vessels discharging.	1	1	1	NIL	3	NIL	2	4	8	2	1	
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
E. No. of vessels loading.	NIL	12	1	2	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	6	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	7	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL	10	18	2	2	5	8	2	4	8	2	1	

NASAD 701 despatched accordingly.

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MEDDO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

DATE:- 11TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

N. AFRICA, MALTA, SICILY, GREECE PORT STATE.

Ships	CASA	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	AUGUSTA	CATANIA	PALERMO	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	VOLOS	IRAKLION	TOTAL
...g to	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3
...ring.	1	1	1	NIL	3	NIL	2	4	8	2	1	1	24
...wait-	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	4
...g	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
...g.	NIL	12	1	2	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	16
...wait-	6	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	7	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	16
	10	18	2	2	5	8	2	4	8	2	1	1	63

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MEDIO SHIPPING DIVESSION ROOM.

ITALY, CAGLIARI, SOUTH FRANCE PORT STATE.

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A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	1	5	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	6
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C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	
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GREEK PORTS SUB-.ITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING No.15. HELD AT H.Q. L.T & M.L. (G)
at 1500 hours on [illegible] 24th February,1945.

PRESENT:	Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	F... F.R.
	Brigadier G.W.Palmer.		Brig.S & R.
	Cmdr.P.W.Sumpton R.N.R.		S.S.S.T.O. Greece.
	Capt.A.M.Bachas. R.H.N.	Rep.	R.H.N. & Mercantile Marine
	Col.H.T.Davidson		Col.
	Major R.T.Orrerer	Rep.	M.L.
	Major C.Simpson	Rep.	Pet.Sec.
	Mr.A.C.Hogarth		[illegible] M.F.A.
	Mr.J.B.Jowitt.	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.
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ENEMY VESSELS. "PROMETHEUS" ex "ARIADNE". Vide minutes of previous meeting. Major Simpson advised that he had now received an Engineer's report on this vessel and it appeared that she was suitable for the carriage of fuel and diesel oil, and understood she would shortly undergo basin trials. He was of the opinion that this vessel should be under the control of the Petroleum Section and had written to A.F.H.Q. in this connection requesting the matter to be taken up with C in C.Med.

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In connection with the three oil barges which had been reported as being at Piraeus, these were the "ENOVOTUS" and "IONA" of 1,000 tons each, and the "ALLIKA" of 1600 tons. Capt.Bachas said that he had requested an Engineers report on these barges and that the Greek P.S.T.O. had been instructed to requisition them if in order. Major Simpson stated it was intended to send two of these barges to Salonika. It was understood that these barges were Greek owned.

Two lighters, the "ELLENI I." and "ELLENI IV" had been reported at Piraeus and Chairman requested Capt.Bachas to obtain particulars of these.

Capt.Bachas

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Cdr.Sumpton stated that a request had been received by the S.S.T.O. Piraeus from the O.L.P. for the supply of cargo handling gear. Col.Davidson said it had already been decided that certain items of cargo handling gear now being used by the Military would be handed over to an Authority, but before this could be done it would be necessary for the O.L.P. Organisation to obtain permission from the Greek Government to receive this gear on their behalf. It was decided that Cdr.Sumpton should advise the O.L.P. of this arrangement.

Cdr.Sumpton

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VOLOS. Col.Davidson said that the local S.T.O. had reported that a Liberty ship drawing 24 ft. could be berthed alongside the Town Quay, and that it was possible also to berth alongside a coaster. It was not however known whether this could be done and it was decided that Cdr.Sumpton should take the matter up for confirmation.

Cdr.Sumpton

SALONIKA. It had been noticed that the daily discharge figures at this port had lately shown an improvement, the highest figure being 1500 tons.

IRAKLION. The possibility of a strike was reported at this port in connection with wages. It was agreed that the position would have to be watched closely so that if a strike did occur, ships destined for this port would have to be diverted.

In connection with the wages being paid here, it was a Ministry of Labour responsibility and the matter would be taken up through Col.Casey, A.D.P.L.

Chairman

SYROS. Cdr.Sumpton reported that all lighters for this port had now been shipped.

KHIOS. There was nothing to report on this area.

SWEEPING OF SMALL PORTS. The question of the sweeping of caique ports was raised by Major Crarer and it was decided that S & R should supply a list of priorities in this connection and the matter would then be taken up with the R.N.

BUNKER COAL. Col.Davidson reported that Army coal was not to be used for bunkers. The R.N. were establishing dumps for their own use but the question arose as to where the R.H.N. were to acquire bunkers. Capt.Sachas agreed to take this matter up

Capt.Sachas

The next meeting will be held at 1500 hours on Wednesday, the 21st February,1945.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT 1500 HOURS ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

	Mr. J. Gibson Graham	Chairman.
Present:	Lt.Cmdr. G.D. Sturt R.N.V.R.	S.O.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Brigadier A.T. de Rhe Philipe	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Colonel E.H. Lastayo, U.S. Army	C.O.T.
	Colonel J.T. Danaher	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Am.).
	Colonel G. Ackerley	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Mr. I.D. Campbell	D.M.W.T.R. Med.
	Mr. A.J. Harvey	M.W.T.
	Miss M.M. Michie	Assistant Secretary.

The Meeting was called in order to examine the coaster position with a view to releasing some vessels, as requested by London.

Lt.Cmdr. Sturt reported that the amount of goods to be moved during March totalled 234,000 tons, for which about 188,000 tons coaster space would be required.

After discussion it was agreed

1. That the bid for movement of U.S. military equipment etc. could be cut from 27,000 tons to 20,000 tons.

2. That the movement of 5,000 tons civil cargoes from Leghorn to Genoa, bid by A.C., which could not be carried in vessels operated by CO.GE.NA., was unlikely to take place, and that shipping could not be retained for this purpose.

3. That in view of P.S.T.O. Middle East's statement that some coasters could be released without immediate replacement, Middle East bid for movement of 30,000 tons goods on essential domestic traffic, should arbitrarily be cut to 20,000 tons.

In view of this reduction of 22,000 tons of cargo to be lifted, the Board authorised the release of six coasters, in addition to "AEPONG" and "CID", whose return had previously been agreed, and in addition to the vessel that had to be allocated against a new commitment to lift stores from Sicily for the Government of Malta.

The following vessels were nominated for release:-

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ODYSSEUS
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STANFORTH
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TRANSLATION OF MINUTES DRAWN UP BY
Cdt. MINE, G.H.Q. STAFF
DEFENSE NATIONALE OF PARIS.

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at 10.00 Hours, held at
Direction des Transports,
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4. The Allied Representatives state that they have not been informed on this last matter.
They add that it is to be regretted that French elements or units transported are not known in advance.
Commandant MINE explains that as a result of notes from Col. LAPARRA Chief of the French Mission at A.F.H.Q., saying that it is not necessary for the Defense Nationale to address its bids for maritime transport to A.F.H.Q. it has no longer sent any bids to CASERTA.

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The G.H.Q. Staff of the Defense Nationale therefore now sends or makes or bids for maritime transport to S.H.A.E.F., only, and leaves it to this authority to take the necessary steps with the various allied authorities.

A.F.H.Q. Representatives make it quite clear that it is A.F.H.Q. who control Sea transport in the Mediterranean, therefore they must be advised of same, but that they authorise the carrying out of the programme only after obtaining S.H.A.E.F.'s approval as to the units to be transported.

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They would consist of :-

1) Total requirements to be covered.
2) Requirements that can be met by French means (vessels not in the "POOL")
3) Requirements to be met by allied resources (Pool vessels). It would appear useful to reconsider the question of French Liaison at A.F.H.Q., MEDBO and even SOLOG.

So, as to permit of bringing to a precise point the mecanism of the bids for the Sea Transport, it is proposed that Cdt. MINE and Col. QUENNARD should proceed to Naples and Caserta between the 10 and 15 February.

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Cdt. MINE will advise M. CHARDON Director of the Grabsports Maritimes.

5. On the request from the Allied Representatives that they should undertake the control and execution of all transport between France and F.N.A. Cdt. MINE objects that it is impossible and highly undesirable for even if the Allies placed all the transport needed at their (the French) disposal, the system would lack elasticity.

It is, in fact, indispensable that the French Government remain free as regards that part of the progreme which does not concern operations but which is necessary to general conditions in France and her Empire

Furthermore, actual French means are already greatly insufficient to cover this part of the traffic, as is stated earlier.

Translation by French Liaison.

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TN 51c (18)

[illegible] SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

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Subject : MINUTES OF COAL MEETING NO. 51 HELD AT 1000 HRS 28 FEB IN G-4(MOV & TN) CONFERENCE ROOM.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(MOV & TN) | 5/379/GDM

28 Feb 45

Tel : FREEDOM 302

In the chair:- Maj V. MILES — G-4 (Mov & Tn)

Present :
- Maj G.A. PLEWS — G-4 (Mov & Tn)
- Capt. P. CHRISTIAN — G-4 (Mov & Tn)
- Mr. R. NICOL — QM (Coal Sec)
- Mr. J. LYNCH — WSA rep
- Lt.Col. K. ANDERSON — WSA rep
- J.Comd. M.E. GRIBBLE — MWT rep
- [illegible] — Secretary.

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The Chairman stated that no reply had yet been received from G-5.

411. COAL FOR BALKANS. (See Minute 407)

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(a) QM had given destinations as follows:-

FORT GLENORA	UGS 74	NAPLES/REGGIO
GEORGE BELLOWES	ex S.AFRICA	BARI
SIDNEY LANIER	" "	PALERMO/TARANTO.

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ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)

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		Capt. P. CHRISTIAN	QM (Coal Sec)
		Mr. R. NICOL	WSA rep
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ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)

413. COAL FOR RN. (See Minute 409)

(a) QM had agreed to provide the following tonnages for RN account:

BARI	60 tons
BARLETTA	15 "
MANFREDONIA	20 "

(b) An agreed signal has been sent to NAMOV regarding the supply of coal for the LA GOULETTE power plant. A reply had been received stating that all coal in N. AFRICA was open cast, and that the matter had been referred to LONDON and WASHINGTON. It was agreed that NAMOV be asked to keep AFHQ informed on this position.

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414. COAL FOR ROME. (See Minute

A reply had been received from C-in-C Med stating there was no Naval objection to the proposals submitted for taking coal to ROME ex GAETA, but that the Naval Authorities could accept no responsibility for loss or damage.

415. LEGHORN

Infm had been received that the draft of the coal berth at LEGHORN was now 21 ft owing to silting up of the berth.

V. KING, Major
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tn)

MEG/KPS.

Distribution:

As for MEDBO Minutes plus:

D of Stores, Admiralty, LONDON
The Under Secretary of State for War
The War Office (Attention DF Mov Q(M) 9)
Whitehall, LONDON S.W.1.
HQ Mov Central ITALY,
c/o HQ No. 1 District.
GHQ MEF
COT (4)

BTNA for (NAMOV 2)
Allied Commission
Mov East ITALY.
Mov West ITALY.
Mov SICILY.
DQMG (Mov & Tn).
Mov 3 (G-4(Mov & Tn) AFHQ.

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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

COLLIERS DUE N. AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 28 FEB 45.

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	BIZERTE
BALMORE	23'6"	U.K.	KMS 85	25 Feb		Army	4806 Coal 1758 Pitch	4806 Coal 1758 Pitch	
BARON TWEEDMOUTH	20'9"	U.K.	KMS 85	26 Feb		"	4499		
JOHN C SPENCER		ALGIERS		1 Mar	H. Vol	"	3549		
P.J. GOULANDRIS	F 21' 6" A 21'	S.AFRICA				BWT	5418	5418	
FORT CUMBERLAND	19'0"	HEEL		8 Mar	H. Vol	Army	3957		
BARON GRAHAM		U.K.	KMS 87	8 Mar		"	4510	4510	

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COLLIERS DUE N. AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 28 FEB 45.

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	BIZERTE	ORAN	BONE	LA GOULETTE AND TUNIS
23'6"	U.K.	KMS 85	25 Feb		Army	4806 Coal 1758 Pitch	4806 Coal 1758 Pitch				
20'9"	U.K.	KMS 85	26 Feb		"	4499				4499	
	ALGIERS		1 Mar	H. Vol	"	3549					3549
F 21' 6" A 21'	S.AFRICA				MWT	5418	5418				
19'0"	HEEL		8 Mar	H. Vol	Army	3957			3957		
	U.K.	KMS 87	8 Mar		"	4510	4510				

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APPENDIX 'B'

COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY SICILY & GREECE AS AT 28 FEB.

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE REMAINING	ETC
ANCONA	WALKER TAYLOR	20'	BARI		H.Vol.	2 Mar	4492		10 Mar
	JOHN P HOLLAND	20'	BARI		"	11 "	4579		20 "
BARI	JOHN P HOLLAND	25'8"	USA	UGS 73	H.Vol.	28 Feb	3400		5 Mar
	GEORGE BELLOWES	28'6"	S.A.			4 Mar	8960		13 Mar
CAGLIARI									
CATANIA	FORT CHARNISAY	26'3"	S.A.			27 Feb	4000	3030	3 Mar
	SIDNEY LANIER	27'10"	S.A.			3 Mar	4000		9 Mar
CIVITA-VECCHIA	FORT GRAHAM	24'	NAPLES		H.Vol.	27 Feb	5536	4468	5 Mar
	EMPIRE ORTOLAN		NAPLES			3 Mar	2290		8 Mar
	FORT CHARNISAY	24'	CATANIA			5 Mar	4057		12 Mar
CALLIPOLI									
LEGHORN									
NAPLES	RICHARD V OULAHAN	27'	U.S.A.	UGS 73	L.Vol.	1 Mar	4000		3 Mar
	FORT GLENORA		U.S.A.	UGS 74	RCM	6 Mar	4000		9 Mar
	CHARLES W STILES	28'6"	S.A.			13 Mar	9559		20 Mar
	FORT					20 Mar	8498		26 Mar

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BARI	JOHN P HOLLAND	25'8"	USA	UGS 73	H.Vol.	28 Feb	3400		5 Mar
	GEORGE BELLOWES	28'6"	S.A.			4 Mar	8960		13 Mar
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	EMPIRE OPTOLAN		NAPLES			3 Mar	2290		8 Mar
	FORT GARNISAY	24'	CATA-NIA			5 Mar	4057		12 Mar
GALLIPOLI								3556	
LEGHORN									
NAPLES	RICHARD V OULAHAN	27'	U.S.A.	UGS 73	L.Vol.	1 Mar	4000		3 Mar
	FORT CLENORA		U.S.A.	UGS 74	RCM	6 Mar	4000		9 Mar
	CHARLES W STILES	28'6"	S.A.			13 Mar	9559		20 Mar
	FORT NOTTINGHAM	26'9"	S.A.			20 Mar	8498		26 Mar
PALERMO	WILLIAM D HOARD	28'2"	S.A.			27 Feb	9380	9080	
	CAPE WRATH		NAPLES			28 Feb	3624		10 Mar

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PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE RE-LIN-ING	ETD
REGGIO	MONTE GLENORA		NAPLES		ROM	12 Mar	4184		20 Mar
TARANTO	FORT SALLESKI		BARI		H.Vol.	16 Feb	3403	669	1 Mar
	RICHARD V OULAHAN		NAPLES		L.Vol.	5 Mar	3705		12 Mar
	SIDNEY LANIER		CATA-NIA			12 Mar	4000		19 Mar
PIRAEUS	EMPIRE PLANE		NAPLES			4 Mar	4275		12 Mar
	ANTONIN DVORAK		SALON-IKA			12 Mar	6044		24 Mar
SALONIKA	ANTONIN DVORAK	28'3"	S.A.			1 Mar	3550		12 Mar
	HERON						1810		
	FLORA NOMICOS		VOLOS			4 Mar	700		6 Mar
PATRAS	ELPIS		HEEL			16 Feb	1625	570	1 Mar
VOLOS	FLORA NOMICOS		H.E.			1 Mar	950		3 Mar
CORFU	EUGENIO COSTREDO		HEEL			27 Feb	95		2 Mar
	DOMINICO PADRE		HEEL			2 Mar	65		5 Mar
	MARIA		HEEL			5 Mar	250		13 Mar
	ELPIS		PIRAEUS				300		

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TAIGATO	ROMU SALESH		BARI	H.Vol.	16 Feb	1407			
	RICHARD V								12 Mar
	OLIMPIA		NAPLES	L.Vol.	5 Mar	3705			
			CATA-						
	SIDNEY LANIER		NIA		12 Mar	4000			19 Mar
PIRAEUS	ENRIE FILE		NAPLES		4 Mar	4275			12 Mar
	ANTONIN		SALONI-						
	DVORAK		KA		12 Mar	6044			24 Mar
SALONIKA	ANTONIN								
	DVORAK	28'-5"	S.A.		1 Mar	3350			12 Mar
	HERON					1610			
	FLORA								
	NOMICOS		VOLOS		4 Mar	700			6 Mar
PATRAS	ELFIS		HEEL		18 Feb	1625	570		1 Mar
VOLOS	FLORA								
	NOMICOS		H.E.		1 Mar	950			3 Mar
CORFU	EUGENIO								
	LOSTREDO		HEEL		27 Feb	25			2 Mar
	DOMINICO								
	PADRE		HEEL		2 Mar	65			5 Mar
	MARIA		HEEL		5 Mar	250			13 Mar
	ELFIS		PIRAEUS			300			

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R.N. COLLIERS

SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTIN
THELA	At sea to ALEXANDRIA for repairs			
CARA	For BRINDISI to discharge.			
BERKEL	Allocated POLEM for GREECE.			
ALSTEL	Discharging at ANCONA thence ZADAR to complete.			
CORCHESTER	Boiler cleaning in NAPLES prior to loading for discharge CAGLIARI.			
KEILA	Released to M.W.T. 26th February.			
FERNEANK	Released to M.W.T. 14th February.			
EMPIRE SPEY	Released to M.W.T. 21st February.			
EMPIRE TEES	Discharging in NAPLES.			
EMPIRE TRENT	KMS 85	6769 N.C.	U.K.	CHAN to dis
RACHILD	"	3500 N.C.	U.K.	MALTA to di
FRANK	"	6280 N.C.	U.K.	T.RANTO par BARI to com
COLLYTO	"	5462 N.C.	U.K.	ALGIERS par BIZERTA to
SENIO(Italian Coaster)	Shuttling Sardinian Coal S. FRANCE.			

ADVISED FUTURE SAILINGS BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED : KMS 87 EMPIRE GARTH 3500 Welsh
" TINTERN ABBEY 2800 Welsh
KMS 88 One Welsh and One N.C. Collier.
KMS 89 One Welsh Collier.

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R.N. COLLIERS

CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
ALEXANDRIA for repairs				
XLSI to discharge.				
d FOLEGANDROS for GREECE.				
ing at ANCONA thence ZADAR to complete.				
loaning in NAPLES prior to loading for discharge CAGLIARI.				
d to L.W.T. 26th February.				
d to L.W.T. 14th February.				
d to L.W.T. 21st February.				
ging in NAPLES.				
MS 85	6769 N.C.	U.K.	ORAN to discharge	M.W.T.
"	3500 N.C.	U.K.	MALTA to discharge	M.W.T.
"	6280 N.C.	U.K.	TARANTO part discharge BARI to complete	M.W.T.
"	5462 N.C.	U.K.	ALGIERS part discharge BIZERTA to complete	M.W.T.
"				

Shuttling Sardinian Coal S. FRANCE.

BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED : MMS 87 EGYPIAN GARTH 3500 Welsh
" THESEUS ARBEC 2800 Welsh

MMS 88 One Welsh and One N.C. Collier.

MMS 89 One Welsh Collier.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
VAN DER HELST		U.K.	KMS 85	1 Mar		512 Coke	NAPLES
SAMARINDA		USA				7480	S. FRA
KING JAMES (101 Vehs)		U.K.				559 Coke	NAPLES
CARS LOGIE		U.K.				4900	CASABL
EMPIRE CAXTON		U.K.				3734	ALGIER

MARCH ARRIVALS

SAINTOYLE		S.AFRICA				1300	ITALY NAPLE
PORT ROUILLE		U.K.	KMS 88	16 Mar		2700	HTEL
MANHATTAN		U.K.	KMS 88	15 Mar		4800	ALGIE
AGHIA MARINA		U.K.		18 Mar		8498	ITALY
PORT NOTTINGHAM	26'9"	S.AFRICA		19 Mar	Coke	1265	ITALY
DALLINGTON COURT		U.K.				5650	ALGIE
PROTEUS						8345	ITALY
EMPIRE TUDOR		S.AFRICA				4600 Coal 100 Coke 400 Pitch	ORAN
BRIDGEPOOL		U.K.				6200	N. A
FREGATE		U.K.				8750	N. A
SAMWARF		S.AFRICA				8303	ITAL
HEYWOOD BRAUN	28'	U.S.A.	UGS 76	14 Mar			

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

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DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	U.K.	KMS 85	1 Mar		512 Coke	NAPLES
	USA				7480	S. FRANCE
	U.K.				559 Coke	NAPLES
	U.K.				4900	CASABLANCA
	U.K.				3734	ALGIERS

MARCH ARRIVALS

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	S.AFRICA					ITALY
	U.K.	KMS 88	16 Mar		1300	NAPLES
	U.K.	KMS 88	16 Mar		2700	HEEL
	U.K.		18 Mar		4800	ALGIERS
26'9"	S.AFRICA		19 Mar		8498	ITALY NAPLES
	U.K.			Coke	1265	ITALY
					5650	ALGIERS
	S.AFRICA				8345	ITALY
	U.K.				4600 Coal 100 Coke 400 Pitch	ORAN via GIBRALTAR
	U.K.				6200	N. AFRICA
	S.AFRICA				8750	N. AFRICA
28'	U.S.A.	UGS 76	14 Mar		8303	ITALY

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

APRIL ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	PORT	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
FORT LAMERANCE		S.AFRICA				9119	ITALY
OCEAN VISCOUNT		"				8000	"
FORT GADOTTE		"					"
ROBERT BATTEY							
BENJAMIN LUDDY							
HORACE WELLS							
JOSEPH LE CONTE		"				8113	"
REMBRANDT		"					"
HOUSTON CITY		"					"
LEOPOLD DAMROSCH		"					"
SAM AARON							

MAY ARRIVALS

SAINTREDY		S.AFRICA					ITALY

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APRIL ARRIVALS

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SHIP	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	S.AFRICA				9119	ITALY
	"				8000	"
	"					"
	"					"
	"				8118	"
	"					"
	"					"
	"					"

MAY ARRIVALS

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S.AFRICA					ITALY

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMITTEE

SOUTH OF FRANCE

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	QUANTITY	
FUGEL		U.K.			Loco	7032	30
WILLIAM PATTERSON	27'3" Fwd 29'10" Aft	USA	DEC 72	17 Feb	L. Vol	8378	M
EARL FAIRLIE	26'0"	S.AFRICA		18 Feb		3690	
BRIKA	23'6"	U.K.	KMS 84	19 Feb	Loco	6408	
GAETA					Sardinian	7000	
WINSUM	20'	U.K.	KMS 84	19 Feb	Pitch	3779	S
BARON DOUGLAS	20'6"	U.K.	KMS 84	19 Feb	Pitch	5027	
SAMFLORA	23'10"	USA	UGS 73	22 Feb	L. Vol.	8249	M
STAD HAARLE		U.K.	KMS 86	1 Mar	Pitch	5102	

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SOUTH OF FRANCE

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	QUANTITY	REMARKS
		U.K.			Loco	7332	SOUTH FRANCE
SG	27' 3" Fwd 29' 10" Aft	USA	WS 72	17 Feb	H. Vol	8579	HARBOURS
	26' 0"	S.AFRICA		18 Feb		3690	"
	23' 6"	U.K.	KMS 84	19 Feb	Loco	6408	"
					Sardinian	7000	ETA 5 Mar.
	20'	U.K.	KMS 84	19 Feb	Pitch	3779	SETE
S	20' 6"	U.K.	KMS 84	19 Feb	Pitch	5027	SETE
	20' 10"	USA	UKS 73	22 Feb	L. Vol.	8249	MARSEILLES
		U.K.	KMS 86	1 Mar	Pitch	5102	SETE

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APPNDX. "I"

ITR COAL DISCHARGES - NAPLES

DATE	TONNAGE	DATE	TONNAGE
FEB 1	1204	FEB 15	1500
" 2	1529	" 16	1600
" 3	1536	" 17	2160
" 4	3192	" 18	-
" 5	2030	" 19	2600
" 6	1605	" 20	-
" 7	2632	" 21	-
" 8	2740	" 22	1800
" 9	1905	" 23	1600
" 10	1100	" 24	-
" 11	1580	" 25	960
" 12	1450	" 26	2460
" 13	2120	" 27	1038
" 14	1920	" 28	480

	JAN	FEB
Total discharged	30803	42971
Delay due to bad weather	4 days	-
Stoppage " " "	5 "	-

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Head

Mediterranean Shipping Board, (17)
A.F.H.Q., G.M.F.
20th January 1945.

TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

AGENDA

for meeting to be held at 16.30 on Monday 22nd January in the C-in-C(Mov & Tn) Conference Room.

1. To approve Minutes of last meeting.

2. Availability of shipping for maintenance programme 15th - 28th February.

3. Any other business.

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Secretary.

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SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO.51

SUMMARY OF MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

TO		FROM M.E.	ALGIERS	BONE	ORAN	HEEL	ELDEV	SICILY	CORSICA	SARDINIA	MALTA
ELBE	Br.	7914	1488	100		500		3600	35	12642	
"	USA				670	130			830		
HEEL	Br.	7022	1289	122				200			10
"	USA				155		120		2500		
ANCONA	Br.	2442	1935			4410	2950				
"	USA					780			3600		
LEGHORN	Br.						2130				55
"	USA				1450				910		
MIDEAST	Br.		637			73	3260				14
"	USA				20	75(A)	69(B)				
MALTA	Br.		25			1					
CORSICA	Br.		5				255				
"	USA						210				
SARDINIA	Br.						451				
SICILY	Br.		2				1490			3000	
GIBRALTAR	Br.		1				5				
[illegible]	Br.	375				22	7			10	
"	USA					10					
SOUTH OF FRANCE	Br.	6395	14				28				
" " "	USA				1160	10	686				
GREECE	Br.	1804				4194					
CASABLANCA	USA					30	140				
TOTALS		25952	5294	222	3435	12285	12727	3800	7875	15652	5

GRAND TOTAL

(A) Incls 50 for INDIA
(B) " 40 " "

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MEETING NO. 51

STATEMENT OF MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

	FROM											
M.E.	ALGIERS	BONE	ORAN	HEEL	ELBOW	SICILY	CORSICA	SARDINIA	MALTA	CASA-BLANCA	LEGION	TOTAL
7914	1480	100		500		3600	35	12642				26279
			670	100			830			30		1710
7022	1289	122				200			104	350		2242
			155		120		2500			30	15	2820
2442	1935			2410	2950							3740
				780			3600					4380
					2130				350			2480
			1430				910			20		2360
	37			73	3260				145			4012
			20	75(A)	65(B)							155
	23			1								24
	5				233							238
					210						87	297
					431							431
	2		1		1490			3000				4492
	1				5							6
272				22	7			10				1
				10								10
6395	14				28							647
			1160	10	686						333	2189
1804				4194								5998
				30	140						102	272
25952	5294	322	3435	12285	12727	3600	7875	15632	594	3585	537	

GRAND TOTAL BID FOR SHIPMENT 91861

(A) Incls 50 for LIDO
(B) " 40 " "

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MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

TO ELBOW FROM ALL SOURCES

SOURCE	R.E.	TN	SUPS	MED	ORD	AMN	PSS	AF STORES	AF FAIL	CIVIL SUPS	P.O.L.	COAL	NZ
MIDEAST			4202(d)	100	3500	83	29						
ALGIERS			833		480			175					
BONE					100								
HEEL										500(e)			
SICILY			600(c)							3000 (f)			
CORSICA			32(a)					3					
SARDINIA			142(b)		500							12000	
TOTAL ALL SOURCES			5809	100	4580	83	29	178		3500		12000	

GRAND TOTAL

(a) Cancels any outstanding tonnages from previous bids. Final clearance.
(b) 135 Sups. 7 empty Ammonia Drums.
(c) Oranges.
(d) Sups and Forage.
(e) Wine in barrels. GALLIPOLI to CIVITAVECCHIA.
(f) Wine in barrels to CIVITAVECCHIA.
2000 tons ex CATANIA
1000 " " SIRACUSA.

TO HEEL FROM ALL SOURCES

MIDEAST	194		2760		(a) 25	641	164	121(c)	10		(b) 1927		
MALTA			34						70				
ALGIERS		124	1163					2					
BONE		122											
SICILY			200(d)										
CASABLANCA								5				3500	
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	194	246	4157		25	641	164	128	80		1927	3500	

GRAND TOTAL T

(a) For transhipment to CORFU. (b) Incls 1670 tons gasoline. (c) Oranges.
(c) Incls 5 tons MT spares for use of [illegible] AIR FORCE [illegible]
shipment ALEXANDRIA to BARI. Bid under [illegible] - Allied Commission.

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APPENDIX 'A'

SUPS	MED	ORD	AMK	PSS	AF STORES	AF EAPL	CIVIL SUPS	P.O.L.	COAL	NZEF	SOMTO	TOTAL
4202(d)	100	3500	83	29								7914
833		480			175							1488
		100										100
							500(e)					500
600(c)							3000 (f)					3600
32(a)					3							35
142(b)		500							12000			12642
5809	100	4580	83	29	178		3500		12000			
												GRAND TOTAL TO ELBOW 26279

ing tonnages
Finnl clearance.
mmonia Drums.

(a) Sups and Forage.
(e) Wine in barrels. GALLIPOLI to CIVITAVECCHIA.
(f) Wine in barrels to CIVITAVECCHIA.
2000 tons to CATANIA
1000 " " SIRACUSA.

APPENDIX 'B'

2760		(a) 25	641	164	121(c)	10		(b) 1927		50	1130	7022
34						70					1	104
1163					2						1	1289
												122
200(d)												200
					5				3500			3505
4157		25	641	164	128	80		1927	3500	50	1130	
												GRAND TOTAL TO HEEL 12242

RFU. (b) Incls 1670 tons gasoline. (c) oranges.
for use of T[illegible] N A FORCE Ship.
I. bid made [illegible] SC - Allied [illegible]

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MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

TO ANCONA FROM ALL SOURCES

SOURCE	R.E.	TN	SUPS	ORD	AMN	AF STORES	AF EAPL	CIVIL SUPS	P.O.L.	COAL
MIDEAST		283	1140		822			200(d)		
ALGIERS	1300			135						
FLOW		1740	300	910						
HEEL			1500(b)	685			1600	105(c)	2540(a)	
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	1300	2023	2940	1730	822		1600	305	2540	

(a) No gasoline (b) Incls 400 tons forage 600 tons Frozen meat
(c) Olive Oil (d) Soap. Consigned to 35 AOD ANCONA.

GRAND TOTAL T

TO LEGHORN FROM ALL SOURCES

NAPLES			350(a)							
FLOW		730	1200	200						
TOTAL ALL SOURCES		730	1550	200						

(a) Frozen Meat

GRAND TOTAL T

TO MIDEAST FROM ALL SOURCES

NAPLES						5	140			
ALGIERS	115			400		22				
FLOW				3260(a)						
HEEL						73				
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	115			3660		100	140			

GRAND TOTAL T

(a) Tank trops

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MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

APPENDIX 'C'

TR	SUPS	ORD	AGN	AF STORES	AF E.AFL	CIVIL SUPS	P.O.L.	COAL	US ARMY	TOTAL
283	1140		822			200(d)				2445
		135								1935
1740	300	910								2950
	1500(b)	685			1000	105(c)	2540(a)		580	6410
2023	2940	1730	822		100	305	2540		580	
									GRAND TOTAL TO ANCONA	13740

Incls 400 tons forage 600 tons frozen meat
Soap. Consigned to 35 AGD ANCONA.

APPENDIX 'D'

	350(a)									350
730	1200	200								2130
730	1550	200								
									GRAND TOTAL TO LEGHORN	2480

APPENDIX 'E'

				5	140					145
		400		22						537
		3260(a)								3260
				73						73
		3660		100	140					
									GRAND TOTAL TO LEGHORN	4015

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MAINTENANCE TONNAGES REQUIRED FOR PERIOD 15 - 21 FEB 45

TO MALTA FROM ALL SOURCES

SOURCE	R.E.	SUPS	MED	ORD	MOV	AT S.O.C.	AT DEST	CIVIL SER	P.O.L.	COM	NOS	
ALGIERS						23						
HEEL							1					
TOTAL ALL SOURCES						23	1					

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TO CORSICA FROM ALL SOURCES

ALGIERS						5						
ELEC$_{M}$		25			1							
TOTAL ALL SOURCES		25			1	5						

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TO SARDINIA FROM ALL SOURCES

ELBOW		86(a)		5								
TOTAL ALL SOURCES		86		5								

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(a) Forage 76 tons; Supe 10 tons.

TO STORE FROM ALL SOURCES

ALGIERS						2						
ELBOW		490						1000(a)				
SARDINIA										3000		
TOTAL ALL SOURCES		490				2		1000		3000		

GRAN

(a) Onerous 1 : 500 tons ex CROTONE
250 tons ex REGGIO-CALABRIA
250 tons ex VIBO-VALENTIA

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MAINTENANCE TONNAGES REQUIRED FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

APPENDIX 'G'

	MED	ORD	ENG	AIR STORES	AIR PET.	CIVIL STRS	P.O.L.	COAL	NEWS	SCRAP	MAIL	TOTAL
				23								23
					1							1
				23	1							
												24

GRAND TOTAL TO MALTA

APPENDIX 'G'

				5								5
25			1								207	233
25			1	5							207	
												238

GRAND TOTAL TO CORSICA

APPENDIX 'H'

86(a)		5									340	431
86		5									340	
												431

GRAND TOTAL TO SARDINIA

APPENDIX 'J'

				2								2
490						1000(a)						1490
								3000				3000
				2		1000		3000				
												4492

GRAND TOTAL TO SICILY

ex CIVITAVECCHIA
ex LIVORNO-CALABRIA
ex VIBO-VALENTIA

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APPENDIX 'K'

MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

SUPS	ORD	AMN	PSS	AF STORES	AF EXPL	CIVIL SUPS	P.O.L.	COAL	ATC	IN	TOTAL
											1
	1										5
	5										
	6										6

GRAND TOTAL TO GIBRALTAR

APPENDIX 'L'

OURCES

				125							375
		250		10							10
				76							979
	900(a)	3		13	9						22
	900	253		224	9						1386

GRAND TOTAL TO N.AFRICA

APPENDIX 'M'

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								6395(a)			6395
				14							14
				28							28
								6395			
				42							6437

GRAND TOTAL TO S.FRANCE

APPENDIX 'N'

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								804			1804
		1000						443(a)	416	50	4324
636	1285		1034	30							→
								1247	416	50	
636	1285	1000	1034	30							5998

GRAND TOTAL TO PIRAEUS

d beans from maint. period 27 Nov - 6 Dec - outstanding.

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MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

TO GIBRALTAR FROM ALL SOURCES

SOURCE	R.E.	TN	SUPS	ORD	AMN	PSS	AF STORES	AF EXPL	CIVIL SUPS	P.O.L.	CO
ALGIERS				1							
ELBOW				5							
TOTAL ALL SOURCES				6							

GRAND TO

TO NORTH AFRICA FROM ALL SOURCES

MIDEAST				250			125				
ALTA							10				
ELBOW			900(a)	3			76				
REEL							13	9			
TOTAL ALL SOURCES			900	253			224	9			

GRAND TO

(a) Sups and wine barrels

TO S.FRANCE FROM ALL SOURCES

MIDEAST										6395(a)	
ALGIERS							14				
ELBOW							28				
TOTAL ALL SOURCES							42			6395	

GRAND TO

(a) Incls 6055 tons gasoline

TO PIRAEUS FROM ALL SOURCES

MIDEAST				1000					804		
REL	300	636	1285		1034	30			443(a)	416	
TOTAL ALL SOURCES	300	636	1285	1000	1034	30			1247	416	

GRAND T

(a) Incls 443 tons Broad beans from maint. period 27 Nov - 6 Dec - outstanding.

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APPENDIX 'K'

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MAINTENANCE TONNAGES RID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

TN	SUPS	ORD	AMN	PSS	AF STORES	AF EXPL	CIVIL SUPS	F.O.L.	COAL	ATC	MN	TOTAL
		1										1
		5										5
		6										
											GRAND TOTAL TO GIBRALTAR	6

APPENDIX 'L'

ALL SOURCES

		250			125							375
					10							10
	900(a)	3			76							979
					13	9						22
	900	253			224	9						
											GRAND TOTAL TO M.AFRICA	1386

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APPENDIX 'M'

SOURCES

								6395(a)				6395
					14							14
					28							28
					42			6395				
											GRAND TOTAL TO S.FRANCE	6437

Gasoline

APPENDIX 'N'

SOURCES

			1000					804				1804
0	636	1285		1034	30			443(a)	416		50	4184
0	636	1285	1000	1034	30			1247	416		50	5998
											GRAND TOTAL TO PIRAEUS	

Broad beams from maint. period 27 Nov - 6 Dec - outstanding.

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BIDS SUBMITTED AS OF 8 JAN 45
FOR PERIOD 15 FEB TO 24 FEB 45.

MOVEMENT FROM	TO	AC	NAVY	QM	ORD II	SIG	MED	CWS
ORAN	NAPLES	40			10			
"	LEGHORN				20	30		
"	MARSEILLES		20			40		
"	BARI	25						
"	MIDEAST	20						
"	USA	100	500		5			
NAPLES	MARSEILLES	20		10		90	10	
"	BASTIA	50		55		10	5	
BIZERTE	USA		1000					
NAPLES	BARI							
"	USA	500			2	100		
"	MIDEAST	25						
"	CASABLANCA	50		30				
"	INDIA	40						
LEGHORN	MARSEILLES	25		50	8	65	10	25
"	AJACCIO				12			
"	BASTIA	20		10			5	
"	BARI					15		
"	CASABLANCA	20		12				
"	USA	100			5	75		
CASABLANCA	NAPLES	30						
"	LEGHORN	20						
"	BARI	30						
"	USA	200						
CORSICA (AJACCIO)	LEGHORN							
" (BASTIA)	LEGHORN	300		55	5		100	
"	NAPLES	800				30		
"	BARI	*250						
"	AJCCIA	@1600						
"	USA	200						

* Ammunition

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BIDS SUBMITTED AS OF 6 JAN 45
FOR PERIOD 15 FEB TO 24 FEB 45.

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	AC	NAVY	QM	ORD II	SIG	MED	CWS	ENG	TOTAL
	40			10				620	670
				20	30			1380	1430
LES		20			40			1100	1160
	25							130	155
	20								20
	100	500		5				600	1205
LES	20		10		90	10		550	686
	50		55		10	5		90	210
		1000							1000
								120	120
	500			2	100				602
	25								25
NOA	50		30					60	140
	40								40
LES	25		50	8	65	10	25	150	333
				12					12
	20		10			5		40	75
					15				15
NCA.	20		12					70	102
	100			5	75				180
	30								30
	20								20
	30								30
	300								3..
								440	440
	300		55	5		100		110	470
	800				30				830
	*2500								2500
	@3600								3600
	200								200

* Ammunition

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BIDS SUBMITTED AS OF 8 JAN 45.
FOR PERIOD 15 FEB TO 24 FEB 45.

MOVEMENT FROM	TO	AC	NAVY	QM	ORD II	SIG	MED	CWS
BARI	ANCONA	200						
"	MARSEILLES					10		
"	NAPLES							
"	ORAN	10						
"	MIDEAST	20						
"	LEGA	150						
"	EDLA	50						
"	CASABLANCA	30						
	TOTALS	10425	1520	222	73	465	130	25

NOTE: * Ammunition & Explosives

@ Pierced Steel Planking

% 56 ton[illegible] ray QM & EngC supplies.

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FOR PERIOD 15 FEB TO 24 FEB 45.

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	AC	NAVY	QM	ORD II	SIG	MED	CWS	ENG	TOTAL
O									
NA	200							% 580	780
MELLES					10				10
EJ								180	180
I	10								10
AST	20								20
	150								1500
LA	50								50
BLANCA	30								30
TALS	10425	1520	222	73	465	130	25	6220	19080

NOTE: * Ammunition & Explosives

@ Pierced Steel Planking

% 5[illegible] Navy QM & ENG supplies.

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COAL [illegible]

Subject : [illegible] COAL MEETING NO. 19 HELD AT 1000 HRS 14 FEB 45 IN G-4(NOV & TN) CONFERENCE ROOM.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(NOV & TN)/5/379/GEN

15 Feb 45

Tel : FREEDOM 302

In the chair : Lt.Col.C.F.RUSSELL — G-4(Nov & Tn)

Present :
- Col. J.T. DAVIER — Tn(A) Operations
- Capt. P. CHRISTIAN — QM (Coal Sec).
- Capt. H.Q. BAKER — G-4(Nov & Tn)
- Mr. R. NICOL — W.S.A. rep.
- Mr. J. LYNCH — W.S.A. rep.
- Lt.Col. R. ANDERSON — M.W.T. rep.
- Lt.Comd. M.B. CRTTLE — Secretary.

402. LABOUR STRIKE SARDINIA (See minute 396)

The question of the feeding and working conditions of miners and stevedores in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA had been referred to G-5, who had replied stating that M.W.T. rep in SARDINIA should contact the local A.C. rep. M.W.T. rep stated this had already been done and the conclusion reached that discharge and turn round of vessels would be expedited by the provision of an adequate midday ration. It was agreed that the matter again be referred to G-5 with a view to deciding what was actually required to provide this extra meal since it appeared the question may be one of additional foodstuffs not presently available in SICILY.

403. COAL FOR S. FRANCE (See minute 397)

The E.C.A. at the GAETA at S. FRANCE had been notified to SHAEF as 20 Feb. This vessel was now loading in SARDINIA.

404. COAL FOR BALKANS (See para 399)

(a) Delete sub-para (a) (iv) CRETE 300 tons. This was included in (c) (ii) IRAKLION 450 tons.

(b) Amended additional demands for the period 26 Jan to 24 Feb had been received from ALEXHAIL as follows:-

PORT	AMENDED DEMAND	TOTAL ADDITIONAL NOW REQUIRED
PIRAEUS	5000 tons	5000 tons
SALONIKA	nil	1500 "
PATRAS	300 "	1125 "
CORFU	300 "	300 "
CRETE	50 "	200 "

(c) As shipping has already been set up for the original and additional tonnages demanded ALEXHAIL had been informed that these tonnages would be shipped for this period and adjustments would be made for the period 25 Feb to 26 Mar.

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Mr. R. WOOD — W.S.A. rep.
Mr. J. LINCH — M.W.T. rep.
Lt.Col. L. ANDERSON — Secretary.
U.comm. M.E. CHITTENDEN

402. LABOUR SITUATION IN ITALY (See minute 396)

The question of the feeding and working conditions of miners and stevedores in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA had been referred to G-5, who had replied stating that M.W.T. rep in CAIRO should contact the local A.C. rep. M.W.T. rep stated this had already been done and the conclusion reached that discharge and turn round of vessels would be expedited by the provision of an adequate midday ration. It was agreed that the matter again be referred to G-5 with a view to deciding what was actually required to provide this extra meal since it appeared the question may be one of additional foodstuffs not presently available in SICILY.

403. COAL FOR S. FRANCE (See minute 397)

The E.C.A. at the CAIRO at S. FRANCE had been notified to SHAEF as 20 Feb. This vessel was now loading in SARDINIA.

404. COAL FOR ITALY (See para 399)

(a.) Delete sub-para (a) (iv) CRETE 300 tons. This was included in (a) (ii) FRANCOP 450 tons.

(b) Amended additional demands for the period 26 Jan to 24 Feb had been received from CHURCHILL as follows:-

PORT	AMENDED DEMAND	TOTAL ADDITIONAL NOW REQUIRED
PIRAEUS	5000 tons	5000 tons
SALONIKA	nil	1500 "
PATRAS	300 "	1125 "
CORFU	500 "	300 "
CRETE	50 "	200 "

(c) As shipping has already been set up for the original and additional tonnages demanded CHURCHILL had been informed that these tonnages would be shipped for this period and adjustments would be made for the period 25 Feb to 26 Mar.

(d) Ref para 399 (b) CHURCHILL had agreed the proposals submitted, but suggested in the case of PIRAEUS and SALONIKA that ocean-going vessels should discharge to lighters at SALONIKA at the rate of 400 tons per day, and complete at PIRAEUS (27' draft alongside berth) at the rate of 500 tons per day. It was agreed this should be allowed as an experiment.

405. COALS DUE (See minute 401)

(a) Vessels had been routed as agreed with the exception of CAGLIARI which had been diverted to CATANIA as there was a shortage of Sardinian coal in that port.

(b) The chairman stated that, owing to operational reasons, the rate of discharge of GEORGE ANDREWS at MESSINA was approximately 350 tons per day, and estimated date of completion was given as 26 Feb.

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405. (b) (contd).

It was not possible, therefore, to accept PORT SALERNO at ANCONA, and it was agreed that this vessel, after lightening at BARI would complete discharge at either TARANTO or REGGIO.

ACTION - G-4(MOV & TN)

C.P. RUSSELL, Lt. Col.
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G.(Mov & Tn)

WEG/MTS.

Distribution:

As for MEDBO Minutes plus

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MOV WEST ITALY
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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

COLLIERS DUE NORTH AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 14 FEB 1945.

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	BIZ
LORD COCHRANE		DONE		12 Feb		Army	2174 Pitch		2
EMPIRE CAXTON (MT)		U.K.		17 Feb			3734	3734	
JOHN C SPENCER	F 27'7" A 29'1"	U.S.A.	UGS 72	18 Feb	H. Vol		4874	4874	
JOHN C SPENCER		ALGIERS		1 Mar	"		3549		

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COLLIERS DUE NORTH AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 14 FEB 1945.

SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	BIZERTE	BONE	La GOULETTE AND TUNIS
		BONE		12 Feb		Army	2174 Pitch		2174 Pitch		
(SHIP)		U.K.		17 Feb			3734	3734			
	F 27'7" A 29'10"	U.S.A.	UGS 72	18 Feb	N. Vol		4874	4874			
		ALGIERS		1 Nov	"		3549				3549

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE IT.LY SICILY AND GREECE
AS AT 14 FEB

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHARGE	TONNAGE REMAINING	ETC
ANCONA	GEORGE [illegible]	20'	BARI		H.Vol	11 FEB	5134	3679	26 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR	20'	BARI		H.Vol	27 FEB	4241		9 MAR
BARI	FORT SALLENT	36'9"	USA	UGS 70	H.Vol	15 FEB	4000		20 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR		USA	UGS 71	H.Vol	20 FEB	4000		25 FEB
CATANIA									
	OMEGA		SARD		Sard	14 FEB	5900		24 FEB
GALLIPOLI	KATINGO HADJIPAVLOS		SARD		Sard	13 FEB	5144		18 FEB
	ANDREW J PRESTON		NAPLES		H.Vol	20 FEB	5524		3543
	FORT GR.ELM		NAPLES		H.Vol	23 FEB	5136		
GALLIPOLI									

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ANDORA	GEORGE [illegible]	20'	[illegible]		H.Vol	11 FEB	5134	3679	26 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR	20'	[illegible]		H.Vol	27 [illegible]	4241		9 MAR
BARK	FORT SALISH	55'9"	USA	UGS 70	H.Vol	15 FEB	4000		20 FEB
	WALKER TAYLOR		USA	UGS 71	H.Vol	20 FEB	4000		25 FEB
[illegible]									
CATAWBA	OMEGA		SARD		Sard	14 FEB	5900		24 FEB
[illegible]	KATINGO HANDIPAT-CHES		SARD		Sard	13 FEB	5144		18 FEB
	ANDREW & PRESTON		NAVIES		H.Vol	20 FEB	5524		3543
	FORT GR [illegible]		NAVIES		H.Vol	23 FEB	5136		
[illegible]									
LEGION	LEEDS CITY	22'	NAVIES			12 FEB	6277	5448	22 FEB
	[illegible] D [illegible] RD	22'	P.Lark-MO.			8 MAR	5000		18 MAR

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PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF CARGO	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHARGE	TONNAGE AVAILABLE U.S.	ETC
NAPLES	ADEN		SAVO		GEN CD	12 FEB	7500	2500	16 FEB
	ANDREW W. BRAUN	26'6"	USA	UGS 70	H.Vol	11 FEB	5000		19 FEB
	PONT [illegible]	26'8"	USA	UGS 71	H.Vol	16 FEB	5000		22 FEB
PALERMO	[illegible]VIL		SAVO		GEN CD	13 FEB	2850		18 FEB
	[illegible]H.I.L.L. D. HOOD	28'2"	S...			25 FEB	4380		6 MAR
REGGIO	VOLT [illegible]LASH		BARI		H.Vol	22 FEB	4325		1 MAR
TARANTO									
BIZERTE	J.N.DRUMMOND		BARI			18 FEB	4509		28 FEB
	ANTONIN DVORAK		SALON-IKA			12 MAR	5044		24 MAR
SALONIKA	ANTONIN DVORAK	24'3"	S...			1 MAR	5350		10 MAR

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EDITORIAL MEETING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

JANUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	Draft	From	Convoy	Ent AUGUSTA	Type of Coal	Tonnage	
HORNIDEN (Vehs & Potatoes)		U.K.	KS 80	4 Feb		4673	(Coal Cloth) ITALY
WILLIAM DONALDSON		USA					

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

VAN DER HELST		U.K.				500 Coke	NAPLES ITALY
[illegible]		USA					
EDDIE MEEDS (220 Vehs)		U.K.	KS 84			5000	NAPLES
EDDIE ORTOLAN (26 Vehs)		U.K.				3200	"
GUY WORTH (150 Vehs)		U.K.	KS 84			4100	SICILY
PORT CHARLOTTE (130 Vehs)	19'	U.K.	KS 84	24 Feb	H. Vol	3957	ORAN via
KING JAMES (134 Vehs)		U.K.				559 Coke	NAPLES
FORT GEORGE		USA				8500	ITALY
SAFFLORA	28'10"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	8249	" ?
LALORE		U.K.				4600 Coal) 1750 Pitch)	ALGIERS
LOGEAS		U.K.				2433 Coal) 617 Coke)	ORAN
GLEN LOGAN		U.K.				4830	GIBRALTAR
BEATTIE CATON		U.K.				3734	ALGIERS
LAROE TWEEDY		U.K.				4600 Coke	BONE
BARON CRAIG		U.K.				4700	ALGIERS
JOHN P HOLLAND	25'8"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	H. Vol	8279	ITALY
EDWARD V ORLEAN	27'		UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	7795	ITALY

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JANUARY ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'D'

	Draft	From	Convoy	Due AUGUSTA	Type of Coal	Tonnage	Remarks
Potatoes)		U.K.	KS 80	4 Feb		4673	(Coal ORAN) via NAPLES
N		USA					ITALY

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'E'

		U.K.				500 Coke	NAPLES
		USA					ITALY
C Vehs)		U.K.	KS 84			5000	NAPLES
26 Vehs)		U.K.				3200	"
Vehs)		U.K.	KS 84			4100	SICILY
(130 Vehs)	19'	U.K.	KS 84	24 Feb	U. Vol	3957	ORAN via HEEL
Vehs)		U.K.				559 Coke	NAPLES
		USA				3500	ITALY
	25'10"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	8249	" ? S. FRANCE
		U.K.				4600 Coal) 1759 Pitch)	ALGIERS
		U.K.				2433 Coal) 617 Coke)	ORAN
		U.K.				1900	G. SALERNO
		U.K.				3734	ALGIERS
		U.K.				4600 Coke	ROME
		U.K.				4700	ALGIERS & ROME
	25'8"	USA	UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	8279	ITALY
T	27'		UGS 73	27 Feb	L. Vol	7705	ITALY

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M.T. CONVOYS

SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING POINT	DEST
THERMA	Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE.			
CARA	At sea - to load Naval coal at TARANTO for discharge BARI			
KEITEL	Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.			
ADOLF	At sea - to discharge at ANCONA.			
CHRISTIAN	To load at NAPLES for discharge at CAGLIARI.			
CAGLIARI	Released to M.W.T. 1 February.			
KEILA	In TARANTO discharging - to retain 2000 tons for discharge BARI			
DENMARK	In ALBA discharging			
DEFENDER	GAS 83	4862 Tons	U.K.	GIBRALTAR to
GENIO (Italian Coaster)	Loading at SAN ANTIOCO for S. PEDRO.			

Provisional sailings advised but not yet nominated:-

DEFENDER) both in GAS 83.
DENMARK)

3 M.S. Colliers in GAS 85

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R.N. CONVOYS

CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING POINT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE.				
At sea - To load Naval coal at TARANTO for discharge BARI				
Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.				
At sea - To discharge at ANCONA.				
To load at NAPLES for discharge at CAGLIARI.				
Released to E.M.T. 1 February.				
In TARANTO discharging - To retain 2000 tons for discharge BARI				E.M.T.
In BARI discharging				M.M.T.
MAS 83	4662 tons	U.K.	GIBRALTAR to discharge	E.M.T.
(Master) Loading at SAN ANTIOCO for S. FRANCE.				

Sailings advised but not yet nominated:-

2 [illegible]) both in MAS 84.
2 [illegible])

3 M.C. Colliers in MAS 85

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

SOUTH OF FRANCE

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
NAMATRES		U.K.	MKS 78		Lucc	7327	SC
ROGET					"	7032	
PARTMASTER			KMS 81			4913 21 Inch	SE
BRICK		U.K.	KMS 84			6498	SC
GAET					Sardinian	7000	E
ARTHUR M. UDDELL	25'7" Fwd 29'4" Aft	U.S.	UGS 70	7 Feb	U. Val	7846	
WILLIAM P. CLARKSON	27'6" Fwd 28'10" Aft		UGS 72	17 Feb	"	8379	
BARON PAILLE	26'0"	S. AFRICA		18 Feb		8690	

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SOUTH OF FRANCE

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APPENDIX "H"

SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
S		U.K.	HS 78		Loco	7327	SOUTH FRANCE
					"	7032	" "
			HS 81			4913 Pitch	SETE
		U.K.	HS 84			6408	SOUTH FRANCE
					Sardinian	7000	ET. 23 Feb 15
UDDELL	25'7" Fwd 29'4" Aft	U.S.	UGS 70	7 Feb	H. Vol	7646	MARSEILLES
ATHERGOT	27'6" Fwd 28'10" Aft		UGS 72	17 Feb	"	8379	"
RUE	26'0"	SAME ROA		18 Feb		8690	"

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TO THE DEAD SHIPPING BOARD

A. DEPARTED OR CONTEMPLATED

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE ARRIVAL	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
GEORGE BILLOWS	25'5"	S. AFRICA		2 Mar		8960	TE
SAMOYLE		S. AFRICA					TE
KR.192		W.A.					TE
CHARLES W. STILES		S. AFRICA					
IL.167		U.K.					TE
PORT CURTISAY	25'3"	S. AFRICA		27 Feb		8057	TE
ARLA AREKA		U.K.				4890	AR
PORT WOTTENHAM		S. AFRICA					TE
DALLINGTON COURT		W.A.			Coke	4265	TE
BOFFIN						5650	AL
SIDNEY LATHER	27'4"			3 Mar		8981	TE
EDWIN TUDOR		S. AFRICA					TE
MIDDLEPOOL		U.K.				4500 Coal 100 Coke 100 Pitch	OI

ARRIVALS

PORT ELIZABETH		S. AFRICA					
GLEN VIEW		"					
CLOVER		"					
WEST BANK							
ENGLISH LORD							
CHARLES WELLS							
CAPT. LE CONTE		"					
DEPARTMENT		"					
CHESTER CITY							

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MAILS & RETURNS

DATE	FROM	CONVOY	DUE ALGIERS	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
25/6th	S. AFRICA		2 Mar		8960	NAPLES (West)
	E. AFRICA					ITALY
	Brit.					ITALY
	S. AFRICA					
	U.K.					ITALY
26/3rd	S. AFRICA		27 Feb		8057	ITALY (West)
	U.K.				4500	ALGIERS
	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	U.K.			Coke	1265	ITALY
					5650	ALGIERS
27/10th			3 Mar		8984	ITALY (West)
	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	U.K.				4000 Coal 100 Coke 400 Pitch	ORAN via GIBRALTAR

FINAL ARRIVALS

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	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	"					"
	"					"
	"					" "
	"					"

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AGENDA.

NINETY NINTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 13TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 98 DATED 6TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 43 dated 7th February, 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 64 dated 9th February, 1945.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

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Report No. 41 dated 12th February, 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 26 dated 5th February, 1945.

10. OTHER MATTERS.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 99.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

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	Captain F.H.D. Byron R.N.	N.C.S.O. Med.
	Captain W.E. Erskine U.S.N.	U.S. Navy.
	Commander D.M. MacLean R.N.R.	S.O.S. to C in C Med.
	Brigadier A.T. de Rhe Philipe	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Colonel J.F.M. Leese	Tn. (Br.).
	Colonel J.T. Danaher U.S. Army	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Am.).
	Major M.J. Shaw U.S. Army	Petroleum Section.
	Captain P.W. Christian U.S. Army	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Captain J.C. Martin, Jr., U.S. Army	D.D.O.H.C., W. Med.
	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
Present:	Commander J.S. Sharp R.N.R.	N.C.S.O. (N.A. Med.).
	Lt.Cmdr. C.B. Sturt R.N.V.R.	S.O.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Colonel E.H. Lastayo, U.S. Army	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
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	Major J.K. Lusty	D.D.M.W.T.R. Med.
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/arranged. It was agreed that this procedure should be adopted and in reply to Lt.Col. Balfour the Chairman said that payment of agents' fees would be the responsibility of CO.GE.M. Mr. Williams.

1739. SATELLITE PORTS. Ref. 1730. Some difficulty was being experienced in setting up a Port Control Committee and Mr. Nicol suggested that the formation of such a body be directed by MEDEO. Owing to a change of policy by which A.C. were to withdraw from King's Italy, the Chairman considered it was incumbent on the Italian Government to create an organisation capable of working and financing these ports, with which Brigadier Philips agreed, and he felt that representatives of G-4 Mov & Tn., M.W.T., W.S.A. and A.C. should meet to discuss and consider the type of organisation best suited to carry out these functions. In reply to Colonel Dansher who feared delays to shipping might arise, the Chairman stated that any body which might be constituted would be responsible to MEDEO, who would continue to offer advice and assistance when needed.

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A reply from F.O.N.A.M. would shortly be received which, Commander Sharp thought, would be to the effect that Portiglione could not be opened until April at the earliest.

As no substitute could be sent, Colonel Ackerley said that shipments of barley would continue and that it could be used as an adulterant in places/

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/places close to receiving ports only, as transportation difficulties prevent wider distribution.

Minute 138. It might not be possible, Mr. Campbell thought, to accept and clear through the ports the amount of 165,000 tons wheat for May, but Brigadier Philips stated that although this amount had been requisitioned, shipment would only be requested later when the amounts which could be handled were known with greater accuracy.

Approval of Washington had not yet been received to the proposals set out in Minute 143.

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/felt Malta should be asked to state the tonnage that could conveniently be handled and that shipments should be planned accordingly.

1751. BILLS OF HEALTH. Advice had been received from the American Consul General that all vessels arriving in the United States must present a Bill of Health from port of departure, which practice the Board agreed might occasion delays to ships in particular instances. It was felt this fact should be pointed out and the following signal was subsequently sent:

"MASAB 700 American Consul General NAPLES has drawn our attention to Section 1X - 10 of Foreign Service Regulations of the United States which requires all (1) all vessels arriving in ports of the United States, its Dependencies and Possessions to present a Bill of Health from Port of departure and ports of call.
(2) While every endeavour will be made to comply with this regulation with ships from operational ports in this area, it must be pointed out that if the requirement is to be rigidly adhered to this may result in delays to ships".

1752. "LAMPEDUSA". This vessel had been salvaged and repaired at Palermo and Mr. Campbell quoted a signal saying that U.S. Navy would collect the cost of repairs from the owners provided "LAMPEDUSA" were not requisitioned. As she was over 500 ~~ft. long~~, the Chairman said the vessel's requisition by the Italian Government was automatic and that she would be operated by CO.GE.NA.

1753. A.C. WAREHOUSE AT NAPLES. An application for the removal of the wreck in front of the A.C. warehouse in Naples port had been made last November, but Lt.Col. Balfour said that no action appeared to have been taken and in consequence goods could not be shipped. He considered the work could be done in comparatively short time and Commander Sharp said he would take up the matter.

Cmdr. Shar

1754. SETE. D.M.W.T.R. Marseilles, the Chairman said, had recommended that vessels for Sete should not exceed a length of 350 ft., nor draft of 21 ft. 6".

1755. SUPPLIES FROM ORAN FOR NORTH FRANCE. Oran was to be closed down and Colonel Dancher said some 9,000 tons cargo was due to be shipped from there to North France but could neither be accepted in Marseilles, nor United Kingdom for onward routeing. W.S.A. had no authority to send a vessel to N. France and the Chairman said that unless this equipment could be accepted and a definite demand made for tonnage, no vessel could be provided. Colonel Lastayo felt that if no shipping could be made available other instructions should be issued for the disposal of this cargo.

1756. "TRITON MARIE". Mr. Nicol's statement that this vessel was allocated by MEDSO to P.W.D. on 29th December, 1943, was confirmed.

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G-4(MOV & TN) 5/379/GRM

7 Feb 45

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Subject : MINUTES OF COAL MEETING NO. 46 HELD AT 1000 HRS 7 FEB 45 IN G-4(MOV & TN) CONFERENCE ROOM.

In the chair : Maj. V. KING — G-4(Mov & Tn)

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ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)

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399. COAL FOR BALKANS (See minute 392)

(a) For period 26 Jan to 24 Feb BALKAN coal requirements would be met as follows:-

(i)	SALONIKA	2500	ex MIDEAST BALKAN Stockpile.
(ii)	PIRAEUS	450	
(iii)	VOLOS	950	
(iv)	CRETE	300	

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(v) PATRAS — 1625 tons to be transhipped from HEEL ex J.H.DRUMMOND by coaster ELPIS.

(vi) CORFU — 500 tons ex HEEL in schooner GERLANDO.

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(ii) PATRAS) — by coaster from ITALY.
(iii) PREVEZA)

(iv) PIRAEUS) — by ocean-going ship
(v) SALONIKA) — ex producer country.

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ANDREW W. PRESTON and FORT GRAHAM were both carrying gas coal which could only be accepted in NAPLES and CIVITAVECCHIA. In view of this it was agreed that AGWAR be requested to sail vessels carrying this type of coal in odd numbered convoys only, starting with UGS 73 - in order to allow vessels to clear from CIVITAVECCHIA without undue delay.

ACTION : W.S.A.

V. KING, Major,
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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

COLLIERS DUE NORTH AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 6 FEB 1945

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	N/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN	SIZE
DAGO II	17'6"	UK	KMS 80	2 Feb		Army	2530			2530
PORJUS		ORAN		2 Feb		"	2000	2000		
LORD COCHRANE		BONE		12 Feb		"	2174 Pitch			2174

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COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 1945

PORT	VESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	T For Discharg
ANCONA	GEORGE ABERNEATHY	20'	BARI		High Vol	10 Feb	4624
	FORT SALEESH	20'	BARI		High Vol	20 Feb	4125
BARI	GEORGE ABERNEATHY		USA	UGS 66	High Vol	4 Feb	3000
	J H DRUMMOND	28' 6"	SA			8 Feb	5562
	FORT SALEESH	25' 9"	USA	UGS 70	High Vol	14 Feb	4000
CAGLIARI	JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		High Vol	19 Jan	6221
CATANIA							

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VESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	TONNAGE Remaining	Estimated Date of Completion
GEORGE ARMSTRONG	20'	BARI		High Vol	10 Feb	4824		19 Feb
FORT SALEESH	20'	BARI		High Vol	20 Feb	4125		29 Feb
GEORGE ARMSTRONG		USA	UGS 66	High Vol	4 Feb	3000	2117	8 Feb
J H DRUMMOND	23' 6"	SA			8 Feb	5562		14 Feb
FORT SALEESH	25' 9"	USA	UGS 70	High Vol	14 Feb	4000		18 Feb
JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		High Vol	19 Jan	6221	700	8 Feb

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CIVITAVICCHIA	ULYSSE		SARDINIA		Sardinian	4 Feb	3400
	[illegible]		"		"	9 Feb	5000
	ANDREW W PRESTON		NAPLES		High Vol		5524
	FORT GRAHAM		"		" "		5136
GALLIPOLI	AGIA VARVARA		SARDINIA		Sardinian	18 Jan	3000
	OMEGA		"		"	10 Feb	5000
LEGHORN	JOHN M PARKER		PALERMO		High Vol	2 Feb	4451
	LEEDS CITY	22'	NAPLES			9 Feb	6017
NAPLES	AUGUSTINE HEARD		S AFRICA		High Vol	26 Jan	7445
	EMPIRE SCOTT (Sups)		UK	KMS 78	Coke	5 Feb	1005
	BORYSLAW	26' 6"	USA	UGS 65	High Vol	3 Feb	6814
	LEEDS CITY	24' 8"	S AFRICA		High Vol	6 Feb	2000
	VON HONTHORST (Sups)		UK	KMS 82	Coke		911

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COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 1945 (Contd)

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ESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	TONNAGE Remaining	Estimated Date of Completion
LISSE		SARDINIA		Sardinian	4 Feb	3400	2762	12 Feb
ATI GO ELONIATAKIS		"		"	9 Feb	5000		19 Feb
NDREW W PRESTON		NAPLES		High Vol		5524		
ORT GRAHAM		"		" "		5136		
GIA VARVARA		SARDINIA		Sardinian	18 Jan	3000	750	29 Feb
MEGA		"		"	10 Feb	5000		20 Feb
JOHN M PARKER		PALERMO		High Vol	2 Feb	4451	1975	9 Feb
LEEDS CITY	22'	NAPLES			9 Feb	6017		19 Feb
AUGUSTINE HEARD		S AFRICA		High Vol	26 Jan	7445		
EMPIRE SCOTT (Sups)		UK	KMS 78	Coke	5 Feb	1005	410	9 Feb
BORYSLAW	26' 6"	USA	UGS 65	High Vol	3 Feb	6814	374	7 Feb
LEEDS CITY	24' 8"	S AFRICA		High Vol	6 Feb	2000		
VON HONTHORST (Sups)		UK	KMS 82	Coke		911		

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PORT	VESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	Re
NAPLES (Contd)	EDERA		SARDINIA		Sardinian		7500	
	ANDREW W PRESTON	28' 6"	USA	UGS 70	High Vol		3000	
	FORT GRAHAM	26' 8"	USA	UGS 71	" "		3000	
PALERMO	MARVIA		SARDINIA		Sardinian	8 Feb	3450	
	WALTER TAYLOR	28'	USA	UGS 71	High Vol	18 Feb	4000	
REGGIO	WALKER TAYLOR		PALERMO		High Vol	25 Feb	4241	
TARANTO	RACHEL LINDSAY		BARI			2 Feb	5504	3
	J H DRUMMOND					16 Feb	3000	

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GRAHAM	26' 8"	USA	UGS 71	" "		3000		
LA		SARDINIA		Sardinian	8 Feb	3450		
ER TAYLOR	28'	USA	UGS 71	High Vol	18 Feb	4000		24 Feb
ER TAYLOR		PALERMO		High Vol	25 Feb	4241		
EL LINDSAY		Bald			2 Feb	5504	3018	15 Feb
DRUMOND					16 Feb	3000		24 Feb

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SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION
THETMA	Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE			
CARA	Shuttling Naval Coal South of FRANCE.			
BERKEL	Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.			
AMSTEL	Loading at BOUGIE and ALGIERS for discharge ANCONA.			
COLCHESTER	In LEGHORN completing discharge.			
BLAIR DEVON	Released to M.W.T. 6th February.			
CAP CATTIN	Released to M.W.T. 5th February.			
MATHILDA	K.M.S. 79	4537 N.C.	U.K.	TARANTO disch
NEILA	K.M.S. 80	4814 Welsh	U.K.	TARANTO to dis
FERNBANK	K.M.S. 80	5318 N.C.	U.K.	MALTA to disch
SENIO (Italian Coaster) Loading at SAN ANTIOCO for S. FRANCE.				

Provisionnal sailings advised but not yet nominated :-

K.M.S. 83 - 3 Colliers with N.C. 1 Collier with
K.M.S. 85 - 2 " " " 1 Collier wit
K.M.S. 86 - 2 " " Welsh.
K.M.S. 87 - 1 " " "

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CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE				
Shuttling Naval Coal South of FRANCE.				
Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.				
Loading at BOUGIE and ALGIERS for discharge ANCONA.				
LEGHORN completing discharge.				
Released to M.W.T. 6th February.				
Released to M.W.T. 5th February.				
K.M.S. 79	4537 N.C.	U.K.	TARANTO discharging	M.W.T.
K.M.S. 80	4814 Welsh	U.K.	TARANTO to discharge	M.W.T.
K.M.S. 80	5318 N.C.	U.K.	MALTA to discharge	M.W.T.
(Muster) Loading at SAN ANTIOCO for S. FRANCE.				

Also advised but not yet nominated :-

K.M.S. 83 - 3 Colliers with N.C. 1 Collier with Welsh.
K.M.S. 85 - 2 " " " 1 Collier with Welsh.
K.M.S. 86 - 2 " " Welsh.
K.M.S. 87 - 1 " " "

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JANUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP		DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMA
NORBRYN	(Vehs and Potatoes)		U.K.	KMS 80	4 Feb		4673	(Coal GRAN) via
WILLIAM DONALDSON			USA					ITALY

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
VAN DER HELST		UK				5[illegible] Coke	NA
SAMARINDA		USA					IT
EMPIRE FLAME (200 vehs)		UK				5000	NA
EMPIRE ORTOLAN ([illegible] vehs)		"				3200	"
CAPE WRATH (150 vehs)		"				4100	SIC
FORT CUMBERLAND(130 vehs)		USA				4000	GR
KING JAMES (101 vehs)		UK				559 Coke	NA
FORT CLENORA		USA				8500	IT
SAMFLORA		"				8500	"
BALMORE		UK				4800 Coal) 1750 Pitch)	AL
BOREAS		"				3210	OR
CARS LOCH		"				4900	CA
EMPIRE CANTON		"				3700	AL
JOHN C SPENCER		USA					IT
BARRY FITZGERALD		UK				5600 Coke	BO
BARRY GRANT		"				470[illegible]	AL
WILLIAM PATTERSON		USA					IT
JOHN P HOLLAND		"					IT

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JANUARY ARRIVALS

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
ns and atoes)		U.K.	KMS 80	4 Feb		4673	(Coal CRAN) via NAPLES
		USA					ITALY

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	UK				Coke	NAPLES
	USA					ITALY
s)	UK				5000	NAPLES
s)	"				3200	"
	"				4100	SICILY
ehs)	USA				4000	CRAN via HEEL
	UK				559 Coke	NAPLES
	USA				8500	ITALY
	"				8500	"
	UK				4800 Coal) 1750 Pitch)	ALGIERS
	"				3210	ORAN
	"				4900	CASABLANCA
	"				3700	ALGIERS
	USA					ITALY
	UK				4600 Coke	BONE
	"				176	ALGIERS & BONE
	USA					ITALY
	"					ITALY

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MARCH ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL
GEORGE BELLOWS		S. AFRICA			
SAMTOYLE		S. AFRICA			
ANTONIN DVORAK		S. AFRICA			
CHARLES W. STILES		S. AFRICA			
FORT CHURNISAY	26' 3"	S. AFRICA		27 Feb	
RUTEN FJELL		U.K.			
EMPIRE MALACCA	26' 0"	S. AFRICA			
KK. 189		U.K.			
WILLIAM D. HOARD	28' 2"			24 Feb	
FICTIVA					
SIDNEY LANIER					
EMPIRE TUDOR		S. AFRICA			

MARCH ARRIVALS

FORT ESPERANCE		S. AFRICA			
OCEAN VISION		"			
FORT CADOTTE		"			
ROBERT BATTEY					
BENJAMIN LUNDE					
HORACE WELLS					
JOSEPH LE CONTE					

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MARCH ARRIVALS

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HIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
S		S. AFRICA					ITALY
		S. AFRICA					ITALY
K		S. AFRICA				9394	ITALY
ILES		S. AFRICA					
Y	26' 3"	S. AFRICA		27 Feb		8057	ITALY
		U.K.				2000	ORAN
A	26' 6"	S. AFRICA				8107	ITALY
		U.K.					
OARD	22' 2"			24 Feb		9380	ITALY
						5650	ALGIERS
							ITLAY
		S. AFRICA					ITALY

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CE		S. AFRICA					ITALY
		"					"
		"					"
Y							
DG							
NTE							

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 64.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

Present: Mr. J. Gibson Graham — Chairman.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Lt.Cmdr. E. Blair, R.N.R.
Ing. en Chef 2ème. Classe, Gandilhon.
Major E. Filo Della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. I.D. Campbell.
Mr. Davison.
Mr. G.S. Ramsdale.
Captain B.D. Bate.
Captain J.P. Stryin.
Miss M.M. Michie — Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

992. REPAIRS AT MARSEILLES. Ref. 976. The Chairman reported that he had written to C in C Med. suggesting that a small Committee should sit in Marseilles to deal with local priorities concerning Merchant Ship repairs and drydocking. This Committee would report to MEDBO each week and he considered it to be necessary as there appeared to be a certain amount of misunderstanding in Paris as to the area covered by C in C Med. It was proposed that representatives of C in C Med., Sea Transport, M.W.T., U.S.A. and French Marine Marchande should sit on the Committee, which would cover all the ports in S. France.

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993. "PUNTA D'AOSTA". Ref. 978. It was reported by Mr. Campbell that repairs to this vessel would take at least two months.

994. CASABLANCA. There was no change in the programme agreed last week, although Ingenieur Gandilhon said the dock would be under repair for 10 days, about which Commander Hardie had received no information.

995. GIBRALTAR. The H.M. Ship in No. 1 Dock was due to complete about 25th February and was due to be followed by "ASTURIAS" which Commander Hardie said should arrive about 27th February. There was an H.M. Ship in both No. 2 and No. 3 Docks, "HILDA KNUDSEN" having docked in the latter one during the week. Small craft were in No. 4 Dock.

As regards the docking of "HILDA KNUDSEN", Mr. Campbell said that London had approached Gibraltar direct concerning her acceptance and had then arranged that she go to Lisbon. The Secretary had also requested C in C Med. that she be docked at Gibraltar, which had been agreed, and Mr. Campbell pointed out that dockings of vessels at ports within the area were under the jurisdiction of C in C Med.: that bids should pass through MEDBO in the usual manner and not be made to the ports direct by other authorities.

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996. ORAN. "JOHNS HOPKINS", Commander Hardie reported should complete about 4th March, when "EAGLE", which was presently repairing, would follow her in No. 1 Dock. A French Warship would be in No. 2 Dock for two weeks and be followed by "ORKLA", which vessel Lt.Cmdr. Blair had requested be docked in North Africa,

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/African rather than Toronto. In reply Gandilhon again requested that "JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE" dock at Oran and Commander Hardie pointed out it had been agreed two weeks ago that this ship be accepted at Ferryville, but that she was now in S. France and it appeared she had never been instructed to sail to Ferryville. It was, however, decided that she should be accepted at Oran after "OZILA".

997. ALGIERS. The French Warships in No. 1 Dock, Commander Hardie said, would complete about the end of February. A letter from Marseilles, saying that "SIDI BRAHIM" had fouled torpedo nets when leaving the port and that the French requested she be drydocked for inspection at Oran, was quoted by the Chairman, but it was decided she would obtain a quicker docking at Algiers and should go into No. 1 Dock after the French Warships.

"EMPIRE GAT" had redocked during the week and Commander Hardie said that a French Warship was then in No. 2 Dock and would be followed by "EMIL BAUDOT" for 7 days, then French Warships, which would undock about the end of the month.

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The H.M. Ship in No. 4 Dock, Commander Hardie said, should complete about 10th February, when he proposed that "TRIPER", for which tanker the Americans had requested a quick docking, should go in, which was agreed by the Committee. "UGO FIORELLI" was due to dock next, but the Chairman felt this should be deferred until the engine parts had arrived from England, but as it appeared there might be a period when the dock would be empty it was decided that the programme be adhered to and that she be followed by "M.L. LE BORGNE".

During the past week it had been decided to withdraw the bid for "LOBOS" for repair materials were not available in Ferryville and it was important that her cargo be discharged and on-shipped. However, after further consideration, it was felt that when discharged she should be docked for examination only, so that if repairs were to be carried out later the extent of work required would be known, and it was therefore decided she follow "M.L. LE BORGNE" in No. 4 Dock.

The French had put forward two new bids for docking at this port, both were salvaged vessels and it was felt that they could not yet be allocated to docks. Regarding "FORT DE FRANCE", however, which was a refrigerator ship, a type of vessel urgently required at present, the Chairman asked Ingenieur Gandilhon to ascertain whether the refrigerator machinery were in good condition and working order, and if so the question of granting her high docking priority at some other port would be considered. Ing.Gandilhon

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Lt.Cmdr. Blair emphasised the importance of docking "TOSCANA" as early as possible and asked if she could not dock in No. 2 Dock about 12th February, but Commander Hardie said she would have to go in alone and the other vessels would be delayed. She was, however, programmed for No. 12 Dock on completion of Floating Crane and Italian ships about 20th February and Lt.Cmdr. Blair said this would be convenient for she could then make a quick voyage before docking.

Subsequent priorities remained "EMPIRE CANDIDA", CHERON", ASSUNZIONE", "VEST".

In reply to the Chairman, who remarked that recently no Merchant Ships appeared to have been accepted at Brindisi, Commander Hardie said the dock had/

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/had been used to capacity with local craft, cranes, etc.

1000. NAPLES. French Warship in No. 1 Dock was due to complete about 20th February and Commander Hardie reported that Commander of the Dockyard had suggested taking three Liberties for cleaning and painting before changing the blocks for the Italian Warship. Mr. Davison reported that "WASHINGTON IRVING" would not be ready to dock until 28th February and as it was found impossible to allocate the three Liberties requested, Major Filo suggested "ITU" be docked for examination and go in with "FO" which was presently repairing at Naples. As the new propeller for "TRITON MAPIG" would be ready on 20th February, Mr. Davison suggested she dock after the two latter vessels to have it fitted. Commander Hardie said he would discuss this matter with Naples and subsequently said it had been agreed these vessels dock in that order before "WASHINGTON IRVING", which would be followed by the Italian Warship.

"CAPO MELE" was still in No. 2 Dock for an indefinite period, local craft in No. 3 Dock and an H.M. Ship, to be followed by Italian Warships, in the Floating Dock. No. 5 Dock was under repair.

1001. LEGHORN. Commander Hardie reported that the dock would be ready for use about 12th February and Mr. Davison understood that, if treated in the same manner as the one at La Ciotat, this dock would be able to take Liberty type ships, with a 3 ft. clearance on each side. The Chairman asked Mr. Ramsdale to investigate this point with the M.W.T. Surveyor at Leghorn. Mr. Ramsdale.

"ZUIDERSTROOM" would be the first vessel to dock, being followed by "ANDREA CONTARDINI" when Commander Hardie said a U.S. Warship would go in for examination. "FO" being subsequently programmed for Naples was deleted from Leghorn docking list.

1002. PALERMO. "ALNESFORD" would be accepted at this port after 15th February.

1003. LA CIOTAT. A French Warship was then in dock and Commander Hardie proposed the subsequent docking list should remain as stated last week with the exception that "SIDI AISSA" should not go in until "VAL DE LA HAYE" had completed, which was agreed.

The Chairman reported that London were pressing for "MORIALTA", a very useful coaster, and Commander Hardie said the docking of the French Warship might be delayed for the boy to be fitted had first to be raised from a sunken vessel which might take a considerable time, in which event "MORIALTA" would be accepted first.

1004. TOULON. Commander Hardie informed the Committee that the Vauban Dock was 244 ft. long, 48 ft. wide and that salvage vessel "KING SALVOR" had docked there for three weeks and would be followed by local craft.

The dock at Ville Franche was 210 ft. long, 25 ft. wide and had a depth of 10 ft. 6" and Commander Hardie said another dock would probably be ready in March.

1005. "LAURENT MEUS". Ref. 939. As instructions had been received from London for this vessel to repair in the Mediterranean, the Chairman considered she should be accepted at Marseilles for this purpose, and that Owners should be asked to send plans of the hawse pipes. Because of a lack of coke, Mr. Davison thought difficulty would be experienced in having castings made and the Chairman accepted his offer to look into this position while there the following week.
Mr. Davison.

1006. "PROVIDENCE", KOUTOUBIA" & "FLORIDA". Ref. 935. The Chairman reported some political difficulty regarding the future use of these vessels and also mentioned "G.G. CHANCY" which was nearing completion, but about which vessel no previous

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"CABO MELE" was still in No. 2 Dock for an indefinite period, local craft in No. 3 Dock and an H.M. Ship, to be followed by Italian Warships, in the Floating Dock. No. 5 Dock was under repair.

1001. LEXINGTON. Commander Hardie reported that the dock would be ready for use about 12th February and Mr. Davison understood that, if treated in the same manner as the one at La Ciotat, this dock would be able to take Liberty type ships, with a 5 ft. clearance on each side. The Chairman asked Mr. Ransdale to investigate this point with the M.W.T. Surveyor at Leghorn. Mr. Ransdale.

"ZAANSTROOM" would be the first vessel to dock, being followed by "ANDREA CONTARINI" when Commander Hardie said a U.S. Warship would go in for examination. "EO" being subsequently programmed for Naples was deleted from Leghorn docking list.

1002. PALERMO. "ALNESTORD" would be accepted at this port after 15th February.

1003. LA CIOTAT. A French Warship was then in dock and Commander Hardie proposed the subsequent docking list should remain as stated last week with the exception that "SIDI ABBAS" should not go in until "VIL DE LA HAYE" had completed, which was agreed.

The Chairman reported that London were pressing for "MONTALTA", a very useful coaster, and Commander Hardie said the docking of the French Warship might be delayed for the bow to be fitted had first to be raised from a sunken vessel which might take a considerable time, in which event "MONTALTA" would be accepted first.

1004. TOULON. Commander Hardie informed the Committee that the Vaubon Dock was 244 ft. long, 48 ft. wide and that salvage vessel "KING SALVOR" had docked there for three weeks and would be followed by local craft.

The dock at Ville Franche was 210 ft. long, 25 ft. wide and had a depth of 10 ft. 6" and Commander Hardie said another dock would probably be ready in March.

1005. "LAURENT MEUS". Ref. 939. As instructions had been received from London for this vessel to repair in the Mediterranean, the Chairman considered she should be accepted at Marseilles for this purpose, and that Owners should be asked to send plans of the hawse pipes. Because of a lack of coke, Mr. Davison thought difficulty would be experienced in having castings made and the Chairman accepted his offer to look into this position while there the following week.
Mr. Davison.

1006. "PROVIDENCE", KOUTOUBIA" & "FLORIDA". Ref. 935. The Chairman reported some political difficulty regarding the future use of these vessels and also mentioned "G.G. CHANCY" which was nearing completion, but about which vessel no previous information had been received. As these vessels were in the Mediterranean he stated they come under the control of MEDTO, should therefore be fitted to Sea Transport standards, and also offered to C.S.A.B. under the terms of the 1943 Agreement. It had been agreed, the Chairman said, that "PROVIDENCE" should make one voyage on French account, but thereafter be fitted to the specifications of Sea Transport as a Troop carrier.

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1007. L.S.T. VESSELS. Ref. 917. Advice had been received from Washington, Mr. Davison stated, that all U.S.A. vessels of this category on N. African coast had been declared C.T.L.

1008. "LONDIRE". This tanker was at Cagliari and Captain Bate understood had trouble with the main bearings, but could be put into commission if 3 cwt of metal could be obtained, and Mr. Ramsdale said he would look into the matter.
Mr. Ramsdale.

1009. FITTING OF M.T. SHIPS. There were 4 M.T. Ships required to be fitted for operations at Taranto and Lt.Cmdr. Blair requested they be given priority berthing facilities for this purpose. As they were to load elsewhere and as timber was available, Mr. Campbell suggested this work be done at Terre Annunziata.

1010. WATER BOATS AT TARANTO. As it had been reported that only two of the eight water boats at this port were in working condition the Chairman enquired whether repairs could not be hastened. Captain Bate said the Master of the "TASS OF HELFONT" reported the vessel was immobilised but as there was some conflicting information on this point Mr. Ramsdale was asked to investigate. Mr. Ramsdale.

1011. REPAIRS TO FRENCH VESSELS DAMAGED BY SHIPS UNDER ALLIED CONTROL. Mr. Campbell said there had been considerable correspondence between Travaux Maritimes at Marseilles and M.W.T./W.S.A. on this subject and that the French had proposed a commission, comprising one officer of each nationality concerned, should sit to determine the extent of such damages. They had also proposed that payment for repairs should be made at the rates obtaining in Marseilles, but the Committee did not consider this could be agreed and said the damage should be surveyed in the normal manner without prejudice.

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DRYDOCKING LIST. 9TH FEBR

PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	16th Feb.		Water boat. Cleaning and overhaul. (MWTR/E
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	HILDA KNUDSEN	IN DOCK			
	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian tanker. Requires end and propellor.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	EAGLE	At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced fro and extensive repairs.
	ORKLA	At Piraeus for Augusta	16th Feb.		Speed reduced from 8-7½k.
ALGIERS.	MEONIA	DOCKED			
	SIDI BRAHIM	At Oran	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k.
	SPINDLETOP	Bid withdrawn			
FERRYVILLE.	PROSPER SCHLAFFINO	At Algiers	on arrival	May, 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½
	JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	At Ajaccio	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k.
	UGO FIORELLI	Immobilised at Bizerta	ready		Italian Tanker. Cleaning awaiting repairs.
	M.L. LE BORGNE	Maddalena/Bastia/ Naples		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k.
	ORPHEUS	Due Ancona to discharge	22nd Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10-7k. propellor shaft.
	FORT DE FRANCE	At Ferryville	ready		Salvaged refrig. ship. Hu
	VILLE DE TIPAZA	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Tempora
	LOBOS	Bid withdrawn			
TARANTO & BRINDISI. Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE CANDIDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed
	EMPIRE ADUR	At Taranto	ready	Aug. 1944	Refrig. ship. Speed reduc 10-8½k. General overhau
	CHIOA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and pa
	CRATA	At Taranto	ready over year	out of d/d.	Cleaning and painti
	SAKLEVEN	Hook-Greece Shuttle	23rd Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle awaiting relief	end Feb.		Italian Tanker. Speed re To be wiped.

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DRYDOCKING LIST.

9TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	16th Feb.		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/FEO BID)
ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
HILDA KNUDSEN	IN DOCK			
FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and propellor. (MWTR BID)
HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
EAGLE	At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FEO/WSA BID)
ORNIA	At Piraeus for Augusta	16th Feb.		Speed reduced from 8-7½k. Hull repairs. (PSTO BID)
MEONIA	DOCKED			
SIDI BRAHIM	At Oran	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k. (FRENCH BID)
SPINDLETOP	Bid withdrawn			
PROSPER SCHLAFFER	At Algiers	on arrival	May, 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½k. (FRENCH BID)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	At Ajaccio	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. (FRENCH BID)
UGO FIORELLI	Immobilised at Bizerta	ready		Italian Tanker. Cleaning and painting and awaiting repairs. (MWTR BID)
M.I. LE BORGNE	Maddalena/Bastia/ Naples		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k. (FRENCH BID)
ORPHEUS	Due Ancona to discharge	22nd Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10-7k. Drawing of propellor shaft. (PSTO BID)
FORT DE FRANCE	At Ferryville	ready		Salvaged refrig. ship. Hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
VILLE DE TIPASA	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Temporary hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
LOBOS	Bid withdrawn			
EMPIRE CANDIDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed. (PSTO BID)
EMPIRE ADUR	At Taranto	ready	Aug. 1944	Refrig. ship. Speed reduced from 10-8½k. General overhaul. (PSTO BID)
CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
ORATA	At Taranto	ready over year out of d/d.		Cleaning and painting. Italian. (MWTR BID)
SAMLEVEN	Bari-Greece Shuttle	23rd Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k. (PSTO BID)
VITTORINI ZANNINO	Bari-Ancona Shuttle awaiting relief	2nd Feb.		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI.	TOSCANA	At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning and painting tail end shaft.
For Repairs.	ICELAND	At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube
	TERESA SCHLAFFINO	At Taranto	ready	Jan. 1945 Ital.	To re-dock for re-wooling of stern t
	ASSUNZIONE	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern p
	VEST	At Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning & painting.
	LYMINGE	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.
	ORIETTA	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands.
	GALEB	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and c and painting.
NAPLES.	WASHINGTON IRVING	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder rep
	ITU	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs.
	SAMPLER	Bid withdrawn			
LEGHORN.	ZUIDSTROOM	At Leghorn	ready	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k.
	ANDREA CONTARINI	At Naples	16th Feb.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	TO	At Naples repairing	on arrival	18 months out of d/d.	Italian water boat. Cleaning & painting.
	SAMUCOV	Bid withdrawn			
PALERMO.	ALBESPOND	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooling of stern bush.
LA CIOTAT.	SIDI AISSA	At La Ciotat	ready		Hull repairs.
	ARAGO	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	VILLE DE BASTIA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	VAL DE LA MAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	HERCULES	At Marseilles	ready		Torpedo damage.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
	At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning and painting and draw tail and shaft.	(PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube.	(PSTO BID)
LAFFINO	At Taranto	ready	Jan. 1945 Ital.	To re-dock for re-wooding of stern tube.	(MWTR BID)
S	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning & painting.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.	(PSTO BID)
	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands.	(PSTO BID)
	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and cleaning and painting.	(MWTR BID)
I DIVING	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs.	(WSA BID)
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs.	(MWTR BID)
	Bid withdrawn				
M	At Leghorn	ready	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k.	(PSTO BID)
TARINI	At Naples	16th Feb.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning and painting.	(PSTO BID)
	At Naples repairing	on arrival	18 months out of d/d.	Italian water boat. Cleaning & painting.	(MWTR/FBO BID)
	Bid withdrawn				
	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooling of stern bush.	(MWTR BID)
	At La Ciotat	ready		Hull repairs.	(FRENCH BID)
	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.	(F[illegible]H BID)
CASTEL	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.	(FRENCH BID)
HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.	(FRENCH BID)
	At Marseilles	ready		Torpedo damage.	(MWTR BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

9TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship & Local Craft (out abt. 12th Feb.)
French Warship (5 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

No. 2 Dock

Local Craft

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. 25th Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock

Small Craft

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 4th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (2 weeks)
ORELA (4/5 days)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. end Feb.)
SIDI BRAHIM

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (10 days)
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warships

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.)
ORPHEUS (4 days)

No. 3 Dock

PROSPER SCHLATTINO (2 days)
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. 10th Feb.
PUMPER (2 days)
UGO FIORELLI (2 days)
M.L. LE BORGNE (2 days)
LOBOS (for examination)

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No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship & Local Craft (out abt. 12th Feb.)
French Warship (5 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

No. 2 Dock

Local Craft

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. 25th Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock

Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 4th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (2 weeks)
ORILA (4/5 days)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. end Feb.)
SIDI BRAHIM

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (10 days)
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warships

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F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.
ORPHEUS (4 days)

No. 3 Dock

PROSPER SCHLAFFINO (2 days)
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. 10th Feb.
PUMPER (2 days)
UGO FIORELLI (2 days)
M.L. LE BORGNE (2 days)
LOBOS (for examination)

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T A R A N T O.

No. 1 Dock

EMPIRE ROACH, TURNEU & H.M. Ships (out abt. 19th Feb.)
ICELAND, TERESA SCHIAFFINO & H.M. Ship (15 days)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship & Italian Warship (out abt. 11th Feb.)
MASPRITE, EMPIRE ADUR & H.M. Ship (3 days)

No. 12 Dock

Floating Crane & Italian Ships (out abt. 20th Feb.)
TOSCANA (4 days)

No. 13 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 19 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

EMPIRE CANDIDA
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.)
ITU (for examination) & PO (2 days)
TRITON MARIS (one day)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 2 Dock

CAPO MELE (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock

Local Craft

Floating Dock

H.M. Ship
Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock

Under Repair

L E G H O R N.

Under Repair (ready 12th Feb.)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)
U.S. Warship (for examination)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
ALRESFORD (3/4 days)

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

1. French Warship
2. ARAGO (2 days)
3. VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
4. VAL DE LA HAYE (2 days)
5. SIDI AISSA (15 days)
6. French Warship (7 weeks)
7. MORIALTA (3 weeks)

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[illegible], EMPIRE SOLDERING & H.M. Ship (15 days) NASERITE, EMPIRE ADUR & H.M. Ship (6 days)

No. 12 Dock

Floating Crane & Italian Ships (out abt. 20th Feb.)
TOSCANA (4 days)

No. 13 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

EMPIRE CANDIDA
CERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.)
ITU (for examination) & FO (2 days)
TRITON MARIS (one day)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 2 Dock

CAPO MELE (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock

Local Craft

Floating Dock

H.M. Ship
Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock

Under Repair

L E G H O R N.

Under Repair (ready 12th Feb.)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)
U.S. Warship (for examination)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
ALRESFORD (3/4 days)

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

1. French Warship
2. ARAGO (2 days)
3. VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
4. VAL DE LA HAYE (2 days)
5. SIDI AISSA (15 days)
6. French Warship (7 weeks)
7. MORLAIX (3 weeks)

T O U L O N.

No. 1 Dock

KING SALVOR (3 weeks)
Local Craft

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION FOR MEETING AT 1500 HRS ON 9th FEBRUARY 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

Dates anticipated or actual

Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In	DRYDOCKING Out	Completion for return to service	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port: Own power	In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO - 6.2.45				
VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/1 C Ind.	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	D Ind. E 28/2	Repairs near completion. Vessel to be drydocked.
SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 23/2	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 13/3 E 23/3	Vessel to be redocked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
OPATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LEMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Deck and engine repairs.	E 20/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2	Rudder repairs.	D 19/2 E 21/2	
SPERO	A 5/1 B 9/1 C 27/1	Routine D/D. Boiler clean & minor deck repairs, and engine repairs. Insulation plug hatch repairs.	D 2/2 E 3/2	Completed.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 19/2 E 28/2	Slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E Ind.	
EMPIRE	A 21/1	Boiler repairs & condenser	D 20/2	

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A		B	C	D	E	F	G
		In	Out	to service	Own power	In tow	
Vessel	Initial Dates		Main Defects		Final Dates		Remarks
TARANTO - 6.2.45.							
VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7 C Ind.		Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.		D Ind. E 28/2		Repairs near completion. Vessel to be drydocked.
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10		Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.		D 3/11 E Ind.		Repairs to machinery & boilers slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 23/2		Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.		D 27/1 D 13/3 E 23/3		Vessel to be redocked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
ORATA	C 5/12		General fitting out for sea.		D 21/12 E Ind.		Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11		Engine & boiler repairs.		E Ind.		Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LYMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12		Deck and engine repairs.		E 20/2		Progress slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2		Rudder repairs.		D 19/2 E 21/2		
SFERO	A 5/1 B 9/1 C 27/1		Routine D/D. Boiler clean & minor deck repairs, and engine repairs. Insulation plug hatch repairs.		D 2/2 Z 3/2		Completed.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2		Routine D/D after repairs afloat.		D 19/2 E 28/2		Slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1		Serious defects in all boilers.		E Ind.		
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 14/2		Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew.		D 20/2 E 15/3		
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 22/2		Boiler survey and repairs. Hospital fitting.		D 27/2 E 28/2		
SARDAK	A 27/1 B 29/1		Starboard boiler repairs after explosion.		E 7/2		
EMPIRE CLYDE	A) B) 23/1		Extensive boiler and furnace repairs.		E 1/2		Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (Cont'd)				
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 23/2	Examination of stern tube & testing propeller.	D 13/3 E 14/3	Awaiting D/D.
RINA I (S.T.O. Sch.)	A 18/1 C 19/1	Routine D/D.	D 27/1 E 28/1	Completed.

TARANTO:

SAMTRUTH	PASS OF MELFORT	PORT LIVINGSTONE	
BENGLOE	SAMATTRIC	BARONESSA	
CHAMPOLLION	SAMCOLNE	PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA	Minor repairs since 30.1.45
FORT LAWRENCE	SAMSPELGA		
MAI LEE	SAMVIE		
LECH	PAHLEHLEH		

BRINDISI:

SCOTTISH MONARCH	CORSTAR	HILDUR I	
REGIN	LA FONTAINE PARK	OCEAN GYPSY	
JURKOTOPIC	BENJAMIN TAY		

BARI:

JENNINGS	BLAIR DEVON	SABREST
SAN VINCENZO	CANDIDA	PUNTA D'OSTA
CHARLTON HALL	EMPIRE COLERIDGE	
FORT ERIE	ESHEH	
KONGSVERRE	APAJNLA	
FAUVETTE	SAMHOUSTON	

MARSEILLES - 7.2.45.

MORIALTA		Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.		
COTTON VALLEY	A 4/10 B 11/10	Mine damage. Bow section missing.	E 7/1	Operating at Toulon as water carrier; without windlass, anchor or cable.
VILLE D'ORLN	A)28/1 B)	General deck & engine & troop accommodation repairs.	E 7/2	Completed.

Minor repairs since 30.1.45.

OCTANE	CARA	P.L.M.13	EMPIRE VALOUR
MORIALTA	TAIREA	HERMATRIS	

GIBRALTAR - 5.2.45

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TARANTO:

SAGERUTH	PASS OF MELFORT	FORT LIVINGSTONE		Minor repairs since 30.1.45
BENGLOE	SAMAFRIC	BARONESSA		
CHAMPOLLION	SAMCOLINE	PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA		
FORT LAWRENCE	SAMSELAS			
NAILEE	SAMWIL			
LECH	PARLEMEER			
BRINDISI:	SCOTTISH MONARCH	OCRSTAR	MELDUR I	
	REGIN	LA FONTAINE PARK	OCEAN GYPSY	
	TURKOTOPIC	BENJAMIN TAY		

BARI:

JENNINGS	BLAIR DEVON	SAMFREST	
SAN VINCENZO	CANDIDA	PUNTA DAOSTA	
CHARLTON HALL	EMPIRE COLERIDGE		
FORT ERIE	ESHER		
KONGSVERGE	APAMNIA		
FAUVETTE	SAMHOUSTON		

MARSEILLES - 7.2.45.

MORIALTA		Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.		
COTTON VALLEY	A 4/10 B 11/10	Mine damage. Bow section missing.	E 7/1	Operating at Toulon as water carrier; without windlass, anchor or cable.
VILLE D'ORAN	A) 28/1 B)	General deck & engine & troop accommodation repairs.	E 7/2	Completed.

Minor repairs since 30.1.45.

OCTANE	CARA	P.L.M.13	EMPIRE VALOUR
MORIALTA	TAIREA	HARMATRIS	

GIBRALTAR - 5.2.45

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No.2 Hold by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
EMPIRE GLEN	A 27/1 B 26/1	Fractured main discharge pipe.	E 31/1	Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	With Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
GIBRALTAR (CONT'D)				
SAMTORCH	A) B) 25/1	Fan engine cylinder to bore & new piston and rod to make.	E Not stated.	
FORT NASHWAAK	A 27/1 B 28/1	Engine defects.	B 5/2	Completed.
ITINDA	A) B) 1/2	Boiler repairs.	E 8/2	
GUINEAN: CAP CANTIN: ALETTA: CHISWICK: LLANDOVERY CASTLE (H.S.)- Minor repairs since 25.1.45				
(Minor repairs since 30.1.45 - No information).				

LEGHORN - 6.2.45

No major repairs reported.

Minor repairs since 30.1.45 - MONTREIGH: ZAANSTROOM (Minor deck & engine repairs proceeding. Ambitious D/D).

NAPLES 7.2.45

EMPIRE DON	A 12/1 B 13/1	Propeller & tail end shaft removed for machining.	E 5/2	Completed.
EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	A) B) 30/1	Boiler defects.	E 5/2	Completed.
AVON COAST	A 1/2 B 2/2	General overhaul. Main engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 12/2	
OTTINGE	A) B) 6/2	Hull defects.	E 12/2	
ALVALAZERE	A) B) 21/12 C 12/2	Making new propeller.	D 14/2 E 15/2	Progress in machining slow.

Minor repairs since 30.1.45

SAMSNEARN	SERIN	FORT FRONTENAC	SWITZERLAND
EGYPTIAN PRINCE	SAPPLER	EMPIRE SCOTT	PRINCIPESSA GIOVENNA
ALEXANDRA PARK	EMPIRE HARMONY	KRISTEL	
EMPIRE SUMMER	P.L.M.14	DINARA	GOLLY
BRIGHTON	EMPIRE GALE	CARLTON	DON
MALVINA	SAGINGOY	SCYTHIA	SAMBRIAN

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MASHWAK B 28/1

ITINDA A)1/2 B) Boiler repairs. E 8/2

GUINEAN: CAP CANTIN: ALETTA: CHISWICK: LLANDOVERY CASTLE (H.S.) - Minor repairs since 23.1.45

(Minor repairs since 30.1.45 - No information).

LEGHORN - 6.2.45

No major repairs reported.

Minor repairs since 30.1.45 - MONTREIGH: ZAANSTROOM: (Minor deck & engine repairs proceeding. Awaiting D/D).

NAPLES 7.2.45.

EMPIRE A 12/1 Propeller & tail end shaft E 3/2 Completed.
DON B 13/1 removed for machining.

EMPIRE A)30/1 B) Boiler defects. E 5/2 Completed.
COPPERFIELD

AVON A 1/2 General overhaul. Main engines, E 12/2
COAST B 2/2 boilers and auxiliaries.

OTTINGE A)6/2 B) Hull divers. E 12/2

ALVAIAZERE A)21/12 B) Making new propeller. D 14/2 Progress in machining
C 12/2 E 15/2 slow.

Minor repairs since 30.1.45

SAUSNEARN	SEBIN	FORT FRONTENAC	SWITZERLAND
EGYPTIAN PRINCE	SAMPLER	EMPIRE SCOTT	PRINCIPESSA. GIOVANNA.
ALEXANDRA PARK	EMPIRE HARMONY	KRISTEL	
EMPIRE SUMMER	P.L.M.14	DINARA	GOLLY
BRIGHTON	EMPIRE GALE	CARLTON	DON
MALVINA	SAMINGOY	SCYTHIA	SAMARIAN
FLAMINK	EMPIRE DASSEL	LEEDS CITY	LLANDOVERY CASTLE
SAFTAITHUL	FORT SPOKANE	SAINETHY	
TRAN: A. VADERLIP	BRITTANY COAST	SUTHERLAND	

BONE - 7.2.45 (No report received for w/e 30.1.45).

No major repairs reported.

FORT ANNE: MOONCREST: ANTONIO - Minor repairs since 30.1.45

PHILLIPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
MALTA - 5.2.45. (including delayed report w/e 29.1.45)				
AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	A 17/1 B 16/1	Collision damage to hull.	E 27/1	Completed.
EMPIRE SPINNEY	A) 23/1 B) C 5/2	Routine D/D. Winch repairs.	D 7/2 E 8/2	
ALEXANDRE ANDRE	A) 25/1 B)	Cracked cylinder heads.	E 8/2	
FORT ALEXANDRIA E.A. PEDEN BRITISH GRATITUDE	WELSH TRADER DARIEN II EMPIRE DANIEL	BARON RUTHVEN MONTE CUCCO	} Minor repairs since 22.1.45	
MONTE CUCCO EASTERN PRINCE COLIMA	ZYPENBERG ANGELO BALTIC	FORT ALEXANDRIA	} Minor repairs since 29.1.45.	
BIZERTE - 6.2.45 (including delayed report for w/e 30.1.45).				
TORE JARL (Norw.)	A 25/11 B 20/11 C 22/11	Routine D/D. Numerous machinery & boiler defects affecting seaworthiness.	D 6/12 E 22/45	Completed.
SALVLNGED	A 4/1 C 14/1	Routine D/D. Stern gland re-packed, boiler cleaning; deck & engine repairs.	D 20/1 E 27/1	Completed.
LURLIN	A 4/1 C 11/1	Routine D/D. Rudder bushes renewed; stern gland re-packed. Deck & engine repairs; boiler cleaning and survey.	D 20/1 E 4/2	Completed.
GUDRUN	A 15/1 B 25/1 C 30/1	Routine D/D; stern gland to repack; boiler cleaning and survey. Deck & engine repairs.	D 2/2 E 13/2	Delayed owing to other priorities.
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C Lnd.	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20 ft. below water line; holed fwd end No. 2	D) Lnd. E)	Cargo being discharged from all holds. Temp'y repairs in D/D will take at least 6 weeks. R.N. short of material.
THOS. R. REED (U.S.)	A 18/1 B 19/1	Temp'y collision damage repairs.	E 1/2	Completed.

SALT CREEK - Minor repair since 23.1.45

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SPINNEY	B) C 5/2			
ALEXANDRE AUDE	A)25/1 B)	Cracked cylinder heads.	E 8/2	
PORT ALEXANDRIA E.A. PEDEN BRITISH GRATITUDE	WELSH TRADER DARIEN II EMPIRE DANIEL	BARON RUTHVEN MONTE CUCCO	}	Minor repairs since 22.1.45
MONTE CUCCO EASTERN PRINCE COLINA	ZYPENBERG ANGELO BALTIC	PORT ALEXANDRIA.	}	Minor repairs since 29.1.45.

BIZERTE - 6.2.45 (including delayed report for w/e 30.1.45).

TORE JARL (Norw.)	A 25/11 B 20/11 C 28/11	Routine D/D. Numerous machinery & boiler defects affecting seaworthiness.	D 6/12 E 2/45	Completed.
SALVINGEN	A 4/1 C 14/1	Routine D/D. Stern gland re-packed, boiler cleaning; deck & engine repairs.	D 20/1 E 27/1	Completed.
LUBLIN	A 4/1 C 11/1	Routine D/D. Rudder bushes renewed; stern gland re-packed. Deck & engine repairs; boiler cleaning and survey.	D 20/1 E 4/2	Completed.
GUDRUN	A 15/1 B 25/1 C 30/1	Routine D/D; stern gland to repack; boiler cleaning and survey. Deck & engine repairs.	D 2/2 E 13/2	Delayed owing to other priorities.
LOBOS	A) B)18/1 C Ind.	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20 ft. below water line; holed fwd end No. 2	D) E) Ind.	Cargo being discharged from all holds. Temp'y repairs in D/D will take at least 6 weeks. R.N. short of material.
THOS. B. REED (U.S.)	A 16/1 B 19/1	Temp'y collision damage repairs.	E 1/2	Completed.

SALT CREEK - Minor repair since 23.1.45
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ORAN - 6.2.45 (including delayed report w/e 30.1.45)

FORT FIDDLER	B 27/11 C 26/11	L.A.S.F. Stiffening bulkheads to proceed to permanent repair port.	D 10/12 E 14/1	Work completed. Awaiting crew and port of destination.
PROVIDENCE	B 1/1 C 31/12	Bottom damage and minor mach'y repairs after extensive period aground in S. France.	D 17/1 E -	Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
CRAN (CONT'D)				
DUKE OF SPARTA	B 19/1 C 20/1	Rudder repairs.	D 24/1 E 27/1	Completed.
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C)21/1	Damage in engine room and No.5 Hold.	D 4/3 E Ind.	
EMPIRE JULIA	A) B)21/1	Fractured M.E. intermediate stop valve chest.	E Ind.	Vessel laid off pending arrival of new valve chest.
G.S.WALDEN	A) B)26/1	Boiler repairs.	E 26/1	Completed.
ALEXANDER STEVENS	B 27/1	Refrigerator repairs.	E 7/2	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 5/2	Routine D/D; machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D) E)Ind.	
WILLIAM EATON	A) B)29/1	Defects not stated.	E 2/2	Completed.
HARRIET TUBMAN (U.S.): ALEX.SHEPPARD: OCEAN TRAVELLER - Minor repairs since 23.1.45.				
ECLIPSE: ANDREW FURUSETH: THOMAS HIND: JEROME JONES: CALEB STONE: - Minor repairs since 30.1.45.				
ALGIERS - 5.2.45				
AMSTEL	A) B)1/2	Fumigation; deck and machinery repairs.	E 2/2	
EMPIRE HARBOUR	A) B)1/2	Heavy weather damage.	E 4/2	
EMPIRE GAT	A 10/1 B) C)11/1 C 31/1	Storm tube to remove and re-metal.	D 15/1 D) E)3/2	Completed.
EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast & G.S. pumps; renewals to steam & exhaust pipes; boiler survey.	E 12/2	
EMPIRE LASS	A) B)23/1 C)	Routine D/D; repairs to rudder pintles; machinery, boiler & deck repairs.	D 27/1 E 4/2	Completed.

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EMPIRE JULIA	A) B) 2/4	Fractured M.P. intermediate H. Ind. stop valve chest.		Vessel left off pending arrival of new valve chest.
G.S. WALDEN	A) B) 26/1	Boiler repairs.	E 26/1	Completed.
ALEXANDER STEVENS	B 27/1	Refrigerator repairs.	E 7/2	
EAGLE	A 28/1 B 30/1	Routine D/D; machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D) E) Ind.	
WILLIAM EATON	A) B) 29/1	Defects not stated.	E 2/2	Completed.

HARRIET TUBMAN (U.S.): ALEX. SHEPPARD: OCEAN TRAVELLER - Minor repairs since 23.1.45.

ECLIPSE: ANDREW FURUSETH: DOUGLAS MOE: JESSE JONES: CALEB STONE: - Minor repairs since 30.1.45.

ALGIERS - 5.2.45

AMSTEL	A) B) 1/2	Refrigeration; deck and machinery repairs.	E 2/2	
EMPIRE HARBOUR	A) B) 1/2	Heavy weather damage.	E 1/2	
EMPIRE GAT	A 10/1 B) C) 11/1 C 31/1	Stern tube to remove and re-metal.	D 15/1 D) E) 3/2	Completed.
EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast & G.S. pumps; renewals to steam & exhaust pipes; boiler survey.	E 12/2	
EMPIRE LASS	A) B) 23/1 C)	Routine D/D; repairs to rudder pintles; machinery, boiler & deck repairs.	D 27/1 E 4/2	Completed.

PINZON, RILEY, DUNFIELD: EMPIRE TORRENT, SAGRIAN, FORT LA TOUR, SAMUEL V. SHEVE: Minor repairs since 29.1.45

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Vessel	Initial Date	Main Defects	Final Date	Remarks
ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIP POSITION ON 8.2.45				
GIBRALTAR. VESSELS IN HAND				
FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail end shaft.	Not started.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
VESSELS L.A.S.T.				
OLTENIA		Not repairable for the duration.		Has only 10 men crew for crossing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940	In very bad condition.		Left at the present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Not fit for long towing.
SUSA IN HAND				
GIUSEPPE LEVA		General repairs.	E 20/2	No report.
MESSINA IN HAND				
FERRY BOAT VILLA S. GIOVANNI		General repairs.	E Feb. 1945.	Under survey of Reparto Navigazione delle Ferrovie Stato Messina.
LEGHORN UNDER FOR REPAIRS				
ANDREA CONTARINI		Foul		Last D/D on 28/5/44.
AT SEA FIT FOR REPAIRS				
PARTENOPE		General engine and hull repairs. Foul.		Ship on service. Repairs completed. D/D postponed due to urgent need of the craft by Royal Navy.
LUCIA C.		Routine D/D. Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.		15 days asked. Last D/D 6 months ago. Vessel to be sent M.E.
S. CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		Already docked once. Repairs to hull not completed at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA		Repairs to capstan.		6 days repairs.

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				New propeller boss fitted from U.K. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
		VESSELS R.A.S.F.		
OLTERRA		Not repairable for the duration.		Has only 10 men crew for remaining machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940	In very bad condition.		Left at the present state since 1946. Loaded with pig iron. Not fit for long towing.
		SUSA IN HAND.		
GIUSEPPE LEVA		General repairs.	E 28/2	No report.
		MESSINA IN HAND.		
FERRY BOAT VILLA S. GIOVANNI		General repairs.	E Feb. 1945.	Under survey of Esercizio Navigazione delle Ferrovie Stato Messina.
		LEGHORN DOCK FOR REPAIRS.		
ANDREA CONTARINI		Foul		Last D/D on 26/5/44.
		AT SEA FOR REPAIRS.		
PARTENOPE		General engine and hull repairs. Foul.		Ship on service. Repairs completed. D/D postponed due to urgent need of the craft by Royal Navy.
LUCIA C.		Routine D/D. Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as control carrier.		15 days asked. Last D/D 6 months a/c. Vessel to be sent M.E.
S. CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		Already docked once. Repairs to hull not completed at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA		Repairs to capstan.		6 days repairs.
		TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND.		
SANDRINA	B 17/1	Boiler defects.	E 28/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
SFINGE	A 25/5 E 24/5	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Works temporarily suspended. Not possible to foresee completion date.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Scaling and painting of hull.	D 21/12	Work temporarily suspended.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
REPAIRS VESSELS IN HAND				
MISENO	B)9/11 C)	General repairs.	D 16/11 E 25/2	Must be docked again for completion of hull repairs.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 1/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 7/2 E 17/2	Salvaged on July 29, 1944. Works proceed slowly.
TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10	Boiler tubes to be chanred. To be drawn out.	D 25/1	Vessel to be redocked to complete renewing of stern tube. Works temporarily suspended.
Bids for Repairs				
CHEROA		Boiler and [illegible] tests. Cleaning & painting of hull.		15 days asked for repairs. D/D 1 day only. Last time docked Dec. 1943. D/D has been postponed.
ANDALUSIA		Engine and boiler repairs woodwork. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.		30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. [illegible] commenced.
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		Idle since April 42. Twice D/D requested. Ship should be reconditioned & handed over to the M.E.D.F.O.
LUANA		General repairs [illegible] mined.		Docking asked. Awaiting orders to start repairs.
MINES VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/2	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Large hole in hull. Ship mined.	D 19/2	Amount of work was found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.		[illegible] work commenced.
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. [illegible] dock plating to renew under steering gear & capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Repairs completed. Ship must be redocked for replacing of false keels.

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	C 1/2	shaft alignment.	E 17/2	1944. Works proceed slowly.
TERESA SCULATTINO	B 20/10	Boiler tubes to be cleaned. To be dream out.	D 25/2	Vessel to be redocked to complete re-seeding of stern tube. Works temporarily suspended.

Ship for Repairs.

THERCA	Boiler and engine repairs. Cleaning & painting of hull.		15 days asked for repairs. D/D 1 day only. Last time docked Dec. 1943. D/D has been postponed.
ANDALUSIA	Engine and boiler repairs woodwork. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.		30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Repairing commenced.
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		Docked since April 42. Three D/D's requested. Ship should be reconditioned & handed over to U.S.N.D.F.E.
LUANA	General repairs required.		4 months asked. Awaiting orders to start repairs.

NAPIER WORKS IN HAND.

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/2	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Large hole in hull. Ship mined.	D 19/2	Amount of work was found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.		Dock & work commenced.

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BIDS FOR REPAIRS.

ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Dock plating to renew under steering gear & capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Repairs completed. Ship must be redocked for replacing of propeller blades.
ARSIA		Routine D/D.		1 day only asked.

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM CASAEL/NOL.

NO FRENCH REPORT OR W.S.A. REPORT RECEIVED.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 98.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 6TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

	Mr. I.D. Campbell	In the Chair.
Members:	Commodore C.R.E.W. Perryman R.N.	P.S.T.O. Med.
	Captain F.H.D. Byron R.N.	N.C.S.O. Med.
	Captain W.E. Erskine U.S.N.	U.S. Navy.
	Commander D.M. MacLean R.N.R.	S.O.S. to C in C Med.
	Colonel E.H. Lastayo U.S. Army	C.O.T.
	Lt.Col. C.F. Russell	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Lt.Col. A.W. Johns	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Major A.A.A. Launder	Petroleum Section.
	Captain J.C. Martin, Jr., U.S.Army	D.D.O.H.C., W. Med.
	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
Present:	Commander J.S. Sharp R.N.R.	N.C.S.O. (N.A. Med.).
	Lt.Cmdr. G.B. Sturt R.N.V.R.	S.O.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Lt.Col. J.M. Balfour	A.C. Trans. Sub-Commission.
	Captain P.W. Christian, U.S. Army	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Mr. A.C. Hogarth	D.M.W.T.R.
	Lt.Col. K. Anderson	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. R.F. Fairley	D.M.W.T.R. N.W. Italy.
	Mr. R. Hughes	D.O.H.C. Representative.
	Mr. A.J. Harvey	M.W.T.
	Miss M.M. Michie	Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

1713. The Minutes of Meeting No. 97 dated 30th January, 1945 were approved.

1714. SERVICE BETWEEN SICILY & THE MAINLAND. Ref. 1686. Advice had been received from the Middle East that "EOLO" was employed on essential services and Lt. Cmdr. Sturt said it had therefore been agreed that she remain in that area. As it was desired 5,000 persons should be carried each month, Lt.Col. Balfour did not consider accepting the offer, by the Middle East, of "EOLO" which could take only 20 personnel in winter conditions. Lt.Cmdr. Sturt said that there were no available vessels suitable for this commitment and the Board agreed this service could not yet be put into operation. 3522

1715. BARI. Ref. 1688. Commander MacLean reported that accommodation for an additional tanker holding berth also a berth for M.W.T. store ship "CISNEROS" at Bari could not be provided except at the expense of existing military berths. Lt.Col. Russell did not consider that the holding berth, requested so that an additional tanker could shuttle between Bari and Ancona with supplies needed in support of operations, would now be required for two or three months. On present indications Major Launder agreed with this view, but stated that the ultimate necessity for the berth was dependent on the Air Force's future policy and enquired whether it could be made available later if found to be needed. He said, however, that existing needs were, at the moment, being met.

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	Captain F.H.D. Byron R.N.	N.O.S.O. Med.
	Captain W.E. Erskine U.S.N.	U.S. Navy.
	Commander D.M. MacLean R.N.R.	S.O.S. to C in C Med.
	Colonel E.H. Lastayo U.S. Army	C.O.T.
	Lt.Col. C.F. Russell	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Lt.Col. A.W. Johns	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Major A.A.A. Launder	Petroleum Section.
	Captain J.C. Martin, Jr., U.S.Army	D.D.O.H.C., W. Med.
	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
Present:	Commander J.S. Sharp R.N.R.	N.O.S.O. (N.A. Med.).
	Lt.Cmdr. G.D. Sturt R.N.V.R.	S.O.C. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Lt.Col. J.B. Balfour	A.C. Trans. Sub-Commission.
	Captain P.W. Christian, U.S. Army	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Mr. A.C. Hogarth	D.M.W.T.R.
	Lt.Col. K. Anderson	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. R.E. Fairley	D.M.W.T.R. N.W. Italy.
	Mr. R. Hughes	D.O.H.C. Representative.
	Mr. A.J. Harvey	M.W.T.
	Miss M.M. Michie	Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

1713. The Minutes of Meeting No. 97 dated 30th January, 1945 were approved.

1714. SERVICE BETWEEN SICILY & THE MAINLAND. Ref. 1686. Advice had been received from the Middle East that "EOLO" was employed on essential services and Lt. Cmdr. Sturt said it had therefore been agreed that she remain in that area. As it was desired 5,000 persons should be carried each month, Lt.Col. Balfour did not consider accepting the offer, by the Middle East, of "POLO" which could take only 20 personnel in winter conditions. Lt.Cmdr. Sturt said that there were no available vessels suitable for this commitment and the Board agreed this service could not yet be put into operation.

1715. BARI. Ref. 1688. Commander MacLean reported that accommodation for an additional tanker holding berth also a berth for M.W.T. store ship "CISNEROS" at Bari could not be provided except at the expense of existing military berths. Lt.Col. Russell did not consider that the holding berth, requested so that an additional tanker could shuttle between Bari and Ancona with supplies needed in support of operations, would now be required for two or three months. On present indications Major Launder agreed with this view, but stated that the ultimate necessity for the berth was dependent on the Air Force's future policy and enquired whether it could be made available later if found to be needed. He said, however, that existing needs were, at the moment, being met.

As "CISNEROS" would not be stationed at Bari the Chairman stated that M.W.T. would be unable to store vessels employed on the Ancona shuttle service as the provision of stores from Taranto had been most unsatisfactory as losses of about 50% were being suffered through pilferage, etc. in transit. The Chairman considered that the problem should be the subject of a detailed study by M.W.T., G-4 Mov & Tn., and P.S.T.O. Med. M.W.T., Campbell, Lt.Col. Russell, Lt.Cmdr. Sturt.

1716. ITALIAN SCHOONER POSITION. Ref. 1704. During the week, Lt.Col. Russell reported, it had been agreed that R.A.S.C. release some 15 schooners for operation by CO.GE.NA. The actual vessels had not yet been selected but he

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The case of "CORA C.", at Cagliari being repaired by CO.GE.MA., but which it now appeared was to be taken up by R.A.S.C., was raised by Mr. Hogarth who considered this action inconsistent with the above statements. Sea Transport had not chartered this schooner and Lt.Col. Russell said he would investigate the position. Lt.Col. Russell.

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Minute 132. Replying to the Chairman, Lt.Col. Russell said that because of internal transportation difficulties it had not been possible to use barley as an adulterant. If these shipments, which included a high percentage of impurities, were not wanted the Chairman considered they should be cancelled in order to prevent a waste of shipping, and Lt.Col. Anderson stated that, due to a lack of barley, two ships had been cancelled.

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1729. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE. Ref. 1655. Item 12 on Agenda. Noted.

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1730. SATELLITE PORTS. Ref. 1339. It had developed at the special Meeting held the previous day that the ports of Castellamare and Torre Annunziata were under the control of Naples Port Commandant and Mr. Nicol reported the decision that these two ports should operate under a Port Control Committee, which would have to be formed, and should operate on the same lines as the one at Civita Vecchia. It was felt that this would increase the efficiency of the Ports' working and A.C. were requested to appoint a representative, who would concern himself with the operation of the port, and be in addition to the one there at present, who was only responsible for receiving cargoes. Lt.Col. Balfour said there was an officer there at the moment but he could not remain for any length of time and said that local employees would have to take over. M.W.T., the Chairman said, were to appoint a representative to cover both Castellamare and Torre Annunziata and he considered the appointment of a Port Control Committee should be discussed further between M.W.T., W.S.A. and A.C. Mr. Campbell, Mr. Nicol, Lt.Col. Balfour.

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D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS.
2nd. February 1945.

No. 44.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBO.

From: French Liaison. D.M.W.T.R. N.A.

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
1st. February 1945.

1- PROGRAMME FOR COASTERS: Enclosed. Read and approved.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE: List of bids for drydock and repairs sent earlier this week. In the repair list against "LEONIA" please change E.date of completion to 15th. March 1945.

3-"ESPIGUETTE" (see para 6. Report No. 43.)- The D.M.M. mentioned that this vessel which is one of the six coasters of the list "B" for which Paris had asked be released from MWT. GTC. had remained 10 days awaiting orders. The delay was apparently due to the fact that vessel was placed at the disposal of the French Services Economiques on arrival at Tunis only and that this department had no cargo available due to lack of notice.

4-INDIANA" : U.S.A. Rep. informed the D.M.M. that this vessel was shortly expected in F.N.A. waters, where she would pass from BARE BOAT CHARTER to GROSS TIME CHARTER, in the same conditions as the "GRAND QUEVILLY".

5-"DJEBEL AURES": The D.M.M. once again mentioned that PARIS was asking very urgently that this vessel be returned to them for the F.N.A. traffic, and added that it was becoming very necessary to relieve the crew at the earliest opportunity.

sgd. P.F. LE BARS.
French Liaison.
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7TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

FRENCH COASTER PROGRAMME.

V E S S E L S O N P A S S A G E.

SHIP	LIST	PORT & DEPARTURE DATE	INTERMEDIARY PORTS	DESTINATION	REMARKS

Week of 28th January to 4th February, 1945.

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CAP EL HANK	B	Algiers 28/1	Casa	Dakar W.African Ports	
CH. SCHLAFFINO	B	Oran 1/2	Dakar	W.African Ports	Various - General cargo.
HOGGAR	B	Casa 27/1	Dakar	W.African Ports	Various.
P.DE ROUSIERS	B	Casa 28/1	Dakar	W.African Ports	
TOURS	B	Casa 1/2		Algiers	Wood -Various.
CHELMA	B	Dakar 21/1	Casa	Oran Algiers	Various from W.Africa.

NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

A. LE BORGNE	B	Malta -/2	Algiers	Arzew	
GALLIUM	B	Casa 31/1	Algiers	Philippeville	Barley.
JEANNE	B	Bougie 3/2	Oran	Philippeville	Pyrites - Wheat.
SCHLAFFINO					
JANINE	B	Mostaganem 30/1	Gibraltar	Casa	Wine.
LE ZERAMA	B	Algiers 2/2		Philippeville	Wheat.
LACYDON	B	Djidjelli 2/2		Algiers	Wood.
LES ISSERS	B	Algiers 31/1		Philippeville	Wheat.
SAGITTAIRE	B	Casa 1/2	Algiers	Marseilles	

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Week of 5th to 11th February, 1945.

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FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Algiers abt.5/2	Casa	Dakar W.African Ports
CAP ST. MARTIN	B	Algiers abt.5/2	Oranie	Dakar
CAP EL HANK	B	Casa abt.5/2	Dakar	W.African Ports
HOGGAR	B	Dakar abt.5/2	Douala	Pointe Noire
P. DE ROUSIERS	B	Dakar abt.5/2		Douala

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NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

CAP PINEDE	B	Tunis 5/2	Tunisian Ports	Algiers/Casa
TOURS	B	Algiers 7/2	Algerian Ports	La Goulette
LACYDON	B	Algiers 8/2		Bougie
LES ISSERS	B	Philippeville 7/2		Algiers
LE ZERAMA	B	Philippeville 8/2	Bone	Algiers.
			Philippeville (eventually).	

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		VESSELS AT THE DISPOSITION OF MINISTRY OF WAR.			
CHATEAU LATOUR	B				
		VESSELS AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE ALLIES.			
DJEBEL AURES	B				
MAROC	B				
RICHEBOURG	B				
KRISTEL	B				
LE TRAIT	B				
M.L. LE BORGNE	B				
ESPIGUETTE	B				
		COLONIAL TRAFFIC.			
MEONIA	B	At Algiers			
SAGITTAIRE	B	Casa 27/1			Repairing.
		WEST AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
ANDRE MOYRAND	B	Dakar 4/2		(illegible)	
ARCTURUS		Lome 30/1		Cotonou	
CAP LOPEZ	B	Dakar 31/10			
G. GUIST'HAU	B	Dakar 30/1	Port Etienne	Dakar	Repairing until 15th Feb.
OUED FES	B	Dakar 5/2	Kaolack	Dakar	Then to repair.
VENDOME	B	At Port Bouet on 21/1	Casa	Rouen	
GEN	B	Dakar 1/2		W.African Ports	
		TRAFFIC WITH FRANCE.			
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	Sete abt.4/2	Algiers	Ajaccio Sete	
PROSPER SCHLAFFINO	B	Sete abt.4/2	Algiers	Sete	
SIDI [illegible]	B	Sete abt.4/2	Oran	Sete	
DUNKERQUE	B	Sete abt.-/2	Casa	West African Ports	
FAUZON	B	Sete abt.-/2	Casa	West African Ports	
FINISTERE	B	Caronte -/2	Sfax	Caronte	
MONTAIGNE	B	Marseilles -/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
G.G. LEPINE	B	Algiers abt.1/2	Sete	Algiers	
PROVIDENCE	B	Algiers abt. 1/2		Toulon	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	Algiers abt.3/2	Sete	Oran	
CAUDEBEC	B	Oran abt.1/2	Sete	Oran	
MADAGASCAR	B	Oran abt. 1/2	Marseilles	Sete	
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	B	Oran abt.3/2	Sete	Casa W.African Ports	

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STRASBOURGEOIS	B	Oran abt.-/2	Sete	Oran	
CEVENNES	B	Sfax abt. 1/2	Sete	N.African Ports	
ARGONNE	B	Sfax abt.3/2	Sete	N.African Ports	
PROCIDA	B	Sfax abt.6/2	Toulon	Algiers	
MEDIE II	B	Tunis abt.3/2		Marseilles	
PARAME	B	Casa abt.1/2	Sete	N.African Ports	
SAGITTAIRE	B	Casa abt.1/2	Algiers	Marseilles.	
MARRAKECH	B	Casa abt.1/2		Marseilles	From Dakar.
JOS. LE BORGNE	B	Bastia abt.-/1	Sete	Oran	
VENDOME	B	Port Bouet/31/1	Casa	Rouen.	
JANINE	B	Casa abt.-/2	Huelva	France.	
W.D. D'AFRIQUE	B	Ajaccio abt.7/2		Nice.	

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8 Feb 45

Tel: FREEDOM 302

135. Sugar, ITALY - March (See para 58) ...

Procurement responsibility for 2,700 tons sugar is UNITED STATES.

136. Current Wheat Ships, ITALY.

Statement is att at Appx "A".

137. Seed Potatoes - ITALY. (See para 85).

(a) Loadings of seed potatoes have been programmed as follows :-

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The latest posn regarding relief ships for BALKANS is as follows :-

VESSEL	WHEAT	OTHER FOODSTUFFS	CLOTHING ETC	PRESENT POSN
AKKA	2009	5349	45	At PIRAEUS
FENNIA	2009	604		Sailed from ST JOHN 8 Jan
VASAHOLM	2705	2876	160	" " " " 20 Jan
SOPELAND	2365	1292	3	" " " " 22 Jan

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142. BALKANS - Civil Requirements.

(a) In view of para 116 stating that the only food arrival for BALKANS in Mar is wheat, AGWAR has been requested to ship agricultural machinery and seeds at an early opportunity in lieu of foodstuffs which are not required.

Cargoes for GREECE and JUGOSLAVIA (via SALONIKA) are to be loaded for direct sailing to PIRAEUS/SALONIKA, and cargoes for the remainder of JUGOSLAVIA and ALBANIA are to be loaded to KIEL for orders.

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CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 9 FEB

APPENDL. 'A'(Contd)

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	CROTO
JOHN SARGENT	27'6"		5020(F) 3398		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb	8418(PALERMO/HEEL)				
JUSTIN MORRILL			71(F)		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb		71			
LOSSIEBANK				4415	Sailed ex [illegible] 1 Feb	IRAQ	10 "			4145		
JOSIAH PARKER	2, 3"	8008	421		UGS [illegible]	USA	12 "	842(PALERMO)				
PALERMO			1227		Ready AT 7 Feb	M.S.	14 "		1227			
SAMUEL ASHE	26'10"		7282		UGS 70	USA	14 "	7282(MESSINA/AUGUSTA)				
HORACE BIDDEY			70(F)		UGS 70	USA	14 "		70			
CLAN LOBEAN				3582	Ready ALEX 9 Feb	IRAQ	16 "					3582
SAMERVON			750		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb		750			
WM WATSON			3300		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb					
SAMHOPE			3472		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb					
PENALVER			750		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb					
WM D BLOHAM	27'0"	7785	533		Returned from UGS 69	USA	Feb	8318(PALERMO)				
FLORENCE CRITTENDON			422			USA	Feb		422			
FORT CLATSOP			8500			USA	Feb					

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NAVAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 9 FEB

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DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	CROTONE	REMARKS
27'6"		5020(F) 3398		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb	8418(PALERMO/HEEL)					Now dischg PALERMO
		71(F)		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb		71				
			4415	Sailed ex [illegible] IRAQ 1 Feb	IRAQ	10 "			4415			ETA [illegible]DISI 8/2
[illegible]"	8000	421		UGS [illegible]	USA	12 "	8421([illegible]LERMO)					At AUGUSTA
		1227		Ready AT 7 Feb	[illegible]	14 "		1227				At [illegible]orrid 1195 tons [illegible]
25'10"		7282		UGS 70	USA	14 "	7282(MESSINA/NERGIO)					
		70(F)		UGS 70	USA	14 "		70				
			3582	Ready ALEX 9 Feb	IRAQ	16 "					3582	Also carries 2207 tons Amm
		750		UGS 71	USA	19 Fe...		750				
		3300		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb						
		3472		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb						
		750		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb						For ANCONA
27'6"	7785	533		Returned from UGS 69	USA	Feb	8318(PALERMO)					At AZORES
		422			USA	Feb		422				
		3500			USA	Feb						

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CONVOY SHIPPING - ALGIERS, BIZERTE AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 9 E B — APPENDIX 'A'

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY & SAILING	FROM	DATE	PALERMO/CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	ADRIATIC PORTS
MARSDALE				5368	Sailed ex MS 29 Dec	IRAQ	1 Jan				5368	
JOHN H QUICK	28'6"		8764		UGS 6[illegible]	USA	[illegible]n	8764(PALERMO)				
ELISHA GRAVES OTIS	27'0"		2764(F) 5059		UGS 67	USA	31 Jan		7823			
GEORGE E. HALE				7712	Ready ALEX 24 Jan	IRAQ	1 Feb					
NATHAN HALE			8686		UGS 66	USA	2 [illegible]				5908	
WILLIAM HUME	28'4"		8690		UGS 68	USA	3 Feb		8690			
NEWTON D. BAKER	28'0		7944(F)		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb			7944	(BRINDISI/AN	
EDWARD SPARROW	25'0"	7740	268		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb				8008	
CLYDE A DUNNING	27'9"		7933		UGS 67	USA	4 Feb					39 (RE
CORNELIUS HARTNETT			402(F)		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb					
DUDLEY M HUGHES	27'2"		8596		UGS 67	USA	5 Feb			8596		
ROBERT R RANDALL	27'0"	7471	694		UGS 69	USA	6 Feb	8165(CATANIA/CROTONE)				
WENDELL L WILKIE	27'6"	7471	402		UGS 69	USA	7 Feb				7873	
SUL ROSS				7513	Ready ALEX 29 Jan	IRAQ	3 Feb	7513(CATANIA/PALERMO)				
CHAS. M. CONRAD	2[illegible]		8515		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb					

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			5368	Sailed Med 29 Dec		1 Jan				5360		Now discharging
28'6"		8764		UGS [illegible]	USA	[illegible] Jan	8764 (PALERMO)					[illegible] discharging
27'0"		2764(F) 5059		UGS 67	USA	31 Jan		7823				Now discharging
			7712	Ready ALEX 24 Jan	IRAQ	1 Feb						Discharged 4000 tons LEGHORN & sail-ed 9 Feb for CIVITAVECCHIA
		8686		UGS 66	USA	2 Feb				5908		Discharged 2770 tons NAPLES now disch CASTELLAMMARE
28'4"		8690		UGS 68	USA	3 Feb		8690				NAPLES/SALERNO Now disch NAPLES
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5th February, 1945.

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During the period January 1st to 31st, the Coaster Fleet under the control of P.S.T.O. Mediterranean consisted of:-

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North Africa to Italy	2,322	5,702
Italy to Jugoslavia	2,698	
Italy to Greece	6,454	1,514
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Italy to Islands		5,069
Inter North African Ports		435
Inter Italian Ports	7,181	33,011
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" " " " " discharge	35	"	"	1½ "
" " " " discharging	107	"	"	5 "
" " " " awaiting loading	40	"	"	2 "
" " " " loading	126	"	"	6 "
" " " " repairing	125	"	"	6 "

Two vessels aggregating about 3,400 tons made no lifts during the/

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/the period because of drydocking and repairing.

4. Summary of working of 31 Store Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 51,474 tons Average 1,660 tons

Total number of days at sea	219 days	Average	7 days
" " " " awaiting convoy	49 "	"	1½ "
" " " " awaiting discharge	54 "	"	2 "
" " " " discharging	136 "	"	4½ "
" " " " awaiting loading	62 "	"	2 "
" " " " loading	181 "	"	6 "
" " " " repairing	269 "	"	8 "

Six vessels aggregating about 11,320 tons made no lifts during the period because of drydocking and repairing.

5. Summary of 16 Italian Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 16,805 tons Average 1,050 tons

Total number of days at sea	78 days	Average	5 days
" " " " awaiting convoy	37 "	"	2 "
" " " " awaiting discharge	37 "	"	2 "
" " " " discharging	91 "	"	6 "
" " " " awaiting loading	35 "	"	2 "
" " " " loading	77 "	"	5 "
" " " " repairing	141 "	"	9 "

Five vessels aggregating 8,600 tons made no lifts during the period because of drydocking and repairing.

6. Summary of working of 6 French Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 10,777 tons Average 1,796 tons

Total number of days at sea	41 days	Average	7 days
" " " " awaiting convoy	9 "	"	1½ "
" " " " awaiting discharge	20 "	"	3 "
" " " " discharging	43 "	"	7 "
" " " " awaiting loading	11 "	"	2 "
" " " " loading	41 "	"	7 "
" " " " repairing	21 "	"	3½ "

(sgd) G.B. STURT

for COMMODORE.

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Office of Director of Harbor Craft,
Western Mediterranean.

12th February 1945.

To : Chairman, Medbo.

Weekly Report No. 41.

ITEM 55. 150 TON FLOATING CRANE AT TARANTO.

Reference Item 49. A revised estimate is the end of February for this crane to be in commission.

ITEM 56. 20 TON SHEERLEGS 'TERESA' AT CASTELLAMMARE.

The R.N. have declared they no longer require this sheerlegs and have requested de-requisitioning. A survey has been made which shows the sheerlegs is in such an allover poor condition that it is no longer fit for use or worthy of repair.

ITEM 57. CIVITAVECCHIA.

The position is:-

(a) Barges - The first tow of 4 Minces arrived safely at Civitavecchia on the 9th. inst. The second tow is expected to be sailed on the 12th.

(b) Tugs - TUSA 216 and 217 are at NAPLES en route.

ITEM 58. U.S. NAVY 75 TON FLOATING CRANE.

Ref. items 46 and 53. It is recommended the crane be allocated to Northern Adriatic Ports for use of TN (B). It is expected that assembly will be undertaken at ANCON.

ITEM 59. SARDINIAN PORTS.

The Allied Commission have advised they are making a recce of Sardinian Ports after which they will submit a list of small craft requirements for that Area.

ITEM 60. 125 FLOATING CRANE "LA FRANCOISE".

[illegible] has been transferred from ROME to TOULON.

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12th February 1945.

To : Chairman, Medco.

Weekly Report No. 41.

ITEM 55. 150 TON FLOATING CRANE AT TARANTO.

Reference item 49. A revised estimate is the end of February for this crane to be in commission.

ITEM 56. 20 TON SHEERLEGS 'TERESA' AT CASTELLAMMARE.

The R.N. have declared they no longer require this sheerlegs and have requested de-requisitioning. A survey has been made which shows the sheerlegs is in such an allover poor condition that it is no longer fit for use or worthy of repair.

ITEM 57. CIVITAVECCHIA.

The position is:-

(a) Barges - The first tow of 4 Hinaes arrived safely at Civitavecchia on the 9th. inst. The second tow is expected to be sailed on the 12th.

(b) Tugs - TUSA 216 and 217 are at NAPLES en route.

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ITEM 60. 125 FLOATING CRANE "LA FRANCOISE".

This crane has been transferred from ARZEW to TOULON.

ITEM 61. PIOMBINO.

Port Disarmed

A request has been made by ALCOM for a tug for ~~salvage~~ work at Piombino. This is being examined.

Director of Harbor Craft.

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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 12.00 HO

	CLEAN		DIRTY		
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Cap. (barrels)	No. of Vessels	Cargo Cap. (barrels)	No. of
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	15	1,562,000	5	396,000	
2. In Ballast	7	639,000	2	146,000	
3. In dry-dock or Repair	-	-	1 (a)	84,000	
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C. D. E.)					
1. Working	18	316,000	2	96,000	
2. Dry-dock or Repairs	8	151,000	3	102,000	
C. WATER CARRIERS	26	239,000	-	-	
D. HARBOUR FUELLERS	3 (b)	72,000	13 (c)	283,000	
E. ON OPERATIONAL SERVICE (including R.F.A.)	7	54,000	6	254,000	

REMARKS

(a) HILDA KNUDSEN (Dry-Docking)
(b) 1 Vessel (RONDINE 68,000 bbls.) used as Floating Storage.
(c) 3 Vessels (HORY HAZOUTE GULF PRINCE CHRISTINE) also used as F
4,000 bbls. 33,000 bbls. 1,000 bbls.)

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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 12.00 HOURS FEBRUARY 10th.1945

CLEAN No.of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Cap. (barrels)	DIRTY No.of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Cap. (barrels)	TOTAL No.of Vessels	TOTAL Cargo Cap. (barrels)
15	1,562,000	5	396,000	20	1,958,000
7	639,000	2	146,000	9	785,000
-	-	1 (a)	84,000	1	84,000
18	316,000	2	96,000	20	412,000
8	151,000	3	102,000	11	253,000
26	239,000	-	-	26	239,000
3 (b)	72,000	13 (c)	283,000	16	355,000
7	54,000	6	254,000	13	300,000

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 26. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 5th February 1945.

Present :-

Mr. A.G. Robertson (D.A.W.T. R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr. T.K. Garrard RNR (SSTO)
Lt. R.W. Calcutt RNVR (STO)
Lt. R. Bradley USNR (Pet. Sec.)
Capt. L. Hutchings (Tn. Br.)
Capt. W.R. Kalloch (WSA, NA.)
Mr. W.S. Thomas (Coal Div. MAJEM)

Mrs. E.M. Bertrand - (Sec.)

The Minutes of Meeting No. 25 were agreed.

177. CARGO BROACHING.

With reference to Min. 169, Comdr. Garrard stated that S.T.O. accepted responsibility for dealing with cargo broaching which took place on the vessel, the Army being responsible from the time it is landed on the quay. He pointed out that the difficulty in many cases was to ascertain exactly where the pilferage had taken place, as the cargo was checked by the Army only on arrival at the Depot.
On behalf of Major Stebbens, Capt. Hutchings agreed to explore the possibility of checking obviously broached cargo immediately it arrives on the quay, but stated that in cases of cargo broached on board, it was S.T.O.'s responsibility to examine the extent of pilferage before it was put on shore. Comdr. Garrard pointed out that this was often difficult owing to B/Ls. not being available. Capt. Kalloch suggested using the services of the Societe de Surveillance. Comdr. Garrard in conclusion advised that the matter had been put up to P.S.T.O., and he would advise later when a reply had been received.

Comdr. Garrard.
Capt. Hutchings. 3 : 13

178. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :-

"DRAKEPOOL"	- Should be at Casablanca.
"LORD COCHRANE"	- Proceeding to Bizerta instead of Bone.
"MORARYN"	- Naples to discharge vehicles / ran.
"PORJUS"	- at Algiers discharging.
"DAGO II"	- Bone - ETC 6/2.
"CARSLOGIE"	- Casablanca.
"BOREAS"	- La Goulette (coal) / Tunis (coke).
"BARON TWEEDMOUTH"	- For Bone.
"EMPIRE CAXTON"	- ETC 6/2 - Algiers.
"FORT CUMBERLAND"	- For Oran via Italy.

179. "REPIQUEUR"

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Mr. A.C. Robertson. (D.T.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr. T.K. Garrard RNR (SSTO) — Capt. L. Hutchings (Tn. Br.)
Lt. R.W. Calcutt RNVR (STO) — Capt. W.R. Kalloch (WSA. NA.)
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Comdr. Garrard.
Capt. Hutchings.

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"LORD COCHRANE"	- Proceeding to Bizerta instead of Bone.
"NORBRYN"	- Naples to discharge vehicles / ran.
"PORJUS"	- at Algiers discharging.
"DAGG II"	- Bone - ETC 8/2.
"CARSLOGIE"	- Casablanca.
"BOREAS"	- La Goulette (coal) / Tunis (coke).
"BARON TWEEDMOUTH"	- For Bone.
"EMPIRE CAXTON"	- MLE 85 - Algiers.
"FORT CUMBERLAND"	- For Oran via Italy.

179. "ESPIGUETTE".

Reverting to Min. 174, the Chairman reported that this matter had now been settled, but expressed the opinion that steps should be taken to avoid similar delays in the future. He advised that the British Economic Adviser had suggested to NAMGV the appointment by SOLOG of a Liaison Officer to Algiers.

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180. EQUIPMENT FOR CARGO HANDLING GEAR.

Referring to Min. 175, the Chairman advised that he had contacted Mr. Fowler of ALLEN, and hoped that an indent for French requirements would be available within a week.

181. EQUIPMENT FOR COAL DISCHARGE.

Capt. Malloch advised that the right-hand wire should arrive before the end of this month, and confirmed that the left-hand wire would not be forthcoming. In view of the urgency of the demand, Capt. Hutchings was requested to make a further effort to obtain a supply from Italy.

Capt. Hutchings.

182. SHIPMENT OF TANKS.

Referring to Min. 176, Capt. Hutchings reported that permission had not yet been given by the War Office for the shipment of tanks from Dana, but agreed to investigate the position with Major Stebbens and advise the Committee of any further developments.

Capt. Hutchings.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, February 12th, 1945 - IN ROOM No. 157 - main St. George Building (4th. Floor)

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(MOV & TN) 5/379/GEN

7 Feb 45

Tel : FREEDOM 832

Subject : MINUTES OF COAL MEETING NO. 48 HELD AT 1000 HRS 7 FEB 45 IN G-4(MOV & TN) CONFERENCE ROOM.

In the chair : Maj. V. KING

G-4(Mov & Tn)

Capt. F.X. QUINN — Tn(A) Operations
Capt. P. CHRISTIAN — Q.M.(Coal Sec).
Mr. R. NICOL — W.S.A. Rep.
Mr. J. LYNCH — W.S.A. Rep.
Lt.Col. K. ANDERSON — M.W.T. Rep.
T.Comd. M.E. GRIBBLE — Secretary

395. COAL FOR ROME (See minute 384)

In accordance with the previous minutes C-in-C had again been requested to furnish a reply as to the feasibility of towing barges from CIVITAVECCHIA to ROME. (After the meeting a verbal reply was received from C-in-C Med/rep that there was no objection to this proposal).

396. LABOUR STRIKE CATANIA (See minute 387)

It was agreed by MEDBO that the Coal Reception Committee should ask G-5 to investigate the working and feeding conditions of miners and stevedores in ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA.

ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)

397. COAL FOR S. FRANCE (See minute 388)

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Arrangements had been made for domestic coal requirements for S. FRANCE to be met as follows:-

(a) Feb. GALEA (7000 tons Sardinian coal) - This vessel had been further delayed and ETA 20 Feb had been notified to SHAEF.

(b) Mar. BALOU FAIRLIE (8690 tons S. African coal) had been diverted to S. FRANCE.

(c) Apr. It was not anticipated that this commitment could be met by either a Sardinian collier or by the diversion of an ocean-going vessel and SHAEF had been requested to requisition on [illegible] direct.

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In the chair : Maj. V. KING	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Capt. F.X. QUINN	In(A) Operations
Capt. P. CHRISTIAN	Q.M.(Coal Sec).
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Lt.Col. K. ANDERSON	M.W.T. Rep.
T.Cmdr. M.E. GRIBBLE	Secretary

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ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)

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Arrangements had been made for domestic coal requirements for S. FRANCE to be met as follows:-

(a) Feb. G.ETA (7000 tons Sardinian coal) - This vessel had been further delayed and ETA 20 Feb had been notified to SHAEF.

(b) Mar. BARON FAIRLIE (8690 tons S. African coal) had been diverted to S. FRANCE.

(c) Apr. It was not anticipated that this commitment could be met by either a Sardinian collier or by the diversion of an ocean-going vessel and SHAEF had been requested to requisition on AGWTR direct.

ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)

398. BARI (See minute 389)

With regard to the proposal to obtain barges in order to expedite the discharge of colliers at BARI, infm had been received that the barges would have to be discharged under the crane berth, and this would in turn delay the discharge of stores ships. It was agreed that no further action be taken in the matter.

399. COAL FOR BALKANS (See minute 392)

(a) For period 26 Jan to 24 Feb BALKAN coal requirements would be met as follows:-

(i)	SALONIKA	2500	ex MIDEAST BALKAN Stockpile.
(ii)	PIRAEUS	450	
(iii)	VOLOS	950	
(iv)	CRETE	400	

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399. COAL FOR BALKANS (contd).

(v) PATRAS 1625 tons to be transhipped from HEEL ex J.H.DRUMMOND by coaster ELPIS.

(vi) CORFU 500 tons ex HEEL in schooner GERLANDO.

(b) For period 25 Feb to 26 Mar the following has been suggested to GREENHILL:-

(i) CORFU
(ii) PATRAS
(iii) PREVEZA
by coaster from ITALY.

(iv) PIRAEUS
(v) SALONIKA
by ocean-going ship ex producer country.

(vi) VOLOS
(vii) KALAMATA
(viii) IRAKLION
by transhipment ex PIRAEUS

(ix) KAVALLA by transhipment ex SALONIKA.

GREENHILL's views were awaited.

400. CIVITAVECCHIA (see minute 393)

It had been suggested to Allied Commission that a rep from CIVITAVECCHIA visit LEGHORN in order to see the method of discharging by the use of self-operating coal buckets.

401. COLLIERS DUE

It was agreed that colliers be routed as follows:-

(a) UGS 70

ANDREW W. PRESTON - NAPLES/CIVITAVECCHIA

(b) UGS 71

FORT GRAHAM - NAPLES/CIVITAVECCHIA
WALKER TAYLOR - PALERMO/REGGIO.

(c) SARDINIA

OMEGA - AUGUSTA for HEEL.

ACTION : C-in-C(MOV & TN)
A.W.T.R.

ANDREW W. PRESTON and FORT GRAHAM were both carrying gas coal which could only be accepted in NAPLES and CIVITAVECCHIA. In view of this it was agreed

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(i) CORFU)
(ii) PATRAS) by coaster from ITALY.
(iii) PREVEZA)

(iv) PIRAEUS) by ocean-going ship
(v) SALONIKA) ex producer country.

(vi) VOLOS)
(vii) KALAMATA) by transhipment ex PIRAEUS
(viii) IRAKLION)

(ix) KAVALLA by transhipment ex SALONIKA.

GREENHILL's views were awaited.

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401. COLLIERS (UK)

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ANDREW W. PRESTON - NAPLES/CIVITAVECCHIA

(b) UGS 71

FORT GRAHAM - NAPLES/CIVITAVECCHIA
WALKER TAYLOR - PALERMO/REGGIO.

(c) SARDINIA

CHEGA - AUGUSTA for KEEL.

ACTION : G-4(MOV & TN)
M.W.T.R.

ANDREW W. PRESTON and FORT GRAHAM were both carrying gas coal which could only be accepted in NAPLES and CIVITAVECCHIA. In view of this it was agreed that AFWAR be requested to sail vessels carrying this type of coal in odd numbered convoys only, starting with UGS 73 - in order to allow vessels to clear from CIVITAVECCHIA without undue delay.

ACTION : W.S.A.

V. KING, Major,
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G.(Mov & Tn).

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD

COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

COLLIERS DUE NORTH AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 6 FEB 1945

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN	BIZE
DAGO II	17'6"	UK	KMS 80	2 Feb		Army	2530			255
PORJUS		ORAN		2 Feb		"	2000	2000		
LORD COCHRANE		BONE		12 Feb		"	2174 Pitch			217

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COMMITTEE

COLLIERS DUE NORTH AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 6 FEB 1945

APPENDIX 'A'

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN	BIZERTA	BONE	LA GOULETTE AND TUNIS
	17'6"	UK	KMS 80	2 Feb		Army	2530			2530		
		ORAN		2 Feb		"	2000	2000				
		BONE		12 Feb		"	2174 Pitch			2174 Pitch		

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 1945

PORT	VESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TO For Discharge
AUGUSTA	GEORGE AFERNEATHY	25'	BARI		High Vol	10 Feb	4624
	FORT SALEESH	20'	BARI		High Vol	20 Feb	4125
BARI	GEORGE AFERNEATHY		USA	UGS 66	High Vol	4 Feb	3000
	J H DRUMMOND	28' 6"	SA			8 Feb	5562
	FORT SALEESH	25' 9"	USA	UGS 70	High Vol	14 Feb	4000
CAGLIARI	JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		High Vol	19 Jan	6221
CATANIA							

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COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 1945

ATTENDIX 'B'

VESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	TONNAGE Remaining	Estimated Date of Completion
GEORGE ABERNEATHY	20'	BARI		High Vol	10 Feb	4621		19 Feb
FORT SALEESH	20'	BARI		High Vol	20 Feb	4125		29 Feb
GEORGE ABERNEATHY		USA	UGS 66	High Vol	4 Feb	3000	2117	8 Feb
J H DRUMMOND	28' 6"	SA			8 Feb	5562		14 Feb
FORT SALEESH	25' 9"	USA	UGS 70	High Vol	14 Feb	4000		18 Feb
JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		High Vol	19 Jan	6221	700	8 Feb

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COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 1945 (Contd)

PORT	VESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	Re
CIVITAVECCHIA	ULISSE		SARDINIA		Sardinian	4 Feb	3400	2
	FATINGO HADJIPETTAS		"		"	9 Feb	5000	
	ANDREW W PRESTON		NAPLES		High Vol		5524	
	FORT GRAHAM		"		" "		5136	
GALLIPOLI	AGIA VARVARA		SARDINIA		Sardinian	18 Jan	3000	
	OMEGA		"		"	10 Feb	5000	
LEGHORN	JOHN M PARKER		PALERMO		High Vol	2 Feb	4451	
	LEEDS CITY	22'	NAPLES			9 Feb	6017	
NAPLES	AUGUSTINE HEARD		S AFRICA		High Vol	26 Jan	7445	
	EMPIRE SCOTT (Sups)		UK	KMS 78	Coke	5 Feb	1005	
	PORYSLAW	26' 6"	USA	UGS 65	High Vol	3 Feb	6814	
	LEEDS CITY	24' 8"	S AFRICA		High Vol	6 Feb	2000	
	VON HORTHORST (Sups)		UK	KMS 82	Coke		911	

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COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 1945 (Contd)

	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	TONNAGE Remaining	Estimated Date of Completion
		SARDINIA		Sardinian	4 Feb	3400	2762	12 Feb
		"		"	9 Feb	5000		19 Feb
ERMAID		NAPLES		High Vol		5524		
ST(B)		"		" "		5136		
		SARDINIA		Sardinian	18 Jan	3000	750	29 Feb
		"		"	10 Feb	5000		20 Feb
ER		PALERMO		High Vol	2 Feb	4451	1975	9 Feb
	22'	NAPLES			9 Feb	6017		19 Feb
		S AFRICA		High Vol	26 Jan	7445		
HEARD		UK	KMS 78	Coke	5 Feb	1005	410	9 Feb
TT (Sups)		USA	UGS 65	High Vol	3 Feb	6814	374	7 Feb
	26' 6"	S AFRICA		High Vol	6 Feb	2000		
	24' 8"	UK	KMS 82	Coke		911		
ORST (Sups)	C.D C.F C.D							

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 45 (Contd)

PORT	VESSEL	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Coal	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	Rem
NAPLES (Contd)	EDERA		SARDINIA		Sardinian		7500	
	ANDREW W PRESTON	23' 6"	USA	UGS 70	High Vol		3000	—
	FORT GRAHAM	26' 8"	USA	UGS 71	" "		3000	—
PALERMO	MARVIA		SARDINIA		Sardinian	8 Feb	3450	
	WALKER TAYLOR	28'	USA	UGS 71	High Vol	10 Feb	4000	
REGGIO	WALKER TAYLOR		PALERMO		High Vol	25 Feb	4241	
TARANTO	[illegible] LINDSAY		BARI			2 Feb	5504	36
	J H [illegible]					16 Feb	3000	—

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COLLIERS DUE OR DISCHARGING ITALY & SICILY AS AT 6 FEB 45 (Contd)

APPENDIX 'B'

	Draft	From	Convoy	Type of Cond	ETA	TONNAGE For Discharge	TONNAGE Remaining	Estimated Date of Completion
		SARDINIA		Sardinian		7500		
W PRESTON	28' 6"	USA	UGS 70	High Vol		3000	—	
RAHAM	26' 0"	USA	UGS 71	" "		3000	—	
		SARDINIA		Sardinian	8 Feb	3450		
TAYLOR	28'	USA	UGS 71	High Vol	10 Feb	4000		24 Feb
TAYLOR		PALERMO		High Vol	25 Feb	4241		
LINDSAY		BARI			2 Feb	5504	3618	15 Feb
RITTICH					16 Feb	3000	—	24 Feb

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SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION
THETMA	Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE			
CARA	Shuttling Naval Coal South of FRANCE.			
HERKEL	Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.			
AVSTIL	Loading at BOUGIE and ALGIERS for discharge AFRICA.			
CORCHESTER	In LEGHORN completing discharge.			
BLAIR DEVON	Released to M.W.T. 6th February.			
CAP CANTIN	Released to M.W.T. 5th February.			
MATHILDA	K.M.S. 79	4537 N.C.	U.K.	TARANTO disc
KEILA	K.M.S. 80	4314 Welsh	U.K.	TARANTO to d
FERNHANK	K.M.S. 80	5318 N.C.	U.K.	MALTA to dis
SENIO (Italian Coaster) Loading at SAN ANTIOCO for S. FRANCE.				

Provisional sailings advised but not yet nominated :-

K.M.S. 83	- 3	Colliers with N.C.	1 Collier wi
K.M.S. 85	- 2	" "	1 Collier wi
K.M.S. 86	- 2	" Welsh.	
K.K.S. 87	- 1	" "	

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d at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE				
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JANUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP		DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
NORBRYN	(Vehs and Potatoes)		U.K.	KMS 29	4 Feb		4673	(Coal ORAN) via N. ITALY
WILLIAM DALLDER			USA					

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
VAN DER HELST		UK				500 Coke	IT
SAMARINDA		USA					MAR
EMPIRE FLAME (200 vehs)		UK				5000	"
EMPIRE ORTOLAN (26 vehs)		"				3200	SIC
CAPE WRATH (150 vehs)		"				4100	ORA
FORT CUMBERLAND (150 vehs)		USA				4000	MAR
KING JAMES (101 vehs)		UK				500 Coke	
FORT GLENORA		USA				8500	ITA
SAMFLORA		"				8500	"
DALMORE		UK				4800 Coal) 1750 Pitch)	ALG
BOREAS		"				3210	ORA
CARS LOGIE		"				4900	CAS
EMPIRE CAXTON		USA				3700	ALG
JOHN C SPENCER		UK					ITA
BARCI TRISCHOUTT		"				4600 Coke	BO
BARCI [illegible]		USA				4700	
WILLIAM PATTERSON		"					ITA
JOHN P HOLLAND							IT

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	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
		U.K.	KMS 23	4 Feb		4673	(Coal ORAN) via NAPLES
		USA					ITALY

FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

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T	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	UK				500 Coke	NAPLES
	USA					ITALY
	UK				5000	NAPLES
	"				3200	"
	"				4100	SICILY
	USA				4000	ORAN via HEEL
	UK				500 Coke	NAPLES
	USA				8500	ITALY
	"				8500	"
	UK.				4800 Coal) 1750 Pitch)	ALGIERS
	"				3210	ORAN
	"				4900	CASABLANCA
	"				3700	ALGIERS
	USA					ITALY
	UK				4600 Coke	BONE
	"				4700	VIA NAPLES & BONE
	USA					ITALY
	"					ITALY

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MARCH ARRIVALS

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GEORGE BELLOWS		S. AFRICA				
SAMFOYLE		S. AFRICA				
ANTONIN DVORAK		S. AFRICA				9394
CHARLES W. STILES		S. AFRICA				
FORT CHARNISAY	26' 3"	S. AFRICA		27 Feb		8057
RUTEN FJELL		U.K.				2000
EMPIRE MALACCA	26' 0"	S. AFRICA				8107
KK. 189		U.K.				
WILLIAM D. HOARD	28' 2"			24 Feb		9380
PHOTINA						5650
SIDNEY LANIER						
EMPIRE TUDOR		S. AFRICA				

APRIL ARRIVALS

FORT ESPERANCE		S. AFRICA				
OCEAN VISION		"				
FORT CADOTTE		"				
ROBERT BATTEY		"				
BENJAMIN IDE						
HORACE WELLS						
JOSEPH LE CONTE						

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	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	S. AFRICA					ITALY
	S. AFRICA				9394	ITALY
	S. AFRICA					
' 3"	S. AFRICA		27 Feb		8057	ITALY
	U.K.				2000	ORAN
' 0"	S. AFRICA				8107	ITALY
	U.K.					
3' 2"			24 Feb		9380	ITALY
					5650	ALGIERS
						ITLAY
	S. AFRICA					ITALY

APRIL ARRIVALS

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	S. AFRICA					ITALY
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SOUTH OF FRANCE

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EMPIRE JESSICA	20½' Mean		KMS 77			3134 Pitch	SETE
HARMATRAS		UK	KMS 78		Loco	7327	SOUTH FRANCE
RUCIY			KMS 79		"	7032	" "
FAIRWATER			KMS 81			4913 Pitc.	SETE
CRAGPOOL			KMS 80			7106	SOUTH FRANCE
FRIGA			KMS 81				" "
GARTA					Sardinian	7000	ETA 23 Jan 45
BENJ/MIN HOLT	26'4" Fwd 30'0" Aft		UGS 67	30 Dec		8500	MARSEILLES
ARTHUR M HUDDELL	25'7" Fwd 29'4" Aft	USA	UGS 70		High Vol	7846	"
William PATTERSON			UGS 72				
[illegible]	26'0"	[illegible]		14 Feb		8696	MARSEILLES

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		KMS 81			4913 Pitch	SETE
		KMS 80			7106	SOUTH FRANCE
		KMS 81				" "
				Sardinian	7000	ETA 23 Jan 45
26'4" Fwd 30'0" Aft		UGS 67	30 Dec		8500	MARSEILLES
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		UGS 72				
26'0"	[illegible]		14 Feb		8690	MARSEILLES

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 97.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 30TH JANUARY, 1945.

	Mr. I.D. Campbell	In the Chair.
Members:	Commodore C.R.E.W. Perryman R.N.	P.S.T.O. Med.
	Captain F.H.D. Byron R.N.	N.C.S.O. Med.
	Captain W.E. Erskine U.S.N.	U.S. Navy.
	Commander D.M. MacLean R.N.R.	S.O.S. to C in C Med.
	Colonel J.T. Dannher U.S. Army	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Am.).
	Colonel G. Ackerley	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Major J. Riddell	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Major A.A.A. Launder	Petroleum Section.
	Captain J.C. Martin, Jr., U.S. Army	D.D.O.H.C., W. Med.
	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
Present:	Commander J.S. Sharp R.N.R.	N.C.S.O. (N.A. Med.).
	Lt.Cmdr. G.B. Sturt R.N.V.R.	S.O.(). to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Lt.Col. J.A. Balfour	A.C. Trans.Sub-Commission.
	Captain P.W. Christian, U.S. Army	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Mr. A.C. Hogarth	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. R.F. Fairley	D.M.W.T.R. N.W. Italy.
	Mr. R. Hughes	D.O.H.C. Representative.
	Mr. A.J. Harvey	M.W.T.
	Miss M.M. Michie	Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

1685. The Minutes of Meeting No. 96 dated 23rd January, 1945 were approved.

1686. SERVICE BETWEEN SICILY AND THE MAINLAND. Ref. 1663. It was not yet known on what service "EOLO" was running, but Lt.Cmdr. Sturt said that Middle East would be asked to give full particulars, and to state whether she could be sailed to this area. Lt.Cmdr. Sturt.

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1690. SUPPLIES FOR JUGOSLAVIA. Ref. 1676. In reply to Commodore Perryman, Colonel Ackerley said that a Meeting was taking place that day between G-5 and the Navy to discuss the whole question of supplies to Dubrovnik. Port Gruz, Commander MacLean said, could not be used until the area had been swept.

Details of the cargoes intended to be lifted by "JURKO TOPIC" and three other Jugoslavian ships, had been sent to Algiers by M.W.T.O. Med. for their information.

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1694. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1667. Item 2 on Agenda. As there was still some disparity in the information received by various Members regarding the speed of the current (Minute 378 a.) Mr. Fairley was asked to ascertain its actual velocity.

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Referring to Minute 378 (b), Colonel Ackerley stated that, provided weather conditions were favourable, the Navy had been asked to approve regular traffic of barges and tugs between Civita Vecchia and Piombino.

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With reference to Repair Minute 973, Mr. Hogarth said no completion date could be given until "PUNTA D'AGUJA" had been shipped, but it was believed/

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/believed extensive repairs were required.

In reply to Colonel Dannher, it was confirmed that repairs to "VILLE D'ORAN" should be completed within the two weeks she would be off service.

1696. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE. Ref. 1669. Item 4 on Agenda. It was agreed that in future the "Programme for Coasters" would be attached to these Minutes. Secretary.

With reference to Minute 1625, the Chairman reported the French had requested that for political reasons and for maintaining the morale of their people, the vessels "SIDI BRAHIM" and "GOUVERNEUR GENERAL LEPINE" be allowed to remain in their present employment. These two ships had a total lift of 1,000 persons and after consideration the Board agreed this request be granted.

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Lt.Col. Balfour asked whether Portigliore could not be opened before the end of May for the export of pyrites, (vide Minute 1521) as there was a shortage of rail wagons and the situation would be eased somewhat if earlier shipments could take place. M.W.T. Marine Superintendent, the Chairman said, had just visited the port and considered it might be used early in April, but the Naval authorities would first have to give their approval.

The Chairman referred to a signal on the subject of increasing the bread ration to 300 grammes in early March, from which it appeared that the programme would have to be most closely adhered to in order to carry out this plan. If the February arrivals were 100,000 tons and remained the same thereafter, Colonel Ackerley felt this could be achieved, for he said the November - January shortfalls had been made up out of stocks for the Balkans which had not been accepted there. With reference to a second signal on the question of wheat imports into Italy in April, the Chairman felt some doubt as to whether the request for any February and March shortfalls being shipped in April, could be carried out. Colonel Ackerley, however, considered the port capacities were

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(Vide Minute 1524)

The Chairman referred to a signal on the subject of increasing the bread ration to 300 grammes in early March, from which it appeared that the programme would have to be most closely adhered to in order to carry out this plan. If the February arrivals were 100,000 tons and remained the same thereafter, Colonel Ackerley felt this could be achieved, for he said the November - January shortfalls had been made up out of stocks for the Balkans which had not been accepted there. With reference to a second signal on the question of wheat imports into Italy in April, the Chairman felt some doubt as to whether the request for any February and March shortfalls being shipped in April, could be carried out. Colonel Ackerley, however, considered the port capacities were adequate, Civita Vecchia being estimated at 2,000 t.p.d., Piombino at 1,500 t.p.d. and he said the April commitment for non-liberated N. Italy had been cancelled. Colonel Dunbar pointed out that the clearance of these shipments was dependent on a sufficiency of rail wagons which point, Lt.Col. Balfour said, was being investigated by M.R.S. Colonel Ackerley did not anticipate there would be any delay to shipping.

1698. HOMEWARD LOADING PROGRAMME. Ref. 1607. Item 6 on Agenda. Noted.

1699. TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1650. Item 7 on Agenda. Noted.

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1700. TANKER COMMITTEE. Ref. 1675. Item 8 on Agenda. With reference to "WELSH COAST" and "NORTH COAST", the Chairman said no signal had yet been received from M.W.T.

Major Lounder enquired whether C in C Med. would allow independent sailings of shuttle tankers between Naples and Bastia direct, rather than routeing them first to Maddalena for onward passage, but Commander MacLean did not consider this would be permitted.

1701. NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1675. Item 9 on Agenda. Noted.

1702. POINT STATE. Ref. 1676. Item 10 on Agenda. Mr. Nicol remarked that many estimated completion dates given on the Chart had proved optimistic, which Colonel Dunbar said was because of bad weather conditions. As a statement of the position at East Coast ports was available it was agreed that the whole situation be discussed the following Monday at a special Meeting of the Board.

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1709. SIGNAL TRAFFIC. Ref. 1538. Commander MacLean requested that close co-ordination should be maintained with C in C Med. in all signal matters concerning shipping.

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1710. BERTHING AT NAPLES. A signal from F.C.N.A.M. stating that N.O.I.C. Naples, on behalf of the Port Control Committee had represented to him that there were insufficient berths available to meet all demands and requesting priorities be allotted by A.F.H.Q., was referred to by Colonel Ackerley. Before considering the matter further, the Board agreed the Port Control Committee should be invited to give specific instances of any difficulties or problems encountered and Commander Sharp said he would take up the matter. Cmdr. Sharp.

1711. KNIGHTS OF MALTA. A proposal had been put forward by the Knights of Malta, the Chairman said, that the vessel "SESTRIERE" be allocated to this Order so that their work of assisting needy civilian populations of all nationalities might be furthered. Whilst sympathising in this desire and appreciating the good work carried out by the Order, the Board, nevertheless, could not agree to this request for "SESTRIERE" was operated by U.S. Army and her release would be to the detriment of the military programme.

1712. AMMUNITION IN ROME AREA. The Chairman quoted a letter suggesting that some 350 tons unserviceable ammunition in the Rome area might be back-loaded on the barges used to carry coal to San Paulo and then dumped at Sea, and Colonel Ackerley said he would deal with this matter. Col. Ackerley.

Action by Shore Cmd & TA.

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13. OTHER MATTERS.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Subject ; Minutes of Coal Meeting No.47 Held at 1000 hrs 31 Jan 45 in G-4(Mov & Tn) Conference Room.

In the Chair	:	MAJOR V. KING	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Present	:	Col. J.T. Dancher	Tn(A) Operations
		Capt. P. Christian	QM (Coal Sec)
		Capt. H.C. Baker	G-4(Mov & Tn)
		Mr. R. Nicol	W.S.A. Rep
		Mr. J. Lynch	W.S.A. Rep
		Lt-Col. K. Andersen	M.W.T. Rep
		J.Comd. M.E. Gribble	Secretary

384. COAL FOR ROME. (See minute 378).

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ACTION : G-4(Mov & Tn)

385. RN COLLIERS. (See minute 379).

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ACTION : A/FEO

386. BUNCHING OF COLLIERS. (See minute 380).

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(c) whether a mid-day meal was provided, and if so, of what character.

ACTION : MEDBO.

388. COAL FOR FRANCE. (See minute 383).

G.ETA (nominated for Jan arrival) had been delayed and ETA 14 Feb at MARSEILLES had been notified to SHAEF.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

AFHQ had been asked to divert a ship of imported coal to S. FRANCE, and it was agreed that QM (Coal Sec) should investigate the possibility of diverting JOHNSTONE HEARD at NAPLES or JESSE SCOTTELL at LEGHORN.

ACTION : QM(Coal Sec)

389. BARI (See Minute 364).

A discussion took place regarding the use of lighters at BARI, which it was stated were not at present available. It was agreed however, that DCHC be asked to provide barges whose pumps were suitably protected against coal dust.

ACTION : G-4(Mov & Tn).

390. SPECIAL COLLIERS ex USA.

(a) At the request of WSA, a special Coal Reception Committee Meeting was held on 29 Jan to discuss a signal from WASHINGTON dated 26 Jan.

WSA WASHINGTON were proposing to use new oil burning single deck Liberty type colliers for bulk coal from U.S. ports to MEDITERRANEAN Ports, to the extent that they could be accommodated for discharge by shore gear. These vessels had the same dimensions and speed as standard Liberties, but had engines aft, top side water ballast tanks and additional ballast tanks forward, so that the loading of hold ballast was not required for homeward voyage. Total D.W. was 11,000 tons on 28 feet 8 inches draft. These ships had 5 holds and 10 hatches measuring 20 feet fore and aft, and 50 feet athwartship. Vessels had no cargo handling gear. Coal cargo would be 9,200 long tons and draft on arrival MEDITERRANEAN about 27 feet 6 inches, based on bunkers for round voyage. WSA had been asked to notify WASHINGTON the names of ports which had adequate facilities to discharge and approx numbers of cargoes of U.S. coal per month estimated or recommended for discharge from this type of vessel at each port, bearing in mind arrivals of other ships from other areas. The first vessel was expected to be available to load in AMERICA first half Feb.

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392. COAL FOR BALKANS.

QMG(Coal Sec) stated that coal requirements for BALKANS were as follows:-

26 Jan - 24 Feb	13,000 tons
25 Feb - 26 Mar	26,000 tons

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
CONSTRUCTION OCCUPIED.

Info had been received that O'HENRY was being discharged at the rate of approximately 250 tons per day, and it was apparent from this rate of discharge that the above requirements could not be fulfilled. It was agreed that a reply from GIBRALTAR giving revised requirements (i.e. excl RN coal) should be hastened.

ACTION : QM

393. CIVITAVECCHIA. (See minute 385).

T(A) Operations stated that self-operating buckets had been released and suggested that a rep from CIVITAVECCHIA should visit LEGHORN where these buckets were being successfully operated.

ACTION : G-4(Mov & Tn).

394. DISCHARGES - BAGNOLI.

Attached at Appx "H" is a statement of discharge figures at BAGNOLI for the month of June.

V. KING, MAJOR,
for Brigadier,
D.S.H.G. (Mov & Tn).

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

COLLIERS ETC N. AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 30 JAN 45

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN
W.C. BRYANT	25'6"	USA	UGS 65	14 Jan		Army	8300		8300
RILEY		ITALY		20 Jan		"	4087	4087	
FORTUS		ORAN		2 Feb		"	2000	2000	
LORD COCHRANE		U.K.	KMS 80	2 Feb		"	3401		
D.GO II	17'6"	U.K.	KMS 80	2 Feb		"	2530		
L ED COCHRANE		BONE		12 Feb		"	2174 Pitch		

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COLLIERS FOR N. AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 30 JAN 45

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APPENDIX 'A'

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25'6"	U.S.	UGS 65	14 Jan		Army	8300		8300			
	ITALY		20 Jan		"	4087	4087				
	ORAN		2 Feb		"	2000	2000				
	U.K.	KMS 80	2 Feb		"	3401				3401	
17'6"	U.K.	KMS 80	2 Feb		"	2530				2530	
	BONE		12 Feb		"	2174 Pitch			2174 Pitch		

SECRET APPENDIX 'B'

COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY AND SICILY AS AT 30 JAN 45

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE REMAINING	ETC
ANCONA	R.S. WILSON	20'	BARI		H Vol	28 Jan	5170	4296	8 Feb
	G. ABERNEATHY	20'	BARI		H Vol	9 Feb	4624		19 Feb
BARI	VACHELL LINDSAY	26'4"	S.AFRICA			27 Jan	4090	6443	
	G. ABERNEATHY		U.S.A.	UGS 66	H Vol	31 Jan	4000		7 Feb
	EDWARD BRUCE	26' NWT	TARANTO			31 Jan	4500		
	J H DRUMMOND	28'6"	SOUTH AFRICA			8 Feb	8562		
CAGLIARI	JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		H Vol	19 Jan	6221	5626	
CATANIA								3 [illegible]00	
CIVITA-VECCHIA	SCHLATTING		SARD		SARD	21 Jan	4000	2038	4 Feb
	BEN HALLADAY		CATANIA		H Vol	24 Jan	5930	5472	14 Feb
	JUSSE		SARD		SARD	4 Feb	3400		19 Feb
CIVITAVECCHIA			SARD		SARD	18 Jan	3000	750	31 Jan

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	G. MERNEATHY		U.S.A.	UGS 66	H Vol	31 Jan	4000		7 Feb
	EDWARD BRUCE	26' MWT	TARANTO			31 Jan	4500		
	J H DRUMMOND	26'6"	SOUTH AFRICA			8 Feb	6562		
CAGLIARI	JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		H Vol	19 Jan	6221	5626	
CATANIA								2700	
CIVITA-VECCHIA	SCHIAFFINO		SARD		SARD	21 Jan	4000	2038	4 Feb
	REX HALLADAY		CATANIA		H Vol	24 Jan	5930	5472	14 Feb
	ULYSSE		SARD		SARD	4 Feb	3400		19 Feb
GALLIPOLI	AGIA VARVARA		SARD		SARD	18 Jan	3000	750	31 Jan
LEGHORN	TIGLA		SARD		SARD	21 Jan	4200	2360	2 Feb
	JOHN N. PARKER		PALERMO		H Vol	2 Feb	4551		10 Feb

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NAPLES	SAMEDEN	24'11"	USA	UGS 63	H Vol	5 Jan	8249	1069	31 Jan
	JOHN DAVEY	23' 0"	USA	UGS 63	H Vol	9 Jan	8349	2639	2 Feb
	FT PAMMURE	(in PT)	ALGIERS			23 Jan	4500	-	-
	EMP SCOTT	(Sups)	UK	KIS 78	Coke	26 Jan	1005	-	-
	PLAWNIK		SARD		SARD	30 Jan	3430		16 F
	BORYSLAW	26'6"	USA	UGS 65	H Vol	31 Jan	6514		7 Fe
	KATINGO HADJIPATERAS		SARD		SARD	31 Jan	5000		
	LEEDS CITY	25'6"	S.AFR			4 Feb	8017		
	AUGUSTINE HEARD		S.AFR		H Vol	7 Feb	7[illegible]5		14 Feb
PALERMO	MARVIA		SARD		SARD	2 Feb	3450		9 F[illegible]
REGGIO	SAMSYLVAN	27'0"	USA	UGS 63	H Vol	24 Jan	43[illegible]4	1409	2 Feb
TARANTO	EDWARD	(in PT)	USA	UGS 65		20 Jan	4000	-	-

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	JOHN DAVEY	28' 0"	USA	UGS 63	H Vol	9 Jan	8349	2839	2 Feb
	FT PANMURE	(MWT)	ALGIERS			23 Jan	4500	-	-
	FTP SCOTT	(Supra)	UK	KGS 78	Coke	26 Jan	1005	-	-
	PLAWIK		SARD		SARD	30 Jan	3450		16 F
	BORYSLAW	26'6"	USA	UGS 65	H Vol	31 Jan	6814		7 Fe
	NATIGO HADJIPATERAS		SARD		SARD	31 Jan	5000		
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	AUGUSTINE HEARD		S.AFR		H Vol	7 Feb	7[illegible]5		14 Feb
PALERMO	MARVIA		SARD		SARD	2 Feb	3450		9 F
REGGIO	SAMSYLVAN	27'0"	USA	UGS 63	H Vol	24 Jan	4334	1409	2 Feb
TARANTO	EDWARD BRUCE	(MWT)	USA	UGS 65		20 Jan	4000	-	-
	OMEGA		SARD		SARD	10 Feb	5000		22 Feb
	MACNELL LINDSAY		BARI				4443		

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

R.N. COLLIER

SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING POINT	DE
THELMA	Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE.			
CARL	Shuttling Naval Coal TOULON/MARSEILLES.			
KERNEL	Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.			
MASTEL	Loading at BOUGIE and PHILIPPEVILLE for discharge ANCONA.			
CONCLESTER	In LEGHORN discharging.			
BLAIR DEVON	In NAPLES discharging.			
PIPER SKEY	Returned to U.K. from KMS 79 for repairs.			
CAP CANTIN	In BIZERTE discharging.			
NATHELL	KMS 79	4537 N.C.	U.K.	Talo
KELLA	KMS 80	4814 Welsh	U.K.	Talo
FERNBANK	KMS 80	5318 N.C.	U.K.	NAPLE

SENIO (Italian Coaster) Loading Sardinian Coal at SAN ANTIOCO on Naval Account.

JANUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP		LEFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
NORLE	(Vehs and Potatoes)		U.K.	KMS 80 G	1 Feb		4673	(Co 1
WILL WILSON			USA	G				ITALY

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R.N. COLLIE.

CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING POINT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
Loaded at ALEXANDRIA for discharge GREECE.				
Shuttling Naval Coal TOULON/MARSEILLES.				
Loaded at PORT SAID for discharge GREECE.				
Loading at BOUGIE and BONE'S for discharge MALTA.				
In LEGHORN discharging.				
In NAPLES discharging.				M.W.T.
Returned to U.K. from MKS 79 for repairs.				
In BIZERTA discharging.				M.W.T.
MKS 79	4537 N.C.	U.K.	TARANTO to discharge	M.W.T.
MKS 80	4814 Welsh	U.K.	TARANTO to discharge	M.W.T.
MKS 80	5318 N.C.	U.K.	MALTA to discharge	M.W.T.

(Coaster) Loading Sardinian Coal at SAN ANTIOCO on Naval account.

JANUARY ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'D'

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
(Vehs and Motobos)		U.K.	MKS 80 CS	4 Feb		4673	(Cond OK-B) via ITALY (HEXEL)
		U.S.	CS				ITALY

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE
VAN DER HELST		UK	KMS 84	24 Feb		500 Gr
VON HORTHORST		UK	KMS 82	4 Feb		911 Gr
SAMARINDA		USA				
EMPIRE ELAINE (200 vehs)		UK	KMS 82	14 Feb		5000
EMPIRE ORTOLAN (26 vehs)		"	KMS 82	14 Feb		3200
CAPE WRATH (150 vehs)		"	KMS 82	14 Feb		4100
BARON FORFAR	26' 0"	SOUTH AFRICA		14 Feb		8690
FORT CUMBERLAND (130 vehs)		USA	KMS 82	14 Feb		4000
KING JAMES (101 vehs)		UK	KMS 82	14 Feb		559 Gr
FORT GRANGE		USA				8136
FORT GLENORA		"				8500
FORT SASKI	26'	"	UGS 70		RCM	8125
SAFFLOR		"				8500
ANDREW W PRESTON WALKER TAYLOR	28' 6" 29' 6"	UK "	UGS 70 UGS 71			8524
DALGOIG		UK				4800 1750
DORIS		"				3210
CARS LOCHIE		"				4900
CYDONIA		"				5550
EMPIRE CAXTON		"				3700
JOHN C SPENCER		UK				4600
BARON TWEEDMOUTH		UK				4700
BARON GRANT		"				4000
FLEKA		"	KMS 84			

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'B'

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
		UK	KMS 84	24 Feb		500 Coke	NAPLES .
		UK	KMS 82	4 Feb		911 Coke	NAPLES
		USA					ITALY
)		UK	KMS 82	14 Feb		5000	NAPLES
s)		"	KMS 82	14 Feb		3200	"
		"	KMS 82	14 Feb		4100	SICILY
	26' 0"	SOUTH AFRICA		14 Feb		8690	BARI
eins)		USA	KMS 82	14 Feb		4000	ORAN via STEEL
		UK	KMS 82	14 Feb		559 Coke	NAPLES
		USA				8136	ITALY
		"				8500	"
	26'	"	UGS 70		RCM	8125	"
		"				8500	"
	28'6" 29'6"	USA "	UGS 70 UGS 71			8524	ITALY "
		UK				4800 Coal 1750 Pitch	ALGIERS
		"				3210	ORAN
		"				4900	CASABLANCA
		"				5550	ALGIERS
		"				3700	"
		USA					ITALY
		UK				4600 Coke	BONE
		"				4700	ALGIERS & BONE
		"	KMS 84			4000	ORAN via ITALY

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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

MARCH ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE
GEORGE KELLOGG						
ANTONIN DVORAK						
SAM BOSTON	28' 0"	SOUTH AFRICA		14 Feb		9284
FORT CHARLTSAY		" "		14 Feb		8530
EMPIRE MALACCA	26' 0"	" "		17 Feb		8107
WILLIAM D HOARD						
PHOTEUA						5430
SIDNEY LANIER						
EMPIRE TUDOR		SOUTH AFRICA				

SOUTH AFRICE

PENHALE	20' Mean	UK	KMS 77			5121
EMPIRE JESSICA	20½' Mean		KMS 77			3134 Pitch
MALMATRAS		UK	KMS 78		Loco	7327
RUGBY			KMS 79		"	7032
EDERA				26 Dec		7000
CRUCPOOL			KMS 80			7106
BRIKA			KMS 81			
CAETA					Sand	7000
BENJAMIN HOLT	25' 4" Fwd) 30' 0" Aft)		UGS 67	30 Dec		8500
ARTHUR M HUDDELL	25' 7" Fwd) 29' 4" Aft)	USA	UGS 70		High Vol	7846

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MARCH ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'F'

	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
						ITALY
						"
"	SOUTH AFRICA		14 Feb		9284	BARI
	" "		14 Feb		8500	ITALY
"	" "		17 Feb		8107	ITALY
						ITALY
					5550	ALGIERS
						ITALY
	SOUTH AFRICA					"

SOUTH FRANCE

APPENDIX 'G'

Mean	UK	KMS 77			5121	MARSEILLES
Mean		KMS 77			3134 Pitch	SETE
	UK	KMS 78		Lee	7327	SOUTH FRANCE
		KMS 79		"	7032	" "
			28 Dec		7000	" "
		KMS 80			7106	" "
		KMS 81				" "
				Sard	7000	EFA 23 Jan 45
		UGS 67	30 Dec		8500	MARSEILLES
4" Fwd) 6" Aft) 7" Fwd) 4" Aft)	USA	UGS 79		High Vol	7846	"

JAP COAL DISCHARGES - NAPLES.

APPENDIX 'H'

SECRET

DATE	TONNAGE	DATE	TONNAGE
Jan 1	1420	Jan 17	775
" 2	900	" 18	1505
" 3	390	" 19	2300
" 4	2760	" 20	-
" 5	1710	" 21	-
" 6	-	" 22	760
" 7	-	" 23	2320
" 8	1260	" 24	400
" 9	900	" 25	86
" 10	1580	" 26	1854
" 11	1160	" 27	640
" 12	60	" 28	340
" 13	-	" 29	660
" 14	1000	" 30	1505
" 15	1815	" 31	1842
" 16	861		

	Dec 1944	Jan 1945
Total discharged	38,169	30,803
Delay due to bad weather	1 day	4 days
Stoppage due to bad weather	-	5 days

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 63.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 2ND FEBRUARY, 1945.

Present: Mr. I.D. Campbell In the Chair.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Lieutenant C.B. Bullen, R.N.R.
Ing. en Chef 2ème. Classe, Gandilhon.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. A.C. Hogarth.
Mr. Davison.
Mr. G.S. Ramsdale.
Mr. G.W. Simmons.
Captain B.D. Bate.
Captain T.L. Kidwell.
Miss M.M. Michie Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

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The following extract from Operational Orders No. 4 dated 5th January, 1945 from 6th Port Headquarters, was quoted by the Chairman:-

"The following berths, not included in list of "A" berths and not suitable for cargo discharge have been allocated for use by MEDBO as holding berths for ship repairs:

Berth No.	Water Depth
38	20 feet
61	1 "
84	"
85	21 "
107)--one berth	19 "
108)	
112	19 "

The following berths, not included in list "A" of berths, have been allocated to French Port Authorities for use in repairing shore cranes, etc.:

Berth No.
17
43
48
49
97 ....."

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977. EX"MARSHAL PETAIN". Ref. 974. The Chairman reported that MEDBO had decided this vessel should be fitted as a troop carrier to Sea Transport standards.

978. "PUNTA D'AOSTA". Ref. 973. This vessel was due to be slipped within the next few days, but until this had been done, Mr. Ramsdale could not indicate how long repairs were likely to take. 2 months

979. CASABLANCA. An H.M. Ship and Local Craft were presently in No. 1 Dock, but Commander Hardie said were due to complete about 12th February when a French Warship would go in for five days, being followed by "ILE DE NOURMOITIER". The Water boat "ALETTA", newly bid for cleaning and painting and overhaul, which Captain Bate said was due to be relieved at Gibraltar about 12th February, was

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980. GIBRALTAR. After the H.M. Ship in No. 1 Dock had completed about the middle of February, Commander Hardie said that "ASTURIAS" (vide Minute 918) was/

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/was programmed to dock, but he did not consider the tugs would be ready to take her in tow until later. Owing to this vessel being accepted, the docking of "TULCOR" would have to be postponed.

There was an H.M. Ship in No. 2 Dock and also in No. 4 Dock, the latter being due to complete the next day. During the week a request for the quick docking of "HILDA KNUDSEN" had been received, for she could only make 9 knots and had been directed to Casablanca where she could not be docked. As she was an important vessel and could not be long delayed it had been requested she be taken at Gibraltar and Commander Hardie said she was due to go into No. 3 Dock after the H.M. Ship had completed and would be followed by another H.M. Ship. Small craft were programmed for No. 4 Dock.

Mr. Davison said information had been received that "HENRY MILLER" required immediate attention, but he, himself, did not think she was in danger of sinking although her condition was naturally deteriorating, and the Committee agreed she could not yet be allocated to a dock.

A signal reporting the collision between "MICHEL ANGNAS" and "BRITISH PATIENCE" and stating they could probably make Gibraltar if weather conditions remained favourable was mentioned, as it appeared likely they might have to dock at that port. Mr. Davison thought, however, that on the position given, they would still be West of the Azores and it was therefore decided to await the receipt of further information. It was suggested both vessels might preferably be routed to Casablanca.

981. ORAN. "JOHNS HOPKINS" was still in No. 1 Dock and Mr. Davison said underwater damage was considerably greater than at first believed and this ship would need at least 4 weeks in dock, Commander Hardie saying she was expected to complete about 4th March when "EAGLE" would then go in. This latter vessel had arrived but as fairly extensive repairs were required these would first be taken in hand, and Captain Bate considered would be finished by the time she was required to dock. There was a French Warship in No. 2 Dock for about three weeks.

Ingenieur Gandilhon put forward a request that "JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE" be docked at this port rather than at Ferryville, but Commander Hardie pointed out that the French had a heavy programme for warships at Oran and the Committee agreed she should remain on the Ferryville programme where she would be accepted sooner.

982. ALGIERS. Commander Hardie said that "GRAND QUEVILLY" should have undocked on 31st January and considered the French Warship which was to follow her in No. 1 Dock should be about out. "MEONIA" was to go in next then French Warships for three weeks or more.

"EMPIRE GAT" had re-docked in No. 2 Dock but Commander Hardie said her completion date was uncertain, but she would be followed by the cable ship "EMIL BAUDOT" for a week, then French Warships.

The French request that "PROSPER SCHAFFINO" be docked here instead of Ferryville was not granted by the Committee.

Captain Bate stated that "SPINDLETOP", a new bid, should be ready to dock about 10th February, but as she was to be sent to the Far East, the Chairman considered she should dock in the Middle East en route where Mr. Ronsdale thought the overhaul could be better undertaken.

As "SIDI BRAHIM" had insufficient bunkers for more than 36 hours' steaming, the Chairman felt she should remain on the Algiers bid list.

A Signal from P.S.T.O. M.E., stating that "MANCOT" was to sail to Algiers for drydocking, was referred to by Commander Hardie who considered it would be advisable for her to dock in the Middle East where the situation was much easier. Lt. Bullen explained there had been some misunderstanding and that her docking

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"M.L. LE BORGNE" was transferred to the Ferryville list.

983. FERRYVILLE. Completion date of French Warships in No. 1 Dock was not known but Commander Hardie said that the French Warship in No. 2 Dock should come out about 5th February. After considerable deliberation regarding the "LOIOS", whose temporary repairs were expected to take at least six weeks, assuming the material/

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/material were put at the disposal of R.N. Dockyard, it was agreed she be accepted in No. 2 Dock for examination only, and that pending report, no repairs should be commenced.

No. 3 Dock would not now be ready for use until 5th February and it was agreed that "PROSPER POMELLINO", "JOSEPH THE LE FORGNE", ... on an H.M. Ship requiring a long term docking, should be accepted in that order.

"GUDRUN" and H.M. Ship were then in No. 4 Dock and on completing about 6th February it was agreed would be followed by "UGO FIORELLI" for cleaning and painting. Captain Date said some spare parts had still to be received from the United Kingdom but as it was undesirable that this docking should be delayed her early docking was requested. It was agreed that "M.V. LE ROLAND", a new French bld, would obtain a quicker docking at this port than Algiers and she was accordingly programmed to follow "UGO FIORELLI".

Information was requested concerning plague restrictions, but Commander Hardie said they were still in force, and as the crew of only ... British Merchant Ship at a time could be accommodated, no more vessels were programmed for these docks.

Commander Hardie said information had been received that Ferryville could only undertake minor repairs and cleaning and painting, and in connection with this and other French ports the Chairman considered that all defects should be made known before vessels drydocked so that no delays would be occasioned and necessary arrangements could be made in advance.

984. BARI TO BRINDISI. The Committee viewed with ... the large number of ships awaiting docking at these two ports ... it was felt ... position should receive serious consideration.

Blocks of No. 1 Dock were still being prepared ... "ESPERO NO (F)", "TURNDU" and H.M. Ships had not yet gone in. Commander Hardie said the length of time "ESPRITE" and Italian Warship would be in No. 2 Dock was not known.

Commander Hardie said that due to an error "EMPIRE ... was sent to have docked but she was not due to go into No. 12 Dock ... (not 20th January) when the Italian Warship then in ... There was an H.M. Ship in No. 13 Dock.

The Hospital Ship "TOSCANA" was newly bld for cleaning and painting and drawing of tail end shaft, Lt. Bullen stating that ... to take her place and therefore requesting she be docked immediately. In view of her high priority it was agreed she head the subsequent ... decided as follows:- "TOSCANA", "EMPIRE ADIR", "EMPIRE ...", "...", "CHERCA", "ASSUNZIONE", "VEST", and Commander Hardie, when ... request information as to when it was likely these vessels ...

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985. NAPLES. There was no change in the programme for No. 1 Dock, but it was now ... been discovered that "CAPO MELE" was likely to occupy ... considerably longer time than the 10 days originally ... said that a strong protest had been received. A ... discovered and Captain Smithers was of the opinion that the minimum amount of work should be done so that the dock should not be ... The survey of this vessel had been made by an Italian ... Chairman considered that thenceforward surveys of Italian ... in conjunction with either M.W.T. or W.S.A. and it was agreed that Mr. Lunsdale should pursue this matter with C.O.,S.E.M.

H.M. Ships were programmed for No. 3 Dock, "E 0" then ... Floating Dock and Commander Hardie said No. 5 Dock ...

986. LEGHORN. Commander Hardie reported that dock ... there were three leaks in the caisson, but it was hoped ... would be completed by ... vessel left ... it would be put into effect ...

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984. TARANTO & BRINDISI. The Committee viewed with some concern the large number of ships awaiting docking at these two ports [illegible] position should receive serious consideration.

Blocks of No. 1 Dock were still being prepared [illegible] "TURMEDA" and H.M. Ships had not yet gone in. Commander Hardie said the length of time "ESPRITE" and Italian Warship would be in No. 2 Dock was not known.

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985. NAPLES. There was no change in the programme for No. 1 Dock, but it was now discovered that "CAPO MELE" was likely to occupy [illegible] for a very considerably longer time than the 10 days originally agreed on. Commander Hardie said that a strong protest had been received. A [illegible] had been discovered and Captain Smithers was of the opinion that the minimum amount of work should be done so that the dock should not be taken up longer than necessary. The survey of this vessel had been made by an Italian Register Surveyor and the Chairman considered that thenceforward surveys of Italian vessels should be made in conjunction with either M.W.T. or W.S.A. and it was agreed that Mr. Ransdale should pursue this matter with CO.CE.MA. [illegible] Mr. Ransdale.

H.M. Ships were programmed for No. 5 Dock, "P 0" then H.M. Ships for the Floating Dock and Commander Hardie said No. 5 Dock [illegible].

986. LEGHORN. Commander Hardie reported that dock [illegible] been damaged and there were three leaks in the caisson, but it was hoped repairs would be completed by about 10th February when the programme agreed last [illegible] put into effect but he suggested vessels should not be routed there until it was known that the dock was once more in working condition. Captain Ross requested that the water boat "PO" might be accepted elsewhere immediately as she was of great importance, but Major Filor said she was owned by the Italian Navy and requested that only vital repairs be carried out and it was therefore agreed that she be taken in hand

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/hand at Naples and she dock at Leghorn after "[illegible] CONTARINI" as arranged previously. Commander Hardie stated that on completion of "PO", local craft then "CHRISTINE" were programmed to go in.

It was stated that "SAMUNGOY" could not be taken at Leghorn because of her size and she would be allocated to a port later.

987. PALERMO. A reply had been received from U.S. Navy that "ALDERFORD" could be accepted for re-wooling of stern bush after 15th February, but that sufficient wood should be furnished. Mr. Ransdale stated that he was obtaining lignum vitae from Algiers but said that this vessel had previously been aground in Liverpool and her stern frame had been welded, which he thought might need attention again, in which case repairs would take longer than three or four days. In view of this information Commander Hardie was reluctant that she go to Palermo, but it was agreed that she should dock, but if it was found repairs would take longer than the time stated she should come out and await allocation to some other port. Commander Hardie said he would arrange for a salvage tug to escort her to Palermo in case of need.

988. LA CIOTAT. "R.C. BREMAN" was due to complete about 3rd February and Commander Hardie said would be followed by an H.M. Ship. "SIDI AISSA" would then go in, to be followed by cable ship "[illegible]", "VILLE DE [illegible]", "VAL DE LA HAYE", then French Warship which he said would have to take precedence over "MORLETA".

989. "LAURENT MEUS". If orders were received from London that this tanker should repair in the Mediterranean, Captain Bate asked to what port she should be sent, but as she was to have a complete overhaul, new house pipes, cable lifts, etc., the Chairman considered she could not be accepted in this area.

990. MIDDLE CATCHERS. The Chairman referred to a signal asking whether a large number of these vessels could be overhauled before proceeding to the fishing grounds and Mr. Ransdale said that Middle East had agreed to accept them.

991. REPAIR PRIORITIES. A circular from N.W.T. London setting out the priorities which they placed on different types of vessels which might require repairs was quoted by the Chairman and it was agreed that copies of this be passed to the Members of the Committee for their information.

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DRYDOCKING LIST

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED.	REMARKS.
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIERS	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief.	16th Feb.		Water boat. Clearing & painting overhaul.
GIBRALTAR.	HILDA KNUDSEN	At Casablanca	on arrival.		Speed reduced to 9 k.
	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital. tanker. Requires new stern trail end and propeller.
	HERO [illegible]	At Gibraltar	ready		tensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	EAGLE	At Oran	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7 overhaul & extensive repairs.
ALGIERS.	Gaud QUEVILLY	IN DOCK			
	MEONIA	At Algiers	ready	Mar. 1944	Rudder repairs
	SPINDLETOP	In S.France awaiting relief	10th Feb.		Cleaning & painting & machinery overhaul.
	M. L. LE BORGNE	Naples/Bastia/Naples		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from $7\frac{1}{2}$ - 6 k.
	SIDI BRAHIM	At Algiers	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13 - 12 k.
PHILIPPEVILLE.	GUDRUN	IN DOCK			Extensive hull damage
	LOKOS	At Bizerta	ready		Speed reduced from 8 - 7 k.
	JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	At Ajaccio	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$ k.
	PROSPER SCHLAFFER	At Algiers	on arrival	May 1944	Ital. Tanker. Clearing & painti
	UGO FIORELLI	Immobilised at Bizerta	ready		awaiting repairs.
TARANTO & BRINDISI. Cleaning and Painting.	SPERO	DOCKED			
	EMPIRE CANDIDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed.
	CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning & painting.
	EMPIRE ADUR	At Taranto	ready	Aug. 1944	Refrig. ship. Speed reduced fro General overhaul.
	ORTA	At Taranto	ready	over year out d drydock.	Cleaning and painting. Italian
	VITTORIO ZANNON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle awaiting relief.	15th Feb.		Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be Italian Tanker.
	ZAMLEVEN	Heel-Greece Shuttle	mid Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$ - 8 k.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED.	REMARKS.	
IR-DUTIERS	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.	(FRENCH BID)
SAINT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.	(FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar awaiting relief.	16th Feb.		Water boat. Cleaning & painting & overhaul.	(MWTR/FEO BID)
DSEN	At Casablanca	on arrival.		Speed reduced to 9 k.	(MWTR BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital.tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and propeller.	(MWTR BID)
LER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.	(WSA BID)
	At Oran	ready	Jun. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. machinery overhaul & extensive repairs.	(FEO/WSA BID)
VILLY	IN DOCK				
	At Algiers	ready	Mar. 1944	Rudder repairs	(FRENCH BID)
P	In S.France awaiting relief	10th Feb.		Cleaning & painting & machinery overhaul.	(MWTR BID)
BORGNE	Naples/Bastia/Naples		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from $7\frac{1}{2}$ - 6 k.	(FRENCH BID)
DM	At Algiers	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13 - 12 k.	(FRENCH BID)
	IN DOCK				
	At Bizerta	ready		Extensive hull damage	(MWTR BID)
LE BORGNE	At Ajaccio	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8 - 7 k.	(FRENCH BID)
CHIAFFINO	At Algiers	on arrival	May 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$ - $9\frac{1}{2}$ k.	(FRENCH BID)
LLI	Immobilised at Bizerta	ready		Ital.Tanker. Cleaning & painting & awaiting repairs.	(MWTR BID)
	DOCKED				
NDIRA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Cruise ship. Reduced speed.	(PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning & painting.	(MWTR BID)
UR	At Taranto	ready	Aug. 1944	Refrig.ship. Speed reduced from 10-9 k. General overhaul.	(PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready	over year out d'drydock.	Cleaning and painting. Italian.	(MWTR BID)
ZANNON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle awaiting relief.	15th Feb.		Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. Italian Tanker.	(MWTR BID)
	Bari-Greece Shuttle	mid Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$ - 8 k.	(PSTO BID)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS.
TARANTO & BRINDISI For Repairs.	ICELAND	At Taranto	ready		Cruise ship. Examination of stern tube.
	ASSUNZIONE	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post.
	VEST	At Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning & painting.
	LYMINGE	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.
	ORIETTA	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands.
	GALEB	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft & cleaning and painting.
	TOSCANA	At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning & painting and d tail end shaft.
	ORKLA At Brindisi for Patras				Sp. reduced from 8-7½k. Hull repairs.
NAPLES.	WASHINGTON IRVING	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs.
	ITU	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs.
	SAMPLER At Naples for Ancona		10th Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-10k.
LEGHORN.	ZAANSTROOM	At Leghorn	ready	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k.
	ANDREA CONTARINI	At Catania	mid. Feb.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning & painting
	PO	At Naples	on arrival	18 months out of d/d	Italian Water boat. Cleaning & painting. (MWTR/1
	SAMINGOY At Naples for Leghorn		28th Feb.		Speed reduced from 10½-9k. (New ship April, 1944).
PALERMO.	ALRESFORD	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bus
LA CIOTAT.	SIDI AISSA	At La Ciotat	ready		Hull repairs.
	ARAGO	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	VILLE DE BASTIA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	VAL DE LA HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting
	MORIALTA	At Marseilles	ready		Torpedo damage.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS.
	At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Exumination of stern tube. (PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning & painting. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination. (PSTO BID)
	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands. (PSTO BID)
	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft & cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning & painting and draw tail end shaft. (PSTO BID)
rindisi for Patras				Sp. reduced from 8-7½k. Hull repairs. (PSTO BID)
DRVIS	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs. (WSA BID)
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. (MWTR BID)
Naples for Ancona		10th Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-10k. (PSTO BID)
	At Leghorn	ready	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k. (PSTO BID)
RINI	At Catania	mid. Feb.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning & painting (PSTO BID)
	At Naples	on arrival	18 months out of d/d	Italian Water boat. Cleaning & painting. (MWTR/FEO BID)
t Naples for Leghorn		28th Feb.		Speed reduced from 10½-9k. (New ship April, 1944). (PSTO BID)
	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush. (MWTR BID)
	At La Ciotat	ready		Hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
STIA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
YE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting (FRENCH BID)
	At Marseilles	ready		Torpedo damage. (FRENCH BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

2ND FEBRUARY, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. 12th Feb.)
French Warship (5 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT

No. 2 Dock

Local Craft

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. mid. Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. 2nd Feb.)
HILDA KNUDSEN (2 days)
H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock

Small Craft

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock

JOHNS HOPKINS (4 weeks)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (3 weeks)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (abt. out)
MEONIA (5 days)
French Warships (3 weeks)

No. 2 Dock

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EMPIRE GAT (re-docking)
(uncertain)
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warship (2 weeks)

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock

French Warships (inlefinite)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (out abt. 5th Feb.)
LOBOS (for examination)

No. 3 Dock

PROSPER SCHLAFFINO (2 days)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

No. 4 Dock

GUDRUN & H.M. Ship (out abt. 6th Feb.)

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French Warship (5 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. mid. Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ship (out abt. 2nd Feb.)
HILDA KNUDSEN (2 days)
H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock

Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock

JOHNS HOPKINS (4 weeks)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (3 weeks)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (abt. out)
MEONIA (5 days)
French Warships (3 weeks)

No. 2 Dock

3494

EMPIRE GAT (re-docking)
(uncertain)
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warship (2 weeks)

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock

French Warships (inlefinite)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (out abt. 5th Feb.)
LOBOS (for examination)

No. 3 Dock

PROSPER SCHLAFFINO (2 days)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock

GUDRUN & H.M. Ship (out abt. 6th Feb.)
UGO FIORELLI (2 days)
M.L. LE BORGNE (2 days)

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T A R A N T O.

No. 1 Dock

EMPIRE ROACH, TURBEDU & H.M. Ships (15 days)

No. 12 Dock

Italian Warship (out abt. 20th Feb.)
EMPIRE CANDIDA

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 2 Dock

NASERITE & Italian Warship (uncertain)

No. 13 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi
in order of priority.

TOSCANA
EMPIRE ADUR
ICELAND
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (until mid. Feb.)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

No. 2 Dock

CAPO MELE (indefinite)

Floating Dock

PILO
H.M. Ships

No. 5 Dock

Under Repair.

L E G H O R N.

Under Repair until about 10th Feb.
U.S. Warship (for examination)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)
PO (2 days)
Local Craft
CHRISTINE

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
ALDERSFORD (3 /4 days)

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships.

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No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for Docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

TOSCAN.
EMPIRE ADUR
ICELAND
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (until mid. Feb.)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 2 Dock

C.A.O MELE (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

Floating Dock

PILO
H.M. Ships

No. 5 Dock

Under Repair.

L E G H O R N.

Under Repair until about 10th Feb.
U.S. Warship (for examination)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)
PO (2 days)
Local Craft
CHRISTINE

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
ALNESFORD (3 /4 days)

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

1. R.O. BRENNAN (out abt. 3rd Feb.)
2. H.M. Ship
3. SIDI AISSA (15 days)
4. ARAGO (2 days)
5. VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
6. VAL DE LA HAYE (2 days)
7. French Warship (7 weeks)
8. MORIALTA (3 weeks)

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S E C R E T

REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 2nd FEBRUARY 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

Dates anticipated or actual

Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In	DRYDOCKING Out	Completion for return to service	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port. Own power	In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ALGIERS - 29.1.45. (Including delayed report w/e 22.1.45).				
ASTRA	A 22/12 B 23/12 C 4/1	Routine D/D; boiler survey & repairs; deck repairs.	D 8/1 E 15/1	Completed.
ANTONIA	A) B) 11/1 C 24/1	Routine D/D; deck & mach'y repairs; fumigation.	D 27/1 E 29/1	Completed.
EMPIRE GAT	A 10/1 B) C) 11/1 C 30/1	Stern tube to remove and re-metal.	D 15/1 D) E) 3/2	
P.L.M.13	A) B) 11/1	Renewing stokehold flooring; boiler clean; machinery repairs.	E 19/1	Completed.
EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast & G.S. pumps; renewals to steam & exhaust pipes.	E 7-8/2	
MANNINGTON	A 12/1 B 19/1 C 16/1	Routine D/D; deck & machinery repairs.	D 18/1 E 24/1	Completed.
EMPIRE LASS	A) B) 23/1 C)	Routine D/D; repairs to rudder pintles; machinery, boiler & deck repairs.	D 27/1 E 4/2	
ALEXANDRE ANDRE COULEEG CAMPIDOGLIO EMPIRE HARBOUR	FORT LEMOYE FORT PANGUIR PINZON ST. BERTRAND	SAMPEUGH SAMPLER SAMGUEDARN SERIN	VILLE D'ORAN	Minor repairs since 15.1.45.
ASTRA EMPIRE HARBOUR FORT PANGUIR	PINZON RILEY ST. BERTRAND	SAMPLER SERIN FORT LA TOUR		Minor repairs since 22.1.45.
TARANTO - 30.1.45.				

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		In	Off to service	Own power	In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ALGIERS - 29.1.45 (Including delayed report w/e 22.1.45).				
ASTRA	A 22/12 B 23/12 C 4/1	Routine D/D; boiler survey & repairs; deck repairs.	D 8/1 E 15/1	Completed.
ANTONIA	A) 11/1 B) C 24/1	Routine D/D; deck & mach'y repairs; fumigation.	D 27/1 E 29/1	Completed.
EMPIRE GAT	A 10/1 B) C) 11/1 C 30/1	Stern tube to remove and re-metal.	D 15/1 D) E) 3/2	
P.L.M.13	A) B) 11/1	Renewing stokehold flooring; boiler clean; machinery repairs.	E 19/1	Completed.
EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast & G.S. pumps; renewals to steam & exhaust pipes.	E 7-8/2	
MANNINGTON	A 12/1 B 15/1 C 16/1	Routine D/D; deck & mac'inery repairs.	D 18/1 E 24/1	Completed.
EMPIRE LASS	A) B) 23/1 C)	Routine D/D; repairs to rudder pintles; machinery, boiler & deck repairs.	D 27/1 E 4/2	
ALEXANDRE ANDRE COULEGG CAMPIDOGLIO EMPIRE HARBOUR	PORT LEMPOX PORT PANSERIR PINZON ST. BERTRAND	BATTEUGH SAMPLER SAMSTARN SERIN	VILLE D'ORAN	Minor repairs since 15.1.45.
ASTRA EMPIRE HARBOUR PORT PANSERIR	PINZON RILEY ST. BERTRAND	SAMPLER SERIN PORT LA TOUR		Minor repairs since 22.1.45.
TARANTO - 30.1.45				
VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7 C Ind.	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	D Ind. E 28/2	Vessel to be drydocked.
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 15/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 5/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boiler slow, due to higher priorities.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (Cont'd).				
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller & shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 E Ind.	Vessel to be redocked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
PERTUSULA	B 15/10 C 6/11	Routine D/D, engine & minor hull repairs; boiler defects.	D 17/11 E 25/1	Completed.
NETTUNO	A 13/11 B) C)14/11 C 28/12	Routine D/D. Port stern bush requires rewooding. Rudder pintles to renew.	D 16/11 D 24/1 E 26/1	Completed.
CRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/2 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LEMNOS	A 21/12 B 30/12	Deck and engine repairs.	E 14/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2	Rudder repairs.	D 19/2 E 21/2	
SPERO	A 5/1 B 9/1 C 27/1	Routine D/D. Boiler clean & minor deck repairs, and engine repairs. Insulation plug hatch repairs.	D 2/2 E 3/2	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 28/1	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 7/2 E 17/2	Slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E Ind.	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B Ind.	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew.	E Ind.	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1	Boiler survey and repairs. Hospital fitting.	E 12/2	
ACTILLA	A 17/1 B 19/1	Defects not stated.	E 30/1	Completed.
SAMLEVEN	A 15/1 B 18/1	Boiler repairs.	E 23/1	Completed.
SAMDAK	A 27/1 B 29/1	Starboard boiler repairs after explosion.	E 19/2	

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PERTUSOLA	D 15/10 C 6/11	Routine D/D, engine & minor hull repairs; boiler defects.	D 17/11 E 25/1	Completed.
NETTUNO	A 13/11 B) 14/11 C) C 28/12	Routine D/D. Port stern bush requires rewooding. Rudder pintles to renew.	D 16/11 D 24/1 E 26/1	Completed.
CRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/2 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LYMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Deck and engine repairs.	E 14/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2	Rudder repairs.	D 19/2 E 21/2	
SPERO	A 5/1 B 9/1 C 27/1	Routine D/D. Boiler clean & minor deck repairs, and engine repairs. Insulation plug hatch repairs.	D 2/2 E 3/2	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 28/1	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 7/2 E 17/2	Slow due to higher priorities.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E Ind.	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B Ind.	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew.	E Ind.	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1	Boiler survey and repairs. Hospital fitting.	E 12/2	
ACILLIA	A 17/1 B 19/1	Defects not stated.	E 30/1	Completed.
SAMLEVEN	A 15/1 B 18/1	Boiler repairs.	E 23/1	Completed.
SAMDAK	A 27/1 B 29/1	Starboard boiler repairs after explosion.	E 19/2	
EMPIRE CLYDE	A) B) 23/1	Extensive boiler and furnace repairs.	E 1/2	
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 24/2 (Est).	Examination of stern tube & testing propeller.	D 11/3 E 12/3	
RIVA I (S.T.O. Sch.)	A 18/1 C 19/1	Routine D/D.	D 27/1 E 28/1	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (Cont'd)				
TARANTO:				
BENGLAZE		FORT COLUMBIA		PASS OF MELFORT
EDWARD BRUCE		FORT STAGER		SANCOLME
EMPIRE SOUTTEN		FORT STURGEON		SAMLEVEN
EMPIRE STRONGHOLD		NAJEFJELL		
BARI:				
FORT GROUARD		GUDVIN		FAUVETTE ORKLA.
R.S. WILSON		JAS. W. FANNIN		BLAIRDEVON
FORT DAUPHIN		FORT ERIE		VACHEL LINDSAY
CHARLTONHALL		KONGSVERRE		JAS.L. BECK
BRINDISI:				
EMPIRE USK		OCEAN GYPSY		SHUEA
ARGENTINA		FORT GASPEREAU		REGIN
MARIGOT		SCOTTISH MONARCH		

Minor repairs since 25.1.45

MARSEILLES - 30.1.45

MORIALTA		Supposed mine damage starboard side No.2Hold.		Temporary repairs to proceed to La Ciotat completed. Awaiting D/D.
COTTON VALLEY	A 4/10 B 11/10	Mine damage. Bow section missing.	E 7/1	Vessel to operate Toulon area without windlass, anchor or cable. Suitable windlass salvaged, being overhauled. Anchor & cable available.
VILLE D'ORAN	A) B) 28/1	General deck & engine & troop accommodation repairs.	E 6/2	

Minor repairs since 23.1.45

OCTAVE: ARUNDEL CASTLE: P.L.M.13: FORT GEORGE.

GIBRALTAR - 29.1.45

TAIGETE (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Extension valve spindles to repair.	E 26/1	Completed.
FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube,		Awaiting D/D to fit new

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BENGLOE	FORT COLUMBIA	PASS OF MELFORT	
EDWARD BRUCE	FORT STAGER	SAMCOLINE	
EMPIRE SOUTHEY	FORT STURGEON	SAALEVEN	
EMPIRE STRONGHOLD	HAREFJELL		Minor
BARI:-			repairs
FORT CROZARD	GUDVIN	FAUVETTE ORNLA.	since
R.S. WILSON	JAS. W. FANNIN	BLAIRDEVON	
FORT DAUPHIN	FORT ERIE	VACHEL LINDSAY	23.1.45
CHARLTONHALL	KONGSVERGER	JAS.L. BREEN	
BRINDISI:-			
EMPIRE USK	OCEAN GYPSY	SIRNIA	
ARGENTINA	PORT GASPEREAU	REGIN	
MARIGOT	SCOTTISH MONARCH		

MARSEILLES - 30.1.45.

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VILLE D'ORAN	A) B) 28/1	General deck & engine & troop accommodation repairs.	E 6/2	

Minor repairs since 27.1.45.

OCTAVE: ARUNDEL CASTLE: P.L.M.13: FORT GEORGE.

GIBRALTAR - 29.1.45.

TAIGETE (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Extension valve spindles to repair.	E 26/1	Completed.
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
OAP TORRANE	A 15/1 B 16/1	Collision damage. Hole in starb'd bow shell plating.	F 24/1	Completed.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No.2 Hold by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
EMPIRE GLEN	A 27/1 B 28/1	Fractured main discharge pipe.	E 31/1	

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GIBRALTAR (Cont'd).				
FORT WASHWAAK	A 27/1 B 28/1	Engine defects.	E Not stated.	
STAD ARNHEM	A22/1 B 23/1	Boiler stays leaking and furnace flanges cracked.	E 26/1	Completed.
RADJESTAN: DENEWOOD: ZLAN: MALAYAN PRINCE: INDIANA - Minor repairs since 19/1.				
Minor repairs since 23.1.45 - No information.				
LEGHORN - 30.1.45.				
FANNY BRUNNER	C 17/1	Routine D/D etc.	D) B)25/1	Completed.
Minor repairs since 23.1.45 - COLCHESTER: ZAANSTROOM: (Minor dock & engine repairs in hand. Awaiting D/D. Dock non-operational for 12 days)				
AUGUSTA - 30.1.45 (including delayed report w/e 23.1.45)				
ALRESFORD	A 31/12/44 B 1 / 1/45	Rewooding stern tube.	F 6/2/45.	Vessel to go to nearest d/d under escort of tug. Trial trip proving unsatisfactory.
LINGE	A 9/1 B 10/1	Boiler cleaning and survey.	E Not stated.	Completed.
ALISA	A) B)19/1	Main engine repairs.	E 21/1	Completed.
Minor repairs since 19.1.45 - EDWARD BRUCE. " " " 23.1.45 - OCEAN VIRTUE: JOHN WINING (U.S.)				
NAPLES - 31.1.45				
EMPIRE DON	A 12/1 B 13/1	Propeller & tail end shaft removed for machining.	E 3/2	
EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	A) B)20/1	Boiler repairs; hull damage.	E 27/1	Completed.
EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	A) B)30/1	Boiler defects.	E 5/2	
MONKLEIGH	A 18/1 B 19/1	Overhauling main & G.S. pumps.	E 27/1	Completed.
HERCULES	A) B)	Repairs to main circulating	E 24/1	Completed.

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BADJESTAN: DEWEWOOD: ZAAN: WALAIN PRINCE: INDIRA - Minor repairs since 19/-.

Minor repairs since 23.1.45 - No information.

LEGHORN - 30.1.45.

FANNY BRUNNER	C 17/1	Routine D/D etc.	D) E) 25/1	Completed.

Minor repairs since 23.1.45 - COLCHESTER: ZAANSTROOM: (Minor deck & engine repairs in hand. Awaiting D/D. Dock non-operational for 12 days)

AUGUSTA - 30.1.45 (including delayed report w/e 23.1.45)

ALRESFORD	A 31/12/44 B 1/1/45	Renewing stern tube.	F 6/2/45.	Vessel to go to nearest d/d under escort of tug. Trial trip proving unsatisfactory.
LINGE	A 9/1 B 10/1	Boiler cleaning and survey.	E Not stated.	Completed.
ALISA	A) B) 19/1	Main engine repairs.	E 21/1	Completed.

Minor repairs since 19.1.45 - EDWARD BRUCE.
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NAPLES - 31.1.45

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EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	A) B) 20/1	Boiler repairs; hull damage.	E 27/1	Completed.
EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	A) B) 30/1	Boiler defects.	E 5/2	
MONKLEIGH	A 18/1 B 19/1	Overhauling main & G.S. pumps.	E 27/1	Completed.
HERCULES (Dut.)	A) B) 22/1	Repairs to main [illegible]	E 21/1	Completed.
ALVALAZERE	A) B) 21/12 C 6/2	Making new propeller.	D 8/2 E 9/2	

Minor repairs since 24.1.45.

SAMFAITHFUL	SAMSHEARN	EMPIRE CAIN	SAMLOUIS	HAMLET SCOTT
P.L.M.14	EMPIRE DAMON	SAMTAR	SAMSPERRIN	SE. ROCARTO
EMPIRE HARMONY	EGYPTIAN PRINCE	SAMINCOY	ZYPENBERG	LAURENT MEANS
BRIGHTON	ALEXANDRA PARK	ORBIN	SAMCREST	VILLE D'ORAN
OTTINGE	EMPIRE SURGER	SAMBRE	CEMI-Y-MAN	SUTHERLAND

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NAPLES (Cont'd)

Minor repairs since 24.1.45. (Cont'd).

SWITZERLAND	PERE II	BRITISH ENGINEER	ODYSSEUS.
PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA	GOLLY	EMPIRE LIONEL	

REPORT RECEIVED FROM W.S. - PERMANENT REPAIRS for week ending 1st February 1945

ORAN:

ALEXANDER STEPHENS - Arrived 1-27 with "Reefer" trouble. Est. complete 10 days.

JOHN S. HOPKINS - Being docked 1-27.

Minor repairs ending January 27th.

HARRIET TUBMAN	GEORGE BANCROFT
ALEXANDER SHEFFIELD	THOMAS POLLOCK.

ALGIERS:

GRAND QUEVILLY - Docking on January 27. Expect complete all repairs Feb. 5th.

GLORIETA. - Bound for Port Said. Arrived Algiers Jan. 26 with damaged steam line. Expect complete Feb. 1st.

NAPLES - Minor repairs ending January 31st.

ARTHUR L. PERRY	JOSEPH HEWES	CRAWFORD LONG	PETER McGUIRE
CHARLES HOFFOFF	MONT EVEREST	HARRIET B. S TOWE	W. LEAVITT.
GEORGE THOMAS	BENJAMIN BREWSTER	LYMAN ABBOT	

LEGHORN - Minor repairs ending January 31st.

JOHN S. CASEMENT: RICHARD J. GATLING: KING S. WOLSEY: FRANCIS MARION.

MARSEILLE:

CLIFFORD MALLORY - Finished. Sea trial awaiting favourable weather.

R.C. BRENNAN - Awaiting drydocking at La Ciotat.

REPORT RECEIVED FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES 27.1.45.

ALGER:

CAP EL HANK	B 11/10/44.	General repairs.	B 22/1.
MEONIA	B 15/12/44.	Examination of principal and auxiliary motors. Repairs to hull and propeller after grounding.	B 15/2.

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SWITZERLAND — HMS TI — BRITISH BRIGHTER ODYSSEUS.
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ARTHUR L. PERRY — JOSEPH HEWES — CRAWFORD LONG — PETER McGUIRE
CHARLES HOFDOFF — MONT EVEREST — HARRIET R. S TOWE — WM. LEAVITT.
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CAP EL HANK	B 11/10/44.	General repairs.	E 22/1.
MEDEA	B 15/12/44.	Examination of principal and auxiliary motors. Repairs to hull and propeller after grounding.	E 15/2.

ORAN:

PROVIDENCE	B 31/12/44	Refitting. Repairs to hull. Overhaul of screw shaft.	E 25/1.

CASABLANCA:

ILE DE NOIRMOUTIERS	B 25/10/44	General overhaul and refitting.	E March 45.

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FRENCH REPORT (Continued)				
BIZERTE				
MEDIE II.	B 18/10	New boiler tubes. General repairs and unkeep.	E 8/2.	
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration.	E Mar.	
VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs after refloating.		

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM - Oran - Malta - Bone - Casablanca.

No Italian report received.

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M.W.T.R. N.A.
ALGIERS.
27th. January 1945

No.43.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBO.

From: French Liaison, M.W.T.R. N.A.

WEEKLY SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
25th.Jany.1945.

1-PROGRAMME FOR COASTERS: Enclosed. Read and approved.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE: List of bids for drydock and of repairs sent to MEDBO earlier this week. With regard to the s.s."ST. BERTRAND", this vessel has replaced a certain number of boiler tubes and is proceeding to the U.K. where it is anticipated she will undergo engine and further boiler repairs , whilst passing survey for transfer to French Management.

3-SULPHUR PROGRAMME: (see para 6. Report No.41). MWT. informed D.M.M. that the "CARTHAGE" actually at a Sicilian port would load sulphur at CATANIA and PORTO EMPEDOCLE a full cargo for ALGIERS and/or ARZEW.
That the AUGUSTIN LE BORGNE" having on board 1050 Tons of sulphur , and under repair (temporary) in MALTA .. being diverted to TUNIS.
(D...M. had asked that she be diverted to ALGIERS so that permanent repairs could be carried out after demagnetisation in MALTA).
and that the "ARGONNE" had received instructions to proceed to L. GOULETTE for orders in conformity with the D... request.(see French programme Page 2 and Page 7.)
D... asked that "CARTHAGE" should if possible discharge part cargo at LA GOULETTE and the balance at Algiers or Arzew, and that the "AUG. LE BORGNE" should proceed direct to Algiers or Arzew, where repairs could be carried on during discharge. MWT. promised to try to arrange this, but could not guarantee that time would permit this to be done.

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4-s.s."ST. BERTRAND":(see para.5. No.42 and para 2 above).MWT.Surveyors report had shown that the Chief Engineers request for boiler repairs had been fully justified by tests carried out on tubes that had been withdrawn and replaced. A reply to M.W.T.R.N.A.'s signal to London had been received and vessel was to proceed to the U.K. via Gibraltar and another port. Vessel was expected to sail on the 26th.Jany.1945 p.m. after bunkering.

6-SIX FRENCH LIST "B" COASTERS ON G.T.C. and the "CHATEAU LATOUR": (see para 3.Report No.41.). During the meeting the D.M.M. received a signal from DGM.Paris which marries up with the signal to M.W.T.R.MED.Mast 30 from CHAMT/MED. requesting the earliest possible return to the French of the 6 coasters which the MWT. have on G.T.C. and also of the "CHATEAU LATOUR", DGM. stressing the point that this vessel is still at the disposal of the US.Army but has been immobilised for some weeks awaiting a decision as to whether the U.S.Army have further need of her.

7-s.s."ESPIGUETTE" AND "MAROC": (G.T.C. to MWT. and in P.S.T.O. Service)- The D.M.M. advised that their representative in TUNIS had been informed by the local

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That the "AUGUSTIN DE NORMIE" having on board 1050 Tons of sulphur , and under repair (temporary) in MALTA , being diverted to TUNIS.
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7-s.s."EXPRESS-ETTE" AND "ARROC": (G.T.C. to MWT. and in P.S.T.O. Service)- The D.M.M. advised that their representative in TUNIS had been informed by the local Allied Authority that these two vessels actually in Tunisia were at the disposal of the French for the loading of supplies to the South of France. MWT. has no knowledge of this other than from signals passing between other departments from which it is clear that vessels are still under the control of P.S.T.O. and MWT. and MWT.N.A. is unaware of the conditions under which they will carry these cargoes. D.M.M. point out that because of the lack of early information, there is great risk of vessels losing time waiting for cargo, as the Ravitaillement may be unable to assure the despatch to the ports of the goods for rapid shipment.

sgd. P.F. LE BARS.
French Liaison.
M.W.T. M.A.

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5TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

FRENCH COASTER PROGRAMME.

VESSELS ON PASSAGE.

SHIP	LIST	PORT & DEPARTURE DATE	INTERMEDIARY PORTS	DESTINATION	REMARKS
		Week of 21st to 27th January, 1945.			
		WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
MARRAKECH	B	Dakar 25/1	Casa	Marseilles	Passengers - General cargo. W. Africa.
CAP EL MAK	B	Algiers 25/1	Casa	W.African Ports	Wine - Passengers.
CHELMA	B	Dakar 24/1	Casa	Oran Algiers	General cargo - W.Africa.
EDGAR	B	Sete 15/1	Oran	W.African Ports	Various - Passengers.
H. SCHLAFLINO	B	Oran 27/1	Casa	Dakar	General cargo - France & N. Africa.
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Sete 27/1	Dakar	W.African Ports	General cargo -Various.
P. DE ROUSIERS	B	Algiers 18/1	Casa	Dakar	do.
TOURS	B	Dakar 17/1	Casa	Algerian Ports	do.
C.P.ST. MARTIN	B	Casa 26/1		Algiers	do.
		N. AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
ARGONNE	D	Sfax 25/12	Porto Empedocle La Goulette	Sfax	Phosphates.
A. LE BORGNE	B	Malta 22/1	Algiers	Arzew	Sulphur.
CAP FALCON	B	Oran 24/1		Algiers	Coal.
CAP PINEDE	B	Algiers 25/1	Bizerta	Tunis	Wood - Barley.
PROVIDENCE	B	Oran 25/1	Algiers	Toulon	Military personnel.
CARTHAGE	D	Sfax 27/12	Crotone	Algiers	Phosphates.
CEVENNES	B	Philippeville 23/1		Sfax	In ballast.
GALLIUM	B	Mostaganem 21/1	Casa	Algiers	Wine - Various.
JEANNE SCHLAFLINO	B	Bone 24/1		Bougie	Coal.
JANINE	B	Oran 26/1	Mostaganem	Casa Algiers	Tea - Various.
LE ZERAMNA	B	Bone 27/1			
LACYDON	B	Bone 24/1	Bougie	Djidjelli Algiers	Salt - wood.
LES ISSERS	D	Sfax 21/1	Tunis	Algiers	Soap - oil.
		ADVICE OF MOVEMENTS.			
		Week of 28th January to 4th February, 1945.			

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SHIP	LIST	DEPARTURE DATE	PORTS	DESTINATION	REMARKS

Week of 21st to 27th January, 1945.

WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

MARRAKECH	B	Dakar 25/1	Casa	Marseilles	Passengers - General cargo. W. Africa.
C.F EL KAIK	B	Algiers 25/1	Casa	W.African Ports	Wine - Passengers.
CHELMA	B	Dakar 24/1	Casa	Oran Algiers	General cargo - W.African.
EDGAR	B	Sete 15/1	Oran	W.African Ports	Various - Passengers.
OH. SCHLUFF-ING	B	Oran 27/1	Casa	Dakar	General cargo - France & N. Africa.
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Sete 27/1	Dakar	W.African Ports	General cargo -Various.
P. DE ROUSIERS	B	Algiers 18/1	Casa	Dakar	do.
TOURS	B	Dakar 17/1	Casa	Algerian Ports	do.
C.P.ST. MARTIN	B	Casa 26/1		Algiers	do.

N. AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

ARGONNE	B	Sfax 25/12	Porto Empedocle La Goulette	Sfax	Phosphates.
A. LE BORGNE	B	Malta 22/1	Algiers	Arzew	Sulphur.
CAP FALCON	B	Oran 24/1		Algiers	Coal.
CAP PINEDE	B	Algiers 25/1	Bizerta	Tunis	Wood - Barley.
PROVIDENCE	B	Oran 25/1	Algiers	Toulon	Military personnel.
CARTHAGE	B	Sfax 27/12	Crotone	Algiers	Phosphates.
CEVENNES	B	Philippeville 23/1		Sfax	In ballast.
GALLIUM	B	Mostaganem 21/1	Casa	Algiers	Wine - Various.
JEANNE SCHLUFFINO	B	Bone 24/1		Bougie	Coal.
JANINE	B	Oran 26/1	Mostaganem	Casa	Tea - Various.
LE ZERAMA	B	Bone 27/1		Algiers	
LACYDON	B	Bone 24/1	Bougie	Djidjelli Algiers	Salt - wood.
LES ISSERS	B	Sfax 21/1	Tunis	Algiers	Soap - oil.

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ADVICE OF MOVEMENTS.

Week of 28th January to 4th February, 1945.

WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

P. DE ROUSIERS	B	Casa 28/1	Dakar	
TOURS	B	Casa 28/1	Algerian Ports	

N. AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

JEANNE SCHLUFFINO	B	Bougie 28/1		Algerian Ports	
LACYDON	B	Algiers 2/2		Bougie	Sugar.
LE ZERAMA	B	Algiers 30/1			
LES ISSERS	B	Algiers 29/1	Philippeville	Bougie Bone	Pyrites.
GALLIUM	B	Casa 31/1	Algiers	Philippeville	General Cargo.

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		ADVICE OF MOVEMENTS (After 4th February, 1945).			
		WEST AFRICA-NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
CAP. ST MARTIN	B	Algiers abt.11/2	Casa	W.African Ports	
		NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
GALLIUM	B	Philipeville 12/2	Algerian Ports	France	
		CORSICAN TRAFFIC.			
W.D. D'AFRIQUE	B				Corsican coastal traffic.
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	Ajaccio 21/1	Algiers	Ajaccio	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	Ajaccio 22/1		Algiers	
		VESSELS AT DISPOSITION OF MINISTRY OF WAR.			
CHATEAU LATOUR	B				
		VESSELS AT DISPOSITION OF THE ALLIES.			
DJEBEL AURES	B				
MAROC	B				
RICHELIEURG	B				
KRISTEL	B				
LE TRAIT	B				
M.L. LE BORGNE	B				
ESPIGUETTE	B				
		COLONIAL TRAFFIC.			
MEONIA	B	At Algiers			Repairing.
SAGITTAIRE	B	Casa 27/1			
		WEST AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
ANDRE MOIRAND	B	Knolack 22/1		Dakar	
ACTURUS	B	Dakar 20/1		Port Bouet	
CAP LOPEZ	B	Dakar 31/10			Repairing.
G.GUIST'HAU	B	Dakar 30/1		Port Etienne	
OUED FES	B	Port Bouet 26/1		Freetown	
Venizme	B	Durutu 16/1	Lagos	Port Bouet	
AGEN	B	DAKAR 31/1		West African Ports	
		TRAFFIC WITH FRANCE.			
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	Sete abt.25/1		Casa. W.African Ports	
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	Algiers abt.26/1	Oran	Sete	
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	Algiers abt.23/1	Ajaccio Sete	Algiers	
[illegible] SCHIAFFINO	B	Algiers abt.23/1	Sete	Algiers	

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NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

GALLIUM	D	Philipeville 12/2	Algerian Ports	France	

CORSICAN TRAFFIC.

W.D. D'AFRIQUE	D				Corsican constal traffic.
VILLE D'AJACCIO	D	Ajaccio 21/1	Algiers	Ajaccio	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	D	Ajaccio 22/1		Algiers	

VESSELS AT DISPOSITION OF MINISTRY OF WAR.

CHATEAU LATOUR	B				

VESSELS AT DISPOSITION OF THE ALLIES.

DJEBEL AURES	D				
MAROC	D				
LICHTENBOURG	D				
KRISTEL	D				
LE TRAIT	D				
M.L. LE BORGNE	D				
ESPIGUETTE	D				

COLONIAL TRAFFIC.

MEONIA	D	At Algiers			Repairing.
SAGITTAIRE	D	Casa 27/1			

WEST AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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Vendome	D	Durutu 16/1	Lagos		Port Bouet
AGEN	D	DAKAR 31/1			West African Ports

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STRASBOURGEOIS	B	Algiers abt. 26/1	Oran	Seto
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	Algiers abt.23/1	Ajaccio Sete	Algiers
P. SCHIAFFINO	B	Algiers abt.23/1	Sete	Algiers
SIDI BRAHIM	B	Algiers abt.23/1	Sete	Oran
CAUDERAC	B	Oran abt. 25/1	Sete	North Africa
FAUZON	B	Algiers 23/1	Sete	W. African Ports
MADAGASCAR	D	Oran 27/1	Marseilles	Sete Marseilles W.African Ports

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SHIP	LIST	PORT & DEPARTURE DATE	INTERMEDIARY PORTS	DESTINATION	REMARKS
		TRAFFIC WITH FRANCE CONTD.			
ACHLAFTINO ARERES	B	Oran 27/1	Sete	W.African Ports.	
DUNKERQUE	B	Sete -/1		W.African Ports	
G.G. LEPINE	B	Sete 24/1	Algiers	Sete	
ARGONNE	B	Sicily abt. -/1	Sfax	Sete	
PROCIDA	B	Marseilles abt. -/1	Tunisian Ports	France	
FINISTERE	B	Sfax 22/1	Caronte	Sfax	
JANINE	B	Casa abt.-/2		France	
MONTAIGNE	B	Dakar abt.10/1		France	
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	B	Ajaccio-Bastia abt.23/1		Sete	
MEDIE II	B	Bizerta-Tunis abt.31/1	Marseilles	West African Ports	
PARAME	B	Casa abt.28/1		Sete	
PROVIDENCE	B	Oran abt.25/1	Algiers	Toulon	
VERDOME	B	Port Bouet abt. 31/1	Casa	Rouen	

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Subject : G-4(Nov & Tn) Weekly Report to PEDRO on Civil Subs.

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2 Feb 45

Tele : FREEDOM 302

130. Apr Subsistence Requirements - ITALY.

(a) Procurement responsibility for Italian Apr subsistence requirements is given below :-

Item	Tonnage	Responsibility
Wheat Flour	79,000	U.S.
	120,000	CANADA
	20,000 Barley - (but see para 132)	U.K.
Sugar	2,700	U.S.
Fats	2,250	U.S.
Milk (Dry skimmed)	2,664	U.S.
Milk (Evaporated)	3,988	U.S.
	2,400	CANADA
Meat or substitutes	3,360	

(b) Supply responsibility for sugar requirements for Mar has not yet been allocated.

131. Supply Requirements for UNRRA Italian Relief Operations. (See para 50)

It will be remembered that the following tonnages were required to arrive NAPLES in Jan :-

Milk	800 tons
Sugar	300 "
Flour	1,600 "
Other Commodities	1,600 "
	4,300 "

of this tonnage, 600 long tons are scheduled for Jan lift on British Lend-Lease vessels, and one ship has been allocated for Feb to lift the balance. 3887

In addition one ship has been allocated for Mar to apply against the overall UNRRA six months programme of 100,000 long tons.

132. Barley - ITALY (See para 120).

The use of barley in ITALY as an adulterant has proved unsatisfactory and CCAC has been requested to discontinue its use for the following reasons :-

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(a) Procurement responsibility for UNRRA requirements is given below :-

Item	Tonnage	Responsibility
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Meat or substitutes	3,360	

(b) Supply responsibility for sugar requirements for May has not yet been allocated.

131. Supply Requirements for UNRRA Italian Relief Operations. (See para 50)

It will be remembered that the following tonnages were required to arrive NAPLES in Jan :-

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Sugar	300 "
Flour	1,600 "
Other Commodities	1,600 "
	4,300 "

of this tonnage, 600 long tons are scheduled for Jan lift on British Lend-Lease vessels, and one ship has been allocated for Feb to lift the balance. 3787

In addition one ship has been allocated for Mar to apply against the overall UNRRA six months programme of 100,000 long tons.

132. Barley - ITALY (See para 129).

The use of barley in ITALY as an adulterant has proved unsatisfactory and COAC has been requested to discontinue its use for the following reasons :-

(a) Distribution: There are virtually no stocks of grain suitably placed for equable distribution. Consequently areas which are dependent upon imports may have to accept a wheat ship or barley ship, owing to lack of suitable distribution facilities.

(b) Difficulties of distribution have been aggravated by irregular arrivals as shown below :-

Month	Allocated	Arrived or set up
Oct	20,000	15,169
Nov	20,000	22,485
Dec	20,000	-
Jan	20,000	5,368
Feb	20,000	22,952
	100,000	65,974 deficit 34,026.

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(c) Uneconomical use of Shipping.

100 tons barley yield 64 tons flour whereas 100 tons wheat yield 90 tons flour. On an equivalent basis 7 barley ships are required to replace 5 wheat ships.

13. Current Wheat Ships, IT.LY.

Statement is att at Appx 'A'.

14. Fertilisers - [illegible]. (See para 92).

AMZAIR has been notified that 1,000 tons of rock phosphate are being requisitioned from N. AFRICA.

With regard to the requirement of 10,000 tons superphosphate and 500 tons ammonium sulphate for ALBANIA, no supply responsibility has yet been notified, but it is presumed that this will be from N. AFRICA. It is not intended to call fwd these quantities at present.

V. HINE, Major,
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G.(Mov & Tn).

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CARGO SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 2 FEB. APPENDIX

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	CROTONE	
ARSDALE				5368	Sailed ex M.E. 29 Dec	IRAQ	6 Jun				5368		N
RT MINOT	26' [illegible]		8399		UGS 64	USA	17 Jan					8399 (REGGIO/ CROTONE)	D N
THAN HALE			8686		UGS 66	USA	25 Jan		8686				N
S. L. BRUCE	27' 4"Fwd 29' 7"Aft		7738		UGS 65	USA	27 Jan			7738			N
HN H. QUICK	28' 6"		8764		UGS 67	USA	29 Jan	8764 (PALERMO)					N
EXIS A. BUNTING	27' [illegible]		7933		UGS 67	USA	29 Jan	7933 (C[illegible]/REGGIO)					N
ISHA GRAVES OTIS	27' 0"		2764(F) 5059		UGS 67	USA	31 Jan		7823				A
RGE E. HALE				7712	Ready ALEX 24 Jan	ENG	1 Feb						L
ATON D. BAKER	28' 6"		7944(F)		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb			7944			T U
LLIAM HUME	28' 4"	~~8690~~	8690		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb		8690				E
WARD SPARROW	29' 0"	7740	268		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb				8008		A
LLEY M. HUGHES	27' 2"		8596		UGS 67	USA	5 Feb			8596 (BRINDISI)			A
. ROSS				7513	[illegible] ALEX 29 Jan	ENG	5 Feb	7513 (PALERMO)					A
RENO			1227			M.E.	7 Feb		1227				A
WELL L. WILKIE	27' 6"	7471	402		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb				7873		
S H. CONRAD	26' 6"		8515		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb						C
BERT R. RANDALL	27' 0"	7471	694		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb	8165 (CATANIA/CR[illegible])					
LIAM PENN	27' 2"	[illegible]	321		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb			8[illegible]			

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LY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 2 FEB.

T	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CAST-ELLA-MMARE	CROTONE	REMARKS
		5368	Sailed ex M.E. 29 Dec	ENQ	6 Jan				5369		Now discharging
	8399		UGS 64	USA	17 Jan					8399 (REGGIO/ CROTONE)	Discharged REGGIO 906 tons. Now discharging CROTONE
	8686		UGS 66	USA	25 Jan		8686				Now discharging
	7738		UGS 65	USA	27 Jan			7738			Now discharging
	8764		UGS 67	USA	29 Jan	8764(PALERMO)					Now discharging
	7933		UGS 67	USA	29 Jan	7933(C[illegible]/REGGIO)					Now discharging CATANIA.
	2764(F) 5059		UGS 67	USA	31 Jan		7823				At NAPLES
		7/12	Ready ALEX 24 Jan	ENQ	1 Feb						LEGHORN/CIVITAVECCHIA
	7944(F)		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb			7944			To BARI. Further disposal under consideration
690	8690		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb		8690				NAPLES/SALERNO. At AUGUSTA
740	268		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb				8008		At AUGUSTA
	8596		UGS 67	USA	5 Feb			8596(BRINDISI)			At AUGUSTA
		751	[illegible] ALEX 29 Jan	ENQ	5 Feb	[illegible]					Also carried 1195 tons Ord
	1227			M.E.	7 Feb		1227				
471	402		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb				7873		CAGLIARI
	8515		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb						
471	794		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb	8165(CATANIA/CROTONE)					
8[illegible]	21		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb			8			

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CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 2 FEB.

APPENDIX 'A'

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	CROTONE
WM. D. BLOXHAM	27' 0"	7785	533		Returned from UGS 69	USA	Feb	8318 (PALERMO)				
LOSSIEBANK				4145	Ready ALEX 5 Feb	IRAQ	13 Feb			4145		
BENALDER			750		UGS 70	USA	14 Feb		750			
SAMUEL ASHE	26'10"		7282		UGS 70	USA	14 Feb	7282 (MESSINA/REGGIO)				
CLAN MCBEAN				3582	Ready ALEX 10 Feb	IRAQ	18 Feb			3582		
SAMERVON			750		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb		750			
CADUCEUS				7000		IRAQ	Feb					
MICHAEL EDELSTEIN				7000		IRAQ	Feb					
VICTOR HERBERT				7000		IRAQ	Feb					
FORT CLATSOP			8500		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb					
SAMLOYAL			8500		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb					

(F) = Flour

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LK EAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	CROTONE	REMARKS
785	533		Returned from UGS 69	USA	Feb	8318 (PALERMO)					
		4145	Ready ALEX 5 Feb	IRAQ	13 Feb			4145			
	750		UGS 70	USA	14 Feb		750				
	7282		UGS 70	USA	14 Feb	7282 (MESSINA/REGGIO)					
		3582	Ready ALEX 10 Feb	IRAQ	18 Feb			3582			Also carries 2207 tons Amn
	750		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb		750				
		7000		IRAQ	Feb						
		7000		IRAQ	Feb						Temporarily withdrawn
		7000		IRAQ	Feb						" "
	8500		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb						
	8500		UGS 72	USA	24 Feb						

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Western Mediterranean.

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ITEM 51. CRAFT FOR CIVITAVECCHIA.

The present position is:-

(a) Barges. Two steel barges of 500 tons each have been ordered to Civitavecchia as an interim measure. Another attempt to tow Mincas to Civitavecchia is to be made after February 5th with EMPIRE GRIFFIN.

(b) Tugs. The DRAGO has been ordered to Civitavecchia for temporary duty and the MATHILDE can be made available. Difficulty has been experienced in sailing the Tusas with Italian crews from Taranto in the matter of supply and minor repairs but they are expected to leave in a day or two.

ITEM 52. CRAFT TUGS FOR GREECE.

The position is now declared satisfactory.

ITEM 53. U.S. NAVY 75 TON FLOATING CRANE.

Reference item 46. Approval has been given to retain this crane in the Theatre and a recommendation will be submitted shortly.

ITEM 54. 80 TON SHEERLEGS AT CIVITAVECCHIA.

Reference Item 50. The Italian Authorities report the crane will be lifted in the next few days but that repairs to the engine and crane will take two months.

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MEDITERRANEAN TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of

14th meeting held on 1 Feb 45.

Chairman: Maj V. KING

Present:

Lt.Comd. G.B. STURT, RNVR	PSTO rep
Maj. A.G. TOFIELD	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Maj. J.K. LUSTY	RASC Water Tpt Office
Capt. F.X. QUINN	Tn(A)
Mr. J. LYNCH	W.S.A. rep
Mr. A.J. HANVEY	M.W.T.R. rep
Mr W. WILLIAMS	MEDBO Schooner Control
Miss A. SIMON	Secretary.

1. Minutes of last meeting.

These were approved.

2. Availability of Shipping for period 25 Feb - 6 Mar.

After consideration of the programme in which bids for phosphate, salt and Gk maint were for the whole of Mar) it was agreed that shipping would be available to cover all bids for the period under review. No surplus of tonnage was expected.

3. Miscellaneous Bids.

were discussed as follows:-

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(b) Maj. Tofield agreed to confirm whether the bid of 140 tons petrol drums SICILY/HEEL included the smaller bid for drums in the previous period.

ACTION G-4 (MOV & TN). 3484

(c) 250 tons MIDEAST/HEEL for PATRAS. Chairman said he would endeavour to arrange shipment in the collier from MIDEAST to PATRAS.

ACTION G-4 (MOV & TN).

(d) 180 tons Chestnut strips MESSINA/ALGIERS. Mr. Hanvey would investigate shipment in an MWT controlled ship. ACTION MWTR

(e) Lt.Comd Sturt was informed that 925 tons pyrites ELBOW/SARDINIA would be available at any satellite port of NAPLES but not CIVITAVECCHIA.

4. Collection of Freight on Civil Cargoes.

(a) The Committee discussed the att not [redacted]) and agreed

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Capt. [illegible]
Mr. J. LYNCH
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4. Collection of Freight on Civil Cargoes.

(a) The Committee discussed the att not [redacted]) and agreed that -

(i) PSTO, M.T.R, WSA and RASC Water Tpt Office, would submit return at each meeting.

(ii) Mr. Williams, who would receive one copy of all the returns, should check the information in them with the individual notifications of civil shipments he received, and should report to the Committee in a month's time on whether all signal advices shown, had been received by his office.

(iii) The procedure would be reconsidered after a month's trial.

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(iv)

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(b) In addition to being notified (according to the established procedure) of all civil cargoes carried by RASC, Mr. Williams said he wished to know whenever RASC schooners carried W.D. cargoes of oranges and wine etc. It was pointed out that no freight should be charged by COGENA on such cargo, being W.D. property before shipment. Mr Williams requested confirmation on this point from MEIBO as the knowledge of such sailings was very useful to him in arranging sales of wine from schooners. He had only recently sold several cargoes of wine at NAPLES from schooners destined REGGIO adding a fine of 50 lire per litre for sailing north of REGGIO and notification of W.D. cargoes was considered by him to be advisable.

ACTION : MEIBO

5. Vegetables N. AFRICA/W. ITALY.

Capt. Quinn said it was proposed to grow vegetables in N. AFRICA for shipment to NAPLES or LEGHORN at the rate of 1200 tons a week from 1 May - 31 Jul. After discussion the Committee agreed that there was little or no likelihood of ~~additional~~ suitable shipping being available, unless shipment were made at the expense of other bids.

V. KING, Maj. DAQMG(M),
CHAIRMAN.

Dist: Those present.
Secy MEIBO (120).

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SUPPLY PRIORITY OF SHIPMENTS NO. 52

SUMMARY OF SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERIOD 25 FEB - 6 MAR

TO		FROM: LE	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	DJIDJELLI	COSTANTINE	SOUSSE	TUNIS	SICILY	LEGHORN	NAPLES	ROME	CASABLANCA
ELBOW	Br	13450		1657				15700		2650			2000	
	US		270				845							40
ANZIO	Br	4553		2322				5500	5	345			1400	
	USA		130				2500							25
MIDDLE ST	Br			183					5			30	79	
	US											150(A)	110(B)	30
NORTH AFRICA	Br	300								180			2	
LEGHORN	Br								350			1832		
	US		1242				365							25
NAPLES	Br	3522		10								4013	7180	
	US				1000	3100	2000						730	
CORSICA	Br											200		
	US										35	55		
SARDINIA	Br			4								1372		
SICILY	Br			2				5000						
ANZIO	Br			39								234		
MASSICAULT	Br			14								390		
	US		2660								480	796		
GREECE	Br	2981											1098	
CASABLANCA	US										130		40	
TOTAL		24906	4507	4211	1000	3100	5710	7300	360	3170	645	9069	22551	120

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(A) ... 100 tons for NAPLES
(B) In... 75 tons for LEGHORN

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SUPPLY PRIORITY OF [illegible] LIFTS NO. 56

SUMMARY OF [illegible] SHIPPINGS SAILED FOR PERIOD 25 FEB - 6 MAR

FROM

TO		IE	CRETE	ALGIERS	BONE	DJIDJELLI	COMMO SIC	COMMO IT	PALLI	SICILY	TRA-PANI	NAPLES	REGGIO	CASA-BLANCA	SP
ARROW	Br	13450		1637				16700		2650			2000		7
	US.		275				845							40	
REEL	Br	4553		2322				5600	5	340			1400		
	USA		130				2500							25	
CHEASE	Br			183					5			30	75		
	US.											150(_)	110(3)	30	
HOWE / FREG.	Br	300								180			2		
LEGION	Br								350			1832			
	US.		1242				365							25	
ALCOCK	Br	5522		10								4310	7180		
	US.				1000	3100	2000						739		
CORSICA	Br											300			
	US.										35	55			
STEEL	Br			4								1372			
SICILY	Br			2				5000							
	Br			39								234			
	Br			14								390			
	US.		12860								489	796			
	Br	2981											10988		
	US.										150		43		
		26905	14507	4211	1000	3100	57[illegible]	7300	360	3170	645	9069	23551	120	1

GRAND TOTAL OF [illegible] FOR [illegible]

(_) - 100 tons for STEEL
(3) - 75 tons for STEEL

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CINCAFMED No. 5

SUMMARY OF LIFTS, CASUALTIES AND FOR PERIOD 25 FEB - 6 MAR

FROM

	LST	ORKT	LIGHTERS	DUKW	DUKW-JEEP	COASTAL	SMALL LCT	TULLA	SICILY	LCT-HORSA	H PIERS	REEL	CASUALTY	SICILY	CROSS CHANNEL	TOTAL
Br	13450		1637				16700		2650			2000		7000	1500	44937
US		272				845							40			1160
Br	4553		2322				5600	5	349			1400				14220
US		130				2500							25			5655
Br			183					5			30 150(-)	79 110(B)	30			297
US																490
Br	300								180			2				482
Br								350			1832		25		1500	3687
US		1242				355										1597
Br	5622		10								4010	7180			5651	21873
US				1000	3100	2000						730				3830
Br										35	200 55					290
US											1372			1130		90
Br			4													2475
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GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ARMS FOR PERIOD 25 FEB - 6 MAR =

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Mediterranean Shipping Board,
TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE,
A.F.H.Q., A.P.O.

30th January 1945.

To: P.S.T.O. Mediterranean
M.W.T.R. Mediterranean
W.S.A. Mediterranean
RASC Water Transport Office
MEDBO Schooner Control.

Freight on intra-Mediterranean shipments.

The Tonnage Allocation Committee has been requested by the Chairman of MEDBO to ensure that freight is duly collected on civil cargoes carried within the Mediterranean. To this end it has been suggested that P.S.T.O., M.W.T.R., R.A.S.C. Water Transport Office, MEDBO Schooner Control, & W.S.A., should furnish to each meeting of the Committee a return of all vessels under their control on the attached form, the purpose of which is to check that no shipment is overlooked and that the authorities responsible for collecting freight have been notified in each case.

The Return is requested every 10 days, and should be dated the day before the Committee's meeting. In the case of P.S.T.O., the list need not include ocean-going vessels unless these carry a civil cargo on which freight is payable: it should however include (a) Italian vessels operated by P.S.T.O. for MEDBO and (b) any French B.List vessels operated by P.S.T.O. (All ships carrying a civil cargo and operated by M.W.T.R. for the voyage should be included by P.S.T.O.) M.W.T.R.'s list should consist of all coasters not under P.S.T.O.'s control. W.S.A.'s list need be completed only in cases where a W.S.A. ship carries civil cargo on which freight is payable.

The first Return (which will be experimental) is required, in duplicate, on 1st February.

(A.N.SIMON)
Secretary 3482

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Petroleum Section

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN AS AT 1200 Hours FEBRUARY 3rd. 194

	CLEAN		DIRTY		
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. of Ve
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	28	2,466,000	8	631,000	36
2. In Ballast	7	744,000	1	68,000	8
3. Dry-dock or Repair	-	-	-	-	-
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C.O.S. & E.)					
1. Moving	20	333,000	1	52,000	21
2. Dry-dock or Repair	9	225,000	4	161,000	13
C. WATER CARRIERS	24	163,000	-	-	24
D. FLOATING FUELERS	3 (a)	72,000	12 (b)	263,000	15
E. ON OPERATIONAL SERVICE (including R.T.A.)	7	54,000	6	254,000	13
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(a) = 1 Vessel (MODANE 68,000 bbls.) used as floating storage.
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3 (a)	72,000	12 (b)	263,000	15	335,000
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(b) = 5 Vessels (USE FUEL 4,000 bbls.: CUL ORDERS 33,000 bbls.: CHRISTEN 1,000 bbls. Also used as Floating Storage.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 24. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 22nd. JANUARY 1945.

Present :-

Mr. James H. Henderson (M.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Lt. Col. E. Williams	(AQMG (M))	Major H.C. Stebbens	(DAQMG (M))
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Mr. I.D. Campbell	(DMWTR. MED.)		
Mr. A.G. Robertson	(DMWTR)		
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The Minutes of Meeting No. 23 of 15th. January were reviewed.

No. 154. "LIDO" AT ORAN.

Referring to Min. 144, Lt. Calcutt reported that nothing further had transpired in connection with this vessel's cargo documents.

No. 155. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

Lt. Col. Williams advised the Committee that a Nissen Hut had been erected on Mole Billiard, and that they hoped to move in at the end of the week. He suggested that the building they were vacating might be used to accommodate M.W.T. and S.T.O. if they so desired. The Chairman replied that it had been decided that the M.W.T. St. George Office should amalgamate with their Dock Office, and make arrangements on a permanent basis in premises centrally situated overlooking the Docks, the Grand Mole not being considered practicable. Lt. Col. Williams stated that the Army would probably have moved out completely by 1st. April; the stocks remaining would be R.A.F. account.
With regard to telephone installation, Major Stebbens advised that they would be on Fromentin exchange as from January 25th. In this connection, Mr. Campbell suggested that it might be advisable to make arrangements immediately, while Army influence could still be brought to bear on the French Authorities, to have telephone installed in any new premises taken

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No.156. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :-

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"W.C.BRYANT" - has proceeded Algiers to Oran.
"REINHOLD RICHTER" - discharging completely at Algiers.
"ELIZ. MASSEY" - at La Goulette after discharging part cargo at Bizerta.
"FORT PASSURE" - leaving Algiers promptly for Naples.
"MALIAKOS" - now due at Oran.
"NANCREE" - " " " Algiers M.W.T. a/c.

The following changes were reported on previous listings :

"PORJUS" - has turned back to U.K.
"MOONCHEST" - due in Bizerta, thence Bone,
"RILEY" - due in Algiers from Italy.

No.157. SHIP DISCHARGE.

With reference to the slow discharge of the "E.A.PEDEN", Comdr.Garrard stated that he had ascertained that the delay was due partly to the fact that the vessel arrived during the very bad weather and partly to the fact that her perishable cargo was all loaded in one hold. He requested that in future any cases of slow discharge should be notified to him immediately so that enquiries can be made on the spot.

No.158. EQUIPMENT FOR COAL DISCHARGE.

Mr.Campbell mentioned that in other areas difficulties had been encountered by Stevedores when equipment became no longer available from Army sources, and enquired whether any arrangements had been made to avoid this here. The Chairman replied that the Import Planning Division of NAAFI were preparing a list of gear required, and that demands would pass through NAPSCO and supplied if available from stocks held in the meantime by the Army.

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No.162. LOADING OF "SAMUEL ADAMS".

Comdr.Garrard reported that this vessel had been lying in the port three days and was only starting to load French cargo at mid-day to-day. Major Stebbens explained that the signal nominating the vessel had been received

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12 hours after receipt of advice of her arrival, and as the French had also been taken unawares, difficulties had arisen with regard to stowing vehicles.

No. 163. LIGHTERS.

Condr. Garrard stated that he was in need of information concerning a certain number of lighters which had been on charter to S.T.O. or M.W.T., and asked if the Chairman would permit Mr. Van Sant to assist him in necessary contacts with the French. This was agreed to.

No. 164. P.S.P. CARGO.

Capt. Kalloch pointed out that there had been serious delay at Philippeville in the loading of steel plankings - with an average of 6 tons an hour - and enquired if S.T.O. or Army had no representative there to supervise operations. The Chairman agreed that in case of necessity, the M.W.T. representative would assist, but that as the vessel would be attended by the W.S.A. Agents at Philippeville, they should have been reporting regularly to Algiers.
Lt. Col. Williams advised that as far as military stores elsewhere are concerned, an average of 2 ships every 10 days in Algiers would be the approximate forward programme; 3000 tons were still waiting at Tunis.

No. 165. FROZEN MEAT.

It was reported that 3,000 tons of frozen meat from Madagascar were due early April, and the Chairman asked if this quantity could be received by the French in Algiers in their own storage. Lt. Col. Williams replied that this might be possible, but Major Stebbens agreed to approach S. & T. and advise the Chairman the forward position with regard to frozen meat storage.

Major Stebbens.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, January 29th, 1945.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No.25. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 29th JANUARY 1945.

Present :-

Mr. A.G.Robertson, (D.M.W.T.,W.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr.T.K.Garrard RNR	(SSTO)	Major H.C.Stebbens	(DACMG (M))
Lt.R.W.Calcutt RNVR	(STO)	Capt.L.Hutchings	(Tn.Br.)
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Lt.R.Bradley USNR	(Pet.Sec.)	Mr.W.S.Thomas	(Coal Div.NAJEM)

No.166. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

Comdr.Garrard advised that arrangements have been made to accommodate S.T.O. and the combined M.W.T. organisation in the Hotel de-Ville, Rue de Constantine.

No.167. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :

"LORD COCHRANE"	- KMS 60 - Bone/Bizerta
"NORBRYN"	- " - Oran via Italy
"PORJUS"	- " - Oran/Algiers
"DAGO II"	- " - Bone
"CARSLOGIE"	- " - Casablanca
"OCEAN VAGRANT"	- arrived to-day to discharge part cargo.
"MOONCREST"	- now at Bone completing discharge
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No.168. SHIP DISCHARGE.

Referring to Min.157, Comdr.Garrard advised that difficulties were still being encountered with ship discharge in this port owing to the heavy swell.

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With reference to Min.159, Comdr.Garrard reported that further investigation had proved that it was impossible to take action in connection with cargo broaching on this vessel. He pointed out that systematic stealing on a large scale was getting more serious, and was

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No. 170. G.U.S. CONVOYS.

Referring to Min. 160, and in answer to an enquiry by Lt. Bradley, Comdr. Garrard advised that no reply had yet been received in this connection.

No. 171. EQUIPMENT FOR COAL DISCHARGE

Capt. Kalloch reported having received advice to the effect that the right-hand wire had already been purchased in the States, but that the necessary Export License had not yet been granted. He further advised that the left-hand wire will not be obtainable.

No. 172. FROZEN MEAT.

With reference to Min. 165, the Chairman advised that information had been received through Food Division, A.L.L.E.H. that the French could accept the 3,000 tons of frozen meat, all at Algiers if necessary although they would prefer Algiers/Oran discharge. A signal had been despatched accordingly.

No. 173. "EAGLE" - DRYDOCKING.

Lt. Bradley drew attention to the delay in drydocking this vessel, and asked the reason for this delay. Capt. Kalloch stated that priorities were decided in Naples, but agreed to make enquiries and advise later.

Action: Capt. Kalloch.

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Action: Major Stebbens.

No. 175. EQUIPMENT FOR COAL DISCHARGE.

Reverting to Min. 158, Capt. Hutchings said that in view of the expected visit of a Senior Officer from Italy, this matter could be settled without delay provided the list of requirements is forthcoming during the next week. The Chairman agreed to contact Import Planning Division and endeavour to obtain the list immediately.

Action: Mr. Robertson.

No. 176. SHIPMENT OF CANS.

It was reported that N.W.T.R. Med. had authorised the shipment of tanks

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No. 176. SHIPMENT OF TANKS.

It was reported that N.W.E.K.Med. had authorised the shipment of tanks and scout cars by Iron Ore loaders from Bona. Two suitable vessels are due shortly and London have requested that they should lift the maximum number of tanks. On the other hand, a signal from AFHQ to NAMOV only authorises the shipment of 5 Churchills and 1 Staghound to U.K. and also states that further shipments are to be suspended pending instructions. Major Stebbens agreed to investigate the position and advise.

Action: Major Stebbens.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, February 5th. 1945.

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From: NAVAL CONTROL SERVICE OFFICER, MEDITERRANEAN.

Date: January 27th, 1945. 33/NSO/1/8

To: The Chairman of the Mediterranean Shipping Board.
The Director of Trade Division, Admiralty.
The Director of Convoys and Routeing, Tenth Fleet.

The attached is a summary and synopsis of merchant shipping sailed from ports on the Mediterranean Station, at which there is a Convoy and Routeing Officer, for the fourth quarter of 1944. The totals have dropped slightly from 13,722 for the third quarter to 12,973 for this - the figures from the Central and Eastern Areas (excluding ships sailed through the Suez Canal) are lower than in the previous quarter, whereas those from the Western and Northern Areas show a marked increase. The schooner sailings are also lower by 972 than during the last period, due, in all probability to adverse weather conditions for small craft.

2. The returns from Philippeville have been incorporated with those from Bone, since the N.C.S. staff was withdrawn from the former port in September. Piraeus and Salonika commenced work as N.C.S. bases in November.

3. Figures of independent sailings are also included in this quarter's summary. It is interesting to note that the number of independents sailed since the area was extended over the greater part of the Mediterranean in November, have risen to double those when independent sailings were first started, in the middle of October.

Signed: F. H. D. BYRON,
Captain, Royal Navy.

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

Port	Category	Total brought forward.	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Tot
GIBRALTAR	Not analysed	1604		151		182		306		639	5243
CASABLANCA	Personnel	3676	2	112	3	100	2	110	7	322	1996
	Hospital		1		-		-		1		
	Ocean M/V		74		76		93		243		
	Coasters		35		21		15		71		
ORAN	Personnel	3107	6	296	14	277	17	400	37	973	4080
	Hospital		7		9		8		24		
	Ocean M/V		263		239		368		870		
	Coasters		20		15		7		42		
BONE and PHILLE	Personnel	2442	-	60	2	37	-	34	2	131	2573
	Hospital		1		1		-		2		
	Ocean M/V		34		22		15		71		
	Coasters		25		12		19		56		
BOUGIE	Personnel	706	-	7	-	3	-	6	-	16	722
	Hospital		2		-		-		2		
	Ocean M/V		5		1		2		8		
	Coasters		-		2		4		6		
ALGIERS	Personnel	3017	15	135	26	99	15	95	52	329	4146
	Hospital		3		2		3		8		
	Ocean M/V		91		47		52		190		
	Coasters		20		24		27		79		

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	Total brought forward.	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
Steamed	1504		151		162		306		619	5243
Sailed		2		5		2		7		
Sunk		1		-		-		1		
Arrived		74		76		93		243		
	1576	32	112	21	100	15	110	71	322	1998
Sailed		6		11		17		37		
Sunk		7		9		8		24		
Arrived		265		239		368		870		
	3107	20	296	15	277	7	400	42	973	4080
Sailed		-		2		-		2		
Sunk		1		1		-		2		
Arrived		34		22		15		71		
	2442	25	60	12	37	19	34	56	131	2573
Sailed		-		-		-		-		
Sunk		2		-		-		2		
Arrived		5		1		2		8		
	706	-	7	2	3	4	6	6	16	722
Sailed		13		26		13		52		
Sunk		3		2		3		8		
Arrived		91		47		52		190		
	5017	28	135	24	59	27	95	79	329	4146

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN NORTH-WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

Port	Category	Total brought forward	October		November		December		Total 4th Qu
CAGLIARI & San Antioco	Personnel	495	-	49	7	55	5	46	12
	Hospital		-		1		-		1
	Ocean M/V		29		15		9		53
	Coasters		20		32		32		84
NAPLES & Bay Ports	Personnel	7	20	350	22	294	24	307	66
	Hospital		13		20		19		52
	Ocean M/V		248		206		213		667
	Coasters		69		46		51		166
LEGHORN	Personnel	34	2	70	2	72	3	83	7
	Hospital		2		6		6		18
	Ocean M/V		49		55		56		160
	Coasters		13		9		18		40
PALERMO	Personnel	502	-	21	-	24	-	19	-
	Hospital		-		-		-		-
	Ocean M/V		9		17		13		39
	Coasters		12		7		6		25
TOULON	Personnel	176	1	280	-	107	1	18	1
	Hospital		6		3		1		10
	Ocean M/V		272		102		13		387
	Coasters		1		2		4		7
MARSEILLES	Personnel	64	17	203	12	213	19	223	48
	Hospital		10		5		7		22
	Ocean M/V		154		175		169		498
	Coasters		22		21		28		71

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN NORTH-WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

Port	Category	Total brought forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
	Personnel		-		7		5		12		
CLIARI	Hospital		-		1		-		1		
San	Ocean M/V		29		15		9		53		
tioca	Coasters	495	20	49	32	55	32	46	84	150	645
	Personnel		20		22		24		66		
ILES &	Hospital		13		20		19		52		
Ports	Ocean M/V		248		206		213		667		
	Coasters	7	69	350	46	294	51	307	166	951	1438
	Personnel		2		2		3		7		
	Hospital		2		6		6		18		
HORN	Ocean M/V		49		55		56		160		
	Coasters	34	13	70	9	72	18	83		225	259
	Personnel		-		-		-		-		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
E IO	Ocean M/V		9		17		13		39		
	Coasters	502	12	21	7	24	6	19	25	64	566
	Personnel		1		-		-		1		
	Hospital		6		3		1		10		
ULON	Ocean M/V		272		102		13		387		
	Coasters	126	1	280	2	107	4	18	7	405	541
	Personnel		17		12		19		48		
	Hospital		10		5		7		22		
RSEILLES	Ocean M/V		154		175		169		498		
	Coasters	64	22	203	21	213	28	223	71	639	703

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

Port	Category	Total Brought Forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter	
VALTA (Valetta)	Personnel		4		1		2		7	
	Hospital		1		-		-		1	
	Ocean M/V		12		15		12		43	
	Coasters	1619	11	28	17	37	10	24	38	89
BIZERTA & Tunis	Personnel		-		-		-		-	
	Hospital		-		1		-		1	
	Ocean M/V		27		20		21		68	
	Coasters	3233	38	65	23	44	29	50	90	159
AUGUSTA	Personnel		-		1		-		1	
	Hospital		-		-		-		-	
	Ocean M/V		356		288		224		868	
	Coasters	7197	100	456	75	364	48	272	223	1092
SYRACUSE	Personnel		-		-		-		-	
	Hospital		1		-		-		1	
	Ocean M/V		-		-		1		1	
	Coasters	636	11	12	9	9	4	5	24	26
CATANIA	Personnel		-		-		-		-	
	Hospital		1		-		-		1	
	Ocean M/V		10		11		16		37	
	Coasters	656	5	16	5	16	2	18	12	50
TRIPOLI (L)	Personnel		1		-		-		1	
	Hospital		-		-		-		-	
	Ocean M/V		7		11		7		25	
	Coasters	547	6	14	-	11	-	7	6	32
TARANTO	Personnel		7		16		18		41	
	Hospital		7		3		5		15	
	Ocean M/V		60		67		73		190	
	Coasters	1220	39	103	30	116	32	128	101	347
BRINDISI	Personnel		21		19		19		59	
	Hospital		3		5		2		10	
	Ocean M/V		95		61		40		196	
	Coasters	627	15	134	16	101	18	79	49	314

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

	Category	Total Brought Forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
	Personnel		4		1		2		7		
	Hospital		1		-		-		1		
a)	Ocean M/V		12		19		12		43		
	Coasters	1619	11	28	17	37	10	24	38	89	1708
	Personnel		-		-		-		-		
	Hospital		-		1		-		1		
	Ocean M/V		27		20		21		68		
	Coasters	3233	38	65	23	44	29	50	90	159	3392
	Personnel		-		1		-		1		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
A	Ocean M/V		356		288		224		868		
	Coasters	7197	100	456	75	364	48	27	223	1092	8289
	Personnel		-		-		-		-		
	Hospital		1		-		-		1		
E	Ocean M/V		-		-		1		1		
	Coasters	636	11	12	9	9	4	5	24	26	662
	Personnel		-		-		-		-		
	Hospital		1		-		-		1		
	Ocean M/V		10		11		16		37		
	Coasters	656	5	16	5	16	2	12	12	50	706
	Personnel		1		-		-		1		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
I	Ocean M/V		7		11		7		25		
	Coasters	547	6	14	-	11	-	7	6	32	579
	Personnel		7		16		18		41		
	Hospital		7		3		5		15		
O	Ocean M/V		60		67		73		190		
	Coasters	1220	39	103	30	116	32	120	101	347	1567
	Personnel		21		19		19		59		
	Hospital		3		5		2		10		
SI	Ocean M/V		95		61		40		196		
	Coasters	627	15	134	16	101	18	72	49	314	1141

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN (Continued)

Port	Category	Total brought Forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
BARI with outports.	Personnel		-		2		-		2		
	Hospital		20		13		13		46		
	Ocean M/V		51		57		86		194		
	Coasters	1016	16	117	29	101	15	114	90	332	1348
ANCONA	Personnel		19		17		13		9		
	Hospital		18		12		13		43		
	Ocean M/V		24		23		23		70		
	Coasters	121	30	91	22	74	30	81	87	249	370

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SYNOPSIS OF SINKING IN CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN (Continued)

egory	Total brought forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
onnel		-		2		-		2		
t		20		13		13		46		
L/V		51		57		86		194		
ers	1016	46	117	29	101	15	114	90	332	1348
nnel		19		17		13		9		
t		18		12		13		43		
L/V		24		23		23		70		
ers	121	30	91	22	74	22	84	87	249	370

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

Port	Category	Total brought forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
ALEXANDRIA	Personnel		4		6		2		12		
	Hospital		-		2		-		2		
	Ocean M/V		116		129		109		354		
	Coasters	1242	9	129	7	144	5	116	21	389	1631
PORT SAID	Personnel		13		12		15		40		
	Hospital		1		5		4		10		
	Ocean M/V		102		179		164		525		
	Coasters	2107	2	[illegible]	6	202	3	186	14	589	2696
HAIFA	Personnel		13		14		15		42		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
	Ocean M/V		66		52		61		179		
	Coasters	668	2	81	5	71	3	79	10	231	899
BEIRUT	Personnel		-		2		2		4		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
	Ocean M/V		7		6		4		17		
	Coasters	119	4	11	6	14	6	12	16	37	156
TRIPOLI (S)	Personnel		-		-		-		-		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
	Ocean M/V		10		10		12		32		
	Coasters	111	1	11	1	11	1	13	3	35	146
FAMAGUSTA	Personnel		5		10		11		26		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
	Ocean M/V		7		5		3		15		
	Coasters	187	10	22	5	20	7	21	22	63	250
SUEZ	Personnel		7		5		8		20		
	Hospital		1		3		-		4		
	Ocean M/V		95		98		143		336		
	Coasters	1517	5	108	2	108	7	150	14	374	1891

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

Category	Total brought forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
Personnel		4		6		2		12		
Hospital		-		2		-		2		
Main M/V		116		129		109		354		
Stores	1242	9	129	7	144	5	116	21	389	1631
Personnel		13		12		15		40		
Hospital		1		5		4		10		
Main M/V		182		178		164		525		
Stores	2107	2	198	2	202	3	186	14	589	2694
Personnel		13		14		15		42		
Hospital		-		-		-		-		
Main M/V		66		52		61		179		
Stores	668	2	81	5	71	3	79	10	231	899
Personnel		-		2		2		4		
Hospital		-		-		-		-		
Main M/V		7		6		4		17		
Stores	119	4	11	6	14	6	12	16	37	156
Personnel		-		-		-		-		
Hospital		-		-		-		-		
Main M/V		10		10		12		32		
Stores	111	1	11	1	11	1	13	3	35	146
Personnel		5		10		11		26		
Hospital		-		-		-		-		
Main M/V		7		5		5		15		
Stores	187	10	22	5	20	7	21	22	63	250
Personnel		7		5		8		20		
Hospital		1		5		-		4		
Main M/V		95		98		143		336		
Stores	1517	5	108	2	108	7	158	14	374	1891

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Continued)

Port	Category	Total brought forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand To
PIRAEUS	Personnel		-		4		11		15		
	Hospital		-		-		3		3		
	Ocean M/V		-		40		25		65		
	Coasters	-	-	-	21	65	13	53	34	117	117
SALONIKA	Personnel		-		-		-		-		
	Hospital		-		-		-		-		
	Ocean M/V		-		3		24		27		
	Coasters	-	-	-	-	3	-	24	-	27	27

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SYNOPSIS OF SHIPPING IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN (Continued)

tegory	Total brought forward	October		November		December		Total for 4th Quarter		Grand Total
onnel		-		4		11		15		
ital		-		-		3		3		
n M/V		-		40		25		65		
ters	-	-	-	21	65	13	53	34	117	117
onnel		-		-		-		-		
ital		-		-		-		-		
n M/V		-		3		24		27		
ers	-	-	-	-	3	-	24	-	27	27

INDEPENDENT SAILINGS.

Port	October	November	December	Total for 4th Quarter.
WESTERN AREA.				
Gibraltar	38	67	109	214
Casablanca	-	-	-	-
Oran	-	32	61	93
Bone & P'ville	40	32	34	106
Dougie	6	3	6	15
Algiers	63	72	86	221
NORTHERN AREA.				
Cagliari	-	-	-	-
Naples & Dep Ports	NK.	180	191	371
Leghorn	14	10	26	50
Palermo	19	18	12	49
Toulon	152	104	11	267
Marseilles	?	202	208	410
CENTRAL AREA.				
Malta (Valetta)	24	33	22	79
Biserta & Tunis	52	31	NK	83
Augusta	NK	189	184	373
Syracuse	8	5	5	18
Catania	16	15	16	47
Tripoli (L)	13	11	7	31
Taranto	48	63	98	209
Brindisi	-	-	-	-
Bari (with outports)	-	28	48	76
Ancona	-	15	NK	13
EASTERN AREA.				
Alexandria	83	116	111	310
Port Said	75	130	NK	225
Haifa	59	62	74	195
Beirut	-	-	-	-
Tripoli (S)	-	-	13	-
Famagusta	-	-	-	-
Suez	-	-	-	-
Piraeus	4	48	44	96
Salonika	-	-	15	15
TOTALS	714	1484	1381	3579

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SCHOONERS AND CAIQUES.

Port	Brought Forward	October	November	December	Total for 4th Quarter	Grand Total
VALETTA	184	18	13	9	40	224
MIZZENA	10	1	1	-	2	12
TRIPOLI (L)	11	1	-	-	1	12
AUGUSTA	106	10	53	34	97	203
SYRACUSE	602	37	38	28	103	705
CATANIA	1422	40	117	134	291	1713
PALERMO	293	91	58	62	211	504
CAGLIARI	215	49	36	11	96	311
NAPLES	1340	176	151	211	538	1878
LEGHORN	13	3	1	6	10	23
TOULON	-	-	-	-	1	1
TARANTO	69	17	11	5	32	101
BRINDISI	74	18	20	5	43	117
BARI	376	87	93	128	308	684
ANCONA	22	19	21	19	59	81
ALEXANDRIA	166	39	20	10	69	235
HAIFA	302	43	31	15	94	396
BEIRUT	367	56	47	23	126	493
TRIPOLI (S)	260	69	34	15	118	378
FAMAGUSTA	170	42	34	23	99	269
BENGHASI	4	-	-	-	-	4
PIRAEUS	-	-	249	NK	249	249
SUEZ	5	-	-	-	-	5

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SUMMARY OF MERCHANT VESSELS ROUTED BY MEDITERRANEAN CONVOY AND ROUTEING SERVICE

Area		October	November	December	Total for Quarter	Total brought forward	Tot da
WESTERN (FOWA & FOWC)		761	696	951	2410	16352	18
NORTHERN (FOWAC)		978	765	696	2439	4955	7
CENTRAL (WAC)		1036	873	781	2690	17143	19
EASTERN (FOWEC)		563	647	662	1872	6680	8
TOTALS		3338	2983	3090	9411	44830	54
SCHOONERS		817	1029	741	2587	6011	8
CANAL	SOUTHBOUND	103	167	158	428	1233	1
	NORTHBOUND	160	197	190	547	1231	1
GRAND TOTALS		4418	4376	4279	12273	53205	66
WARSHIPS - TOTAL		389	255	210	854		
(a) ROUTED BY USRO:		208	138	120	516	Total number of s	
(b) ROUTED BY MCSO:		181 (156B)	67 (136B - 10.11.44).	90	338	routed during Fou	
* INDEPENDENTS.		714	1184	1381	3579	Quarter 1944 = 13	

* Included in Total Figures.

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SUMMARY OF MERCHANT VESSELS ROUTED BY MEDITERRANEAN CONVOY AND ROUTEING SERVICE

	October	November	December	Total for Quarter	Total brought forward	Total to date
FORT)	761	696	953	2410	16352	18762
	978	765	696	2439	4955	7394
	1056	873	701	2630	17143	19833
	563	647	662	1872	6380	8252
	3338	2983	3090	9411	44830	54241
	817	1029	741	2587	6011	8598
HD	103	167	158	428	1233	1661
ED	160	197	190	547	1231	1778
	4418	4376	4179	12973	53205	66178
L	339	255	210	854		
SHOR	208	188	120	516		
NGERS	11	67	90	330		
	(1568)	(1565 - 10.11.44).	1381	3579		
RTS.	714	1484				

Total Figures.

Total number of ships routed during Fourth Quarter 1944 = 13827

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING DIVISION ROOM.

N. AFRICA, GREECE, MALTA, AUGUSTA PORT STATE.

DATE:- 1ST FEBRUARY

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships.	CASABLANCA	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	CAGLIARI	MALTA	AUGUSTA	PATRAS	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	
B. No. of vessels discharging.	2	2	4	1	1	4	NIL	1	2	
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	1	NIL	NIL	
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
E. No. of vessels loading.	1	6	3	3	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	6	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	10	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL	10	11	7	4	4	6	11	1	4	

NASB 699 despatched accordingly.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM. DATE:- 1ST FEBRUARY, 1945.

N. AFRICA, GREECE, MALTA, AUGUSTA PORT STATE.

Ships.	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	CAGLIARI	MALTA	AUGUSTA	PATRAS	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	TOTAL
ing to	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	1
oarding.	2	2	4	1	1	4	NIL	1	2	1	18
ow awaiting	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	4
ding to	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
ding.	1	6	3	3	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	17
ded awaiting	6	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	10	[illegible]	NIL	NIL	19
	10	11	7	4	4	6	11	1	4	1	59

N.S.H. 699 despatched accordingly.

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DATE:- 1ST FEBRUARY,

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B. No. of vessels discharging.	8	28	1	4	10	5	29	85
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	1	6	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	7
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1
E. No. of vessels loading.	1	6	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	10
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	1	6	NIL	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	10
TOTAL	16	54	6	7	10	5	29	127

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GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING No.12, HELD AT H.Q., L.F. & M.L. (G)
at 1500 hours on the 26th January, 1945.

PRESENT:

Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
Cdr.R.J.Sumpton. R.N.R.		S.S.T.O. Greece
Capt.A.A.Bacnas. R.H.N.	Rep.	H. N. & Mercantile Marine
Col.McMullen		C.E.
Lt.Col.Jordan.	Rep.	Col. 'Q'
Major J.O'Reilly		Mov.& Tn.
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Chairman read a further letter from the Port Control Committee requesting the provision of a coal hulk. After a short discussion it was agreed that this Committee could not do anything in this connection and it was suggested that should a coal hulk still be required, attempts should be made to salvage a wreck and make use of the hull for this purpose. Chairman agreed to forward a suitable reply.

Chairman

PIRAEUS. The meeting was informed that the first of the two new berths in Halon Basin had been completed and the s.s."EMPIRE [illegible]" had been successfully berthed alongside. Col.McMullen advised that the second alongside berth in this basin should be ready in a day or so. The depth of water at these two berths was about 25 ft. but final soundings were yet to be taken.

In respect of the dredging at St.George's Bay it was understood that this would be carried out on completion of the work in Halon Basin. Chairman stated he would write to the Port Control Committee advising them of the urgency for this work. 2469

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HARBOUR CRAFT. The requirements and availability of tugs and lighters at the various ports was fully investigated:

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Major Crarer

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Salonika: This port appeared to have sufficient lighters but was still short of tugs. Advice had now been received that the Lanac Tugs which were coming from the Heel would not arrive before the end of February.

Syros: 6 Lighters for this port were under repair by M.W.T. at Piraeus and Cdr.Sumpton hoped to ship 4 on the s.s."STARHILL" and 2 on the s.s."J.J.McCRAW" which vessels were sailing on or about 27th January.

Patras: One tug and 4 lighters were required. Cdr.Sumpton said a Lanac tug would be leaving Piraeus for this port shortly and the four lighters were coming from the Heel.

Volos: The tug previously at this port had proceeded to Salonika when discharging operations ceased and it was considered impracticable for her to return until the Spring. The first relief ship was due on the 26th January and Chairman agreed to advise the Middle East that provision of a tug was imperative if undue delay to vessels was to be avoided.

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COASTAL TRAFFIC. Chairman referred to a signal which had been sent to A.F.H.Q. indicating that the amount of relief tonnage to be redistributed coastwise during February was 25,000 tons, plus 1,000 tons of Military maintenance, making a total of 26,000 tons. Of this amount 10,000 tons was required for Kalamai, Prevesa and Kavalla, which may not finally be required. S. & R had not at the moment given any indication as to the actual tonnage to be shipped from the various ports. The Chairman pointed out that unless ample notice and a firm bid from S & R was given, there was the possibility of not being able to obtain the necessary shipping for the period in question. Major Crarer was requested to take this matter up immediately.

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COAL DUMPS. A signal was read advising that Naval coal dumps were being established at Piraeus, Salonika, Patras, Volos and Iraklion, and it was understood these dumps were for the sole use of the Navy. The Chairman and Cdr.Sumpton agreed that before similar dumps could be set up for the use of merchant ships the full S & R programme would have to be known.

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S & R. Lt.Col.Jordan said that now Middle East were no longer responsible for relief shipments to 4 and 5 Districts, the position respecting Military maintenance and civil relief for these areas would have to be clarified and he had already taken this matter up.

Major Crarer advised that he had requested A.F.H.Q. to give an estimate of the amount of S & R cargoes which were coming forward and signals had since been received stating that 12 ships had been set up for January/February, and these comprised 5 bag wheat ships, 5 food and 2 miscellaneous, with a total tonnage of [illegible],000 tons.

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Stevedoring. The Chairman said that Col.Casey, A.D.P.L. was endeavouring to arrange a meeting with the [illegible] of Finance and Labour to discuss the question of rates of pay. It was considered desirable to have this question settled as speedily as possible so that stevedoring contracts could be entered into, and the appointment of agents made. Cdr.Compton said he had been advised by the Greek M.T.C./M.O. to appoint agents at the earliest possible moment as he was considered these would ensure a quicker turnround of vessels. It was agreed that as soon as some agreement was reached on the question of pay, the appointment of agents by M. ..., S.T.O. and U.S.A. could be dealt with.

Port Accordage. Lt.Col.Jordan submitted for discussion a memorandum which had been [illegible] by H.J. Nov.& Tn. on the subject of port accordage of [illegible] ships from producer countries, due to arrive in January and February, 1945. Five ships had been accepted provisionally and seven had yet to be accepted. Considerable discussion took place on all the points raised, which included the following:

1. Stocking of relief ships at Preveza, Kalamai and Kavalla.
2. Construction requirements.
3. Accordage of S.O.S. in transit depots of all the relief tonnage.
4. Civilian labour position at the ports.
5. Caique position.
6. Lighterage [illegible]
7. Fighting [illegible] at Patras, Volos, Corfu, Syros and Iraklion.

It was considered desirable that future acceptances should be arranged between M.T., S.T.O., U.S.A., Nov.& Tn. and S & R. This was agreed.

The next meeting will be held at 1500 hours on the 31st January, 1945.

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MINUTES OF MEETING No.13, HELD AT H.Q., L.F. & M.E.(G), at 1500 hours on the 31st January,1945.

PRESENT:

Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M..T.R.
Brigadier G.V.Palmer.		Brig. S & R.
Capt.Joselyn. R.N.	Rep.	S.B.N.O.(G)
Cmdr.R..Simpton. R.N.R.		D.S.S.T.O.Greece
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Col.G.N.McMullen		O.Z.
Col. H.I.Davidson		Col.'Q'.
Major K.E.Craver	Rep.	M.L.
Mr.A.R.Sasseville		U.S.A.
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MINUTES OF MEETING No.12. These were approved.

SHIPPING DIVERSION MEETING. Vide last minute of previous meeting. Chairman advised it had now been decided to hold a Shipping Diversion meeting each week, which is to be held every Monday, and the following will be represented: Col.'Q' (Mov.& Tn.), ..M.T., U.S.A., D.S.S.T.O.Greece, Q.Maint., Tn.5., Mov.5, and S & R.

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Cdr.Sumpton said he had received a signal respecting a vessel proceeding to Piraeus from Khios. Nothing was known of this vessel and he had instructed the S.O.I.C. Piraeus to obtain full particulars on her arrival.

The question was raised respecting the disappearance from Salonika of the "CYCLOPS". Capt.Josselyn said he was enquiring into this and had asked for full information. Meanwhile he understood a watch was being kept for her. It was reported that a request had been received from S & R for a coastal vessel of 5/600 tons to be based on Syros. Cdr.Sumpton stated he had been advised from Syros that no such craft was necessary and agreed to await a firm demand direct from Syros before taking any action. Cdr.Sumpton said there were sufficient caiques available at Syros for the handling of relief tonnage.

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PATRAS. Discharge of the "JAMES McVEAGH" was reported to be proceeding satisfactorily.

In respect of the daily discharge figures, Lt.Sasseville said he had noticed that there was a difference between those given by the Military and those given by the S.T.O., and asked if this could be rectified. Col.Davidson said he would look into this.

Col.Davidson

PIRAEUS. The second alongside berth in Halon Basin was now being used but unfortunately there did not appear to be the depth of water as was at first thought. The "ROBERT HENRI", drawing about 25 ft., in going alongside this berth grounded about 15 ft. off the quay. Col.McMullen thought that there was possibly a ridge. Col.Davidson said the Port Control Committee had a letter which stated that the depth of water at these berths was 27 ft., and suggested that in view of this the Navy be requested to state the present depth and the maximum depth to be expected on completion of the dredging. Capt.Josselyn noted this.

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Capt.Bachas.

IRAKLION. The question was raised regarding the position of only allowing one vessel at a time in this port. After a short discussion it was agreed that to carry out the tonnage programmed for this port it was essential to have more than one ship there at a time. Permission would have to be obtained from FOLEM and Capt.Josselyn undertook to take the necessary action.

Capt.Josselyn

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Brigadier Palmer stated that the Swedish Red Cross ship "THERIS" would be discharging part of her cargo at Suda Bay and complete at Iraklion. It was decided that the question of discharge at Iraklion should be considered at a later date when the result of Capt.Josselyn's action as above is known.

SIROS. Cdr.Sumpton advised that 4 additional lighters had now arrived at this port and 2 more were leaving Piraeus shortly, possibly on the "SAMSLORY".

KHIOS. Nothing further to report at this port.

STEVEDORING CONTRACTS. Chairman stated that at a meeting of the Stevedoring Committee it was agreed that Stevedoring contracts are to be in accord with M.L.Finance Section's requirements. The fixing of contracts was likely to develop very quickly and various rates had already been received, but before anything could be fixed the Greek Government would have to state the rate of pay for each centre.

Mr.Sassoville advised that in fixing contracts he did not intend to deal with the Pool of Agents as a body. The Chairman and Cdr.Sumpton said they did not intend to either. A discussion took place concerning the paying of agents once contracts had been placed. Whilst it was a Greek Government responsibility to pay for the handling of all relief cargoes it was considered that should funds be withheld from the agents by the Government, this would not prove satisfactory and other arrangements would have to be made. It was agreed that before this question could be pursued further it would be necessary to obtain the Greek Government's intentions in this connection.

TANKERS. Capt.Bachas had received a letter from Major Simpson advising that he had visited the tanker "MARIANN" in Piraeus Harbour and thought she could probably be used as a small sea fuelier. Capt.Bachas said he had asked for full particulars of this vessel. Chairman enquired as to whether S.E.M.O.G. had full information concerning her as she was a prize ship. Capt.Josselyn said he would make enquiries in this connection.

Capt.Josselyn.

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The next meeting will be held at 1900 hours on the ~~7th January, 1945.~~ 7 FEB. 1945

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AGENDA.

NINETYSEVENTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 30TH JANUARY, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 96 DATED 23RD JANUARY, 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 46 dated 24th January, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 62 dated 26th January, 1945.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Report No. 42 dated 19th January, 1945.

5. MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SUPPLIES.

Report of 26th January, 1945.

6. HOMEWARD LOADING PROGRAMME.

Report for December, 1944 showing disposal of British controlled tonnage after release.

7. TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 13 dated 22nd January, 1945.

8. TANKER COMMITTEE.

Summary of Tanker Tonnage Position in Western Mediterranean Theatre as on 27th January, 1945.

9. NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 23 dated 15th January, 1945.

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10. PORT STATE.

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11. OTHER MATTERS.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 96.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 23RD JANUARY, 1945.

	Mr. R. Nicol	In the Chair.
Members:	Commodore C.R.E.W. Perryman R.N.	P.S.T.O. Med.
	Captain W.E. Erskine U.S.N.	U.S. Navy.
	Commander D.M. MacLean R.N.R.	S.O.S. to C in C Med.
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	Colonel J.F.M. Leese	Tn. (Br.).
	Colonel J.T. Donaher, U.S. Army	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Am.).
	Colonel P.R. Evans	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Major A.A.A. Launder	Petroleum Section.
	Captain J.C. Martin,Jr., U.S. Army	D.D.O.H.C., W.Med.
	Mr. A.C. Hogarth	D.M.W.T.R.
Present:	Lt.Cmdr. F.T. Bisley R.N.R.	N.C.S.O. (N.A. Med.) Rep.
	Lt.Cmdr. G.B. Sturt R.N.V.R.	S.O.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Colonel E.H. Lastayo, U.S. Army	C.O.T.
	Colonel G. Ackerley	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Lt.Col. M.J. Sieff	A.C. Trans. Sub-Commission.
	Major L.L. Lehane, U.S. Army	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Captain P.W. Christian, U.S. Army	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Lt.Col. K. Anderson	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. R.B. Fairley	D.M.W.T.R. Civita Vecchia.
	Mr. R. Hughes	D.O.H.C. Representative.
	Miss M.M. Michie	Assistant Secretary.

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1667. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1646. Item 2 on Agenda. It was reported that a suitably lightered collier had been sent to discharge at Reggio in place of "R.S. WILSON".

Coal Minute 373 (a). Lt.Col. Sieff stated that the current in the Fiumicino-Rome Canal was 7 knots, only in certain places where obstructions were caused by wrecks, but that normally it was 2½ knots and not of sufficient velocity to prevent canal traffic.

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1672. HARBOUR CRAFT. Ref. 1651. Item 7 on Agenda. The two craft mentioned in Item 48 were at Orbetello and Mr. Hughes understood repairs were to be undertaken by the Italians.

Tn. (Br.) no longer required several civilian lighters they had been operating in Heel Ports but Colonel Leese said that the owners of these craft had never been traced. It was believed these persons might be in Northern Italy and the Chairman suggested the Captains of the Ports might be able to give some information on the matter. Col. Leese.

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3. Nil returns are not required."

The Marine Francaise and Allied Economic Missions in North Africa would be informed accordingly through the appropriate channels.

1675. NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1653. Item 10 on Agenda. Noted.

1676. POST STATE. Ref. 1654. A detailed chart setting out the recent position at Naples was tabled by Colonel Dannher and it was arranged that photostats be/

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/ be made and passed to the Members for examination. Mr. Nicol

1677. CIVITA VECCHIA. Ref. 1645. A rail track was in course of construction to the lighter quay and Lt. Col. Sieff said that cranes had arrived. Some damage had been caused to the coal pier during recent rough weather but it was hoped that this could be strengthened.

Lt. Commander Risley drew attention to the fact that 11 ships were programmed to discharge at Civita Vecchia, three of which were then in Naples and others due shortly. Port Capacity was 1,100 tons per day and Lt. Col. Sieff said that the programme had been closely examined and that no vessels in excess of it would be accepted. Two coasters, he reported, were due to complete that day.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/379/GDM

26 Jan 45

Tel: FREEDOM 832

Subject : Minutes of Coal Meeting No.46 held at 1000 hrs 24 Jan 45 in G-4(Mov & Tn) Conference Room.

In the Chair :	Maj. V. KING	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Present :	Lt. (E) A. FRODSHAM	A/FEO
	Col. J.T. DANAHER	Tn(A) Operations
	Lt.Col. A.W. JOHN	QM (Coal Sec)
	Capt. P. CHRISTIAN	QM (Coal Sec)
	Capt. H.O. BAKER	G-4(Mov & Tn)
	Mr R. NICOL	WSA Rep
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	J/Comd. M.E. GRIBBLE	Secretary.

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ACTION : G-4(Mov & Tn)

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It was not yet possible to give an ETA at ANCONA for the AMSTEL, but this would be given by A/FEO.

ACTION : A/FEO

380. BUNCHING OF COLLIERS (See minute 375)

The Chairman stated that the agreed signal to LONDON and WASHINGTON was despatched, but no reply had yet been received.

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379. RN COLLIERS (See minute 374)

It was not yet possible to give an ETA at ANCONA for the AMSTEL, but this would be given by A/FEO.

ACTION : A/FEO

380. BUNCHING OF COLLIERS (See minute 375)

The Chairman stated that the agreed signal to LONDON and WASHINGTON was despatched, but no reply had yet been received.

381. LABOUR STRIKE - CATANIA

Owing to a dockers strike in CATANIA it was agreed that the u/m vessels be re-routed as shown below:-

(a) CLYDE L SEAVEY with approx 700 tons remaining to complete discharge at SYRACUSE.

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(b) AUGUSTIN HEARD to discharge completely at NAPLES.

(c) GEORGE ARENDEATHY to lighten to 20 ft at BARI for completion ANCONA.

(d) VAGHELL LINDSAY to BARI.

ACTION: G-4(Mov & Tn)

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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

COLLIERS DUE N/AFRICA & CORSICA - POSITION AS AT 17 JAN 45

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ALGIERS	ORAN	BIZERTA	BONE
W.C.BRYANT	25' 6"	USA	UGS 65	14 JAN		Army	4000		4000		
FORT DAMURE		"	UGS 65	15 "		MWT	4000	4000			
ELIZABETH MASSEY		UK	KMS 77	19 "		Army	5803 Coal) 612 Coke)				
MOONCREST		ITALY		19 "		"	5250			5250	
W.C.BRYANT		ORAN		20 "		"	4300	4300			
REINHOLD RICHTER (40 veins)	F:24'0" A:30'0"	USA	UGS 66	20 "	II Vol	"	3457		3457 (1st Disch)		
RILEY		U.K.		20 "		"	4237	4237			
ALAMOS		UK	KMS 78	21 "		"	2844 pitch) 1511 coal)		2844 pitch) 1511 coal)		
TOR.		UK.	KMS 79	26 "		"	3600	3600			
REINHOLD RICHTER (42 coals)		ORAN		31 "	II Vol		4500				4500

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DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ALGIERS	CRAN	BIZERTA	PORT LA GOULETTE & TUNIS	SFAX
25' 6"	USA	UGS 65	14 JAN		Army	4000		4000			
	"	UGS 65	15 "		MWT	4000	4000				
	UK	KMS 77	19 "		Army	5003 Coal) G12 Coke)				5003 Coal G12 Coke	
	ITALY		19 "		"	5250			5250		
	CRAN		20 "		"	4300	4300				
24'6" 30'6"	USA	UGS 66	20 "	H Vol	"	3457		3457 (1st disch)			
	UK		"			6037	6037				
	UK	KMS 78	21 "		"	2304 pitch) 1511 coal)		2304 pitch) 1511 coal)			
	UK.	KMS 79	26 "		"	3600	3600				
	CRAN		31 "	H Vol		4500				4500 (2nd disc.)	

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY AND SICILY AS AT 23 JAN 45.

SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DUE DISCH'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C TONNAGES	AFRICA	NAPLES	CATANIA	CIVITAVECCHIA	CALLI POLI	LEGHORN
CLYDE L SEAVEY	28'	USA	UGS 62	22 Dec	Any	8321			814 (remaining)			
SAMEDAN	28'11"	USA	UGS 63	5 Jan	H Vol	8249						
JOHN HAVEY	28'0"	USA	UGS 63	9 Jan	"	8349						
U.F. PROGRAM	22'0"	PALERMO		12 Jan	"	5795						
SAN SILVAN	27'0"	USA	UGS 63	13 Jan	H Vol	8305						2000 (r
ROBERT TOOMBS		BATTLES		14 Jan	"	5948				2134 (remaining) (2nd		
JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		15 "	"	6221						
ALEX VARNUM		SAID		18 "	SAID	5000						
AUGUSTUS HEAD		S.AFR		19 "	H Vol	8300					2404 (remaini	
WISLA		SAID		19 "	SAID	5200			7445 (remaining)			
PENCARROW		BATTLES		19 "	H Vol	5827						4200
H.S. WILSON		USA	UGS 65	20 "	"	4000						
EDWARD BRUCE	26'	USA	UGS 65	20 "		4000		4000 (1st discharge)				
DORIS LAW	25'6"	USA	UGS 65	20 "		6814						
SCHLAMMING		SAID		21 "	SAID	4000				3964 (remaining)		
KATHGO												
DIDYTE S		SAID		22 "	SAID	5000						
PCS Parade		BATTLES		23 "		4300				3000		
Sir HALLADAY				23 "	H Vol	4000						
OMEGA		SAID		24 "	SAID	5000				4000 (2nd discharge)		
JOHN M PARGER		BATTLES		24 "	H Vol	4551						
MICHAEL LINDSAY	F25'4" A27'4"	S.A.		24 "		8573		8573				4551 (2
GEORGE SCOTT		U.K.	UGS 78	26	Celtic	1005						
CLARE DON		SAID		26 "	SAID	5400				5400		

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY AND SICILY AS AT 23 JAN 45

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DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ANCONA	BARI	CATANIA	CIVITAVECCHIA	GALLIPOLI	LEGHORN	NAPLES	PALERMO	TARANTO	CAGLIARI	REGGIO
28'	USA	UGS 62	22 Dec		Army	8321			814 (remaining)								
28'11"	USA	UGS 63	5 Jan	H Vol	"	8249											5883 (remaining)
28'0"	USA	UGS 63	9 Jan	"	"	8349							8349				
28'0"	PALERMO		12 Jan	"	"	5795						5000 (remaining) (2nd discharge)					
27'0"	USA	UGS 63	12 Jan	H Vol	"	8305							5369 (remaining)				
	NAPLES		14 Jan	"	"	5948				2164 (remaining) (2nd discharge)							
	PALERMO		15 "	"	"	6221										3221	
	BARI		18 "	BARI	"	5000					2484 (remaining)						
	S.APN		19 "	H Vol	"	8300			7445 (remaining)								
	BARI		19 "	BARI	"	4200						4200					
	NAPLES		19 "	H Vol	"	5827										5305 (remaining)	
	USA	UGS 63	20 "	"	"	4000		4000 (1st discharge)									
26'	USA	UGS 65	20 "		Army	4000									4000		
26'6"	USA	UGS 65	20 "			6814							6814				
	BARI		21 "	BARI	Army	4000				3904 (remaining)							
	BARI		22 "	BARI	"	5000					5000						
	NAPLES		23 "		Army	4500							4500				
	S.APN		23 "	H Vol	Army	4000				4000 (2nd discharge)							
	BARI		24 "	BARI	"	5000									5000		
	PALERMO		24 "	H Vol	"	4551								4551 (2nd discharge)			
27'4"	U.K.		24 "		"	8573		8573									
	U.K.	UGS 70	26	Coke	"	1005							1005				
	BARI		26 "	BARI	"	3400				3400							

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SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ANCONA
FLAVIN		SABD		26 Jan	SABD	Army	3600	
KARVIA		"		26 "	"	"	3459	
GEORGE ABERCROMBY		USA	UCS 66	26 "	H Vol	"	8624	
EDWARD BRUCE	26'	TORONTO		29 "		MWT	4500	
U.S. WILSON	28'		AN 94	31 "	H Vol	Army	4434	4434 (2nd disch)
LEEDS CITY	29'6"	S AFR		3 Feb		"	8017	

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	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ANCONA	BARI	NAPLES	PALERMO
		SAID		26 Jan	SAID	Army	3600			3600	
		"		26 "	"	"	3450				3450
		USA	UCS 66	26 "	H Vol	"	8624			8624	
	26'	TALENTO		29 "		MWT	4500		4500		
	26'		[illegible]94	31 "	H Vol	Army	4434	4434 (2nd disch)			
	25'6"	S AFR		3 Feb		"	8017			8017	

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COAL ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

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SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION
[illegible]A	For ALEXANDRIA to load for GREECE			
CA[illegible]	Shuttling Naval Coal TOULON / MARSEILLES			
[illegible]ROUEL	[illegible] Welsh Coal at PORT SAID for PIRAEUS			
AMSTEL	Loading at BOUGIE and ALGIERS for ARGOV.			
CORCHESTER	In LEGHORN discharging			
BARON RUTHVEN	Completes discharge in MALTA 26/1			
BLAIR DEVON	At sea for AUGUSTA / BARI			
EMPIRE SEXY	KMS 79	4362 Welsh	UK	GIBRALTAR for
CAP CANTIN	KMS 79	2719 NC	UK	BIZERTA for
MATHILDA	KMS 79	4537 NC	UK	TARANTO for
SENIO (Italian Coaster)	For SAN AGIOCO to load Sardinian Coal on Naval A/C			
ADVISED FUTURE SAILINGS BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED:				
CAPITAINE TEXERIE	KMS 80	6000 Welsh		
ARY LENSEN	KMS 80	5000 NC		

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APPENDIX 'C'

CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
For ALEXANDRIA to load for GREECE				
Shuttling Naval Coal TOULON / MARSEILLES				
Loading Welsh Coal at PORT SAID for PIRAEUS				
Loading at BOUGIE and ALGIERS for ANCONA				
In LEGHORN discharging				
Completed discharge in MALTA 26/1				MWT
At sea for AUGUSTA / BARI				MWT
KMS 79	4862 Welsh	UK	GIBRALTAR for discharge	MWT
KMS 79	2719 NC	UK	BIZERTA for discharge	MWT
KMS 79	4537 NC	UK	TARANTO to discharge	MWT
For SAN ANTIOCO to load Sardinian Coal on Naval A/C				
OUTWARD NOT YET CONFIRMED:				
KMS 80	6000 Welsh			
KMS 80	5000 NC			

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DATE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE
J.H.DRUMMOND	20'6"	S.AFRICA		2 FEB		8562
VON HOHENSTAT		U.K.	KMS 82	4 FEB		1000 coke
CAPE RACON		U.S.A.	UGS 69	7 FEB		
EMPIRE PEACE		U.K.	KMS 82	14 FEB		5000
EMPIRE ORTOLAN		"	" "	14 FEB		3200
CAIT SMITH		"	" "	14 FEB		4100
BARON EARLE	26'0"	S.AFRICA		14 FEB		8690
FORT CUMBERLAND		U.S.A.	KMS 82	14 FEB		4000
FN 136		U.K.				
FORT CRAIGIE		U.S.A.				8300
FORT GIBSON		"				8500
FORT SALEESH		"				8500
S/S FLORA		"				8500
LORD COCHRANE		U.K.				3600 Coal 2200 Pitch
MALONE		"				4800 Coal 1750 Pitch
ROBERT		"				3210
C. [illegible]		"				4900
CYDONIA		"				5550
EMPIRE GLADE		"				3700
DAGO II		"				2500
BARON TWEEDMOUTH		"				4500 Coke

MARCH ARRIVALS

[illegible]	23' 0"	S.AFRICA		14 [illegible]		9284
FORT CH[illegible]AM		"		14		8500
EMPIRE MANGO		"				8500

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
23'6"	S.AFRICA		2 FEB		8562	BALKANS
	U.K.	KJF 32	4 FEB		1000 coke	NAPLES
	U.S.A.	UGS 69	7 FEB			GLEN for orders
	U.K.	KJS 82	14 FEB		5000	NAPLES
	"	" "	14 FEB		3200	"
	"	" "	14 FEB		4100	SICILY
26'0"	S.AFRICA		14 FEB		8690	BALKANS
	U.S.A.	KMS 82	14 FEB		4000	ORAN via GIBL
	U.K.					
	U.S.A.				8300	ITALY
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	U.K.				3000 Cord 2200 Pitch	ROME and HERTA
	"				4800 Cord 1750 Pitch	ALGIERS
	"				3210	ORAN
	"				4900	ALGIERS
	"				5550	ALGIERS
	"				3700	ALGIERS
	"				2500	BONE
	"				4500 Coke	BONE

MARCH ARRIVALS

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29' 0"	S.AFRICA		11 MAR		9284	ITALY
	"		14		8500	"
	"				8500	"

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JANUARY ARRIVALS.

NAME OF SHIP		DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUST	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
MORIRYN	(Vehs and Potatoes)						4673	(Coal
VILLAGE DONALDSON			USA					ITALY

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JANUARY ARRIVALS.

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		DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUCKLD	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	(Vehs and Potatoes)						4673	(Coal ORAN) via ITALY (HEEL)
SG			USA					ITALY

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S. FRANCE

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE
FERIALS	20' Mean	U.K.	HS 77			5121
EMPIRE JESSICA	20½' Mean		HS 77			3134 Pitch
HARVARIAS		"	HS 76		Loco	7327
RUGBY			HS 79		Loco	7932
EDERA				26 Dec		7000
CRAIGPOOL			HS 79			
BRITA			HS 81			
GAETA					SAID	7000
BENJAMIN HOLT	Fwd 26'4" Aft 30'0"		JHS 67	30 Dec		8500

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S. FRANCE

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
20' Lean	U.K.	KMS 77			5121	MARSEILLES
20½' Mean		KMS 77			3134 Pitch	SETE
	"	KMS 76		Loco	7327	S. FRANCE
		KMS 78		Loco	7932	"
			28 Dec		7930	"
		KMS 79				"
		KMS 81				"
				SMC	7000	ETA 23 Jan 45
Fwd 21'1" Aft 30'6"		GAS 67	30 Dec		9500	MARSEILLES

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 62.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 26TH JANUARY, 1945.

Present: Mr. C.W. Kelloch — In the Chair.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Lieutenant C.B. Bullen, R.N.R.
Insp. on Chief 2ème. Classe, Gamilhon.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. A.C. Hepworth.
Mr. J.R. Smith.
Mr. Davidson.
Mr. G.W. Simmons.
Captain R.D. Leete.
Captain T.L. Kidwell.
Captain J.P. Stryin.
Miss M.M. Mickie — Assistant Secretary.

961. REPAIRS AT MARSEILLES. Ref. 950. Although it had been agreed that "JEAN LABORDE" should not be accepted for repairs at Marseilles, Mr. Smith reported that she had been three weeks in the Port and was occupying a berth which, he had been told, she would vacate on the arrival of "PROVIDENCE", (Minute 949). He stated a certain amount of salvage work on "JEAN LABORDE" was being undertaken. The Chairman felt it should be emphasised to all authorities that docking and repair facilities in S. France were controlled by C in C Med. and it was suggested that a Committee be formed in S. France which would assist local authorities and ensure that the correct procedure were followed. This proposal was welcomed, but it was agreed further discussions should await Mr. Gibson Graham' return.

ACTION BY:-

962. CASABLANCA. An H.M. Ship was in No. 1 Dock until about 12th February, when Commander Hardie said a French Warship would go in for three days, being followed by "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER" then "ILE D'OUESSANT", a new grid, requiring examination of the rudder.

963. GIBRALTAR. H.M. Ships were programmed for all docks, but Commander Hardie stated that it might be possible to accept "FULGOR" in about a week's time, as also the "HENRY MILLER".

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964. ORAN. "DUKE OF SPARTA" had come out of No. 1 Dock on 24th January, and been followed by "JOHNS HOPKINS" for, Mr. Davison thought, about two weeks, although he had no information on her underwater condition. "EAGLE" was programmed to go in next.

"CAP FALCON" was due to complete on 27th January and would be followed in No. 2 Dock by a U.S. Warship for one day, then by French Warships for 16 days.

It was agreed that "JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE" be docked at Ferryville.

965. ALGIERS. "ANTONIO" was due to come out of No. 1 Dock that day and would be followed by "MEONIA" for 5 days, but she would have to re-dock for 3 days, in about two weeks' time, for completion of rudder repairs. "GRAND QUEVILLY" was programmed to dock after "MEONIA" had been in for the first time, but it was stated that U.S. Army were anxious to put her [illegible]

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Mr. G.W. Simmons.
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"CAP FALCON" was due to complete on 27th January and would be followed in No. 2 Dock by a U.S. Warship for one day, then by French Warships for 14 days.

It was agreed that "JOSEPHINE LE BOIGNE" be docked at Ferryville.

965. ALGIERS. "ANTONIO" was due to come out of No. 1 Dock that day and would be followed by "MEONIA" for 5 days, but she would have to re-dock for 3 days, in about two weeks' time, for completion of rudder repairs. "GRAND QUEVILLY" was programmed to dock after "MEONIA" had been in for the first time, but it was stated that U.S. Army were anxious to put her on service immediately without docking. Mr. Davison stated, however, that if this were done, necessary repairs could not be undertaken, and he recommended that the present arrangement should stand. French Warships were to dock after her.

"EMPIRE GAT" was due to undock on 28th January from No. 2 Dock and would be followed by French Warships for 14 days, then the cable ship "EMIL BAUDOT" for a week.

"PROSPER SCHIAFFINO" was transferred to the Ferryville list and as the/

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/the speed of "SIDI BRAHIM" was not seriously reduced it was decided her docki be deferred until the position were easier.

966. FERRYVILLE. Commander Hardie reported that No. 3 Dock of 275 feet would be ready for use on 1st February.

The completion date of French Warships in No. 1 Dock was uncertain and Commander Hardie said French Warships were then in No. 2 Dock for 4 days and would be followed by "GUDRUN", then "LOBOS", which Mr. Smith said was extensively damaged in No. 1 and No. 2 holds from which all cargo had not been discharged. He considered she should first be docked for examination.

In order to employ No. 3 Dock it was decided that "PROSPER SCHLAFFINO", a new bid for cleaning and painting, should be the first vessel accepted and she was accordingly transferred from the Al iers list. "JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE", also a small vessel, newly bid for cleaning and painting at Oran, was programmed to follow her.

No. 4 Dock would be occupied by H.M. Ships during the week and it was agreed that "GARINGOY" should be allocated to a dock later.

967. TARANTO. "EMPIRE MORCH", "TURIDDU" and H.M. Ships had come into No. 1 Dock on 25th January for 15 days and Commander Hardie said that H.M. Ships and Italian Warship in No. 2 Dock were due to complete the next day when "NASPRITE" and Italian Warship would go in. "EMPIRE CANDIDA" had docked on 21st January in No. 12 Dock for 5 days and "TERESA SCHLAFFINO" and Italian Warship were due to complete that day and would be followed in No. 13 Dock by an H.M. Ship.

Lt. Dullon requested that "SPERO" be docked immediately as she was required to sail on 4th February and it was agreed that she should head the subsequent priority list. "GRATA" was mentioned by Mr. Davison who said she was required by U.S. Army at an early date, but as her repairs would not be finished until 5th February it was agreed she be considered next week.

Priorities would remain the same as last week with the exception that "SPERO" would take first place.

968. NAPLES. Commander Hardie stated there was a heavy programme for No. 1 Dock, the French Warship being due to complete about the middle of February, and being followed by "WASHINGTON IRVING", for re-docking, then an Italian Warship.

"CABO MELE" would remain in No. 2 Dock until about 20th February and all other docks were programmed for H.M. Ships.

Captain Pate stated that the water boat "PO" could be released any time on 5 days' notice being given and it was decided she could most conveniently be accepted at Leghorn rather than Naples and should be ordered to sail immediately.

It was decided that the new bid "SAMPLER" should be considered later.

969. LEGHORN. A U.S. Warship was then in dock for examination and Commander Hardie said she would be followed by "ZEANSTROOM", "ANNA C CONTARINI", then "PO", in that order.

Commander Hardie reported that it had been decided that the military situation no longer warranted withholding from Merchant vessels, long term repairs, and that increased facilities would be available at Leghorn at the end of the month.

970. PALERMO. It was requested that "ALNESFORD" now be allocated for docking as she was urgently required for the Sardinian coal trade and as Mr. Smith said she would only need about 3 or 4 days in dock, Commander Hardie said he would request U.S. Navy to accept this vessel at Palermo. Cmdr. Hardie.

971. LA CIOTAT. During the week it had been requested that Liberty ship "R.C. BRENN" with bent skeg, should be accepted after "CLIFFORD MALLORY" as the blocks were

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was accordingly transferred from the Algiers list. "JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE", also a small vessel, newly bid for clearing and painting at Oran, was programmed to follow her.

No. 4 Dock would be occupied by H.M. Ships during the week and it was agreed that "SAMUROY" should be allocated to a dock later.

967. BIZERTE. "EMPIRE BOSON", "TURBIDU" and H.M. Ships had gone into No. 1 Dock on 25th January for 15 days and Commander Hardie said that H.M. Ships and Italian Warship in No. 2 Dock were due to complete the next day when "MASTRITE" and Italian Warship would go in. "EMPIRE CANDIDA" had docked on 21st January in No. 12 Dock for 5 days and "TERESA SCHIAFFINO" and Italian Warship were due to complete that day and would be followed in No. 13 Dock by an H.M. Ship.

Lt. Bullen requested that "SPERO" be docked immediately as she was required to sail on 4th February and it was agreed that she should head the subsequent priority list. "ORATA" was mentioned by Mr. Davison who said she was required by U.S. Army at an early date, but as her repairs would not be finished until 5th February it was agreed she be considered next week.

Priorities would remain the same as last week with the exception that "SPERO" would take first place.

968. NAPLES. Commander Hardie stated there was a heavy programme for No. 1 Dock, the French Warship being due to complete about the middle of February, and being followed by "WASHINGTON IRVING", for re-docking, then an Italian Warship.

"CAPO MELE" would remain in No. 2 Dock until about 20th February and all other locks were programmed for H.M. Ships.

Captain Pate stated that the water boat "PO" could be released any time on 5 days' notice being given and it was decided she could most conveniently be accepted at Leghorn rather than Naples and should be ordered to sail immediately.

It was decided that the new bid "SAMPLER" should be considered later.

969. LEGHORN. A U.S. Warship was then in dock for examination and Commander Hardie said she would be followed by "ZAANSTROOM", "AMERIGO CONTARINI", then "PO", in that order.

Commander Hardie reported that it had been decided that the military situation no longer warranted withholding from Merchant vessels, long term repairs, and that increased facilities would be available at Leghorn at the end of the month.

970. PALERMO. It was requested that "ALLESTORD" now be allocated for docking as she was urgently required for the Sardinian coal trade and as Mr. Smith said she would only need about 3 or 4 days in dock, Commander Hardie said he would request U.S. Navy to accept this vessel at Palermo. Cmdr. Hardie.

971. LA CIOTAT. During the week it had been requested that Liberty ship "R.C. BRENN" with bent skeg, should be accepted after "ALLESTORD MALLORY" as the blocks were already set and repairs would take only a few days. Authorisation had been given for "R.C. BRENNAN" to be docked, as requested, provided repairs could be completed in less than 5 days and provided delay to "SIDI AISSA" could be accepted, and Commander Hardie stated that the former ship was then in dock. "SIDI AISSA" was due to dock next and Commander Hardie reported that a request/

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/request had been received for "VILLE DE BASTIA", "VAL DE LA HAYE, "DRAGO", a cable ship, all requiring clearing and painting, to dock after her in that order. It had also been requested that a French Warship, requiring 7 weeks in dry dock should go in before "KOMLATA", but Mr. Smith asked that this matter receive further consideration for he said parts for the latter vessel would by that time be pre-fabricated. She was a coaster for which P.S.T.O. Med. had put in an urgent request and would be a most useful vessel.

972. TOULON. By about 1st March, Commander Hardie reported, a dock of 200 metres would be available at this port.

973. "FRATELLI D'AOSTA". Mr. Hogarth reported that this vessel was at Bari and had been earmarked by MEDEO for use in the coal trade and was urgently required. She would need slipping at Malfetta, and he therefore requested that R.N., who he understood were in control there, should grant priority for this vessel. As Mr. Smith would be in that area very shortly it was agreed he first take up the matter with the local authorities and ascertain the position. Mr. Smith.

974. EX "GENERAL PETAIN". This new ship, Mr. Smith reported, was in Port de Bouc, some of her engines were already installed, but the remainder were in La Ciotat. When ready, he anticipated she would be able to make 25 knots and considered she could be fitted out as a troop ship within 9 months. It was agreed that this matter be raised at the next MEDEO Meeting. ~~Mr Lake~~

975. "PORT DE BOUC". Repairs to this tanker, lying in Port de Bouc, Mr. Smith said were in hand and would take about 4-5 months.

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DRYDOCKING LIST.

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning &painting.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca			Examination of rudder
GIBRALTAR.	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital. Tanker. Requires new stern tube & prop.
ORAN.	CAP FALCON	IN DOCK			
	JOHNS HOPKINS	IN DOCK			
	EAGLE	Due at Oran	on arrival	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Ma overhaul & extensive repairs. (I
	JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	At Ajaccio	1st Feb.	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k.
ALGIERS.	EMPIRE LASS	DOCKED			
	ANTONIO	IN DOCK			
	MERNIA	At Algiers	ready		Rudder repairs.
	GRAND QUEVILLY	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning & painting.
	PROSPER SCHLAFFINO	At Algiers	ready	May, 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$k.
	SIDI BRAHIM	At Algiers	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k.
	CANTAKEIT	Bid withdrawn			
FERRYVILLE.	GUDRUN	At Ferryville	ready		Speed reduced from 8-7k.
	LOBOS	At Bizerta	ready		Extensive hull damage
	SAMINGOY	At Naples awaiting discharge	8th Feb.		Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-9k. (New ship April 1944).
TARANTO AND BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE CANDIDA	IN DOCK			
	CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Cleaning & painting. Ital.
	SPERO	At Taranto	ready		Sp.reduced from 9-$7\frac{1}{2}$k.General overhau
	EMPIRE ADUR	At Taranto	ready	Aug. 1944	Refrig. Ship. Sp.reduced from 10-$8\frac{1}{2}$k. overhaul.
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle awaiting relief	8th Feb.		Ital. Tanker. Speed reduced from 10- be wiped.
	ORATA	At Taranto	ready	over year out of d/d.	Cleaning & painting.
	SAMLEVEN	Heel-Greece Shuttle	mid Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$-8k.

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DRYDOCKING LIST.

26th , 1945.

	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
OUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning & painting.	(FRENCH BID)
NT	At Casablanca			Exmination of rudder	(FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital. Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end & prop.	(MTR BID)
	IN DOCK				
S	IN DOCK				
	Due at Oran	on arrival	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul & extensive repairs.	(FED/WSA BID)
E BORGNE	At Ajaccio	1st Feb.	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k.	(FRENCH BID)
	DOCKED				
	IN DOCK				
	At Algiers	ready		Rudder repairs.	(FRENCH BID)
LLY	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning & painting.	(WSA BID)
LAFFINO	At Algiers	ready	May, 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½k.	(FRENCH BID)
	At Algiers	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k.	(FRENCH BID)
	Bid withdrawn				
	At Ferryville	ready		Speed reduced from 8-7k.	(PSTO BID)
	At Bizerta	ready		Extensive hull damage	(MWTR BID)
t Naples	awaiting discharge	8th Feb.		Speed reduced from 10½-9k. (New ship April 1944).	(PSTO BID)
DA	IN DOCK				
	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Cleaning & painting. Ital.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Sp. reduced from 9-7½k. General overhaul.	(PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready	Aug. 1944	Refrig. Ship. Sp. reduced from 10-8¾k. General overhaul.	(PSTO BID)
ANDON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle awaiting relief	8th Feb.		Ital. Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready over year out of d/d.		Cleaning & painting.	(MWTR BID)
el-Greece	Shuttle	mid Feb.	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k.	(PSTO BID)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO. For Repairs	TURIDDU	IN DOCK			
	EMPIRE ROACH	IN DOCK			
	ICELAND	At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube.
	ASSUNZIONE	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post.
	VEST	At Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning and painting.
	LYMINGE	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.
	ORIENTA	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Locking stern glands.
	CALEB	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944.	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft & cleaning and painting.
NAPLES.	WASHINGTON IRVING	At Naples		Jan. 1945.	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs
	ITU	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs
	PO	At Cagliari	1st Feb.	18 mths out of dry dock	Italian. Water boat. Cleaning & painting
	SAMPLER	Due Augusta for Naples to discharge.	10th Feb.	June 1944.	Speed reduced from 11½ - 10 knots.
LEGHORN.	ZAANSTROOM	At Leghorn	ready	Feb. 1944.	Speed reduced from 11 - 7½ knots.
	ANDREA CONTARINI	At Catania	early Feb.	May. 1944.	Italian. Cleaning and painting
	EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	Bid withdrawn			
LA CIOTAT.	R. C. BRENNAN	IN DOCK			
	SIDI AISSA	At La Ciotat	ready		Hull repairs.
	VILLE DE MASTLA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting
	VAL de la HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting
	ARGO	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting
	MORELLA	At Marseilles	ready		Torpedo damage.
For allocation to a Port.	ALRESFORD	At Augusta	ready		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush

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POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
IN DOCK				
IN DOCK				
At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube.	(PSTO BID)
At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post.	(MWTR BID)
At Taranto	ready		Hull repairs & cleaning and painting.	(MWTR BID)
At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.	(PSTO BID)
At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands.	(PSTO BID)
At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944.	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft & cleaning and painting.	(MWTR BID)
At Naples		Jan. 1945.	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs	(WSA BID)
At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs	(MWTR BID)
At Cagliari	1st Feb.	18 mths out of dry dock	Italian. Water boat. Cleaning & painting	(MWTR/FEO BID)
Request for Naples discharge.	10th Feb.	June 1944.	Speed reduced from 11½ - 10 knots.	(PSTO BID)
At Leghorn	ready	Feb. 1944.	Speed reduced from 11 - 7½ knots.	(PSTO BID)
At Catania	early Feb.	May. 1944.	Italian. Cleaning and painting	(PSTO BID)
(D Bid withdrawn				
IN DOCK				
At La Ciotat	ready		Hull repairs.	(FRENCH BID)
At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting	(FRENCH BID)
At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting	(FRENCH BID)
At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting	(FRENCH BID)
At Marseilles	ready		Torpedo damage.	(FRENCH BID)
At Augusta	ready		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush.	(MWTR BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

26TH JANUARY, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock	No. 2 Dock
H.M. Ship (out abt. 12th Feb.) French Warship (3 days) ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days) ILE D'OUESSANT	Local Craft

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock	No. 2 Dock
H.M. Ship	H.M. Ship
No. 3 Dock	**No. 4 Dock**
H.M. Ships	Small Craft

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock	No. 2 Dock
JOHNS HOPKINS (2 weeks) EAGLE (2 days)	CAP FALCON (3 days) U.S. Warship (one day) French Warships (16 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock	No. 2 Dock
ANTONIO (abt. out) MEONIA (5 days) GRAND QUEVILLY (2 days) French Warships	EMPIRE CAT(out abt. 28th Jan.) French Warship (2 weeks) EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock	No. 2 Dock
French Warships (uncertain)	French Warship (4 days) GUDRUN (4 days) LOBOS
No. 3 Dock	**No. 4 Dock**
PROSPER SCHLEFFNO (2 days) JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)	H.M. Ship & targets H.M. Ship

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French Warship (3 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock

Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock

JOHNS HOPKINS (2 weeks)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

CAP FALCON (3 days)
U.S. Warship (one day)
French Warships (16 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock

ANTONIO (abt. out)
MEDUSA (5 days)
GRAND QUEVILLY (2 days)
French Warships

No. 2 Dock

EMPIRE CAT(out abt. 28th Jan.)
French Warship (2 weeks)
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)

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F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock

French Warships (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship (4 days)
GUDRUN (4 days)
LOKOS

No. 3 Dock

PROSPER SCHLAFFINO (2 days)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (2 days)

No. 4 Dock

H.M. Ship & targets
H.M. Ship

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T A R A N T O.

No. 1 Dock

EMPIRE ROACH, TURIDDU & H.M. Ships (15 days)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ships & Italian Warship (out abt. 27th Jan.)
NASPRIT & Italian Warship (uncertain)

No. 12 Dock

EMPIRE CANDIDA (abt. out)

No. 13 Dock

TERESA SCHLAFFINO (abt. out)
H.M. Ship

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

SPERO (cleaning & painting)
ICELAND
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (until mid. Feb.)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 2 Lock

CAPO MELE (out abt. 20th Feb.)

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

Floating Dock

H.M. Ships
PELO

No. 5 Dock

H.M. Ships

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Warship (for examination)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)
PO (2 days)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships

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No. 12 Dock

EMPIRE CANDIDA (abt. out)

TERESA SCHLAFFINO (abt. out)
H.M. Ship

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

SPERO (cleaning & painting)
ICELAND
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (until mid. Feb.)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 2 Dock

CAPO MELE (out abt. 20th Feb.

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

Floating Dock:

H.M. Ships
PILO

No. 5 Dock

H.M. Ships

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Warship (for examination)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)
PO (2 days)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

R.C. BRENNAN (3/4 days)
SIDI AISSA (15 days)
VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days
VAL DE LA HAYE (2 days
ARAGO (2 days)
French Warship 7 weeks)
MORIALTA (3 weeks)

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 26th JANUARY 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

Dates anticipated or actual

Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In	DRYDOCKING Out	Completion for return to service	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port: O/n power	In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO - 25.1.45.				
VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7 C Mid. Feb	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	D Mid Feb. E 28/2	Vessel to be drydocked.
SFINGY	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boiler slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 25/1 E Ind.	Vessel to be redocked to complete rewording of stern tube.
PERTUSOLA	B 15/10 C 6/11	Routine D/D, engine & minor hull repairs; boiler defects.	D 17/11 E 25/1	
NETTUNO	A 13/11 B) C) 14/11 C 28/12	Routine D/D. Port stern bush requires recoobing. Rudder pintles to renew.	D 16/11 D 24/1 E 26/1	
EMPIRE DAMSEL	A 29/11 B 3/12 C 31/12	Boiler cleaning; overhaul of boiler mountings. Minor engine repairs. Routine D/D.	D 5/1 E 19/1	Completed.
CRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities
LEMINGT	A 21/12 B 30/12	Deck and engine repairs.	E 14/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities
AMSTEL	A 29/12 B 10/1	Routine D/D etc. Boiler	D 18/1 E 27/1	Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO - 25.1.45				
VEST	A 5/12/43 B 10/1 C 14th.Feb	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	D Mid Feb. E 28/2	Vessel to be drydocked.
SPINGA	A 23/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boiler slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 25/1 E Ind.	Vessel to be redocked to complete remooding of stern tube.
PERTUSOLA	B 15/10 C 6/11	Routine D/D, engine & minor hull repairs; boiler defects.	D 17/11 E 25/1	
NETTUNO	A 13/11 B) C)14/11 C 28/12	Routine D/D. Port stern bush requires renooding. Rudder pintles to renew.	D 16/11 D 24/1 E 26/1	3452
EMPIRE DAMSEL	A 29/11 B 3/12 C 31/12	Boiler cleaning; overhaul of boiler mountings. Minor engine repairs. Routine D/D.	D 5/1 E 19/1	Completed.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to remain.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities
LAMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Deck and engine repairs.	E 14/2	Progress slow due to higher priorities
AMSTEL	A 29/12 B 30/12 C 9/1	Routine D/D etc. Boiler clean and survey. Engine repairs.	D 18/1 E 21/1	Completed.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 28/1	Rudder repairs.	D 7/2 E 9/2	
SPERO	A 5/1 B 9/1	Boiler clean and minor deck repairs, and engine repairs. Insulation plug hatch repairs.	E 25/1	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 28/1	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 7/2 E 17/2	Slow due to big prioritios.

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TARANTO (Cont'd).

EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Surface defects on all boilers.	E Inv.	
OCEAN MESSENGER	A) 6/1 B)	Repairs to main engine L.P. Valve.	E 17/1	Completed.
TECH	A 13/1 B 15/1	Repairs to dock fittings; caulking of shell rivets; tanks to test.	E 23/1	Completed.
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B Ind.	Boiler repairs and condenser tube plates to renew.	E Ind.	
TORCHIA	A 22/1	Boiler survey and repairs. Hospital fitting.	E 4/2	
ACHILLIA	A 17/1 B 19/1	Defects not stated.	E 30/1	
SABLE VI	A 15/1 B 18/1	Boiler repairs.	E 23/1	

TARANTO:

EMPIRE CLYDE	MOONCREST	RIVA PRIMO	SAMTRUTH	
EZILDA CROCE	DELFINO	SAMAFRIC	F MOCLAE	
FORT STAGER	REDBANK	ICELAND	PASS OF MELFORT	

BARI:

SAMSYLVAN	FORT CROUARD	CEKLA	CHARLTON HALL
SAMTAR	R.S. WILSON	TELESFORA DE LARRINAGA	
EMPIRE COLLINS	FORT DAMIEN		

BRINDISI - No report.

Minor repairs since 16.1.45.

BIZERTE - 23.1.45.

TORE JARL (Norw.)	A 25/11 B 20/11 C 28/11	Routine D/D. Numerous machinery & boiler defects affecting seaworthiness.	D 6/12 E 30/1	Work on engine repairs slow.
SAMWINGED	A 4/1 C 14/1	Routine D/D. Clearing water tube boilers: dock and engine repairs.	D 20/1 E 27/1	
LUBLIN	A 4/1 C 11/1	Routine D/D: dock engine repairs. Boiler cleaning & survey. 3 rudder pintle bushes to renew.	D 20/1. E 31/1	
GUDRUN	A 15/1 B 25/1 C 1/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; dock & engine repairs.	D 6/2 E 9/2	
LOBOS	A) 18/1	Collision damage; extending	B) IN).	Cargo being discharged from Nos.1 & 2 holds.

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TOSCANA	A 22/1	Boiler survey and repairs. Hospital Sitting.	E 4/2	
ACHAIA	A 17/1 B 19/1	Defects not stated.	E 30/1	
SAMUEL B	A 15/1 B 18/1	Boiler repairs.	E 23/1	

TARANTO:

EMPIRE CLYDE	MOONCREST	RIVA PRIMO	STRUTH	Minor repairs since 16.1.45.
EZILDA CROCE	DELFINO	SANAFFRIO	NICOLINE	
FORT STAGER	REDBANK	ICELAND	PASS OF MELFORT	

BARI:

SANSEVAN	FORT CROUARD	CRUCA	CHARLTON
SAGUTH	R.S. WILSON	TELESFORA DE	HALL
EMPIRE COLLINS	FORT DARWIN	LATKRINGA	

BRINDISI - No report.

BIZERTE - 23.1.45.

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SAMUELSED	A 4/1 C 14/1	Routine D/D. Cleaning water tube boilers: deck and engine repairs.	D 20/1 E 27/1	
LUBLIN	A 4/1 C 11/1	Routine D/D: deck & engine repairs. Boiler cleaning & survey. 3 rudder pintles bushes to renew.	D 20/1 E 31/1	
GULRUN	A 15/1 B 25/1 C 1/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/2 E 9/2	
LOPOS	A) B) 18/1 C Ind.	Collision damage; extending from shelter deck to 20 ft. below water line; holed fwd end No.2	D) E) IND.	Cargo being discharged from Nos.1 & 2 holds. D/D essential to effect repairs.

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Vessel	Initial Date	Main Defects	Final Date	Remarks
BIZERTE (Cont'd)				
Minor repairs since 16.1.45 - CRYSTAL PARK: ALEXANDRE ANDRE: SALT CREEK: MOONCREST.				
MARSEILLES - 23.1.45.				
MORLAIX		Supposed mine damage starboard side No. 2 Hold.		Temporary repairs to proceed to La Ciotat completed. Awaiting D/D.
COTTON VALLEY	A 4/10 B 11/10	Mine damage. Bow section E 7/1 missing.		Vessel to operate Toulon area without windlass, anchor or cable. Suitable windlass salvaged, being overhauled. Anchor & cable available.
SERULA	A 15/12 B 16/12	Retubing of boilers and repairs.	E 19/1	Completed.
FEDERA	A 10/1 B 3/1	Underwater damage and windlass repairs.	E 17/1	Completed.
Minor repairs since 16.1.45				
OCEAN: DROMUS: EMPIRE SPLENDOUR: SPINDLETOP: PORT GEORGE.				
BONE - 23.1.45.				
No Major Repairs reported.				
BRIDGEPOOL	SAMSPELGA			
SIR THOMAS COURT	PORT JEN			Minor repairs since 16.1.45.
ANTONIO	PORT BUFFALO			
Philippeville and Bougie - Nothing to report.				
GIBRALTAR - 23.1.45.				
TAICHUNG (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Extension valve spindles to repair.	E 26/1	Further defects found after repairs completed.
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.

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MARSEILLES - 23.1.45.

MONTCALM		Supposed mine damage starboard side No.2 Hold.		Temporary repairs to proceed to La Ciotat completed. Awaiting D/D.
CUTTOM VARNEY	A 4/10 B 11/10	Mine damage. Bow section missing.	E 7/1	Vessel to operate Toulon area without windlass, anchor or cable. Suitable windlass salvaged, being overhauled. Anchor & cable available.
SERULA	A 15/12 B 16/12	Retubing of boilers and repairs.	E 19/1	Completed.
EDE	A 10/1 B 5/1	Underwater damage and windlass repairs.	E 17/1	Completed.

Minor repairs since 16.1.45

OCTANE: DROMUS: EMPIRE SPLENDOUR: SPINDLETOP: PORT GEORGE.

BONE - 23.1.45.

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No Major Repairs reported.

BRIDGEPOOL	SAMSPELGA	Minor repairs since 16.1.45.
SIMMINGTON COURT	PORT JEF	
ANTONIO	PORT BUFFALO	

Phillipville and Bougie - Nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 23.1.45.

TAIGETE (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Extension valve spindles to repair.	E 26/1	Further defects found after repairs completed.
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Renewal new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
EMPIRE ZEPHYR	A) B) 10/1	New engine throttle valve.	E 16/1	Completed.
CAP TOURANE	A 15/1 B 16/1	Collision damage - hole in starb'd bow shell plating.	F 24/1	
SAN CONSTANT	A)30/12 B)	Two new feed pump water ends to renew.	E 23/1	Completed.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No.2 Hold by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
URBINO	A 19/1 B 20/1	Steering rods to repair.	F 23/1	Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
GIBRALTAR (Cont'd)				
STAD ARNHEM	A 22/1 D 23/1	Boiler stays loosened and furnace flanges cracked.	E 26/1	
KAFA ESSEX TRADER	PORT CHICOPEA EMPIRE HAVEN	BLANKENBURG:	Minor repairs since 8.1.45.	
Minor repairs since 15.1.45.		- No information.		
LEGHORN - 23.1.45.				
FANNY BRUNEL	C 17/1	Routine D/D etc.	D E 25/1	
LAURENT MEEUS: RICHEMOND: - Minor repairs since 16.1.45.				
AUGUSTA - 19.1.45				
ALIGA	A) B) 19/1	I.P. Piston Examination.	E 21/1	
Minor repairs - No information.				
MALTA - 22.1.45. (Including w/e 15.1.45).				
CANTABRIT	A 16/12 B 16/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 20/2	Completed.
PACIFIC (Cable Ship)		Routine D/D by R.N.		No information.
AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	A 17/1 B 16/1	Collision damage to hull.	E 27/1	Vessel to be "wiped" after completion of repairs.
ANNA CAVINO CONSUELO	AVON COAST BRITISH SOLDIER	BRITTANY COAST VILLE D'ORAN	DON	Minor repairs since 8.1.45.
EMPIRE TORRENT EMPIRE SPINNEY	AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	DON CONSTANZA F.	E.A. PEDEN BRITTANY COAST)	Minor repairs since 15.1.45
ORAN - 23.1.45 (including delayed reports for w/e 9.1.45 & 16.1.45)				
JOHN S. COPLEY	C 14/9	Torpedo damage starb'd side Nos. 2 & 3 holds & very extensive damage in way Nos.2 & 3 bulkheads.	D 15/11 E 14/1	All work completed. Trials in progress.
FORT FIDDLER	B 27/11 C 26/11	L.A.S.F.Stiffening bulkheads to proceed to permanent repair port.	D 10/12 E 14/1	All work completed. Awaiting crew and port of destination.

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Minor repairs since 15.1.45. - No information.

LERWICK - 23.1.45.

FARN — C 17/1 Routine D/D etc. — D) E) 25/1

PENDRELL

LAURENT MEEUS: RICHEBOURG: - Minor repairs since 16.1.45.

AUGUSTA - 19.1.45.

ALISA — A) B) 19/1 I.P. Piston Examination. E 21/1

Minor repairs - No information.

WATH - 22.1.45. (Including w/e 15.1.45).

CANTABRIT — A 16/12 General repairs to B 18/12 engine and boilers. — E 20/2 Completed.

PACIFIC (Cable Ship) — Routine D/D by R.M. — No information.

AUGUSTINE — A 17/1 Collision damage to hull. E 27/1 Vessel to be "wiped" after completion of repairs.
LE BORGNE — B 16/1

ANNA CAMBO, CONSUELO, AVON COAST, BRITISH SOLDIER, BRITTANY COAST, VILLE D'ORLEANS, DON) — Minor repairs since 8.1.45.

EMPIRE TORRENT, EMPIRE SPINNEY, AUGUSTINE, LE BORGNE, DON, CONSTANZA F., E.A. FEDERY, BRITTANY COAST) — Minor repairs since 15.1.45

CRAIG - 23.1.45. (including delayed reports for w/e 9.1.45 & 16.1.45)

JOHN R. COPLEY — C 14/9 Torpedo damage stbd side Nos. 2 & 3 holds & very extensive damage in way Nos. 2 & 3 bulkheads. — D 15/11 All work completed. E 14/1 Trials in progress.

FORT FIDDLER — B 27/11 C 26/11 L.A.S.H. Stiffening bulkheads to proceed to permanent repair port. — D 10/12 All work completed. E 14/1 Awaiting crew and port of destination.

ESPIGUETTE. — A 19/12 C 23/12 Routine D/D. — D 27/12 E 4/1 Completed.

CARL. — A 20/12 B 19/12 C 20/12 Routine D/D; annual load-line; general repairs. — D 30/12 E 14/1 Completed.

LIDO — A) B) 20/12 C) Routine D/D; general repairs; rewooding stern tube; machining tail end shaft; rudder repairs. — D 30/12 E 20/1/45. Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ORAM (Cont'd)				
PROVIDENCE	D 1/1 C 31/12	Bottom damage & minor machy repairs after extensive period aground in S.France.	D 17/1 E -	
DUKE OF SPARTA	C 20/1	Rudder repairs.	D 24/1 E 27/1	
JOHN S. HOPKINS	C 26/1	Damage in engine-room and No.3 Hold.	D)Not E)stated.	
EMPIRE JULIA	A) B) 21/1	Defects not stated.	D)Not E)stated.	
HEEE II LAURA KEEN	INDIANA WM.BRADFORD HARTLEPOOL BRICKETT		Minor repairs since 5.1.45	
BENJAMIN BOURNE: W.A. GRAHAM - Minor repairs since 9.1.45				
SANCTUOT AFD 24	HESPERIA (Tug) YANKEE ARGOSTAD DESTINY (Tug) GEO.BANCROFT VLAARDINGEN		Minor repairs since 16.1.45	

NAPLES - 24.1.45

THELMA	A) B) 7/1	Repairs to cracked H.P. cylinder.	E 16/1	Completed.
CITY OF WORCESTER	A 17/1	Anchor repairs.	E 21/1	Completed.
EMPIRE DOG	A 12/1 B 13/1	Propeller & tail end shaft removed for machining.	E 31/1	
EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	A) B) 20/1	Boiler repairs; hull damage.	E 27/1	
MONKLEIGH	A 18/1 B 19/1	Overhauling main & G.S. pumps.	E 27/1	
HERCULES (Ext.)	A) B) 22/1	Repairs to main circulating pump.	E 24/1	

ALVAIAZERE	SAUVAITEUL	SANDEYTE	SUTHERLAND BRITISH	Minor repairs since 17.1.45
SAONE	FORT LATOUR	GLEN-Y-ERYN	PRINCIPESSA ENGINEER	
P.L.M.14	JENNINGS	PORT VENJNGO	GIOVANNI	
CARLOUIS	DJEBEL AURES	DALCROSS	MARY CLAIRE	
SAINTPERAIN	CARLTON	JERT V.N DER	LAURENT MEEUS	
EMPIRE LIONEL	FORT RICHELIEU	MEER	HEEE II	

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period aground in S. France.

DUKE OF SPARTA	C 20/1	Rudder repairs.	D 24/1 E 27/1	
JOHN G. HOPKINS	C 26/1	Damage in engine-room and No. 3 Hold.	D) Not E) stated.	
EMPIRE JULIA	A) 21/1 B)	Defects not stated.	D) Not E) stated.	
HESSE II LAURA KEEN	INDIANA HARTLEPOOL	WM. BRADFORD BRICKETT	} Minor repairs since 3.1.45	
BENJAMIN BOURNE: W.A. GRAHAM - Minor repairs since 9.1.45				
SAMSEVIOT AFD 24	HESPERIA (Tu-) DESTINY (Tu-)	YANKEE ARROW GEO. BANCROFT	STAD VLAARDINGEN	} Minor repairs since 16.1.45

NAPLES - 24.1.45

EMPIRE	A) 7/1 B)	Repairs to cracked H.P. cylinder.	E 10/1	Completed.
CITY OF WORCESTER	A 17/1	Anchor repairs.	E 21/1	Completed.
EMPIRE DOG	A 12/1 B 13/1	Propeller & tail end shaft removed for machining.	E 31/1	
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MONKLEIGH	A 18/1 B 19/1	Overhauling main & G.S. pumps.	E 27/1	
HERCULES (Dut.)	A) B) 22/1	Repairs to main circulating pump.	E 24/1	

ALVALAZERE	SAGVAITHUL	GANLEYTE	SUTHERLAND	BRITISH ENGINEER) Minor repairs since 17.1.45
SAMERE	FORT LATOUR	CEFN-Y-BRYN	PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA	
P.L.M.14	JENNINGS	FORT VERANGO	MARY CLAIRE	
SAMLOUIS	DJEBEL AURES	DALCROSS	LAURENT MENUS	
SAINSPERRIN	CARLTON	AERT VAN DER MEER	HESSE II	
EMPIRE MICHEL	FORT RICHELIEU		CHAMPOLLION	
ST. ROSARIO	OMEGA	FORT ANLAVIK	COLLY	
SAMBRIAN	SAMEARN	VILLE D'ORAN		

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ALGER.

SCHIAFFINO FRERES	B 3/11	Armament work. Uptown work on the painting of hull. Replacement of stern tube.	E 20/1
JANINE	B 20/11	Fitting new boiler tubes. General repairs.	E 18/1

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
French Report (Cont'd).				
ALGIERS:				
CAP EL HANK	B 11/10	General repairs.	E 22/1.	
MEDEA	B 15/12	Examination of principal & auxiliary motors.		
CASABLANCA:				
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIERS	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting.	March 45.	
ORAN:				
PROVIDENCE	B 31/12	Refitting. Repairs to hull. Overhaul of screw shaft.	E 25/1.	
BIZERTE:				
MEDEE II.	B 18/10	New boiler tubes. General repairs & upkeep.	E 8/2.	
PORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration.	E Mar.	
VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs after refloating.		

No report received from CASABLANCA : ALGIERS.

No.W.S.A. or Italian report received.

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...N.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS.

19th.January 1945.

No.42.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBO;

From: French Liaison, M.W.T.R.N.A.

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
18th.January 1945.

1.-PROGRAMME FOR COASTERS. List enclosed. Read and approved.

2.-REPAIR COMMITTEE: List of bids for drydock and repairs sent to Naples earlier this week. With reference to the s.s."ST.BERTRAND" please see M.W.T.R.N.A. signal No.411 to London Repeated to MED.N.719. In the meantime London reply to N.A.408, approves drydocking at Oran, but it must be noted that this last signal (408) was drawn up under a misapprehension. The "ST.BERTRAND" did not strand or beach herself during the Madagascar/North Africa run, but suffered certain damage as a result of a collision with an LCT. in Port Said. The damage in no way affects her seaworthiness as far as can at present be ascertained and there is no reason to fear that examination in drydock will prove otherwise.

3.-s.s."PROVIDENCE": D.... confirmed the request made to MEDBO by D.T.Paris that this vessel should make one voyage P.N.A./TOULON and then return to West African Coast. M.W.T.R.N.A. points out that MEDBO had agreed to one voyage P.N.A./MARSEILLES only.

4.-s.s."KOUTOUBIA": M.W.T.R.N.A. informed the D....M. that MEDBO had authorised the sailing of this vessel to MARSEILLES for repairs, it being understood that the "JEAN LABORDE" would remain in the channel at Caronte and not interfere with work on the "KOUTOUBIA".

5.-s.s."ST.BERTRAND":(see para.2. above)- M.W.T.R.N.A. reported that the M.W.T. surveyor had reported to him that the list of repairs asked for by the Chief Engineer, whilst not challenged by him, were rather heavy and of such importance that a full examination would be necessary entailing the opening up of the engines. Whether or not the work asked for was agreed, there would be great difficulty in getting the right material for reasonably, and as to certain items asked for in the way of repairs, if acknowledged as necessary, neither Algiers nor Oran were equipped to deal with them. In view of the above the D.... were asked whether they would agree to a proposal to transfer the vessel at an English port, where the examination could take place under suitable conditions. D.M.M. gave their provisional agreement and both they and M.W.T.R.N.A. agreed to signal their principals accordingly.

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6.-s.s."GENERAL CHANZY".

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6.-s.s."GRAND OUEVILLY": U.S.A. Rep. was asked by the D.T.O. to authorise the immediate commencement of repairs as agreed. U.S.A. Rep. stated that the matter will be dealt with as requested.

(sgd.) P.F. LE BARS.
French Liaison.
U.S.T.O. N.A.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Subject : G-4(Mov & Tn) Weekly Report to MEDBO on Civil Supps.

G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/411/GD

26 Jan 45

Tele : FREEDOM 832

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In view of the fact that the Feb shipment has been planned, it is considered that from both supply and shipping aspects, the continuance of the programme is desirable.

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Other commodities	29022	33242	33242
Total	34932	39152	39152

123. CURRENT WHEAT SHIPS, ITALY.

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Statement is att at APPX 'A'.

124. SEED POTATOES - BALKANS (see para 100)

The posn regarding shipments of seed potatoes is as follows.

(All in metric long tons)

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PIRAEUS	2500	1995	505
SALONIKA	2175	1878	297
NEEL	344	133	211
DUBROVNIK	1666	1326	340
TOTAL	6685	5332	1353

It is not anticipated that this short-fall can be shipped

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direct to the ports concerned, and it is therefore considered that this should be cancelled as the potatoes cannot arrive in time for spring planting.

124. SHIPS /STORE SHIPMENTS (See para 117)

The following cargoes are reported to have been discharged in TRIESTE since H.Q. (GREECE) commenced to operate.

VESSEL	ARRIVED	WHEAT	FLOUR	OTHER FOODSTUFFS	OTHER COMMODITIES	TOTAL
[illegible]	11 Sep	2042	-	744	-	2788
[illegible]	11 Sep	2920	-	1672	-	4592
[illegible]	11 Sep	4218	107	3546	205 lbs	7871
[illegible]	3 Oct	5855	-	2771	17	8643
[illegible]	11 Nov	5794	-	2255	6	7965
SUORVA	11 Nov	871	969	5366	115	7332
HOOLONGEL	13 Nov	8050	-	-	-	8050
NIGARA	16 Nov	7107	-	1836	6	8949
BORNLAND	18 Nov	2804	-	953	6	3763
PEDRO CHRISTOFFERSON	5 Dec	6113	-	-	-	6113
		45684	1087	19145	150	66066

125. SUPER PHOSPHATES - GREECE (See para 106)

UNRRA/FAO have notified AFHQ that arrangements for the supply of 10,000 tons rock phosphate ex NORFOLK should be made by this H.Q.

127. SOAP - FRANCE

A proposal had been approved to import soap from SPAIN through PORT VENDRES in Spanish vessels, but advice from the French authorities states that it is not intended to put this proposal into effect at present.

[illegible]. CIVIL SUPPLIES LOADERS (See para 115)

(a) "DUKE OF SPARTA" has been replaced by "HARLESDEN". HARLESDEN, SALLOYAL and PORT VASKOVAC load for H. AFRICA.

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124. STORES /S/TSO SHIPMENTS (See para 117)

The following cargoes are reported to have been discharged in PIRAEUS since U.N.R.R.A. H.Q.(GREECE) commenced to operate.

VESSEL	ARRIVED	WHEAT	FLOUR	OTHER FOODSTUFFS	OTHER COMMODITIES	TOTAL
PERIS	11 Sep	2012	..	746	-	2758
FOR S.	14 Sep	2920	-	1672	-	4594
[illegible]	14 Sep	4216	107	3546	205 lbs	7871
[illegible]	3 Oct	5855	-	2771	17	8643
[illegible]	11 Nov	5704	-	2255	6	7965
SAGAVA	13 Nov	871	960	5366	115	7332
DOOLONGELLA	[illegible] Nov	8050	-	-	-	8050
NIGARA	16 Nov	7107	-	1836	6	8949
ZOEMELAND	18 Nov	2804	-	953	6	3763
PEDRO CHRISTOPHERSON	3 Dec	6113	-	-	-	6113
		45684	1067	19145	150	66066

125. SUPER PHOSPHATES - GREECE (See para 106)

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(a) "DUKE OF SPARTA" has been replaced by "HARLESDEN". HARLESDEN, SHALOM and PORT [illegible]SKOMAO load for N. AFRICA.

(b) The following vessels will load bagged cereals for Feb requirements :-

DUKE OF ATHENS
SOMERVILLE
[illegible]
S. CLYDE
DUKE OF SPARTA

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129. CIVIL SHIPPING - TOWAGE TO S. FRANCE (See para 118)

Authority has been granted by SHAEF for a Turkish ship to discharge tobacco, foodstuffs and med sups on civil account at TOULON.

V. KING, Major,
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G.(Mov & Tn).

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CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 26 JAN.

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMARE	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	CR
RAYMOND V. INGERSOLL	25'0"		513		UGS 63	USA	2 Jan		513				
MARSDALE				5368	Sailed ex M.E. 29 Dec	IRAQ	6 Jan				5368		
WM. LEAVITT	27'7"	8090			UGS 62	USA	16 Jan					2350	
FORT MINGAN	26'0"		8399		UGS 64	USA	17 Jan						
NATHAN HALE			8686		UGS 66	USA	25 Jan		8686				
J.S.L. BECK	27'4" Fwd 29'7" Aft		7738		UGS 65	USA	27 Jan			7738			
PALERMO			1227			M.E.	29 Jan		1227				
JOHN H. QUICK	28'6"		8764		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan	8764 (PALERMO)					
ELISHA GRAVES OTIS	27'0"		8300		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan		8300				
CLYDE J. DUNNING	27'9"		7933		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan						
DUDLEY H. [illegible]	27' 2"		8596		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan				8596 (BRINDISI)		
GEORGE E. HALE				7712	Ready ALEX 24 Jan	IRAQ	31 Jan						
WM. GOSS READE				7513	ADEN 22 Jan	IRAQ	3 Feb	7513 (PALERMO/MESSINA)					
[illegible] D. BAKER	28'6"		7944 (F)		UGS 65	USA	4 Feb				7944		

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BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	CROTONE	REMARKS
	513		UGS 63	USA	2 Jan		513					Now discharging
		5368	Sailed ex M.E. 29 Dec	IRAQ	6 Jan				5368			Now discharging
8090			UGS 62	USA	16 Jan					2350		Dischd 5740 tons CASTELLAMMARE. Now discharging TORRE ANNUNZIATA.
	8399		UGS 64	USA	17 Jan						8399 (REGGIO/CROTONE)	Dischd REGGIO 906 tons. Now discharging CROTONE
	8686		UGS 66	USA	25 Jan		8686					Waiting berth
a t	7738		UGS 65	USA	27 Jan			7738				Ex BALKANS programme
	1227			M.E.	29 Jan		1227					Also carried 1195 tons Ord
	8764		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan	8764 (PALERMO)						
	8300		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan		8300					
	7933		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan						7933 (MESSINA/REGGIO	Ex BALKANS Programme
	8596		UGS 67	USA	30 Jan			8596 (BRINDISI)				
		7712	Ready ALEX 23 Jan	ERA	31 Jan							LEGHORN/CIVITAVECCHIA
		7513	ALEN 22 Jan	IRAQ	3 Feb	7513 (PALERMO/MESSINA)						
	7944(F)		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb			7944				Light to 24 ft BARI then ANCONA

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APPENDIX 'A' (CONT'D

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	B.G BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMARE	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	C TO
WILLIAM HUME	28'4"	8690			UGS 68	USA	4 Feb		8690				
EDWARD SPARROW	29'0"	7740	268		UGS 68	USA	4 Feb			X	8008		
WENDELL L. WILKIE	27'6"	7471	402		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb			X	7873		
CHAS. M. CONRAD	26'6"		8515		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb						85
ROBERT R. RENDALL	27'0"	7472	689		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb						
JOSIAH PARKER sailing	28' Fwd 29'6"	8008	421		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb			8429			
WM. D. BLOXHAM	27'0"	7785	533		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb	8318(PALERMO)					
CLAY MCLEAN				3582	Ready ALEX 4 Feb	IRAQ	10 Feb			3582			
BUTLER			750		UGS 70	USA	14 Feb		750				
SAMUEL GOMPERS			750		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb		750				
LOG LEACK				7145	Sailed BASRA 15 Jan	IRAQ	Feb			7145			
GARCIAS				7000		IRAQ	Feb						
ISRAEL ELLSTETT				7000		IRAQ	Feb						
VICTOR HERBERT				7000		IRAQ	Feb						

(F) * Flour

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DR FT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	B.G BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	CROTONE	Remarks
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6'6"		8515		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb						8515	
7'0"	7472	689		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb							MESSINA/REGGIO
8' Fwd 9'6"	8008	421		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb			8429				
27'0"	7785	533		UGS 69	USA	9 Feb	8318(PALERMO)						
			3582	Ready ALEX 4 Feb	IRAQ	10 Feb			3582				Also carries 2207 tons Ammn
		750		UGS 70	USA	14 Feb		750					
		750		UGS 71	USA	19 Feb		750					
			145	Sailed BASRA 16 Jan	IRAQ	Feb			4[illegible]				
			7000		IRAQ	Feb							
			7000		IRAQ	Feb							Temporarily withdrawn
			7000		IRAQ	Feb							" "

(F) = Flour

OUTWARD LOADING PROGRAMME

Disposal of British Tonnage on Release of December 1944.

To U.K.

Iron Ore:	Bona	35,343	
	Mollila Bay	27,870	
	" Santander	20,354	
	Almeria	7,700	
	Hermillo	9,888	101,847 tons
Pyrites:	Huelva	12,720	12,720 "
Phosphates:	Casablanca/U.K.	34,047	34,047 "
Citrus Fruits:	ex Sicily 3 ships cases lemons	244,959	7,503 "
	ex Spain 13 ships cases oranges	633,457	40,246 "
Onions:	ex Spain 4 ships, cases	111,858	7,990 "
Argols:			146 "

To Destination other than U.K.:-

Phosphates were also shipped

	Casablanca Lisbon	8,343	
	S.Africa	7,730	
Eone	Aust. Via	26,177	42,240 "
			246,327 "

It should be noted that there is a big falling off in the tonnage of iron ore shipped to U.K. A compensating factor is the increase of citrus fruit shipments by approximately 30,000 tons.

No potash was shipped in the period under review.

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MCB. Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee.

Minutes of

13th meeting held on 22nd January 1945.

Chairman:	Major V. King	
Present:	Lt.-Cmdr.G.B. Sturt,R.N.V.R.	P.S.T.O. rep.
	Major A.G.Tofield	G-4(Mov & Tn)
	Major J.K. Lusty	RASC Water Transport Office
	J.Comd. E. Formaides	H.Q., A.C.
	Mr.R.Nicol	W.S.A.
	Mr.J.Lynch	"
	Mr.A.J.Harvey	M.W.T.T. rep.
	Miss A.M.Simon	Secretary

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(b) Balkan requirements

The Chairman said that in addition to the programmed bids,shipping might have to be provided for relief stores to Yugoslavia. Noted.

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(c) Availability of shipping.

After consideration the Committee agreed that
(i) all bids,including phosphates,salt,and requirements of Greece, could be covered by the shipping expected to be available in the period;
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(i) bids for this and any other similarly procured cargo for intra-Mediterranean shipment should be made to A.F.H.Q. and should be included in the POM 10-day programme;
(ii) DSTO Malta should advise whenever opportunity offered of shipment by returning Naval stores-carriers;
(iii) G-4(Mov & Tn) should advise A.C. when to arrange for cargo to be ready.

(WYKING), Major, D.A.Q.M.G.(M)
CHAIRMAN

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SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO. 51

SUMMARY OF MAINTENANCE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

TO		FROM M.E.	ALGIERS	BONE	ORAN	HEEL	ELBOW	SICILY	CORSICA	SARDINIA	MALTA
ELBOW	Br.	7914	1488	100		500		3600	35	12042	
"	USA				670	180			830		104
HEEL	Br.	7022	1289	122				200			
"	USA				155		120		2500		
ALCONA	Br.	2442	1935			410	2950				
"	USA					780			3600		350
LEGHORN	Br.						2130				
"	USA				1450				910		145
MID EAST	Br.		537			73	3260				
"	USA				20	75(A)	65(B)				
MALTA	Br.		23			1					
CORSICA	Br.		5				259				
"	USA						210				
SARDINIA	Br.						1431			3000	
SICILY	Br.		2			1	1490				
GIBRALTAR	Br.		1				5			10	
[illegible]	Br.	275				26	97				
"	USA					10					
SOUTH OF FRANCE	Br.	6395	14				28				
" " "	USA				1160	10	686				
GREECE	Br.	1504				4194					
[illegible]	US					30	140				
TOTALS		25952	5294	222	3535	1 [illegible]85	12727	3800	7875	15052	559

GRAND TOTAL BI

(A) Incls 50 Tor LIDIA
(B) " 40 " " 25

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MEETING NO. 51

SUMMARY OF MARINE MOVE TONNAGES BID FOR PERIOD 15 - 24 FEB 45

	FROM											
M.E.	ALGIERS	BONE	ORAN	HEEL	ELBOW	SICILY	CORSICA	SARDINIA	MALTA	CASA-BLANCA	LEGHORN	TOTAL
						3600	35	12642				16279
7914	1488	100		500			830			30		1710
			670	100					104	3505		2242
7022	1269	122				200				30	15	2020
			155		120		2500					3740
2442	1935			410	2950							4380
				780			3600					400
					2130				350			2360
			1450				910			20		4015
	537			73	3260				145			155
			20	75(A)	65(B)							24
	25			1								238
	5				255						87	297
					210							431
					421							4402
	2				1490			3000				
	1				5							1295
26				22	57			16				10
				10					1			437
6395	14				28						333	2189
			1160	10	686							5998
1604				4194							102	272
				30	120							
25952	5294	222	3135	1	95	12727	3800	7875	15652	594	537	91851

GRAND TOTAL BID FOR SHIPMENT

(A) Incls 50 for LIBERTY
(B) " 40 " " SS

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Petroleum Section

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 Hours JANUARY

	CLEAN No. of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Capacity (barrels)	DIRTY No. of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. o
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	20	1,999,000	4	229,000	
2. In Ballast	13	1,298,000	1	64,000	
3. In dry-dock or repair	-	-	-	-	
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C., D., E.)					
1. Working	18	342,000	1	52,000	
2. Dry-dock or Repairs	10	153,000	5	221,000	
C. WATER CARRIERS	24	159,000	-	-	
D. HARBOUR FUELLERS	2 (a)	70,000	12 (b)	205,000	
E. ON OPERATIONAL SERVICE (including R.F.A.)	9	123,000	5	248,000	

(a) = 1 Vessel (RONDINE 68,000 bbls. used as Floating Storage.

(b) = 3 Vessels(LORY LAZOUTE 4,000 bbls. GULF FALCON 33,000 bbls. CHRISTINE 1,000

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Petroleum Section

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ARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 Hours JANUARY 27th. 1945.

CLEAN No.of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Capacity (barrels)	DIRTY No.of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Capacity (barrels)	TOTAL No.of Vessels	TOTAL Cargo Capacity (barrels)
					2,228,000
20	1,909,000	4	229,000	24	
13	1,298,000	1	64,000	14	1,362,000
-	-	-	-	-	-
18	342,000	1	52,000	19	394,000
10	153,000	5	221,000	15	374,000
24	159,000	-	-	24	159,000
2 (a)	70,000	12 (b)	205,000	14	275,000
9	123,000	5	248,000	14	371,000

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 23. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 15th JANUARY 1945.

Present :-

Mr. James H. Henderson (M.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr. T. K. Garrard RNR (SSTO)
Lt. R. W. Calcutt RNVR (STO)
Capt. L. Hutchings (Tn. Br.)
Mr. W. S. Thomas (Coal Div. NAJEX)
Major H. C. Stubbens (DAQMG(M))
Capt. Kalloch (WSA NA.)
Lt. Comdr. Lowis (NCSO)
Mrs. E. M. Bertrand (Sec.)

The Minutes of Meeting No. 22 of 8th January were reviewed.

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Comdr. Garrard asked Major Stebbens whether some agreement had been reached with regard to the Army office accommodation on Mole Billiard. Major Stebbens replied that application had been made for the erection of Nissen huts to accommodate the personnel.

No. 144. "LIDO" AT ORAN.

Referring to Min. 140, Lt. Calcutt advised that a bank guarantee and indemnity had now been received for this French cargo, and that the matter would shortly be cleared up, though Major Stebbens reported that no reply had been received from either Marseilles or S.A.E.F.

No. 145. IMPORT PROGRAMME - S. FRANCE.

With reference to Min. 141, it was reported that the "MARIE L. LEBORGNE" had now been cancelled.

No. 146. SHIP DISCHARGE.

The Chairman stated that no action had been taken with regard to diverting the "HIGH PARK" from Bizerta to La Goulette. This vessel, he said, should have completed p.m. 14th., while the "CRYSTAL PARK" was now discharging, due to be followed by the "JACOB C. HARPER" with a full cargo of grain in bags. The Chairman advised that the French would probably request this vessel to discharge at Algiers, and agreed to

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Capt. Kalloch asked whether Comdr. Garrard could offer any explanation of the excessive delay in discharging the "E. A. PEDEN" (military cargo) which had taken 16 days. Comdr. Garrard undertook to make enquiries and advise.

Comdr. Garrard.

No. 147. COLLIERS.

The following January arrivals were reported :-

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"W. C. BRYANT"	- UKS 65	-	Oran/Algiers
"ELIZ. MASSEY"	- KMS 77	-	Bizerta/Tunis
"FORT PAMURE"	- UKS 65	-	Algiers - part cargo
"REINHOLD RECHTER"	- UKS 66	-	Oran/Bone
"KALLIAKOS"	- KMS 78	-	Oran (and Nemours)

It was report that 8 Colliers were due for arrival from U.K. in February.

No. 148. VESSELS FOR S. FRANCE.

The Chairman confirmed that the "EMPIRE JESSICA" and "PENHALE" (KMS 77) were due to proceed, the former to Setu and the latter to Marseilles, and Comdr. Garrard pointed out that if they had to wait to join up with the convoy at Oran, they would each lose 3/4 days. Lt. Comdr. Lewis stated that being in KMS convoy they would normally proceed straight to S. France.

No. 149. FRENCH VESSELS.

Comdr. Garrard stated that he required some data on the "FLORIDA", "KOUTOUBIA" and "PROVIDENCE". The Chairman advised that N.W.T. Survey Bone could probably give information as to the "FLORIDA" at Bougie, but suggested that the Marine Marchande should be approached in the first place.
As regards the "PROVIDENCE", this vessel was said to be coming into service in the near future, and the "KOUTOUBIA" was waiting to proceed to Marseilles from Algiers.

No. 150. OIL FUEL FOR FRENCH VESSELS.

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No. 149. FRENCH VESSELS.

Comdr. Garrard stated that he required some data on the "FLORIDA", "KOUTOUBIA" and "PROVIDENCE". The Chairman advised that M.W.T. Survey Bone could probably give information as to the "FLORIDA" at Bougie, but suggested that the Marine Marchande should be approached in the first place.
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No. 153. EQUIPMENT FOR COAL DISCHARGE.

Capt. Kalloch advised that he had cabled Mr. Macdonell regarding the wires which were still needed, but had received no reply. Comdr Garrard agreed to send the specifications required to Capt. Kalloch, who would investigate in relation to his Naples stocks. The Chairman advised that the two Grabs were being taken off the "P.L.M. 13" and handed to Messrs. Cory Bros. for use of vessels working on their own gear.

Comdr. Garrard

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, 22nd. January 1945.

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DATE:- 21ST JAN

N. AFRICA, SICILY, GREECE PORT STATE.

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships.	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	AUGUSTA	CATANIA	CAGLIARI	PI
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	
B. No. of vessels discharging.	4	2	6	NIL	2	1	NIL	1	
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	4	16	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	
E. No. of vessels loading.	1	6	2	3	1	NIL	2	3	
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	12	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL	10	24	9	5	3	13	4	6	

NASAM 698 despatched accordingly.

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arrying.	4	2	6	NIL	2	1	NIL	1	3	19
awaiting	4	16	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	22
ing to	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	4
ing.	1	6	2	3	1	NIL	2	3	NIL	18
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ITALY & SOUTH FRANCE PORT STATE.

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships	LEGHORN	NAPLES	TARANTO	BRINDISI	BARI	ANCONA	SOUTHERN FRANCE	TOTAL
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	2	11	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	15
B. No. of vessels discharging.	7	35	2	3	7	5	22	81
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	8	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	1	10
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	1	2	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	4
E. No. of vessels loading.	3	4	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	8
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	4	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	5
TOTAL	12	63	4	5	10	6	23	123

NASAD 698 despatched accordingly.

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loaded awaiting rs.	NIL	4	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	5
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AGENDA.

NINETYSIXTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 23RD JANUARY, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 95 DATED 16TH JANUARY, 1945.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 95.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON 16TH JANUARY, 1945.

	Mr. I.D. Campbell	In the Chair.
Members:	Commodore C.R.E.W. Perryman R.N.	P.S.T.O. Med.
	Captain F.H.D. Byron R.N.	N.C.S.O. Med.
	Captain W.E. Erskine U.S.N.	U.S. Navy.
	Commander D.M. MacLean R.N.R.	S.O.S. to C in C Med.
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	Colonel G. Ackerley	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Major J. Riddell	Q.M. Coal Section.
	Major A.A.A. Launder	Petroleum Section.
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	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
Present:	Captain F.W. Williams R.N.R.	C.S.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Lt.Cmdr. F.T. Bisley R.N.R.	N.C.S.O. (N.A. Med.) Rep.
	Lt.Cmdr. G.B. Sturt R.N.V.R.	S.O.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Major A.M. McClure	A.C. Trans. Sub-Commission.
	Mr. F.J.O. Graham	D.M.W.T.R. Greece.
	Mr. A.C. Hogarth	D.M.W.T.R.
	Lt.Col. K. Anderson	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. A.J. Harvey	M.W.T.
	Mr. R. Hughes	D.O.H.C. Representative.
	Miss M.M. Michie	Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

Commodore C.R.E.W. Perryman, R.N. newly appointed P.S.T.O. Mediterranean was introduced by the Chairman who, on behalf of the Board, cordially welcomed him to that and subsequent Meetings.

Mr. F.J.O. Graham, D.M.W.T.R. Greece, was also welcomed to the Meeting.

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1645. CIVITA VECCHIA. Ref. 1635. A signal from A.C. stating that the use of a crane ship for repairs to the sea wall would not be practicable was referred to by Major McClure who said there were some sunken sheer legs in the port and that a

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1646. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1623. Item 2 on Agenda. With reference to paragraph 4, Major Riddell reported that the Sicilian railways were to be allowed 2,000 additional tons of coal during January. It was difficult to estimate the exact requirements for both freight and passenger trains were running, but A.C. had been asked to give a detailed breakdown of what was required between these two services, and he considered the 2,000 tons would be sufficient to ensure that export of goods did not suffer.

Commander MacLean raised the case of the collier "R.S. WILSON", presently/

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presently discharging off shore at Reggio, which he said was monopolising the services of a tug in towing barges into port. He understood this was likely to continue for another ten days, to which the Navy could not agree as the tug was required at Messina. H.M.S. were in urgent need of 4,000 tons of coal in the area to prevent their stocks running out and to maintain the service so that exports of timber would not drop, and Colonel Ackerley said it would not be possible to accept the coal elsewhere and rail it down as the line would still be under repair for some time. Commander MacLean then suggested that this vessel be replaced by one already lightened to 22ft. that could berth in the port itself and Major Riddell said he would go into the question. Maj. Riddell.

1647. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1624. Item 3 on Agenda. With reference to repair Minute 946, the Chairman said that a reply had been received from the French and that "LA TROUBLA" was to proceed to Marseilles for repairs.

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1650. TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1628. Item 6 on Agenda. Para 2 (d) for "Greece" read "the Balkans".

1651. HARBOUR CRAFT. Ref. 1629. Item 7 on Agenda. The Board agreed the proposed allocation of tugs for Malta.

1652. TANKER COMMITTEE. Ref. 1630. Item 8 on Agenda. Six tankers were being transferred by U.S. Navy to French Navy and Major Launder stated that they would remain under the orders of C in C Med. and be operated in conjunction with the Petroleum Section. He said it was proposed that M.W.T./W.S.A. should be requested to take charge of the husbandry of these vessels, but the Chairman stated that neither M.W.T./W.S.A. could take it upon themselves to look after

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Major Launder referred to a signal from D. of S.T. requesting the release of "WELSH COAST" and "TORAY COAST", from which it appeared that D. of S.T. was under the impression that these two vessels were cased petrol carriers./

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/carriers. Lt.Cmdr. Sturt said a reply had been sent stating that they were fitted for carriage of P.O.L. in bulk and that, if released, would need to be replaced by small tankers.

1653. NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE. Ref. 1631. Item 9 on Agenda. In answer to Colonel Dunbar who referred to N.A.P.S.C.O. Minute 131, Lt.Cmdr. Sturt said that investigations to determine the destination of the cargo were in progress.
Minute 132. Colonel Ackerley said that instructions had been issued that military cargoes were to receive priority in discharge.

1654. PORT STATE. Ref. 1632. Item 10 on Agenda. It was noted that 10 vessels were shown awaiting discharge at Naples. The Chairman stated that a detailed examination of the situation was being undertaken which would be discussed at a special Meeting of the Board.

1655. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE. Ref. 1633. Item 11 on Agenda. The Board congratulated Mr. F.J.O. Graham on the work done by this Committee in disturbed conditions.

1656. SHIPPING POSITION THROUGHOUT THE AREA. Ref. 1613. Colonel Dunbar read a signal from ACSAR from Combined Chiefs of Staff stressing that the utmost economy in shipping must be maintained in all theatres. The Board confirmed that this matter would receive their continued attention and action, and it was felt that copies of the signal should also be passed to Port Control Committees for their guidance.
Chairman.

1657. INTERNAL MEDITERRANEAN SAILINGS. Ref. 1599. American and British Internal Mediterranean Sailings for December, 1942 were reported as follows:-

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M.T.	8	M.T.	64
Stores	25	Stores	13
Mules	3	Mules	2
P.O.L.(joint a/c)	2	P.O.L.(joint a/c)	1
		Cereals (joint a/c)	2
Total	38	Total	82

1658. CRANE SHIPS. Ref. 1570. A proposal had been received from London that "EMPIRE HARMONY" should be returned to the United Kingdom for a re-fit, but Captain Williams did not consider this to be necessary and stated she was shortly required to discharge a shipment of rail wagons. The Board were of the opinion that this vessel could ill be spared from the area and that her return should be resisted.

1659. BARI. Major Launder said that Petroleum Section had requested an additional holding berth at Bari, alongside the one already allocated to them, for a tanker required to shuttle between Ancona with supplies of 100 Octane and gas oil, needed for operational requirements. He stated that a reply had been received that this could only be granted at the expense of a military store ship, to which Colonel Ackerley could not agree. In this connection the case of the M.W.T. store ship "CISNEROS", was also raised (Ref. 1642) but Commander MacLean firmly stated that no more vessels could be accepted at Bari. The Board felt that this decision might be due to restrictions on the numbers of vessels in port, imposed over a year ago, still being enforced, and Colonel Ackerley considered that in view of more favourable conditions now existing, C in C Med. should be requested to review this policy. It was agreed that a recommendation should

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Total	38	Total	82

1658. CRANE SHIPS. Ref. 1570. A proposal had been received from London that "EMPIRE HARMONY" should be returned to the United Kingdom for a re-fit, but Captain Williams did not consider this to be necessary and stated she was shortly required to discharge a shipment of rail wagons. The Board were of the opinion that this vessel could ill be spared from the area and that her return should be resisted.

1659. BARI. Major Launder said that Petroleum Section had requested an additional holding berth at Bari, alongside the one already allocated to them, for a tanker required to shuttle between Ancona with supplies of 100 Octane and gas oil, needed for operational requirements. He stated that a reply had been received that this could only be granted at the expense of a military store ship, to which Colonel Ackerley could not agree. In this connection the case of the M.W.T. store ship "CISNEROS", was also raised (Ref. 1642) but Commander MacLean firmly stated that no more vessels could be accepted at Bari. The Board felt that this decision might be due to restrictions on the numbers of vessels in port, imposed over a year ago, still being enforced, and Colonel Ackerley considered that in view of more favourable conditions now existing, C in C Med. should be requested to review this policy. It was agreed that a recommendation should be put forward accordingly. Col. Ackerley.

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1660. ITALIAN STEVEDORING CONTRACT. A draft form of contract put forward by Mr. Gibson Graham was discussed by the Board. Captain Williams maintained that the Italian Government were liable, under the Armistice Agreement, to provide the services of stevedores, free of charge, for the unloading of military cargoes./

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/cargoes. It was pointed out, however, that this would cause extra work to fall on accounting departments who would not be able to undertake it with present staffs. The question then arose as to whether stevedores could be considered to form part of "local resources or services" to be supplied to the United Nations under the terms of the Armistice, or whether they were classified as man power necessary for the function of these services. The Board considered this a matter that they could not decide and it was agreed that Captain Williams should draft a Memorandum to be forwarded through the appropriate channels to J.A.G. for a ruling on this point. Capt. Williams.

7651. SHIPMENTS OF RAIL WAGONS FROM N. AFRICA. A request for two Bowes Constors to lift some 600 rail wagons from North Africa to Italy and S. France, had been put forward by Colonel Dansher, and it was reported that Mr. Gibson Graham was taking up this matter on his visit to London.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(Mov & Tn) S/379/GDM

19 Jan 45

Tel : FREEDOM 832

Subject : Minutes of Meeting No.45 held at 1000 hrs 17 Jan 45 in G-4(Mov & Tn) Conference Room

In the Chair :	Maj. V. KING	G-4 Mov & Tn
Present :	Lt.(E) A.FXODSHAM	A/FEO
	Capt. P.CHRISTIAN	QM Coal Sec.
	Lt.Col. K.MADDISON	MWT rep.
	Capt. A. WOODROW	G-4 Mov & Tn.
	Mr. R.NICHOL	WSA rep.
	Mr. J. LENCH	WSA rep.
	Mr. R.J.MERRICK	WSA rep.

375. Coal for ROME (See Minute 366)

(a) FIUMICINO

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(b) FIUMICINO - ROME Canal.

The canal was navigable to craft drawing up to 1½ m. Barges could be towed in approx 8 hrs. ALCOM would examine the discharge facilities at SAN PAOLO.

(c) Development.

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ALCOM had agreed that work should be developed on the following lines:-

(i) CIVITAVECCHIA to be developed for the discharge of liberty-type ships overside to schooner and lighter.

(ii) Schooners and barges towed by sea tugs to be sailed to the port of FIUMICINO.

(iii) Barges by shallow draft towing tugs to ROME from FIUMICINO

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Tel : FREEDOM 852

In the Chair :	Maj. V. KING	G-4 Mov & Tn
Present :	Lt.(E) A.FRODSHAM	A/FTO
	Capt. P.CHRISTIAN	QM Coal Sec.
	Lt.Col. K.ANDERSON	MWT Asp.
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ACTION G 4 Mov & Tn.

(d) PUNTA D'ANCI

This 400 ton diesel vessel was repairing at PALERMO and would be put into service on the GAETA - FIUMICINO coal trade. WSA rep undertook to approach USN for assistance in order to expedite the civilian repair.

ACTION WSA.

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COLLIERS DUE N/AFRICA & CORSICA - POSITION AS AT 17 JAN 45

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ALGIERS	ORAN
BRIDGEPOOL	23' 6"	ORAN	KMS 73	3 Jan		Army	2442 Pitch) 4658 Coal)		
BLAIRESK		"		10 "		"	2432	2432(2nd disch	
"	20' 3"	"	74	11 "		"	2000		2000(
LYRAS	24' 1"	"	KMS 74	12 "		"	7131	7131	
W.C. BRYANT	25' 6"	USA	UGS 65	14 "		"	4000		4000
FORT PANMURE		"	UGS 65	15 "		MWT	4000	4000	
ELIZABETH MASSEY		UK	KMS 77	19 "		Army	5803 Coal) 612 Coke)		
W.C. BRYANT		ORAN		20 "		"	4300	4300	
REINHOLD RICHTER (40 vehs)	(F:24' 8" (A:30' 6"	USA	UGS 66	20 "	H Vol	"	3457		3457(
" " (42 vehs)		ORAN		31 "	" "	"	4500		

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	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ALGIERS	ORAN	BIZERTA	BONE	LA GOULETTE & TUNIS	SFAX
	23' 6"	ORAN	KMS 73	5 Jan		Army	2442 Pitch) 4658 Coal)				2442 Pitch) 4658 Coal)		
		"		10 "		"	2432	2432(2nd disch)					
	20' 3"	"	74	11 "		"	2000		2000(disch)				
	24' 1"	"	KMS 74	12 "		"	7131	7131					
	25' 6"	USA	UGS 65	14 "		"	4000		4000				
		"	UGS 65	15 "		MWT	4000	4000					
		UK	KMS 77	19 "		Army	5803 Coal) 612 Coke)					5803 Coal) 612 Coke)	
		ORAN		20 "		"	4300	4300					
vehs)	(F:24' 8" (A:30' 6"	USA	UGS 66	20 "	H Vol	"	3457		3457(1st disch)				
vehs)		ORAN		31 "	" "	"	4500				4500(2nd disch)		

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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

SOLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY AND SICILY AS AT 17 JAN 45

SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ANCONA	BARI	CAT-ANIA	CIVI-TAVE-CCHIA	GALLI POLI	LEC HOR
CLYDE L SEAVEY	28'	USA	UGS 62	22 Dec	H Vol	Army	8321			2274	(remaining)		
[illegible]	25' 6"	S/AFR		1 Jan	Loco	"	1605 (remaining)						
SAMEDEN	28'11"	USA	UGS 63	5 "	H Vol	"	6049 (remaining)						
R.F. PECKHAM	22' 0"	PALERMO		6 "	" "	"	5795						300
ROBERT TOOMBS		NAPLES		9 "	" "	"	3948				2164	(remaining	
JOHN DAVEY	28' 0"	USA	UGS 63	9 "	" "	"	8349						
BEN HALLADAY	29' 0"	"	UGS 63	10 "	" "	"	4381			4381	(1st discharge)		
AUGUSTINE HEARD		S/AFR		12 "	" "	"	4300			4300			
JESSE COTTRELL		PALERMO		15 "	" "	"	6221						
OMEGA		SARD		18 "	Sard	"	5000						
SAMSYLVAN	27' 0"	USA	UGS 63	19 "	H Vol	"	8305						
AGIA VARVARA		SARD		19 "	Sard	"	3000					3000	
WISLA		"		19 "	"	"	4200						42
PENCARROW		NAPLES		19 "	H Vol	"	289 Coke) 5427 Coal)						
R.S. WILSON		USA	UGS 63	19 "	" "	"	4000		4000	(1st	discharge)		
SCHIAFFINO		SARD		19 "	Sard	"	4000				4000		
EDWARD BRUCE	26'	USA	UGS 65	20 "		MWT	4000						

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY AND SICILY AS AT 17 JAN 45

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ANCONA	BARI	CATANIA	CIVITAVECCHIA	GALLIPOLI	LEGHORN	NAPLES	PALERMO	TARANTO	CAGLIARI	REGGIO
28'	USA	UGS 62	22 Dec	H Vol	Army	8321			2274	(remaining)							
25' 6"	S/AFR		1 Jan	Loco	"	1605 (remaining)									1605	(remaining)	
28'11"	USA	UGS 63	5 "	H Vol	"	6049 (remaining)							6049	(remaining)			
22' 0"	PALERMO		6 "	" "	"	5795						3000	(remaining)	(2nd discharge)			
	NAPLES		9 "	" "	"	3948				2164	(remaining)	(2nd discharge)					
28' 0"	USA	UGS 63	9 "	" "	"	8349							8349				
29' 0"	"	UGS 63	10 "	" "	"	4381			4381	(1st discharge)							
	S/AFR		12 "	" "	"	4300			4300								
	PALERMO		15 "	" "	"	6221									5000	6221	
	SARD		18 "	Sard	"	5000									(remaining)	5883	
27' 0"	USA	UGS 63	19 "	H Vol	"	8305					3000						
	SARD		19 "	Sard	"	3000						4200					
	"		19 "	"	"	4200											
	NAPLES		19 "	H Vol	"	289 Coke) 5427 Coal)								289 Coke) 5427 Coal)			
	USA	UGS 63	19 "	" "	"	4000			4000	(1st discharge)							
	SARD		19 "	Sard	"	4000				4000					4000		
26'	USA	UGS 65	20 "		MWT	4000											

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SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ANCONA	BARI	CATANIA	CIVITAVECCHIA	GALLIPOLI	LEGHORN	NAPLES	PALERMO
BORYS LAW	26' 6"	USA	UGS 65	20 Jan			6814							6814	
KATINGO HADJIPATERAS		SARD		22 "	Sard	Army	5000					5000			
FORT PARA		ALGIERS		23 "		MWT	4500							4500	
JOHN M. PARKER		PALERMO		24 "	H Vol	Army	4551						4551	(2nd di	
BEN HALLADAY		CATANIA		24 "	H Vol	"	4000				4000 (2nd discharge)				
R.S. WILSON	20' 0"	"		26 "	" "	"	4434	4434 (2nd discharge)							
AUGUSTINE HEARD		"		26 "	" "	"	4000		4000						
EMPIRE SCOTT		UK	KMS 78	26 "	Coke	"	1005							1005	
EMPIRE DON		SARD		26 "	Sard	"	3400				3400				
VAN HONTHORST		UK	KMS 78	26 "	Coke	"	1000							1000	
PLAVNIK		SARD		26 "	Sard	"	3600							3600	
MARVIA		"		26 "	"	"	3450								34
GEORGE ABERNEATHY		USA	UGS 66	26 "	H Vol	"	8624							8624	
EDWARD BRUCE	26'	TARANTO		29 "		MWT	4500		4500						
LEEDS CITY	25' 6"	S/AFR		3 Feb		Army	8017							8017	

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DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	ARRIVED OR DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGES	ANCONA	BARI	CATANIA	CIVITAVECCHIA	GAETA POLI	LEGHORN	NAPLES	PALERMO	TARANTO	CAGLIARI	REGGIO
26' 6"	USA	UGS 65	20 Jan			6814							6814				
	SARD		22 "	Sard	Army	5000					5000						
	ALGIERS		23 "		MWT	4500							4500				
	PALERMO		24 "	H Vol	Army	4551						4551	(2nd discharge)				
	CATANIA		24 "	H Vol	"	4000				4000 (2nd discharge)							
20' 0"	"		26 "	" "	"	4434	4434 (2nd discharge)										
	"		26 "	" "	"	4000		4000									
	UK	KMS 78	26 "	Coke	"	1005							1005				
	SARD		26 "	Sard	"	3400				3400							
	UK	KMS 78	26 "	Coke	"	1000							1000				
	SARD		26 "	Sard	"	3600							3600				
	"		26 "	"	"	3450								3450			
	USA	UGS 66	26 "	H Vol	"	8624							8624				
26'	TARANTO		29 "		MWT	4500		4500									
25' 6"	S/AFR		3 Feb		Army	8017							8017				

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

R.N. COLLIERS

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SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION
THELMA	For ALEXANDRIA to load for GREECE.			
CAVA	Sailed from ORAN 14/1 to shuttle Naval Coal TOULON/MARSEILLES.			
PERSEL	Due in PORT SAID 16/1 to load Welsh Coal for PHAEUS.			
AMSTEL	To load in ALGIERS for discharge ANCONA.			
CONCESTER	In LEGHORN discharging.			
PLAVNIK	Complete discharge in BARI.			
BLAIRDEVON	K.M.S. 76	2300 N.C.	U.K.	GIBRALTAR & BARI.
BARON RUTHVEN	K.M.S. 77	4000 Welsh	U.K.	MALTA
SENIO (Italian Counter)	In TRIESTO - Is for S.N ANTIOCH to load Sardinian Coal.			

Advised future sailings but not confirmed :-

KELLA	K.M.S. 78	5000 Welsh	
EMPIRE SPEY		5600 Welsh	
PENGRANK		5000 N.C.	
[illegible]	K.M.S. 79	[illegible]	
GLEN CARTIN		4000 N.C.	
CAPITAINE TERRELE	K.M.S. 80	6300 Welsh	
ARC LENSEN	"	5000 N.C.	

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R.N. COMMITTEE — SECRET — APPENDIX "C"

CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
XANDRIA to load for GREECE.				
from ORAN 14/1 to shuttle Naval Coal TOULON/MARSEILLES.				
PORT SAID 16/1 to load Welsh Coal for PIRAEUS.				
a in DATERS for discharge ANCONA.				
HORN discharging.				M.W.T.
te discharge in NAPLES.				
K.N.S. 76	2300 N.C.	U.K.	GIBRALTAR & EARL.	M.W.T.
K.N.S. 77	4000 Welsh	U.K.	MALTA	M.W.T.

In TRIESTE - Is for E.N ANTIOCO to load Sardinian Coal.

but not confirmed :-

KEILA.	K.N.S. 78	5000 Welsh	
ALPHE SPEY		5600 Welsh	
FERNDALE		5000 N.C.	
[illegible]	K.N.S. 80	[illegible] N.C.	
CAPTAIN DAVIS		4000 N.C.	
CAPTAIN TEALE	K.N.S. 80	6000 Welsh	
AMY LEWSEN	"	5000 N.C.	

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

JANUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP		DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
O'HENRY		27'	USA	UGS 65	18 Jan		8638	GREECE
MALIAKOS			UK	KMS 78	25 Jan	Pitch Coal	2844) 1511)	ORAN
MOONCREST	(202 Vehs)			KMS 75			5250	BONE & BIZ
RILEY	(vehs & potatoes) (141 Vehs)			KMS 75			4087	(Coal ALGI
NORBRYN	(Vehs & Potatoes)						4673	(Coal ORAN
WILLIAM DONALDSON			USA					ITALY
VACHEL LINDSAY			SA		22 Jan		8500	ITALY
FORT GEORGE			USA	UGS 64			7349	ALGIERS /

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JANUARY ARRIVALS

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
						8638	GREECE
	27'	USA	UGS 65	18 Jan			
		UK	KMS 78	25 Jan	Pitch Coal	2844) 1511)	ORAN
)			KMS 75			5250	BONE & BIZERTA (Vehs for ITALY)
otatoes) s)			KMS 75			4087	(Coal ALGIERS) via ITALY (NAPLES)
Potatoes)						4673	(Coal ORAN) via ITALY (HEEL)
		USA					ITALY
		SA		22 Jan		8500	ITALY
		USA	UGS 64			7349	ALGIERS / MARSEILLES

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUST 4	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	TO
KK 183		UK					
KK 184		"					
KK 185		"					
KK 186		"				8300	BALKANS
EARON PALLIE		S. AFRICA				8562	"
J.H.PRIDHAM	28'6"	S. AFRICA				8500	ITALY
PORT GLENORA		U.S.A.				8500	"
PORT FAIRFIELD		"				8500	"
SAKFLOR		"				8500	"
LL 152		U K				3600 Coal 2200 Pitch	BONE ar
LORD COCHRANE		"				3600	ORAN ar
PORTUS		"				4800 Coal 1750 Pitch	ALGIERS
BALMORE		"				3210	ORAN
NORELS		"				4900	ORAN/BI
CAPE LOGIE		"				5550	ALGIERS
CYDONIA		"				2700	ALGIERS
EARLE CAXTON		"				2500	BONE
DAGO II		"				4600 Coke	BONE
[illegible] SOUTH		"				4000	ORAN
ORD [illegible]		"					

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SAL BOSTON		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
PORT CHARLESTON		"				8500	"
[illegible]		"					

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FEBRUARY ARRIVALS

	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUST	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
		UK					
		"					
		"					
		"					
		S. AFRICA				8300	BALKANS
	28'6"	S. AFRICA				8562	"
		U.S.A.				8500	ITALY
		"				8500	"
		"				8500	"
		"				8500	"
		U.K.				3600 Coal 2200 Pitch	BONE and PIZEY
		"				5600	ORAN and ALGIERS
		"				4800 Coal 1750 Pitch	ALGIERS
		"				3210	ORAN
		"				4900	CASABLANCA
		"				5550	ALGIERS
		"				3700	ALGIERS
		"				2500	BONE
		"				4000 Coke	BONE
		"				4000	ORAN via ITALY

MARCH ARRIVALS

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		S. AFRICA				8500	ITALY
		"				8500	"
		"				8500	"

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S. FRANCE

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUST	TYPE OF COAL	
PENHALE	20' Mean	U.K.	KMS 77			
EMPIRE JESSICA	20½' Mean		KMS 77			
HARMATRAS		"	KMS 78			
RUGBY			KMS 79			
EDERA				28 Dec		
CRAGPOOL			KMS 79			
RAKA			KMS 81			
GAETA					Sold.	
BENJAMIN HOLT	Fwd 26' 4" Aft 30' 0"		UGS 67	30 Dec		

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HIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUST	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	20' Mean	U.K.	KMS 77			5121	MARSEILLES
SSICA	20½' Mean		KMS 77			5434 Pitch	SETE
		"	KMS 78			7500	S. FRANCE
			KMS 79				"
				28 Dec		7000	S.FRANCE
			KMS 79				"
			KMS 81				"
					S.T.D.	7000	S.FRANCE
HOLT	FWT 26' 4" Aft 30' 0"		UGS 67	30 Dec		8500	

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 61.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 19TH JANUARY, 1945.

Present: Mr. R. Nicol — In the Chair.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Constructor Lieutenant Lawrence, R.C.N.C.
Lieutenant C.B. Bullen, R.N.R.
Ing. en Chef 2eme. Classe, Gandilhon.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. A.C. Hogarth.
Mr. J.R. Smith.
Mr. G.W. Simmons.
Captain B.D. Bate.
Miss M.M. Michie — Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

949. "PROVIDENCE". Ref. 935. Ingenieur Gandilhon quoted a signal saying that Marine Paris had obtained permission for "PROVIDENCE" to make one voyage from N. Africa to S. France and said it was also proposed she be used for three lifts to French West Africa. As it had been considered advisable that this vessel be fitted out at Marseilles the initial voyage had been agreed to, but Mr. Hogarth said those to West Africa had not been permitted.

950. REPAIRS AT MARSEILLES. Ref. 946. As "VILLE D'ORAN" was to be taken off service for two weeks, Mr. Smith proposed this time be utilised in the vessel being thoroughly overhauled at Marseilles, where the work could most speedily be done. He said "VILLE D'ORAN" had been 18 months without an overhaul, that there was flooding into the engine room, defects in the main electrical installations and various other matters for attention, and in view of the great value of this ship, he suggested she be given high priority for repairs and be allocated a berth before "KOUTOUBIA". This was agreed and a signal putting forward this recommendation, concurred in by C in C Med., would be sent. Secretary.

951. DEGAUSSING. Ref. 947. Advice had been received that Italian vessels could not be degaussed and Captain Bate said that the two tankers "UGO FIORELLI" and "VITTORINI ZANLEON" would therefore be wiped. This could be done at Malta, Taranto and Ancona.

952. CASABLANCA. Local Craft were presently in No. 1 Dock and Commander Hardie said a signal had been received stating that when further plate repairs had been made to the drydock, it was believed that "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER" could dock about the end of February. An H.M. Ship was programmed to go in after her.

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953. GIBRALTAR. As yet it was not possible to estimate when "FULGOR" might dock. Commander Hardie could not say whether the torpedoed Liberty Ship "HENRY MILLER" had been docked there but the Chairman understood it was necessary for this to be done before she could sail to a permanent repair port, although he had, as yet, received very little information as to the nature of the damage.

954. ORAN. "PROVIDENCE" had undocked from No. 1 Dock on 17th January when, Commander Hardie reported, "DUKE OF SPARTA" had gone in and would be followed by "JOHNS HOPKINS", now arrived at Oran, then "EAGLE".

A U.S. Warship had been in No. 2 Dock during the week and had been followed by a French Warship after which it was proposed that "CAP FALCON" should dock. There were no more Merchant Ships bid for this dock, but Commander Hardie said

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Captain B.D. Bate.
Miss I.M. Michie Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

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953. GIBRALTAR. As yet it was not possible to estimate when "TULCOR" might dock. Commander Hardie could not say whether the torpedoed Liberty Ship "TENNY MILLER" had been docked there but the Chairman understood it was necessary for this to be done before she could sail to a permanent repair port, although he had, as yet, received very little information as to the nature of the damage.

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A U.S. Warship had been in No. 2 Dock during the week and had been followed by a French Warship after which it was proposed that "CAP FALCON" should dock. There were no more Merchant Ships bid for this dock, but Commander Hardie said the French wished to dock several small vessels and the dock would not, therefore, lie idle.

955. ALGIERS. "SCHIAFFINO FRERES" had undocked on 17th January and was followed in No. 1 Dock by a French Warship for about two days. Captain Bate requested/

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/requested that the tanker "ANTONIO" should be accepted at an early date for she was urgently required to assist in the turn-round of fast tankers from the United States and it was agreed that she dock after the French Warship and be followed by "MEDNIA" then "GRAND QUEVILLY".

"EMPIRE GAT" had docked but it was found necessary for her to go in again and she had therefore re-docked in No. 2 Dock on 18th January on completion of "MANNINGTON". "EMPIRE LASS" was programmed to go in after her.

956. FERRYVILLE. Commander Hardie reported that there had been a collision between "THOMAS B. REED" and "LOBOS", the latter being badly damaged and might have to dock at Ferryville. Cargo was presently being unloaded and more information would be known on receipt of a Surveyor's report.

The French Warships in No. 1 Dock would not complete for some weeks, and Commander Hardie said that on H.M. Ship was to have a quick docking in No. 2 Dock to be followed by a French Warship for four days, then "GUDRUN". H.M. Ship and "LUELIN" were still said to be in No. 4 Dock, after which H.M. Ship and Pontoon Docks, then H.M. Ships were programmed to go in.

In view of the somewhat uncertain situation regarding the docking of "LOBOS" it was decided to defer the allocation of "SAMINGOY" to a dock until later.

957. TARANTO & BRINDISI. "NETTUNO" & H.M. Ships were due to complete about 20th January, when Commander Hardie said "EMPIRE ROACH", "TURIDDU" and H.M. Ship were due to go into No. 1 Dock for 15 days. H.M. Ships and Italian Warship should have finished on 24th January and would be followed by "NASPRITE" in No. 2 Dock.

The completion date for H.M. Ships in No. 12 Dock was uncertain but Commander Hardie said they would be followed by "EMPIRE CANDIDA". "TERESA SCHLAFFINO" and Italian Warship were said to have gone into No. 13 Dock on 18th January for about six days.

Subsequent priorities were agreed as follows:- "ICELAND", "CHERCA", "ASSUNZIONE", "SPERO", "VEST", which latter Mr. Hogarth said had not been in dock for about 18 months.

958. NAPLES. "WASHINGTON IRVING" had docked, but Commander Hardie said it had been found necessary for her to go in again and she would therefore re-dock after the French Warship, then in No. 1 Dock for three weeks, had completed. An Italian Warship was programmed to follow. "CAPO MELE" was then in No. 2 Dock and would complete about 9th February.

Commander Hardie said that No. 3 Dock and Floating Dock were programmed for H.M. Ships as also No. 5, a small floating dock that had been towed from Maddalena and which would be used almost exclusively for minesweepers.

As repairs to "ILU" were estimated to take several weeks, it was agreed that she could not yet be accepted. The bid for "SESTRIERE" had been withdrawn as she could not yet be released from service.

959. LEGHORN. Commander Hardie reported that "FAIRY BRUNNER" was due to undock about 24th January when a U.S. Warship would go in for examination and be followed by "ZAANSTROOM", "EMPIRE COPPERFIELD", the bid for which vessel, Mr. Smith said, might be withdrawn, then "ANDREA CONTARINI".

960. LA CIOTAT. In spite of several requests, Commander Hardie stated that no information had been received from this port and he asked that Ingenieur Gandilhon should also stress the fact that this must be made available in order to ensure that most efficient use of the docking facilities were made.

Mr. Simmons reported the receipt of a signal saying that "CLIFFORD MALLORY" had been successfully docked and it was anticipated the dock would be dry that

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Ship and "LUBLIN" were still said to be in No. 4 Dock, after which H.M. Ship and Pontoon Docks, then H.M. Ships were programmed to go in.

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The completion date for H.M. Ships in No. 12 Dock was uncertain but Commander Hardie said they would be followed by "EMPIRE CANDIDA". "TERESA SCHIAFFINO" and Italian Warship were said to have gone into No. 13 Dock on 18th January for about six days.

Subsequent priorities were agreed as follows:- "ICELAND", "CHERCA", "ASSUNZIONE", "SPERO", "VEST", which latter Mr. Hogarth said had not been in dock for about 18 months.

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Commander Hardie said that No. 3 Dock and Floating Dock were programmed for H.M. Ships as also No. 5, a small floating dock that had been towed from Maddalena and which would be used almost exclusively for minesweepers.

As repairs to "T.U" were estimated to take several weeks, it was agreed that she could not yet be accepted. The bid for "SESTRIERE" had been withdrawn as she could not yet be released from service.

959. LEGHORN. Commander Hardie reported that "FANNY BRUNNER" was due to undock about 24th January when a U.S. Warship would go in for examination and be followed by "ZAANSTROOM", "EMPIRE COPPERFIELD", the bid for which vessel, Mr. Smith said, might be withdrawn, then "ANDREA CONTARINI".

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Mr. Simmons reported the receipt of a signal saying that "CLIFFORD MALLORY" had been successfully docked and it was anticipated the dock would be dry that day. The bid for "BRET HARTE" had been withdrawn as it was considered that repairs could be done afloat. A request had been received that "SIDI AISSA" be accepted as soon as possible as her situation had deteriorated and it was therefore agreed that she dock after "CLIFFORD MALLORY" and be followed by/

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/by "EDELMIRA", which Mr. Smith said would allow time for the pre-fabrication of certain parts for the latter vessel.

364. "TINUCCI". Major Filo reported that this vessel had gone aground in Naples and had rudder trouble, and he thought she would have to be drydocked for examination, but Mr. Smith suggested that a diver should first be sent down and make a report.

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DRYDOCKING LIST.

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning & painting.
GIBRALTAR.	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital. Tanker. Requires new stern f & prop.
ORAN.	DUKE OF SPARTA	IN DOCK			
	CAP FALCON	At Oran	ready	Mar. 1944	Cleaning & painting.
	JOHNS HOPKINS	At Oran	ready		Damaged in Engine Room & No.3 Hol
	EAGLE	In Adriatic	25th Jan.	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. overhaul & extensive repairs.
ALGIERS.	MANNINGTON	DOCKED			
	MEONIA	At Algiers	ready		Rudder repairs.
	GRAND QUEVILLY	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning & painting.
	ANTONIO	At Algiers	ready		Tanker. Cleaning & painting & mac overhaul.
	EMPIRE LASS	At sea for Algiers	21st Jan.		Tanker. Damaged prop. Been ashore
	CANTAKEIT	At Malta repairing	uncertain	Feb. 1944	Maltese. Sp. reduced from 8-6½k.
FERRYVILLE.	LUBLIN	IN DOCK			
	GUDRUN	At Ferryville	ready		Speed reduced from 8-7k.
	SAMINGOY	At sea for Naples to dschge. 1st Feb.			Speed reduced from 10½-9k. (New s April 1944).
	SAMMASH	Bid withdrawn.			
TARANTO AND BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE CANDIDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed.
	CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Cleaning & painting. Ital.
	SPERO	At Taranto	ready		Sp. reduced from 9-7½k. General ov
	EMPIRE ADUR	At sea for Taranto	19th Jan.	Aug. 1944	Refrig. Ship. Sp. reduced from 1 overhaul.
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle 28th Jan. awaiting relief			Ital. Tanker. Speed reduced from be wiped.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning & painting. (FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital. Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end & prop. (MWTR BID)
SPARTA	IN DOCK			
COON	At Oran	ready	Mar. 1944	Cleaning & painting. (FRENCH BID)
OPKINS	At Oran	ready		Damaged in Engine Room & No.3 Hold. (WSA BID)
	In Adriatic	25th Jan.	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul & extensive repairs. (FEO/WSA BID)
TON	DOCKED			
	At Algiers	ready		Rudder repairs. (FRENCH BID)
QUEVILLY	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning & painting. (WSA BID)
O	At Algiers	ready		Tanker. Cleaning & painting & machinery overhaul. (MWTR BID)
LASS	At sea for Algiers	21st Jan.		Tanker. Damaged prop. Been ashore. (MWTR BID)
EIT	At Malta repairing	uncertain	Feb. 1944	Maltese. Sp. reduced from 8-6½k. (MWTR BID)
	IN DOCK			
	At Ferryville	ready		Speed reduced from 8-7k. (PSTO BID)
OY	At sea for Naples to dschge. 1st Feb.			Speed reduced from 10½-9k. (New ship April 1944). (PSTO BID)
H	Bid withdrawn.			
CANDIDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Cmne ship. Reduced speed. (PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Cleaning & painting. Ital. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Sp.reduced from 9-7½k. General overhaul. (PSTO BID)
ADUR	At sea for Taranto	19th Jan.	Aug. 1944	Refrig. Ship. Sp. reduced from 10-8¼k. General overhaul. (PSTO BID)
NI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle 28th Jan. awaiting relief			Ital. Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
For Repairs.	TERESA SCHIAFFINO	IN DOCK			Italian. Alignment of shaft.
	TURIDDU	At Taranto	ready.		Rudder repairs.
	EMPIRE ROACH	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post
	ASSUNZIONE	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.
	LYMINGE	At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube.
	ICELAND	At Ancona	25th Jan.		Italian. Leaking stern glands.
	ORIETTA	At Brindisi	ready		
NAPLES.	CAPO MELE	IN DOCK			
	WASHINGTON IRVING	IN DOCK			Italian. Hull repairs.
	ITU	At Naples	ready		
	SESTRIERE	Bid withdrawn.			
LEGHORN.	FANNY BRUNNER	IN DOCK			
	ZAANSTROOM	At Civita Vecchia for Leghorn	20th Jan.	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k.
	EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	At Naples discharging	23rd Jan.		Speed reduced from 10-8k.
	ANDREA CONTARINI	At Catania	28th Jan.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning & painting.
LA CIOTAT.	CLIFFORD MALLORY	IN DOCK			
	SIDI AISSA	In S. France	ready		Hull repairs.
	LA MORLAIX	In S. France	ready		Torpedo damage.
	PRET HAUTE	Bid withdrawn.			
For allocation to a port.	AIRESFORD	At Augusta	ready		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
LAFFINO	IN DOCK				
	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Alignment of shaft.	(MWTR BID)
CH	At Taranto	ready		Rudder repairs.	(PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.	(PSTO BID)
	At Ancona	25th Jan.		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube.	(PSTO BID)
	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands.	(PSTO BID)
	IN DOCK				
IRVING	IN DOCK				
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs.	(MWTR BID)
	Bid withdrawn.				
[illegible]	IN DOCK				
At Civita Vecchia for Leghorn		20th Jan.	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k.	(PSTO BID)
PENFIELD	At Naples discharging	23rd Jan.		Speed reduced from 10-8k.	(PSTO BID)
MARINI	At Catania	28th Jan.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning & painting.	(PSTO BID)
ALLORY	IN DOCK				
	In S. France	ready		Hull repairs.	(FRENCH BID)
A	In S. France	ready		Torpedo damage.	(FRENCH BID)
	Bid withdrawn.				
	At Augusta	ready		Draw trial shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush.	(MWTR BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

19TH JANUARY, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock

Local Craft
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock

Local Craft

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock

Small Craft

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock

DUKE OF SPARTA (out abt. 20th Jan.)
JOHNS HOPKINS (2 weeks)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship
CAP FALCON (2 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (2 days)
ANTONIO (2 days)
MEONIA (5 days)
GRAND QUEVILLY (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

EMPIRE CAT (re-docking)
EMPIRE LASS (4/5 days)

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (3 weeks)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship (24 hours)
French Warship (4 days)
GUDRUN (4 days)

No. 4 Dock

H.M. Ships & LUBLIN (out abt. 15th Jan.)
H.M. Ship & Pontoon Docks
H.M. Ships (indefinite)

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G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock

Small Craft

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock

DUKE OF SPARTA (out abt. 20th Jan.)
JOHNS HOPKINS (2 weeks)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

French Warship
CAP FALCON (2 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (2 days)
ANTONIO (2 days)
MEONIA (5 days)
GRAND QUEVILLY (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

EMPIRE GAT (re-docking)
EMPIRE LASS (4/5 days)

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (3 weeks)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ship (24 hours)
French Warship (4 days)
GUDRUN (4 days)

No. 4 Dock

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H.M. Ships & LUBLIN (out abt. 13th Jan.)
H.M. Ship & Pontoon Docks
H.M. Ships (indefinite)

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No. 1 Dock

NETTUNO & H.M. Ships (out abt. 20th Jan.)
EMPIRE ROACH, TURIDDU & H.M. Ships (15 days)

No. 2 Dock

H.M. Ships & Italian Warship (out abt. 24th Jan.)
NASTRITE

No. 12 Dock

H.M. Ships (uncertain)
EMPIRE CANDIDA (5 days)

No. 13 Dock

TERESA SCHLAFFINO & Italian Warship (6 days)

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

ICELAND
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
SPERO (cleaning & painting)
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (3 weeks)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 2 Dock

CAPO MELE (out abt. 9th Feb.)

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

Floating Dock

H.M. Ships

No. 5 Dock

H.M. Ships

L E G H O R N.

FANNY BRUNNER (out abt. 24th Jan.)
U.S. Warship (for examination)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
EMPIRE COPPERFIELD (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)

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No. 12 Dock

H.M. Ships (uncertain)
EMPIRE CANDIDA (5 days)

No. 13 Dock

TERESA SCHIAFFINO & Italian Warship (6 days)

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi in order of priority.

ICELAND
CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ASSUNZIONE
SPERO (cleaning & painting)
VEST

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock

French Warship (3 weeks)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)
Italian Warship

No. 2 Dock

CAPO MELE (out abt. 9th Feb.)

No. 3 Dock

H.M. Ships

Floating Dock

H.M. Ships

No. 5 Dock

H.M. Ships

L E G H O R N.

FANNY BRUNNER (out abt. 24th Jan.)
U.S. Warship (for examination)
ZAANSTROOM (2 days)
EMPIRE COPPERFIELD (2 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (2 days)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

CLIFFORD MALLORY (6 days)
SIDI AISSA (15 days)
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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 17th JANUARY 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

Vessel	Initial Dates	Operationally Immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In	DRYDOCKING Out	Completion for return to service	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port. On power	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port. In tow	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			

TARANTO - 16.1.45.

VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7 C Mid Feb.		Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	D Mid Feb. E 28/2.	
SILVER	A 25/5 B 24/6 C 19/10		Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boiler slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1		Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 25/1 E Ind.	
PERTUSOLA	B 15/10 C 6/11		Routine D/D, engine and minor hull repairs.	D 17/11 E 20/1	
NETTUNO	A 13/11 B) C)14/11 C 28/12		Routine D/D. Port Stern bush requires rewooding. Rudder pintles to renew.	D 16/11 D 20/1 E 21/1	Repairing afloat as far as practicable.
BRUCE JARL	A 28/11 B 30/11 C 31/12		Fractured stern frame and rudder damage.	D 11/1 E 16/1	Completed.
EMPIRE DAMSEL	A 29/11 B 3/12 C 31/12		Boiler cleaning; overhaul of boiler mountings; minor engine repairs. Routine D/D.	D 5/1 E 19/1	Previous report of completion apparently incorrect.
GRATA	C 5/12		General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 17/2.	
SANDRINA	B 17/11		Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	
PORT MARIN	B 19/12		Boiler survey and repairs.	E 12/1	Completed.
LADINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12		Dock and engine repairs.	E 14/2	
AMSTEL	A 29/12 B 30/12 C 9/1		Routine D/D etc. Boiler clean and survey. Engine repairs.	D 15/1 E 21/1	

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	Dates		Dates	
TARANTO - 16.1.45.				
VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7 C Mid Feb.	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	D Mid Feb. E 28/2.	
SAVIGNY	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boiler slow, due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 25/1 E Ind.	
PERTUSOLA	B 15/10 C 6/11	Routine D/D, engine and minor mill repairs.	D 17/11 E 20/1	
NETTUNO	A 13/11 B) C)14/11 C 28/12	Routine D/D. Port Stern bush requires rewooding. Rudder pintles to renew.	D 16/11 D 20/1 E 24/1	Repairing afloat as far as practicable.
BRUCE JARL	A 28/11 B 30/11 C 31/12	Fractured stern frame and rudder carrier.	D 14/1 E 16/1	Completed.
EMPIRE DANIEL	A 29/11 D 3/12 C 31/12	Boiler cleaning; overhaul of boiler mountings; minor engine repairs. Routine D/D.	D 5/1 E 19/1	Previous report of completion apparently incorrect.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 17/2.	
CANDIDA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	
FORT MACKIN	B 19/12	Boiler survey and repairs.	E 12/1	Completed.
LYMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Deck and engine repairs.	E 14/2	
AMSTEL	A 29/12 B 30/12 C 9/1	Routine D/D etc. Boiler clean and survey. Engine repairs.	D 16/1 E 21/1	
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B Ind. C 28/1	Rudder repairs.	D 7/2 E 9/2	
SPERO	A 5/1 B 9/1	Minor deck and engine repairs.	E 25/1	
ICELAND (Crane ship)	A)2/1 B)	New valves & seats for boiler auxiliary stop valves.	E 11/1	Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (Continued)				
TURIDDU (It.)	C 18/1	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.		No information.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B Ind.	Serious defects in all boilers.	E Ind.	
OCEAN MESSENGER	A) B) 8/1	Defects not stated.	E 17/1	
LECH:	A 13/1 B 15/1	Repairs to deck fittings; caulking of shell rivets; tanks to test.	E 23/1	

Minor repairs since 9.1.45.

TARANTO:

PENCLCE
DELFINO
FORT LAMIENCE
GIAMPAOLO
HAMROGATE
OCEAN RIDER
OCEAN STRANGER
PALOPO
PASS OF MELFORT
SWITZERLAND
TAGLIWA
THE COTTONWOODS
TOSCANA
WOODLARK
BLACKJACK

BARI:

FORT BUFFALO
JOHN LITVENS
FORT ANNE
SAMINDORO
ANDREW PICKENS
SAMUTA
SAMSYLVAN
FACTO
TELESFORA
DE LARRINAGA
EMPIRE COLLINS

BRINDISI: No report.

BIZERTE - 16.1.45.

TORE JARL (Norw.)	A 25/11 B 20/11 C 28/11	Routine D/D. Numerous machinery & boiler defects affecting seaworthiness.	D 6/12 E 19/1	Work on engine repairs slow.
HARPALYCUS	A 28/12 C 4/1	Routine D/D.	D 13/1 E 15/1	
HARPAMICUS	A) B) 13/1	Damage to port side shell plating.	E 14/1	
MARVIA	A 2/1 B 3/1	Main engine & windlass defects affecting seaworthiness.	E 8/1	Completed.
SAMWINGED	A 4/1 C 11/1	Routine D/D. Cleaning water tube boilers; deck & engine repairs.	D 20/1 E 27/1	
DUBLIN	A 4/1 C 11/1	Routine D/D; deck &	E 21/1	

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tanks to test.

Minor repairs since 9.1.45.

TARANTO:

PENELOPE	OCEAN RIDER	TARLTA
DELFINO	OCEAN STRANGER	THE COTTONWOODS
PORT LAURENCE	PALOPO	TOSCANA
CRATACLO	PASS OF MELFORT	WOODLARK
HARROGATE	SWITZERLAND	BLACKJACK

BARI:

PORT BUFFALO	ANDREW PICKENS	TELESFORA
JOHN LEVENS	SAMUTA	DE LARRINAGA
PORT ANNE	SAMSYLVAN	EMPIRE COLLINS
RAIMONDO	FACTO	

BRINDISI: No report.

BIZERTE - 16.1.45.

TURE JARL (Horn)	A 25/11	Routine D/D. Numerous machinery & boiler defects affecting seaworthiness.	D 6/12	Work on engine repairs slow.
	B 20/11		E 19/1	
	C 26/11			
HARPALYCUS	A 28/12	Routine D/D.	D 11/1	
	C 4/1		E 13/1	
HARPALYCUS	A) B) 13/1	Damage to port side shell plating.	E 14/1	
MARVIA	A 2/1	Main engine & windlass	E 8/1	Completed.
	B 3/1	defects affecting seaworthiness.		
SALWINGSO	A 4/1	Routine D/D. Cleaning	D 20/1	
	C 11/1	water tube boilers; deck & engine repairs.	E 27/1	
LUBLIN	A 4/1	Routine D/D; dock &	D 21/1	
	C 11/1	engine repairs. Boiler cleaning & survey. Three rudder pintle bushes to renew.	E 27/1	
GUDRUN	A 15/1	Routine D/D; boiler	D 26/1	
	C 21/1	cleaning; dock & engine repairs.	E 7/2	

SALT CREEK: UGO FIORELLI: BRITISH ENGINEER: CRYSTAL PARK - Minor repairs since 3/1/45.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
MARSEILLES - 16.1.45				
MORTALEA		Supposed mine damage aft'd side No. 2 hold.		Temporary repairs to proceed to La Ciotat completed. Awaiting D/D.
COTTON VALLEY	A 4/10 B 11/10	Mine damage. Bow section missing.	E 7/1	Awaiting windlass, anchor and degaussing.
SERULA	A 15/12 B 16/12	Retubing of boilers and repairs.	E 19/1	
JENNINGS	C 6/1	Routine D/D; general overhaul and repairs.	D 8/1 E 16/1	Completed.
EDERA	A 10/1 B 3/1	Underwater damage and windlass repairs.	E 17/1	
OCTANE EMPIRE VALOUR	EMPIRE SPLENDOUR SPINDLETOP	PORT LA TOUR		Minor repairs since 10.1.45.
BONE - 16.1.45.				
NO MAJOR REPAIRS REPORTED.				
STAD ARNHEM SANCONOU BRIDGEPOOL	PORTLAND PARK INGERMAR FORT BUFFALO			Minor repairs since 9.1.45.
Phillipville and Boucie - Nothing to report.				
GIBRALTAR - 15.1.45				
TAIGETE (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Cargo pump to repair & boiler tubes to renew.	E 20/1	Further defects found after repairs completed.
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.	E Not stated	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
EMPIRE ZEPHYR	A) B) 10/1	New engine throttle valve.	E 16/1	
CAP TOURANE	A 15/1	Collision damage.		Survey being held.
SAM CONSTANT	A) B) 30/12	Two new feed pump water ends to renew.	E 23/1	Delay in completion due to new ends arriving only on 13/1.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No. 2 Hold by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.

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	B 16/12	and repairs.		
JENNINGS	C 6/1	Routine D/D: general overhaul and repairs.	D 8/1 E 16/1	Completed.
ZEBRA	A 10/1 B 3/1	Underwater damage and windlass repairs.	E 17/1	
OCTANE EMPIRE VALOUR	EMPIRE SPLENDOUR SPINDLETOP	FORT LA TOUR		Minor repairs since 10.1.45.

BONE - 16.1.45.

NO MAJOR REPAIRS REPORTED.

STAD ARNHEM SAMCONCH BRIDGEPOOL	PORTLAND PARK INGERIRE FORT BUFFALO	Minor repairs since 9.1.45.

Philippville and Bougie - Nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 15.1.45

TAIGETE (T)	A 29/6 B 6/7	Cargo pump to repair boiler tubes to renew.	E 20/1	Further defects found after repairs completed.
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.	Not stated	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
EMPIRE ZEPHIR	A) B) 10/1	New engine throttle valve.	E 16/1	
CAP TOURANE	A 15/1	Collision damage.		Survey being held.
SAM CONSTANT	A) B) 30/12	Two new feed pump water ends to renew.	E 25/1	Delay in completion due to new ends arriving only on 13/1.
HENRI MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No. 2 Hold by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.

Minor repairs since 3.1.45 - EMPIRE DERWENT: SAMLISTER: JURKO TOPIC: CHRISTINE M.JEE: EASTWOOD PARK.

Minor repairs since 8.1.45 - No information.

LEGHORN - 16.1.45.

NO MAJOR REPAIRS REPORTED.

LAURENT HEEUS: MARIE L. LE BORGNE: ANNE VAN DER MEER - Minor repairs since 9.1.45.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
NAPLES - 17.1.45				
CARLTON	A) B) 2/1	Hull damage repairs. Lifeboat engine. Winch repairs.	E 9/1	Completed.
EMPIRE EMERALD	A 3/1 D 4/1	Hull damage and boiler repairs.	E 13/1	Completed.
THELMA	A) B) 7/1	Repairs to cracked L.P. cylinder.	E 18/1	
CITY OF WORCESTER	A 27/1	Anchor repairs.	E 21/1	
EMPIRE DON	A 12/1 E 13/1	Propeller & tail shaft removed for machining.	E 27/1	
ALVAIAZERE CARLTON SAGERIAN FORT VENANGO EMPIRE COPPERFIELD SANGRE DALGROSS FORT RICHELIEU MARIE CLAIRE		P.L.M.14 OMEGA BRITISH ENGINEER CRACKSHOT STAD VLAARDINGEN EMPIRE BROOK SAINTIOT EMPIRE EMERALD MANHATTAN	VILLE D'ORAN SUNREPLAND GOLLY AERT VAN DER MEER HEEN II LAURENT MEEUS CHAMPOLLION PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA.	Minor repairs since 10.1.45
ALGIERS - 15.1.45				
OUSEL	A) B) 20/12 C)	Routine D/D; examination of tanks & holds. Boiler survey.	D 22/12 F 10/1	Completed.
ASTRA	A 22/12 B 23/12 C 4/1	Routine D/D; boiler survey & repairs; deck repairs.	D 8/1 F 18/1	Progress slow on account of bad weather.
EMPIRE HARBOUR	A 31/12 B) C) 4/1	Routine D/D & machinery overhaul.	D 7/1 E 15/1	Completed.
SUERTE	A 6/1 B 3/1	Repairs to steering gear drum.	E 9/1	Completed.
MOONCREST	A) B) 8/1	Repairs to boiler blowdown valve.	E 9/1	Completed.
ANTONIA	A) B) 11/1 C 22/1	Routine D/D. Dock bottom machinery repairs. Bat.	D) E) Dep.	Progress slowed by weather.
EMPIRE GAT	A 10/1 B) C) 11/1	Stern tube to remove and re-metal.	D 16/1 E Ind.	Vessel redocks about 23/1/45.
P.L.M.13	A) B) 11/1	Renewing stokehold flooring; boiler clean; machinery repairs.	E 18/1	

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EMERALD	E 4/1	repairs.		
[illegible]	A) B)7/1	Repairs to cracked H.P. cylinder.	E 18/1	
CITY OF WORCESTER	A 17/1	Anchor repairs.	E 21/1	
EMPIRE	A 14/1	Propeller & tail shaft	E 27/1	
DON	E 13/1	removed for machining.		

ALVARAZERE	P.L.M.14	VILLE D'ORAN	Minor repairs since 10.1.45
CAPLTON	CEMSA	SUTHERLAND	
SAGERIAN	FUSILIER ENGINEER	SCELLY	
FORT VENANGO	CRACKSHOT	AERT VAN DER MEER	
EMPIRE COTTERFIELD	STAD VLAARDINGEN	HERE II	
SANDRE	EMPIRE BROOK	LAURENT MEEUS	
DALCROSS	SAMEVIOT	SILSPOLLICH	
FORT RICHELIEU	EMPIRE EMERALD	PETHOLPESSA	
MARIE CLAIRE	HARMATTAN	GIOVANNA.	

ALGIERS - 15.1.45

OUSEL	A) B)20/12 C)	Routine D/D; examination of tanks & holes. Boiler survey.	D 22/12 F 10/1	Completed.
ASTRA	A 22/12 B 23/12 C 4/1	Routine D/D; boiler survey & repairs; deck repairs.	D 8/1 F 18/1	Progress slow on account of bad weather.
EMPIRE MARINER	A 31/12 B) C)4/1	Routine D/D & machinery overhaul.	D 7/1 E 15/1	Completed.
SURPIE	A 6/1 B 5/1	Repairs to steering gear drum.	E 9/1	Completed.
MOONCREST	A) B)6/1	Repairs to boiler blow-down valve.	E 9/1	Completed.
ANTONIA	A) B)11/1 C 22/1	Routine D/D. Deck and machinery repairs. Ext.	D) E)Dup.	Progress slowed by weather.
EMPIRE GAT	A 10/1 B) C)11/1	Stern tube to remove and re-metal.	D 16/1 E Ind.	Vessel redocks about 23/1/45.
P.L.M.13	A) D)11/1	Renewing stokehold flooring; boiler clean; machinery repairs.	E 18/1	
EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Repairs to ballast & general service pumps & renewals to steam and exhaust pipes.	E 29/1	
MANNINGTON	A 12/1 B 15/1 C 16/1	Routine D/D; deck and machinery repairs.	D Ind. E 26/1	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Body	Final Dates	Remarks
ALGIERS (Cont'd)				
Minor repairs since 8.1.45				
CAMPIDOGLIO	FORT BEAUSEJOUR	[illegible]		
CISNEROS	FORT PEREIRA	[illegible]ZUGH		
COULEBG	FORT LENNOX	[illegible] UELGA		
EMPIRE SOUTHEY	HAMPSTEAD PARK	S. [illegible]EARN		

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CRAN:

JOHN S. COFFEY Completed and will sail 21 January 17th in CUS 66.

Minor repairs ending January 18th

THOMAS PICKETT FINLEY P. DUNNE LAENNDIO PEARN ALFRED MOORE
BENJAMIN BOURNE WILLIAM BRADFORD STEPHEN FOSTER

BARI: Minor repairs ending January 16th.

CHARLES C. JONES GABRIEL FRANCHERE

NAPLES: Minor repairs ending January 14th.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON LAYTON B. EVANS GEO. WOODWARD STEPHEN FOSTER
FRANK KELLOGG SESTRIERE JAMES DESMITH WASHINGTON IRVING
JULIUS ROSENWALD WILLIAM BLOUNT JOSEPH MARTIN
JOSEPH REYES CHARLES NORDOFF LORENZO DE ZAVALA

LECHUN: Minor repairs ending January [illegible]th.

PETER McGUIRE BINGER HERMANN LAWRENCE TISON
JOHN B. GORDON NATHANIEL MACON WILLIAM CUSHING
CALVIN COOLIDGE EZRA MEEKER GEORGE THOMAS

MARSEILLES -

CLIFFORD MALLORY Awaiting favourable weather.

BRET HARTE Expect complete January 17th.

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Minor repairs ending January [illegible]th.

JOHN JAY HENRY GROVES COMER TOM HOWARD
FRANK GILBRETH JAMES FORWARD [illegible] HERNDON
ROGER MOORE HARRIET TUBMAN
WALKER HINES ISAAC PUTNAM

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AS OF JANUARY 18, 1945.

GRAI:

JOHN S. COPLEY Completed and sailed 11th January 17th in GUS 66.

Minor repairs ending January 18th.

THOMAS BICKETT	FINLEY P. DUNNE	LAFACADIO HEARN	ALFRED MOORE
BENJAMIN BOURNE	WILLIAM BRADFORD	STEPHEN FOSTER	

BARI: Minor repairs ending January 18th.

CHARLES C. JONES GABRIEL FRANCHERE

HAIFUNG: Minor repairs ending January 18th.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON	LAWTON B. EVANS	GEO. WOODWARD	STEPHEN FOSTER
FRANK KELLOGG	GESTRIDGE	JAMES SMITH	WASHINGTON IRVING
JULIUS ROSENWALD	WILLIAM BLOUNT	JOSEPH MARTIN	
JOSEPH MEYES	CHARLES NORDOFF	LORENZO DE ZAVALA	

LEGHORN: Minor repairs ending January 18th.

PETER McGUIRE	ELIGER HERLAN	LAWRENCE TYSON
JOHN B. GORDON	NATHANIEL MACON	LILLIAN CUSHING
CALVIN COOLIDGE	EZRA MEEKER	GEORGE THOMAS

MARSEILLES -

CLIFFORD MALLORY Awaiting favourable weather.

BRET HARTE Expect complete January 17th.

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Minor repairs ending January 18th.

JOHN JAY	HENRY GROVES COMER	TOM HOWARD
FRANK GILBRETH	JAMES HOWARD	LOUIS HERGARTH
ROGER MOORE	HARRIET TUBMAN	
WALKER HINES	ISAAC BUTLER	

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIP POSITION ON 18 JANUARY 1945.

GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN FLOAT.

TARGEE	A 29/6 D 6/7	Repairs to cargo pumps Valve extension rods	E 12/1	Dockyard work stopped owing to labour shortage.
FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller, tail end shaft.	Not stated.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (Continued)				
GIBRALTAR - VESSELS [illegible] C.C.S.				
OLTENIA		Not repairable for duration.		Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO.	4 1940	In very bad condition.		Left at the present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Not fit for a long towing.
SUSA - IN HAND				
GIUSEPPE LEVA		General repairs.	E 28/2	No report.
MESSINA - IN HAND.				
FERRY BOAT VILLA S. GIOVANNI		General repairs.	E Feb. 1945.	Under survey of Ispetto Navigazione della Ferrovie Stato Messina.
LEGHORN - BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
ANDREA CONTARINI		Foul.		
FANNY ERUNNER		Foul.		Last D/D on 28/5/44. Speed reduced from 10/7 K.
AT SEA - BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
PARTENOPE		General engine and hull repairs. Foul.		Ship on service. Repairs completed. D/D postponed due to urgent need of the craft by Royal Navy.
LUCIA C.		Routine D/D. Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.		15 days asked. Last D/D 6 months ago. Vessel to be sent M.E.
ACILLA		Many small repairs.		Entered in collision on Nov. 16th. In Naples harbour with French s.s. P.L.M.13 because of strong northern wind.
S. CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		Already docked once. Repairs to hull not completed at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA		Repairs to capston[illegible]		

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SUSA - IN HAND

GIUSEPPE LEVA	General repairs.	E 28/2	No report.

MESSINA - In Hand.

FERRY BOAT VILLA S.GIOVANNI	General repairs.	E Dec. 1945.	Under survey of Ispetto Navigazione delle Ferrovie Stato Messina.

LEGHORN - DUE FOR REPAIRS

ANDREA CONTARINI	Foul.	Last D/D on 28/5/44.
FERRY BRUNNER	Foul.	Speed reduced from 10/7 K.

AT SEA - DUE FOR REPAIRS

PARTENOPE	General engine and hull repairs. Foul.	Ship on service. Repairs completed. D/D postponed due to urgent need of the craft by Royal Navy.
LUCIA C.	Routine D/D. Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as patrol orderly.	15 days asked. Last D/D 6 months ago. Vessel to be sent M.E.
ACILLA	Very small repairs.	Entered in collision on Nov. 10th. In Naples harbour with French s.s. P.L.M.15 because of strong northern wind.
S. CHIARA	Hull planking repairs.	Already docked once. Repairs to hull not completed at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA	Repairs to capstan.	6 days repairs.

TARANTO - VESSEL IN HAND

SANDRINA	B 15/1	Boiler defects.	E 15/2	
GENIO	A 7/1 B 8/1	Boiler defects.	E 18/1	
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8	Fairly extensive repairs following sulvage.	D 3/11	Works temporarily suspended. Not possible to foresee date of completion.
CRATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning and painting of hull.	D 21/12 E 30/1	Work will be retaken in hand 20/1/45.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (Continued).				
TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND				
PERTUSOLA	B 15/10 C 6/11	Boiler repairs. Shaft alignment.	D 17/11 B 20/1	Arrangement made by Italian Navy to carry out repairs (Viareggio Firm).
MISENO	A B 9/11 C 9/11	General repairs.	D 18/11 E 10/2	Must be relocked for completion of hull repairs.
TERIDDU	A B 14/10 C 20/1	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	E 30/1	Salvaged on July 29th 1944.
NETTUNO	A 13/11 D 14/11 C 28/12	Routine D/D and minor repairs.	D 17/1 E 20/1	Repairing effort as far as practicable.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 25/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D E	Repairs stopped.
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
CERCA		Boilers & engine defects. Cleaning & painting of hull.		15 days requested for repairs. D/D one day only. Last time docked Dec. 1943. D/D has been postponed.
ANDALUSIA		Engine & boiler repairs woodwork. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.		30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		Lying since April 1942. Twice D/D requested. Ship should be requisitioned & handed over to MEDBO.
LUANA		General repairs. Ship mined.		4 months asked. Waiting orders start repairs.
NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/2	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Large hole in hull. Ship mined.	D 26/1	D/D has been reduced from 20/14 days but 3 weeks are to be expected.

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					out repairs (Vacuum Plant).
LISENO	A B 9/11 C 9/11	General repairs.		D 16/11 E 10/2	Must be redocked for completion of hull repairs.
TURIDDU	A B 24/10 C 20/1	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.		E 30/1	Salvaged on July 29th 1944.
NETTUNO	A 13/11 B 14/11 C 28/12	Routine D/D and minor repairs.		D 17/1 E 20/1	Repairing effort as far as practicable.
TERESA SOMIGLIANO	B 25/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.		D E	Repairs stopped.

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CERCA	Boilers & engine defects. Cleaning & painting of hull.	15 days requested for repairs. D/D one day only. Last time docked Dec. 1943. D/D has been postponed.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & boiler repairs woodwork. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.	30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern star broken.	Lying since April 1942. Twice D/D requested. Ship should be requisitioned & handed over to MEDBO.
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Waiting orders start repairs.

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NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	D 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.		D 19/12 E 20/2	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Large hole in hull. Ship mined.		D 26/1	D/D has been reduced from 20/14 days but 3 weeks are to be expected.
TRITON MARIS	C 7/1	Change of stern gland hardwood. Cleaning and painting of hull.		D 11/1	
ITU	B 15/1	No report. Routine D/D.			
CORA	B 15/1	Motors overhaul & D/D.			Ship will be sent to sea and docked later.

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Vessel	Critical Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
		ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)		
		MAFIRS - BIDS FOR REPAIRS		
ULISSE	C 25/12	Shaft alignment. Some plating to renew under steering gear and engines. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Repairs completed. Ship must be redocked for replacing of bilge keels.
RENUCCI		Waiting D/D. Rudder examination.		Ship went aground during bad weather.
ARSIA		Routine D/D.		1 Boy only asked.
		DIVERTED SIGNAL NO. 45.		
LOBOS		Collision damage. Holed port side, fwd and No.2 Hold open to sea. Orlop deck and 10 frames fractured. Fore peak damaged. Diver requested to report on underwater damage.		Vessel put into Bizerte after collision with THOMAS E. REED. Temporary repairs necessary at Bizerte.

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM CASABLANCA: CRAM AUGUSTA:

NO FRENCH REPORT RECEIVED.

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c/o.A.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA
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To; THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBO.

From: French Liaison. A.M.W.T.R. N.A.

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signed P.F. LE BARS.
French Liaison.

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VESSEL	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE. G.R.T.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/C.	SURRENDERED	
HOSPITAL SHIPS.								
PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA	Br.	s.s.	8955	13	Oil fuel	PSTO	8.2.44.	-Opers
TOSCANA	Br.	s.s.	9442	12	8.10.1943-13.12.43 REDBO	PSTO	8.2.44.	-
GERUSALEMME			8051					- Left
SORRENTO	It.	m/v.	243		resque craft			- San
TEVERE	It.	s.s.	8289					- Sunl
PASSENGER TYPE.								
ABAZTIA	It.	m.v.	391		ferry	Army		- In t
ABAZZIA	It.	s.s.	3706	9	250 passengers 1000 T. cargo.		COGENA	-Regt
ARGENTINA	It.	s.s.	5014	9	524 pass.	PSTO	3.11.43.	- At P
BAKAR	YS.	s.s.	344	8	220 pass. 100 cargo	YS.		- Acc
BARLETTA	It.	m.v.	1975	14	about 500 pass.		26.10.43.	-RIN A
CAMPIDOGLIO	It.	s.s.	3702	7	62 pass.	PSTO	17.3.44	-At Al
CAPO SANDALO	It.	s.s.	137		ferry	RIN		- Cala
CARLOFORTE	It.				ferry	RIN		- Cala
CHERSO	It.	s.s.	2200	8	Naval Aux.	RIN	26.10.43.	-Retd.
CITTA' DI ALESSANDRIA	It.	m.v.	2498	8	120 pass.	PSTO	26.10.43.	- Serv
CITTA' DI BARI	It.	m.v.	3339		taken by 15th Army			- Sunk
EOLO	It.	s.s.	704		2 dks.ferrying troops.	Br. PSTO.	30.9.43.	- In P
GALLURA	It.	s.s.	261			RIN		- Madd
GENNARGENTU	It.	s.s.	491			RIN		- Sard
KUMANOVO	YS.	s.s.	1480		Chif Flag.17.10.43.	YS.		-Deld
LAMPEDUSA	It.	m.v.	405		Tender			- Sunk
LETIZIA	It.	s.s.	391		Pilot Boat	RIN		- At P
LOUBLJANA	YS.	s.s.	986		Chgd. flag 15.11.43.	YS.		- Used
MESSINA	It.	m.v.	1343	8	ferry A/c Rlygs.	RLYGS.	26.10.43.	-Sycil
PARTENOPE	It.	s.s.	1650		Tender			- Stat
PIEMONTE	It.	s.s.	5209	14	ex. "Minnedosa"			- Sunk
POLA	It.	s.s.	254		ferrying troops	Br. PSTO	2.9.43.	- In M
RAMPINO	It.		301		cable ship	R.N.		- In u

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE. G.R.T.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/C.	SURRENDERED MEDITO.	EMPLOYMENT.
	PP.	s.s. 8955	13	Oil fuel	PSTO	8.2.44.	-Operating adriatic Greece.
	Br.	s.s. 9442 8051	12.	8.10.1943-13.12.43	PSTO	8.2.44.	- " adriatic Greece.
							- Left L.Marques 8.4.44.
	It.	m/v. 243		resque craft			- Sardinia.
	It.	s.s. 8289					- Sunk Tripoli.
	It.	m.v. 391		ferry	Army		- In use by Army.
	It.	s.s. 3706	9	250 passengers 1000 T. cargo.	COGENA		-Regular service Naples-Cagliari.
	It.	s.s. 5014	9	524 pass.	PSTO	3.11.43.	- At Brindisi.
	YS.	s.s. 344	8	220 pass. 100 cargo	YS.		- Acc.vessel for Partisans.
	It.	m.v. 1975	14	about 500 pass.		26.10.43.	-RIN Aux. Sunk Bari.2.12.43.
	It.	s.s. 3702	7	62 pass.	PSTO	17.3.44	-At Algiers for Gibraltar.
	It.	s.s. 137		ferry	RIN		- Calasetta-Carloforte.
	It.			ferry	RIN		- Calasetta-Port Vesme.
	It.	s.s. 2200	8	Naval Aux.	RIN	26.10.43.	-Retd.to RIN 22.3.44.
RIA	It.	m.v. 2498	8	120 pass.	PSTO	26.10.43.	- Service West Italy.Corsica.
	It.	m.v. 3339		taken by 15th Army			- Sunk Tripoli.
	It.	s.s. 704		2 dks.ferrying troops	Br. PSTO.	30.8.43.	- In Midle East.
	It.	s.s. 261			RIN		- Maddalene-Palau service.
	It.	s.s. 491			RIN		- Sardinia service.
	YS.	s.s. 1480		Chif Flag.17.10.43.	YS.		-Deld to Royalist Malta 21.1.44.
	It.	m.v. 405		Tender			- Sunk Palermo.
	It.	s.s. 391		Pilot Boat	RIN		- At Bari.
	YS.	s.s. 986		Chgd. flag 15.11.43.	YS.		- Used by Ports since 23.10.43.
	It.	m.v. 1343	8	ferry A/c Rlygs.	RLYGS.	26.10.43.	-Sycily-Italy service.
	It.	s.s. 1650		Tender			- Stationed Leghorn.
	It.	s.s. 5209	14	ex. "Minnedosa"			- Sunk Messina.
	It.	s.s. 254		ferrying troops	Br. PSTO	2.9.43.	- In Me East.
	It.	301		cable ship	R.N.		- In use by R.N.

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VESSEL.	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDIO.	E
SATURNIA	It.	m.v.	21430	17	Trooping	US W.S.A.		- Lef
SBRIN	YS.	s.s.	982	11	Storeship	Br. M.W.T.		-Napl
VILLE D'AJACCIO	Fr.	m.v.	2444		Naval Aux.	Fr. French.		- On
TANKERS.								
ARCOLA	It.	s.s.	6348					- All
ETERNO	It.	s.s.	140	6				- Wat
ANNARELLA	It.	m.v.	10182	8	T-in scre"		25.10.43.	- Oil
C SCALA	It.	s.s.	2700	11	Oil fuel		19.10.43.	- Sum
CESCO	It.	s.s.	10000	11	" "			- Lef
								Nap
								for
DORA C.	It.	s.s.	8000	10	Oil fuel			- At
FRIGIDO	It.		200					-Wate
FULGOR	It.	m.v.	9000			M.W.T.		- At
IDRIA	It.	m.v.	200					- At
ISTRIA	It.	s.s.	2000	10				- At
KORCULA	YS.	s.s.	250		Chgd flag 15.11.43.	At Brindisi.		
LAVORO	It.	m.s.	13000			M.W.T.		- Lef
LETE I	It.	s.s.	750	8½				-At T
METAURO	It.		300					- At
NARENTA	It.	m.v.	625					- Sun
NETTUNO	It.	s.s.	7000	9½	Oil fuel-twin screw.		11.11.43.	- At
OLTENIA	It.	s.s.	8000	9½	Oil fuel-twin screw		11.11.43.	- At
PO	It.		3300	11				- At
POZA RICA	It.	m.v.	1190	9			20.10.43.	- Pro
PRO PATRIA	It.		1700					- At
PROMETEO	It.	s.s.	850	9	Oil fuel			- At
RONDINE	It.	m.v.	8600	8	Twin screw Left	Taranto intow 25.7	Loaded.	-At
ROSA M.	It.	m.v.	250	8	On T/C	Tome charter 30.11.43.		
ST. BERNADETTE	Fr.	s.s.	2500			T/Ch.		- To
SESIA	It.	m.v.	750	8				- At

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EL.	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMENT.
	It.	m.v.	24430	17	Trooping	US W.S.A.		- Left Taranto outside Medit. 14.10.43.
	YS.	s.s.	982	11	Storeship	Br. M.W.T.		-Naples to Algiers 10.43.
	Fr.	m.v.	2444		Naval Aux.	Fr. French.		- On Corsica traffic.
	It.	s.s.	6348					- Allocated Frretown.
	It.	s.s.	140	6				- Waterboat -Heel port.
	It.	m.v.	10182	8	Twin screw		25.10.43.	- Oil fueller Naples.
	It.	s.s.	2700	11	Oil fuel		19.10.43.	- Sunk Bari 2.12.43.
	It.	s.s.	10000	11	" "			- Left Taranto 25/6.Arrd. Naples 29/6. towed here for special service.
	It.	s.s.	8000	10	Oil fuel			- At Taranto LASF.
	It.		200					-Waterboat-heel port.
	It.	m.v.	9000			M.W.T.		- At Gibraltar repairing.
	It.	m.v.	200					- At Naples waterboat.
	It.	s.s.	2000	10				- At Heel-waterboat.
	YS.	s.s.	250		Chgd flag 15.11.43. At Brindisi.			
	It.	m.s.	13000			M.W.T.		- Left Gibraltar for U.S.A.
	It.	s.s.	750	8½				-At Taranto harbour fueller.
	It.		300					- At Heel-waterboat.
	It.	m.v.	625					- Sunk Trapani.
	It.	s.s.	7000	9½	Oil fuel-twin screw.		11.11.43.	- At Taranto repairing.
	It.	s.s.	8000	9½	Oil fuel-twin screw		11.11.43.	- At Gibraltar repairing.
	It.		3300	11				- At Augusta waterboat.
	It.	m.v.	1190	9			20.10.43.	- Proceeding Naples.
	It.		1700					- At Tripoli waterboat.
	It.	s.s.	850	9	Oil fuel			- At Civitavecchia.
	It.	m.v.	8600	8	Twin screw left Taranto intcw 25.7 loaded.			-At Maddalena.Oil fueller.
	It.	m.v.	250	8	On T/C	Tome charter T/Ch.	30.11.43.	-At Bari-harbour fueller.
	Fr.	s.s.	2500					- Towed to Taranto.
	It.	m.v.	750	8				- At Naples waterboat.

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SITRITZA	YS.	s.s.	200				
STURLA	It.	m.v.	900				
TAIGETE	It.	s.s.	4672				
TASENTO	It.	s.s.	100				
TARVISIO	It.	s.s.	8200	8	Oil fuel		4.12.43
TIRSO	It.		850	8			
UGO FIORELLI	It.	m.v.	2000	10			26.10.43
ULJERSARA	YS.		600				
URANO	It.	m.v.	8200.	9	Twin screw		
USTICA	It.		500			U.S.N.	1.8/43
VITTORIO ZANIBONI	It.	m.v.	2116	11			11.11.43
MYNCIO	It.	m.v.	375	9			11/11/43
CARGO VESSELS.							
AGOSTINO BERTANI	It.	m.v.	11000		Used by KN. as hulk		
ACYLIA	It.	s.s.	354	8	Refrig. 80 tons.	YS.	PSTO 2.10.43
ALBISOLA	It.	s.s.	8000	7			PSTO
ANDALUSIA	It.	s.s.	4499				
ANDREA CONTARINI	It.	s.s.	1800	8			PSTO 8.8.44
ANDREA GRITTI	It.	m.v.	10923	13			MTT 26.10.43
ANNA CLPANO	It.	s.s.	1800	6		Br. RN.	17.10.43
APOLLO	It.	s.s.	5200				
APULNIA	It.	s.s.	275	8	Refrig. 80 Tons.	US.	PSTO 2.10.43
ARSIA	It.	m.v.	1200				17.11.43 PSTO
ASSUNZIONE	It.	s.s.	7000				
BAKI	It.	s.s.	8000		ex. French "Equatuir" ex. GK "Tasis"		
BIRMANIA	It.	m.v.	9000				

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YS.	s.s.	200					- At Heel-waterboat.
It.	m.v.	900					- " " "
It.	s.s.	4672					- At Gibraltar repairing.
It.	s.s.	100					-At Heel-waterboat.
It.	s.s.	8200	8	Oil fuel		4.12.43	-Left Naples for Corsica.
It.		850	8				- At Naples waterboa.s.
It.	m.v.	2000	10			26.10.43	- At Bizerte.
YS.		600					-Bari Oil fueller.
It.	m.v.	8200.	9	Twin screw			- At Taranto LASF.
It.		500			U.S.N.	1.8/43	-At Palermo waterboat.
It.	m.v.	2116	11			11.11.43	- Shuttling Adriatic.
It.	m.v.	375	9			11/11/43	-At Augusta waterboat.
It.	m.v.	11000		Used by RN. as hulk			- At Tripoli sunk.
It.	s.s.	354	8	Refrig. 80 tons.	YS.	PSTO 2.10.43	- Shuttling Adriatic.
It.	s.s.	8000	7			PSTO	-Arrd. Taranto 11.3.44 requires repairs about 5 monthsnow used coal deposit.At Augusta.
It.	s.s.	4499					- At Turanto.awaiting repairs.
It.	s.s.	1800	8			PSTO 8.8.44	- At Sfax.
It.	m.v.	10923	13			MWT 26.10.43	-Left Naples 9/1 for USA.
It.	s.s.	1800	6		Br.	RN. 17.10.43	- Repalacing "Blairesk".
It.	s.s.	5200					- Raised Manfredonia now Taranto L.A.S.F.
It.	s.s.	275	8	Refrig. 80 Tons.	US.	PSTO 2.10.43	- Shuttling Adriatic.
It.	m.v.	1200				17.11.43 PSTO	- Naples for Sfax.
It.	s.s.	7000					- At Taranto L.A.S.F.
It.	s.s.	8000		ex. French "Equatum" ex. GK "Tasia"			- Sunk Naples.
It.	m.v.	9000					- At Tripoli-half ship.

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GALLIOPE	GK.	s.s.	180	6	Chgd. Gr.Flag Brindisi		18.3.44.	
CAPO FIGALO	Fr.	s.s.	4200					- Rais
CAPO MELE	It.	s.s.	5700					-Now a
CATANIA	It.	s.s.	9000		ex. Fr. 'St.Main" ex. GK."Chandria"			- Sunk
CHERCA	It.	s.s.			ex. Fr. 'Arizone'			-Arrd.
CHIETI	It.	s.s.	8460		ex. Fr. 'Arizona'			- Sunk
COMMERCIO	It.	s.s.	1200					- Sunk
COSTANTE C.	It.	s.s.	1000				Br.PSTO4.10.43	- Now
COSTANZA F.	It.	m.v.	310		Reportered chartered Allied 28.1.44	Br.RFA.		- Store
COR JESU	It.	s.s.	6500					- Sunk
DURAC	YS.	s.s.	4880		Chad Flag Taranto 8.11.43			- Lt Te
EDERA	It.	s.s.	8500	8	2 DKs. Left Gibraltar 5/4	US.	PSTO	- At Sa
EGLE	It.	s.s.	1800					- Sunk
ENRICO	It.	s.s.	2870	6	2 DKs.	US.	PSTO 21.10.43	- Lt Ne
ESTELLA	It.	s.s.	4000					- Sunk
ESPIGUETTE	Fr.	s.s.	1685		ex. "Sezze"	Fr.	French	- On 'E
ESTEREL	Fr.	m.v.	2500					- Sunk
EZILDA CROCE	It.	s.s.	1840	8½	2 DKs.		PSTO 23.10.43	- At Ce
FANNY BRUNNER	It.	s.s.	3480	7	2 DKs.	US.	PSTO 21.10.43	- At Le
FIRENZE	It.	s.s.	3450	8	ex. GK. 'Elice"	Br.	PSTO.	- Chang
PORT DE FRANCE	Fr.	m.v.	7000		ex. It. 'Belluno"			- Bizer
GAETA	It.	s.s.	8500				11.10.44	-At T.A
GALEB	YS.	s.s.	623		ex. "Airone"	YS.		- To Pa
GALILEI	Ger.	s.s.	7000					- Sunk
GENEPESCA	It.	m.v.	1500	10	refrig. 360 tons.	US.	PSTO 14.10.43	- Naple
GENEPESCA II	It.	m.v.	1500		" " "			- Sunk
GIAMPAOLO	It.	s.s.	500	5½		Br.	RFA. 23.10.43	- Alloc
GIACOMO G.	It.	s.s.	7800					- Being
GIOVANNI BATTISTA	It.		9000		ex."Br."			- At Tr
GIULIA	It.	m.v.	9000		refrig.			- Sunk

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMENT.
GK.	s.s.	180	16	Chgd. Gr.Flag Brindisi		18.3.44.	
Fr.	s.s.	4200					- Raised at Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	5700					-Now at Naples for repairs.
It.	s.s.	9000		ex. Fr. 'St.Main" ex. GK."Chandria"			- Sunk Naples.
It.	s.s.			ex. Fr. 'Arizone'			-Arrd. Taranto 31.8 for repairs.
It.	s.s.	8400		ex. Fr. 'Arizona'			- Sunk Palermo.
It.	s.s.	1200					- Sunk Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	1000				Br.PSTO4.10.43	- Now Naples for Sfax.
It.	m.v.	310		Reportered shortered Allied 28.1.44		Br.RFA.	- Storeship.
It.	s.s.	6500					- Sunk Sardinia.
YS.	s.s.	4880		Chad Flag Taranto 8.11.43			- At Taranto damaged.
It.	s.s.	8500	8	2 DKs. Left Gibraltar 5/4		US. PSTO	- At San Antioca.
It.	s.s.	1800					- Sunk Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	2870	6	2 DKs.		US. PSTO 21.10.43	- At Naples storeship.
It.	s.s.	4000					- Sunk Cagliari.
Fr.	s.s.	1685		ex. "Sezze"		Fr. French	- On 'B' List.
Fr.	m.v.	2500					- Sunk Trapani.
It.	s.s.	1840	8½	2 DKs.		PSTO 23.10.43	- At Catania.
It.	s.s.	3480	7	2 DKs.		US. PSTO 21.10.43	- At Leghorn.
It.	s.s.	3450	8	ex. GK. 'Elice"		Br. PSTO.	- Changed flag Malta 8.4.44.
Fr.	m.v.	7000		ex. It. 'Belluno"			- Bizerte repairing.
It.	s.s.	8500				11.10.44	-At T.Annunziata for S.Antioco.
YS.	s.s.	623		ex. "Airone"		YS.	- To Partisans Bari.
Ger.	s.s.	7000					- Sunk Tripoli blockship.
It.	m.v.	1500	10	refrig. 360 tons.		US. PSTO 14.10.43	- Naples-CORSICA.
It.	m.v.	1500		" " "			- Sunk Bari L.A.S.F.
It.	s.s.	500	5½			Br. RFA. 23.10.43	- Allocated RN.
It.	s.s.	7800					- Being raised Palermo.
It.		9000		ex."Br."			- At Tripoli blockship.
It.	m.v.	9000		refrig.			- Sunk Tripoli-used as RN. hulk.

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VESSEL.	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/S.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMT
GOGGIAM	It.	s.s.	2945					-At Bari
HERMADA	It.	s.s.	7300					- Raised
IMPERATORE	It.	m.v.	1800		Oil fuel	US.	PSTO 23.4.44	- Crotone
ISONZO	It.	s.s.	5440					- At Crot
ITU	It.	s.s.	2350	8			2.11.43	- At Napl
CAPU	It.	.	1)		ex. Fr. 'Osuro'			- Sunk Tr
LANGANO	It.	s.s.	1860	8			PSTO	- At Brin
LUANA	I+	s.s.	1809					- At Tara
LUIGI RIZZA	It.	s.s.	7000					- Sunk Sa
LUCRINO	It.	s.s.	8900	7			PSTO 1.10.43	-Mine dam
LUCIA C.	It.	s.s.	8000	8	Left Gika 1.5.44 Br.		PSTO	- At Bari
MACERATA	It.	s.s.			ex. Fr. 'Lucydon'	US.	PSTO 27.1.44	-Chgd.Fla
MADDALONI	It.	m.v.	2500		ex. Fr. 'Pierre Blande'			- Sunk Ca
MARCO FOSCARINI	It.	m.v.	9000					- Sunk Tr
MASCONE	[illegible]	s.s.	1800					- Sunk Tr
MARCO	Fr.	s.s.	4000		ex. 'Lucera'	Fr.	French	- On 'B'
MISENO	It.	s.s.	1800					- At Tara
MODENA	It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Bougareni'			- Raised
MODICA	It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Maurice Dalras'			- Sunk Nap
MONDOVI'	It.	s.s.	550		ex. Fr. 'Saint Briere'			- Sunk Pal
MONTEBELLO	It.	s.s.	772	6			MWT 4.10.43	- Sunk at
MONTE CUCCO	It.	s.s.	650	13	reading craft Type		RN. 2.11.43	-Store car
MONTE GRAPPA	It.	s.s.	650	13	" " "		RN. 11.11.43	-Store car
MOTIA	It.	s.s.	2730	9			US. PSTO. 8.12.43	-At Ancona
NERVO	It.	s.s.	8000					- Refloat
NOTA	It.	s.s.	8000					- At Taran
PALLADE	It.	s.s.	1739	8			USA. 15.11.43	- Naples
PELAGOSA	It.	s.s.	900	6				- At Augus
PENTUCOLI	It.	s.s.	2500	6½	Left Cagliari 16.1.44		PSTO	- At Tara
PIOMBO	It.	s.s.	7000					- Raised
PARTENICO	It.	s.s.	8000		ex. Fr. 'Tlemcen'			- Sunk Cat
RABAGAS	It.	s.s.	8350		ex. It. 'Todi'			-At Palmo

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/C.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMENT.
It.	s.s.	2945					-At Bari used as Blockship.
It.	s.s.	7300					- Raised Manfredonia.
It.	m.v.	1800		Oil fuel	US.	PSTO 23.4.44	- Crotone for Licata.
It.	s.s.	5440					- At Crotone for Naples.
It.	s.s.	2350	8			2.11.43	- At Naples for repairs.
It.				ex. Fr. 'Osuro'			- Sunk Trapani 7.4.43.
It.	s.s.	1860	8			PSTO	- At Brindisi for Civitecchia.
It.	s.s.	1800					- At Taranto L...S.F.
It.	s.s.	7000					- Sunk Sardinia.
It.	s.s.	8900	7			PSTO 1.10.43	-Mine damage sunk Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	8000	8	Left Gika 1.5.44 Br.		PSTO	- At Bari.
It.	s.s.			ex. Fr. 'Lacydon'	US.	PSTO 27.1.44	-Chgd.Flag Algiers 13.7.44.
It.	s.s.			ex. Fr. 'Pierre Claude'			- Sunk Castellammare.
It.	m.v.	2500					- Sunk Trapani.
It.	m.v.	9000					- Sunk Tripoli.
[illegible]	s.s.	1800					- On 'B' List.
Fr.	s.s.	4000		ex. 'Lucera'	Fr.	French	- At Taranto repairing.
It.	s.s.	1800					- Raised Palermo LASF.
It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Bougaroni'			- Sunk Naples.
It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Maurice Dulrae'			- Sunk Palermo 23.3.43.
It.	s.s.	550		ex. Fr. 'Saint Briere'			- Sunk at Pantelleria.
It.	s.s.	772	6			MWT 4.10.43	-Store carrier At Naples for (Malta.
It.	s.s.	650	13	reading craft Type		RN. 2.11.43	-Store carrier.Left Malta for (Bari.
It.	s.s.	650	13	" "	"	RN. 11.11.43	-At Ancona [illegible].
It.	s.s.	2730	9			US. PSTO. 8.12.43	- Refloated Olbia.
It.	s.s.	8000					- At Taranto repairing.
It.	s.s.	8000					- Naples repairing.
It.	s.s.	1739	8			USA. 15.11.43	- At Augusta for Ancona.
It.	s.s.	900	6				- At Taranto for Gallipoli.
It.	s.s.	2500	6	Left Cagliari 16.1.44 PSTO			- Raised Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	7000					- Sunk Catania fraised &
It.	s.s.	8000		ex. Fr. 'Thomson'			-At P'mo - salvable?(beached.
It.	s.s.	8350		ex. It. 'Todi'			

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VESSEL.	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	
RESUSCITO	It.	s.s.	1500					-At
RINUCCI	It.	s.s.	1750			Ns.	PSTO 4.10.43	- A
RIV	It.	m.v.	10000					-At
RUBICONE	It.	s.s.	8000		Left Loro 1.10.43 Struck PSTO 9.10.43. mine off Tripoli Jan 44		ME.	-At
SARDEGNA	It.	s.s.	1100	8½			MEDBO	-Re
SAN RITA	It.	s.s.	9000					- S
SARVOLE	It.	m.v.	2550	8		US.	PSTO 31.10.43	-
SANTA CHIARA	It.	s.s.	1700		Left Cagliari 29.5.43. to Antioco Arrd. Taranto 7.7.44 PSTO.			- A
SENIO	It.	s.s.	1400	5½			RIN.	- I
SESTRIERE	It.	m.v.	10000	10	2 DKs.	US.	WSA. 25.3.44	- N
SFINGE	It.	s.s.	8000		Left S.Antioco with 4000 tons coal for Gallipoli 20.4.44 Arrd. Taranto 24.5.44.			- A
SILENO	It.	s.s.	6000					- S
SILVANO	It.	s.s.	7000					-
SIRIO	It.	s.s.	9000					-
SOLIN	YS.	s.s.	1200			YS.	8.10.43	- T
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	It.	s.s.	5189		Refrigitor about 275 ex. Fr. 'Lamarsa'		PSTO 15.9.44	-At
TIVOLI	It.	s.s.	2300					- S
TRITON MARIS	It.	s.s.	2336	8½			PWE. 29.12.43	-Sp
ULISSE	It.	s.s.	3800	6½			PSTO 28.10.43	-At
VIOLETTE	It.	s.s.	500					-Sh
VOLODDA	It.	s.s.	8500		Acting Bari -fuelling berth 11.5.44			
TUNISINO	It.	s.s.	1600	7			PSTO 4.4.44	- A

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMENT.
It.	s.s.	1500					-At Brindisi LASF.
It.	s.s.	1750			Ns.	PSTO 4.10.43	- At Naples for Sfax.
It.	m.v.	10000					-At Tripoli only half ship.
It.	s.s.	8005		left Loro 1.10.43 Struck mine off Tripoli Jan 44		PSTO 9.10.43. ME.	-At Tripoli for Naples.
It.	s.s.	1100	8½			MEDBO	-Recovery ship new Taranto.
It.	s.s.	9000					- Sunk Cagliari.
It.	m.v.	2550	8		US.	PSTO 31.10.43	-At Castellammare.
It.	s.s.	1700		Left Cagliari 29.5.43. to Antioco Arrd. Taranto 7.7.44		PSTO.	- At Civitavecchia.
It.	s.s.	1400	5½			FIN.	- Beld.Italiane 3.7.44
It.	m.v.	10000	10	2 DKs.	US.	USA. 25.3.44	- Naples-Leghorn.
It.	s.s.	8000		Left S.Antioco with 4000 tons coal for Cagliari 20.4.44 Arrd. Taranto 24.5.44.			- At Taranto repairing.
It.	s.s.	6000					- Sunk Naples.
It.	s.s.	7000					- " "
It.	s.s.	9000					- " Tripoli.
YS.	s.s.	1200			YS.	8.10.43	- Trading for Partisans.
It.	s.s.	5139		Refrisitor about 275 ex. Fr. 'Lamarsa'		PSTO 15.9.44	-At Taranto repairing.
It.	s.s.	2500					- Sunk Naples.
It.	s.s.	2336	8½			F'TB. 29.12.43	-Special Service at Naples.
It.	s.s.	3800	6½			PSTO 23.10.43	-At Bagnoli for S.Antioco.
It.	s.s.	500					-Shuttling V.Valentia-F'mo.
It.	s.s.	8500		Acting Bari -fuelling berth 11.5.44			
It.	s.s.	1600	7			PSTO 4.4.44	- Augusta for Barletta.

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Hospital Ship Outside Mediterranean.	2			805
Passenger Type	2			2447
Tankers	ditto	3		3283
Cargo Ships	ditto	2		2032
Vessels Inside Mediterranean.				
Hospital	2			1838
Passenger Type	8			177
Tankers	7			3834
Cargo	11			2869
P.W.B.	1			23
E.H.	3			31
R.F.A.	2			8
Refrigerator	2	abt.		1
Ditto	2	"		4
				(7
Blockship Bari	1			29
Special service Jetty	2			123
				(1
Raised Manfredonia	3			730
At Casablanca	1			858
At Bari Oil Fueller berth	1			850
At Gibraltar	5			4464
Ditto	2	Tankers		1700
At Taranto awaiting repairs	7			3550
Ditto	2	Tankers		1620
At Sardinia awaiting repairs	3			2070

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dc Mediterranean.	2		8052	GRT.
ditto	2		24470	"
ditto	3		32830	D.W.T.
ditto	2		20323	D.W.T.
terranean.				
	2		18397	GRT.
	8		17719	GRT.
	7		38348	D.W.T.
	11		28690	D.W.T.
	1		2335	D.W.T.
	3		3100	D.W.T.
	2		810	D.W.T.
	2	abt.	160	tons meat.
	2	"	400	tons meat & about (700 T.stores.
ty	1		2945	D.W.T.
	2		12350	D.W.T. (One-Tanker (10.000. (DWT.
	3		7300	D.W.T.
berth	1		8580	D.W.T.
	1		8500	D.W.T.
	5		44640	D.W.T.
repairs	2	Tankers	17000	D.W.T.
	7		35500	D.W.T.
repairs	2	Tankers	16200	D.W.T.
	3		20700	D.W.T.

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Subject : G-4 (Mov & Tn) Weekly Report to MEDBO on Civil Sups.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/411/GDM

20 Jan 45

Tel: FREEDOM 302

115. CIVIL SUPS LOADERS (See Para 105):

(a) Of the 12 Br controlled vessels, the undermentioned will load as shown -

+	'FORT [illegible]LA E'	Wheat	Canadian Port
+	'SAM[illegible]'	"	BALTIMORE
	'DUKE OF [illegible]PARTA'	"	"
	'SAMLOMAL'	"	"
+	'FORT CLATSOP'	"	PHILADELPHIA
+	'FORT [illegible]OURIE'	"	CHARLESTON
	'FORT [illegible]ASKOYAC'	Sugar	BALTIMORE
+	'SAMARINDA'	Wheat	Not known

+ = Grain for ITALY or BALKANS

(b) The following vessels load coal -

'FORT [illegible]LEESH' 'FORT GLENORA' 'SAMFLORA' 'FORT GRAHAM'

116. BALKANS - MAP [illegible]OOD ARRIVALS (See Para 91):

(a) WAS[illegible]TON has been informed that Feb food arrivals, together with SWEDI[illegible]ISS cargoes, will be adequate for GREECE until 1 Apr.

(b) It is considered that MTO stocks will be adequate for the needs of JUGOSLAVIA and ALBANIA until 1 Apr with the exception of wheat.

(c) The only food required for BALKANS arrival in Mar is 40,000 tons bagged wheat for JUGOSLAVIA.

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117. SWEDISH/SWISS SHIPMENTS / Sheet 2

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117. SWEDISH/SWISS SHIPPING (See Para 52):

The present position is understood to be -

(a) En route to GREECE or recently arrived:

'FORMOSA'	left	ST JOHN	20 Dec	7,317 tons	
'SAGGAT'	"	" "	13 Dec	6,065 "	
'TAMARA'	"	" "	29 Dec	8,538 "	
'PARRAMATTA'		BUENOS AIRES	2 Jan	7,500 "	wheat)

(b) Now at ST JOHN:

'ANNA' loading gen cargo, due to sail 8 Jan
'BORELAND' repairing
'HENRIC' loaded wheat, due to sail 8 Jan
'VASAHOLM' repairing

118. CIVIL SHIPPING - TURKEY to S/FRANCE:

The French Embassy, ANGARA, has asked SUEF's permission for a Turkish ship to proceed to S. FRANCE ports to discharge a cargo of tobacco, foodstuffs and med supplies on French civil account.

119. CURRENT WHEAT SHIPS - ITALY:

Statement is att at Appx 'A'

(V. KING) Maj.
/for Brigadier
DQMG (Mov & Tn)

VK/SC

DISTRIBUTION:
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR,
THE WAR OFFICE,
WHITEHALL,
LONDON, SW 1 (attn DF Mov Q(M)9) (2) BY AIR

HQ MOV CENTRAL ITALY, C/O HQ NO.1 DISTRICT (2)
GHQ, MEF (2)
HQ ALLIED COMMISSION (3)
HQ MOV & TN ML & LF(G)

DQMG (MOV & TN)
MOV 1
MOV 3

APPENDIX 'A' / Sheet 3

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CARGO SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 19 JAN

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SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO CATA.	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE.	TORRE ANNUNZIATA
RAYMOND V INGERSOLL	25'0"		513		UGS 63	USA	2 JAN		513			
THADDEUS DAWSON	25'0"		1476		"	USA	3 JAN		1476			
HAMLIN LEE				5368	Sailed ex M.E. 29 Dec	ENG	6 JAN				5368	
SANGAMON			6773		Sailed ex MS 27 Dec	M.E.	7 JAN	6773				
LANGER HERMAN	27'0"		1274		UGS 63	USA	11 JAN		1274	(LEGHORN)		
PORT MARCH	26'0"		5399		UGS 64	USA	12 JAN					
THOMAS JEFFERSON	14'2"fwd 17'6"aft		1291		Sailed MS 19 Dec	M.E.	13 JAN		1291 (S.BASTO)			
WM LEAVITT	27'7"	8090			UGS 62	USA	16 JAN					2350
JAS IRVIN	27'4"fwd 28'7"aft		7738		UGS 65	USA	22 JAN			7738		
NATHAN HALE		8056			UGS 66	USA	25 JAN		8056			
PALERMO			1227			M.E.	25 JAN		1227			
JOHN H QUICK	28'6"		8764		UGS 67	USA	30 JAN	8764 (PALERMO)				
MARSHALL GARVES CATES	27'6"		8300		UGS 67	USA	30 JAN		8300			
CLYDE J DARTING	28'7"		8000		UGS 67	USA	30 JAN					

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BULK MEAT	B.G. MEAT	B.G. BALES	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO C.T. Ltd	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	SALERNO	REMARKS
	513		UGS 63	USA	2 JAN		513					now discharging.
	1476		"	USA	3 JAN		1476					now discharging ETC 19/1
		5368	Sailed ex M.E. 29 Dec	ENG	6 JAN				5568			at CASTELLAMMARE
	6773		Sailed ex M.E. 27 Dec	U.K.	7 JAN	6773						Discharged 5267 tons at PALERMO. Now at CATANIA.
	1274		UGS 63	USA	11 JAN		1274	(LEGHORN)				Now discharging.
	8399		UGS 64	USA	12 JAN						8399 (RECOIO/CASTONE)	discharging RECOIO.
	1291		Sailed ex M.E. 19 Dec	U.K.	13 JAN		1291 (CATANIA)					at CATANIA. Bad weather preventing discharge.
	8090		UGS 62	USA	16 JAN					2350		Discha 5740 tons CASTELLAMMARE. now discharging TORRE ANNUNZIATA.
	7738		UGS 65	USA	25 JAN			7738				Ex BARI. 10 tons
	1227		UGS 66	USA	25 JAN		8606					
	8764		UGS 67	USA	30 JAN	8764 (PALERMO)	1227					also carried 1195 tons Ord.
	3300		UGS 67	USA	30 JAN		8300					
	8000		UGS 67	USA	30 JAN						8000 (BASTIA/CASTONE)	Ex BASTIA, arrived.

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CEREAL SHIPS- ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 19 JAN.

APPENDIX "B" (CONTD

SHIP	DRAFT	FULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	C
GEORGE E HALE				7712	ETA SUEZ 22 JAN	IRAQ	31 JAN						
NEWTON D BAKER					UGS 68	USA	4 FEB						
WILLIAM HUME	28'4"				UGS 68	"	4 FEB						
EDWARD SPENCER	29'0"				UGS 68	"	4 FEB						
WENDELL L WILLKIE					UGS 69	"	9 FEB						
CLARK MICHEAN				3582	Leads Persian Gulf end Dec	IRAQ	10 FEB			3582			
BENJAMIN			750		UGS 70	USA	14 FEB		750				
LOSSIEBANK				4145	Leads Persian Gulf end Dec	IRAQ	FEB						
SULMOSS WONDE				7000	Leads Persian Gulf latter half Jan		FEB						
LUCAS				7000			FEB						
JOHN BARRY				7000		IRAQ	FEB						
IGOR PAUCK				7000		"	"						

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SICILY AND SARDINIA - POSN AT 19 JAN.

FULK DIESEL	P.G WHEAT	B.G BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CASTELLAMMARE	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	CROTONE	REMARKS
												LEGHORN/CIVITAVECCHIA
		7712	ETA SUEZ 22 JAN	IRAQ	31 JAN							
			UGS 68	USA	4 FEB							For West Coast
			UGS 68	"	4 FEB							" " "
			UGS 66	"	4 FEB							CIC for orders.
			UGS 69	"	9 FEB							For West Coast
		3582	Londs-Persian Gulf end Dec	IRAQ	10 FEB			3582				also carries 2207 tons amm.
	750		UGS 70	USA	14 FEB		750					Sailed BIZERT 16 JAN
		4145	Londs Per-sian Gulf end Dec	IRAQ	FEB							
		7000	Londs Persian Gulf latter half Jan		FEB							Arabian CRUS T leADY
		7000		IRAQ	FEB							Temporarily
		7000		"	"							

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

Ref. MGS/C-25

20 January 1945

SUBJECT: Civilian Supplies - Monthly Report - December.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394 (10)
(Attn: Economic Section)
Headquarters, AC Sicilia Region (1)
Headquarters, AC Southern Region (3)
Headquarters, AC Lazio Region (1)
Headquarters, AC Abruzzi Marche (1)
Headquarters, AC Sardegna Region (1)
Headquarters, AC Toscana Region (1)

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(i) Deck paint gray..... 9 D/LT
(ii) Lard.....523 D/LT

(c) Add under East Coast (BRINDISI) in period 17 - 26 November, BANGKOK II with 2681 D/LT sugar.

For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

(Attn: Economic Section) (2)
Headquarters, AC Sicilia Region (1)
Headquarters, AC Southern Region (3)
Headquarters, AC Lazio Region (1)
Headquarters, AC Abruzzi Marche (1)
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For the Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

J. Richardson

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Economics & Supply Division

Incls: Tables 27 and 28.

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CIVILIAN SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO ALL PORTS
IN ITALY FOR ARRIVAL DURING DECEMBER 1944
(IN U. LONG TONS GROSS)

TABLE 27 - SUMMARY OF SUPPLIES

(a) COMMODITY	(b) West Coast	(c) East Coast	(d) Reggio/ Crotone	(e) Total Italy	(f) Sicily	(g) Sardinia	(h) GRAND TOTAL
Wheat (bagged)	7,033	-	12,615	19,648	12,971	-	32,619
Wheat (bulk)	23,693	-	-	23,693	-	-	23,693
Flour	27,474	6,137	-	33,611	-	-	33,611
Sugar	7,442	594	-	8,036	-	-	8,036
Milk (powdered)	884	999	-	1,883	-	-	1,883
Lard	2,558	1,744	-	4,302	-	-	4,302
Luncheon meat	-	10	-	10	-	-	10
Soup (dehyd)	2,699	1,730	-	4,429	-	-	4,429
TOTAL SUBSISTENCE	71,783	11,214	12,615	95,612	12,971	-	108,583
Bushings	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbon paper	1(b)	-	-	1	-	-	1
Clothing IRA	181	-	-	181	-	-	181
" gloves	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal Tar	31	-	-	31	-	-	31
Delousing powder	3	-	-	3	-	-	3
Dye	3	-	-	3	-	-	3
Hydrogen peroxide & Ethyl chloridum	-	(d)	-	-	-	-	-
Insecticide	39	-	-	39	-	-	39
Linotype	(e)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical supplies	(f)	4	-	4	-	-	4
Methyl Bromide	8	-	-	8	-	-	8
Needles	1(g)	-	-	1	-	-	1
Paint	31	-	-	31	-	-	31
Paper plain	186	29	-	215	-	-	215
" writing	45	-	-	45	-	-	45
" bags cement	-	25	-	25	-	-	25
" newsprint	53	-	-	53	-	-	53
" printing	66	21	-	87	-	-	87
" cigarette blue	-	9	-	9	-	-	9
" " uncut	-	21	-	21	-	-	21
Phosphates	2,850	1,826	-	4,676	5,910	750	11,336
Phosphorus sesquisulphide	10	-	-	10	-	-	10
Pins	(h)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile machinery parts	(i)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thread	(k)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyres	50	-	-	50	-	-	50
Wire steel	45	134	-	179	-	-	179
TOTAL OTHER THAN	3,603	2,069	-	5,672	5,910	750	12,332

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TOTAL SUBSISTENCE	71,783	11,214	12,615	95,612	12,971	-	108,583
Bushings	(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carbon paper	1(b)	-	-	1	-	-	1
Clothing IRA	181	-	-	181	-	-	181
" gloves	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal Tar	31	-	-	31	-	-	31
Delousing powder	3	-	-	3	-	-	3
Dye	3	-	-	3	-	-	3
Hydrogen peroxide & Ethyl chloridum	-	(d)	-	-	-	-	-
Insecticide	39	-	-	39	-	-	39
Linotype	(e)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical supplies	(f)	4	-	4	-	-	4
Methyl Bromide	8	-	-	8	-	-	8
Needles	1(g)	-	-	1	-	-	1
Paint	31	-	-	31	-	-	31
Paper plain	186	29	-	215	-	-	215
" writing	45	-	-	45	-	-	45
" bags cement	-	25	-	25	-	-	25
" newsprint	53	-	-	53	-	-	53
" printing	66	21	-	87	-	-	87
" cigarette blue	-	9	-	9	-	-	9
" " uncut	-	21	-	21	-	-	21
Phosphates	2,850	1,826	-	4,676	5,910	750	11,336
Phosphorus sesquisulphide	10	-	-	10	-	-	10
Pins	(h)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile machinery parts	(i)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thread	(k)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tyres	50	-	-	50	-	-	50
Wire steel	45	134	-	179	-	-	179
TOTAL OTHER THAN SUBSISTENCE	3,603	2,069	-	5,672	5,910	750	12,332
GRAND TOTAL	75,386	13,283	12,615	101,284	18,881	750	120,915

(a) 1,065 lbs
(b) 1,637 lbs
(c) 289 lbs
(d) 896 lbs
(e) 982 lbs
(f) Negligible weight
(g) 1,376 lbs
(h) 316 lbs
(i) 1,008 lbs
(k) 420 lbs

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TABLE 28

CIVILIAN SUPPL
DURING DECEMBE

PERIOD	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHIP CODE	SHIP NAME	Flour	Wheat bagged	Wheat bulk	Sugar	Milk Powdered	Lard	Luncheon Meat	Soup Dehydrated
27 Nov - 6 Dec	U.K.	Naples	KK 155	Samettrick								
6 Dec	U.K.	"	KK 156	Uffington Court								
"	U.S.	"	PP 345	Pedro Menendez	8,383							
"	U.S.	"	BA 606	Thomas Sumner					449	901		2,085
"	North Africa	"	-	Gaeta								
7-16 Dec	U.S.	"	BA 621	Grant Wood				2,081	435	1,657		614
"	U.S.	"	BA 623	Louis Joliet		1,418	7,393					
"	U.S.	"	BA 625	Cyrus H. Curtis								
"	South Africa	"	-	City of Worcester				2,361				
17-26 Dec	U.S.	"	HR 923	Samuel Griffin		1,396						
"	U.S.	"	HR 925	Jos. Nicholson		1,431						
"	U.S.	"	-	Peregrine White		755						
"	U.S.	"	NY 727	Bart Gosnold		755						
"	U.S.	"	NY 775	Rufus E. Foster		1,278						
"	U.S.	"	PH 360	Henry G. Costin	8,231							
"	U.S.	Castellammare	BA 624	William Leavitt(i)			8,300					
"	U.S.	"	-	Delhi			8,000					
27 Nov - 6 Dec	Australia	Leghorn	-	Boskoop	7,510							
"	N.E.	"	-	Augustin Stahl	3,350			500				
"	U.S.	"	BA 608	Jos. Lippincott								
"	U.S.	"	HR 847	King S. Woolsey								
"	U.S.	"	BA 573	Betty Zane								
7-16 Dec	South Africa	Civitavecchia	-	City of Worcester				2,500				
TOTAL WEST COAST					27,474	7,033	23,693	7,442	884	2,558	-	2,699

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CIVILIAN SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO ALL PORTS IN ITALY, DURING DECEMBER (IN D" LONG TONS GROSS UNLESS

SHIP CODE	NAME	Flour	Wheat bagged	Wheat bulk	Sugar	Milk Powdered	Lard	Luncheon Meat	Soup Dehydrated	TOTAL FOOD	Bushings	Clothing	Coal Tar	Dye
KK 155	Samettrick													
KK 156	Uffington Court									8,383				
FF 345	Pedro Menendez	8,383				449	901		2,085	3,435	(c)		31	
BA 606	Thomas Sumner													
-	Gaeta				2,081	435	1,657		614	4,787		(g)		3
BA 621	Grant Wood									8,811				
BA 623	Louis Joliet		1,418	7,393							(h)			
BA 625	Cyrus H. Curtis									2,361				
-	City of Worcester				2,361					1,396				
HR 923	Samuel Griffin		1,396							1,431				
HR 925	Jos. Nicholson		1,431							755		181		
-	Peregrine White		755							755				
NY 727	Bart Gosnold		755							1,278				
NY 775	Rufus E. Foster		1,278							8,231				
PH 360	Henry G. Costin	8,231								8,300				
BA 624	William Leavitt(i)			8,300						8,000				
-	Delhi			8,000						7,510				
-	Beskoop	7,510								3,850				
-	Augustin Stahl	3,350			500									
BA 608	Jos. Lippincott													
HR 847	King S. Woolsey													
BA 573	Betty Zane													
-	City of Worcester				2,500					2,500				
		27,474	7,033	23,693	7,442	884	2,558	-	2,699	71,783	-	181	31	3

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SICILY & SARDINIA FOR ARRIVAL
OTHER ISLANDS SHOWN)

Hydro gen Peroxide & Ethyl Chloridum	Insect-icide & Delous-ing Powder	Med Sups	Needles Thread & Pins	Paint	Paper plain	Paper writ-ing	Paper Bags Cement	Paper News-print	Paper Print-ing	Paper Cigar-ette Blue	Paper Cigar-ette Uncut	Phos-phates	Tyres	Wire Steel
					57			29	66					45
												2,850		
	42(d)		1(f)	20	112								34	
														16
				11										
					17	45		24						
	(k)													
-	42	-	1	31	186	45	-	53	66	-	-	2,850	50	45

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edles read Pins	Paint	Paper plain	Paper writ - ing	Paper Bags Cement	Paper News- print	Paper Print- ing	Paper Cigar- ette Blue	Paper Cigar- ette Uncut	Phos- phates	Tyres	Wire Steel	Misc.	Total Non- Food	GRAND TOTAL
												10(a)	10	10
												(b)	-	-
													-	8,383
		57			29	66					45		228	3,663
									2,850				2,850	2,850
1(f)	20	112								34		9(e)	221	5,008
														8,811
														-
														2,361
										16			16	1,412
														1,431
													181	936
														755
														1,278
														8,231
														8,300
														8,000
														7,510
														3,850
	11												11	11
		17	45		24								86	86
														-
														2,500
1	31	186	45	-	53	66	-	-	2,850	50	45	19	3,603	75,386

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TABLE 3 (Cont'd)

PERIOD	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHIP CODE	SHIP NAME	Flour	Meat canned	Meat bulk	Sugar	Milk Pow- dered	Lard	Bacon Meat	Sou Fr
										971		1,49
27 Nov -	U.S.	Bari	HR 850	Ambrose Burnside							10	
6 Dec	U.S.	"	HR 877	Ethan Allen				594	223	773		23
"	U.S.	"	HR 878	John F. Forehead								
7-16 Dec	U.K.	"	LL 121	Empire Stronghold								
"	U.K.	"	LL 122	Alaska					776			
17-26 Dec	U.S.	"	HR 916	Amos Kendall								
"	U.K.	"	-	Sinnington Court								
27 Nov-6Dec	North Africa	Barletta	-	Gudvin								
17-26 Dec	U.S.	Brindisi	PH 359	Norma	6,137							
27 Nov-6Dec	Australia	Crotone	-	Fort Beausejour		3,962						
17-26 Dec	U.S.	Reggio/Crotone	-	Sydney Wright		8,653						
TOTAL EAST COAST					6,137	12,615	-	594	999	1,744	10	1,7
27 Nov-6 Dec	Australia	Palermo	-	Fort Beausejour		3,500						
"	North Africa	"	-	Gaeta								
17-26 Dec	U.S.	Palermo/Catania	-	Samtweed		8,201						
"	U.S.	Messina	MY 724	Sam T. Darling		1,270						
27 Nov-6 Dec	N. Africa	Porto Empedocle	-	Lacydon								
TOTAL SICILY					-	12,971	-	-	-	-	-	-
7-16 Dec	-	Cagliari	-	Pelagosa	(TOTAL SARDINIA)		-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL					33,611	32,619	23,693	8,036	1,883	4,302	10	4,(

(a) Phosphorus sesquisulphide
(b) 1008 lbs textile machinery parts
(c) 485 lbs

(d) Insecticide 39)
Powder delousing 3)
(e) Methyl bromide 8 tons
Carbon paper 1637 lbs
Linotype 982 lbs

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ATION	SHIP CODE	SHIP NAME	Flour	Wheat bagged	Wheat bulk	Sugar	Milk Pdr - dried	Lard	Leach-eon Yeast	Sou- -dry- -r ted	TOTAL FOOD	Bush-ings	Cloth-ing	Coal Tr	Dye
ei	HR 850	Ambrose Burnside						971		1,493	2,464				
	HR 877	Ethan Allen							10		10				
	HR 878	John M. Forehead				594	223	773		237	1,827				
	LL 121	Empire Stronehold													
	LL 122	Alaska													
	HR 916	Amos Kendall					776				776				
	-	Sinnington Court													
rletta	-	Cudvin													
ndisi	PH 359	Norma	6,137								6,137				
tone	-	Fort Beausejour		3,962							3,962				
/Crotone	-	Sydney Wright		8,653							8,653				
			6,137	12,615	-	594	999	1,744	10	1,730	23,829	-	-	-	-
lermo	-	Fort Beausejour		3,500							3,500				
"	-	Gaeta													
o/Catania	-	Samtweed		8,201							8,201				
ssina	MY 724	Sam T. Darling		1,270							1,270				
o Empedocle	-	Lacydon													
			-	12,971	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,971	-	-	-	-
gliari	-	Pelagosa (TOTAL SARDINIA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
			33,611	32,619	23,693	8,036	1,883	4,302	10	4,429	108,583	-	181	31	3

Phosphorus sesquisulphide 1008 lbs textile machinery parts 485 lbs

(d) Insecticide 39)
Powder delousing 3)
(e) Methyl bromide 8 tons
Carbon paper 1637 lbs
Linotype 982 lbs

(f) Needles 1376 lbs
Thread 420 lbs
Pins 316 lbs
(g) Gloves 289 lbs

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Hydrogen Peroxide & Ethyl Chloride	Insecticide & Poisoning Powder	Wood Guns	Needles Thread & Pins	Paint	Paper Plain	Paper Writing	Paper Bags Cement	Paper Newsprint	Paper Printing	Paper Cigarette Blue	Paper Cigarette Uncut	Phosphates	Tyres	Tires Steel
							25		21					
					29									4
(m)		3												
		1								9	21			9
												1,826		
-	-	4	-	-	29	-	25	-	21	9	21	1,826	-	134
												5,450		
												460		
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,910	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750	-	-
-	42	4	1	31	215	45	25	53	87	9	21	11,336	50	17

(h) 580 lbs
(i) Approximately
(k) Negligible weight
(m) 896 lbs.

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Needles Thread & Pins	Paint	Paper Plain	Paper Writing	Paper Bags Cement	Paper Newsprint	Paper Printing	Paper Cigarette Blue	Paper Cigarette Uncut	Phosphates	Tyres	Wire Steel	Misc.	Total Non-Food	GRAND TOTAL
													46	2,510
				25		21								10
											44		73	1,900
		29											3	3
														-
							9	21			90		120	896
													1	1
									1,826				1,826	1,826
														6,137
														3,962
														8,653
-	-	29	-	25	-	21	9	21	1,826	-	134	-	2,069	25,898
														3,500
									5,450				5,450	5,450
														8,201
														1,270
									460				460	460
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,910	-	-	-	5,910	18,881
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750	-	-	-	750	750
1	31	215	45	25	53	87	9	21	11,336	50	179	19	12,332	120,915

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'norexinately
Negligible weight (m) 896 lbs.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of Director of Harbor Craft
Western Mediterranean.

21st January 1945

To : Chairman, Medbe

Weekly Report No. 39

ITEM 48. KOENIGSBERG and MALEMTE

Reference special meeting 2nd January, a report has been received that repairs to these two ex-German self-propelled barges will take some months. It is expected that when the craft are ready for service it will be found possible to allocate them to the Fiumicino run.

ITEM 49. 150ton FLOATING CRANE AT TARANTO

Advice has been received that the 150ton floating crane at Taranto will be out of commission until middle of February. Facilities until then are a 60ton fixed swan-neck crane and 40ton floating crane.

ITEM 50. 80ton SHEERLEGS SUNK AT CIVITAVECCHIA

Allied Commission report that the 80ton sheerlegs used in original harbour construction and now sunk at Civita-vecchia, is being salvaged by the Italians.

Director of Harbor Craft.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 hours JAN

	CLEAN No. of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Capacity (barrels)	DIRTY No. of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No.
A. On Ocean Service					
1. With Cargo	24	2,444,000	6	414,000	
2. In Ballast	15	1,533,000	2	112,000	
3. In dry-dock or Repair	-	-	-	-	
B. On Coastal Service (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C.D.E.)					
1. Working	17	334,000	2	113,000	
2. Dry-dock or Repair	11	155,000	3	124,000	
C. Water Carriers	25	173,000	-	-	
D. Harbour Fuellers	3 (a)	72,000	11 (b)	203,000	
E. On operational Service (including L.F.E.)	9	123,000	6	300,000	

(a) 1 Vessel (RONDINE 68,000 bbls.) used as Floating Storage
(b) 3 Vessels MARY LAVOUTE 4,000 bbls. GULF PRINCE 33,000 bbls. CHRISTINE 1,000 bbls. also used as Floa

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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 hours JANUARY 20th. 1945

CLEAN No.of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Capacity (barrels)	DIRTY No.of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Capacity (barrels)	TOTAL No.of Vessels	TOTAL Cargo Cap. (barrels)
24	2,444,000	6	414,000	30	2,858,000
15	1,533,000	2	112,000	17	1,645,000
-	-	-	-	-	-
17	334,000	2	113,000	19	447,000
11	155,000	3	124,000	14	279,000
25	173,000	-	-	25	173,000
3 (a)	72,000	11 (b)	203,000	14	275,000
9	123,000	6	300,000	15	423,000

(a) 1 Vessel (RONDINE 68,000 bbls.) used as Floating Storage
(b) 3 Vessels MOLY HALOUTE GULF PRINCE CHRISTINE also used as Floating Storage.
4,000 bbls. 33,000 bbls. 1,000 bbls.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

DREDGING COMMITTEE.

No. 6.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1430 HOURS ON THE 18TH JANUARY, 1945.

Chairman:	Captain P.R. Robinson R.N.V.R.	F.C.E. to C in C Med.
Present :	Commander I.G. Croxford R.N.V.R.	A.F.C.E. to C in C Med.
	Major V. King	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Captain F.X. Quinn, U.S. Army	Tn. (Am.).
	Monsieur le Terrier	Ingénieur Travaux Maritimes.
	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
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The Committee agreed that the former proposal appeared the more practicable and that it should be put into operation. It was emphasised that the execution of this plan was dependent on the repairs to "KIL" being completed by 1st March and that every endeavour should be made to ensure that the dredger would be ready at that date, if not earlier. If by some chance this should not be possible,/

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/possible, the question of towing "CAIRN" from Morocco could then be considered.

45. LA GOULETTE. Ref. 33. As stated in the preceding Minute, the dredging at this port would be carried out by "KIL" once she had been put into working condition. The Chairman said he would arrange for the necessary supply of coal for this dredger and also for the two barges from "ORION" to be sent to La Goulette. Chairman.

A letter from the Ministry of Supply stating that exports of Iron Ore from North Africa would probably have to be increased to 150,000 tons a month, was quoted by Mr. Steedman, who said that a great part of additional shipments would take place from La Goulette and it was therefore most important that the dredging be completed to 27 feet in order to allow Liberty type vessels to load there.

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50. PIOMBINO. This port was to be opened up by A.C. who, Major King said, wished the depth of water increased from 14ft. to 18ft. which he understood could be done as the harbour had only silted up and rock was not found until 19ft. "ROMA" would also have to be used at this port but it was agreed that Leghorn and Fiumicino/

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Fluidising should be handled first. The use of the dredger from Ischia would also be considered.

51. DREDGERS FOUND IN GREECE. Ref. 40. Repairs to these dredgers had been somewhat delayed by disturbed conditions and the Chairman said that financial difficulties had arisen.

52. COAL FOR DREDGING PLANT AT SFAX. Ref. 41. Flag Officer, Tunisia, had been authorised to issue 300 tons/from naval stocks, but Mr. Steedman said this amount was required each month and the Chairman agreed to take up the matter again.

Chairman.

53. GENERAL DIRECTIVE ON DREDGING POLICY. Ref. 42. As the powers of the component members of the Dredging Committee extended to areas beyond the jurisdiction of MEDBO, the Chairman felt further discussions on the Directive should be deferred until Mr. Gibson Graham's return from London.

54. NOTIFICATION OF DREDGING PROJECTS. As it was felt that some authorities might not be aware of the correct procedure to be followed in putting forward present and future dredging requirements, it was agreed that details of the information needed by the Dredging Committee should be passed to MEDBO with the request that the members should accordingly instruct their various departments concerned.

Secretary.

55. MOGADISHU. A request had been received from the Dredging Co-Ordinating Committee for MEDBO to lend a dredger to carry out a 2/3 months requirement at Mogadishu but the Chairman said it had been replied that this was not possible owing to existing commitments. It had, however, been suggested that a suction dredger owned by the Suez Canal Co., which they were willing to hire or sell, might be of use.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS (UN-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No.22. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 8th JANUARY 1945.

Present :-

Mr. James M. Henderson (M.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr. T.H. Garrard RNR	(SSTO)	Lt.Col. E. Williams	(AQMG (M)
Lt. R.W. Calcutt RNVR	(STO)	Capt. MacLean	(WSA NA.)
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The Minutes of Meeting No.21 of 4th January were reviewed. 3406

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As a safeguard, it was agreed that the French must agree to use the Quai Colbert for transit purposes only. It was stated that an average of only 4 berths would now be required for the working of services cargo. Sets I and 2 Sheds would be retained by S.I.C. and U.W.T. respectively, and the Chairman agreed to investigate with Comdr. Garrard the problem of transferring U.W.T. Dock Office in Sets I alongside S.T.O., as it was anticipated that the former would shortly require to vacate their present premises on Quai d'Arcachon.

Mr. Henderson.

No.140. "LIDO" AT ORAN

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Mr. Janet H. Henderson (N.W.E.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

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Referring to Min.131, Lt.Calcutt reported that civilian documents for this French cargo had now been received, addressed to S.A.E.F., and that Major Stebbens had written to this concern for further information to enable the goods to be delivered there.

No.141. REPORT PROCEEDS - S.T.NICE.

With reference to Min.138, the Chairman reported that the "OUSEL" (now proceeding to Palermo) had been replaced by "H.M.S. LE DORADE", and Lt.Col.Williams stated that he had dispatched AFHQ advising them that the French had already been approached for all available for their "EXODUS".

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No. 142. SHIP DISCHARGE

The Chairman pointed out that there was a certain congestion in the port of Bizerta, with the "HIGH PARK" discharging and "CRYSTAL PARK" just arrived. The French Receivers had asked that the former should proceed to complete at La Goulette, but the Chairman pointed out that there were still two colliers discharging there and that they would doubtless suffer by the arrival of a Grain ship on which Demurrage was payable. It was agreed therefore that no advantage would be gained by moving the "HIGH PARK" to La Goulette until the colliers had cleared.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, 15th. January 1945.

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c/o.M. F.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS.
5th.January 1945.

No.40.

To: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBC.

From: French Liaison. M. F.T.R. N.A.

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
4th.January 1945.

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8-CARRIAGE OF SULPHUR FROM SICILY. French were informed that the "P.L.M.13" would call at Algiers for Bunkers and change of crew and would then proceed to TOULON to discharge her cargo of 3.000 tons of sulphur. -- M.W.T.R. N.A. stated that he had asked Naples for information as to the cargo of sulphur that the "PROCUE" is to load in view of the possibilities of delay due to the non-arrival of sulphur at quay owing to bad weather and other conditions.

Signed. P.F. LEBARS.
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SUBJECT: G-4 (Mo.) Weekly Report to MEDBO on Civil Subs

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/411/3DM

13 Jan 45

Tel: EASTON 229

109 OVERALL THEATRE CIVIL REQUIREMENTS

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(All figures thousands of net metric tons)

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Food including wheat. All ITALY, SICILY and SARDINIA	104	104	212	231	231	231	1113	143
All items AUSTRIA (if approved by CCS) and dependent on current ops	-	-	45	42	42	42	171	24
Food, including wheat. BALKANS (may increase if UNRRA takes over. See para..... may decrease if present conflict continues	-	155	155	155	155	155	775	105
TOTAL TONS	104	259	412	428	428	428	2059	
TOTAL SHIPS	13	34	54	57	57	57		272

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Fertilisers etc. ITALY	-	11	11	11	-	-	33	5
Miscellaneous non-recurring items BALKANS	10	10	10	10	10	10	60	10
TOTAL	10	21	21	41	30	30	153	25

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Fertilisers etc. ITALY	-	11	11	11	-	-	33	5
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TOTAL	10	21	21	41	30	30	153	25

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(a) Wheat requirements are given below in thousands of net metric tons.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL
North ITALY		50	100	143	143	143	579
South ITALY	130	130	130	130	130	130	780
SICILY	28	28	28	28	28	28	168
SARDINIA	8	8	8	8	8	8	48
TOTAL WHEAT	166	216	266	309	309	309	1575
fed from stocks	72	122	72	96	96	96	554
Imports	94	94	194	213	213	213	1021

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(b) Discharge areas for imports are:-

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Other food	35.0	35.0	34.9	104.9
Textile & footwear	10.8	8.4	3.9	23.1
Medical	.5	.5	.5	1.5
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CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY & SARDINIA - POSH AT 12 JAN

SHIP	Draft	Bulk Wheat	Bag Wheat	Bag Barley	Convoy	From	Due	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	CASTELLAM MARE	BARI	GAETA LARI	TO ANZIO
H.G. COSTIN	27'4"		8231 (F)		UGS 62	USA	23 Dec		8231				
PEREGRINE WHITE	26'0"		755		UGS 62	USA	23 Dec		755				
WM LEAVITT	27'7"	8090			UGS 62	USA	26 Dec			8090			
SIDNEY WRIGHT	29'0"		8653		UGS 62	USA	31 Dec						
EMPIRE COWDRAY	24'6"		7789		UGS 63	USA	1 Jan					7789	
PAYMASTER V INGERSOLL	25'0"		500		UGS 63	USA	2 Jan		500				
THESTER DALTON	23'0"		1476		"	USA	3 Jan		1476				
SKAGERAK			7598		Sailed Ex ME 21 Dec	AUST-RALIA	5 Jan				7598		
PETER MCGUIRE	26'0"		1452		UGS 63	USA	6 Jan		1452				
LANSDALE				5368	Sailed Ex ME 29 Dec	IRAQ	6 Jan			5368			
SAMOAN			6773		Sailed Ex ME 27 Dec	U.K.	7 Jun	6773					
EDGER HERMAN	27'0"		1274		UGS 63	USA	11 Jun		1274				
RUFUS E FOSTER	27'0"		1278		UGS 62	USA	12 Jun		1278 (SALERNO)				
SAMUEL T DARLING	26'8"		1270		UGS 62	USA	13 Jun	1270 (MESSINA)					

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SICILY & SARDINIA - POSN AT 12 JAN

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ft	Bulk Wheat	Bag Wheat	Bag Barley	Convoy	From	Due	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	CASTELLAMMARE	BARI	GAETA	TORRE ANNUNZIATA	CROTONE	Remarks
"		8231 (F)		UGS 62	USA	23 Dec		8231						Also carries 38 vehs Discharging NAPLES
"		755		UGS 62	USA	23 Dec		755						Now discharging
"	8090			UGS 62	USA	26 Dec			8090					Now discharging
"		8653		UGS 62	USA	31 Dec							6211	Discharged RE[illegible]0 8442 tons. Discharging CROTONE ETC 12 Jan.
"		7789		UGS 63	USA	1 Jan					7789			Now discharging ETC 12 Jan.
"		500		UGS 63	USA	2 Jan		500						Now discharging
"		1476		"	USA	3 Jan		1476						Now discharging
		7598		Sailed Ex ME 21 Dec	AUST-RALIA	5 Jan				7598				Now discharging
"		1452		UGS 63	USA	6 Jan		1452						Discharging LEGHORN
			5368	Sailed Ex ME 29 Dec	IRAQ	6 Jan			5368					Discharges Barley at CASTELLAMMARE & Ann at NAPLES. awaiting berth
		6773		Sailed Ex ME 27 Dec	M.T.	7 Jan	6773							Discharging PALERMO
"		1274		UGS 63	USA	11 Jan		1274						Arvd LEGHORN 11 Jan
"		1278		UGS 62	USA	12 Jan		1270 (SALERNO)						To commence SALERNO 12 Jan
"		1270		UGS 62	USA	13 Jan	1270 (MESSINA)							

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FORT DUNCAN	26'0"		8399		UGS 64	USA	13 Jan							(C
THERESE NOMICOS	14'2" Fwd 17'6" aft		1291		Sailed ME 19 Dec	M.E.	13 Jan		1291 (SALERNO)					
JAS L BLACK	27'4" Fwd 29'7" aft		7738		UGS 65	USA	23 Jan				7738			
CLAN MACHEAN				1000	Load Persian Gulf and Dec	IRAQ	and Jan							
LOSSIEBANK				1000	" " " "		" "							
GEORGE E HALE				7000	Sailed IRAQ 8 Jan	"	Jan							
SUL ROSS READE				7000	Loads Persian Gulf latter half Jan		Feb							
GAUDUCEUS				7000			Feb							
NATHAN HALE		8686			UGS 66	USA	2 Feb		8686					
JOHN H QUICK	20'0"		8300		UGS 67	USA	2 Feb							
ELISHA GRAVES OTIS	27'0"		8300		UGS 67	USA	3 Feb				8300			
MICHAEL EDELSTEIN				7000		IRAQ	Feb							
VICTOR HERBERT				7000		"	"							

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ND SARDINIA - POSN AT 12 JAN

lk heat	Bag Wheat	Bag Barley	Convoy	From	Due	PALERMO/ CATANIA	NAPLES	CAST-ELLAM MARE	BARI	CaGL LARI	TORRE ANNUN ZIATA	CROTONE	Remarks
	8399		UGS 64	USA	13 Jan							8399 (REGGIO/ CROTONE)	at AUGUSTA
	1291		Sailed ME 19 Dec	M.E.	13 Jan		1291 (SALERNO)						at NAPLES 11 Jan
	7738		UGS 65	USA	23 Jan				7738				Ex BALKANS programme
		1000	Load Persian IRAQ Gulf end Dec		end Jan								
		1000	" " " "		" "								
		7000	Sailed IRAQ " 8 Jan		Jan								LEGHORN/CIVITAVECCHIA
		7000	Loads Persian Gulf latter half Jan		Feb								Replaces CYRUS T BRADY
		7000			Feb								
8686			UGS 66	USA	2 Feb		8686						
	8300		UGS 67	USA	2 Feb								For West Coast
	8300		UGS 67	USA	3 Feb					8300			
		7000		IRAQ	Feb								
		7000		"	"								

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 60.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 12TH JANUARY, 1945.

Present: Mr. J. Gibson Graham Chairman.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Constructor Lieutenant Lawrence, R.C.N.C.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Ing. en Chef 2ème. Classe, Gandilhon.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
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No. 2 Dock was then taken up by Local Craft, Commander Hardie saying that "EMPIRE GAT" was due to go in after them and would be followed by "MANNINGTON" then "EMPIRE LASS".

As "FORT VENANGO", newly bid for cleaning and painting, was allocated to/

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/to load iron ore on the West Coast of Africa for the United Kingdom,, it was considered preferable that she be scrubbed rather than occupy a dock.

941. FREMAVILLE. Commander Hardie reported that the French Warship would be in No. 1 Dock for about three weeks and that "SAWINGED" was then in No. 2 Dock and would be followed by an H.M. Ship for a quick docking. Two Pontoon Docks would then go in, after them a French Warship, then "GUDRUN" for four days.
H.M. Ships and "LUBLIN" were due to undock from No. 4 Dock the following day when H.M. Ships were programmed to dock for an indefinite period.
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Petroleum Section had advised that the tanker "JENNINGS" would be ready for service in a few days and it was therefore presumed that she was in dock. "CLIFFORD MALLORY", "BRET HARTE", "LA MORLALTA", "SIDI AISSA" were programmed to follow in that order. Ingenieur Gandilhon put forward a request for the latter vessel to dock before "MORLALTA" but it was felt that further information as to the likely length of time in drydock of both vessels should be ascertained before reversing the decision.

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946. REPAIRS AT MARSEILLES. Ref. 895. Commander Hardie reported the receipt of a letter from the authorities in S. France stating that approval of C in C Med. to acceptance of "JEAN LABORDE" (vide Minute 684) for long term repairs, had been received through Marine Paris. He stated that no such approval had, in fact, been given, the Chairman saying he had been informed by Monsieur Chardon that repairs to this vessel would take a very considerable time. The Chairman considered that "KOUTOUBIA" should not proceed to Marseilles until the French had confirmed that she could be taken and felt that both she and "FLORIDA" should be accepted before "JEAN LABORDE".

947. DEGAUSSING. The possibility of degaussing vessels in Marseilles was raised, Captain Bate stating that "COTTON VALLEY" would need to be done soon, as also "UGO FIORELLI" and "ZANIBON" at Bizerta which latter tanker would be required to sail in the Northern Adriatic. It was stated that at present this work could only be undertaken at Gibraltar, Algiers, Ferryville, Malta and Taranto.

948. REFRIGERATOR COASTERS. A request from Sea Transport that repairs to these vessels be given priority was reported by the Chairman who suggested that one vessel at a time be taken off service for permanent repairs. Lt. Cmdr. Blair said that at the moment there were four such coasters laid up and proposed that "SPERO" immobilised at Taranto and "LUBLIN" at Bizerta be considered first. Mr. Smith said 14 days would be needed for a re-fit and that he would arrange for work on these two ships to be commenced. In view of the situation at Taranto Lt.Cmdr. Blair asked that some priority be given to repairs to "SPERO" but it was considered this could be best decided by local authorities in the light of the position obtaining.

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DRYDOCKING LIST.

12TH JANUARY,

PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
C. SABLANCA.	SAN CLAUDIO	IN DOCK			Cleaning & painting.
	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		
GIBRALTAR.	FULCOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital. Tanker. Requires new ste & prop.
ORAN.	CAP FALCON	At Oran	ready	Mar. 1944	Cleaning & painting. Repairs to rudder.
	DUKE OF SPARTA	At Sea for Oran	13th Jan.		Damaged in Engine Room & No.
	JOHNS HOPKINS	At Sea for Oran	22nd Jan.	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10
	EAGLE	In Adriatic			overhaul & extensive repairs.
ALGIERS.	SCHLAFFINO FRERES	IN DOCK			Rudder repairs.
	MEONIA	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning & painting.
	GRAND QUEVILLY	At Algiers	ready		Tanker. Cl. & painting & machinery overhaul. &
	ANTONIO	At Algiers	14th Jan.	May, 1944	Tanker. Cleaning & painting &
	HANNINGTON	Due Algiers	12th Jan.		overhaul.
	EMPIRE LASS	In S.France awtg.relief	25th Jan.		Tanker. Damaged prop. Been as
	FORT VENANGO	At Naples awtg.discharge	23rd Jan.	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8½k.
	CANTAKEIT	At Malta repairing	uncertain	Feb. 1944	Maltese. Sp. reduced from 8-6
FERRYVILLE.	SAMMINGED	IN DOCK			Refrig.coaster. Sp.reduced fr
	LUBLIN	At Ferryville	ready		Speed reduced from 8-7k.
	GUDRUN	At Sea for Ferryville	on arrival		Speed reduced from 11-8½k.
	SAMBASH	At Ancona discharging	24th Jan.	Mar. 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9k.(N
	SAMINGOY	Ldg. at Bone for Naples	30th Jan.		April 1944).
TARANTO AND BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE CANDIDA	At Bari	ready		Crane ship. Reduced speed.
	CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Cleaning & painting. Ital.
	SPERO	At Taranto	ready		Sp. reduced from 9-7½k. Gene
					haul.
	EMPIRE ADUR	At Ancona for Taranto	10th Jan.	Aug. 1944	Refrig.Ship. Sp.reduced from
					General overhaul.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
	IN DOCK				
OUTLIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning & painting.	(FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Ital. Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end & prop.	(MWTR BID)
	At Oran	ready	Mar. 1944	Cleaning & painting.	(FRENCH BID)
				Repairs to rudder.	(MWTR BID)
RTA	At Sea for Oran			Damaged in Engine Room & No. 3 Hold.	(WSA BID)
INS	At Sea for Oran	13th Jan.	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul & extensive repairs.	(WSA BID)
	In Adriatic	22nd Jan.			
FREIRES	IN DOCK				
	At Algiers	ready		Rudder repairs.	(FRENCH BID)
	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning & painting.	(WSA BID)
ILLY	At Algiers	11th Jan.	May, 1944	Tanker. Cleaning & painting & machinery overhaul.	(MWTR BID)
	Due Algiers	14th Jan.			
S	In S.France awtg.relief	25th Jan.		Tanker. Damaged prop. Been ashore.	(MWTR BID)
GO	At Naples awtg.discharge	23rd Jan.	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$-$8\frac{1}{2}$k.	(MWTR BID)
	At Malta repairing	uncertain	Feb. 1944	Maltese. Sp. reduced from 8-$6\frac{1}{2}$k.	(MWTR BID)
	IN DOCK				
	At Ferryville	ready		Refrig.coaster. Sp.reduced from 10-8k.	(PSTO BID)
	At Sea for Ferryville	on arrival		Speed reduced from 8-7k.	(PSTO BID)
	At Ancon discharging	24th Jan.	Mar. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-$8\frac{1}{2}$k.	(MWTR BID)
	Ldg. at Bone for Naples	30th Jan.		Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-9k.(New ship April 1944).	(PSTO BID)
				Crane ship. Reduced speed.	(PSTO BID)
NDIA	At Bari	ready		Cleaning & painting. Ital.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Sp. reduced from 9-$7\frac{1}{2}$k. General overhaul.	(PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Refrig.Ship. Sp.reduced from 10-$8\frac{1}{2}$k.	(PSTO BID)
UR	At Ancona for Taranto	16th Jan.	Aug. 1944	General overhaul.	

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
For Repairs.	TURIDDU	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Alignment of shafts.
	EMPIRE ROACH	At Taranto	ready		Rudder repairs.
	TERESA SCHLAFFINO	At Taranto			Italian. Removal of propellor shaft.
	ASSUNZIONE	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post.
	LYMINGE	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.
	ICELAND	Ldg.Taranto for Ancona 25th Jan.			Crane ship. Examination of stern tube.
	ORIETTA	In Yugoslavia end Jan.			Italian. Leaking stern glands.
NAPLES.	TRITON MARIS	IN DOCK		Aug. 1942	Ital. Sp. reduced from 10½-6½k.& repairs
	CAPO ALLE	At Naples	ready		Repairs to rudder.
	WASHINGTON IRVING	At Naples	ready	May, 1944	Italian. Personnel ship. Cleaning & pai
	SESTRIERE	At Naples for Leghorn 20th Jan.			cleaning strainers.
					Italian. Hull repairs.
	ITU	At Naples	ready		
LEGHORN.	FANNY LAUNITZ	At Naples for Leghorn	14th Jan.	Apr. 1944	Italian Speed reduced from 10½-7k.
	ZAANSTROOM	At Naples for Leghorn 18th Jan.		Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k.
	EMPIRE COPPERFIELD	At Naples discharging	22nd Jan.		Speed reduced from 10-8k.
	BEACONSFIELD	In M.E.Ldg.for Naples 23rd Jan.			Speed reduced from 10-7k.
	SAMIRE	Discharging at Naples	24th Jan.		Speed reduced from 11-7k.
	ANDREA CONTARINI	At Sfax	25th Jan.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning & painting.
	ALNESFORD	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern b
LA CIOTAT.	JEMMICS	IN DOCK			Damaged rudder.
	CLIFFORD MALLORY	At Marseilles on arrival			Damaged rudder.
	BRET HARTE	At Marseilles on arrival			Torpedo damage.
	LA MORIALTA	In S.France	ready		Hull repairs.
	SIDI AISSA	In S.France	ready		

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Alignment of shaft.	(MWTR BID)
O.Gi	At Taranto	ready		Rudder repairs.	(PSTO BID)
OHLAFFINO	At Taranto			Italian. Removal of propellor shaft.	(MWTR BID)
NE	At Taranto	ready		Italian. Repairs to rudder & stern post.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination.	(PST BID)
	Ldg.Taranto for Ancona 25th Jan.			Crane ship. Examination of stern tube.	(PSTO BID)
	In Yugoslavia end Jan.			Italian. Leaking stern glands.	(PSTO BID)
ARIS	IN DOCK				
E	At Naples	ready	Aug. 1942	Ital. Sp. reduced from 10½-6½k.& repairs.	(MWTR BID)
ON IRVING	At Naples	ready		Repairs to rudder.	(WSA BID)
E	At Naples for Leghorn 20th Jan.		May, 1944	Italian. Personnel ship. Cleaning & painting & cleaning strainers.	(WSA BID)
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs.	(MWTR BID)
UNTER	At Naples for Leghorn	14th Jan.	Apr. 1944	Italian Speed reduced from 10½-7k.	(PSTO BID)
OCK	At Naples for Leghorn	18th Jan.	Feb. 1944	Speed reduced from 11-7½k.	(PSTO BID)
OOFFIELD	At Naples discharging	22nd Jan.		Speed reduced from 10-8k.	(PSTO BID)
FIELD	In M.E.Ldg.for Naples	23rd Jan.		Speed reduced from 10-7k.	(MWTR BID)
	Discharging at Naples -	24th Jan.		Speed reduced from 11-7k.	(MWTR BID)
COMARINI	At Sfax	25th Jan.	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning & painting.	(PSTO BID)
RD	At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush.	(MWTR BID)
S	IN DOCK				
D MALLORY	At Marseilles	on arrival		Damaged rudder.	(WSA BID)
RTE	At Marseilles	on arrival		Damaged rudder.	(WSA BID)
ALTA	In S.France	ready		Torpedo damage.	(FRENCH BID)
SSA	In S.France	ready		Hull repairs.	(FRENCH BID)

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