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No. 1. Dock.

H. M. Ship, ISONZO & Tug (uncertain)
H. M. Ship

No. 12 Dock.

H. M. Ship & EMPIRE GAIN (out abt. 28th April)
H. M. Ship

No. 10. Dock.

Warship

No. 2. Dock.

H. M. Ships & Italian Ships (uncertain)
ICELAND & H. M. Ship (7 days)

No. 13 Dock.

H. M. Ship (4 weeks)

No. 23. Dock.

Warship

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

ARGENTINA (clearing & painting)
VITTORINI ZANIBON (clearing & painting)
SAMARINDA

N A P L E S.

No. 1. Dock.

Italian Warships (out abt. 28th April)
Italian Warships (2 weeks)
H. M. Ship

No. 2. Dock.

ITU (uncertain)

No. 3. Dock.

H. M. Ships
Italian Warships

Floating Dock

Italian Warship
H. M. Ship
Italian Warship

No. 5. Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

JASON & KOENIGSBERG (out abt. 29th April)
H. M. Ships
Tug

P A L E R M O.

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H. M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

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French Warships (8 weeks)

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Floating Crane (out abt. 9th May)
H. M. Ships

No. 3. Dock

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

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CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warship (abt. out)
French Warship (10 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12/15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 2nd May)

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

MAHSUD (out abt. 27th April)
ALETTA & H.M. Ship (uncertain)
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (3 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship
French Warship

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

THOMAS BULLFINCH (abt. out)
Local Craft
French Warship
U.S. Warship
MONT EVEREST (4/5 days) (to dock abt. 5th May)

No. 2 Dock.

Under Repair (2 weeks)
MTRIEL (2 days)
KRISTEL (4 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

JEANNE SCHIAFFINO & French Warship (out abt. 4th May)
VILLE DE BOUGIE (6 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 30th April)
VILLE DE TENES (4/5 days)
FRESNEL

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship & French Warship (abt. out)
French Warship (irdefinite)

No. 2 Dock.

KIL (out abt. 30th April)
SRBIN (2 days)
STAR (2 days)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 28th April)
HADRUMETE (10 days)

No. 4 Dock.

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French Warship (abt. out)
French Warship (10 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12/15 days)

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G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock.

MARSUD (out abt. 27th April)
ALETTA & H.M. Ship (uncertain)
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (3 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship
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F E R R Y V I L L E.

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French Warship (indefinite)

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SRBIN (2 days)
STAR (2 days)

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HADRUMETE (10 days)

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French Warship (3 days)
H.M. Ship

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO (Refitting Screw & Painting)	REINA GAIN ARGENTINA	IN DOCK At Naples repairing	5th May		Italian. Personnel ship for examin cleaning and painting.
	VITTORIA ZANERON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle	when dock available		Italian tanker. Speed reduced from 10 to 7k. To be wiped.
For Repairs	REINE MAUD ICELAND	IN DOCK At Taranto		Mar. 1945	To re-dock for re-fitting propellor shaft.
	STAR	At Taranto	ready	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½ to 7½k. Cle and painting and examination.
	SAVARONA	At Taranto	ready		For examination and hull repairs.
NAPLES.					
LEMNOS.	WESA.	At Naples repairing	15th May	Aug. 1944	Examination of hull and cleaning an painting.
PALERMO.					
LA CIOTAT.					

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POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
IN DOCK			
Naples repairing	5th May		Italian. Personnel ship for examination and cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
Bari-Ancona Shuttle	wharf dock available		Italian tanker. Speed reduced from 10 to 7k. To be wiped. (MTTR BID)
IN DOCK			
At Taranto		Mar. 1945	To re-dock for re-fitting propellor shaft. (PSTO BID)
At Taranto	ready	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½ to 7½k. Cleaning and painting and examination. (PSTO BID)
At Taranto	ready		For examination and hull repairs. (MWTR BID)
es repairing	15th May	Aug. 1944	Examination of hull and cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)

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D R Y D O C K I N G L I S T.

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablance	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	ALETTA	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	FULCOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian tanker. Requires new end and propeller.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibralter	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
	THORSHOVDI	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting of bo before towing to U.K.
	EMPIRE RIVER	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting befor U.K.
ORAN.	THOMAS BULLEMER	IN DOCK			
	MYRIEL	At Gibraltar for Oran	on arrival		Water test. Cleaning and pa
	MONT EVEREST	At Oran	early May	July, 1944	Examination of tail shaft. stern tube.
	KEISTEL	At Marseilles repairing	7th May	July, 1944	Cleaning and painting. Re-w stern tube.
	MICHAEL J. STONE	At Gibraltar discharging	5th May		Torpedo damage.
ALGIERS.	EMPIRE MEAD	DOCKED			
	VILLE DE TEMES	At Tenes		April 1944	Cleaning and painting. Exami hull.
	VILLE DE BOUGIE	At Algiers	early May	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting. Exam examination of stern tube.
	BORGHOLM	At Catania repairing thence Algiers	10th May	June, 1944	Cleaning and painting. Spee $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$k.
	HOGAR	At Oran	19th May	Mar. 1944	Hull repairs. Examination o propeller shaft.
PHILIPPEVILLE.	HADDINGTON				Hull repairs and cleaning a
	SIREN	At Sea for Algiers	18th May	Oct. 1944	Speed reduced from 11 to 9k

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
ANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BLD)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting. (MWTR/FED TUD)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and propeller. (MWTR BLD)
R	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BLD)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting of both portions of ship before towing to U.K. (MWTR BLD)
N	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting before towing to U.K. (MWTR BLD)
RENCH	IN DOCK			
	Gibraltar for Oran	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR/FED BLD)
T	At Oran	early May	July, 1944	Examination of tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern tube. (FRENCH BLD)
	Marseilles repairing	7th May	July, 1944	Cleaning and painting. Re-wooding of stern tube. (FRENCH BLD)
STORE	At Gibraltar discharging	5th May		Torpedo damage. (WSA BLD)
	DOCKED			
ES	At Tunis		April 1944	Cleaning and painting. Examination of hull. (FRENCH BLD)
GHE	At Algiers	early May	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting. Examination of hull and examination of stern tube. (FRENCH BLD)
	Extends repairing thence Algiers At Oran	10th May	Jun, 1944	Cleaning and painting. Speed reduced from 6½ to 6¼k. (PSTO BLD)
		15th May	Mar. 1944	Hull repairs. Examination of rudder and propeller shaft. (FRENCH BLD)
	Gen for Algiers	18th May	Oct. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BLD) Speed reduced from 11 to 9k. (MWTR BLD)

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1186. NAPLES. No. 1 Dock would be occupied by Italian Warships until about the middle of May, when an H.M. Ship was programmed to dock after them. The completion date of "ITU" in No. 2 Dock had been postponed, Commander Hardie said, until about 6-13th June, but Major Filo considered she should be ready about 23rd May, although a certain amount of delay had occurred through materials not being available. Lt. Lawrence reported that he had visited the ship while in dock and was of the opinion that special care should be taken when removing the keel as otherwise "ITU" might break her back and the dock be out of action for some time.

H.M. Ships, then Italian Warships were programmed for No. 3 Dock, and Small Craft for No. 5 Dock. There was an Italian Warship in the Floating Dock, and would be followed by an H.M. Ship, then an Italian Warship.

Mr. Simmons stated that the water boat "Y" 77, of 160 ft., would need to dock for 48 hours for cleaning and painting and repairs to a hole in the chain locker. She was then ready and Commander Hardie suggested that the matter be arranged locally with the Captain of the Dockyard. Mr. Simmons.

1187. LEGHORN. "JASON" and "KOENIGSBERG" were due to undock about 29th April and would be followed by H.M. Ships, then by "NETTUNO", which Lt. Lawrence said was a Tug and not the tanker of the same name.

"WISLA", a new bid, was then repairing at Naples but was to load in Sicily for Leghorn, but as she would not be ready to dock until 15th May, it was decided to consider her later.

1188. LA CIOTAT. "MORIALTA" and "BANDOL" should undock about 5th May and be followed by H.M. Ships then a French Warship.

1189. TOULON. The completion date of the Floating Crane had been postponed until 9th May when she would be followed in No. 1 Dock by H.M. Ships, which were also programmed for No. 3 Dock.

1190. "AMSTEL". This vessel had been damaged in the Bari explosion and Mr. Smith said Taranto had previously advised that permanent repairs could not be undertaken there so Middle East had been requested to accept her, which they agreed. Taranto had subsequently said that semi-permanent repairs could be put in hand there, but the Committee considered she should proceed to the Middle East on completion of the temporary repairs about 8th May.

1191. "SUROIT". Captain Bate stated that this tanker was now to be released shortly (vide Minute 1130, para. 4) and enquired to which port she should be routed. She required cleaning and painting and engine overhaul and it was considered advisable she be sailed to Augusta for orders if released for docking prior to the next Meeting.

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/repairs.

During the week "TOURS" had undocked and been followed in No. 1 Dock by "THOMAS BULFINCH" which was due to complete that day. In view of the changed conditions, it was decided that Local Craft should follow the latter vessel, a French Warship then have a short term docking, after which a U.S. Warship would dock and be followed by "MONT EVEREST" which it was estimated should go in about 5th May.

After the completion of repairs to No. 2 Dock, "MATRIEL" would go in for two days, after which "KRISTEL" would dock.

With reference to the last paragraph of Minute 1167, Commander Hardie wished it made clear that the local authorities were always permitted to utilise the docks for short term dockings, when vessels bid were not available, and that no special instructions to this effect were, therefore, necessary.

1183. ALGIERS. "JEANNE SCHLAFTINO" and French Warship were due to complete about 4th May, after which the Committee decided that "VILLE DE BOUGIE", the bid for which had been re-instated, should go into No. 1 Dock.

"TARPINE MEAD" had docked during the week and the French Warships in No. 2 Dock would be ready about 30th April and be followed by "VILLE DE TENES", then Commander Hardie said by "[illegible]", a Navy maintenance vessel.

It was agreed that the bids for "BORGHOLM" and "HOGGAR", the latter newly put forward by the French, should be considered later.

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It was reported that "LOBOS" had not, in fact, undocked until the previous day and that the dredger "KIL" and Local Craft were then to go into No. 2 Dock. It was agreed that "SHERN", newly bid for cleaning and painting only, should be programmed to dock after the latter vessels. In turn she would be followed by "STAR", originally bid for cleaning and painting at Taranto, but which it was considered would obtain a quicker docking at Ferryville.

On completion of the H.M. Ship about 28th April, "HADRUMETE" was to go into No. 3 Dock, and in reply to Commander Hardie who said it appeared from the signals from Ferryville that she was not yet there, Capitaine Ybert said he would look into the matter. It was believed she might have been confused with "HAMMAMET" which had just docked. Capitaine Ybert.

A French Warship was then in No. 4 Dock and would be followed by an H.M. Ship.

1185. TARANTO & BRINDISI. The completion date of H.M. Ship, "TSONZO" and Tug in No. 1 Dock was uncertain, but they would be followed by an H.M. Ship.

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The H.M. Ship and "EMPIRE GAIN" were due to undock about 28th April and an H.M.Ship was then programmed for No. 12 Dock. No. 13 Dock would be occupied by an H.M. Ship for several weeks.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 75.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 27TH APRIL, 1945.

Present: Mr. R. Nicol In the Chair.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Constructor Lieut. Lawrence, R.C.N.C.
Lieut. C.B. Bullen, R.N.R.
Commandant Henri
Capitaine de Corvette Ybert.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. H.J. Smith.
Mr. G.W. Simmons.
Captain B.D. Bate.
Miss M.M. Michie Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

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The general position had been examined by Mr. Graham and Mr. Kalloch when in the South of France and Mr. Smith reported that it was hoped Allied Merchant Ships would have an option on four repair berths at Marseilles, but that the matter had first to be agreed by S.H.A.E.F.

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1182. ORAN. The programme as arranged at the Meeting had subsequently to be altered as No. 2 Dock was later reported to need two weeks' repairs./

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AGENDA.

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 1ST MAY, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 109 DATED 24TH APRIL, 1945. - SOS M.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE. —— SOS C

Minutes of Meeting No. 59 dated 25th April, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 75 dated 27th April, 1945. ✓
Minutes of Meeting No. 6 dated 17th April, 1945 of the South of France Repair Committee.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Report No. 55 dated 20th April, 1945. ✓

5. MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SUPPLIES.

Report of 28th April, 1945. SOS S

6. TANKER COMMITTEE.

Summary of Tanker Tonnage Position in Western Mediterranean Theatre as on 28th April, 1945.

7. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 25 dated 25th April, 1945. ✓

8. OTHER MATTERS.

Margaret Michie

(Margaret Michie)
Secretary, MEDBO.

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 27th APRIL 1945

SIGNAL KEY

	Dates anticipated or actual			
Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In / 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

BONE - 24.4.45

No major repairs. Minor repairs since 17.4.45 - ZAANSTROOM.

BOUGIE & PHILIPPVILLE - nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 23.4.45

FULGOR(T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.			Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final maching of stern tube impossible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in Nos. 2 & 3 holds by enemy action.			Awaiting survey in D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 25/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight.	D 18/3		Awaiting tugs to proceed to U.K.
MICHAEL J.STONE.	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -		Delay due to discharging cargo.
MAHSUD	C 19/4	Previously L.A.S.F.Routine D/D for towage to U.K.	D 26/4		Awaiting towage to U.K.
FORT VERMILLION	A 13/4 B 14/4	Four main steam pipe joints to remake.	E 17/4		Completed.
JOHN J. McGRAW	A 7/4 B 10/4	Rudder main piece bearing to re-wood.	E -		Delayed by drilling out welded bolts.
FORT WRIGLEY	A 19/4 B 20/4	Fire damage to Master's accommodation and wiring.	E 21/4		Fire damage not repaired, to avoid delay. Completed.
COALDALE VICTORY (U.S.A.)	A) B) 18/4	Repairs to generator rheostat and circulating pump.	E 22/4		Completed.
SAMVIGNA	A) B) 19/4	Three feed pump rods	E 22/4		Completed.

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Vessel	Arrival Dates		Dates	
BONE - 24.4.45				
No major repairs.		Minor repairs since 17.4.45 - ZAANSTROOM.		
BOUGIE & PHILIPPEVILLE - nothing to report.				
GIBRALTAR - 23.4.45				
FULGOR(T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final maching of stern tube impossible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in Nos. 2 & 3 holds by enemy action.		Awaiting survey in D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 25/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight.	D 18/3	Awaiting tugs to proceed to U.K.
MICHAEL J.STONE.	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -	Delay due to discharging cargo.
MAHSUD	C 19/4	Previously L.A.S.F.Routine D/D for towage to U.K.	D 26/4	Awaiting towage to U.K.
FORT VERMILLION	A 13/4 B 14/4	Four main stern pipe joints to remake.	E 17/4	Completed.
JOHN J. McCRAW	A 7/4 B 10/4	Rudder main piece bearing to re-wood.	E -	Delayed by drilling out welded bolts.
FORT WRIGLEY	A 19/4 B 20/4	Fire damage to Master's accommodation and wiring.	E 21/4	Fire damage not repaired, to avoid delay. Completed.
COALDALE VICTORY (U.S.A.)	A) B) 18/4	Repairs to generator rheostat and circulating pump.	E 22/4	Completed.
SAMVIGNA	A) B) 19/4	Three feed pump rods renewed.	E 22/4	Completed.
MYRIEL LEDAAL (T) THISTLEFORD	INVENTOR ELISABETH MASSEY EMPIRE ENSIGN	MIGUEL DE LARRINAGA OSCAR S. STRAUSS		Minor repairs since 16.4.45.
MALTA - 23.4.45				
MARVIA	A 29/3 B 2/4	Boiler repairs, annual survey etc.	E 15/5	Completion date extended due to further defects found.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
MALTA (CONTD)				
LUBLIN	A) 23/4 B)	Boiler repairs	E Ind	
MONTE CUCCO MONTE GRAPPA DARIEN II WANDERER	CONSTANZA F CITY OF DUNDEE SIDI ITNI BRITANNY COAST.	EURYADES) CAMPIDOGLIO) YEARBY)		Minor repairs since 16.4.45.
TARANTO - 24.4.45.				
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 deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boiler etc. removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3	waiting repair berth.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 30/4	
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 30/4	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs and re-tubing condenser. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 7/5	Delayed by inexperienced workmanship.
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage, following salvage.	E Ind.	Estimated 3-4 months.
GALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D. Tail shaft to be drawn. Deck and engine repairs.	D 17/4 E 25/4	
OHRIDAC (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D.	D 20/4 E 25/4	
PASMAN (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D and alteration to fore hold	D 20/4 E 30/4	
ISONZO	A 2/4 C 23/4	D/D for examination Ship side blow down	D 15/5 E 10/6	

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TARANTO - 24.4.45.

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 deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boiler etc. removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3	waiting repair berth.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 30/4	
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 30/4	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 16/2	Boiler repairs and re-tubing condenser. Routine D/D.	D 26/2 E 7/5	Delayed by inexperienced workmanship.
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage, following salvage.	E Ind.	Estimated 3-4 months.
CALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D. Tail shaft to be drawn. Deck and engine repairs.	D 17/4 E 25/4	
OBENLAC (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D.	D 20/4 E 25/4	
PASMAN (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D and alteration to fore hold	D 20/4 E 30/4	
ISONZO	A 2/4 C 23/4	D/D for examination Ship side blow down valve chest to renew; numerous deck repairs.	D 15/5 E 10/6	
KVARNER	A 16/4 C 10/5	Routine D/D and deck repairs.	D 18/5 E 19/5	
EMPIRE GAIN (T)	A 13/4 C 21/4	Routine D/D and deck and engine repairs.	D 28/4 E 7/5	
SAVARINDA	A 16/4 C 20/5	D/D for examination of damage to hull and bottom plating	D 7/6 E 9/6	Semi permanent repairs

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (CNTND)				
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3 C 10/5	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller	D 23/1 D 18/5 E 19/5	
ANDALUSIA	B 12/4	Preparing connections to supply steam to "EMPIRE RAVEN".	E not stated	Completed
MAKEFJELL	A 13/4 B 14/4	Boiler and minor engine repairs.	E 21/4	Completed
PALEHLEH	A 10/4 B 11/4	Rudder deck gland casting engine and boiler repairs.	E 21/4	Completed
AMSTEL	PINZON	KNOLL -	Damaged in Bari explosion - No repairs possible.	
STAR -	For routine D/D and examination - Awaiting drydock.			

Minor repairs since 18.4.45

TARANTO:	LECH	EMPIRE GAWAIN	OCEAN GALLANT
	AMSTEL	ERIDAN	PALEHLEH
	BALTEAKO	FORT BRUNSWICK	SAMERIAN
	BENCLOE	HARROGATE	THISTLEDALE
	CARLTON	MAKEFJELL	Y.79
	EASTERN PRINCE	MARIGOT	FORT LIVINGSTONE
BRINDISI:	ROBERT JORDAN	EMPIRE TORRIDGE	LLOYD CREST
	TAI LEE	EMPIRE FAUN	ORKLA
	MARIGOT		
BARI:	LEINSTER	JENNINGS	FLIMSTON
	AMSTEL	COULBEG	KNOLL
	ROBERT JORDAN	FORT CADOTTE	SAMSPEED
	SUN	APUANIA	PINZON

Minor repairs since 10.4.45

FLIMSTON: SAMSPEED: KNOLL: PINZON - Minor repairs since 18.4.45

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SOUTHERN FRANCE - 24.4.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1 D) E) 14/5	
CANTAKEIT	A) 14/4	Boiler repairs	E 20/4	Completed.

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MAKEFJELL	A 13/4 B 14/4	Boiler and minor engine repairs.	E 21/4	Completed
PALEHLEH	A 10/4 B 11/4	Rudder deck gland casting engine and boiler repairs.	E 21/4	Completed
AMSTEL	PINZON	KNOLL -		Damaged in Bari explosion - No repairs possible.

STAR - For routine D/D and examination - Awaiting drydock.

Minor repairs since 18.4.45

TARANTO:	LECH	EMPIRE GAWAIN	OCEAN GALLANT
	AMSTEL	ERIDAN	PALEHLEH
	BALTEAKO	FORT BRUNSWICK	SAMERIAN
	BENCLOE	HARROGATE	THISTLEDALE
	CARLTON	MAKEFJELL	Y.79
	EASTERN PRINCE	MARIGOT	FORT LIVINGSTONE
BRINDISI:	ROBERT JORDAN	EMPIRE TORRIDGE	LLOYD CREST
	TAI LEE	EMPIRE FAUN	ORKLA
	MARIGOT		
BARI:	LEINSTER	JENNINGS	FLIMSTON
	AMSTEL	COULBEG	KNOLL
	ROBERT JORDAN	FORT CADOTTE	SAMSPEED
	SUN	APUANIA	PINZON

Minor repairs since 10.4.45

FLIMSTON: SAMSPEED: KNOLL: PINZON - Minor repairs since 18.4.45

SOUTHERN FRANCE - 24.4.45

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MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1 D) E) 14/5	
CANTAKETT	A) B) 14/4	Boiler repairs	E 20/4	Completed.
ARAWA	A) B) 24/4	Examination of turbine blading.	E 30/4	

Minor repairs since 17.4.45. - AVON COAST, MORY MAZOUT II, EMPIRE GANGES, FT.MIAMI, CARA, EMPIRE VALOUR, COTTON VALLEY.

ORAN - 24.4.45

JOHN P. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engineroom and No. 3 hold.	D 7/4 E Ind.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ORAN (CONTD)				
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 7/4	Routine D/D machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 14/4 E 25/4	
THOMAS BULLFINCH	A 20/3 B 22/3 C 21/4	Collision damage.	D 27/4 E 20/5	
Minor repairs since 17.4.45.				
TIMOTHY DWIGHT W.P. DUVAL	Y 74 SAMVIGNA	SANTA MARTA FORT SUMNEVILLE		
LEGHORN - 24.4.45.				
No major repairs.				
SANTA CHIARA CORCHESTER	SAM TREDY ARSIA	LAURENT MEEUS SAMUEL V. SHREEVE.	} Minor repairs since 19.4.45.	
NAPLES - 27.4.45.				
P.L.M. 13	A 18/3 B 19/3	Boiler engine & structural repairs	E 28/4	
ARGENTINA	A 25/3 B 26/3	Boilers and general overhaul.	E 30/4	
LOKE	A 5/4 B 7/4	Boilers, survey and general overhaul.	E 5/5	
FORT PASTEUR	A 14/4 B 16/4	Retubing water boiler.	E 12/5	Boilers now on 3rd chemical cleaning
WISLA	A 20/4 B 22/4	Boiler repairs; survey and general examination.	E 30/4	
Minor repairs since 20.4.45.				
EMPIRE KUMASI SAMTAY SAMCREST EMPIRE PRIDE	CORCHESTER EMPIRE PEACOCK EMPIRE CAT	SRBIN P.L.M. 14 EMPIRE HARMONY		

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TIMOTHY DWIGHT Y 74 SANTA MARTA
W.P. DUVAL SANVICHA FORT SUNNEVILLE

LEGHORN - 24.4.45.

No major repairs.

SANTA CHIARA, SAM TREDY, LAURENT MEEUS, CORCHESTER, ARSIA, SAMUEL V. SHREVE. } Minor repairs since 19.4.45.

NAPLES - 27.4.45.

P.L.M. 13	A 18/3 B 19/3	Boiler engine & structural repairs	E 28/4	
ARGENTINA	A 25/3 B 26/3	Boilers and general overhaul.	E 30/4	
LONE	A 5/4 B 7/4	Boilers, survey and general overhaul.	E 5/5	
FORT PATHURE	A 14/4 B 16/4	Retubing water boiler.	E 12/5	Boilers now on 3rd chemical cleaning
WISLA	A 20/4 B 22/4	Boiler repairs; survey and general examination.	E 30/4	

Minor repairs since 20.4.45.

EMPIRE KUMASI, CORCHESTER, SRBIN, SAMTAY, EMPIRE PEACOCK, P.L.M. 14, SANCREST, EMPIRE GAT, EMPIRE HARMONY, EMPIRE PRIDE

ITALIAN REPORT 26.4.45

BIZERTE VESSELS IN HAND

UGO FIORELLI	A 10/2 B 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D, boiler cleaning, deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
FORTUNATA		No report.		

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GIUSEPPE, LEVA — No report.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
		ITALIAN REPORT (CONT'D)		
		PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS		
USTICA		Boiler & Engine Defects.		Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.
		GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND		
FULGOR	A 30/11 C 19/4	Requires new stern tube propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube impossible until ship docks.
		VESSELS L.A.S.F.		
OLTERRA		Irrepairable for duration.		Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940	In very bad condition.		Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for long towing.
		AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS		
S.CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		
EDERA		Cleaning & Painting. Hull & Capstan repairs.		6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille Harbour.
FELAGOSA		D/D cleaning and painting of hull.		
CAMPIDOGLIO		D/D cleaning and painting of hull.		
		TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND		
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 24/4	Salvaged on 29.7.44.
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Work temporarily suspended. Completion date indefinite.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & Painting of Hull.	D 21/12 E 30/4	Work re-commenced on 18.4.45
[illegible]	B 9/11	General repairs.	D 18/11	

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GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND

FULGOR	A 30/11 C 19/4	Requires new stern tube propeller & tail end shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube impossible until ship docks.

VESSELS L.A.S.F.

OLTERRA		Irrepairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for long towing.

AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS

S.CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille Harbour.
EDERA	Cleaning & Painting. Hull & Capstan repairs.	
PELAGOSA	D/D cleaning and painting of hull.	
CAMPIDOGLIO	D/D cleaning and painting of hull.	

TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND

TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 24/4	Salvaged on 29.7.44.
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Work temporarily suspended. Completion date indefinite.
ORATA	F 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & Painting of Hull.	D 21/12 E 30/4	Work re-commenced on 18.4.45
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 3/3	General repairs.	D 18/11 D 5/4 E 30/4	
TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E Ind.	Work re-commenced on 20.4.45
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E 30/4.	
ISONZO	B 18/4	D/D for examination ship side blow down. Valve chest to renew. Dock repairs.	D 3/5 E 10/6.	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONT'D)				
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
CERCA		Boiler and engine defects. Cleaning and painting of hull.		15 days requested for repairs repairs D/D 1 day only. Last D/D Dec.1943. D/D postponed.
ANDALUSIA		Engine and boiler repairs. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.		30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Unloading commenced. Subject to survey by M.W.T. Surveyor.
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		Twice D/D requested. Ship should be requisitioned & handed over to M.E.D.B.O.
LUANA		General repairs. Ship mined.		4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.
NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E Ind.	
TUNISINO	B 21/4	No report.	E 29/4	
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 12/4	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 D 27/5 E 30/5	
E. CROCE	B 27/3	Boiler defects.	E 26/4	
ARGENTINA	B 26/3	Condensator defects.	E 30/4.	
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
NIRVO		Boiler, machinery and hull repair. Ship sunk by bombs.		Salvaged at Olbia Harbour.
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted. Routine D/D.		
VINCENZO ONORATO		Hull plating to be changed. Routine D/D.		
ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear & capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Subject to survey by M.W.T. Surveyor.

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ANDALUSIA	Engine and boiler repairs. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.		30 days asked. Docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Unloading commenced. Subject to survey by M.W.T. Surveyor.
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		Twice D/D requested. Ship should be requisitioned & handed over to M.E.D.B.O.
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.		4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E Ind.	
TUNISINO	B 21/4	No report.	E 29/4	
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 12/4	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 D 27/5 E 30/5	
E. CROCE	B 27/3	Boiler defects.	E 26/4	
ARGENTINA	B 26/3	Condensator defects.	E 30/4.	

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

NIRVO	Boiler, machinery and hull repair. Ship sunk by bombs.		Salvaged at Olbia Harbour.
IMPERATORE	Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted. Routine D/D.		
VINCENZO ONORATO	Hull plating to be changed. Routine D/D.		
ULISSE	C 23/12 Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear & capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Subject to survey by M.W.T. Surveyor.

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ALGER:

REGNIA	B 15/12	Inspection of principal and auxiliary motors. D/D. Repairs to hull and propeller damage after grounding.	E 17/4.	
AUGUSTINE DE DORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage suffered at LICATA. D/D. General maintenance work.	E 21/4	
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO	B 15/3	Repairs to hull damage. General maintenance work.	E 10/5	

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Vessel	Arrival Dates	Sailing Dates

FRENCH REPORT (CONT'D)

ALGER: (CONT'D)

LE TERRIA	B 3/4	General maintenance work. D/D for work on hull.	E 25/4.

CRAN:

CAP FALCON	B 23/2	Replacing deck plates.	E 30/4
PARANA	B 26/3	General maintenance and repair work. Retubing boilers. Work on the hull. D/D.	E 29/4
TOURS	B 27/3	Replacing circulating pump. Retubing of boilers. D/D. Changing lignum vitae. Inspection of screwshaft. General maintenance work.	E 30/4
MONT EVEREST	B 13/4	Essential repairs to steering gear while awaiting entry into dock.	

CASABLANCA:

ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	B 23/10	Repairs necessary to make vessel seaworthy after refloating.	E 1/6
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Awaiting entry into dock.	

BIZERTE:

VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs to war damage and D/D after refloating.
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration. D/D for examination and repairs to hull to allow vessel to sail to perament repair port.

ALGIERS - 23.4.45.

CRACKSHOT	A) B) 3/4 C 12/4	Routine D/D; propeller removed to investigate "knock"; new rudder pintles; general exam'n of hull & machinery; winch repairs; new funnel.	D 19/4 E 6/5
EMPIRE MEAD	A) B) 13/4 C 20/4	Overhaul & Boiler repairs; clean and paint accommodation; fumigation; propeller shaft drawn for examination.	D 27/4 E 4/5

CHAS. COUTANT, GEORGE LIPPINCOTT, TWEEDSMUIR, FORT SPOKANE, PETER ZENGER, PARK, GEORGE MARR, SIBIN } Minor repairs since 23.4.45

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

South of France Repair Committee.

MINUTES OF SIXTH MEETING HELD ON 17TH APRIL, 1945.

Present: Mr. R.R. Campbell, Chairman.
Mr. K. Stannard, M.W.T. Surveyor.
Lt. Commr. A.T. Douglas, R.N.R., Chief Staff Officer, COMLAB.
Commr. A.R. Mackewn, R.N.R., O.B.E., S.S.T.L.O.
Mr. J. Ponchelet, War Shipping Administration.
I.G.M. Principal L.B. Poirier, Capt. de Vaisseau Delpeuc'h, I.G.M. Audouard, I.M. Principal Lefeuvre — PREMAR I.I. / Transports Maritimes.

ACTION BY:-

35. BASSIN DE RADOUB: ref.25. The Chairman stated that no answer had been received to his signal, but he hoped there would be an opportunity of pursuing the matter during his forthcoming visit to Paris.

Commr. Douglas said that with luck the Bassin would be ready in a few days; 24' was the admissible draft.

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CAPT. PRIEUR: ETC unknown.

RICHEBOURG : ETC 10/5.

HOGGAR : ETC 30/5; drydocking Algiers.

C.M. MOUTTE : ETC 30/5.

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CHELMA : boiler repairs ETC 20/5. Commr. Poirier said that the fitting of a new funnel required the use of a large floating crane for 5-6 days, and requested a bid be made for berth 114.
(Chairman)

INDOCHINOIS: ETC 30/5. The Chairman offered to expedite if possible the despatch of spare parts, and asked Ing. Audouard to let him have a note before he left for Paris on 21st April.
(Ing. Audouard)

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41. Mr. Ponchelet reported a request from a M. Chariere, Chantiers Navals, La Ciotat, for trucks to enable him to transport spare parts to the docks. Mr. Stannard undertook to investigate.

(Mr. Stannard)

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No. 55.

D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS.

To: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDIO:

April 20th. 1945.

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

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Meeting of the 19th. April 1945.

1- FRENCH PROGRAMME: Copy attached hereto; Read and approved.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE: Lists of bids for drydock and repairs were sent to MEDIO earlier this week, and confirmed by ALMED signal.
M.W.T. representative informed the DMM. that it was hoped that they would endeavour to avoid a change in their bids for drydocking when an allocation had already been made. The case of the "VILLE DE BOUGIE" was mentioned and the explanation received was that as vessel would have had to wait for her turn at ORAN, and in view of the fact that ALGIERS could more easily deal with the necessary repairs, the opportunity was taken to have her make a voyage with cargo to ALGIERS and a renewed bid made. DMM. pointed out that with their lack of tonnage they had to make the best use possible of such vessels as they had. They were also asked to indicate as far as possible the estimated date of availability of vessels for drydocking.

3-s.s."PROVIDENCE": French D.M.M. stated that they had received a signal from PARIS which indicated that agreement had been reached with regard to the use by the French of this vessel for a few voyages between ALGIERS ORAN and S.FRANCE, and that programme No.17 would indicate the anticipated rotation of the vessel. MWT. representative mentioned that he was aware that the present voyage had been approved, but that he had no information as yet in connection with further voyages. 4851

4-FRENCH CREWS ON MWT. UNITS: The French having once again been asked to supply a crew for a British vessel (Tug "EMPIRE MEAD") to take same onwards for delivery abroad, opportunity was taken to record the appreciation of the MWT. for the services rendered by the crews that had been supplied, particularly in the case of the F/D."REGUSCI" (53) which had been safely delivered in INDIA after a voyage of 14/15 months and several calls en route. The Unit had been safely delivered in very good condition and from such reports as had been received it was clear that the crew supplied had carried out a very satisfactory job.

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

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FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

FRENCH SHIPPING PROGRAMME No.16.
(Presented 19th.April '45)

T A B L E No. O N E.

X = Off-Hire.

Vessel	:Li:Port & Date of :st:departure	:Intermediate :ports	:Destination :	:Remarks. :
	FR.WEST AFRICAN/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
AGEN	:B :TAMAN 11/4	:CASA	:ALGIERS	:Oil-Gen.
SCHLAFFINO	:X :ALGIERS 19/4	:CASA	:DAKAR	:Wine-Tea-Gen.
INDIANA	:X :CASA 18/4	:	:DAKAR	:Met.Gds.
NANCEEN	:X :CASA 20/4	:	:DAKAR	: -do-
VENDOME	:B :CASA 15/4	:	:DAKAR	: -do-
JEAN L.DREYFUS	:X :DAKAR 18/4	: CASA	:MARSEILLES	:W.A.Gds.
	FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			Fr.
LE TRAIT	:B :ORAN 17/4	:BOUGIE	:ORAN	:Wheat-Pyrites
CAP PINEDE	:B :SFAX 19/4	:TRIPOLI	:SFAX	:Phsphts.-Barley.
LACYDON	:B :ALGIERS 18/4	:NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Coal
LES ISSERS	:B :ALGIERS 18/4	:MOSTAGANEM	:NEMOURS	:Cement
STRASBOURGEOIS	:B :PH/VILLE 21/4	:BONE	:TUNIS	:Pyr.-Gen.
MAROC	:B :ARZEW 20/4	:NEMOURS	:ALGIERS	:Coal.
CAUDEBEC	:B :CASA 19/4	:	:BIZERTA	:Cement-Seed.
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	:B :CASA 21/4	:	:ALGIERS	:Oil-Gen.

T A B L E No. TWO.
ANTICIPATED ROTATIONS (WE.29th.April '45)

	FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.			
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	:B :DAKAR 25/4	:	:CASA	:Oil-Gen.
MARRAKECH	:B :DAKAR 23/4	:	:CASA	:Psngrs.-Gen.
CAPO OLMO	:X :CASA 24/4	:	:DAKAR	:Met.Gds.
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AUG.LE BORGNE	:B :ALGIERS 25/4	:PH/VILLE	:BONE	:Coal-Cement
JOS.LE BORGNE	:B :ALGIERS 26/4	:ORAN	:NEMOURS	:Cement
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TOURS	:B :ORAN 30/4	:CASA DAKAR	:GABON	: -do-

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M E M O R A N D U M .

Vessel	Li st	Port & Date of departure	Intermediate ports.	Destination	Remarks.
		a)- CORSICAN TRAFFIC.			
N.D.d'AFRIQUE	B				Coasting .
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	ALGIERS 19/4	AJACCIO/MARS.	AJACCIO	
JOS.LE BORGNE	B	AJACCIO 17/4	BASTIA	ALGIERS	
		b)-Vessels at disposal of FR.G.H.Q.			
CHATEAU LATOUR	B				
LE TRAIT	B	ORAN	BOUGIE	ORAN	On next trip to Oran.
		c)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.			
DJEBEL AURES	B				
		d)-Coasting between S.French Ports.			
VAL DE LA HAYE	B				
FORFAIT	B				
		e)-COlonial & USA Traffic.			
MEONIA	B	ALGIERS 19/4	SETE/MARS.	MADAGASCAR	
ILE DE RE	X	W.INDIES abt 15/4:		CASA	Sugar-Gen.
SAGITTAIRE	X	-do- abt 25/4:		F.N.A.	-do-
FORMALHAUT	X	CASA			

NOT AVAILABLE.

CAP FALCON - VILLE DE TENES - G.G.CHANZY - MARSEILLAISE - KOUTOUBIA - PARAME - JEANNE SCHIAFFINO - FLORIDA - RICHEBOURG.

T A B L E No. FOUR.

ANDRE MOYRAND	B	KAOLACK 17/4		DAKAR	
ARCTURUS	B	LAGOS 20/4		FREETOWN	
CAP LOPEZ	B	DAKAR 12/5			under repair
G.GUIST'HAU	B	DAKAR 17/4	ZIGUIN./KAOL.	DAKAR	
OUED FES	B	DAKAR abt 18/4			under repairs
MEDIE 11	B	LOME 17/4		TAKORADI	
CH.SCHIAFFINO	B	PT.BOUET 17/4		FREETOWN	
DUNKERQUE	B	PTE.NOIRE 16/4	TAK./FREETOWN	ROUEN	
FAUZON	B	PT.BOUET 14/4	FREETOWN	DAKAR	
CEVENNES	B	DAKAR 13/4		KAOLACK	
ARGONNE	B	KAOLACK 17/4		DAKAR	
MADAGASCAR	B	PT.BOUET abt 2/5:		DAKAR	
MONTAIGNE	B	KAOLACK 17/4		DAKAR	
ESPIGUETTE	B	DAKAR 20/4	DOUALA	PTE.NOIRE	

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T A B L E No. FIVE. RELATION WITH METR.FRANCE.

Vessel	Li:	Port & Date of departure	Intermediate Ports	Destination	Remarks
a)- Mediterranean Traffic.					
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	SETE 18/4	AJACCIO	ALGIERS	
G.G.LEPINE	B	ORAN 17/4	SETE	ALGIERS	
SIDI BRAHIM	B	SETE 20/4	ORAN	SETE	
MISTERE	B	NICE 17/4	SFAX	CARONTE	
PROS.SCHIAFFINO	B	SOUSSE 18/4	TUNIS	MARSEILLES	
GALLIUM	B	NEMOURS 21/4		Pt.ST.LOUIS DU RHONE.	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	MARSEILLES 17/4	PH/VILLE	ALGIERS	Then reprs.
CAUDEBEC	B	CASA 19/4	DIZ./SFAX	SETE	
CARTHAGE	B	SETE 21/4	TUNIS/SFAX	SETE	
VILLE d'AJACCIO	B	ALGIERS 19/4	AJACCIO	MARSEILLES	
VILLE DE BASTIA	B	NEMOURS 20/4	MARSEILLES	ST.LOUIS DU RHONE	
M.L.LE BORGNE	B	CASA 22/4		SETE	
LE TRAIT	B	ORAN 18/4	DOUGLE/ORAN	SETE	
KRISTEL	B	CASA 14/4		MARSEILLES	
PROCIDA	B	TUNIS 19/4	SFAX	SETE	
MEONIA	B	ALGIERS 19/4	SETE/MARS.	ALGIERS	
JOS.LE BORGNE	B	BASTIA 21/4		ALGIERS	
CAPT.ST.MARTIN	B	CASA 21/4		ROUEN	
PROVIDENCE	B	ORAN 17/4		TOULON	
CAID KEBIR Moroccan		MARSEILLES	ALGIERS	CASA	
b)- Other Traffic.					
JANINE	B	HUELVA 18/4		SETE	

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Petroleum Section

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 HOURS 28 APRIL 1945.

	CLEAN		DIRTY		TOTAL	
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Car
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE						
With Cargo	7	876,000	--	-------	7	
In Ballast	5	496,000	--	-------	5	
In drydock or repair	--	-------	--	-------	--	
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening but excluding C,D,&E)						
Working	22	501,000	2	96,000	24	
Drydock or repair	11	151,000	3	105,000	14	
C. WATER CARRIERS	23	244,000	--	-------	23	
D. HARBOUR FUELERS	2(a)	70,000	12 (b)	258,000	14	
E. ON RN OPERATIONAL SERVICE	9	72,000	4	203,000	13	

(a) 1 Vessel (RONDINE 68,000 barrels used as floating storage
(b) 2 Vessels(MORY MAZOUTE 4,000 barrels, TAIGETE 66,000 barrels also used as Fl

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22	501,000	2	96,000	24	597,000
11	151,000	3	105,000	14	256,000
23	244,000	--	-------	23	244,000
2(a)	70,000	12 (b)	258,000	14	328,000
9	72,000	4	203,000	13	275,000

(a) 1 Vessel (RONDINE 68,000 barrels used as floating storage
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GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE.

Secret.

MINUTES OF MEETING No.25, HELD AT HQ. E.T. C. at 1500 hours on 25th. April, 1945.

PRESENT:	Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. A.C.Hogarth.	Rep.	M.W.T. A.F.H.Q. C.M.F.
	Capt. ..A.Bachas. R.H.N.	Rep.	R.H.N.& Mercantile Marine.
	Cdr.R.W.Sumpton, R.N.R.		D.S.S.T.O.(G).
	Major O'Reilly	Rep.	Mov. & Tn.
	Major C.Simpson	Rep.	Pet. Sec.
	Mr. J.B.Jowitt.	Rep.	W.S.A.
	Mr. B.V.Washburn.	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.
	Mr. K.F.Walker.	Secretary.	

68. MINUTES OF MEETING No.24, were approved, subject to the following amendment. Minute 64 Para.2. 'A certificate would be issued by the Bank' to read: "A certificate would be issued to the Bank ....."

69. WAREHOUSE VESSELS AT PIRAEUS. Ref.42. Chairman referred to MEDEO Minute No.1948 regarding 2 hulks which were to be made available at Piraeus for use as warehouse - vessels for the provisioning of ships en route to the Black Sea, and whether or not these hulks were still required. It was agreed that as vessels en route to the Black Sea would not now be calling here, these warehouse vessels would not be required.

70. LIGHT DUES AND OTHER CHARGES. Ref.63. Chairman advised that he had not yet received any further information in this connection from the Minister of Mercantile Marine. Capt. Bachas said he had received a communication in connection with the pre-war tariff charges b ut at the moment this was being translated and would be placed before the Committee at the next Meeting.

71. COASTAL SHIPPING. A short discussion took place regarding the transhipment bids that were being submitted by UNRRA. Chairman considered some of these could be made by the diversion of ocean arrivals and instanced one bid for the transhipment of 2,500 tons of coal from Piraeus to Volos. Chairman said he would like to see a closer tie-up between the Diversion Committee and GAESCO in an endeavour to save coastal tonnage, and put forward the suggestion that a meeting should take place twice a week between the representatives of M.W.T., W.S.A., UNRRA and the Co-Ordinating Officer for GAESCO. This meeting would replace the present Diversion Meeting. The suggestion was adopted and it was left to M.W.T. to make the necessary arrangements.

Secretary.

72. PORTS.
PIRAEUS. It was noticed that phosphate ex the "EMPIRE DON" was being discharged at Drapetsona and this was proving satisfactory.

SALONIKA. It was now understood that the two remaining 'Z' craft were being

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68. MINUTES OF MEETING No.24, were approved, subject to the following amendment. Minute 64 Para.2. 'A certificate would be issued by the Bank' to read: "A certificate would be issued to the Bank ....."

69. WAREHOUSE VESSELS AT PIRAEUS. Ref.42. Chairman referred to MEDBO Minute No.1946 regarding 2 hulks which were to be made available at Piraeus for use as warehouse - vessels for the provisioning of ships en route to the Black Sea, and whether or not these hulks were still required. It was agreed that as vessels en route to the Black Sea would not now be calling here, these warehouse vessels would not be required.

70. LIGHT DUES AND OTHER CHARGES. Ref.63. Chairman advised that he had not yet received any further information in this connection from the Minister of Mercantile Marine. Capt. Bachas said he had received a communication in connection with the pre-war tariff charges b ut at the moment this was being translated and would be placed before the Committee at the next Meeting.

71. COASTAL SHIPPING. A short discussion took place regarding the transhipment bids that were being submitted by UNRRA. Chairman considered some of these could be made by the diversion of ocean arrivals and instanced one bid for the transhipment of 2,500 tons of coal from Piraeus to Volos. Chairman said he would like to see a closer tie-up between the Diversion Committee and GAESCO in an endeavour to save coastal tonnage, and put forward the suggestion that a meeting should take place twice a week between the representatives of M.W.T., W.S.A., UNRRA and the Co-Ordinating Officer for GAESCO. This meeting would replace the present Diversion Meeting. The suggestion was adopted and it was left to M.W.T. to make the necessary arrangements.

Secretary.

72. PORTS.
PIRAEUS. It was noticed that phosphate ex the "EMPIRE DOR" was being discharged at Drapetsona and this was proving satisfactory.

SALONIKA. It was now understood that the two remaining 'Z' craft were being withdrawn from this port. Cdr. Sumpton referred to the Minutes of the Port Control Committee Meeting held on the 19th. April, in which it was stated that two tugs under present conditions were sufficient for the port. Chairman and Cdr.Sumpton did not agree with this in view of the increased amount of shipping that was likely to be handled in the near future.

A signal had been received from the S.S.T.O. in connection with the paying of labour for coal d ischarge and Cdr.Sumpton advised that this question had now been settled, and the Union of Coal Importers had agreed to pay the labour.

VOLOS. A letter had been received by Capt. Bachas from the F.O.I.C. at this port in connection with the clearing of the harbour, advising that the salvage tug "GEORGIS" had been raised, and requested that this vessel when repaired be retained there for a while as she would prove useful in the clearance of other wrecks.

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It was agreed that this vessel should remain there and Capt.Bachas was requested to send full particulars of the vessel to the Chairman for the information of the Salvage Committee.

KAVALLA. Ref.65. Full details had now been received from the S.T.O. Kavalla regarding the discharge of bulk wheat and confirmed that the discharging rate of 30 tons per hour, and the maximum water alongside the jetty was 18 ft. The S.T.O. pointed out that the two mooring buoys belonging to this berth were now on land and considered that these should be replaced, and in this connection Capt.Bachas was requested to take the matter up with F.O.I.C.

Capt.Bachas.

SYROS. Capt.Bachas advised that the coaster "COSTAS" had been refloated and he was awaiting full particulars of her and on receipt of this information a report will be made to GRESCO.

73. MOVEMENT OF P.O.L. Ref.66. Nothing further had transpired regarding the fitting out of one hold of a Greek coaster for the carriage of cased P.O.L. Major Simpson stated that he had requested FHQ to supply a fitted coaster and schooner of 1,000 tons and 300 tons respectively for the movement of packed P.O.L. The question of the payment of freight on civil cargoes of P.O.L. was discussed and agreed to leave Cdr.Sumpton and Major Simpson to investigate and agree the correct procedure in this matter.

Cdr.Sumpton & Maj.Simpson.

74. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE. Chairman stated that new work at the various ports was proceeding satisfactorily and that as the sub-Committees of the Joint Policy Committee were supervising the work of improving ports beyond the work already carried out it would seem that the Greek Ports Committee could meet less frequently. Agreed that in future Committee would meet fortnightly.

The next meeting will be held at 1500 hours on the 9th. May, 1945.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 21ST APRIL, 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 58 dated 18th April, 1945.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 74.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 20TH APRIL, 1945.

Present: Mr. R. Nicol — In the Chair.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Capitaine de Corvette Ybert.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. Davison.
Mr. R.S. Lawrenson.
Mr. G.W. Simmons.
Miss M.M. Michie — Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

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The Committee noted the useful information contained in the letter from Capitaine de Vaisseau Morin.

1163. "IPANEMA". Ref. 1160. Mr. Lawrenson had received a Surveyor's Report on this French vessel which indicated that if the underwater damage were not too great, repairs could be carried out without undue difficulty. Capitaine Ybert said that two French Salvage Officers would be in Naples shortly and said they would examine "IPANEMA" and suggested further action be deferred until then.

1164. DAMAGED SHIPS AT BARI. Ref. 1161. These vessels would be moved to Taranto on completion of discharge and Lt.Cmdr. Blair said would be surveyed there.

1165. CASABLANCA. French Warships were programmed for No. 1 Dock until about 6th May when "ILE D'OUESSANT" was due to dock. Captain Smithers also reported that No. 2 Dock would be occupied by French Warships until about 2nd May.

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Capt. Smithers.

1167. ORAN. "EAGLE" had undocked during the week and the Pontoon Dock had docked and Captain Smithers said that "TOURS" was then in No. 1 Dock and would be followed by "THOMAS BULLFINCH" for examination only. A French Warship was to go into that dock on 28th April for 12 days and it was agreed that the new French bid, "MONT EVEREST", for examination of tail shaft and re-wooding of stern tube should then be accepted.

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"KRISTEL" would be allocated to a dock later, as also "MICHAEL J. STONE" which Mr. Davison said was still discharging at Gibraltar.

As requested by Capitaine Ybert, the Committee agreed that when no vessel was programmed for No. 2 Dock, the French might use it for short term dockings/

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/dockings of any vessels that were available locally.

1168. ALGIERS. "CRACKSHOT" had docked during the week and "JEANNE SCHAFFINO" and French Warship were then in No. 1 Dock and should complete about 3rd May. Captain Smithers stated that "LE ZEPANNA" had undocked earlier than anticipated and the French Warships then in No. 2 Dock should complete about 24th April. It was decided that "VILLE DE TENES", a new French bid, for examination of hull and cleaning and painting, should then be programmed for the dock and be followed by "EMPIRE MEAD", a tug, which Mr. Lawrenson said required docking for 5 days for examination of propellor shaft.

1169. FERRYVILLE. A reply had been received from M.W.T. Survey, which stated that "ORPHEUS" could not proceed to another port for repairs as she was immobilised, but only a small amount of machine work required to be done, which it was estimated would take some six days if the necessary priority were given. Lt. Cmdr. Blair emphasised that this coaster had been a considerable time at Ferryville and that her completion date had been continually postponed. He therefore requested that in view of the short time needed to finish the repairs, that priority be given her and Captain Smithers said he would signal Ferryville to this effect.

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1171. NAPLES. No. 1 Dock would be occupied by Italian Warships for about another four weeks and "ITU" would remain in No. 2 Dock until about 23rd May.

Captain Smithers said that No. 3 Dock and Floating Dock would both be taken up by H.M. Ships, then Italian Warships, while Small Craft were programmed for No. 5 Dock.

1172. LEGHORN. "JASON" and the salvaged ex-German lighter "KOENIGSBERG" had only docked a few days ago and Captain Smithers said would be followed by Local Craft then "CHRISTINE".

1173. PALERMO. No information had been received about "CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA" but it was understood she would by now have docked.

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1174. LA CIOTAT. There was no change in the programme at this port.

1175. TOULON. A Floating Crane had gone into No. 1 Dock and would be followed by H.M. Ships, and Captain Smithers said that H.M. Ships were also in No. 3 Dock.

1176. "NERVO". This vessel had arrived in Naples from Sardinia with damaged superstructure, slight hull damage and Major Filo said had been fired by incendiaries. The front of the boiler had also been smashed by a bomb which, however, did not explode. He stated that the ship was otherwise in good condition though he estimated repairs might take a considerable time. It was agreed that a Surveyor's report should be received before deciding her disposal.

1177. "ROBERT JORDAN". This vessel was awaiting repairs at Brindisi and Mr. Davison said was not due to sail for Oran as stated in the Merchant Ship Repair Report. The necessary repairs to this ship were light and it was suggested they could not be put in hand immediately to avoid the long delay to a much needed ve[illegible]

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DRYDOCKING LIST.

20TH APRIL, 1

PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	Bid withdrawn			
GIBRALTAR.	MAHSUD	IN DOCK			
	MULCOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new s and nut propeller.
	ALERTA	Gibraltar/Casablanca Shuttle	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	TOMIS	IN DOCK			
	TEMPS NOUVEAUX	At Oran discharging	on completion		Collision damage. For examinat
	VILLE DE BOUGIE	At Marseilles	on arrival	Aug. 1941	Cleaning and painting and hull
	MYRTIL	Gibraltar/Casablanca Shuttle	end April		Water boat. Cleaning & paintin
	KRISTEL	At Marseilles repairing	early May	July 1941	Cleaning and painting. Re-wood stern tube.
	MONT EVEREST	At Oran		July 1941	Examination of tail shaft. Re- stern tube.
	MICHEL J. STOCK	At Gibraltar docks.	27th April		Torpedo damage.
ALGIERS.	CRACKSHOT	DOCKED			
	J. SCHLUETER	IN DOCK			
	STOCKHOLM	At Catania repairing thence Algiers	10th May	June 1941	Cleaning and painting. Speed r 8½ to 6½k.
	VILLE DE TUNIS	At Tunis		April 1941	Cleaning and painting. Examinat hull.
PHILIPPEVILLE.	HARMATTAN				Hull repairs and cleaning and

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E NORMANDUTIER	Bid withdrawn			
D	IN DOCK			
R	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and new propeller. (BWTR BED)
A Gibraltar/Casablanca Shuttle		ready		Cleaning and painting. (BWTR/FDO BED)
MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BED)
	IN DOCK			
B EMBLETON	At Oran discharging	on completion		Collision damage. For examination. (WSA BED)
DE DOUGLE	At Marseilles Gibraltar/Casablanca Shuttle	on arrival end April	end. 1944	Cleaning and painting and hull repairs. (FRENCH BED) (Water boat. Cleaning & painting. (BWTR/FDO BED)
L	At Marseilles repairing	early May	July 1944	Cleaning and painting. Re-wooding of stern tube. (FRENCH BED) (
WEAST	At Oran		July 1944	Examination of tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern tube. (FRENCH BED) (
E. T. BAKER	At Gibraltar docht. 2/4th April			Torpedo damage. (WSA BED) (
RT	DOCKED			
LMELO	IN DOCK			
	At Oran requiring thence Algiers	16th May	June 1944	Cleaning and painting. Speed reduced from 8½ to 6½k. (FSPO BED)
E DENES	At Tenes		April 1944	Cleaning and painting. Examination of hull. (FRENCH BED)
E				Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BED)

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20TH APRIL.

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TARANTO & BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE GAIN	At Taranto	ready	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting an overhaul.
	ARGENTIA	At Naples repairing	5th May		Italian. Personnel ship for exam and cleaning and painting.
	VITTORINI ZANDON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle	when dock available		Italian tanker. Speed reduced fr 10-7k. To be wiped.
	SAGRINDA	At Taranto	ready		For examination and hull repairs
For Repairs.	ISONZO	IN DOCK			
	EMPIRE FAUN	At Brindisi	ready	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting an overhaul.
	STAR	At Taranto	ready	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½-7½k. Clean painting and examination.
NAPLES.					
LEGHORN.					
PALERMO.	CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA DOCKED				
LA CIOTAT.					

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Naples repairing		5th May		Italian. Personnel ship for examination and cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
ILLON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle	when dock available		Italian tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		For examination and hull repairs. (MWTR BID)
	IN DOCK			
	At Brindisi	ready	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (FEO/MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½-7½k. Cleaning and painting and examination. (PSTO BID)

SHIPS DOCKED

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

20TH APRIL, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 26th April)
French Warship (10 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12/15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 2nd May)

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

MANSUD (out abt. 22nd April)
FULCOT (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (3 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock.

Local Craft

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

SOLLS (out abt. 23rd April)
THOMAS BULFINCH (for examination)
French Warship (12 days)
MONT EVEREST (4/5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Local Craft (out abt. 4th May)
MYRIEL (2 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

JEANNE SCHLAEPFER & French Warship (out abt. 3rd May)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 24th April)
VILLE DE TENES (4/5 days)
EMPIRE MEAD (5 days)

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FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship & French Warship (out abt. 29th April)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warship (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft
H.M. Ship & HADRUMETE (10 days)

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships & Local Craft
French Warship (8 days)

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French Warships (out abt. 24th April)
VILLE DE TENES (4/5 days)
EMPIRE MEAD (5 days)

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F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship & French Warship (out abt. 29th April)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warship (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft
H.M. Ship & HADRUMETE (10 days)

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships & Local Craft
French Warship (8 days)

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TARANTO AND BRINDISI.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship, ISONZO & Tug
(out abt. 4th May)

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship & Italian Ships
(out abt. 23rd April)

No. 12 Dock.

Italian Warships (abt. out)
H.M. Ship & EMPIRE GAIN (3 days)

No. 13 Dock.

Landing Craft & NANDO (abt. out)
H.M. Ships (6 days)

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

VITTORINI ZANLBON (cleaning and painting)
STAR
SAMARINDA
ARGENTINA

NAPLES.

No. 1 Dock.

Italian Warships (out abt. 28th April)
Italian Warships (2 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

ITU (out abt. 23rd May)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships
Italian Warships

Floating Dock.

H.M. Ships
Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

LEGHORN.

JASON & KOENIGSBERG (out abt. 28th April)
Local Craft
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

PALERMO.

U.S. Warships

MESSINA.

H.M. Ships

LA CIOTAT.

MERLALTA & BANDOL (out abt. 5th May)
French Warship (8 weeks)

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No. 10 Dock.

Warship

Warship

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

VITTORINI ZANIBON (cleaning and painting)
STAR
SAMARINDA
ARGENTINA

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

Italian Warships (out abt.28th April)
Italian Warships (2 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

ITU (out abt. 23rd May)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships
Italian Warships

Floating Dock.

H.M. Ships
Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

JASON & KOENIGSBERG (out abt. 28th April)
Local Craft
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

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.

MORLALTA & BANDOL (out abt. 5th May)
French Warship (8 weeks)

T O U L O N.

No. 1 Dock.

Floating Crane (out abt. 26th April)
H.M. Ships

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

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ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)

TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND

MISENO	B) C) 9/11 C 28/5	General repairs.	D 10/11 D 5/4 E 30/4	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E Ind.	Work suspended. She needs 5 days additional repairs.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 20/4	Salveged on 29.7.44.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & Boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Work suspended.
ISONZO	B 18/4 C 20/4	No report.	D 30/4 E 15/5	
VITTORINO ZANLBON	No report.			

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boiler & Engine defects.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs.	
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E Ind.	To be fitted as refrigerator. Trials in hand.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 15/4	Completed.
LTU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 12/4	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 D 27/5 E 30/5	
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 23/3 E 16/4	Completed.
A. GRITTI	B 20/3	Engine overhauling.	E 24/4	

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TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 27/1 D 25/3 E Ind.	Work suspended. She needs 5 days additional repairs.
TORIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 20/4	Salvaged on 29.7.44.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & Boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Work suspended.
ISONZO	B 18/4 C 20/4	No report.	D 30/4 E 15/5	
VITTORINO ZANIBON	No report.			

BIDS FOR REPAIRS.

CHERCA	Boiler & Engine defects.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs.	
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E Ind.	To be fitted as refrigerator. Trials in hand.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 15/4	Completed.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 12/4	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 D 27/5 E 30/5	1129
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 23/3 E 16/4	Completed.
A. GRITTI	B 20/3	Engine overhauling.	E 24/4	
E. CROCE	B 27/3	Boiler defects.	E 20/4	
ARGENTINA	B 26/3	Condenser defects.	E 30/4.	

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
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted. Routine D/D.

LEGHORN: 19.4.45

No major repairs. Minor repairs since 11.4.45 - FORT ESPERANCE CORCHESTER.

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CATANIA (CONT'D)				
BORGHOLM	A 9/4 B 10/4	Boiler survey & repairs, new bunker coamings and bulkheads; new deck plates; repairs to winches and steering gear.	E 10/5	
AUGUSTA				
LIKA (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Defects not stated.	E 30/4	Delay due to part upper plate being renewed.
ERAC (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	- do -	E 30/4	Delay due to raising of furnace crowns and fitting of bridges.
Minor repairs - No information.				
ITALIAN REPAIR POSITION AS AT 19.4.45				
GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND				
FULGOR	A 30/11 C 19/4	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail and shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube impossible until ship docks.
VESSELS L.A.C.F.				
OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.		Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLIENZIO A 1940		In very bad condition.		Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for long towing.
PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
USTICA		Boiler and engine defects.		Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.
AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
S. CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		
EDERA		Hull & Capstan repairs.		6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille Harbour.
PELAGOSA				

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ERAC (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	- do -	E 30/4	Delay due to raising of furnace crowns and fitting of bridges.

Minor repairs - No information.

ITALIAN REPAIR POSITION AS AT 19.4.45.

GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND

FLEGOR	A 30/11 C 19/4	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail and shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube impossible until ship docks.

VESSELS L.A.S.F.

CALTERRA	Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLIENZIO A 1940	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for long towing.

PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS

USTICA	Boiler and engine defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.

AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS

S. CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	
EDERA	Hull & Capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille Harbour.
PELAGOSA.		
ALESSANDRIA		
CAMPIDOGLIO		

TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND

SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Ind. Completion date indefinite.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning and painting of Hull.	D 21/12 E 25/4	

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FRENCH REPORT (CONTINUED)				
ORAN (CONT'D)				
TOURS	B 27/3	Replacing circulating pump. Retubing of boilers. D/D. Changing lignum vitae. Inspection of screwshaft. General maintenance work.	E 27/4	
CASABLANCA:				
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	B 23/10	Repairs necessary to make vessel seaworthy after refloating. D/D.	E 30/4	
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers and auxiliary machinery for re-use. D/D for examination and repairs to hull.		
BIZERTE:				
VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs to war damage. D/D after refloating.		
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration. D/D for examination and repairs to hull to allow vessel to sail to permanent repair port.		
NAPLES - 20.4.45				
P.L.M.13	A 16/3 B 19/3	Boiler & structural repairs.	E 27/4	
DON	A) B) 23/3 C 24/3	Routine D/D general overhaul and surveys.	D 30/3 E 15/4	Completed.
ARGENTINA	A 25/3 B 26/3	Boilers and general overhaul.	E 30/4	Work proceeding slowly.
ACIA VARVARA	A 28/3 B 30/3	Survey and general overhaul.	E 17/4	Completed.
LOKE	A 5/4 B 7/4	General overhaul survey.	E 5/5	

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of screwshaft. General maintenance work.

CASABLANCA:

ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	B 23/10	Repairs necessary to make vessel seaworthy after refloating. D/D.	E 30/4
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers and auxiliary machinery for re-use. D/D for examination and repairs to hull.	

BIZERTE:

VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs to war damage. D/D after refloating.
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration. D/D for examination and repairs to hull to allow vessel to sail to permanent repair port.

NAPLES - 20.4.45

P.L.M.13	A 18/3 B 19/3	Boiler & structural repairs.	E 27/4
DON	A) B) 23/3 C 24/3	Routine D/D general overhaul and surveys.	D 30/3 Completed. E 15/4
ARGENTINA	A 25/3 B 26/3	Boilers and general overhaul.	E 30/4 Work proceeding slowly.
ACIA VARVARA	A 28/3 B 30/3	Survey and general overhaul.	E 17/4 Completed.
LOKE	A 5/4 B 7/4	General overhaul survey.	E 5/5
FORT PANMURE	A 14/4 B 16/4	Retubing water tube boiler.	E 30/4 Completion dependent on success of cleaning boiler with chemical.

BRUSE JARL	EMPIRE PEACOCK	EMPIRE HARMONY	Minor repairs since 13.4.45
FORT COULONGE	SAM TAY	SAMCREST	
CADUCEUS	P.L.M. 14	EMPIRE KILDARE	

CATANIA - 19.4.45

OCEAN VISION	A)Not B)stated.	Extensive boiler repairs.	E 20/5

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
AUGUSTA - 10.4.45 - Delayed Report				
EMPIRE LORENZO	A) B) 4/4	Boiler repairs.	E 6/4	Completed.
BRAC (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Defects not stated.	E 20/4 Est.	Additional repairs to boilers found necessary.
LIKA (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Defects not stated.	E 20/4 Est.	
Minor repairs since 3.4.45 - None reported.				
CATANIA - 10.4.45				
BORGHOLM	A 8/4 B 9/4	Boiler survey & repairs; new bunker coamings and bulkheads; new deck plates; repairs to winches and steering gear.	E 10/5	
ALGIERS - 16.4.45 - including delayed report for w/e 9.4.45.				
CRACKSHOT	A) B) 3/4 C 12/4	Routine D/D;propeller removed to investigate "knock";new rudder pintles; general exam'n hull and machinery; winch repairs; new funnel.	D 17/4 E 6/5	
EMPIRE COLLINS	A) B) 8/4	Hull, deck, engine and pump repairs.	E 14/4	Completed.
EMPIRE MEAD	A) B) 13/4	Overhaul & boiler repairs; clean and paint accomodation; fumigation.	E 4/5	Vessel to dock for examination of propeller shaft.
A.E. PEDAN EMPIRE MEAD	FORT STURGEON SAMTWEED	SAMREACH	Minor repairs since 3.4.45	
A.E. PEDAN BRITISH CHEMIST	FORT STURGEON LIFFINGCOTT	SAMREACH	Minor repairs since 9.4.45	

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ALGER:

AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage suffered at LICATA. D/D. General maintenance work.	E 15/4	
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO	B 15/3	Repairs to hull damage. General maintenance work.		

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Minor repairs since 3.4.45 - None reported.

CATANIA - 10.4.45

BORGHOLM	A 8/4 B 9/4	Boiler survey & repairs; new bunker coamings and bulkheads; new deck plates; repairs to winches and steering gear.	E 10/5

ALGIERS - 16.4.45 - including delayed report for w/e 9.4.45.

CRACKSHOT	A) B) 5/4 C 12/4	Routine D/D;propeller removed to investigate "knock";new rudder pintles; general exam'n hull and machinery; winch repairs; new funnel.	D 17/4 E 6/5	
EMPIRE COLLINS	A) B) 8/4	Hull, deck, engine and pump repairs.	E 14/4	Completed.
EMPIRE MEAD	A) B) 13/4	Overhaul & boiler repairs; clean and paint accomodation; fumigation.	E 4/5	Vessel to dock for examination of propeller shaft.

A.E. PEDAN, FORT STURGEON, SAMREAGH, EMPIRE MEAD, SAINTWEED } Minor repairs since 3.4.45

A.E. PEDAN, FORT STURGEON, SAMREAGH, BRITISH CHEMIST, LIPPINGCOTT } Minor repairs since 9.4.45

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES - 14 April 1945.

ALGER:

AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage suffered at LICATA. D/D. General maintenance work.	E 15/4
JEANNE SCHLAFFINO	B 15/3	Repairs to hull damage. General maintenance work.	
LE ZERANNA	B 3/4	General maintenance work. D/D for work on hull.	E 25/4

ORAN:

CAP FALCON	B 23/2	Replacing deck plates.	E 23/4
PARAME	B 26/3	General maintenance and repair work. Retubing boilers. Work on the hull. D/D.	E 26/4

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U.S.A. REPORT 19.4.45.

CRAN:

THOMAS BULLFINCH Discharging cargo. When finished enters D/D for survey.

Minor repairs ending 14 April - PETER FINLEY DUNNE LELAND STANFORD

NAPLES: Minor repairs ending 14 April.

AMERICAN BUILDER LESLIE SHAW WILLIAM WALLEY
WILLIS VAN DEVANTER ZOHA GALE

BARI:

ROBERT JORDAN Hull pierced in five places by flying steel when "CHARLES HENDERSON" exploded. s.s. "ROBERT JORDAN" en route Oran for repairs. s.s. "CHARLES HENDERSON" C.T.L. Disposal pending.

LEGHORN: Minor repairs ending 14th April.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON HARRIET B. STOWE PIERRE L'ENFANT JOHN SUTTER
PETER McGUIRE ROBERT DALE OWEN WILLIAM YOUNG SANTIAGO IGLESIAS
DAVID YULEE

MARSEILLE: Minor repairs ending 14 April.

RICHARD GATLING NEW MARKET WILLIAM DUVAL PETER MINUET
JAMES ROY WELLS EUGENE CHAMBERLAIN LAURA KEENE

BIZERTE - 10 April

LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd end No. 2. Temporary repairs.	D 20/4 F 25/4	
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
		D/D Stern wash to	D 6/3	Completion delayed owing to

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GRAN:

THOMAS BULFINCH Discharging cargo. When finished enters D/D for survey.

Minor repairs ending 14 April - PETER FINLEY DUNNE LELAND STANFORD

NAPLES: Minor repairs ending 14 April.

AMERICAN BUILDER LESLIE SHAW WILLING WALLEY
WILLIS VAN DEVANTER ZONA GALE

BARI:

ROBERT JORDAN Hull pierced in five places by flying steel when "CHARLES HENDERSON" exploded. s.s. "ROBERT JORDAN" en route Oran for repairs. s.s. "CHARLES HENDERSON" C.T.L. Disposal pending.

LEGHORN: Minor repairs ending 14th April.

HELEN HUNT JACKSON HARRIET B. STOWE PIERRE L'ENFANT JOHN SUTTER
PETER McGUIRE ROBERT DALE OWEN WILLIAM YOUNG SANTIAGO IGLESIAS
DAVID YULEE

MARSEILLE: Minor repairs ending 14 April.

RICHARD GATLING NEW MARKET WILLIAM DUVAL PETER MINUET
JAMES ROY WELLS EUGENE CHAMBERLAIN LAURA KEENE

BIZERTE - 10.4.45

LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed For'd end No. 2. Temporary repairs.	D 20/4 E 25/4		
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.	
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 23/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to renewed; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	L 6/3 E Ind.	Completion delayed owing to higher priorities & lack of personnel, but possible in a few days if necessary priority obtainable.	
EMPIRE RUTH (Tug)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Hull & boiler defects; damage to shell plating & frames in way port side F.P. tank.	E 20/4		
FORT DE FRANCE	A May 1943 C 3/4	Repairs salvaged vessel to hull and main and auxiliary machinery.	D 27/4 E 30/4	Cargo spaces being stripped of insulation; refrig. machinery not being repaired. Vessel to be used for general cargo.	

EMPIRE HARBOUR: MANNINGTON - Minor repairs since 11.4.45

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TARANTO (CONT'D)				
SAVARIN.M	A 16/4 C 9/5	D/D for examination of damage to hull and bottom plating.	I 27/5 E 31/5	
ANDALUSIA	B 12/4	Defects not stated.	E 30/4	
MARTEFJELL	A 13/4 B 14/4	- do -	E 21/4	
PALEHLEH	A 10/4 B 11/4	- do -	E 21/4	

Minor repairs since 10.4.45

TARANTO: BENCLOE, BRIGHTON, EMPIRE FAIN, EMPIRE STRONGHOLD, ERIDAN, FORT LIVINGSTONE, FORT SPOKANE, LECH, SESTRIERE, STANHILL, VILLE D'ORAN, OCEAN GALLANT, CARLTON

BRINDISI: TITUS, LIDO, MARS, CISNEROS, HAI LEE, LEVANT, MARIGOT, ROBERT JORDAN

BARI: NO REPORT RECEIVED

MARSEILLE - 17.4.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage starb'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1 D) E) 14/5	
ATHEL CHIEF	A 3/4 B 4/4	Main engine repairs.	E 12/4	Completed.
CANTAKEIT	A) B) 14/4	Boiler repairs.	E 19/4	Bottom flanging C.C. back plate, both furnaces, port boiler found thin; bottom section back plates will require renewing shortly.

Minor repairs since 11.4.45 - AVON COAST: RADCOMEE: EMPIRE GANGES.

ORAN - 17.4.45

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MATEJEL	A 13/4 B 14/4	- do -	E 21/4	
PALEHLEH	A 10/4 B 11/4	- do -	E 21/4	

Minor repairs since 10.4.45

TARANTO:	BENGLOE	ERIDAN	SESTRIERE	CARLTON
	BRIGHTON	FORT LIVINGSTONE	STANHILL	
	EMPIRE FAIN	FORT SPOKANE	VILLE D'ORAN	
	EMPIRE STRONGHOLD	LECH	OCEAN GALLANT	

BRINDISI:	TITUS	MARS	HAI LEE	MARIGOT
	LIDO	CISNEROS	LEVANT	ROBERT JORDAN

BARI: NO REPORT RECEIVED

MARSEILLE - 17.4.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1 D) E) 4/5	
ATHEL CHIEF	A 3/4 B 4/4	Main engine repairs.	E 12/4	Completed.
CANTAKEIT	A) B) 14/4	Boiler repairs.	E 19/4	Bottom flanging C.C. back plate, both furnaces, port boiler found thin; bottom section back plates will require renewing shortly.

Minor repairs since 11.4.45 - AVON COAST: RADCOMBE: EMPIRE GANGES.

ORAN - 17.4.45

JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engineroom and No.3 Hold.	D 7/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 7/4	Routine D/D. Machinery over-haul; extensive repairs.	D 14/4 E 22/4	
THOMAS BULLFINCH	A 20/3 B 22/3 C 20/4	Collision damage.	D 23/4 E 20/5	

EMPIRE KANGAROO	SANVICNA	FYLINGDALE	Minor repairs since 11.4.45
FORT TREMBLANT	Y.74	LELAND STANFORD	
HEBE II	F.P. DUBNE	FORT SUNEVILLE	

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MALTA - 16.4.45				
MARVIA	A 29/3 B 2/4	Boiler repairs; annual survey etc.	E 25/4	
Minor repairs since 9.4.45 - DARIEN II, LUBLIN, MONTEGRAPPA, MONTE CUCCO, SPERO, WANDERER, CITY OF DUNDEE, FLORA NOMIKOS				
TARANTO - 10.4.45				
SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/6 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery and boilers deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E Ind.	
CRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 30/4	
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 30/4	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E	No information.
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 7/5	Previously incorrectly reported completed.
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3 C 28/4	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 23/1 D 5/5 E 7/5	
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage.	E Ind.	Estimated 3-4 months.
OUSEL	A 29/3 B 30/3	Dynamo engine repairs.	E 12/4	Completed.
GALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D. Tail shaft to be drawn. Deck and engine repairs.	D 17/4 E 21/4	
OPENLAC (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D.	D 20/4 E 22/4	
PASMAN (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D.	D 20/4 E 30/4	

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ATINGE	A 25/3 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	E Ind.	boilers deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E Ind.	
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 30/4	
SABRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 30/4	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E	No information.
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 16/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 7/5	Previously incorrectly reported completed.
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3 C 28/4	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 23/1 D 5/5 E 7/5	
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage.	E Ind.	Estimated 3-4 months.
OUSEL	A 29/3 B 30/3	Dynamo engine repairs.	E 12/4	Completed.
GALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D. Tail shaft to be drawn. Deck and engine repairs.	D 17/4 E 21/4	
OPENLAC (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D.	D 20/4 E 22/4	
PASMAN (Yugoslav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D.	D 20/4 E 30/4	
ISONZO	A 2/4 C 23/4	D/D for examination. Ship side blow down valve chest to renew; numerous deck repairs.	D 3/5 E 10/6	
KVARNER	A 16/4 C 26/4	Defects not stated.	D 2/5 E 9/5	
EMPIRE GAIN (T)	A 13/4 C 21/4	Routine D/D and overhaul.	D 26/4 E 12/5	

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIRS POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 20th APRIL 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. Own power	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port. In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
BONE - 17.4.45.				
No major repairs.				
Minor repairs since - 10.4.45		FORT LAWRENCE. BARON ELPHINSTONE.		
PHILIPPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.				
GIBRALTAR - 16.4.45.				
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and propeller. Final machining of a stern tube not possible until ship docks
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in Nos. 2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.		Awaiting survey in D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 25/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight. Machinery opened up.		Awaiting tugs to proceed D 18/3 to U.K.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds. E. due to enemy action.		Delay due to discharging cargo.
ARENA	A) B)10/3	Port side bow plates to repair; repairs to hawse pipe and electrical steering gear.		Completed.
MAHSUD	C 19/4	Previously L.A.S.F. Routine D/D for towage to U.K.	D 21/4	
FORT VERMILLION	A 13/4 B 14/4	Four main steam pipe joints to remake.	E 17/4	
JOHN J. McGRAW	A 7/4 B 10/4	Rudder main piece bearing to re-wood.	E 20/4	Delay due to awaiting inside berth

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JOHN J. McGRAW	A 7/4 B 10/4	Rudder main piece bearing to re-wood.	E 20/4 Delay due to awaiting inside berth till 10/4

EMPIRE ZEPHYR	EMPIRE GALAHAD	COMO	Minor repairs since 9.4.45.
LEDAAL	NOREFJORD	MYRIEL	
CHANDA	EMPIRE LION	KEILA	

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD

South of France Repair Committee.

MINUTES OF FIFTH MEETING HELD ON 10TH APRIL, 1945.

Present: Mr. R.R. Campbell, Chairman.
Mr. K. Stannard, M.W.T. Surveyor.
Commr. A.R. Mackewn, R.N.R., O.B.E., S.S.T.L.O.
Commr. L.B. Poirier, Ing. Constr.) PREMAR III.
Capt. de Vaisseau Delpuech)
M. M. Darondeau, Sous-Directeur, Transports Maritimes.
Ing. de 1re Classe Audouard, Marine Marchande.

ACTION BY:-

24. BERTH 107/108. ref.15. Commr. Poirier reported that chains and not bollards were being fitted on the PASCOLI, and work would probably finish that week.

25. BASSIN DE REMISAGE: ref.17. The Chairman reported that on receipt of authorisation for the conversion to ST requirements of KOUTOUBIA, PROVIDENCE, and FLORIDA he had had an interview with the Port Commandant, who said that while he had no objection to the Bassin de Remisage being handed over for repairs formal application had to be made to S.H.A.E.F. The Chairman had signalled M.W.T.R., Med., accordingly (Mast 308).

26. BASSIN DE RADOUB: ref.18. The Chairman referred to a letter from M. Lebel, stating that, provided necessary material for the pile driver was obtained, the coffer dam would be completed in the first half of June, after which work on the other docks would last 10 months. Drydocks Nos.5 and 6 were still scheduled to be ready by the end of July and November, respectively.

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28. SHIP REPAIRS: ref.20.

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RICHEBOURG: Old Port; boiler; ETC.15/5.

CAPT. PRIEUR: berth 102; general; ETC unknown.

LORRAINE: berth 114; motor; ETC.11/4.

G.G. LEPINE: general; commences May - 3 weeks.

CHELMA: work proceeding at Port de Bouc, to be completed at Marseille; suggested berth 102, outside CAPT. PRIEUR; draft (fore) 4 m. 26 cms., (aft) 4 m. 40 cms.

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ATHEL PRINCE: sails 12/4.

C. M. MOUTTE: work proceeding satisfactorily.

SUDEST: Chairman said he would press for a reply to his signal to MWTR Med. (Mast 259) regarding despatch of windlass and pumps. (Chairman)

PORT DE BOUC: work estimated to last 2 months.

HOGGAR (passenger & cargo): probably berth 105; owing to shortage of engine fitters, part of repairs (about 12 days' work) would be undertaken in Marseille, part in Algiers; drydocking necessary.

DAUPHINE (tanker of over 12 knots): agreed to accept at Port de Bouc for lengthy engine repairs.

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29. Ref.21. The Chairman reported that EMPIRE VALOUR was now being used in landing main motors ex VENDEMIAIRE.

30. Ref.30. M. Darondeau had no information as yet regarding the availability for repairs of berths in the south end of the dock.

31. The Chairman said that so far there had been some ambiguity as to the functions of the Committee, and suggested that, in addition to C. in C., Med's directive of 8th March, they should be guided by (a) letter dated 23/9/44 written by Mr. Kalloch, Regional Director, Mediterranean, War Shipping Administration, at the request of the Chairman of MEDBO to Mr. Schaefer; (b) circular dated 25/1 (ref. Y.119) from M.W.T., London, to overseas representatives, indicating priorities for merchant ship repairs. The Chairman undertook to furnish copies to each member. (Chairman)

32. G.G. CHANZY. Commr. Mackewn and Mr. Stannard agreed to meet Commr. Poirier's surveyors at La Ciotat the following day to inspect this vessel, with regard first to her conversion and second to the informal request that consideration should be given to the possibility of accepting the upper deck cabins in their present state.

33. NANCEEN. M. Darondeau reported that this vessel had struck a mine at Nice during the morning; extent of damage was not yet known, but there was a possibility of a request for repair priority in Marseille.

34. KOUTOUBIA, PROVIDENCE, FLORIDA: ref.23. The Chairman reported that he had requested M.W.T., Paris, to approach S.H.A.E.F. to authorise the release of U.S. timber for the conversion of these vessels.

It was agreed to move FLORIDA from Mourrepiane to Digue Ste. Marie, so that the officers concerned could board the vessel and draw up specifications but conversion could not be undertaken there. (Commr. Poirier)

M. Darondeau reported the following drafts:-

KOUTOUBIA:	(fore)	4 m. 95 cms.	(aft)	6 m. 15 cms.
FLORIDA:	"	4 m. 10 cms.	"	6 m.
PROVIDENCE:	not known.			

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IIIeme REGION MARITIME
ETAT MAJOR
3eme Bureau

Toulon, 10th April, 1945.

No. 139 E.M. ORG.

From: Le Capitaine de Vaisseau MORIN,
- Prefet Maritime par interim

To: The President,
MEDBO Sub-Committee,
Marseille.

President,

In compliance with the request you have made to my representative, I beg to send you herewith two lists of information concerning the main civil naval industries of the Marseilles area.

The first of these lists deals with general information about the industries concerned, their capacities, the total number of hands actually available, the lack of hands to allow these plants to work at their maximum normal output (with the exclusion of any generalised work, double or triple gangs, which is not feasable at present owing to the considerable lack of specialized craftsmanship).

The second of these lists reminds which are the raw materials and gear, the lack of which strongly endangers the efficiency of the work and the speed of its execution. The latter informations are those which have been submitted verbally to you during your meeting of April 3rd. According to the directives of A.F.H.Q. Caserta of the 8/3/45, these latter informations are those which it is the particular attribution of your Sub-Committee to submit to the mainboard of the A.F.H.Q.

It appears to me advisable to confirm you that my representatives in the Medbo Sub-Committee are able to give any useful indication concerning the possibilities of the integration of the needs of the French and Allied Merchant Marines into the working program of the Marseilles Naval Industries. My representatives, who have a precise knowledge of the high priority orders entrusted to these plants by the Navy, the Army, the Public Works and Transports will always provide you with advice about the possibility of satisfying your requirements.

From this very moment, in spite of the lack of handcraft, I can say that the Naval Industry of the Marseilles Area is in the position to accept general repair work of medium importance on at least five merchant vessels in addition to the labour already in course of execution.

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LISTE DES PRINCIPALES ENTREPRISES D'INDUSTRIES NAVALES DE LA REGION DE MARSEILLE.

Nom de l'Entreprise	Capacités	Effectif total actuel	Deficit d'effectifs
CHANTIERS NAVALS DE LA CIOTAT (La Ciotat)	-Constructions de navires et de machines marines. -Reparations de navires.	1.800	300
CHANTIERS & ATELIERS DE PROVENCE DE PORT DE BOUC (Port de Bouc)	-Constructions de navires. -Reparations generales de navires.	750	250
CHANTIERS & ATELIERS DE PROVENCE A MARSEILLE (130, Chemin de la Madrague)	-Constructions de machines et chaudieres. -Reparations generales de navires.	800	250
Ste PROVENCALE DE CONSTRUCTIONS NAVALES (287, Chemin de la Madrague)	-Reparations generales de navires.	1.500	300
ETABLISSEMENTS TERRIN (40, Boulevard Maritime).	-Reparations generales de navires.	600	125
ETABLISSEMENTS GROIGNARD (Boulevard des Bassins, Cap Pinede).	-Reparations generales de navires. -Pieces de fonte.	450	100
ETABLISSEMENTS DURBEC (258, Chemin de la Madrague)	-Reparations de navires.	225	50
ETABLISSEMENTS PAOLI (57, Rue Kleber)	-Reparations de navires. -Chaines et ancres. -Pieces de forge.	200	50
ATELIERS DE LA COMPAGNIE GENERALE TRANSATLANTIQUE (23, Rue Mazenod)	-Travaux d'entretien sur navires.	175	25
ATELIERS DE LA COMPAGNIE PAQUET (90, Boulevard des Dames)	-Travaux d'entretien sur navires.	90	25

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(La Ciotat)	-Reparations de navires.		
CHANTIERS & ATELIERS DE PROVENCE DE PORT DE BOUC (Port de Bouc)	-Constructions de navires. -Reparations generales de navires.	750	250
CHANTIERS & ATELIERS DE PROVENCE A MARSEILLE (130, Chemin de la Madrague)	-Constructions de machines et chaudieres. -Reparations generales de navires.	800	250
Ste PROVENCALE DE CONSTRUCTIONS NAVALES (287, Chemin de la Madrague)	-Reparations generales de navires.	1.500	300
ETABLISSEMENTS TERRIN (40, Boulevard Maritime)	-Reparations generales de navires.	600	125
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ATELIERS DE LA SOCIETE GENERALE DE TRANSPORTS MARITIMES A VAPEUR (158, Boulevard de Paris)	-Travaux d'entretien sur navires.	80	35
ATELIERS DU CAP JANET (169, Chemin du Littoral)	-Reparations de navires.	90	25

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Nom de l'Entreprise	Capacites	Effectif total actuel	Deficit d'effectifs
FORGES ET CHANTIERS DE MEDITERRANEE (104, Avenue de Toulon)	-Construction et reparations de moteurs, machines a vapeur, pompes, bouilleurs.	480	300
ETABLISSEMENTS DUCLOS (Boulevard Oddo prolonge, Le Canet).	-Construction et reparations de guindeaux, treuils, cabestans, appareils a gouverner machines frigorifiques.	175	75
FONDERIES DU SUD-EST (144, Avenue de Toulon)	-Helices. -Pieces en fonte et en bronze.	160	50
FONDERIES MERIDIONALES (133, Boulevard de Plombieres)	-Helices. -Pieces en fonte et en bronze. -Acier moule. -Ancres.	80	40

1. TRAVAUX DE CHARPENTAGE

- CHANTIERS DE LA RESERVE, 34 Boulevard Charles Livon.
- CHANTIERS AMITRANO, Anse de Saumaty.
- BOLCIONI & JAUFFRET, 54, Rue du Berceau.
- ENTREPRISE GENERALE DE TRAVAUX INDUSTRIELS, 83 Boulevard Burel.
- ENTREPRISE VILLANI, Bassin de Radoub.
- OLIVA, 92, Avenue d'Arenc.
- MENUISERIE & CHARPENTAGE MARSEILLAIS, 1 Place de la Fraternite.

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2. TRAVAUX DE MECANIQUE

- SOCIETE DES MOTEURS BAUDOUIN, 180 Boulevard Rabateau.
- ETABLISSEMENTS PILLARD, 5 Rue Colbert.
- ATELIERS DE MECANIQUE EXCELSIOR, 5 Rue Toussaint.
- ETABLISSEMENTS BONNANS, 23 Boulevard de Vintimille.
- ETABLISSEMENTS AURENTY, 2, Bassin de Carenage.
- ETABLISSEMENTS GAILLIAT, 21 Traverse Pierre Roche.
- ATELIERS GALLI, 17 Quai de Rive Neuve.
- ATELIERS BOULLE, 34 Rue Kleber.
- ETABLISSEMENTS JULIEN, 243 Boulevard National.

3. TRAVAUX D'ELECTRICITE

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(104, Avenue de Toulon)	tions de moteurs, machines a vapeur, pompes, bouilleurs.			
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- ETABLISSEMENTS JULIEN, 243 Boulevard National.

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- GRANOUX, 57 Boulevard Dugommier (Moteurs et appareillage electrique)
- MARTINY, 14 Rue Benedit (Indicateurs electriques a distance, Salniometres)
- ELECTRIC FLUX, 3 Impasse de l'Esperance.
- ELECTRICITE NAVALE & INDUSTRIELLE, 434 Boulevard National.
- SOCIETE INDUSTRIELLE ELECTRIQUE, 41 Boulevard Camille Flammarion.
- NOEL & PELLEGRINI, 68 Avenue de Lyon.

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4. FONDERIES SECONDAIRES

- ETABLISSEMENTS GREGOIRE, 54 Rue du Berceau (Robinetterie).
- FONDERIES & ACIERIES DE PROVENCE, 38 Avenue Benjamin Delessert.
- REDINGS & BRUGUIERE, 324 Boulevard National (Fonte).

5. DIVERS

- BIANCHETTI. 57 Rue de la Colline, (Instruments de navigation).
- MURIALDO, 381, Chemin de la Madrague, (Vetements pour scaphandriers).

LISTE DES PRINCIPAUX BESOINS DE L'INDUSTRIE DE REPARATIONS DE NAVIRES DE LA REGION DE MARSEILLE.

I. PERSONNEL OUVRIER: (pour les reparations seulement) 2000 Ouvriers.

II. MATIERES (pour 1 an):

- Toles de coques (de 6 a 12 m/m)	2500	tonnes
- Toles pour chaudieres (de 16 a 30 m/m)	300	"
- Profiles (cornieres, fers a boudin)	800	"
- Rivets	350	"
- Boulons	150	"
- Barres rondes (acier doux)	200	"
- Blooms (acier mi-dur)	150	"
- Cuivre	200	"
- Etain	25	"
- Antimoine	1	"
- Bois:		
- Sapin	2500	metres cubes
- du Nord	1500	" "
- Iroko	300	" "
- Gaiac	20	tonnes
- Contreplaque	10000	metres carres.

III. MATERIEL:

- Bouteilles pour oxygene	1000
- Bouteilles pour acetylene	1000
- Compresseurs (a gas oil)	30
- Postes de soudure (a gas oil)	60
- Camions (de 3 a 10 tonnes)	50
- Grues sur camion	10
- Ponton mature de 100 tonnes environ	1

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No.53.

D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS, 13th.April '45.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBO.

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

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
Meeting of the 12th.April 1945.

1-FRENCH PROGRAMME. : Translation attached hereto of Programme No.15. Read and approved.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE : List of bids for drydock and repairs were sent earlier this week and confirmed by ALMED.

3-THRESHERS FOR TUNISIA: (see para 3.Report No.52.)- These threshers have been discharged at destination ex the "SAMTWEED", and the French wished to record their deep appreciation of the very prompt result of their request. In view of the present and possible harvest conditions these threshers would certainly help to assuage the local needs with greater despatch.

There was no other business to be discussed and the meeting thereupon closed.

sgd. P.F. LE PARS.
French Liaison. D.M.W.T.R. N.A.

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FRENCH SHIPPING PROGRAMME No.15.
Meeting of the 12th.April 1945

T A B L E No. O N E.

Vessels on passage (W.L.15th.April '45)

Vessel	:Li:Port & date of :st:departure	:Intermedte.Pts.	:Destination:	: Remarks.
	FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.			
ESPIGUETTE	:B :CASA 12/4	:DAKAR	:W.A.COAST	:F.NA.Gds.
AGEN	:B :DAKAR 11/4	:CASA	:ALGIERS	:F.W.A.Gds.
PORT ARDHAMBAULT	:B :DAKAR 11/4	:CASA	:ALGN.Ports	: -do-
CAP EL HANK	:B :DAKAR 9/4	:CASA	:ALGIERS	: -do-
SCHIAFFINO FRERES	:B :CASA 8/4	:	:DAKAR	:FNA.Gds.
VENDOME	:B :CASA 13/4	:	:DAKAR	:MET.GDS.
MARRAKECH	:B :CASA 9/4	:	:DAKAR	:Passgrs-Gen.
	FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	:B :SFAX 14/4	:TRIPOLI	:SFAX	:Barley-Gen.
LACYDON	:B :DJIDJELLI 11/4	:	:ALGIERS	:St.Setts.-Gen
LES ISSERS	:B :BONE 12/4	:	:ALGIERS	:Tobacco.
MAROC	:B :ALGIERS 14/4	:ARZEW	:MENDURS	:Cement

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2-REPAIR COMMITTEE : List of bids for drydock and repairs were sent earlier this week and confirmed by ALMED.

3-THRESHERS FOR TUNISIA: (see para 3.Report No.52.)- These threshers have been discharged at destination ex the "SALTWEED", and the French wished to record their deep appreciation of the very prompt result of their request. In view of the present and possible harvest conditions these threshers would certainly help to assuage the local needs with greater despatch.

There was no other business to be discussed and the meeting thereupon closed.

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

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FRENCH SHIPPING PROGRAMME No.15.
Meeting of the 12th.April 1945

T A B L E No. O N E.

Vessels on passage (W.E.15th.April '45)

Vessel	Li:st	Port & date of departure	Intermedte.Pts.	Destination:	Remarks.
		FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.			
ESPIGUETTE	B	CASA 12/4	DAKAR	W.A.COAST	F.NA.Gds.
AGEN	B	DAKAR 11/4	CASA	ALGIERS	F.W.A.Gds.
FORT ARDHAMBAULT	B	DAKAR 11/4	CASA	AlHN.Ports	-do-
CAP EL HANK	B	DAKAR 9/4	CASA	ALGIERS	-do-
SCHLAFFNO FRERES	B	CASA 8/4		DAKAR	FNA.Gds.
VENDOME	B	CASA 13/4		DAKAR	MEL.GDS.
MARRAKECH	B	CASA 9/4		DAKAR	Passrs-Gen.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	SFAX 14/4	TRIPOLI	SFAX	Barley-Gen.
LACYDON	B	DJIDJELLI 11/4		ALGIERS	St.Setts.-Gen
LES ISSERS	B	BONE 12/4		ALGIERS	Tobacco.
MAROC	B	ALGIERS 11/4	ORAN	MARNIRS	Cement
					-Cement.

T A B L E No. T W O.

ANTICIPATED ROTATIONS.(W.E.22nd.April 1945.)

FR.W.AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

JEAN L.DREYFUS O/Hire		DAKAR 17/4	CASA	ORAN	Oil-Gen.
INDIANA O/Hire		CASA 18/4	DAKAR	W.A.Coast.	F.NA.Eds.
SCHLAFFNO O/Hire		ALGIERS 17/4	CASA	DAKAR	Gen.
MARRAKECH	B	DAKAR 22/4		CASA	Passrs-Gen.

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ANTICIPATED ROTATIONS (W.E.22nd.April 1945.)

Vessel	:Li:Port & Date of :st:departure.	:Intermedte.Pts.	:Destination	: Remarks.
		FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.		
LES ISSERS	:B :ALGIERS 15/4	:NEMOURS BONE	:PH/VILLE	:Coal
MAROC	:B :NEMOURS 20/4	:	:ALGIERS	:Coal
CAUDEBEC	:B :CASA 22/4	:	:BIZERTA	:Cement
STRASBOURGEOIS	:B:ALGIERS 16/4	:PH/VILLE-TUNIS	:SFAX	:Sugar-Pyrites.
CAP.ST.MARTIN	:B :ORAN 17/4	:	:CASA	:Gen.
AUG.LE BORGNE	:B :ALGIERS 20/4	:NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Coal
LACYDON	:B :ALGIERS 18/4	:NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Coal

T A B L E No.THREE.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION AFTER 22nd.APRIL '45.

FR.W.AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.

N I L.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

N I L.

M E M O R A N D U M.

a)- Traffic on Corsica.

				Coasting.
N.D.d'AFRIQUE	:B :		:AJACCIO	:
V.d'AJACCIO	:B :MARSEILLES 12/4	:AJACCIO-ALGRS.	:AJACCIO	:
JOS.LE BORGNE	:B :AJACCIO abt 12/4	:	:AJACCIO	:

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

CHATEAU LATOUR	:B:	:	:	:
LE TRAIT	:B :ORAN abt -/4	:	:	:

c)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.

DJEBEL AURES	:B :	:	:	:

d)-Coasting South France.

VAL DE LA HAYE	:B :	:	:	:
FORFAIT	:B :	:	:	:

e)-Colonial Traffic.

MEONIA	:D .ALGIERS abt.16/4	:SETE/MARS.	:MADAGASCAR	: Repairs.
ILE DE RE C/Hire	:W.INDIES abt 15/4:		:CASA	:Sugar-Gen.
SAGITTAIRE C/Hire	:W.INDIES abt 25/4:		:F.N.A..	: -do-.

N O T A V A I L A B L E.

CAP FALCON-AUG.LE BORGNE - VILLE DE TENES - G.G.CHANZY - MARSEILLAISE-KOUTOUBIA- PARME- J.SCHLAFFINO-FLORIDA-STRASBOURGEOIS- RICHEPOURG.

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T A B L E No. FOUR.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANDRE MOYRAND	:B :KAOLACK 11/4	:	:DAKAR	:
	:B :PORT BOUET 17/4	:TABOU	:FREETOWN	:
				:under repair.

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AUG.LE BORGNE:B	:ALGIERS 20/4	:NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Coal
LACYDON :B	:ALGIERS 18/4	:NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Coal

T A B L E No.THREE.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION AFTER 22nd.APRIL '45.

FR.W.AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

N I L.

M E M O R A N D U M.

a)- Traffic on Corsica.

N.D.d'AFRIQUE:B	:	:	Coasting.	
V.d'AJACCIO :B	:MARSEILLES 12/4:	AJACCIO-ALGRS.	:AJACCIO	:
JOS.LE BORGNE:B	:AJACCIO abt 12/4:		:AJACCIO	:

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CHATEAU LATOUR:B:		:	:	:
LE TRAIT :B	:ORAN abt -/4 :		:	:

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FONTAIT :B	:	:	:	

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SAGITTAIRE O/Hire	:W.INDIES abt 25/4:		:F.N.A..	: -do-.

N O T A V A I L A B L E.

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KOUTOUBIA- PARME- J.SCHLAFFINO-FLORIDA-STRASBOURGEOIS- RICHEBOURG.

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T A B L E No. FOUR.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANDRE MOYRAND	:B :KAOLACK 11/4	:	:DAKAR	:
ARCTURUS	:B :PORT BOUET 17/4:	TABOU	:FREETOWN	:
CAP LOPEZ	:B :DAKAR 12/3	:	:	:under repair.
G.GUIST'HAU	:B :KAOLACK 15/4	:	:DAKAR	:
OUED FES	:B :DAKAR abt 19/4:		:	:under repr.
MEDIE 11.	:B :PT.BOUET 9/4	:TAKORADI	:LOME	:
CH.SCHIAFFINO	:B :Pt.BOUET 13/4	:SASSANDRA	:FREETWON	:
DUNKERQUE	:B :Pte.NOIRE 16/4:	LAGOS	:ROUEN	:
FAUZON	:B :Pt.BOUET 10/4	:TAK./FRTWN.	:DAKAR	:
CEVENNES	:B :ZIGUINCHOR 11/4:		:DAKAR	:
ARGONNE	:B :KAOLACK 11/4	:	:DAKAR	:
MADAGASCAR	:B :PT.BOUET abt 30/4:		:DAKAR	:
MONTAIGNE	:B :KAOLACK 11/4	:	:DAKAR	:

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RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

Vessel	Li st	Port & Date of departure	Intermedte.Pts.	Destination	Remarks.
		a)- MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.			
V.de DJIDJELLI	B	ALGIERS 11/4	SETE-AJACCIO	ALGIERS	
G.G.LEPINE	B	SETE 11/4	ORAN	SETE	
SIDI BRAHIM	B	SETE 12/4	ALGIERS	SETE	
FINISTERE	B	NICE 14/4	SFAX	CARONTE	
P.SCHLAFFINO	B	STE 8/4	TUNIS-SOUSSE	MARSEILLES	
GALLIUM	E	ORAN 14/4	NEMOURS	St.LOUIS DU RHONE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	ORAN 10/4	MARSEILLES	ALGIERS then repairs.	
CAUDEBEC	B	ORAN 12/4	CASA	BIZERTA	
CARTHAGE	B	SETE 14/4	TUNIS SFAX	SETE	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	MARSEILLES 12/4	AJACCIO	ALGIERS	
VILLE DE BASTIA	B	ALGIERS 12/4	ORAN NEMOURS	MARSEILLES	
M.L.LE BORGNE	B	MARSEILLES 11/4	ORAN CASA	SETE	
LE TRAIT	B	SETE 12/4		ORAN	
KRIEGEL	B	CASA 13/4		MARSEILLES	
PROCIDA	B	MARSEILLES 12/4	TUNIS SFAX	SETE	
MEONIA	B	ALGIERS Abt.16/4	SETE MARSEILLES	ALGIERS	
JOS.LE BORGNE	B	AJACCIO 12/4		BASTIA	
CAP.ST.MARTIN	B	SETE 10/4	ORAN CASA	ROUEN	
PROVIDENCE	B	MARSEILLES 12/4	ORAN	TOULON	
		b)- Other Traffic.			
JANINE	B	HUELVA 16/4		SETE	

ADDENDUM TO FRENCH PROGRAMME.

TABLE SHOWING THE TONNAGE TRANSPORTED BETWEEN F.N.A. PORTS BY VESSELS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE.
(List "D" Vessels.)

MONTH OF JANUARY 1945.

Coasting between Algerian-Tunisian Ports.....	24.771 tons.
Algeria-Tunisia /Morocco.....	3.591
Algeria-Tunisia /West African Coast	6.920
Algeria-Tunisia /Corsica	3.432
Algeria-Tunisia /Metropolitan Fr.Ports.....	12.889
Algeria-Tunisia /Foreign Ports	29
Morocco/Algeria-Tunisia	1.425
Morocco/West African Coast	537
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Total tonnage	56.051 tons.

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C.G.LEVIA	:B	:SETE 11/4	:ORAN	:SETE	:
SIDI BRAHIM	:B	:SETE 12/4	:ALGIERS	:SETE	:
FINISTERE	:B	:NICE 14/4	:SFAX	:CAROYNE	:
P.SCHIAFFINO	:B	:STE 8/4	:TUNIS-SOUSSE	:MARSEILLES	:
GALLIUM	:B	:ORAN 14/4	:NEMOURS	:St.LOUIS DU RHONE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	:B	:ORAN 10/4	:MARSEILLES	:ALGIERS then repairs.	
CAUDEBEC	:B	:ORAN 12/4	:CASA	:BIZERTA	:
CARTHAGE	:B	:SETE 14/4	:TUNIS SFAX	:SETE	:
VILLE D'AJACCIO	:B	:MARSEILLES 12/4	:AJACCIO	:ALGIERS	:
VILLE DE BASTIA	:B	:ALGIERS 12/4	:ORAN MOSQUES	:MARSEILLES	:
M.L.LE BORGNE	:B	:MARSEILLES 11/4	:ORAN CASA	:SETE	:
LE FAIT	:B	:SETE 12/4	:	:ORAN	:
KRISTEL	:B	:CASA 13/4	:	:MARSEILLES	:
PROCIDA	:B	:MARSEILLES 12/4	:TUNIS SFAX	:SETE	:
MEONIA	:B	:ALGIERS Abt.16/4	:SETE MARSEILLES	:ALGIERS	::
JOS.LE BORGNE	:B	:AJACCIO 12/4	:	:BASTIA	:
CAP.ST.MARTIN	:B	:SETE 10/4	:ORAN CASA	:ROUEN	:
PROVIDENCE	:B	:MARSEILLES 12/4	:ORAN	:TOULON	:

b)- Other Traffic.

JANINE	:B	:HUELVA 16/4	:	:SETE	:

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be fully acquainted and Cdr.Sumpton said he would take the matter up with Major Simpson, Pet.Sec.

Cdr.Sumpton

65. PORTS.

PATRAS. In connection with the fuelling of vessels at Patras Cdr.Sumpton advised that this question had been discussed at a meeting of the Allocation Committee and it had been considered desirable to have a static fueller based at this port. It was agreed that Capt.Bachas should write to Major Simpson on this subject.

Capt.Bachas

KATOKOLON. A report had been received from the NCIC stating that the port in its present state was not suitable for the discharge of large ships, but only for small motor vessels. Chairman enquired as to the possibility of shipments of currants from Katokolon and Col.Davidson said he thought these should be sent by railway to Patras as there were plenty of goods being moved from Patras to Katokolon by rail but not much was available for the return journey. Cdr.Sumpton advised the S.S.T.O. Patras was making a report on the existing facilities which would be made available when received.

VOLOS. Ref.46. Chairman informed the Meeting that he had visited this port recently and had enquired into the possibility of the discharge of coal at the Cement works, and it was stated that the works required 1,000 tons of coal per month for their own use and did not want to stock coal in their yard for other purposes. The grab used for discharging the coal was also used for the discharge of sand and was kept fully occupied. It would seem that the best procedure was for the colliers to discharge the required quantity at the works and complete discharge as at present.

SALONIKA. A letter had been received from the Area Commander at this port advising that the handing over had been carried out satisfactorily and that the Salonika Port Control Committee had been reconstituted and was carrying out its duties in a satisfactory manner.

IRAKLION. It was pointed out that an ocean going storeship, s.s."EDWARD SPARROW" with about 5,000 tons on board, was going to discharge at Irakion and it was hoped that the rate of discharge would be satisfactory.

KAVALLA. Ref.56. A signal had been received from S.T.O.Kavalla confirming that the grain sucker for the discharging of bulk wheat was in working order. The capacity of the installation was 4,000 tons and the rate of discharge was 30 tons per hour, with a maximum of 700 tons per 24 hours. The maximum draft at the jetty was 18 ft. Full details were being forwarded by letter. In view of this it was decided that Capt.Bachas should investigate which Greek coastal vessels of 4/500 tons capacity could be fitted easily for the carrying of bulk grain, in accordance with the existing Greek Law covering such cargoes, and to report to GRESCO.

Capt.Bachas

66. MOVEMENT OF POL. Col.Davidson advised that a quantity of POL for Military Maintenance purposes would be moving every day from Patras to Krioneris and enquired wether it would be possible to use the Tanac tug and lighters for this purpose. Cdr.Sumpton agreed to look into this.

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Cdr.Sumpton & Capt.Bachas

67. HARBOUR CRAFT. Referring to the R.C.Ls which were being handed over, Col.Davidson advised that it would be necessary to retain 3 at Patras and 6 at Piraeus, as a Military commitment. These were required as there is a constant requirement for the transport of vehicles at both these ports.

The next meeting will be held at 1500 hours on the 25th April, 1945.

SECRETARY

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GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE

Secret

MINUTES OF MEETING No.24, HELD AT HQ. L.F. G. at 1500 hours on 18th April, 1945.

PRESENT:	Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
	Capt.A.A.Bachas. R.H.F.	Rep.	R.H.F.& Mercantile Marine
	Cdr.R.W.Sumpton. R.N.R.		R.S.S.T.O.(G)
	Col.R.I.Davidson.		Col.'G'
	Mr.J.B.Jowitt.	Rep.	W.S.A.
	Mr.B.V.Washburn	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.
	Mr.K.F.Walker.	Secretary.	

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60. MINUTES OF MEETING No.23 were approved.

61. COASTAL SHIPPING. Ref.53. Chairman advised that the Allocation Committee would in future be known as GRESCO. This was the result of a suggestion received from M.W.T.R. MED. and tabled at a meeting of the Allocation Committee held on the 14th April, when it was approved.

A letter had been received from UNRRA in connection with the purchase by the Greek Government of approximately 1500 tons chickpeas in Turkey. It was stated that these peas had been procured for seed purposes and not as food. It was however now understood that the space which had been arranged for this shipment had been cancelled as the peas were not now required, it being too late for planting.

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Capt.Bachas

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64. STEVEDORING. Ref.57. Chairman reported that tonnage rates had now been fixed for Iraklion but no further developments had been made in connection with the rates at Salonika and Kavalla.

The question was raised in connection with the pay for the discharge of the POL at Salonika and Chairman stated he had been advised that the SSTO there was paying the Union. Cdr.Sumpton said this was not in accordance with the instructions which he had circulated to the S.T.Os as it had now been agreed that the Bank of Agriculture would pay for the discharge of all POL, and a certificate would be issued by the Bank in respect of the Military portion discharged, and the S.T.O. would then remit to the Bank. Cdr.Sumpton went on to say that under no circumstances would he authorise the payment to be made direct to the Union. It was thought the Bank of Agriculture may not

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236. U.K.C.C. REQUIREMENTS.

Referring to Min.228, the Chairman advised that the "SOMERSET COAST" was due at Oran to load the 200 tons Tartrates. The Briarwood Blocks had been shipped per "HARBERTON".
Lt.Comdr.Kettlewell advised that one lot of Vegetable Fibre had been loaded on the "CAMPIDOGLIO".

237. COMMERCIAL SHIPMENTS.

It was reported that details of the Liner agency arrangements were awaited.

238. M.O.W.T. STORE.

Mr.J.R.Smith requested that the top floor of the premises occupied by M.W.T. Stores Dept. on Quai Sete II should be reserved for 12 months for M.O.W.T. account. The goods, he said, were of a highly pilferable nature, and as M.O.W.T. was the recognised distributing agent for light stores, this was important.
The Chairman agreed to take up this question with Hirings & Claims.

Action: Mr.Scriven.

239. NORTH AFRICAN WHEAT SHORTAGE.

The Chairman reported that thanks to the prompt co-operation of the U.S.A. Authorities by the diversion of the "WOODROW WILSON" to Casablanca, the Moroccan shortage had been alleviated.

240. SHIPPING DOCUMENTS FOR NON-SERVICES SHIPMENTS.

Major Stebbens advised that a note would be circulated regarding the Non-Negotiable Receipt Form which is to be used in future in connection with all shipments other than that of Service stores.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, April 23rd, 1945.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 35. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 16th APRIL 1945.

Present :-

Mr. R. B. Scriven. (D.M.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Mr. J. R. Smith.	(D.O.S.R.)	Lt. Comdr. Kettlewell.	(STO)
Major H. C. Stebbens.	(DAQMG(M))	Sq. Ldr. Bulman.	(RAF. Mov.)
Lt. R. Bradley. USNR.	(Pet. Sec.)	Capt. L. Hutchings.	(Tn. Br.)
Capt. Lambert.	(Pet. Sec.)	Mr. F. P. Tremble.	(BEM)
Mr. Hannahs.	(W.S.A.)	Mr. W. S. Thomas.	(Coal Div, BEM.)
Mr. M. E. Belliere.	(UKCC)	Mrs. E. M. Bertrand.	(Sec.)

The Minutes of Meeting No. 34 were approved.

232. DISCHARGE OF COLLIERS.

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233. COLLIER MOVEMENTS.

All colliers mentioned in Minutes of Meeting No. 34 have arrived and completed, with the exception of :

"KARSLOGIE" - awaited at Oran.
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Mr. Thomas requested that the "LLANBERIS", ordered Bone/La Goulette, might be discharged Oran/La Goulette.

234. CARGO DISCHARGE.

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234. CARGO DISCHARGE.

The Chairman was pleased to report that discharge of wheat ex "FORT JASPER" had attained the daily figure of 1850 tons.

235. STORES AT BONE.

All Sherman tanks having been cleared from Bone, a directive is now awaited with regard to the Stuart tanks. P.S.T.O. had agreed that lashings and other material should be handed over to M.W.T. against receipt, for use if required later.

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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 HOURS 21 APRIL 1945

	CLEAN		DIRTY		TO
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessel
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
With Cargo	12	1,3[illegible],000	2	61,000	14
In Ballast	8	[illegible],000	-	---	8
In Drydock or repair	-	---	-	---	-
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening but excluding C, D, & E)					
Working	20	465,000	2	96,000	22
Drydock or repair	11	1[illegible],000	3	105,000	14
C. WATER CARRIERS	24	2[illegible],000	-	---	24
D. FLOUR FILLERS	2 (a)	70,000	12 (b)	258,000	14
E. ON RN OPERATIONAL SERVICE	9	7[illegible],000	4	203,000	13

(a) 1 Vessel [illegible] 68,000 barrels used as floating storage
(b) 2 Vessels [illegible] 4,000 barrels, [illegible] 66,000 barrels also

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E POSITION IN [E]STERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE AS AT 1200 HOURS 21 APRIL 1945

CLEAN		DIRTY		TOTAL	
No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity
12	1,3[illegible],000	2	61,000	14	1,533,000
8	[illegible],000	-	---	8	800,000
-	---	-	---	-	---
20	465,000	2	96,000	22	561,000
11	1[illegible],000	3	105,000	14	256,000
24	2[illegible],000	-	---	24	230,000
2 (a)	70,000	12 (b)	258,000	14	328,000
9	[illegible],000	4	203,000	13	275,000

(a) 1 vessel [illegible] 68,000 barrels used as floating storage
(b) 2 Vessels [illegible] 4,000 barrels, [illegible] 66,000 barrels also used as Floating storage)

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Ministry of War Transport,
NAPLES.

HOMEWARD LOADING PROGRAMME

Disposal of British Tonnage etc., during the month of March

To U.K.

			Tns.		Tns.	Ships
IRON ORE		BONE	90,109			11
		ALGIERS	7,224			1
		BOUGIE	4,216			1
		LA GOULETTE	13,113			3
	TOTAL	NORTH AFRICA	114,662		114,662	
		MELILLA REF	50,700			7
		SETOLAZAR	6,350			1
		ALGEIRA	4,100			1
		SORTILLO	2,500			2
	TOTAL	SPANISH PORTS	71,650		71,650	
	TOTAL IRON ORE	... ...			186,312	
PYRITES		HUELVA	20,045	... ...	20,045	4
POTASH		Barcelona	12,520		12,520	2
ONIONS		Spain Cases 9,935	709		70% pt.cargo	
CITRUS		Spain: Cases 1,147,250	57,362			14
		Sicily Cases 136,591	6,464		62,826	2
CITRIC ACID					717	
TARTARIC ACID					66	
PHOSPHATES		Casablanca	60,152			10
		Bone	15,526		83,678	2
In addition phosphate was loaded to Australia as follows from Bone					17,382	2
					304,664	63

Priority figures to U.K. were attained for citrus, pyrites, and phosphates with iron ore only 3,671 tons below the increased figure of 190,000 tons.

Note: During the month of March 50,696 tons consisting of 35,456 tons of iron ore and 15,240 tons of phosphates were shipped as ballast to U.S.A. in 40 ships 35 U.S.A. and 5 British.
23rd April, 1945.

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AGENDA.

ONEHUNDRED AND EIGHTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 17th APRIL, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 107 DATED 10TH APRIL, 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 57 dated 11th April, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 73 dated 13th April, 1945.
Minutes of Meeting No. 4 dated 3rd April, 1945 of the South of France Repair Committee.

4. MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SUPPLIES.

Report of 14th April, 1945.

5. COASTERS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

Report for March, 1945 on the working of Coasters under the control of M.W.T.R. Mediterranean.

6. HARBOUR CRAFT.

Report No. 47 of 16th April, 1945.

7. TANKER COMMITTEE.

Summary of Tanker Tonnage Position in Western Mediterranean Theatre as on 14th April, 1945.

8. DREDGING COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 7 of 9th April, 1945.

9. NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 34 dated 9th April, 1945.

10. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 23 dated 11th April, 1945.

11. OTHER MATTERS.

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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

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G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/379/GDM

11 Apr 45

Telo : FREEDOM 302

Subject : Minutes of Coal Meeting No.57 held at 1000 hrs on 11 Apr 45 in G-4(Mov & Tn) Conference Room.

In the Chair :	Maj V. KING	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Present :	Capt P. CHRISTIAN	Q.M.(Coal Sec)
	Capt A. WOODROW	G-4(Mov & Tn)
	Lt W.E. HUFFER	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
	J Comd M.E. GRIBBLE	Secretary

437. COLLIERS DUE (See Minute 435)

(a) Vessels had been routed as follows :-

ARTHUR M. HUDDLE	NAPLES/TARANTO
SAMEDWAY	PIRAEUS

(b) Q.M.(Coal Sec) gave destinations as follows :-

NATHAN CLIFFORD	PALERMO/TARANTO
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HQ Mov Central ITALY
Mov West ITALY
Mov SICILY
F.E.O.
DQMG(Mov & Tn)
Mov 3(G-4 Mov & Tn)
AFHQ
COT (4)
WSA (2)

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

COLLIERS DUE N. AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 11 APR

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN
SAMOKLA		USA	UGS 80	31 Mar			3500		3500
EMPIRE ZEPHYR		U.K.	KMS 92	1 Apr			6017 Coal 103 Coke		6017 Coal 103 Coke
BARON NAPIER		U.K.	KMS 92	2 Apr			4985		
HARBERTON		U.K.	KMS 92	3 Apr			6418 Coal 52 Coke		
SAMOKLA		ORAN		7 Apr			3000	3000	
PENLALE		U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			4384 Coal 595 Coke		
BELGIAN TRADER		U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			3189 Coal 24 Coke		
EMPIRE KANGAROO			NAPLES	10 Apr			3996		3996
KERSLOGIE		U.K.	KMS 95	12 Apr			2774	2774	
HELVARD	25'5"	USA	UGS 83	15 Apr			7032		
KERSLOGIE		ORAN		18 Apr			2000		2000

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COLLIERS DUE N. AFRICA -- POSITION AS AT 11 APR

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN	BONE	TUNIS & LA GOULETTE
	USA	UGS 80	31 Mar			3500 6017 Coal 103 Coke		3500 6017 Coal 103 Coke		
	U.K.	KMS 92	1 Apr			4985				4985
	U.K.	KMS 92	2 Apr			6418 Coal 52 Coke			6418 Coal 52 Coke	
	U.K.	KMS 92	3 Apr			3000	3000			
	ORAN		7 Apr			4384 Coal 595 Coke 3189 Coal 24 Coke				4384 Coal 595 Coke 3189 Coal 24 Coke
	U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			3996		3996		
	U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			2774	2774			
		NA TMS	10 Apr			7032				
	U.K.	KMS 95	12 Apr			2000		2000		
25'5"	USA	UGS 83	15 Apr							
	ORAN		18 Apr							

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY, SICILY AND GREECE
AS AT 11 APR 43.

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE REMAINING	ETC
ANCONA	LEOPOLD DeBROSCH	20'	BARI		Sx	11 Apr	4756	4069	19 Apr
	HOUSTON CITY	20'	BARI		Sx	27 Apr	4511		4 May
	S.S.LOSSIE	20'	BARI		Sx	4 May	4506		14 May
BARI	FORT CADOTTE	26'6"	S.A.		Sx	7 Apr	8184		21 Apr
	HOUSTON CITY	27'6"	S.A.		Sx	21 Apr	5000		26 Apr
	S.S.LOSSIE	29'0"	S.A.		Sx	26 Apr	5000		31 Apr
CAGLIARI									
CATANIA	ROBERT BATTEY	27'0"	S.A.		Sx	12 Apr	8784		20 Apr
	EMPIRE MALACCA	26'6"	S.A.		Sx	21 Apr	4000		25 Apr
CIVITA VECCHIA	FORT NORTHGHAM	24'0"	NAPLES			6 Apr	7158	3682	15 Apr
	THOMAS J.WALSH	24'0"	NAPLES			14 Apr	4412		20 Apr
	M.E.COMERFORD	24'0"	NAPLES			27 Apr	4769		
	RAYMOND T.PARKER	24'0"	NAPLES			3 May	4653		
	SALATTIE	24'0"	NAPLES			24 Apr	4856		
LEGHORN	FORT ESPERANCE	19'6"	NAPLES		Sx	30 Mar	5419	658	13 Apr
	SAMTREDY	19'6"	NAPLES		Sx	13 Apr	4000		
						11 Apr	4000	2000	12 Apr

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NAPLES	PORT CADOTTE	26'6"	S.A.		Sa.	7 Apr	8184	21 Apr
	HOUSTON CITY	27'6"	S.A.		Sa.	21 Apr	5000	26 Apr
	SAMLOSSIE	29'0"	S.A.		Sa.	26 Apr	5000	31 Apr
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NAPLES	THOMAS J. WALSH	29'3"	U.S.A.	UGS 81		11 Apr	4000	2000 12 Apr
	SAMTREDY	26'6"	S.A.		Sa.	13 Apr	4781	15 Apr
	ARTHUR M. HUDDLE	29'4"	U.S.A.	UGS 83	Low vol	18 Apr	6000	21 Apr
	SAMLYTHE	28'6"	S.A.		Sa.	20 Apr	4000	23 Apr
	M.E. COMERFORD	28'6"	S.A.		Sa.	23 Apr	4000	25 Apr

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PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGES FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGES REMAINING	ETC
NAPLES	JOSEPH LE CONTE	23'0"	Sa		Sa	27 Apr	8663	(for further orders)	
	RAYMOND T.PARKER		Sa		Sa	30 Apr	4000		
PALERMO	SAMFOYLE	27'9"	Sa		Sa	9 Apr	4000	1000	12 Apr
	NATHAN CLIFFORD					29 Apr	4000		3 May
PIOMBINO									
REGGIO	SAMFOYLE	19'6"	PALERMO		Sa	14 Apr	4225	NOS	
TARANTO	ARTHUR M.HUDDLE		NAPLES		low vol	21 Apr	2097		25 Apr
	EMPIRE MALACCA		CATANIA		Sa	27 Apr	4359		
	NATHAN CLIFFORD		PALERMO		Sa	5 May	4843		
PIRAEUS	REMBRANDT		SALONIKA		Sa	9 Apr	5648	3007	16 Apr
	SAMEDWAY	28'6"	Sa		Sa	21 Apr	8907		
PREVEZA									

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									orders)
	RAYMOND T. BARKER		SA		SA	30 Apr	4000		
PALERMO	SAMFOYLE	27'9"	SA		SA	9 Apr	4000	1000	12 Apr
	NATHAN CLIFFORD					29 Apr	4000		3 May
PIOMBINO									
MUGGIO	SAMFOYLE	19'6"	PALERMO		SA	14 Apr	4225	[illegible]	
TARANTO	ARTHUR M. HUDDLE		NAPLES		low vol	21 Apr	2097		25 Apr
	EMPIRE MALACCA		CATANIA		SA	27 Apr	4359		
	NATHAN CLIFFORD		PALERMO		SA	5 May	4843		
PIRAEUS	REMBRANDT		SALONIKA		SA	9 Apr	5648	3007	16 Apr
	SAMEDWAY	28'6"	SA		SA	21 Apr	8907		
PREVEZA									
SALONIKA	HERON		M.E.				1810		

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PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE REMAINING	ETC
PATRAS	GUDVIN		BARI		SA	23 APR	1800		
VOLOS									
CORFU									
CASTEL BAY	ALMA		PORT CRUZ		SA	13 Apr	190		
PORT CRUZ	ALMA		BARI		SA	18 Apr	250		

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R.N. COLLIERS

SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING POINT	DESTINATION
THELMA		To part discharge MESSINA thence complete NAPLES.		
CARA		To part discharge TOULON thence complete MARSEILLES.		
BERKEL		Allocated to VOLEM		
COLCHESTER		To part discharge LEGHORN thence complete TARANTO.		
SVETI VLAHO		Discharging NAPLES.		
TINTERN ABBEY		Released to M.W.T. 051600		
EMPIRE TORRIDGE		To part discharge TARANTO thence complete BRINDISI.		
VAN OSTADE		Completing discharge in ORAN.		
BESTIK		To part discharge TARANTO thence complete ANCONA		
SENIO (Italian Coaster)		To complete discharge MADDALENA thence to NAPLES in ballast.		

Advised future sailings:-

K.M.S. 95 - WEARBY N.C.
ARY LEMSEN N.C.

K.M.S. 96 - 2 Welsh Colliers.

K.M.S. 97 - 2 N.C. Colliers.
1 Welsh Collier.

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R.H. COLLIERS

CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
part discharge MESSINA thence complete NAPLES.				
part discharge TOULON thence complete MARSEILLES.				
rated to FOLMI				
part discharge LEGHORN thence complete TARANTO.				M.W.T.
charging NAPLES.				
osed to M.W.T. 051600				M.W.T.
part discharge TARANTO thence complete BRINDISI.				M.W.T.
pleting discharge in ORAN.				M.W.T.
part discharge TARANTO thence complete ANCONA				
o complete discharge MADDALENA thence to NAPLES in ballast.				
K.M.S. 95 -	YEARBY	N.C.		
	ARY LEEGEEN	N.C.		
K.M.S. 96 -	2 Welsh Colliers.			
K.M.S. 97 -	2 N.C. Colliers.			
	1 Welsh Collier.			

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

APRIL ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
HORACE WELLS		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
FORT FAMMURE(EMT)	F 24' A 20'	USA				8124	ORAN or ALGI
EMPIRE FALCON		U.K.	KMS 94		Coke	1964	NAPLES
DRAKEPOOL		"			Coal Coke	6600 150	ALGIERS
BARON DUNMORE		"				5350	LA GOULETTE
LLANBERIS						7003	BONE & LA GO

MAY ARRIVALS

SALAMON		S.AFRICA				9044	ITALY
JOSEPH E EMERY		"				8500	"
BRENDA MATTHEWS		"				8500	"
ROBERT S DEAN		"				8500	"
BROCKLEY MOORE		"				8500	"
DURAN		U.K.				6000	ORAN & ALGIE
LLANGALLEN		"				5000	ALGIERS
TIMOK		"				4250	ORAN
HADIN						4360	CASABLANCA
EMPIRE TEES						3800	BONE & PHIL

JUNE ARRIVALS

WINGLEIGH		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
SALALNESS		"				8500	"

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APRIL ARRIVALS

RAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
'	USA				8124	ORAN or ALGIERS
'	U.K.	HMS 94		Coke	1964	NAPLES
	"			Coal	6600	ALGIERS
	"			Coke	150	
	"				5350	LA GOULETTE & TUNIS
					7003	BONE & LA GOULETTE

APPENDIX 'E'

MAY ARRIVALS

	S.AFRICA				2011	ITALY
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	U.K.				6000	ORAN & ALGIERS
	"				5000	ALGIERS
	"				1250	ORAN
					4960	CASABLANCA
					3800	BONE & PHILIPVILLE

APPENDIX 'F'

JUNE ARRIVALS

	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
	"				8500	"

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

SOUTH FRANCE

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FLYING DALE	20'6"	U.K.	KMS 90	21 Mar	Coke Pitch	301 5103	SETE & MARSEILLES
HILVERSUM		U.K.	KMS 92	31 Mar	Pitch	4863	SETE
R.F. PECHIN	27'3"	USA	UGS 81	3 Apr	M.Vol	8146	MARSEILLES
SA TORCH	27'6"	USA	UGS 82	6 Apr			MARSEILLES

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APPENDIX 'G'

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 73.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 13TH APRIL, 1945.

Present: Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N. In the Chair.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Capitaine de Corvette Ybert.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
M. Davison.
[illegible].S. Lawrenson.
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Captain B.D. Pete.
Captain T.L. Kidwell.
Miss M.M. Michie Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

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1150. OMAN. "EAGLE" had gone into dock during the week and the Chairman reported was due to complete about 14th April and would be followed by the Pontoon Dock "TOURS", then "THOMAS BULLFINCH" for examination only, which would allow the Dock to be vacant on 28th April when it was required for a French Warship. Mr Davison stated that it had been possible to list "THOMAS BULLFINCH" and patch No. 4 hold so that discharge could continue afloat.
There was a U.S. Warship in No. 2 Dock and the Chairman said that/

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/that "VILLE DE BOUGIE" was due to go in after her but it had been found she had sailed from Oran a short while before. Capitaine Ybert again requested this vessel be accepted at Algiers, but it was pointed out that she would obtain a quicker docking at Oran and the Committee considered no change in the programme could be made. If the French were unable to utilise docks allocat to them, the Chairman requested they should so inform the Committee.

Mr. Davison [illegible] "MICHAEL J. [illegible]NE" would require another two weeks to discharge and di[illegible] anticipate she would be ready to dock until the beginni of May.

1151. ALGIERS. The Chairman stated that "SERASBOURGEOIS" had undocked the previous day and that "CRACKSHOT" was due to dock on 14th April and would be followed in No. 1 Dock by "JEANNE SCHIAFFINO" and a French Warship.

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In this connection Lt.Cmdr. Blair raised the case of "ORPHEUS" which he said had been there for six or seven weeks and for which no completion date could now be given, and asked whether it might not be advisable for her to be routed to another port where repairs could be completed more rapidly. It was agreed that Mr. Lawrenson should obtain the views of M.W.T. Surveyor, Ferryville on this matter.

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The completion date of the Italian Warships in No. 12 Dock was uncertain and the Chairman said that Landing Craft and the refrigerated schooner "NANDO" were programmed for No. 13 Dock.

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Subsequent priorities were agreed as follows: "EMPIRE GAIN", "VITTORINI ZANIBON", "SAMARINDA", "STAR".

The Chairman stated that the strike at Tosi's yard had been called off.

1154. NAPLES. After the Italian Warships in No. 1 Dock had completed about 18th/

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/18th April, the Chairman said further Italian Warships would occupy the Dock until the middle of May. "ITU" had gone into No. 2 Dock the previous day and the Chairman said was estimated to take six weeks, although the firm doing the work anticip[ated] it would be finished within 25 days.
Italian War[ships] were programmed for No. 3 Dock and the Floating Dock, with Small Craft [in] No. 5 Do[ck].

1155. LEGHORN. The Chairman said that "JASON" should by then be in dock and would be followed by Local Craft, then "CHRISTINE".

1156. PALERMO. "CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA" would be docking very shortly at Palermo and as Lt.Cmdr. Blair said "ARGENTINA" should complete repairs about 23rd April, the Chairman said he would request the U.S. Navy to accept her, for cleaning and painting only, about 25th April. Chairman.

1157. LA CIOTAT. There was no change in the programme agreed last week.

1158. TOULON. Both docks, the Chairman said, would be occupied by minesweepers.

1159. "ISAAC SHELBY". Ref. 1076. In reply to the Chairman who asked the position regarding this ship, Mr. Davison said a reply from Washington was awaited concerning a proposal to stiffen the ship so that she could be towed to Greece where it had been suggested she be used as a warehouse ship. Permission for the work to be done was apparently dependent on the cost, but if she was not to be used, Mr. Davison said "ISAAC SHELBY" would be declared L.A.S.F. and laid up somewhere. As the berth the vessel was occupying was required he said he would request Washington for an early decision. Mr. Davison.

1160. "IPANEMA". Capitaine Bert said that this vessel was afloat and had been surveyed by an M.W.T. Surveyor, Mr. Lawrenson saying that the report would shortly be received, a copy of which would be sent to the Fleet Salvage Officer.

1161. DAMAGED SHIPS AT BARI. There were a number of ships damaged at Bari during the explosion and [C]hairman. Blair enquired where they should go for repairs. The Chairman con[si]dered they should be moved to Taranto.

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	MAHSUD	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new st end and propellor.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting.
ORAN.	EAGLE	IN DOCK			
	VILLE DE BOUGIE	At Sea for Ajaccio/Marseilles	on arrival	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting and hull
	TOURS	At Algiers	on arrival	Oct. 1944	Examination of tail shaft and re-wooding stern tube.
	THOMAS BULFINCH	At Oran	ready		Collision damage. For examinat
	MICHAEL J. STONE	At Gibraltar discharging	27th April		Torpedo damage.
ALGIERS.	LE ZERMINA	IN DOCK			
	CRACKSHOT	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	J. SCHLAFFING	At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and
	BORGHOLM	At Catania repairing thence Algiers	end April	June 1944	Cleaning and painting. Speed $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$k.
FERRYVILLE.	HADRUMETTE				Hull repairs and cleanir

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
UTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
T	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and propeller. (MWTR BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Cleaning and painting. (MWTR/FED BID)
	IN DOCK			
GIE	At Sea for Ajaccio/Marseilles	on arrival	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting and hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
	At Algiers	on arrival	Oct. 1944	Examination of tail shaft and rudder and re-wooding stem tube. (FRENCH BID)
				Collision damage. For examination. (WSA BID)
ENCH	At Oran	ready		Torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
STONE	At Gibraltar discharging	27th April		
	IN DOCK			
	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
NO	At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
t Catania repairing thence Algiers		end April	June 1944	Cleaning and painting. Speed reduced from $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$k. (PSTO BID)
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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle	when dock available		Italian tanker. Speed reduced to 9-7k. To be wiped.
	EMPIRE GAIN	At Taranto	ready	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting overhaul.
	SAMARINDA	At Sea for Taranto	on arrival		For examination and hull repai
	ORATA	Bid withdrawn			
for Repairs.	ISONZO	At Taranto	ready		For examination.
	STAR	At Piraeus for Keel	21st April	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½-7½k. Cle painting and examination.
	EMPIRE FAUN	At Taranto	on release abt. end April	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting overhaul.
	GULF PRINCE	Bid withdrawn			
	CONSTANZA "F"	Bid withdrawn			
NAPLES.	ITU	IN DOCK			
LEGHORN.					
PALERMO.	CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA	At Sea for Palermo	on arrival	March 1944	Italian. Speed reduced from 10
	ARGENTINA	At Naples repairing	23rd April		Italian. Personnel ship for ex and cleaning and painting.
	CAMPIDOGLIO	Bid withdrawn			
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NITION	Bari-Ancona Shuttle	when dock available		Italian tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped.	(MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting and overhaul.	(MWTR BID)
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	At Taranto	ready		For examination.	(PSTO BID)
racus	for Teel	21st April	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½-7½k. Cleaning and painting and examination.	(PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	on release abt. end April	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting and overhaul.	(FED/MWTR BID)
	Bid withdrawn				
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	IN DOCK				
ESSANDRIA	At Sea for Palermo	on arrival	March 1944	Italian. Speed reduced from 10-8k.	(MWTR BID)
t Naples	repairing	23rd April		Italian. Personnel ship for examination and cleaning and painting.	(PSTO BID)
	Bid withdrawn				

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

13TH APRIL, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 15th April)
French Warship (8 days)
French Warship (10 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12/15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 16th April)
MAHSUD (3 days)
VULCOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (uncertain)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ship

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

EAGLE (out abt. 14th April)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (5/6 days)
THOMAS BULLFINCH (for examination)
French Warship (12 days)

No. 2 Dock.

U.S. Warship
VILLE DE BOUGIE (6 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

Changing Blocks (one day)
CRACKSHOT (3/5 days)
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO & French Warship (15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

LE ZERAMNA (out abt. 19th April)
French Warships (8 days)

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FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

PORT DE FRANCE & VILLE DE TIPAZA (out abt. 18th April)
French Warship

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (out abt. 16th April)
French Warship (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock.

No. 4 Dock.

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G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 16th April)
MAISUD (2 days)
VULGUR (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (uncertain)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ship

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock.

EAGLE (out abt. 14th April)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (5/6 days)
THOMAS BULLFINCH (for examination)
French Warship (12 days)

No. 2 Dock.

U.S. Warship
VILLE DE BOUGIE (6 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock.

Changing Blocks (one day)
CRACKSHOT (3/5 days)
JEANNE SCHLAFFINO & French Warship (15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

LE ZERAMNA (out abt. 19th April)
French Warships (8 days)

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F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock.

FORT DE FRANCE & VILLE DE TIPAZA (out abt. 18th April)
French Warship

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (out abt. 16th April)
French Warship (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship & Tug (uncert
H.M. Ship & HADNUETTE days)

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships & Local Craft
French Warship

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T A R A N T O A N D B R I N D I S I.

No. 1 Dock.

GALEB & Italian Ships (out abt. 15th April)
H.M. Ship, ISONZO & Tug (14 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Italian Warship (out abt. 15th April)
H.M. Ship & Italian Ships (5 days)

No. 12 Dock.

Italian Warships (uncertain)

No. 13 Dock.

Landing Craft & NANDO (4 days)

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

EMPIRE GAIN
VITTORINI ZANIBON (clearing and painting)
SAMARINDA
TAR

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

Italian Warships (out 18th April)
Changing blocks (3 days)
Italian Warships (4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

TR (6 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

Italian Warships

Floating Dock.

Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

JASON (10 days)
Local Craft
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA (2 days)

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

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Italian Warships (uncertain)

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

Landing Craft & NAMO (4 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Warship

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

EMPIRE GAIN
VITTORINI ZANIBON (clearing and painting)
SAMARINDA
T.R

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

Italian Warships (out 18th April)
Changing blocks (3 days)
Italian Warships (4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

TEL (6 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

Italian Warships

Floating Dock.

Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

JASON (10 days)
Local Craft
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA (2 days)

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

MORDALTA & BANDOL (out abt. 5th May)
French Warship (8 weeks)

T O U L O N.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

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S E C R E T

REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 13th APRIL 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 - 10.4.45.				
SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E IND.	
GRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea	D 21/12 E 20/4	
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 15/4	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E ~~5~~ 15/4	~~Completed~~
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E ~~15~~ 15/4	Completed.
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 23/3 E 22/4	
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage.	E Ind.	Estimated 3/4 months.
OUSEL	A 29/3 B 30/3	Dynamo engine repairs.	E 12/4	
CALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D Tail shaft to be drawn. Deck and engine repairs.	D 15/4 E 21/4	
OFFLAC (Yugoslav)	A 2/9 C 10/1	Routine D/D	D 18/4 E 20/4	

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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	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port. In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO - 10.4.45.				
SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E IND.	
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea	D 21/12 E 20/4	
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 15/4	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 15/4	Completed
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 15/4	Completed
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 23/3 E 22/4	
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage.	E Ind.	Estimated 3/4 months.
OUSEL	A 29/3 B 30/3	Dynamo engine repairs.	E 12/4	
GALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D Tail shaft to be drawn. Deck and engine repairs.	D 15/4 E 21/4	
OPTNLAC (Yugo-slav)	A 2/9 C 10/4	Routine D/D	D 18/4 E 20/4	
PASMAN (Yugo-slav)	A 2/4 C 10/4	Routine D/D.	D 18/4 E 20/4	
ISONZO	A 2/4 C 20/4	See f. 7.	D 30/4 E 15/5	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (CONT'D)				
Minor repairs since 3.4.45.				
TARANTO:	ACHILLIA AMSTEL BENGLOE ELPIS	EMPIRE STRONGHOLD ERIDAN FORT ERIE LECH	MARIGOT OCEAN VISION SAMPLER	SAMSTERN SRBIN VITTORINO ZANIBON.
BRINDISI:	THISTLEDALE EMPIRE USK	EMPIRE SOUTHEY MAI LEE	MARIGOT JENNINGS.	
BARI:	No report received.			
MALTA - 9.4.45.				
MARVIA	A 29/3 B 2/4	Boiler repairs; annual survey etc.	E 25/4	
FOREMOST 43 (Tug)	A 3/4 B 4/4	Commutator repairs	E 8/4	Completed
Minor repairs since 3.4.45 -	DARIEN II SUNDERLAND	COSTANZA F. ENDRAPOSRA	SPERO WANDERER	
BONE - 10.4.45.				
No major repairs.				
Minor repairs since - 3.4.45.	FORT LAWRENCE			
PHILIPPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.				
GIBRALTAR - 9.4.45.				
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and propeller. Final machining of a stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in Nos. 2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.		Awaiting survey in D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 25/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.		Awaiting tugs to proceed D 18/3 to U.K.
MICHAEL L	A 17/2	Damage in Nos.		

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ELPIS LECH VITTORINO ZANIBON.

BRINDISI: THISTLEDALE EMPIRE SOUTHEY MARIGOT
EMPIRE USK HAI LEE JENNINGS.

BARI: No report received.

MALTA - 9.4.45.

MARVIA	A 29/3 B 2/4	Boiler repairs; annual survey etc.	E 25/4	
FOREMOST 43 (Tug)	A 3/4 B 4/4	Commutator repairs	E 8/4	Completed

Minor repairs since 3.4.45 - DARIEN II COSTANZA P. SPERO
SUNDERLAND ILDRAPOERA WANDERER

BONE - 10.4.45.

No major repairs.

Minor repairs since - 3.4.45. PORT LAWRENCE

PHILIPPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 9.4.45.

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and propeller. Final machining of a stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in Nos.2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.	Awaiting survey in D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 25/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.	Awaiting tugs to proceed D 18/3 to U.K.
MICHAEL J.STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos.4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action	E Delay due to discharge of cargo.
ARENA	A) B)10/3	Port side bow plates to repair; repairs to hawse pipe and electrical steering gear.	E 7/4 Previously reported completed now further defects to steerin gear
BARON RUTHVEN	A 19/3 B 20/3	New H.P. piston and rings; piston rod straightened.	E 3/4 Completed

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
Gibraltar (Cont'd)				
CLYDEFIELD (T)	A 29/3 B 31/3	Main compressor cooler to re-tube	E 10/4	
EMPIRE HALDANE	A) 26/3 B)	Renewal of L.P. metallic packing.	E 6/4	Completed.
SAMARINDA	A 5/4	Hull and bottom damage.	E -	Awaiting divers report.
JOHN J. McCRAW	A 7/4	Rudder main piece bearing to re-wood.	E -	Awaiting divers report.
ST. BERNARD	A) 6/4 B)	Leaking boiler tubes and dynamo repairs.	E 7/4	Completed.
INVIKEN	A) 28/3 B)	Boiler tubes leaking.	E 31/3	Completed.
ALEX	A 27/3 B 28/3	Cracked boiler furnace.	E 31/3	Completed
FORT CHARNISAY	A 31/3 B 3/4	Cargo to secure. Damage to shell plating port side No. 2 Hold.	E 4/4	Completed
EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN FORT CUMBERLAND				Minor repairs since 2.4.45.

LEGHORN 11.4.45.

No major repairs. Minor repairs since 3.4.45. - FORT ESPERANCE.

BIZERTE 11.4.45.

LOBOS	A) 18/1 B) C 5/3	Collision damage ex-tending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd and No. 2. Temporary repairs.	D Ind F 25/4	
UGO FIORELLI	A) 10/2 B) C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning deck & engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 23/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine	D 6/3 E Ind.	Completion delayed owing to higher priorities.

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damage.

JOHN J. McGRAW	A 7/4	Rudder main piece bearing to re-wood.	E -	Awaiting divers report.
ST. BERNARD	A) 6/4 B)	Leaking boiler tubes and dynamo repairs.	E 7/4	Completed.
INVIKEN	A) 28/3 B)	Boiler tubes leaking.	E 31/3	Completed.
ALEX	A 27/3 B 28/3	Cracked boiler furnace.	E 31/3	Completed
FORT CHAMPLAIN	A 31/3 B 3/4	Cargo to secure. Damage to shell plating port side No. 2 Hold.	E 4/4	Completed
EMPIRE CHIEFTAIN FORT CUMBERLAND				Minor repairs since 2.4.45.

LEGHORN 11.4.45.

No major repairs. Minor repairs since 3.4.45. - FORT ESPERANCE.

BIZERTE 11.4.45.

LOBOS	A) 18/1 B) C 5/3	Collision damage ex- tending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd and No.2. Temporary repairs.	D Ind F 25/4	
UGO FIORELLI	A) 10/2 B) C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning deck & engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 23/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E Ind.	Completion delayed owing to higher priorities.
EMPIRE RUTH (Tug)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Hull & Boiler defects: damage to shell plating & frames in way port side F.P. tank.	E 15/4	
FORT DE FRANCE	A May 1943. C 3/4	Repairs salvaged vessel to hull and main and auxiliary machinery.	D 18/4 E 30/4	Cargo spaces being stripped of insulation; refrig machinery not being repaired - vessel to be used for general cargo.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
Bizerte (cntnd)				
FORT STURGEON	A 27/3 B) C)	Routine D/D. Storngland and underwater valves damaged propeller blades being faired; engine repairs.	D) E) 7/4	Completed
EMPIRE COLLINS		Mannington	) Minor repairs	
FORT LAWRENCE		Bardistan	) since 4.4.45.	
MARSEILLE - 11.4.45.				
MORLAITA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage starb'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1 D)14/5 E)	
ATHEL CHIEF	A 3/4 B 4/4	Main engine repairs.	E 11/4	
Minor repairs since 3.4.45.			AVON COAST. ARAWA. EMPIRE GANGES.	
ORAN - 11.4.45.				
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B)27/1 C)	Damage in engine-room and No. 3 Hold.	D 7/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 7/4	Routine D/D Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 14/4 E 20/4	
THOMAS BULFINCH	A 20/3 B 22/3 C 20/4	Collision damage.	D 23/4 E 20/5	
FORT VERMILLION	A 8/4 B 9/4	Defects not stated	E 11/4	Completed
EMPIRE MEAD	A)10/4 B)	Bilges checked.	E 11/4	Completed.
R.F.PECKHAM (U.S.)	A)4/4 B)	Defects not stated.	E 7/4	Completed.
ROBERT F.HAND. BENJAMIN BREWSTER. FRANZ SIGEL. EMPIRE JET. EMPIRE OPAL. SAMOKIA. JOHN J.McGRAW. JOSIAH BARTLETT. PETER F.DUNNE.				Minor repairs since 3.4.45.

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		damaged propeller blades being faired; engine repairs.		
EMPIRE COLLINS FORT LAWRENCE		Marmington Bardistan	) Minor repairs) since 4.4.45.	

MARSEILLE - 11.4.45.

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage starb'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1 D)14/5 E)	
ATHEL CHIEF	A 3/4 B 4/4	Main engine repairs.	E 11/4	
Minor repairs since 3.4.45.			AVON COAST. ARAWA. EMPIRE GANGES.	

ORAN - 11.4.45.

JOHN S. HOPKINS	B)27/1 C)	Damage in engine-room and No. 3 Hold.	D 7/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 7/4	Routine D/D Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 14/4 E 20/4	
THOMAS BULFINCH	A 20/3 B 22/3 C 20/4	Collision damage.	D 23/4 E 20/5	
FORT VERMILLION	A 8/4 B 9/4	Defects not stated	E 11/4	Completed
EMPIRE MEAD	A)10/4 B)	Bilges checked.	E 11/4	Completed.
R.F.PECKHAM (U.S.)	A)4/4 B)	Defects not stated.	E 7/4	Completed.
ROBERT F.HAND. EMPIRE JET. JOHN J.McGRAW.	BENJAMIN BREWSTER. EMPIRE OPAL. JOSIAH BARTLETT.	FRANZ SIGEL. SAMOKIA. PETER F.DUNNE.	) Minor repairs since 3.4.45.	

NAPLES - 13.4.45.

P.L.M.13	A 18/3 B 19/3	Boiler & structural repairs.	E 25/4	
DON	A) 23/3 B) C 24/3	Routine D/D general overhaul & surveyes.	D 30/3 E 20/4	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
NAPLES (cntnd)				
ARGENTINA	A)25/3 B)26/3	Routine D/D general overhaul & surveyes.	D - E 23/4	
AGIA VARVARA	A 28/3 B 30/3	Survey & general overhaul	E 23/4	
LOKE	A 5/4 B 7/4	General examination & survey.	E 5/5	Examination not completed.
EMPIRE RUSSELL	A) 8/4 B)	Boiler cleaning & repairs to fan trunks.	E 11/4	Completed.
CORSTAR	A) 9/4 B)	Main engine feed pumps.	E 12/4	Completed.
FORT FRONTENAC	A) 10/4 B)	Repairs to main engine guides.	E 13/4	Completed.

TORRENT. GAT. P.L.H.14.

EMPIRE SUTLER Ft.Frontenac STANFORD. LOKE } Minor repairs since 13.4.45

Ft.LA JOIE. EMPIRE LASS. EMPIRE HARMONY.

AUGUSTA - 3.4.45 Delayed Report.

OCEAN VISION	A) 31/3 B)	Engine and boiler repairs.	E 31/3	Completed.
BRAC (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Defects not stated.	E 10/4 Est.	
LIKA (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Defects not stated.	E 10/4 Est.	

EMPIRE LORENZO: ALRESFORD: OPENLAC (Yugoslav) - Minor repairs since 27.3.45.

CATANIA - 9.4.45.

BORGHOLM	A 8/4 B 9/4	Boiler survey; windlass repairs; winches to overhaul and new cylinder to fit; electric circulating pickup to renew; bunker bulkheads to renew.	4397

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EMPIRE RUSSELL	A) B) 8/4	Boiler cleaning & repairs to fan trunks.		
CORSTAR	A) B) 9/4	Main engine feed pumps.	E 12/4	Completed.
FORT FRONTENAC	A) B) 10/4	Repairs to main engine guides.	E 13/4	Completed.

TORRENT. GAT. P.L.M.14.

EMPIRE SUMNER, Ft.Frontenac, STANFORD. IOKE, EMPIRE HARMONY, Ft.LA JOIE. EMPIRE LASS. } Minor repairs since 13.4.45

AUGUSTA - 3.4.45 Delayed Report.

OCEAN VISION	A) B) 31/3	Engine and boiler repairs.	E 31/3	Completed.
BRAC (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Defects not stated.	E 10/4 Est.	
LIKA (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Defects not stated.	E 10/4 Est.	

EMPIRE LORENZO: ALRESFORD: OPENLAC (Yugoslav) - Minor repairs since 27.3.45.

CATANIA - 3.4.45.

BORGHOLM	A 8/4 B 9/4	Boiler survey; windlass repairs; winches to overhaul and new cylinder to fit; electric circulating pickup to renew; bunker bulkheads to renew.	4297

ITALIAN REPORT 12.4.45.

GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND

FULGOR	A 30/11 C 19/4	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail and shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss received from U.K. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.

VESSELS L.A.S.F.

OLTERRA	Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
VESSELS L.A.S.F.				
POLLENZIO	A 1940	In very bad condition.		Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Unfit for long towing.
PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
USTICA		Boiler & Engine Defects.		Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses grant navigability permit.
AT SEA - BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
S.CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		
EDERA		Hull & Capstan repairs.		6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseilles Harbour.
PELAGOSA				
ALESSANDRIA				
CAMPIDOGLIO				
TARANTO - Vessels in Hand				
SELINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 5/11 - Ind.	Work temporarily suspended. Completion date indefinite.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning and painting of hull.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Temporarily suspended. 8 days repairs required.
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 28/3	General repairs.	D 28/11 D 5/4 E 30/4	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E Ind.	Work suspended. 5 days additional repairs req'd.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment	D 20/2 E 20/4	Salved 29.7.1944.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & Boiler repair.	E Ind.	Work suspended.
ISONZO	B 18/4	No report.		

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USTICA	Boiler & Engine Defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses grant navigability permit.

AT SEA - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

S. CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	
EDERA	Hull & Capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille Harbour.
PELAGOSA		
ALESSANDRIA		
CAMPIDOGLIO		

TARANTO - Vessels in Hand

SELINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Work temporarily suspended. Completion date indefinite.
OPATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning and painting of hull.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Temporarily suspended. 8 days repairs required.
MISENO	B 9/11 C 5/11 C 28/3	General repairs.	D 18/11 D 3/4 E 30/4	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E Ind.	Work suspended. 5 days additional repairs req'd.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment	D 20/2 E 20/4	Salved 29.7.1944.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & Boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Work suspended.
ISONZO	B 18/4 C 18/4	No report.		
VITTORINO ZANLEON	No report.			

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boiler & Engine Defects.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine and boiler repairs. Repairs to double bottom.	
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern even broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E Ind.	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 15/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 12/4	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	D 17/3 E 27/5	Already docked once for hull inspection. Repairs not yet commenced.
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 23/3 E 16/4	
CRITTI E. CROCE	B 20/3 B 27/3	Engine overhauling. Boiler defects.	E 20/4 E Ind.	
ARGENTINA	B 26/3	Condenser defects.	E 30/4	
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	
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted. Routine D/D.		
TARANTO (Supplement)				
ISONZO		Vessel docking for examination. Ship side blow down chest to renew. Numerous dock repairs.		

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD

South of France Repair Committee.

MINUTES OF FOURTH MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL, 1945.

Present: Mr. H.R. Campbell, Chairman.
Lt. Comm. A.T. Douglas, R.N.R., Chief Staff Officer, COMLAB.
Comm. A.F. Mackenzie, R.N.R., O.B.E., S.S.T.L.O.
Commr. L.R. Poirier, Capt. Bourgeois } PREMAR III.
M. M. Lamondeau, Sous-Directeur, Transports Maritimes.

14. BERTH 84/85: ref.3. The Chairman quoted a letter from M. Lebel, Chef d'Exploitation du Port, saying that although the concrete block in this berth had not proved an obstruction, there being 24' of water over it, he would nevertheless have it removed.

15. BOLLARDS ref.3. Commr. Poirier said orders had been given for bollards to be fitted at berth 107/108 on the PASCOLI, but he had no further information. He would enquire from M. Lebel and report.
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KOUTOUBIA: " 32: engine
FLORIDA: " 155: " } to holding berth after discharge } M. Darondeau to ascertain drafts.
PROVIDENCE: scheduled for another voyage to N. Africa

CHELMA: boiler: ETC.20/5: bid made for berth in south end of port.

INDOCHINOIS: berth 80: motor: ETC.3/5: Spare parts said to have left Paris; Commr. Poirier to investigate possibility of obtaining in Marseille.

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ATHEL PRINCE: 4 days' examination of main motors.
C. M. MOUTTE: general: only 6' draft.

Port de Bouc.
SUDEST: general· work retarded through lack of pumps and windlass.

PORT DE BOUC: general.

Marseille or Algiers.
HOGGAR: general: commences April - 6 weeks, including drydocking.

RHEA: W.S.A. advise that owners' agents have agreed to further trip before returning to Marseille to repair.

M. Darondeau reported that the owners of HOGGAR and C. MECANICIEN MOUTTE wish ships to be repaired in Marseille, and he has telegraphed M. Andoire for advice regarding possibility of acceptance in Algiers. Question deferred till next meeting.

11. M. Darondeau suggested that EMPIRE VALOUR might be utilised to land heavy pieces from ships under repair. The Chairman agreed to investigate.
(Chairman)

12. The Chairman suggested that M. Lebel might give some indication of the berths in the south end of the dock to be utilised for repairs, and M. Darondeau agreed to make enquiries.
(M. Darondeau)

13. KOUTOUBIA, PROVIDENCE, FLORIDA: Commr. Mackewn and M. Darondeau agreed that immediately authorisation was received to convert these vessels to Sea Transport requirements, Sea Transport officers and Transports Maritimes surveyors together should draw up a definite plan of work. The Chairman said that this work was a French responsibility, which British surveyors would merely agree and pass when completed. M. Darondeau advised that definite instructions should be received very soon.

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MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT REPRESENTATIVE, MEDITERRANEAN

To Chairman, MEDBO
Subject: Report of Working of Ships under Control of M.W.T.R. Mediterranean for March, 1945.

During the period March 1st to 31st the fleet operated by M.W.T.R.Mediterranean consisted of:-

British & Allied controlled	(8)	30,440
Italian	(2)	15,000
Total	(10)	45,440 tons d.w.

2. Total cargo carried:-

(1) Coal (Sardinian)	33,116	
(2) Civilian Supplies	3,738	
(3) Phosphates	6,500	
(4) Coke	911	
Grand Total		44,265

3. Total number of days at sea 52 average 5.2 days
" " " " loading &/or discharging 161 " 16.1 "
" " " " awaiting loading 19 " 1.7 "
" " " " repairing 8 " 8 "

4. Two vessels of 4,500 tons cargo carrying capacity each been under repair during 26 days in the month, and 4 ships which had commenced to load during the month have been debited as to time but not credited as to cargo carried.

5. "JURKO TOPIC" "DINARA" & "PLAVNIK" are not included as these are being operated for JUGAID by Sea Transport service.

4. Additional [illegible] cargo is included in the Report on working of coasters under control of P.S.T.O. Mediterranean for March 1945. Advice is requested whether these should be included in the above statement.

(SGD.) K. ANDERSON

for M.W.T.R. MEDITERRANEAN

Naples
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Office of Director of Harbor Craft
Western Mediterranean.

16th April 1945

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To : Chairman, Medbo

Weekly Report No. 47

ITEM 83 LOCATION OF TANAC/TUSA TUGS

The following table shows the location and control as at 16th April 1945, of the TANAC and TUSA tugs in the theatre.

PORT	CONTROL	TUG	PORT	CONTROL	TUG
ANCONA 18 Tugs	TN(BR)	TANAC 6 35 36 39 55 57 58 59 60 65 80 83 86 88 90 96 97 98	LEGHORN 6 Tugs	U.S. ARMY	TANAC 12 14 TUSA 212 219 222 223
BARI 8 Tugs	TN(BR)	TANAC 5 8 25 34 37 39 TUSA 208 210	MARSEILLES 5 Tugs	U.S. ARMY	TANAC 9 11 15 17 18
AUGUSTA 1 Tug	R.N.	TANAC 13	MALTA 5 Tugs	R.N.	TANAC 21 56 TUSA 219 220 221
BRINDISI 4 Tugs	TN(BR)	TANAC 22 23 26 92	NAPLES 8 Tugs	U.S. ARMY	TANAC 10 16 38 46 47 48 TUSA 214 215
CIVITAVECCHIA A.C. 2 Tugs		TUSA 216 217	TARANTO 5 Tugs	TN(BR)	TANAC 27 91 101 137 TUSA 206
JUGOSLAVIA 3 Tugs	TN(BR)	TANAC 37 54 TUSA 211			

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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE AS AT 1200 HOURS APR

	CLEAN		DIRTY		TO
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. of
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	11	1,149,000	4	336,000	
2. In Ballast	6	660,000	1	117,000	
3. In dry-dock or Repair	-	-	-	-	
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C.D.L.)					
1. Working	15	786,000	2	96,000	
2. Dry-dock or Repair	16	227,000	3	173,000	
C. WATER CARRIERS	23	154,000	-	-	
D. HARBOUR FUELLERS	2 (a)	70,000	12 (b)	258,000	
E. ON R.N. OPERATIONAL SERVICE	10	91,000	5	193,000	

Remarks
(a) 1 Vessel (LOADING 68,000 bbls.) used as floating storage.
(b) 2 Vessels (1 ONLY DISCHARGE 4,000bbls. 1 DISCHARGE 65,000 bbls. also used as

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 34. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 9th. APRIL 1945.

Present :-

Mr. R. B. Scriven. (D.M.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr. G. E. Naslund. RNR. (SSTO)
Sq. Ldr. Bulman. (RAF. Mov.)
Lt. R. Bradley. USNR. (Pet. Sec.)
Mr. W. S. Thomas. (Coal Div. BEM)
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Mr. J. H. Henderson. (Medbo. S. France)
Capt. W. R. Kalloch. (WSA. NA.)
Mr. F. P. Tremble. (BEM)
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Mr. Thomas reported that the coal situation in North Africa was more satisfactory, no further serious breakdowns having occurred.

The following Collier movements were reported :-

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"PENHALE"	- For La Goulette/Tunis.
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"CARSLOGIE"	- Awaiting news.

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The Chairman reported that very few complaints as to pilferage and shortage had been received, the "WEST POINT" and "EMPIRE BAXTER" outturns being the finest on record as regards M.O.W.T. stores. He also advised that discharge of wheat from 3 holds of "SAMTWEED" had reached a daily figure of 1100 tons, and that of the "FORT JASPER" 1550 tons from 5 holds, which may be considered eminently satisfactory having regard to the limited mechanical appliances available and shortage of Road and Rail transport.

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226. BALLASTING.

Capt. Kalloch advised that Mr. Jenkinson (MWT), Mr. Elliott (WSA), Capt. Sorensen (MWT), and Lt. Comdr. Weatherup RNR. (ABO), were investigating the suitability of the Port of Breira for ballasting, and that their official report should be awaited before sending an agreed signal.

227. STORES AT BONE.

Comdr. Naslund advised that 38 Stewart Tanks remained at Bone, pending a decision from London as to whether they were required in U.K. Meanwhile, he had enquired whether the lashing material at Bone should be retained.

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GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE — Secret

MINUTES OF MEETING No.23, HELD AT H.Q. E.L.F. C. at 1500 hours on 11th April, 1945.

PRESENT:

Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
Capt.A.A.Bachas. R.H.N.	Rep.	R.H.N. & Mercantile Marine
Cdr.R.W.Sumpton. R.N.R.		E.S.S.T.O.(G)
Maj.J.O'Reilly	Rep.	Mov. & Tn.
Maj.C.Simpson	Rep.	Pet.Sec.
Mr.B.V.Washburn	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.
Mr.K.F.Walker	Secretary.	

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51. MINUTES OF MEETING No.22 were approved.

52. TUGS AND LIGHTERS. Ref.44. Chairman advised that he had received a letter from the Ministry of Mercantile Marine accepting the offer of M.W.T. tugs and lighters on loan, and stated that Cdr.Sumpton was taking the necessary action for handing the lighters over in accordance with the Greek Government wishes.

It was advised that at the moment there were 25 privately owned lighters at Piraeus and it was understood that this fleet would shortly be built up to 50, and in view of this there appeared to be ample lighterage at this port. Cdr.Sumpton advised the survey of lighter facilities in Greece would be completed shortly and when available the whole position would be reviewed.

Chairman referred to a letter he had received from Mov.& Tn. in connection with the final disposal of R.C.Ls and in this connection it was suggested that the two craft at Patras should be handed over to the North West Railway Co. by the Greek Government who formerly operated the ferry from Patras to Krioneri, and on which service these two R.C.Ls were now being used. Chairman requested Captain Bachas to enquire into this.

Capt.Bachas

It had also been suggested 6 R.C.Ls should be transferred from Piraeus to Salonika to cover the withdrawal of the two 'Z' Craft, but at the moment no request for additional craft had been received from this port and it was considered that there was no immediate need for these craft to be so transferred.

Advice had been received that the two Tanac Tugs for Salonika were now en route. Major O'Reilly reported that there were three lighters at Kandoudhion which had been salvaged and repaired, and after removal of 300 tons magnesite from this area there would be no further use for them. In view of this Capt.Bachas was requested to look into the question of these craft being requisitioned by the Greek Government for use elsewhere.

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53. COASTAL VESSELS. Ref.45. Chairman advised there was no change in the number of coastal vessels in service and Capt.Bachas reported that an inspection of vessels was being carried out at Volos, Salonika and Kavalla, and he was awaiting a full report.

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54. SALVAGE - MEDBO MINUTES. Chairman referred to Minute 1807 of the Mediterranean Shipping Board, which reported that a Committee was being formed to determine priorities of all merchant ship and other non-operational salvage within the area. Chairman stated that the Greek Ministry of Mercantile Marine had previously made enquiries in connection with salvage of ships and for cargoes, and in view of this Capt.Bachas said he would take this question up with C.in C. MED. to obtain full details of the Committee, with a request that the Greek Mercantile Marine be allowed permission to nominate a representative. A letter to D.M.W.T.R.Athens from M.E.T.R. MED. relating to this subject was also read.

Capt.Bachas

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55. DISCHARGE OF COAL. Ref.48. In connection with the handling of coal discharge at the various ports, Mr.Washburn stated that the procedure had been finalised whereby the Ministry of Mercantile Marine was assuming the responsibility for the payment of the stevedoring charges, but owing to the recent change of Government the necessary instructions had not yet been issued but it was anticipated that they would go out shortly.

56. BULK GRAIN DISCHARGE. A letter had been received from UNRRA advising the number of grain bags available at the various ports. It was advised that the first bagging of bulk grain would take place shortly at Patras.

A letter had been received from Nov.2 Tn. A.F.H.Q.suggesting that bulk grain be transhipped at Piraeus into coasters for Kavalla as there was a bulk grain installation at this port. Chairman advised that in this connection he had written to the S.T.O. Kavalla requesting confirmation that the installation was in full working order and also full particulars in regard to the berthing facilities there. It was decided to await receipt of this report before going further into the possibility of effecting such transhipments. It was expected that some difficulty might be met with in securing and fitting out a suitable vessel.

57. STEVEDORING.Ref.31. Chairman reported no further developments had been made in this connection. It was understood that two delegates from Salonika were now in Athens negotiating the rate to be fixed at this port.

No tonnage rate has yet been fixed at Piraeus, but work at this port is proceeding satisfactorily.

58. PORTS.

CORFU. Cdr.Sumpton stated that unless the Greek Government provided additional facilities at this port, all shipments should be confined to caiques, although he appreciated the desirability of endeavouring to discharge steamers there.

VOLOS. Cdr.Sumpton advised that he had received a letter from the S.T.O. at this port stating that wrecks were being cleared and it was hoped soon to get a Liberty vessel alongside. Chairman considered that it was necessary to receive reports in connection with the progress of this work and requested Capt.Baches to obtain this information from the N.O.I.C. there.

Capt.Baches

SALONIKA. Chairman advised he had been informed that a considerable improvement had been effected in the discharge of coal, 650 tons having been discharged in one day. This was attributed to the change over to tonnage rates for stevedoring at this port.

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Agreed that it was desirable that a representative of Hellenic Coast Lines should be asked to attend the Meetings, and left to Chairman to get in touch with Mr.Yannoulatis in this connection. Chairman

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57. STEVEDORING.Ref.Z1. Chairman reported no further developments had been made in this connection. It was understood that two delegates from Salonika were now in Athens negotiating the rate to be fixed at this port.

No tonnage rate has yet been fixed at Piraeus, but work at this port is proceeding satisfactorily.

58. PORTS.

CORFU. Cdr.Sumpton stated that unless the Greek Government provided additional facilities at this port, all shipments should be confined to caiques, although he appreciated the desirability of endeavouring to discharge steamers there.

VOLOS. Cdr.Sumpton advised that he had received a letter from the S.T.O. at this port stating that wrecks were being cleared and it was hoped soon to get a Liberty vessel alongside. Chairman considered that it was necessary to receive reports in connection with the progress of this work and requested Capt.Bachas to obtain this information from the N.O.I.C. there. Capt.Bachas

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH MEETING.

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1100 HOURS 10TH APRIL, 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 56 dated 4th April, 1945.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 72.

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

Present: Mr. J. Gibson Graham — Chairman.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Capitaine de Corvette Ybert.
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As "MAHSUD" only required cleaning and painting it was suggested she be accepted before "FULGOR", but Commander Hardie was averse to putting her in dock until more particulars of the damage were known for he was unwilling to take the risk of her being unable to come out for some time. Captain Bate stressed that "FULGOR" should not be further delayed as tanker tonnage was in short supply and Mr. Smith said he would obtain further information on "MAHSUD" which he understood had only a small hole in the hull, with greater damage inside. Mr. Smith.

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1128. ORAN. The "JOHN S. HOPKINS" was due to undock that day and would be followed in No. 1 Dock by "EAGLE", Commander Hardie saying that a Pontoon Dock would then go in being followed by "TOURS", after which "MICHAEL J. STONE" was programmed for the dock. As this latter vessel was still at Gibraltar discharging, which Mr. Davison understood would take another 3 or 4 weeks, he suggested "THOMAS BULLFINCH", then at Oran, be taken in her place. She was discharged except for No. 2 lower hold, which would have to be done in dock, prior to examination, but Commander Hardie said a French Warship was expected about 20th April and if "THOMAS BULLFINCH" required extensive repairs she would probably have to undock and await a more favourable opportunity. It was therefore agreed that she be accepted for examination only.

Commander Hardie stated that "PARAME" was due to complete about 9th April, whereupon a U.S. Warship would go into No. 2 Dock for a day, being followed by "VILLE DE BOUGIE" which it was agreed should be transferred from the Algiers list for she was, in fact, at Oran.

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Mr. Smith stated that after being temporarily repaired at Marseilles, "SAMARINDA" was being routed to Gibraltar. She had, however, only a Seaworthy/

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Subsequent priorities were agreed as follows:- "SAMARINDA", "EMPIRE GAIN", "VITTORINI ZANIBON".

As Major Filo stated that completion date of repairs to "ORATA" was uncertain, all work on her having been stopped, it was agreed her bid be withdrawn and Mr. Smith reported she was to be examined with a view to her future service as it was felt she might be suitable as a personnel ship. Mr. Davison also withdrew the bid for "GULF PRINCE" pending a further Surveyor's report.

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1137. "EMPIRE RAVEN". Ref. 1105. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Smith considered repairs to this vessel were progressing favourably.

1138. "CORFIRTH". Ref. 1063. Mr. Smith reported that this vessel had arrived at Leghorn.

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1139. REPAIR MATERIALS. Ref. 922. The Chairman reported that there appeared to be a shortage of fenders and as Captain Kidwell stated there was rope available which could only be used for such purpose, the Chairman suggested Major Filo look into the question of fenders being manufactured by Italian firms.

Major Filo.

1140. REPAIRS TO JUGOSLAV VESSELS. A signal stating that there were some small Jugoslav vessels requiring repairs was quoted by Mr. Smith and as the Chairman understood they were mainly of the schooner type he suggested they be accepted at Brindisi. Commander Hardie said he would look into the matter.

Cmdr. Hardie.

1141. REPAIR FACILITIES AT TURKISH PORTS. Commander Hardie reported that the Royal Navy did not at present wish to avail themselves of repair facilities at Turkish ports. Mr. Smith and Mr. Davison said they would inform their respective departments in the Middle East and Istanbul so that,if necessary, they could approach the Turks on the subject. Mr. Smith: Mr. Davison.

1142. "ALEXANDRA ANDRE". Captain Bate stated that this tanker required repairs to her steering gear and a defective pump, which could not be undertaken at Ferryville, but in reply to Mr. Smith who suggested she be sent to the Middle East, said she was required as soon as possible. He said repairs would take about 10 days in dock and, as they were of a fairly complicated nature and needed skilled workmen, Commander Hardie said he would ask U.S. Navy if these could be undertaken at Palermo.

Cmdr. Hardie.

1143. "PELAGOSA". A docking bid for this vessel had been received from CO.GE.MA. and Major Filo said she could go into one of the small docks at Naples. Subject to confirmation being received from M.W.T. Survey, it was agreed she be accepted as a bid for consideration at the next Meeting.

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DRYDOCKING LIST.

6TH APRIL.

PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED		REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready on arrival			Cleaning and painting.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief				Water boat. Cleaning and painting overhaul.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready			Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready			Italian Tanker. Requires new stern and propeller.
	IL[illegible] ALLER	At Gibraltar	ready			[illegible]nsive torpedo damage.
	MAHS[illegible]	At Gibraltar	ready			[illegible]ning and painting.
ORAN.	PARAME EAGLE	IN DOCK At Oran repairing	8th April	Jan. 1944		Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. overhaul and extensive repairs.
	THOMAS BULLEN	At Oran	ready on arrival	Oct. 1944		Collision damage. For examination
	TOURS	At Algiers				Examination of tail shaft and ru[illegible] [illegible]ooding stern tube.
	MICHAEL J. STONE	At Gibraltar repairing	on arrival			Torpedo damage.
ALGIERS.	STRASBOURGEOIS	IN DOCK At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944		Hull repairs and cleaning and pa
	J. SCHLAFFINO	At Oran	on arrival	Aug. 1944		Cleaning and painting and hull r
	VILLE DE BOUGIE	At Algiers	ready	June 1944		Hull repairs and cleaning and pa
	LE ZERAMTA	At Algiers	ready			Cleaning and painting.
	CRACKSHOT	At Algiers	on release	July 1944		Tanker. Cleaning and painting a overhaul.
	EMPIRE GAIN	At Bari for Augusta/Taranto	abt. 12th April			Cleaning and painting. Speed re $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$k.
	BORGHOLM	At Sea for Catania to repair thence Algiers	end April	June 44		
FERRYVILLE.	FORT DE FRANCE	IN DOCK				
	VILLE DE TIPAZA	IN DOCK				
	FORT STURGEON	IN DOCK				Hull repairs and cleaning and [illegible]
	HADRUMETE					
	FORT LAWRENCE	Bid withdrawn				
	SUROIT	Bid withdrawn				

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D R Y D O C K I N G L I S T.

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SEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
E DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
ETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/FEO BID)
E D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
GOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail and propellor. (MWTR BID)
LLER	At Gibraltar	ready		ensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
S	At Gibraltar	ready		ning and painting. (MWTR BID)
AME	IN DOCK			
LE	At Oran repairing	8th April	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FEO/WSA BID)
LS BUILLENCH	At Oran	ready		Collision damage. For examination. (WSA BID)
ES	At Algiers	on arrival	Oct. 1944	Examination of tail shaft and rudder and re-wooding stern tube. (FRENCH BID)
LIER J. STONE	At Gibraltar repairing	on arrival		Torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
ASHOURGEOIS	IN DOCK			
SCHLAFFEO	At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
LE DE DOUGIE	At Oran	on arrival	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting and hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
ZERAMA	At Algiers	ready	June 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
CKSHOT	At Algiers	ready		Cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
RE CAIN	At Bari for Augusta/Taranto	on release	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR BID)
GHOLM	At Sea for Catania to repair thence Algiers	abt. 12th April end April	June 1944	Cleaning and painting. Speed reduced from $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$k. (PSTO BID)
T DE FRANCE	IN DOCK			
LE DE TIPAZA	IN DOCK			
T STURGEON	IN DOCK			
RMETTE				Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
T LAWRENCE	Bid withdrawn			
OIT	Bid withdrawn			

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	ORATA	At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painti
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle, awaiting relief	12th April		Italian tanker. Speed reduce 10-7k. To be wiped.
For Repairs.	ISONZO	At Taranto	ready		For examination.
	GULF PRINCE	At Taranto	ready		Water boat. Damaged. For exa
	STAR	Discharging in Greece	22nd April	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½-7½k. C
	EMPIRE	At Taranto	on release	July 1944	l painting and examinatio ker. Cleaning and paintin
	CONSTANZA "F"	At Malta	abt. end April	Aug. 1944	overhaul. Italian. Cleaning and painti examination of rudder.
NAPLES.	ITU	At Naples	ready	March 1945	Italian. To re-dock for hull repairs.
	ARGENTINA	At Naples	ready		Italian. Personnel ship for and cleaning and painting.
LEGHORN.					
PALERMO.	CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA	At Sea for Naples	11th April	March 1944	Italian. Speed reduced from
	CAMPIDOGLIO	At Sea for Gibraltar/Naples	15th April	April 1944	Italian. Speed reduced from
LA CIOTAT.					
For allocation to a Port.	SAMARINDA	At Marseilles			For examination and hull repa

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
	At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
NIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle, awaiting relief	12th April		Italian tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
	At Taranto	ready		For examination. (PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	ready		Water boat. Damaged. For examination. (WSA BID)
scharging in Greece		22nd April	April 1944	Speed reduced from 9½-7½k. Cleaning and painting and examination. (PSTO BID)
	At Taranto	on release abt. end April	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (FED/MWTR BID)
"P"	At Malta		Aug. 1944	Italian. Cleaning and painting and examination of rudder. (MWTR BID)
	At Naples	ready	March 1945	Italian. To re-dock for hull repairs. (MWTR BID)
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Personnel ship for examination and cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
ESSANDRIA	At Sea for Naples	11th April	March 1944	Italian. Speed reduced from 10-8k. (MWTR BID)
D	At Sea for Gibraltar/Naples	15th April	April 1944	Italian. Speed reduced from 10-8k. (MWTR BID)
DA	At Marseilles			For examination and hull repairs. (MWTR BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

6TH APRIL, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 15th April)
French Warship (8 days)
French Warship (10 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (10 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12/15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 16th April)
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (uncertain)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHN S. HOPKINS (abt. out)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (5/6 days)
THOMAS BULFINCH (for examination)

No. 2 Dock.

PARAME (out abt. 9th April).
U.S. Warship (one day)
VILLE DE BOUGIE (6 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

STRASBOURGEOIS (out abt. 13th April)
CRACKSHOT (2 days)
JEANNE SCHLAFFINO & French
Warship (15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Local Craft (abt. out)
LE ZERAMNA (8 days)
French Warships (4 days)

FERRYVILLE.

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No. 1 Dock.

FORT DE FRANCE & VILLE DE TIPAZA
(out abt. 10th April)
French Warship

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (out abt. 11th April)
French Warship

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft (out abt. 9th April)
H.M. Ship
H.M. Ship & HADRIMETTE (10 days)

No. 4 Dock.

FORT STURGEON (out abt. 7th April)
Local Craft

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ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (12/15 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12/15 days)

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 16th April)
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (uncertain)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHN S. HOPKINS (abt. out)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (5/6 days)
THOMAS BULFINCH (for examination)

No. 2 Dock.

PARAME (out abt. 9th April).
U.S. Warship (one day)
VILLE DE BOUGIE (6 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock.

STRASBOURGEOIS (out abt. 13th April)
CRACKSHOT (2 days)
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO & French Warship (15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Local Craft (abt. out)
LE ZERAMNA (8 days)
French Warships (4 days)

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock.

FORT DE FRANCE & VILLE DE TIPAZA (out abt. 10th April)
French Warship

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (out abt. 11th April)
French Warship

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft (out abt. 9th April)
H.M. Ship
H.M. Ship & HADRUMETE (10 days)

No. 4 Dock.

FORT STURGEON (out abt. 7th April)
Local Craft

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TARANTO AND BRINDISI.

No. 1 Dock.

GALEB & Italian Ships (out abt. 15th April)
H.M. Ship & Italian Warship

No. 2 Dock.

Italian Warship (out abt. 13th April)
H.M. Ship & Italian Warship

No. 12 Dock.

H.M. Ships (abt. out)
ISONZO (10 days)

No. 13 Dock.

Landing Craft (out abt. 8th April)
H.M. Ship

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

SAMARINDA
EMPIRE GALE
VITTORINI ZANIBON (cleaning and painting)

NAPLES.

No. 1 Dock.

Italian Warships (out abt. 18th April)
Changing blocks (3 days)
Italian Warships

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 11th April)
ITU (6 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship
Local Craft

Floating Dock.

Local Craft
Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

LEGHORN.

H.M. Ship and Local Craft (out abt. 9th April)
JASON (10 days)
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

PALERMO.

U.S. Warships
CITTI DI ALESSANDRIA (2 days)

MESSINA.

H.M. Ships

LA CIOTAT.

MORLALTA & BANDOL (out abt. 5th May)
French Warship (8 weeks)

TOULON.

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No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

SAMARINDA
EMPIRE GALE
VITTORINI ZANIBON (cleaning and painting)

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

Italian Warships (out abt. 18th April)
Changing blocks (3 days)
Italian Warships

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 11th April)
ITU (6 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship
Local Craft

Floating Dock.

Local Craft
Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

H.M. Ship and Local Craft (out abt. 9th April)
JASON (10 days)
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
CITTI DI ALESSANDRIA (2 days)

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

MORLALTA & BANDOL (out abt. 5th May)
French Warship (8 weeks)

T O U L O N.

No. 1 Dock.

Local Craft

No. 3 Dock.

Small Craft

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S E C R E T

REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 6th APRIL 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

		Dates anticipated or actual				
					Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port.	
Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In	DRYDOCKING Out	Completion for return to service	Own power	In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects		Final Dates	Remarks	

TARANTO - 3.4.45

SPINGE	A 25/3 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIATTINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E 15/4	
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 15/4	
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D20/2 E 15/4	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 7/4	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 5/4	
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 23/3 E 22/4	
EDGAR E. CLARK	A 3/3 C 15/3	D/D for repairs to rudder.	D 26/3 E 2/4	Completed.
EMPIRE GAVAIN	A 10/3 B 12/3	Boiler cleaning and engine repairs.	E 30/3	Completed.
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage.	E Ind.	Estimated 3/4 months.
OCTANE	A 20/3	Main engine repairs.	E 30/3	Completed.

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A Vessel	B Initial Dates	C Main Defects	D	E Final Dates	F Remarks	G
TARANTO - 3.4.45						
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.		D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to awaiting repair berth.	
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.		D 27/1 D 23/3 E 15/4		
CRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.		D 21/12 E 15/4		
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.		E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.		D20/2 E 15/4		
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.		E 7/4		
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.		D 28/2 E 5/4		
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.		D 23/3 E 22/4		
EDGAR E. CLARK	A 3/3 C 15/3	D/D for repairs to rudder.		D 26/3 E 2/4	Completed.	
EMPIRE GAWAIN	A 10/3 B 12/3	Boiler cleaning and engine repairs.		E 30/3	Completed.	
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3	Major mine and fire damage.		E Ind.	Estimated 3/4 months.	
OCTANE	A 20/3 B 21/3	Main engine repairs.		E 30/3	Completed.	
PAN MARYLAND	A 20/3 B 21/3	Repairs to turbine machinery.		E 1/4	Completed.	
OUSEL	A 29/3 B 30/3	Defects not stated.		E 10/4.		
GALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D. Tail shaft to be drawn. Deck and engine repairs.		D 15/4 E 21/4		
AMSTEL	A 24/3 B 25/3	Rudder repairs.		E 31/3	Completed.	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

TARANTO (CONT'D)

Minor repairs since 27.3.45.

TARANTO: ALEXANDRE ANDRE, AGATHA, BENGLOE, CHARLES W. STILES, EMPIRE CADET, SAUFINN, MARIGOT

BRINDISI: FORT MC MURRAY, TUNISINO, HAI LEE, THISTLEDALE, MARIGOT, SOMERSET COAST, BENJAMIN TAY

BARI: No report received.

MALTA - 2.4.45

MARVIA	A 29/3 B 2/4	Boiler repairs; annual survey etc.	E 25/4	

Minor repairs since 27.3.45 DARIEN II: BALTIC: GIANPAOLO: ESSEX TRADER.

BONE - 3.4.45

No major repairs.

Minor repairs since 27.3.45 HARLESDEN: FORT CUMBERLAND.

PHILIPPVILLE U.S. Y.98 - Repairs to damaged gear.

BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 2.4.45

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in Nos. 2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.		Awaiting survey in D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 28/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.	D 18/3	Awaiting tugs to proceed to U.K.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -	Delay due to discharge of cargo.
ARENA	A) B)10/3	Port side bow plates to repair; repairs to bower pipe and E 24/4		

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BARI: No report received.

MALTA - 2.4.45

MARVIA	A 29/3 B 2/4	Boiler repairs; annual survey etc.	E 25/4	

Minor repairs since 27.3.45 DARIEN II: BALTIC: GLENPACLO: ESSEX TRADER.

BONE - 3.4.45

No major repairs.

Minor repairs since 27.3.45 HARLESDEN: FORT CUMBERLAND.

PHILIPPEVILLE U.S. Y.98 - Repairs to damaged gear.

BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 2.4.45

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in Nos.2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.		Awaiting survey in D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 28/2 D 18/3	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.		Awaiting tugs to proceed to U.K.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -	Delay due to discharge of cargo.
ARENA	A) B) 10/3	Port side bow plates to repair; repairs to hawse pipe and electrical steering gear.	E 2/4	Completed.
EMPIRE MARVELL	A 24/3 B 25/3	Boiler and dynamo engine repairs.	E 28/3	Completed.
BARON RUTHVEN	A 19/3 B 20/3	New H.P. piston and rings; piston rod straightened.	E 3/4	
CLYDEFIELD (T)	A 29/3 B 31/3	Repairs to compressor cooler.	E Not stated.	
EMPIRE HALDANE	A) B) 26/3	Renewal of L.P. metallic packing.	E -	Awaiting new packing from U.K.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
GIBRALTAR (CONT'D)				
INVIKEN	A) B) 28/3	Boiler tubes leaking.	E 31/3	
ALEX	A 27/3 B 28/3	Cracked boiler furnace.	E 31/3	
FORT CHARNISAY		Cargo to secure. Damage to shell plating port side No. 2 Hold.		
EMPIRE GIPSY SEVEN SISTERS WELSH COAST	EMPIRE TORRIDGE SAILOYAL GLENWOOD	WEST POINT EMPIRE MEAD	Minor repairs since 2.4.45	
LEGHORN - 3.4.45.		NIL		
BIZERTE - 4.4.45.				
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd end No. 2. Temporary repairs.	D 11/4 F 25/4	
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 23/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E 15/4	Repairs slow owing to lack of personnel and other priorities.
EMPIRE RUTH (Tug)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Hull & Boiler defects; damage to shell plating & frames in way port side F.P. tank.	E 10/4 Est.	Vessel on voyage to Australia. 4382
PORT DE FRANCE	A May 1943. C 3/4	Repairs to hull and main and auxiliary machinery.	D 14/4 E 30/4	Cargo spaces being stripped of insulation; refrig. machinery not being repaired - vessel to be used for general cargo.
PORT STURGEON	A 27/3 B) 28/3	Routine D/D. Sternyland and underwater valves; damaged	D 6/4 E 7/4	

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CHARNISAY		Cargo to secure. Damage to shell plating port side No. 2 Hold.			
EMPIRE GIPSY SEVEN SISTERS WELSH COAST	EMPIRE TORRIDGE SAILOYAL GLENWOOD	WEST POINT EMPIRE MEAD	} Minor repairs since 2.4.45		

LEGHORN - 3.4.45.

NIL

BIZERTE - 4.4.45.

LOBOS	A) 18/1 B) C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd end No. 2. Temporary repairs.	D 11/4 F 25/4		
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.	
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 23/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E 15/4	Repairs slow owing to lack of personnel and other priorities.	
EMPIRE RUTH (Tug)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Hull & Boiler defects; damage to shell plating & frames in Engway port side F.P. tank.	E 10/4 Est.	Vessel on voyage to Australia.	4389
FORT DE FRANCE	A May 1943. C 3/4	Repairs to hull and main and auxiliary machinery.	D 14/4 E 30/4	Cargo spaces being stripped of insulation; refrig. machinery not being repaired - vessel to be used for general cargo.	
FORT STURGEON	A 27/3 B) C) 28/3	Routine D/D. Sternland and underwater valves; damaged propeller blades being faired; engine repairs.	D 6/4 E 7/4		

EMPIRE COLLINS	EMPIRE HARBOUR	UGO FIORELLI	} Minor repairs
FORT LAWRENCE	ALEXANDRE ANDRE	FORTUNATA	} since 28.3.45

MARSEILLE - 3.4.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage starb'd side No. 2 Hold.	F 1/1 D) E) 14/5	Preliminary work for docking at La Ciotat commences 13/3.	
ATHEL CHIEF	A 3/4 B 4/4	Main engine repairs.	E 8/4		

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
MARSEILLE (CONT'D)				
EMPIRE SPARTAN	A 24/3 B 19/3	Boiler, engine and steam pipe repairs.	E 29/3	Completed.
Minor repairs since 28.3.45.	SAMARINDA OCEAN VALOUR FYLINGDALE	FRANZ SIGEL JOHN J. McGRAW AVON COAST.	ST. BERNARD NARATIO	
ORAN - 3.4.45.				
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) 27/1 C)	Damage in engineroom and No.3 Hold.	D 6/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 6/4	Routine D/D. Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 9/4 E 10/4	
THOMAS BULLFINCH	A 20/3 B 22/4	Collision damage.	E 5/5	
EMPIRE ZEPHYR BRIDGEPOOL FORT ROUILLE FORT VERMILLION	ENOCH TRAIN WM. HOARD FIVE FORKS MONPARIEL	GLEN CURTIS WM. HOWELL	Minor repairs since 28.3.45.	
ALGIERS 3.4.45				
FOREMOST 43 (Tug)	A 28/2 B 2/3 C 9/3	Repairs to hull, machinery and accommodation. Fumigation.	D 15/3 E 31/3	Completed.
CRACKSHOT	A) B) 3/4	General examination. Hull, machinery and winch repairs.	E 6/5	
AGHIA MARINA FORT LIARD FORT SPOKANE EMPIRE RUSSELL	LT. DE LA TOUR RUBICONE STANFORTH SAMBRIAN	SYLVESTER GARDENER SAMSKERRY SAMTWEED	Minor repairs since 26.3.45.	
AUGUSTA (DELAYED REPORT) 27.3.45.				
SAMANA	A) B) 19/3	Defects not stated.	E 20/3	Completed.
ERAC (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	- do -	E 10/4 (Est).	
LIKA	A 25/3	- do -	E 10/4 (Est.)	

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CRAI - 3.4.45

JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engineroom and No.3 Hold.	D 6/4 E Ind.
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 6/4	Routine D/D. Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 9/4 E 10/4
THOMAS BULLFINCH	A 20/3 B 22/4	Collision damage.	E 5/5

EMPIRE ZEPHYR, ENOCH TRAIN, GLEN CURTIS, BRIDGEPOOL, WM. HOARD, WM. HOWELL, FORT ROUILLE, FIVE FORKS, FORT VERMILLION, MONPARIEL } Minor repairs since 28.3.45.

ALGIERS - 3.4.45

FOREMOST 43 (Tug)	A 26/2 B 2/3 C 9/3	Repairs to hull, machinery and accommodation. Fumigation.	D 15/3 Completed. E 31/3
CRACKSHOT	A) B) 3/4	General examination. Hull, machinery and winch repairs.	E 6/5

AGHIA MARINA, LT. DE LA TOUR, SYLVESTER, FORT LIARD, RUBICONE, GARDENER, FORT SPOKANE, STAFFORTH, SAMSKEARN, EMPIRE RUSSELL, SAMBRIAN, SAMTWEED } Minor repairs since 26.3.45.

AUGUSTA (DELAYED REPORT) 27.3.45.

SAVANA	A) B) 19/3	Defects not stated.	E 20/3 Completed.
DRAC (Yugoslav)	A 25/3 B 26/3	- do -	E 10/4 (Est).
LIKA	A 25/3 B 26/3	- do -	E 10/4 (Est.)

Minor repairs since 20.3.45 - Nil.

NAPLES - 6.4.45

P.L.M.13	A 18/3 B 19/3	Boiler and structural repairs.	E 25/4
DON	A) B) 23/3 C 24/3	Routine D/D; general overhaul and surveys.	D 30/3 E 13/4
ARGENTINA	A 25/3 B 26/3 C Ind.	Routine D/D. General overhaul and boiler repairs.	D Ind. E 23/4.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
NAPLES (CONT'D)				
AGIA VARVARA	A 28/3 B 30/3	Survey and general overhaul	E 23/4	
LOKE	A 4/4			Examination not completed.
LINGE HILDUR I. MANNINGTON VILLE D'ORAN	EMPIRE CATO OCEAN RIDER EMPIRE TORRENTO EMPIRE KANGAROO	P.L.M. 14 ARMORY		Minor repairs since 30.3.45.

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES - 31 - 3 -45.

ALGER:

MEONIA	B 15/12	Inspection of main and auxiliary motors. Repairs to Hull & Propeller after grounding.	E 5/4	Delayed due to damaged auxiliary motor.
AUGUSTIDE LE BORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage suffered at LICATA. D/D.	E 20/4	
J. SCHIAFFINO	B 15/3	Repairs (permanent) to hull damage. General maintenance work.	E 15/4	
STRASBOURGEOIS		Maintenance work. D/D for work on the hull.	E 13/4.	

ORAN:

CAP FALCON	B 23/2	Replacing deck plates.	E 23/4.	
JOS. LE BORGNE	B 7/3	Work on the hull. Inspection of propeller shaft (Cederval), rudder, changing propeller. Scaling & Testing of Boilers. Maintenance work on engine, boilers and bridge and machine auxiliaries.	E 25/3	Completed.
PARAME	B 26/3	General maintenance and repair work. D/D. Hull damage repairs. Retubing boilers.	E 26/4.	
TOURS	B 27/3	Replacing circulating pump. Retubing of boilers. D/D.	E 27/4.	

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HILDUR I.	OCEAN RIDER	ARMORY		Minor repairs since 30.3.45.
HAINGTON	EMPIRE TORRENTO			
VILLE D'ORAN	EMPIRE KANGAROO			

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES - 31 - 3 - 45.

ALGER:

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TOURS	B 27/3	Replacing circulating pump. Retubing of boilers. D/D. Changing lignum vitae. General maintenance work.	E 27/4.	

CASABLANCA:

ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	B 23/10	Repairs necessary to make vessel seaworthy after re-floating. D/D.	E 30/4.	
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers & auxiliary machinery for re-use. D/D for examination and repairs to hull.		

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

FRENCH REPORT (CONT'D)

BIZERTE:

VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs to war damage. D/D after refloating.
PORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration. D/D for examination and repairs to hull to allow vessel to sail to permanent repair port.

ITALIAN REPORT - 5 April 1945
GIBRALTAR - Vessels in Hand.

FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail & shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube impossible until ship docks.

VESSELS L.A.S.P.

OLTERRA	Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO A 1940.	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for long towing.

PALERMO - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

USTICA	Boiler and engine defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.

AT SEA - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

S.CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	
EDERA	Hull & Capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille harbour.
PELAGOSA		
ALESSANDRIA		
CAMPIDOGLIO		

TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND

SFINGE	A 25/5	Fairly extensive repairs	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Impossible foreseen

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TARGE		D/D for [illegible] to hull to allow vessel to sail to permanent repair port.	

ITALIAN REPORT - 3 April 1945
GIBRALTAR - Vessels in Area.

TULCOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail & shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. Final machining of stern tube impossible until ship docks.

VESSELS L.A.S.E.

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TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND

SEPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/6 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Work temporarily suspended. Impossible foresee completion date.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & Painting of Hull.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Temporarily suspended.
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 28/3	General repairs.	D 10/11 D 5/4 E/ 20/4	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 5/3	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E 8/4	Vessel twice docked to complete renewing of stern tube.

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TO: MWTR MED (R)DMWTR PALERMO

FROM: DMWTR CATANIA

"EDERA" delayed 3½ days at Syracuse owing ALCOM and Italian Authorities Syracuse having no cargo shipping instructions whatsoever. "EDERA" delayed Catania owing delay in cargo delivery also shortage dunnage. "WISLA" delayed at Palermo owing ALCOM and Italian Authorities receiving too late shipping instructions also refusing to order cargo forward until vessel berthed. These difficulties have not (R) not arisen with fruit, etc. shipments to U.K. Request matter should be taken up energetically.

T.O.O. 071815B April.

being investigated R.O/C.

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D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS. 6th.April 1945.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDBO;

From: French Liaison. D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
(Meeting of the 5th.April '45)

Owing to the inability of the W.S.A.representative to attend plus the absence in France of the Principal representative of the D.M.M. the meeting was with the approval of all parties postponed until the 12th.April 1945.

The French programme had previously been transmitted to all parties and approved. Same is given as an addendum to the present report.

REPAIR COMMITTEE: List of drydock bids and repair list were sent to Naples earlier this week and confirmed by signal from AIMED.

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

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FRENCH SHIPPING PROGRAMME No.14.
(Presented 5th.April '45).

T A B L E N o. ONE.
Vessels on passage (W.E.8th.April '45).

Vessels	:Li:Port & Date of :st:departure	:Intermedte.Pts:	:Destination:	:Remarks.
	FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.			
ESPIGUETTE	:B :CASA 6/4	:DAKAR	:W.C[illegible].AFRICA:	N.A.Goods.
JEAN L.DREYFUS	:B :CASA 31/3	:DAKAR	:F.N.A.	:Wine-Gen.
MONTAIGNE	:B :CASA 27/3	:	:DAKAR	:GENERAL.
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	:B :DAKAR 29/3	:	:CASA	:F.W.A.Goods.
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	:B :CASA 8/4	:	:DAKAR	:F.N.A.Goods.
	FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	:B :TRIPOLI 6/4	:SFAX	:TUNIS ALGRS:	Dates-Phosphte
LACYDON	:B :NEMOURS 2/4	:BOUGIE	:HERBILLON	:Coal.
LES ISSERS	:B :NEMOURS 3/4	:BONE	:PH/VILLE	:Coal.
MAROC	:B :CASA 4/4	:ALGIERS	:SFAX	:Grain.-Gen.
INDIANA (special)	:BS:ALGIERS 7/4	:	:CASA	:Wine-Tea-Gen.
KRISTEL	:B :ORAN 31/3	:CASA	:SETE	:Wine.-NA.Gds.
SIDI BRAHIM	:B :ORAN 1/4	:	:ALGIERS	:General Cgo.

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JEAN L.DREYFUS	:B :CASA 31/3	:DAKAR	:F.N.A.	:Wine-Gen.
MONTAIGNE	:B :CASA 27/3	:	:DAKAR	:GENERAL.
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	:B :DAKAR 29/3	:	:CASA	:F.W.A.Goods.
SCHIAFFINO FRERES	:B :CASA 8/4	:	:DAKAR	:F.N.A.Goods.
	FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	:B :TRIPOLI 6/4	:SFAX	:TUNIS ALGRS:	:Dates-Phospht-
LACYDON	:B :NEMOURS 2/4	:BOUGIE	:HERBILLON	:Coal.
LES ISSERS	:B :NEMOURS 3/4	:BONE	:PH/VILLE	:Coal.
MAROC	:B :CASA 4/4	:ALGIERS	:SFAX	:Grain.-Gen.
INDIANA (special)	:BS:ALGIERS 7/4	:	:CASA	:Wine-Tea-Gen.
KRISTEL	:B :ORAN 31/3	:CASA	:SETE	:Wine.-NA.Gds.
SIDI BRAHIM	:B :ORAN 4/4	:	:ALGIERS	:General Cgo.

T A B L E No. TWO.
ANTICIPATED ROTATION (W.E. 15th.April '45)
FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

INDIANA (Spec.)	:BS:CASA 12/4	:DAKAR	:W.A.COAST	:F.N.A.Goods.
AGEN	:B :DAKAR 10/4	:CASA	:ALGIERS	:W.A.GDS.
VENDOME	:B :CASA 9/4	:	:DAKAR	:MET.Goods.
CAP EL HANK	:B :DAKAR 15/4	:CASA	:ALGIERS	:General Cgo.

FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.....P.T.O.....

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FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

Vessel	:Bi:st:	Port & Date of departure	Intermedte.Pts	Destination	Remarks.
LACYDON	:B	:HERBILLON 9/4	:DJIDJELLI	:ALGIERS	:St.Sets-Wood.
LES ISSERS	:B	:PH/VILLE 10/4	:BONE	:PH/V.)ORAN	:Pyrites.
VILLE DE BASTIA	:B	:ALGIERS 9/4	:ORAN	:NEMOURS	:Cement.
STRASBOURGEOIS	:B	:ALGIERS 12/4	:PH/VILLE	:BONE	:Sugar-Cement.
MOGHREB	Moroccan:	CASA abt 12/4:	ORAN	:CASA	:General (Milit y).

T A B L E No. THREE.

ROTATION PROGRAMME FOR AFTER THE 15th.APRIL '44.

FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.

N I L.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

N I L.

M E M O R A N D U M .

a)- Traffic on Corsica.

N.D.d'AFRIQUE	:B	:	:	:Coasting in Cor	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	:B	:ALGIERS 4/4	:AJACCIO	:MARSEILLES	:
JOS.LE BORGNE	:B	:ALGIERS 5/4	:AJACCIO	:ALGIERS	:

b)-Vessels at disposal of the FR.G.H.Q.

CHATEAU LATOUR	:B	:	:	:

c)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.

DJEBEL AURES	:B	:	:	:

d)-Coasting on S.France. Ports.

VAL DE LA HAYE	:B	:	:	:
FORFAIT	:B	:	:	:

e)-Colonial Traffic.

MEONIA	:B	:at ALGIERS	:: Stopped for repairs		:
ILE DE RE	:B	:FR.W.INDIES	abt:15/4	:CASA	:Sugar-Gen.
SAGITTAIRE	:B	: -do-	abt 25/4	:F.N.A.	:Sugar-Gen.

NOT AVAILABLE.

CAP FALCON - AUGUSTIN LE BORGNE - VILLE DE TENES - G.G.CHANZY - MARSEILLAISE - KOUTOUBIA - PARAME - JEANNE SCHIAFFINO - FLORIDA - STRASBOURGEOIS - RICHEDOURG.

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TABLE No. FOUR.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

Vessel	Li	Port & Date of	Intermedte.Pts.	Destination	Remarks
ANDRE MOYRAND	B	DAKAR 3/4		SALOUM	
ARCTURUS	B	PORT BOUET abt 13/4			
CAP LOPEZ	B	DAKAR 12/3		Then repairs.	
GAB.GUIST'HAU	B	KAOLACK 5/4		DAKAR	
OUED FES	B	DAKAR abt 8/4		KAOLACK	
MEDIE 11.	B	KONAKRY 3/4	TABOU	W.A.Coast	
CAP EL HANK	B	ZIGUINCHOR 5/4		DAKAR	
CHAS.SCHIAFFINO	B	TAKORADI 2/4		PORT BOUET	
DUNKERQUE	B	DOUALA 2/4	PTE.NOIRE	ROUEN	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	PORT BOUET 2/4		TABOU	
ESPIGUETTE	B	DAKAR 15/4		W.A.Coast	
FAUZON	B	LAGOS 4/4		DAKAR	
CEVENNES	B	DAKAR 3/4		ZIGUINCHOR	
ARGONNE	B	KAOLACK 5/4		ZIGUINCHOR	
MADAGASCAR	B	DAKAR 2/4		W.A.Coast	

RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

a)- Mediterranean Traffic.

VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	SETE 5/4	AJACCIO	ALGIERS	
C.G.LEPINE	B	ALGIERS 6/4	SETE	ORAN	
SIDI BRAHIM	B	ALGIERS 6/4	SETE	ALGIERS	
FINISTERE	B	SFAX 5/4	NICE	SFAX	
P.SCHIAFFINO	B	SETE 7/4	SOUSSE	MARSEILLES	
GALLIUM	B	MARSEILLES 5/4	ORAN/NEMOURS	ST.LOUIS DU RHONE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	ORAN 7/4	SETE	ALGIERS then repairs.	
CAUDEBEC	B	SETE 6/4	ORAN/CASA	BIZERTA	
CARTHAGE	B	BOUGIE 7/4		SETE	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	ALGIERS 4/4	AJACCIO	MARSEILLES	
VILLE DE BASTIA	B	AJACCIO 31/3	ALGIERS/ORAN	NEMOURS	
M.L.LE BORGNE	B	MARSEILLES 5/4	CASA	SETE	
LE TRAIT	B	SETE 8/4		ORAN	
KRITSEL	B	CASA 7/4		MARSEILLES	
PROCIDA	B	MARSEILLES 7/4	TUNIS'SFAX	SETE	
MEONIA	B	ALGIERS abt 15/4	SETE	MARSEILLES	
JOS.LE BORGNE	B	ALGIERS 5/4	AJACCIO	ALGIERS	

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ANDRE MOYRAND	:D	:DAKAR 3/4	:	:SALOUM :
ARCTURUS	:D	:PORT BOUET abt 13/4	:	:
CAP LOPEZ	:D	:DAKAR 12/3	:	:Then repairs. :
GAB.GUIST'HAU	:D	:KAOLACK 5/4	:	:DAKAR :
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DUNKERQUE	:B	:DOUALA 2/4	:PTE.NOIRE	:ROUEN :
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	:D	:PORT BOUET 2/4	:	:TABOU :
ESPIGUETTE	:B	:DAKAR 15/4	:	:W.A.Coast :
FAUZON	:B	:LAGOS 4/4	:	:DAKAR :
CEVENNES	:D	:DAKAR 5/4	:	:ZIGUINCHOR :
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VILLE DE BOUGIE	:B	:ORAN 7/4	:SETE	:ALGIERS then repairs.	
CAUDEBEC	:B	:SETE 6/4	:ORAN/CASA	:BIZERTA	:
CARTHAGE	:B	:BOUGIE 7/4	:	:SETE	:
VILLE D'AJACCIO	:B	:ALGIERS 4/4	:AJACCIO	:MARSEILLES	:
VILLE DE BASTIA	:B	:AJACCIO 31/3	:ALGIERS/ORAN	:NEMOURS	:
M.L.LE BORGNE	:B	:MARSEILLES 5/4	:CASA	:SETE	:
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PROCIDA	:B	:MARSEILLES 7/4	: TUNIS'SFAX	:SETE	:
MEONIA	:B	:ALGIERS abt 15/4	:SETE	:MARSEILLES	:
JOS.LE BORGNE	:B	:ALGIERS 5/4	:AJACCIO	:ALGIERS	:

b)- Other Traffic.

JANINE	:B	:SETE 9/4	:HUELVA	:SETE	:

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Office of
Principal Sea Transport Officer,
Mediterranean.

5th April, 1945.

REPORT ON WORKING OF COASTERS UNDER CONTROL OF P.S.T.O. MEDITERRANEAN FOR MARCH, 1945.

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British Controlled Petrol fitted Coasters	25	- 44,170	tons
" " Store Coasters	31	- 70,294	"
Italian Store Coasters	16	- 34,750	"
TOTAL	72	- 149,214	"

2. The total cargo carried during the month was:-

	P.O.L.	STORES
Islands to Italy		10,216
Islands to Greece		1,265
North Africa to Islands		1,000
North Africa to Italy	2,201	10,424
North Africa to Middle East	957	3,551
North Africa to Gibraltar	400	
Italy to France		1,289
Italy to Jugoslavia	3,715	1,500
Italy to Greece	4,429	9,558
Italy to Middle East		2,095
Italy to Islands		7,802
Italy to North Africa		1,908
Inter Italian Ports	12,561	37,378
Middle East to Italy	22,5[illegible]	3,414
Middle East to Greece	5,4[illegible]	
Middle East to Jugoslavia		11,970
Middle East to France	2,050	
Gibraltar to North Africa	368	
Inter Greek Ports	34	6,586
Inter French Ports		1,858
	54,747	111,814

GRAND TOTAL: 166,561

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3. Summary of working of 25 Petrol Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 54,747 tons
Average - 2,190 "

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Total cargo carried - 54,747 tons
Average - 2,190 "

Total number of days at sea	262 days	Average	11 days
" " " " awaiting convoy	16 "	"	½ "
" " " " discharging	29 "	"	1 "
" " " " awaiting loading	127 "	"	5 "
" " " " loading	27 "	"	1 "
" " " " repairing	151 "	"	6 "
	163 "	"	6½ "

Two vessels aggregating about 3,360 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 - 71,890 tons
Average - 2,319 "

Total number of days at sea	242 days	Average	8	days
" " " " awaiting convoy	19 "	"		"
" " " " " discharge	17 "	"	1/2	"
" " " " discharging	254 "	"	8	"
" " " " awaiting loading	37 "	"	1	"
" " " " loading	230 "	"	8	"
" " " " repairing	162 "	"	5	"

5. Summary of working of 16 Italian Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 39,924 tons
Average - 2,495 "

Total number of days at sea	137 [illegible]	Average	8 1/2	days
" " " " awaiting convoy	13 "	"	1	"
" " " " " discharge	9 "	"	1/2	"
" " " " discharging	121 "	"	8	"
" " " " awaiting loading	19 "	"	1	"
" " " " loading	113 "	"	7	"
" " " " repairing	84 "	"	5	"

6. Two remaining French vessels, namely KRISTEL and LE TRAIT were returned to the French Authorities on the 3rd and 10th March respectively.

(sgd) G.D. STURT

for COMMODORE.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/379/GDM

4 Apr 45

Tel: Freedom 302

Subject : MINUTES OF COAL MEETING NO.56 HELD AT 1000 HRS ON 4 APR 45 IN G-4(Mov & Tn) CONFERENCE ROOM.

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

Present :

Capt.	P. CHRISTIAN	QM(Coal Sec)
Capt.	A. WOODROW	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Mr.	R. NICOL	WSA rep
Mr.	J. LYNCH	WSA rep
Lt-Col.	K. ANDERSON	MWT rep
J Comd	M.E. GRIBBLE	Secretary

435. COLLIERS DUE. (See minute

(a) It had been agreed that "S.MFOYLE" would discharge PALERMO and REGGIO, and "S.MTREDY" would discharge at N.PLES.

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(i) ARTHUR M. HUDDLE in UGS 83.
(ii) S.MEDWAY ex S. AFRICA.

It was proposed that "ARTHUR M. HUDDLE" should discharge NAPLES/TARANTO (subject to confirmation by Tn(A) Operations) as this vessel was carrying low volatile railway coal, and that "S.MEDWAY" be routed to GREECE ETA 18 Apr if acceptable to GREEKHL. (See minute 429(b)).

ACTION: G-4(Mov & Tn)

436. LOADING INSTRUCTIONS.

QM(Coal Sec) had given loading instructions for "KATINGO HADJIPATERAS", and agreed to give a destination for this vessel.

V. KING, Maj.,
for Brigadier,
DDMG(Mov & Tn).

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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

COLLIERS DUE N. AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 3 APR.

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN
JOBSHAVEN		U.K	KMS 91	27 Mar		"	3990 Coal 579 Coke		
SAMOKLA		USA	UGS 80	31 Mar		"	3500		3500
EMPIRE ZEPHER		U.K.	KMS 92	1 Apr			6017 Coal 103 Coke		6017 103
BARON NAPIER		U.K.	KMS 92	2 Apr			4985		
HARPERTON		U.K.	KMS 92	3 Apr			6418 Coal 52 Coke		
SAMOKLA		ORAN		7 Apr			3000	3000	
ETHALE		U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			4384 Coal 595 Coke		
BELGIAN TRADER		U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			3189 Coal 24 Coke		
EMPIRE KANGAROO			NAPLES	14 Apr			3996		3996
HEIMVARD	25' 5"	USA	UGS 83	15 Apr			7032		

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COLLIERS IUE N. AFRICA - POSITION AS AT 3 APR.

FROM	CONVOY	IUE DEST'N	TYPE OF COAL	A/C	TONNAGE	ALGIERS	ORAN	BONE	LA GOULETTE AND TUNIS
U.K	KMS 91	27 Mar		"	3990 Coal 579 Coke				3990 Coal 579 Coke
USA	UGS 80	31 Mar		"	3500 6017 Coal 103 Coke		3500 6017 Coal 103 Coke		
U.K.	KMS 92	1 Apr			4285				4285
U.K.	KMS 92	2 Apr			6418 Coal 52 Coke			6418 Coal 52 Coke	
U.K.	KMS 92	3 Apr			3000	2000			4384 Coal 595 Coke
ORAN		7 Apr			4384 Coal 595 Coke				3189 Coal 24 Coke
U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			3189 Coal 24 Coke				
U.K.	KMS 93	7 Apr			3996		3996		
	NAPLES	14 Apr			7032				
USA	UGS 83	15 Apr							

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APPENDIX "B"

COASTERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY, SICILY AND GREECE AS AT 3 APR 45.

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHG	TONNAGE REMAIN LOAD	ETC
BIZ.	ALDO PEREN	20'	BARI			1 Apr	4658	1029	10 Apr
	LEOPOLD D. ROSCH	20'	BARI		S.	10 "	5237		20 Apr
	HOUSTON CITY	20'	BARI		S.	27 "	4311		4 May
BARI	LEOPOLD D. ROSCH	27'5"	S....		S....	31 Mar	4000	2000	5 Apr
	FORT GADOTTE	26'6"	S....		S....	5 Apr	4000		10 Apr
	ROBERT D. TYE		S....		S....	10 Apr	8784		18 Apr
	HOUSTON CITY	27'6"	S....		S....	21 Apr	5000		26 Apr
CAGLIARI									
CAGLIARI	LIBERTY PENNSYLVANIA	25'	S....			2 Apr	7928	6478	10 Apr
CIVITAVECCHIA	JESSE H. PRIDGEN	24'0"	PILES			26 Mar	6727	2701	7 Apr
	H. R. TT		PILES			31 Mar	2591		5 Apr
	FORT LOTTINGHAM	24'0"	PILES			2 Apr	7158		14 Apr
	THOMAS J. WELSH	24'0"	PILES			14 Apr	4412		
GALLIPOLI								4373	
	FORT		PILES		S....	30 Mar	5419	4633	12 Apr

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	HOUSTON CITY	20						
L.RI	LEOPOLD D.ROSCH	27'5"	S...	S...	31 Mar	4000	2000	5 ..pr
	PORT C.DONTE	26'6"	S...	S...	5 ..pr	4000		10 ..pr
	ROBERT L.TYE		S...	S...	10 ..pr	6784		18 ..pr
	HOUSTON CITY	27'6"	S...	S...	21 ..pr	5000		26 ..pr
C.GLLARI								
C.A.L.	E.ROA MIRILSTONE	25'	S...		2 ..pr	7929	6478	10 ..pr
SIVIL V.OCHI.	J.SSE ..RIDGE.L	24'0"	PILES		26 Mar	6727	2701	7 ..pr
	R.R..FT		PILES		31 Mar	2591		5 ..pr
	FORT .O TINGHLA	24'0"	PILES		2 ..pr	7158		14 ..pr
	THOM.S J. W.L.H	24'0"	PILES		14 ..pr	4412		
G.LLI-OLI							4375	
LEGHON	PORT .OPER.-CE	19'6"	PILES	S...	30 Mar	5419	4633	12 ..pr

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY, SICILY AND GREECE AS AT 3 APR 45

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGES FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGES REMAIN-ING	ETC
NAPLES	BENJAMIN LUNDY	19'6"	PALERMO		S.A.	3 Apr	4322		5 Apr
	SANVIGNA	26'8"	S.A.		S.A.	5 Apr	8662		
	SANTREDY	26'6"	S.A.		S.A.	8 Apr	8781		14 Apr
	THOMAS J.WALSH	29'3"	USA	UGS 81		11 Apr	4000		
	ARTHUR M.HUDDLE	29'4"	USA	UGS 83	low vol	18 Apr	6000		
	SANLYTHE	28'6"	S.A.		S.A.	20 Apr	4000		
PALERMO	SAFOYLE	27'9"	S.A.		S.A.	7 Apr	4000		
PIOMBINO	SCHLATTINO		SARD.		SARD	30 Mar	4000		4 Apr
REGGIO	SAFOYLE	19'6"	PALERMO		S.A.	12 Apr	4225		

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	SANVIGNA	28'6"	S.A.					
	SANTREDY	26'6"	S.A.		S.A.	8 Apr 8781		14 Apr
	THOMAS J.WALSH	29'3"	USA	UGS 81		11 Apr 4000		
	ARTHUR M.HUDDLE	29'4"	USA	UGS 83	low vol	18 Apr 6000		
	S.BLYTHE	28'6"	S.A.		S.A.	20 Apr 4000		
PALERMO	SANFOYLE	27'9"	S.A.		S.A.	7 Apr 4000		
PIOMBINO	SCHLAFFINO		SARD.		SARD	30 Mar 4000		4 Apr
REGGIO	SANFOYLE	19'6"	PALERMO		S.A.	12 Apr 4225		
TARANTO	OCEAN VISION		CATANIA		S.A.	2 Apr 3210	2319	6 Apr
	FORT CADOTTE		BARI		S.A.	11 Apr 4184		19 Apr
	ARTHUR M.HUDDLE		NAPLES		low vol	21 Apr 2097		25 Apr
PIRAEUS	REMBRANDT		SALONIKA		S.A.	8 Apr 5648		19 Apr

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PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE REMAIN - ING	ETC
PREVEZA	META		BARI		S.A.	12 Apr	200		
SALONIKA	HERON		M.E.				1310		
	REMBRANDT	25'	S.A.		S.A.	30 Mar	2500	924	6 Apr
PATRAS	ALISA		TARANTO		S.A.	31 Mar	1167	657	5 Apr
VOLOS									
CORFU									
CASTEL RAI	DOMENICO PADRE		BARI		S.A.	2 Apr	160		
	ALMA		PORT GRUZ		S.A.		190		
	FERDINANDO		BARI		S.A.	4 Apr	50		
PORT GRUZ	ALMA		BARI		S.A.	4 Apr	250		

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SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT
TYRIMA	For MESSINA		
CAMA	To load at PORT SAID		
BENGEL	Allocated to FOLK		
CORCHESTER	To load Sardinian Coal at SAN ANTIOCO		
PENCARNO	Released to M.W.T. 271250		
SVETI VLAHO	Discharging in MALTA		
TINTERN ABBEY	Discharging in MALTA		
MAPLE TOWNRIDGE	For part discharge TARANTO, thence BIZERTA to complete		
VAN OSTADE	For part discharge GIBRALTAR, thence CLYDE to complete		
LENTO (Italian Coaster)	Discharging at PALERMO		

Advised future sailings:-

Feb. 94	- BEGIN - 2844 T.C.
Feb. 94	- SAN LEMSEN 4759 T.C.
Feb. 95	- 1 T.C. Collier
Feb. 96	- 1 Welsh "
Feb. 97	- 2 U.S.C. Colliers
Feb. 97	- 1 Welsh Collier
Feb. 98	- 1 Welsh Collier

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CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING FOR	DESTINATION	TIME TO
For MESSINA				
To load at PORT SAID				
Allocated to NAPLES				
To load Sardinian Coal at SAN ANTIOCO				
Released to M.W.T. 271250				M.W.T.
Discharging in NAPLES				...
Discharging in NAPLES				...
For part discharge GAETA, thence BIZERTA to complete				...
For part discharge GIBRALTAR, thence ... to complete				
Discharging at MADDALENA				

(Number)

Sailings:-

... 94 - BASTIA - 2841 N.C.
... 94 - AMY LEMSEN 4759 N.C.
... 95 - 1 N.C. Collier
... 96 - 1 Welsh "
... 97 - 2 N.C. Colliers
... 97 - 1 Welsh Collier
... 98 - 1 Welsh Collier

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MARCH ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	
SAMBOSTON		S.AFRICA				6000	ALGIERS

APRIL ARRIVALS

HORACE WELLS		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
FORT PEMBINE (MWT)	F 24' A 28'	USA				8124	GRAN or
JOSEPH LE CONTE		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
EMPIRE FALCON		U.K.			Coke	1964	NAPLES
KARSLOCHE		"				4900	ALGIERS
DRAKEPOOL		"			Coal Coke	6600 150	ALGIERS
MINA P CAMBITIS		"				6500	CASABLA
BARON DUNCRE		"				5350	LA GOUL
FORT VERCILLIAN		"				8624	ALGIERS
ILANERIS						7000	BONE AN

MAY ARRIVALS

SAN AKRON		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
SAMEWAY	28' 6"	"		SUEZ 14 Apr		8907	"
RAYMOND T BAKER		"				8500	"
MATHAI CLIFFORD		"				8500	"
JOSEPH E EARLY		"				8500	"
BRENDA MATTHEWS		"				8500	"
M.E. COMERFORD		"				8500	"
ROBERT S BENN		"				8500	"
EMPIRE MALACCA		"				8353	"
SAMOSSIE	29' 0"	"		ADEN 15 Apr		9506	"
BROCKLEY MOORE		"				8500	"
DELAN		U.K.				6000	GRAN &
LLANGALLEN		"				5000	ALGIE

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MARCH ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'D'

DRFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	S.AFRICA				6000	ALGIERS

APRIL ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'E'

	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
F 21' A 25'	USA				8124	GRAN or ALGIERS
	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
	U.K.			Coke	1964	NAPLES
	"				4900	ALGIERS & BONE
	"			Coal Coke	6600 150	ALGIERS
	"				6500	CASABLANCA
	"				5350	LA GOULETTE AND TUNIS
	"				8024	ALGIERS AND GRAN
					7000	BONE AND LA GOULETTE

MAY ARRIVALS

APPENDIX 'F'

	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
28' 6"	"		SUEZ 14 Apr		8907	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8353	"
29' 0"	"		ADEN 15 Apr		9506	"
	"				8500	"
	U.K.				6000	GRAN & ALGIERS
	"				5000	ALGIERS

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SOUTH FRANCE

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE
FYLINGDALE	20' 6"	U.K.	KMS 90	21 Mar	Coke Pitch	301 5103
NORSFORD	20' 6"	U.K.	KMS 91	26 Mar	Pitch	3658
HILVERSUM		U.K.	KMS 92	31 Mar	Pitch	4863
R.F. PECHAM	27' 3"	USA	UGS 81	3 Apr	H. Vol	8446
SAMTORCH	27' 6"	USA	UGS 82	8 Apr		

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APPENDIX 'G'

SOUTH FRANCE

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20' 6"	U.K.	KMS 90	21 Mar	Coke Pitch	301 5103	SETE & MARSEILLES
20' 6"	U.K.	KMS 91	26 Mar	Pitch	3658	SETE
	U.K.	KMS 92	31 Mar	Pitch	4863	SETE
27' 3"	USA	UGS 81	3 Apr	H. Vol	8446	MARSEILLES
27' 6"	USA	UGS 82	8 Apr			MARSEILLES

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APPENDIX 'H'

COAL DISCHARGES MARCH

ITALY EAST COAST:		ITALY WEST COAST:	
ANCONA	10,417	CIVITAVECCHIA	24,193
BARI	22,224	LEGHORN	4,334
GALLIPOLI	4,965	NAPLES	41,784
TARANTO	12,854	PIOMBINO	860
		REGGIO	3,944
TOTAL	50,460	TOTAL	75,115
Called Fwd	31,500	Called Fwd	50,000

SICILY		BALKANS	
CATANIA	17,656	PIRAEUS	12,439
PALERMO	15,034	PATRAS	557
		SALONIKA	3,086
		CORFU	197
		VOLOS	1,640
		IRAKLION	585
TOTAL	32,690	TOTAL	18,504
Called Fwd	8,500	Called Fwd	27,000

Total tonnage discharged 176,769

Total tonnage called forward 175,381 (includes 33,266 tons ex SARDINIA not shown in called fwd figures above).

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD

South of France Repair Committee.

Minutes of Third Meeting held on 27th March, 1945.

Present: Mr. R.R. Campbell, Chairman.
Lt. Commr. A.F. Douglas, R.N.R., Chief Staff Officer, COMLAB.
Lt. Commr. S.A. Nethercote, R.N.R., S.N.O.
Mr. J. Ponchelet, War Shipping Administration.
Commr. Poirier, PREMAR III.

ACTION BY:

8. The Chairman reported as follows on the minutes of the previous meeting:-

Min.2 - Repair Berths

Berth 84/85: As 24 ft. of water covered the concrete block lying in this berth, its removal was unnecessary.

Berth 61: Found to be foul with 2 wooden barges; soundings being taken during the afternoon by the French port authorities.

Berth 107/108: Mast of the wreck was being cut off; Commr. Poirier had work of fitting bollards in hand; tug shown on plan had been removed.

Berth 112: Wreck at berth 113 had been moved.

Min.3. In view of the foul condition of berth 61, INDOCHINOIS had been allocated temporarily to berth 80.

Min.4. The opening of the Bassin de Remisage would be delayed for about 3 weeks owing to the removal of the floating crane to Toulon, where it would be employed (a) to lift caisson clear of the graving dock; (b) to lift the bows of INDOMITABLE to LE MALIN at La Ciotat; (c) to clear wreck at La Seyne.

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(Chairman)

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(Commr. Poirier)

Min.6. Commr. Poirier said that he had requested PREMAR III for permission to furnish the Committee with a report on repair facilities, and that he would press the matter.
(Commr. Poirier)

9. Bids for Ships.

DESIRADE required 2 months' engine repairs. The Chairman referred to

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(Commr. Poirier)

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DESIRADE required 2 months' engine repairs. The Chairman referred to a recent signal from London urging acceptance of the vessel at Marseille, but stated that no drydock in South France was large enough to accommodate her. Commr. Poirier said that 2 drydocks at Toulon, Missiessy 1 and 2, would under favourable circumstances be available by the beginning of May. Although repair work generally at Toulon was bad, and despite lack of definite information, it was decided to make a bid for one month's repairs in Marseille and a bid for a drydock at Toulon. (NB. NWT London advised by their 262103 that vessel would repair in U.K.)

KOUTOUBIA, FLORIDA, PROVIDENCE: Decision regarding S.T. conversion awaited.

CHEF MECANICIEN MOUTTE: No bid received, vessel not repairing. Chairman to request information from Transports Maritimes.

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ACTION BY:-

QUERCY, auxiliary cruiser, due at the beginning of April.

KRISTEL to repair at Oran.

CHELMA required 1 month's repairs. Agreed to request berth at Port de Bouc.

G.G. LEPINE required 3 weeks' repairs in May; application had been made to AFHQ for release of DJEBEL AURES to take her place. Recommendation deferred.

Port de Bouc. Bids awaited for SUDEST(high priority) and DAUPHINE (low priority).

10. Ships Repairing in the Area.

La Ciotat: MORIALTA) in drydock LE MALIN) French naval ships.
BANDOL) SAVORGNAN DE BRAZZA)
G.G. CHANZY SIDI AISSA

LORRAINE (Fr.) undergoing engine repairs at berth 114 would complete 12/4.
Commr. Poirier mentioned the possibility of additional berths becoming available at Port de Bouc.

11. Commr. Douglas considered it would be useful if the Committee were informed what progress had been made on the coffer dam at Bassin de Radoub. The Chairman said he would ask M. Lebel, Director of the Port, for a report on the estimated readiness of Marseille drydocks.

(Chairman)

12. Mr. Ponchelet advised that the GEORGE WOODWARD had been berthed in order to repair collision damage, estimated to last 14 days.

13. The Committee agreed that it was necessary to have Transports Maritimes represented, and the Chairman undertook to signal MWTR Med. requesting authority.

(Chairman)

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONT'D) TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND				
ZUREDDU	B 14/10	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 15/4	Salvaged on 29.7.44.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repair.	E 15/4.	
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
CHERCA		Boiler & Engine defects.		15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA		Engine and boiler repairs.		
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		
LUANA		General repairs. Ship mined.		4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.
NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/5	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	D 17/3 E Ind.	Already docked once for hull inspection. Waiting redock to commence repairs.
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft, rudder, etc.	D 23/3 E 10/4	
CRITTI	B 20/3	No report.	E 14/4	
S. CROCE		No report.	E Ind.	
ARGENTINA	B 26/3	No report.	E Ind.	
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear and capstan. False keel to replace.	D 20/12	
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted. Routine D/D.		
AUGUSTA - 5.4.45.				
EMPIRE LORENZO	A 4/4 B 4/4	Boiler repairs.	E 6/4.	
U.S.A. REPORT AS OF 5 April 1945.				
GRAU:				

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BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boiler & Engine defects.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine and boiler repairs.	
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CAPO HELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
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GRITTI	B 20/3	No report.	E 14/4	
B. CROCE		No report.	E Ind.	
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BIDS FOR REPAIRS

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IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted. Routine D/D.	

AUGUST 4 - 5.4.45.

EMPIRE LORENZO	A 4/4 D 4/4	Boiler repairs.	E 6/4.

U.S.A. REPORT AS OF 2 April 1945.

CRAN:

THOMAS BULFINCH - Extensive collision damage necessitates D/D. Vessel available to follow EAGLE at Oran.

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Minor repairs at 2 April 1945.

JOHN PHILIP USA:	PAN DELAWARE	WM. PERRY HOWELL
HENRY G. OGDEN	KNUTE NELSEN	GLEN CURTIS

NAPLES - Minor repairs ending 4 April 1945.

GRAND QUEVILLY	IGNATIUS DONNELLY	MONT EVEREST
MARK HEPPEL	RACHEL JACKSON	VAUDE VANTER

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W.S.A. REPORT (CONT'D)

LEGROM:

Minor repairs ending 4 April 1945.

EDWARD HOUSE: JAMES J. HILL.

MARSEILLE

Minor repairs ending 4 April 1945.

JOSIAH BARTLETT:	WALTER READ	EDWARD BOK	RAYMOND INGERSOLL
EZRA MEELER	HOWARD RICKETTS	EDWARD RICHARDSON	
LELAND STANFORD	HARVEY CUSHING		

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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 HOURS APRIL 7th. 194

	CLEAN		DIRTY		
	No.of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No.of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No.of
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	18	2,055,000	1	117,000	19
2. In Ballast	10	990,000	3	243,000	13
3. In dry-dock or repair	-	-	2 (a)	140,000	2
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C,D,E.)					
1. Working	18	483,000	2	96,000	20
2. In dry-dock or repair	16	216,000	2	97,000	18
C. TANK BARGES	24	172,000	-	-	24
D. HARBOUR FUELLERS	4 (b)	81,000	11 (c)	256,000	15
E. ON R.N. OPERATIONAL SERVICE	6	52,000	6	254,000	12

REMARKS

(a) LORRAINE 83,000 bbls. repairing at Marseilles. NICOLAOU MARIA 52,000 bbls. re
(b) 1 Vessel RONDINE 68,000 bbls.,used as Floating Storage.
(c) 2 Vessels HORY MAZOUTE 4,000 bbls. and TAIGETTE 66,000 bbls., also used as F

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18	483,000	2	96,000	20	579,000
16	216,000	2	97,000	18	313,000
24	172,000	-	-	24	172,000
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6	52,000	6	254,000	12	306,000

REMARKS

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GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE.

Secret

MINUTES OF MEETING No.22, HELD AT HQ. LF. G. at 1500 hours on 4th April, 1945.

PRESENT:	Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
	Capt.D.S.Swanston, R.N.	Rep.	S.B.N.O.(G)
	Capt.A.A.Bachas. R.H.N.	Rep.	R.H.N. & Mercantile Marine.
	Cdr.Everett. R.N.		B.N.C.M.A.
	Col.H.I.Davidson		Col.'G'
	Maj.C.Simpson.	Rep.	Pet.Sec.
	Lt.E.L.Hopper. R.N.R.	Rep.	B.S.S.T.O. (G)
	Mr.A.R.Sasseville	Rep.	U.S.A.
	Mr.B.V.Washburn	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.

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41. MINUTES OF MEETING No.21 were approved.

42. MEDBO MINUTES. Chairman drew members attention to Minute No.1862 of the MEDBO Meeting held on the 20th March, in which it was stated that two hulks for use as warehouse vessels were to be made available at Piraeus. Mr.Sasseville said he understood that arrangements were nearly completed for these vessels to proceed here and it would seem their chief use would be the provision of stores for vessels en route to the Black Sea.

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43. UNRRA SHIPMENTS. Mr.Washburn advised that a signal had been sent to Caserta which had been agreed with Greekmil, M.W.T. and W.S.A., advising port capacities for the reception of UNRRA cargoes, for delivery in May and June. After allowances had been made for transhipment cargoes and military shipments, a figure of approximately 170,000 tons had been agreed upon. Chairman pointed out that this figure was on the conservative side and that Mr.Washburn had subsequently written to Caserta pointing this out, and suggesting that before any shipments are turned down on account of inability to receive, that the matter should be referred to this Headquarters for reconsideration.

Mr.Washburn advised it was understood that there was a possibility that the shipments for arrival in June totalled some 200,000 tons. 1268

44. TUGS AND LIGHTERS. Ref.32. Chairman advised that he had consulted with the Minister for Mercantile Marine in connection with the loaning of M.W.T.

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44. TUGS AND LIGHTERS. Ref.32. Chairman advised that he had consulted with the Minister for Mercantile Marine in connection with the loaning of M.W.T. owned lighters and tugs, but he had not received any definite information from the Minister and accordingly no decision could be arrived at as to the disposal of the tugs and lighters. Capt.Bachas undertook to pursue this matter with the Ministry for Mercantile Marine.

Capt.Bachas

45. COASTAL VESSELS. Chairman reported that the scheme for the running of the coastal vessels already employed on the coast, appeared to be working satisfactorily and that there were no further developments in this connection.

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46. PORTS. Ref.36

VOLOS. Col.Davidson enquired as to whether any further information was forthcoming as to the facilities for the handling of coal at this port. Lt.Hopper stated that the S.T.O. had not reported in connection with the suggested use of the plant at the cement works and he would again take up this matter with S.T.O. Volos.

Lt.Hopper

Major Simpson reported that he anticipated bulk oil facilities would be available at this port in a few weeks time.

SALONIKA. Col.Davidson reported that as the C.R.E.Salonika was in Athens the previous day, a meeting had been called to discuss the facilities at this port. It had been decided that the work of completing the new quay should receive the first priority and that the question of filling in the whole of the mole instead of the proposed width of 50 ft. should be discussed with the Greek Government. This matter would be taken up at the Joint Transport Sub Committee. For various reasons it was anticipated that there would be difficulties in dredging to the depth required at the east mole and Col.Everett stated he would submit a detailed report as to the depth of water available on both sides of the mole, on his return to Salonika.

HERACLION. Col.Davidson stated that he did not think the figures mentioned in the minutes of the last meeting in connection with the rate of discharge at this port reflected an accurate statement of the position. It was pointed out that the chief cause for the slow rate of discharge appeared to be that no overtime was worked and it was agreed that this matter should be pursued with those concerned. Mr.Sasseville stated that he did not consider any large vessels should proceed there to discharge more than 2,500 tons.

There was no change in the position at other ports.

47. SEIZED ENEMY VESSELS. Ref.35. Capt.Bachas reported that the s.s."DAMOUCHERIE" was being repaired at Havelia and would be available towards the end of the month.

48. DISCHARGE OF POL AND COAL. Capt.Swanston reported that there appeared to be some confusion as to who was to pay for the discharge of POL and Coal. It was pointed out that it was primarily a Greek Government responsibility but that owing to the different arrangements which had been made for the payment of these commodities some confusion had arisen. It was decided that the question as to who was to pay for the discharge of POL should be taken up by Sea Transport and Pet.Sec. and in connection with coal would be pursued by Mr.Washburn with Coal Sec.

49. SAILING SIGNALS. Col.Davidson reported that recently there had been one or two cases where those concerned at the ports had not been advised of E.T.As of vessels. This appeared to be due to the fact of the changeover and although signals had been despatched they had not reached those concerned. It was agreed that Capt.Bachas should write all N.O.I.Cs in this connection.

Capt.Bachas

50. RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES. Col.Davidson mentioned that within the last few days the arrangements to discharge railway locomotives at Khalkis had had to be altered owing to the fact it was stated the port was not

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this port. It had been decided that the work of [illegible]
should receive the first priority and that the question of filling in the whole of the mole instead of the proposed width of 30 ft. should be discussed with the Greek Government. This matter would be taken up at the Joint Transport Sub Committee. For various reasons it was anticipated that there would be difficulties in dredging to the depth required at the east mole and Cdr.Everatt stated he would submit a detailed report as to the depth of water available on both sides of the mole, on his return to Salonika.

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There was no change in the position at other ports.

47. SEIZED ENEMY VESSELS. Ref.25. Capt.Bachas reported that the s.s."DAMOUCHERIE" was being repaired at Lavrlia and would be available towards the end of the month.

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Capt.Bachas

50. RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVES. Col.Davidson mentioned that within the last few days the arrangements to discharge railway locomotives at Khalkis had had to be altered owing to the fact it was stated the port was not safe to approach. Capt.Swanston agreed to look into this matter and report.

Capt.Swanston

The next Meeting will be held at 1500 hours on the 11th April, 1945.

[signature]
CHAIRMAN

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS, 3RD APRIL, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 105, HELD 27TH MARCH 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 55 dated 28th March, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 71 dated 30th March, 1945.
Minutes of Meeting No. 1 dated 17th March, 1945 and of Meeting No. 2 dated 20th March, 1945 of the South of France Repair Committee.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Report No. 52 dated 30th March, 1945.

5. MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SUPPLIES.

Report of 1st April, 1945.

6. TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Note proposing the reconstitution of the Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee as the "Tonnage Control Committee".

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Report No. 46 dated 2nd April, 1945.

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Summary of Tanker Tonnage Position in Western Mediterranean Theatre as on 31st March, 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 33 dated 26th March, 1945.

10. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 21 dated 29th March, 1945.

11. ITALIAN SCHOONERS.

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11. ITALIAN SCHOONERS.

Table showing the monthly lift made by Italian Schooners from September, 1944 - March, 1945, inclusive.

12. OTHER MATTERS.

Walter E. Fereday,
Secretary, MEDEO.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

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Subject : MINUTES OF COAL MEETING No.55 HELD AT 1000 HRS ON 28 MAR 45 IN G-4(MOV & TN) CONFERENCE ROOM.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(Mov & Tn) 5/379/GDM

30 Mar 45

Tel: Freedom 302

In the Chair :	Maj.	V. KING	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Present :	Capt.	P. CHRISTIAN	QM(Coal Sec)
	Capt.	A. WOODROW	G-4(Mov & Tn)
	Mr.	R. NICOL	WSA rep
	Mr.	J. LYNCH	WSA rep
	Lt-Col.	K. ANDERSON	MWT rep
	J comd.	M.E. GRIBBLE	Secretary

428. COLLIERS DUE (See Minute 426).

Destinations had been given by QM(Coal Sec) as follows:-

(a) S.S.MFOYLE to lighten to 21 ft at PALERMO for further orders. This vessel would probably complete discharge at LEGHORN and information had been received that draft had been decreased by 18 inches. It was agreed that amended instructions be given for S.S.MFOYLE to lighten to 19 ft. 6 ins.

(b) S.S.TREDY- NAPLES for complete discharge.

ACTION: G-4(Mov & Tn).

429. COAL FOR BALKANS.

(a) JUGOSLAVIA.

A request had been received for the shipment of 250 tons to SPLIT and 250 tons DUBROVNIK. This demand was being fulfilled as follows:-

(i) DOMINICO PADRE approx 100 tons to SPLIT.

(ii) ALMA (approx 440 tons) 250 tons to DUBROVNIK and balance of cargo to SPLIT.

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(b) GREECE.

[illegible] had requested that PETRANY be routed to

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In the Chair :	Maj.	V. KING	G-4(Mov & Tn)
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428. COLLIERS DUE (See Minute 426).

Destinations had been given by QM(Coal Sec) as follows:-

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(b) GREECE.

DEWTR ATHENS had requested that REMBRANDT be routed to SALONIKA to discharge 2500 tons and complete at PIRAEUS; and that BARON ELPHINSTONE be diverted to ITALY, as it was necessary to overhaul the discharging gear at PIRAEUS. This had been agreed and vessels routed accordingly - BARON ELPHINSTONE would discharge at CATANIA. It was also agreed that this vessel would be replaced by a further nomination for approximately the third week in Apr for discharge in GREECE.

ACTION: G-4(Mov & Tn).

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD
COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

430. COAL FOR N. AFRICA.

FOWI had requested a loan from C-in-C Med of 500 tons North Country Coal at ALGIERS and 400 tons at ORAN from RN stocks in order to maintain the supply of gas in ORAN and ALGIERS pending the arrival of S.MOKLA with 6500 tons gas coal. This had been agreed by C-in-C Med subject to repayment. As the loan would be made from stocks on the ground, FEO had reported that no coastal lift would be required.

431. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

QM had asked for the following addresses to be added to the distribution of these minutes :-

(a) AC for Coal Division.

(b) AC for Tn Sub-Commission.

(c) UNRRA GREECE Mission ATHENS for Fuel Section.

This was agreed by the Committee, and the concurrence of the Chairman of MEDBO was obtained after the meeting.

ACTION: S-A(Mov & Tn).

432. LOADING INSTRUCTIONS.

QM(Coal Sec) proceed to give loading instructions for KATINGO HADJIPATERAS ETA SARDINIA 1 Apr.

ACTION: QM (Coal Sec).

433. COAL EX SARDINIA.

(a) Pitprops. (See minute 425)

The Chairman stated that TOPE JARL had been nominated to lift pitprops to SARDINIA for the coal mines.

(b) Signal procedure. (See minute 427 (a)).

A report had been received from QM (Coal Sec) regarding the delay in Signals to and from SARDINIA.

The matter had been referred to Coal Div ALCOM by QM (Coal Sec) with a view (i) to hastening the despatch of signals in SARDINIA; (ii) to expedite paraphrasing of signals from SARDINIA in PCMO.

QM (Coal Sec) would send all loading instructions "OP

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431. DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

QM had asked for the following addresses to be added to the distribution of these minutes :-

(a) AC for Coal Division.

(b) AC for Tn Sub-Commission.

(c) UNRRA GREECE Mission ATHENS for Fuel Section.

This was agreed by the Committee, and the concurrence of the Chairman of MEDBO was obtained after the meeting.

ACTION: QM(Mov & Tn).

432. LOADING INSTRUCTIONS.

QM(Coal Sec) agreed to give loading instructions for KATINGO H.DJIPATERAS ETA SARDINIA 1 Apr.

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QM (Coal Sec) would send all loading instructions "OP PRIORITY" and confirm by ADLC.

434. REPAYMENT OF COAL BY MIDEAST. (See minute 416 (c)).

(a) MWTR rep stated that MWTR had been corresponding with MOWT LONDON referring to the AWHQ demand for repayment of cargoes consigned in recent months to Central MED but which were discharged in MIDEAST owing to inability of Central MEDITERRANEAN ports to handle vessels on those dates. These cargoes had been accepted mainly for ESR or bunker depots in MIDEAST and MWTR rep stated

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY, SICILY AND GREECE AS AT 28 MAR 45.

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE REMAIN-ING	ETC
ANCONA	ALBINO PEREZ	20'	BARI			1 Apr	5000		10 Apr
	LEOPOLD DAMROSCH	20'	BARI			10 Apr	5237		20 Apr
BARI	ALBINO PEREZ	27'0"	USA	UGS 77		26 Mar	3467		30 Mar
	LEOPOLD DAMROSCH	27'5"	S.A.		S.A.	30 Mar	4000		5 Apr
	FORT CADOTTE	26'3"	S.A.		S.A.	5 Apr	4000		10 Apr
	ROBERT BATTYE		S.A.		S.A.	10 Apr	8784		18 Apr
CAGLIARI									
CATANIA	OCEAN VISION	25'6"	S.A.			23 Mar	4000		29 Mar
	BARON ELPHINSTONE	25'	S.A.			4 Apr	7928		14 Apr

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	LEOPOLD DAMROSCH	20'	BARI			10 Apr	5237		20 Apr
BARI	ALBINO PEREZ	27'0"	USA	UGS 77		26 Mar	3467		30 Mar
	LEOPOLD DAMROSCH	27'5"	S.A.		S.A.	30 Mar	4000		5 Apr
	FORT CADOTTE	26'3"	S.A.		S.A.	5 Apr	4000		10 Apr
	ROBERT BATTYE		S.A.		S.A.	10 Apr	8784		18 Apr
CAGLI-ARI									
CATANIA	OCEAN VISION	25'6"	S.A.			23 Mar	4000		29 Mar
	BARON ELPHINSTONE	25'	S.A.			4 Apr	7928		14 Apr
CIVIT-AVECC-HIA	HEYWOOD BROUN	24'0"	NAPLES			23 Mar	5220	571	29 Mar
	JESSE APPLEGATE	24'0"	NAPLES			26 Mar	6727	6305	
	HARRATTAN		NAPLES			28 Mar	1245		30 Mar
	FORT NOTTINGHAM	24'0"	NAPLES			29 Mar	7158		

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COLLIERS DISCHARGING OR DUE ITALY, SICILY AND GREECE AS AT 28 MAR 45.

PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGES FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGES REMAIN-ING.	ETC
GALLIPOLI	OMEGA	23'	SARD.		SARD.	23 MAR	4885	2030	1 APR
LEGHORN	FORT ESPERANCE	19'5"	NAPLES		S.A.	28 MAR	5419		6 APR
	BENJAMIN LUNDY	19'6"	PALERMO		S.A.	7 APR	4822		13 APR
NAPLES	WILLIAM H. GRAY	25'6"	USA	UGS 78	Gas	25 MAR	8586	3045	30 MAR
	EMPIRE DON		SARD.		SARD.	30 MAR	3250		
	SAMTREDY	27'3"	S.A.		S.A.	8 APR	8781		14 APR
PALERMO	BENJAMIN LUNDY	28'3"	S.A.		S.A.	25 MAR	4800	1200	29 MAR
	SAMFOYLE	27'6"	S.A.		S.A.	7 APR	8225 (for further orders).		
PIOMBINO	SCHLAFFINO		SARD.		SARD.	29 MAR	4000		1 APR
REGGIO									
BARI	CHARLES W. STILES		BARI		S.A.	27 MAR	4393	2880	1 APR

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LEGHORN	FORT ESPERANCE	19'6"	NAPLES		S.A.	28 MAR	5419		6 APR
	BENJAMIN LUNDY	19'6"	PALERMO		S.A.	7 APR	4822		13 APR
NAPLES	WILLIAM H. GRAY	25'6"	USA	UGS 78	Gas	25 MAR	8586	3046	30 MAR
	EMPIRE DON		SARD.		SARD.	30 MAR	3250		
	SANTREDY	27'3"	S.A.		S.A.	8 APR	8781		14 APR
PALERMO	BENJAMIN LUNDY	28'3"	S.A.		S.A.	25 MAR	4800	1200	29 MAR
	SAN FOYLE	27'6"	S.A.		S.A.	7 APR	8225 (for further orders).		
PIOMBINO	SCHLAFFINO		SARD.		SARD.	29 MAR	4000		1 APR
LEGHORN	CHARLES W. STILES		BARI		S.A.	27 MAR	4398	2880	1 APR
	OCEAN VISION		CATANIA		S.A.	31 MAR	4000		7 A
	FORT CADOTTE		BARI		S.A.	11 APR	4134		19 A
PALERMO	REMBRANDT		SALONIKA		S.A.	21 MAR	5648		

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PORT	VESSEL	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	TYPE OF COAL	ETA	TONNAGE FOR DISCHGE	TONNAGE REMAIN-ING	ETC
							1810		
SALONIKA	HERON		M.E.						
	REMERANDT	25'	S.A.		S.A.	27 MAR	2500		
PATRAS	ALISA		TARANTO		S.A.	29 MAR	1200		
VOLOS									
CORFU	MARIA SS AUSILIATRICE		BARI			29 MAR	170		
CASTEL RAY	DOMENICO MADRE		BARI		S.A.	29 MAR	100		
	ALMA		PORT GRUZ		S.A.		190		"
PORT GRUZ	ALMA		BARI		S.A.	29 MAR	250		

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COAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

RN COLLIERS

23 Mar 43

SHIP	CONVOY	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION	RELEASE T
THELMA	Loading at PORT SAID for discharge in MESSINA				
CARA	To load at PORT SAID				
BEIKEL	Allocated to FOLEM				
AMSTEL	Released to PSTO MEDITERRANEAN 22 Mar				
COLCHESTER	To load Sardinian coal in SAN ANTIOCO				
FRANKA	Released to MWT 23 Mar				MWT
EMPIRE GARETH	Discharging in LEGHORN				"
LENCARROW	Completing discharge in PALERMO				"
SVETI VLAHO	KMS 91	7490 NC	UK	NAPLES to disch	"
TINTERN ABBEY	KMS 91	2886 Welsh	UK	MALTA to discharge	"
EMPIRE TORRIDGE	KMS 91	4800 Welsh	UK	TARANTO part disch BRINDISI to compl	"
SENIO (Italian Coaster)	To load Sardinian coal in SAN ANTIOCO				
ADVISED FUTURE SAILINGS:					
3 North Country Colliers	KMS 93				
1 Welsh Collier	KMS 94				
1 North Country Collier	KMS 94				

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RN COLLIERS

	CARGO	LOADING PORT	DESTINATION	RELEASE TO
PORT SAID for discharge in MESSINA				
PORT SAID				
to FOLEM				
to PSTO MEDITERRANEAN 22 Mar				
rdinian coal in SAN ANTIOCO				MWT
to MWT 23 Mar				"
ng in LEGHORN				"
g discharge in PALERMO			NAPLES to disch	"
	7490 NC	UK	MALTA to discharge	"
	2886 Welsh	UK	TARANTO part disch BRINDISI to compl	"
	4800 Welsh	UK		
Sardinian coal in SAN ANTIOCO				

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MARCH ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REM
SAMBOSTON		S.AFRICA				6000	ALGIERS

APRIL ARRIVALS

HORACE WELLS		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
FORT PANMURE (MVT)	F 24' A 28'	USA				8124	ORAN or ALG
JOSEPH LE CONTE		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
HOUSTON CITY	27'6"	"		19 Apr		9311	"
EMPIRE FALCON		U.K.			Coke	1964	NAPLES
KINGLOGLE		"				4900	ALGIERS & B
PENHALE		"			Coal Coke	4500 600	LA GOULETTE
BELGIAN TIGER		"				3250	TUNIS
DUNKEROL		"			Coal Coke	6600 150	ALGIERS
MIN. P CAMBATIS		"				6500	CASABLANCA
BARON DUNMORE		"				5350	LA GOULETTE
FORT VERMILLAN		"				8824	ALGIERS
THOMAS J WALSH	F 25'10" A 29'3"	USA			H. Vol	8412	ITALY
LLANBERIS						7000	BONE & LA
SAMVIGNA						8662	ITALY

MAY ARRIVALS

SAM AKRON		S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
SAM EDWAY	28'6"	"		18 Apr		8500	"
SAMLYTHE		"				8856	"
RAYMOND T BAKER		"				8500	"
MATHAM CLIFFORD		"				8500	"
JOSEPH E EMERY		"				8500	"
BRENDA MATTHEWS		"				8500	"

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MARCH ARRIVALS

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	S.AFRICA				6000	ALGIERS

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APRIL ARRIVALS

	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
F 24' A 28'	USA				8124	ORAN or ALGIERS
	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
27'6"	"		19 Apr		9311	"
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	"				4900	ALGIERS & BONE
	"			Coal Coke	4500 600	LA GOULETTE & TUNIS
	"				3250	TUNIS
	"			Coal Coke	6600 150	ALGIERS
	"				6500	CASABLANCA
	"				5350	LA GOULETTE & TUNIS
	"				8824	ALGIERS
F 25'10" A 29'3"	USA			H. Vol	8412	ITALY
					7000	BONE & LA GOULETTE
					8662	ITALY

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MAY ARRIVALS

	S.AFRICA				8500	ITALY
	"				8500	"
28'6"	"		18 Apr		8856	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"

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MAY ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	ITE
M.E. COMERFORD		S.AFRICA				8500	
ROBERT S BEAN		"				8500	
BATTLE MALACCA		"				8500	
SAMBOSSIE		"				8500	
BUCKLEY MOORE		U.K.				6000	0
DUMAN		"				5000	A
LLANGALLEN							

SOUTH FRANCE

NAME OF SHIP	DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE
BATON ROUGE	20'6"	U.K.	KMS 88	11 Mar	Pitch	4866
SAMARINDA		USA	UGS 76	9 Mar		7486
FYLINGDALE	20'6"	U.K.	KMS 90	21 Mar	Coke Pitch	301 5103
NORSEMAN		U.K.	KMS 91	26 Mar	Pitch	3658
HILVERSUM	20'6"	U.K.	KMS 92	31 Mar	"	4863
E.F. BECKHAM	27'5"	USA	UGS 81	3 Apr	H.Vol	8446
SAMTORCH	27'6"	USA	UGS 82	8 Apr		

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KEY ARRIVALS

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE AUGUSTA	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
	S.AFRICA				8500	PT.LY
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				8500	"
	"				9500	"
	U.K.				6000	ORAN & ALGIERS
	"				5000	ALGIERS

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SOUTH FRANCE

DRAFT	FROM	CONVOY	DUE GIBRALTAR	TYPE OF COAL	TONNAGE	REMARKS
20'6"	U.K.	KMS 88	11 Mar	Pitch	4866	SETE
	USA	UGS 76	9 Mar		7486	MARSEILLES
20'6"	U.K.	KMS 90	21 Mar	Coke Pitch	301 5103	SETE & MARSEILLES
20'6"	U.K.	KMS 91	26 Mar	Pitch	3656	SETE
	U.K.	KMS 92	31 Mar	"	4863	SETE
27'5"	USA	UGS 81	3 Apr	H.Vol	8446	MARSEILLES
27'6"	USA	UGS 82	8 Apr			MARSEILLES

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 71.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 30th MARCH, 1945.

Present: Mr. J. R. Smith In the Chair.
Constructor Captain D.W.Smithers R.C.N.C.
Commander M. L. Hardie R.N.
Lieut.-Commander E. Blair R.N.R.
Capitaine de Corvette Ybert.
Major E. Filo della Torre R.I.N.
Mr. G. W. Simmons.
Captain D. D. Bate.
Captain F. L. Kidwell.
Mr. R. S. Lawrenson.
Mr. W. E. Ferraday Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

1107. FLOATING CRANE AT NAPLES. Lt.Col.J.H.Whitman U.S.Army was present for the discussion of this item. He stated that a 60 ton floating crane operated by the U.S.Army had leaking cells and was in serious need of repair. 8th Port had asked the Naval Authorities if this crane could be drydocked, but it was felt that there were other repair jobs of higher priority. However, in view of a large forthcoming programme, the crane would be required to be in constant use and he was anxious to know if and when her drydocking could be undertaken. Commander Hardie replied that the Captain of the Dockyard had already discussed the matter with him; the crane would have to be put in the No.1 dock which would mean delay to the two Italian warships already programmed for the dock and urgently required, whilst Captain Smithers added that there was also a 150 ton Naval crane needing about 15 days in dock. He thought that it might be possible to repair the 60 ton crane out of drydock, dependent on the work required, but Lt.Col.Whitman regretted that he was not familiar with the extent and time of the repairs necessary. It was decided that a full report must be obtained before coming to a decision on drydocking and Mr.Simmons undertook to arrange for an inspection of the crane. Mr.Simmons.

1106. "PUPPA D'ARSA". Ref.1106. The Chairman reported that the repairs to this vessel would be a long term job - 4 or 6 months at least.

1109. CASABLANCA. Commander Hardie reported that French warships would occupy the No.1 dock until the 10th April after which it would be necessary to put in an H.M.ship, a new commitment, period required not yet being known. The programme thereafter remained as "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER"; "ALETTA"; "ILE DE D'OUESSANT"; French warship. Captain Bate considered that the docking of the "ALETTA" would become a matter of urgency but in the meantime her readiness depended on the availability of the "ARENA", her relief, and the question of reconsideration of the "ALETTA"'s priority was therefore left until her position became defined.

1110. GIBRALTAR. H.M.S.Gibraltar had now listed the "TULGOR" for the No.1 dock to follow the H.M.ship, expected to unlock on the 12th April, but Commander Hardie still doubted whether much work could yet be taken in hand on the "FULGOR", especially as the Dockyard were being pressed to expedite completion of the repairs to the "CASTRIAS", although the Chairman pointed out that the latter were not in the same category.

The Chairman drew attention to a signal from M.W.T.London that tugs would probably be available end April to tow the "MARSUD" to the U.K. and which

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Captain T. D. Maxwell.
Mr. R. S. Lawrenson.
Mr. W. E. Forgeday Secretary.

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The Chairman drew attention to a signal from M.W.T.London that tugs would probably be available end April to tow the "MAISUD" to the U.K. and which asked that the vessel be drydocked for cleaning and painting before sailing. The question of giving her a quick docking before the "TULGOR" was discussed but Captain Bate maintained strong pressure for the latter vessel to be undertaken with the least possible delay in view of the general shortage of tanker tonnage. It was decided to leave the "MAISUD" as a bid for consideration at the next Meeting as no time would be lost meanwhile.

Commander Hardie reported that the "VISCOL" had been docked in the No.2. dock, the time required so far being uncertain, whilst the programme for No.3 dock was H.M.ships, No.4 dock Landing craft, followed by an H.M.ship.

Mr.Simmons stated that no decision had yet been come to respecting the "HENRY MILLER" but asked that she should remain on the list as a bid.

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1111. ORAN. The expected undocking [illegible] reported by Commander Hardie to have gone back to the 6th April. The priorities for the No.1 dock thereafter were left unchanged, viz: "EAGLE"; Pontoon dock; "TOURS"; "MICHAEL J.STONE", no fresh bids having been received. It was stated by Mr.Simmons in reply to Captain Bate that the repairs to the "EAGLE" should have been finished by the time the "JOHN S.HOPKINS" undocked.

The programme for the No.2 dock was French warship until 4th April; U.S.warship for two days, after which Commander Hardie said that another French warship would require to be put in for a day before the "PARAME".

1112. ALGIERS. French warships were in the No.1 dock until about the 5th April, when the "STRASBOURGEOIS" would be docked, followed by the "VILLE DE BOUGIE", which would occupy the dock until about the 18th/20th April. The "EMPIRE GAIN", a new bid, was left until the next Meeting for allocation to a drydock either at Algiers or another port as this would then be nearer her anticipated availability, and the bid for the "BORGHOLM" was also held in abeyance, Lt.Commander Blair saying that she would need 2/3 weeks repairs on arrival at Algiers.

Commander Hardie reported that the French warships in the No.2 dock should come out about the 2nd April, after which the "JEANNE SCHLAFFINO" would be docked for about 10 days, followed by further French warships, fully programming the dock until the end of April.

1113. FERRYVILLE. Commander Hardie stated that the No.1 dock was now under repair and the "POINT DE FRANCE" was expected to dock with the "VILLE DE TIPAZA" about the 2nd April, estimated completion 10th/14th April when a French warship would be put in.

He reported that the "LOBOS" was being worked upon in the No.2 dock and was now expected to undock about the 15th April.

With reference to the report at the last Meeting of the low water level in the Central Mediterranean (Minute 1097), Commander Hardie informed the Committee that the water was now rising again. Consequently it had become possible to undock the local craft from the No.3 dock which was now occupied by H.M.ships but about due to come out. There was a probable commitment to dock a warship thereafter, but if she was not ready in time it was decided that the "HADRUMETE", a new French bid for 10 days, should be put in.

The "TORT STURGEON" had docked in the No.4 dock the previous day, the next priority being the "TORT LAWRENCE", which vessel Lt.Commander Blair stated was now discharged at Piraeus and awaiting orders. The Chairman said that a further report was awaited on the latter as it might prove unnecessary to dock her.

The "SUROIT" was left for discussion at the next Meeting, pending more definite information as to her release and availability for docking.

"LORRAINE". Captain Bate said that a bid to drydock this tanker had been made to the Secretary earlier in the week and subsequently withdrawn, but now that the drydocking position at Ferryville appeared easier he asked whether she could be accepted for readiness about 18th/19th April. The Chairman referred to a signal from Marseilles which estimated completion of the vessel's repairs about 5th April but expressed a non-understanding of the necessity to drydock her, and he pointed out that the request originally emanated from London. As the "LORRAINE" was to proceed to the Middle East it was decided to ascertain whether she could be accepted there for drydocking, and should a negative reply be received she could be reconsidered for Ferryville at the next Meeting. Capt.Bate.

1114. TARANTO & BRINDISI. It was reported by Commander Hardie that the "CALEB" was now in the No.1 dock with Italian ships for 15 days, an Italian warship [illegible] dock until 7th April. H.M. ships in No.12 dock and landing craft [illegible]

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1113. FERRYVILLE. Commander Hardie stated that the No.1 dock was now under repair and the "FORT DE FRANCE" was expected to dock with the "VILLE DE TIPAZA" about the 2nd April, estimated completion 10th/14th April when a French warship would be put in.

He reported that the "LOBOS" was being worked upon in the No.2 dock and was now expected to undock about the 15th April.

With reference to the report at the last Meeting of the low water level in the Central Mediterranean (Minute 1097), Commander Hardie informed the Committee that the water was now rising again. Consequently it had become possible to undock the local craft from the No.3 dock which was now occupied by H.M.ships but about due to come out. There was a probable commitment to dock a warship thereafter, but if she was not ready in time it was decided that the "HADRUMETE", a new French bid for 10 days, should be put in.

The "FORT STURGEON" had docked in the No.4 dock the previous day, the next priority being the "FORT LAWRENCE", which vessel Lt.Commander Blair stated was now discharged at Piraeus and awaiting orders. The Chairman said that a further report was awaited on the latter as it might prove unnecessary to dock her.

The "SUROIT" was left for discussion at the next Meeting, pending more definite information as to her release and availability for docking.

"LORRAINE". Captain Bate said that a bid to drydock this tanker had been made to the Secretary earlier in the week and subsequently withdrawn, but now that the drydocking position at Ferryville appeared easier he asked whether she could be accepted for readiness about 18th/19th April. The Chairman referred to a signal from Marseilles which estimated completion of the vessel's repairs about 5th April but expressed a non-understanding of the necessity to drydock her, and he pointed out that the request originally emanated from London. As the "LORRAINE" was to proceed to the Middle East it was decided to ascertain whether she could be accepted there for drydocking, and should a negative reply be received she could be reconsidered for Ferryville at the next Meeting.

Capt.Bate.

1114. TARANTO & BRINDISI. It was reported by Commander Hardie that the "GALEB" was now in the No.1 dock with Italian ships for 15 days, an Italian warship was in No.2 dock until 7th April, H.M. ships in No.12 dock and landing craft in No.13 dock. The remaining Merchant ship priorities for allocation to a drydock were "ORATA", "ISONZO" and "GULF PRINCE", as agreed at the last Meeting.

Captain Bate stated that the release of the "EMPIRE FAWN" was now expected at any time, but the Committee felt that no purpose would yet be gained by placing her definitely on the docking list. There was no definite news as to the release of the "VITTORINO ZANIBON", although Captain Bate considered she should be ready early in April, and vessel was accordingly left for discussion at the next Meeting.

1115. NAPLES. The "SESTRIERE" had completed her docking in the No.1 dock which was now under repair until about the 3rd April. The docking of the two Italian warships was again discussed and Commander Hardie intimated he was not prepared

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ANTICIPATED ROTATIONS (Cont'd.)

VESSEL	Li:	Port & Date of	Intermedte.Pts.	Destination:	Remarks.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	:D	:SFAX 8/4	:ALGIERS	:CASA	:Oil.
LACYDON	:B	:BOUGIE 5/4	:DJIDJELLI	:ALGIERS	:Alcoh.-Wood.
LES ISSERS	:B	:NEMOURS 6/4	:	:BONE	:Coal.
VILLE DE BASTIA	:B	:ALGIERS 8/4	:	:NEMOURS	:Gen.
MAROC	:B	:CASA 3/4	:ALGIERS	:CASA	:Gen.

T A B L E No.3.

ROTATION PROGRAMME FOR AFTER 8th.APRIL '45.

FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.TRAFFIC.

SCHLAFFINO	:D	:ALGIERS abt 12/4:	DAKAR	:F.N.A.	:Pean-nut oil

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

N I L .

M E M O R A N D U M .

N.D.d'AFRIQUE	:B	:a)- TRAFFIC ON CORSICA.		: Tramping on CorsicanCst.	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	:B	:MARS.29/3	:AJACCIO	:ALGIERS.	:
PROCIDA	:B	:CORSICA 27/3	:	:S.FRANCE	:
JOS.LE BORGNE	:B	:ALGIERS abt 6/4:	AJACCIO	:ALGIERS	:(Coal).
		b)-Vessel at the dispoal of the F.F.H.Q.			
CHATEAU LATOUR	:D	:	:	:	:
		c)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.			
DJEBEL AURES.	:D	:	:	:	
		d)-COASTING ON S.FR.PORTS.			
VAL DE LA HAYE	:D	:			
FORFAIT	:D	:			
		e)-Trafic Colonial			
Maeonia	:B	: in ALGIERS		STOPPED FOR REPAIRS.	
SAGITTAIRE	:B	: ORAN 3/3		:W.EST INDIES.	

NOT AVAILABLE.

"CAP FALCON"- "AUG.LE BORGNE"- "VILLE DE TENES"-"G.G:CHANZY"-"MARSEILLAISE"
"KOUTOUBIA"-"PARAME"-"J.SCHLAFFINO"-"FLORDLA."-STRASBOURGEOIS"-"RICHELIEU."

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D.M.W.T.R.N.A. (North Africa)
ALGIERS, 30th.March 1945.

No.52.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDITO;

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

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
Meeting of the 30th.March '45.

1-) FRENCH PROGRAMME- Translation attached hereto. Read and approved.

2-RETAIR COMMITTEE- Lists of bids for drydock and repairs were sent earlier this week.

3-Transport by Sea of Two Mechanical Threshers: D.M.W.T. stated that the French Economic Services in N.A. had asked them to arrange to transport from Algiers to Tunisia, two mechanical threshers, each weighing about 5½ tons and being 2m.20 wide, 6m.50 long, and 3m. high. The French had at their disposal no vessel capable of shipping these machines and appealed to the Allied authorities for help in this direction. It was a very urgent matter, as the machines were badly needed at destination and because of their height it was impossible to transport them by rail.

There was no other business.

sgd. P.F. DE VARS.
French Liaison D.M.W.T.R.N.A.

FRENCH SHIPPING PROGRAMME No.13.
Meeting of the 29th.March 1945.

TABLE No. 1.

Vessels on passage.(W.E. 1st.April '45.)

VESSEL	List & Date of Departure	Intermedte.Pts.	Destination	Remarks
FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.				
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	B DAKAR 29/3		CASA	W.A.Gds.
JEAN L.DREYFUS	DS ORAN 24/3	CASA	DAKAR	Mr.Gds.
HOGGAR	D DAKAR 23/3		CASA	W.A.Gds.
MONTAIGNE	D CASA 27/3		DAKAR	Gen Cgo.
FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRADE.				
CAP PINEDE	D TUNIS 1/4	TRIPOLI	SFAX	Wine-Dates.
JOS.LE TORGNE V	D ORAN 26/3	MEDURS	ALGIERS	Pitch.-Coal.
LACYDON	D ORAN 29/3	BENISAF/NEMOURS	TORGUD	Coal.
LES ISSERS	D BONE 28/3	ORAN	NEMOURS	Phosphates.
LE ZERAMIA	D ORAN 29/3	ARZEW	ALGIERS	Salt-Empty Dr.
TOURS	D ALGIERS 27/3		ORAN	Cement.
CAID FASSI (Moroccan	ALGIERS 26/3		CASA	Empty Sacks.

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JEAN L.DREYFUS	TS	ORAN 24/3	CASA	DAKAR	Fr.Gds.
HOGGAR	D	DAKAR 23/3		CASA	W.A.Gds.
MONTAIGNE	D	CASA 27/3		DAKAR	Gen.Cgo.
ARE OR NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.					
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JOS.LE BORGNE V	D	ORAN 28/3	NEMOURS	ALGIERS	Pitch.-Coal.
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TOURS	D	ALGIERS 27/3		ORAN	Cement.
CAID FASSI (Moroccan)		ALGIERS 26/3		CASA	Empty Sacks. Tea.

TABLE No.2.
ANTICIPATED ROTATION (W.E. 8th.April '45.)
FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

AGEN	D	DAKAR 6/3	CASA	ALGIERS	W.A.Gds.
INDIANA	D	ALGIERS 8/3	CASA	DAKAR	Wine-Tea.
SCHLAFFINO Freres	D	DAKAR 22/3		CASA	W.A.Gds.
ESPIGUETTE	D	CASA 6/4	DAKAR	W.A.COAST	Gen.Cgo.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC P.I.O.

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6. Mr. Ponchelet said that in order that the Committee might be aware of the full repair potential of the port, it would be useful if Commr. Poirier furnished an up to date survey of repair facilities and labour strength. Commr. Poirier undertook to request authority from PREMAR III to do this.
(Commr. Poirier)

7. Mr. Davidson enquired if there was coke in the port, and the Chairman said 300 tons would arrive on the 28th per FYLINGDALE, allocations to repair firms being as follows:-

	Requested	Allocated
Greignard	180	90
Societe Provencale de Constructions Navales	60	30
Terrin	30	30
La Ciotat	50	50
Chantiers de Provence	150	70
Ridings	100	30
	570	300

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD

South of France Repair Committee.

No.2.

20th March, 1945.

Present: Mr. F.R. Campbell, D.M.W.T.A.
Lt. Comm. A.E. Douglas, R.N.R., Chief Staff Officer COMLAD
Comm. A.R. Mackown, R.N.R., O.B.E., S.S.T.L.O.
Mr. J. Tonchaleff, } War Shipping Administration
M. Davidson }
Commr. Poirier represented FREMAR III.

1. The Minutes of the first meeting were accepted as read.

2. Commr. Mackown gave his report on the repair berths at present available:-

No.38: Good stern to berth with road and rail access; no bollards; usable as holding berth except for heavy engine repairs, unless barges and mobile crane were employed; suitable for E.T. conversion; room for 1 ship; KOUTOUBIA repairing.

No.61: Good holding berth, and on completion will be another stern to berth; small French repairs interfere with road access.

No.84/5: Badly damaged; rubble, etc., on quay renders access difficult; recommended to ask FREMAR III to remove 40 ton concrete block, which would make room for 1 Liberty and 1 very small ship; VENDEMIAIRE repairing.
(Chairman)

No.107/8: Suitable for small craft only, and very extensive repairs would be necessary to increase capacity; good road access, no railway; partly used by French for barges, etc..

No.112: Also fit only for small craft; quay under repair.

The Committee thanked Commr. Mackown for his valuable report.

3. The Chairman reported that the French authorities had agreed to move VENDEMIAIRE for any ship of higher priority, and that it had been decided to allocate CAPT. PRIEUR to berth 102 at the south end of the port instead of to the Old Port. When FLORIDA and PROVIDENCE arrived, the former would take the place of VENDEMIAIRE, and a bid made for PROVIDENCE, as none of the present berths would accommodate her. Engine repairs to KOUTOUBIA would last 2½ months, conversion to either trooper or liner 3/4 months, though the latter would not rate priority. The most immediate problem was INDOCHINOIS, due to commence 6 weeks' engine repairs at the end of the month, and it was agreed to allocate her to berth 61. Commr. Poirier undertook to clear the berth of small French repairs.

4. The question of the Bassin de Radoub again arose. Commr. Poirier offered to furnish copies of an Order issued by the Port Commandant in January which stated that all berths in the Bassin were to be turned over to repairs. Commr. Douglas referred to the Stewart/Chardon/Fisher Agreement, and although he doubted whether this could override the Port Commandant's Order, as neither [illegible] represented, he recommended the position be

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5. Commr. Poirier mentioned that RICHELIEU would arrive next morning for lengthy repairs, and later French Naval ships ARAGO (cable) and QUERCY (3 months' work). It was pointed out that C. in C., Med., controlled all ship repairs, and bids must be made to Medbo. The Committee agreed that RICHELIEU could be accepted from the point of view of repair facilities.

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/up repairs, and any disputes over priority should be referred to them.

It was agreed that in view of the imminent opening of the Bassin, and the number of ships put up for repairs, an allocation of further berths was essential. Cdr. Mackown agreed to examine the present berths and ascertain when bollards for Nos. 108/107 and 112 would be ready, after which a formal application would be made to the Port Commandant.

There was some discussion about division of responsibility of SHAEF and C in C Med., and it was concluded that the latter was responsible for all merchant ship repairs in Southern France.

Mr.Ponchelet raised the question of the KATOUBIA, and said that the impression should be corrected that she was occupying a berth unnecessarily, when in fact engine repairs were being carried out pending permission from higher authority to convert her to S.T. requirements. Until this permission was obtained, Cdr. Douglas recommended the KATOUBIA be moved to a holding berth to make room for a vessel of higher priority.

In view of the urgent requirements of the INDOCHINOIS, whose repairs would last only 6 weeks, it was proposed to ask the French to allow her to move into berth 84/85 in place of the VENDEMIAIRE, who would be repairing for 8 months. It was suggested that when PROVIDENCE and FLORIDA arrived, owing to lack of facilities they should be left in the bay.

The next meeting was arranged for 2.0. p.m. on Tuesday, 20th March.

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MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT,
102 Rue de la Republique,
MARSEILLE.

MEDBO South of France Ship Repair Sub-Committee.

The first Meeting of the MEDBO South of France Ship Repair Sub-Committee was held at these offices on Saturday, 17th March, at which were present:-

Mr. R.R. Campbell, D.M.W.T.R.,
Lt.Cdr. A.T. Douglas, R.N.R., Chief Staff Officer, COMLAB,
Cdr. A.R. Mackeown, R.N.R., O.B.E., S.S.T.L.O.,
Mr. J. Ponchelet, War Shipping Administration.

FREMAR III was not represented.

The Committee was formally established by C in C Med.'s Minute Med. 45/607/2/13 of 8th March, 1945, and its functions were to allocate priorities for ship repairs in the area, reporting weekly to the Main Board at A.F.H.Q.

Mr. Campbell was elected Chairman. It was agreed to approach MEDBO for permission to invite a representative for the Ports Maritimes to sit as a permanent member, and for authority to co-opt other members from time to time.

At present the repair berths available in Marseille were stated to be as follows:-

Berth 58;	depth 27';	stern to berth: KATOUBIA repairing.
" 84/85	" 21';	room for only one ship, with access for lorries at 85; VILLEMAIRE repairing.
" 107/108	" 19';	on account of wrecks is usable by small ships only, which cannot get alongside; no bollards
" 61	" 18';	stern to berth; presently used by small craft under repair; no bollards.
" 112	" 19';	

Against these berths immediate bids had been made for INDOCHINOIS, due to complete discharge at Marseille on the 24th, which required 6 weeks' engine repairs; conversion of KATOUBIA, PROVIDENCE and TIGRIDA to S.T.S. requirements, which would take 2 or 3 months for each ship; CAPE. FREHEL, now due, which would be allocated to the Old Port in place of MONTCALM; and JEAN LAFORGE at Mourepiane. A bid for DESIRADE had been temporarily refused owing to the inadequate number of berths.

The possible utilisation of Bassin de Remisage, due to be reopened in a fortnight, was then discussed. The Port Commandant had refused to give any more berths in the north end of the docks until he knew his future programme, but Cdr. Douglas claimed that repairs to the Bassin had been undertaken with a view to its eventual availability for repairs. The Port Commandant's difficulty in obtaining

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 30th March 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

	Dates anticipated or actual					
					Completion of Temporary repair to proceed to other repair port.	
Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced	DRYDOCKING In	DRYDOCKING Out	Completion for return to service	Own power	In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

A Vessel	B Initial Dates	C D Main Defects	E Final Dates	F G Remarks
TARANTO - 27.3.45.				
SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 23/3 E 15/4	
ORATA	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.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 15/4	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 7/4	
EMPIRE ADUR.	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 5/4	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 11/3	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting. Routine D/D. Rudder gudgeon bushes to renew.	D) 24/3 E)	Completed.
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 23/3 E 22/4	
EMPIRE CANDIDA	A 18/2 C 27/2	Routine D/D etc., main engine & auxiliary repairs.	D 5/3 E 20/3	Completed.
EDGAR E.	A 3/3	D/D for repairs to rudder.	D 26/3 E 2/4	

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EDGAR E. CLARK.	A 3/3 C 15/3		D/D for repairs to rudder.	D 26/3 E 2/4	
EMPIRE GAWAIN	A 10/3 B 12/3		Boiler cleaning and engine repairs.	E 30/3	
PUNTA D'OSTRO	A 19/3 B 23/3		Extensive damage and refit.	E Ind.	
OCTANE	A 20/3 B 21/3		Main engine repairs.	E 30/3	
PAN MARYLAND	A 20/3 B 21/3		Repairs to turbine machinery.	E 1/4	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (CONT'D)				
GALEB	A 22/3 B 24/3 C 29/3	Routine D/D. Tail shaft to be drawn.	D 15/4 E 21/4	
AMSTEL	A 24/3 B 25/3	Defects not stated.	E 31/3	

Minor repairs since 21.3.45.

TARANTO: ALEXANDRE ANDRE, BENGLOE, EMPIRE CADET, FORT BRUNSWICK, FORT PASKOYAC, FAUVETTE, FRANKA, FORT LAWRENCE.

BRINDISI: TORE JARL, EMPIRE USK, BENJAMIN TAY, FORT MC MURRAY, COULBEG, SOMERSET COAST, EMPIRE LORENZO, TUNISINO

BARI: NO REPORT RECEIVED.

MALTA - 27.3.45

No major repairs.

Minor repairs since 19.3.45. PENCARROW, ORION, SWITZERLAND, BRITTANY COAST, LECH, FORT POPLAR, LUBLIN, KING OF ENGLAND, FIVE FORKS, SPERO, MONTE CUCCO, ESSEX TRADER.

BONE - 27.3.45.

No major repairs.

Minor repairs since 20.3.45. - FORT FORK: FORT CUMBERLAND.

PHILIPPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 26.3.45.

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	A 4/1	Damage in [illegible]	

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TARANTO: ALEXANDRE ANDRE — FORT BRUNSWICK — FRANKA
BENGLOE — FORT PASKOYAC — FORT LAWRENCE.
EMPIRE CADET — FAUVETTE

BRINDISI: TORE JARL — FORT MC MURRAY — EMPIRE LORENZO
EMPIRE USK — COULBEG — TUNISINO
BENJAMIN TAY — SOMERSET COAST

BARI: NO REPORT RECEIVED.

MALTA - 27.3.45.

No major repairs.

Minor repairs since 19.3.45. — PENCARROW, ORION, SWITZERLAND, BRITTANY COAST, LECH, FORT POPLAR, LUBLIN, KING OF ENGLAND, FIVE FORKS, SPERO, MONTE CUCCO, ESSEX TRADER.

BONE - 27.3.45.

No major repairs.

Minor repairs since 20.3.45. - FORT FORK: FORT CUMBERLAND.

PHILIPPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

GIBRALTAR - 26.3.45.

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 in ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 5/1	Damage in Nos.2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 25/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.	D 18/3 C 18/3	Awaiting tugs to proceed to U.K.
MICHAEL J.STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -	Delay due to discharge of cargo.
ARENA	A) B) 10/3	Port side bow plates to repair; repairs to hawse pipe & electrical steering gear.	E 31/3	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
GIBRALTAR (CONT'D)				
EMPIRE RUTH (Tug)	A 17/3 B 18/3	Whistle and sanitary pipes to repair.	E 20/3	Completed.
EMPIRE MARVELL	A 24/3 B 25/3	Boiler and dynamo engine repairs.	E 28/3	
BARON RUTHVEN	A 19/3 B 20/3	New H.P. piston and rings; piston rod straightened.	E 3/4	
BARON RAMSAY CLYDEFIELD	FORT AUGUSTUS CHUPRA	PERIBONKA RUDBY	ESPIGUETTE BRIDGEPOOL	Minor repairs since 19.3.45.
LEGHORN - 27.3.45.				
No major repairs.		Minor repairs since 21.3.45 - SAMUEL V. SHREEVE.		
BIZERTE - 28.3.45.				
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd end No.2. Temporary repairs.	D 11/4 F 25/4	
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck & engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 28/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E -	Completion indefinite owing Naval priorities.
CANTAKE-IT	A) B) 21/3 C)	Routine D/D; steam gland re-packed; underwater valves overhauled.	D) E) 26/3	Completed.
EMPIRE RUTH (Tug)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Hull & Boiler defects; damage to shell plating & frames in way port side F.P. tank.	E Ind.	Vessel on voyage to Australia.
FORT DE FRANCE	A 4/4 B 14/4	Repairs to hull and main & auxiliary machinery.	D 30/4	Cargo spaces being stripped of insulation; refrig. machinery not being repaired - vessel to be used for general cargo.

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BARON RUTHVEN	A 19/3 B 20/3	New H.P. piston and rings; piston rod straightened.	E 3/4	

BARON RAMSAY CLYDEFIELD	FORT AUGUSTUS CHUPRA	PERIBONKA RUDBY	ESPIGUETTE BRIDGEPOOL	} Minor repairs since 19.3.45.

LEGHORN - 27.3.45.

No major repairs. Minor repairs since 21.3.45 - SAMUEL V. SHREEVE.

BIZERTE - 28.3.45.

LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd end No.2. Temporary repairs.	D 11/4 F 25/4	
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck & engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 28/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E -	Completion indefinite owing Naval priorities.
CANTAKE-IT	A) B) 21/3 C)	Routine D/D; stern gland re-packed; underwater valves overhauled.	D) E) 26/3	Completed.
EMPIRE RUTH (Tug)	A 25/3 B 26/3	Hull & Boiler defects; damage to shell plating & frames in way port side F.P. tank.	E Ind.	Vessel on voyage to Australia.
FORT DE FRANCE	A 4/4 B 14/4	Repairs to hull and main & auxiliary machinery.	D 30/4	Cargo spaces being stripped of insulation; refrig. machinery not being repaired - vessel to be used for general cargo.

FORTUNATA - UGO FIORELLI - Minor repairs since 21.3.45.

TUNIS:

FORT CUMBERLAND	Temporary repairs to buckled propeller after grounding.		Completed and vessel sailed 23.3.45.

MARSEILLE - 28.3.45.

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9 C 26/3	Supposed mine damage starb'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1 D) E) 14/5	Preliminary work for docking at La Ciotat commences 13/3.
OCEAN VALOUR	A 11/3 B 10/3	Boiler feed pipes and general engine room repairs.	E 27/3	Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
MARSEILLE (CONT'D)				
EMPIRE SPARTAN	A 24/3 B 19/3	Boiler, engine & steam pipe repairs.	E 28/3	
Minor repairs since 21.3.45. COTTON VALLEY.		SAUSKEPEN SAMKANSA		SAMARINDA (Repairs to underwater damage (Temporary). E 29/3 - Est.

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES - 21 March 1945.

ALGER:

MEONIA	B 15/12	Inspection of main & auxiliary motors. Repairs to Hull & Propeller after grounding.	E 5/4	Delayed due to damaged auxiliary motor.
AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage suffered at LICATA. D/D.	E 10/4	New work to carry out, after inspection in D/D.
J. SCHIAFFINO	B 15/3	Permanent repairs to hull damage. General maintenance work.	E 15/4	New work to carry out after inspection in D/D.

ORAN:

CAP FALCON	B 23/2	Replacing deck plates.	E 23/4.
J. LE BORGNE	B 7/3	Work on the hull. Inspection of propeller shaft (Cadenval), rudder, changing propeller. Scaling & Testing of boilers. Maintenance work on engine, boilers and bridge and machine auxiliaries.	E 25/3.

CASABLANCA:

I. DE NOIRMOUTIER.	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting. D/D.	E 15/4
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers and auxiliary machinery for re-use. Drydocking for examination and repairs to hull.	

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SPARTAN	B 19/3	pipe repairs.		
Minor repairs since 21.3.45. COTTON VALLEY.		SAMSKERN SAMKANSA	SAMARINDA (Repairs to underwater damage (Temporary).	E 29/3 - Est.

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES - 24 March 1945.

ALGER:

MEONIA	B 15/12	Inspection of main & auxiliary motors. Repairs to Hull & Propeller after grounding.	E 5/4	Delayed due to damaged auxiliary motor.
AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage suffered at LIGATA. D/D.	E 10/4	New work to carry out, after inspection in D/D.
J. SCHIAFFINO	B 15/3	Permanent repairs to hull damage. General maintenance work.	E 15/4	New work to carry out after inspection in D/D.

ORAN:

CAP FALCON	B 23/2	Replacing deck plates.	E 23/4.
J. LE BORGNE	B 7/3	Work on the hull. Inspection of propeller shaft (Calderval), rudder, changing propeller. Scaling & Testing of boilers. Maintenance work on engine, boilers and bridge and machine auxiliaries.	E 25/3.

CASABLANCA:

I. DE NOIRMOUTIER.	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting. D/D.	E 15/4
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers and auxiliary machinery for re-use. Drydocking for examination and repairs to hull.	

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BIZERTE:

VILLE DE TIPAZA	General repairs to war damage. D/D after refloating.
FORT DE FRANCE	Work to prevent deterioration. D/D for examination and repairs to hull to allow vessel to sail to permanent repair port.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ORAN - 28.3.45.				
JOHN S. HOPKINS.	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engineroom and No.3 Hold.	D 1/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 6/4	Routine D/D. Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 9/4 E 10/4	
THOMAS BULFINCH	A 20/3	Collision damage.	E 15/4	
HERE II EASTERN PRINCE	BRIDGEPOOL EMPIRE MARVELL	JOHN P. SOUSA STEPHEN FORSTER WM. RICHARDSON.	BENJAMIN BOURNE ENOCH TRAIN	Minor repairs since 20.3.45
ALGIERS - 26.3.45.				
FOREMOST 43 (Tug)	A 28/2 B 2/3 C 9/3	Repairs to hull, machinery and accommodation. Fumigation.	D 15/3 E 31/3	
AGHIA MARINA EMPIRE OPAL EMPIRE BAXTER	SAMBRIAN FORT ENTERPRISE LT.DE LA TOUR	PORJAS SAMSKERN SAMANA	WESTPOINT FORT LIARD	Minor repairs since 19.3.45

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION ON 29.3.45.

GIBRALTAR - VESSELS IN LAND

FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller, tail and shaft.	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.F.

OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940.	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for a long towing.

PALERMO - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

USTICA	Boiler and engine defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant naviga-

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THOMAS BULLFINCH	A 20/3	Collision damage.		
HEBE II EASTERN PRINCE	BRIDGEPOOL EMPIRE MARVELL	JOHN P. SOUSA STEPHEN FORSTER WM. RICHARDSON.	BENJAMIN BOURNE ENOCH TRAIN	Minor repairs since 20.3.45

ALGIERS - 26.3.45.

FOREMOST 43 (Tug)	A 28/2 B 2/3 C 9/3	Repairs to hull, machinery and accommodation. Fumigation.	D 15/3 E 31/3

AGHIA MARINA EMPIRE OPAL EMPIRE BAXTER	SAMBRIAN FORT ENTERPRISE LT. DE LA TOUR	PORJAS SAMSKERN SAMANA	WESTPOINT FORT LIARD	Minor repairs since 19.3.45

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION ON 29.3.45.

GIBRALTAR - VESSELS IN HAND

FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller, tail and shaft.	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.F.

OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940.	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for a long towing.

PALERMO - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

USTICA	Boiler and engine defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.

AT SEA - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

S. CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	
EDERA	Hull and capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille harbour.

TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND

SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Impossible foresee completion date.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND				
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning and Painting of hull.	D 21/12 E 31/3	
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 25/3	General repairs.	D 18/11 D 5/4 E 20/4	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 27/2	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 20/3 E 31/3	Vessel twice docked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 10/4	Salvaged 29.7.44.
SANDRINA		No report.	E 10/4	
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
CHERCA		Boiler & Engine defects.		15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA		Engine & Boiler repairs. Repairs to double bottom.		
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		
LUANA		General repairs. Ship mined.		4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.
NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/3	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO NELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 23/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E Ind. D 10/5	
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc..	D 23/3 E 10/4	
GRITTI	B 20/3	No report.	E 14/4	

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MILENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 25/3	General repairs.	D 18/11 D 5/4 E 20/4	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHLATTINO	B 20/10 C 27/2	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 20/3 E 31/3	Vessel twice docked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
TURIEDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 10/4	Salvaged 29.7.44.
SANDRINA		No report.	E 10/4	

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boiler & Engine defects.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs. Repairs to double bottom.	
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.

NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/3	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 23/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E Ind. D 10/5	
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 23/3 E 10/4	
GRITTI	B 20/3	No report.	E 14/4	
EZILDA CROCE		No report.	E Ind.	
ARGENTINA	B 26/3	"	E Ind.	

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear & capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Underwater repairs yet to complete.
SESTRIERE IMPERATORE	C 23/3	Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted.		

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
NAPIES 30.3.45.				
P.L.M.13	A 18/3 B 19/3	Boiler and structural repairs.	E 25/4	
SAMUTA	A) B) 22/3	Boiler cleaning and hull repairs.	E 29/3	Completed.
DON	A) B) 23/3 C 24/3	Routine D/D; general overhaul and surveys.	D 30/3 E 13/4	
ARGENTINA	A 25/3 B 26/3 C Ind.	Routine D/D. General overhaul and boiler repairs.	D Ind. E 23/4	
AGIA VARVARA	A 28/3 B 30/3	Survey and general overhaul.	E 25/4	
NAVWIK	GUDRUN	OCEAN RIDER		
FORT GROUARD	ORYLA	ANTONIO		Minor repairs
OCEAN GALLANT	FORT SAINT DAC	P.L.M. 14		
EMPIRE INDUSTRY	PROMISE	LINGE		since
DJEBEL AURES	BRIGHTON	VILLE D'ORAN		
SAINSPERRIN	EVVIVA	HARRINGTON.		22.3.45.
BANFORA	ENDROPERA			

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SECRET.

DOCKING PROGRAMME.

30th March, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

French warships (out 10th April)
H.M. Ship (uncertain)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (10 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12/15 days)
French warship

No. 2 Dock.

French warships

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out 12th April)
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (uncertain)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft.
H.M. Ship

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHN S. MCKENNS (out 6th April)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (5/6 days)
MICHAEL J. STONE (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock.

French warships (out 4th April)
U.S. Warship (2 days)
French Warship (1 day)
PAR[illegible]E (6 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

French warships (out 5th April)
STRASBOURGEOIS (8 days)
VILLE DE BOUGIE (about 6 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French warship (out 2nd April)
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO (10 days)
French warships (till end April)

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

Under repair (till 2nd April)
FORT DE FRANCE & VILLE DE TIPAZA
(out abt. 10/14th April)
French warship

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (out abt. 15th April)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships (abt. due out)
HADRUMETE (10 days)

No. 4 Dock.

FORT STURGEON (2/3 days)
FORT LAWRENCE

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French warship

G I B R A L T A R .

No. 1 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out 12th April)
VULCOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 2 Dock.

VISCOL (uncertain)

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft.
H.M. Ship

O R A N .

No. 1 Dock.

JOHN S. HOPKINS (out 6th April)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (5/6 days)
MICHAEL J. STONE (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock.

French warships (out 4th April)
U.S. Warship (2 days)
French Warship (1 day)
P&P E (6 days)

A L G I E R S .

No. 1 Dock.

French warships (out 5th April)
STRASSOURGEOIS (8 days)
VILLE DE BOUGIE (about 6 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French warship (out 2nd April)
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO (10 days)
French warships (till end April)

F E R R Y V I L L E .

No. 1 Dock.

Under repair (till 2nd April)
FORT DE FRANCE & VILLE DE TIPAZA
(out abt. 10/14th April)

French warship

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships (abt. due out)
HADRUMETE (10 days)

No. 2 Dock.

LCBOS (out abt. 15th April)

No. 4 Dock.

FORT STURGEON (2/3 days)
FORT LAWRENCE

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T A R A N T O A N D B R I N D I S I .

No. 1 Dock.

GALEB & Italian ships (15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Italian warship (out 7th April)

No. 12 Dock.

H. M. ships

No. 13 Dock.

Landing Craft.

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No.23 Dock.

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi.

ORATA (cleaning & painting)
ISONZO
GULF PRINCE

N A P L E S .

No. 1 Dock.

Under repair (till 3rd April)
Italian warship (14 days)
Italian warship (14 days)

No. 2 Dock.

LADRONE (out 1st April)
H.M. Ship (abt. a week)
ITU (6 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft.

Floating Dock.

Local Craft.

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft.

L E G H O R N .

H.M. Ship (out 1st April)
H.M. Ship and local craft.
JASON (10 days)
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

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 .

MORIALTA & BENZOL (out abt. 5th May)
French Warship (8 weeks)

T O U L O N .

No. 1 Dock.

Local Craft.

No. 3 Dock.

Small Craft.

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S E C R E T

30TH MAR

PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	ORATA	At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock.	Italian. Cleaning and painting
	VITTORINI ZANIBON Shuttle, awaiting relief	Bari-Ancona	early April		Italian tanker. Speed reduced be wiped.
For Repairs.	CALEB	IN DOCK			For examination.
	ISONZO	Due Taranto 31st March	on arrival		Damaged. For examination.
	GULF PRINCE	At Taranto	ready		Cleaning and painting and over
	EMPIRE FAWN	At Taranto	on release	July 1944	(Tanker).
NAPLES.	DON	DOCKED			
	SESTRIERE	IN DOCK			Italian. To re-dock for hull
	ITU	At Naples	ready	March 1945	Italian. Personnel ship for c
	ARGENTINA	At Naples	on notification of repairs		cleaning and painting.
LEGHORN.					
PALERMO.					
LA CIOTAT.	MORCALDA	IN DOCK			

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POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock.	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (WSA BID)
IDON Bari-Ancona awaiting relief	early April		Italian tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
IN DOCK			
Taranto 31st March	on arrival		For examination. (PSTO BID)
At Taranto	ready		Damaged. For examination. (WSA BID)
At Taranto	on release	July 1944	Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (Tanker). (MWTR BID)
DOCKED IN DOCK			
At Naples	ready	March 1945	Italian. To re-dock for hull repairs. (MWTR BID)
At Naples	on notification of repairs		Italian. Personnel ship for examination and cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)

IN DOCK

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SECRET. DRYDOCKING LIST. 30TH MARCH.

PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting an overhaul.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern t end 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 overhaul and extensive repairs.
	TOURS	At Algiers	on arrival	Oct. 1944	Examination of tail shaft and rudder re-wooding stern tube.
	MICHAEL J. STONE	At Gibraltar repairing			Torpedo damage.
	PARAME	At Algiers	on arrival	Dec. 1943	Hull repairs and cleaning and painti
ALGIERS.	STRASBOURGEOIS	At Algiers	ready	Aug. 1944	Minor hull repairs and examination o rudder.
	J. SCHLAFFINO	At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painti
	VILLE DE BOUGIE	At Marseilles	1st April	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting.
	EMPIRE GAIN	At Sea for Piraeus	on release abt. 10th April	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting and overhaul.
	BORGHOLM	At Barietta loading for Cagliari thence Algiers	15th April	June 1944	Cleaning and painting. Speed reduced $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$k.
FERRYVILLE.	LOBOS	IN DOCK			
	FORT DE FRANCE	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs and cl and painting.
	VILLE DE TIPAZA	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Hull repairs.
	FORT STURGEON	At Ferryville	ready	May, 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$-8k. and to ex propellor.
	FORT LAWRENCE	At Piraeus	3rd/4th April	June 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$k.
	SUROIT	In Greece	on release abt. 10th April		Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (Tanker).
	HADRUMETE				Ten days.

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D R Y D O C K I N G L I S T.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
OIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/FEO BID)
ESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and 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. (FEO/WSA BID)
	At Algiers	on arrival	Oct. 1944	Examination of tail shaft and rudder and re-wooding stern tube. (FRENCH BID)
T. STONE	At Gibraltar repairing			Torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
	At Algiers	on arrival	Dec. 1943	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
RGEOIS	At Algiers	ready	Aug. 1944	Minor hull repairs and examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
FFINO	At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
BOUGIE	At Marseilles	1st April	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
IN	At Sea for Piraeus	on release abt. 10th April	July 1944	Tanker. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR BID)
	At Barletta loading for gliari thence Algiers	15th April	June 1944	Cleaning and painting. Speed reduced from $6\frac{1}{2}$ to $6\frac{1}{2}$k. (PSTO BID)
	IN DOCK			
RANGE	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
TIPAZA	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
GEON	At Ferryville	ready	May, 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$-8k. and to examine propellor. (MWTR BID)
ENCE	At Piraeus	3rd/4th April	June 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$k. (MWTR BID)
	In Greece	on release abt. 10th April		Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (Tanker). (MWTR BID)
				Ten days. (FRENCH BID)

"been given that tankers of over 10 knots and requiring up
"to 4 weeks repair are to be placed at the head of priority."
(vide Minute 991).

1123. MEDBO SOUTH OF FRANCE REPAIR COMMITTEE. (Vide Minute 1103). This Committee was now functioning and the Minutes of its first and second Meetings were noted.

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to make a decision yet on the second. Mr. Filo pointed out the advantage of docking them concurrently as the blocks for the first would accommodate the second, thus reducing time and labour on the dock, and he reminded the Committee that special blocks would be needed for the 60 ton floating crane referred to in Minute 1107 above. The Chairman raised the question of the "ARGENTINA", which could only be taken in the No.1 dock, saying that she had at least three weeks repairs and as would not be ready until the end of April. Lt.Commander Blair preferred that the vessel should dock during the time of repair but the Chairman maintained that this was not necessary and would only result in the ship becoming a little foul again between docking and final readiness. Commander Hardie thought that it would prove necessary to drydock the second Italian warship as she was a valuable need, so that apart from any question of docking the 60 ton floating crane, the No.1 dock would not be available before May. It was decided that should any possibility become apparent of the "ARGENTINA" being held up for drydocking, the U.S.Authorities should be asked to accept her at Palermo, but the matter could be discussed further at the next Meeting. Subject, therefore, to later revision, only the two Italian warships were presently programmed for the No.1 dock.

The "DON" had been docked in the No.2 dock which was now occupied by the "LADRONE", expected to undock on the 1st April. Commander Hardie stated that it would then be necessary to put in an H.M. ship for about a week before undertaking the "ITU".

Nos.3 & 4 docks were being used by local craft and No.5 dock by small craft.

1116. LEGHORN. Ref.1100 Commander Hardie wished it to be made clear that the drydock at Leghorn could not take a Liberty type ship as modifications similar to those previously effected at La Ciotat could not be made, and the Chairman referred to the statement at the Meeting, saying that owing to the peculiar construction of this dock alterations similar to La Ciotat would be of a more extensive nature.

The report received last week that the "JASON" was in dock had proved incorrect, and Commander Hardie stated that an H.M. ship was in the dock until the 1st April, to be followed by other H.M. ships with local craft, and then the "JASON" and "CHRISTINA" respectively.

1117. LA CIOTAT. The "ADRIATEA" was now in dock with the "ERMZOL", a tanker regarding which Captain Bate said further information would be obtained, no drydocking bid having been received for her. Commander Hardie stated that the expected date for undocking was 5th May, when the French warship would be put in for eight weeks unless anything of greater priority arose in the meantime.

1118. TOULON. The No.1 dock was still being retained for local craft and the No.3 dock for small craft.

1119. "SITNICA". The Chairman reported receipt from D.M.W.T.R.Bari of a drydocking bid in respect of this vessel. Commander Hardie replied that as he understood she was a Jugoslav warship, being a submarine depot ship, the application should be made to the appropriate Naval Authorities, and it was agreed that a reply should be made accordingly. Secretary.

1120. "CITTA DI ALESSANDRIA" & "CAMPIDOGLIO". The Chairman referred to drydocking bids received from COGEMA. for these Italian vessels, and Major Filo stated that he understood they each required a quick drydocking, the former being 710' length and 2700 tons light displacement and the latter 330' length and

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1117. LA CIOTAT. The "MORIALTA" was now in dock with the "MINZOL", a tanker regarding which Captain Bate said [illegible] information would be obtained, no drydocking bid having been received for her. Commander Hardie stated that the expected date for unlocking was 5th May, when the French warship would be put in for eight weeks unless anything of greater priority arose in the meantime.

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1120. "CITTA DI ALETSANDRIA" & "CAMPIDOGLIO". The Chairman referred to drydocking bids received from COMGEN.MT. for these Italian vessels, and Major Filo stated that he understood they each required a quick drydocking, the former being 310' length and 2700 tons light displacement and the latter 330' length and 3000 tons light displacement. The bids were left for discussion at the next Meeting after screening by M.W.T. Survey. Chairman.

1121. "ICELAND". Lt.Commander Blair requested that the repairs to this vessel be expedited to the utmost, as an urgent need for crane ships was anticipated. It was considered that this was but a question of local arrangement and the Chairman agreed to take up the matter with Taranto. Chairman.

1122. TANKER REPAIRS. Captain Bate drew attention to a signal from D. of S.T. reading:

"Priorities for repairs refer to para 2 of circular T 119 of 25th
"January sent you for guidance. Please note that instructions have
/been

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FRENCH SHIPPING PROGRAMME No13
(Meeting of the 29th March 1945)

PARTIE OUEST OCCIDENTALE D'AFRIQUE

VESSEL	Li	Port & date of	Intermedts Pts	Destination	Remarks.
ANDRE MOYRAND	B	KAOLACK 26/3		DAKAR	
ARCTURUS	B	PORT BOUET vers 10/4			
CAP LOPEZ	B	DAKAR 12/3			Puis reparations.
G. GUIST'HAU	B	DAKAR 29/3		KAOLACK	
OUED FEZ	B	DAKAR vers 8/4		KAOLACK	
MEDEE II	B	DAKAR vers 2/4		C.O.A.	
CAP EL HANK	B	DAKAR vers 21/3			
CH. SCHIAFFINO	B	PORT BOUET 23/3		TAKORADI	
DUNKERQUE	B	LAGOS 27/3	DOUALA	C.O.A.	
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	COTONOU 28/3		PORT BOUET	
ESPIGUETTE	B	DAKAR 15/4		C.O.A.	
FAUZON	B	BURUTU 28/3		DOUALA	
CEVENNES	B	KAOLACK 31/3		DAKAR	

TABLE 5

a) Trafic Mediterranean RELATIONS with the METROPOLE

VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	B	ALGER vers 28/3	S E T E	ALGER	
G.G. LEPINE	B	SETE 29/3	A L G E R	S E T E	
SIDI BRAHIM	B	SETE 31/3	A L G E R	S E T E	
FINISTERE	B	SFAX vers 31/3	CARONTE	S F A X	
P. SCHIAFFINO	B	SETE vers 3/4	A L G E R	S E T E	
GALLIUM	B	ALGER 25/3		St-LOUIS DU RHONE	
CHEIMA	B	SFAX 21/3		CARONTE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	SETE vers 1/4	A L G E R	S E T E	
CAUDEBEC	B	SETE vers 3/4	O R A N	CASABLANCA	
CARTHAGE	B	ALGER 27/3	BOUGIE	S E T E	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	MARSEILLE 29/3	AJACCIO	A L G E R	
VILLE DE BASTIA	B	SETE vers 31/3	AJACCIO/ALGER NEMOURS		
M.L.LE BORGNE	B	ORAN vers 27/3	S E T E	PORTS TUNISIENS	
LE TRAIT	B	ORAN vers 28/3		S E T E	
KRISTEL	B	ORAN vers 29/3	CASABLANCA	S E T E	
PROCIDA	B	CORSE vers -/3	TOULON	MARSEILLE	
MEONIA	B	ALGER vers 15/4	S E T E	MARSEILLE	
CAID KEBIR	B	MARSEILLE -/3	O R A N	CASABLANCA	

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	B	DAKAR 12/3		Puis reparations.
G. GUIST'HAU	B	DAKAR 29/3		KAOLACK
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MEDEE II	B	DAKAR vers 2/4		C.O.A.
CAP EL HANK	B	DAKAR vers 21/3		
CH. SCHLAFFINO	B	PORT BOUET 28/3		TAKORADI
DUNKERQUE	B	LAGOS 27/3	DOUALA	C.O.A.
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	COTONOU 28/3		PORT BOUET
ESPIGUETTE	B	DAKAR 15/4		C.O.A.
FAUZON	B	BURUIN 28/3		DOUALA
CEVENNES	B	KAOLACK 31/3		DAKAR

T A B L E 5

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FINISTERE	B	SFAX vers 31/3	CARONTE	S F A X
P. SCHLAFFINO	B	SETE vers 3/4	A L G E R	S E T E
GALLIUM	B	ALGER 25/3		St-LOUIS DU RHONE
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CAUDEBEC	B	SETE vers 3/4	O R A N	CASABLANCA
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VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	MARSEILLE 29/3	AJACCIO	A L G E R
VILLE DE BASTIA	B	SETE vers 31/3	AJACCIO/ALGER: NEMOURS	
M.L.LE BORGNE	B	ORAN vers 27/3	S E T E	PORTS TUNISIENS
LE TRAIT	B	ORAN vers 28/3		S E T E
KRISTEL	B	ORAN vers 29/3	CASABLANCA	S E T E
PROCIDA	B	CORSE vers -/3	TOULON	MARSEILLE
MEONIA	B	ALGER vers 15/4	S E T E	MARSEILLE
CAID KEBIR	B	MARSEILLE -/3	O R A N	CASABLANCA

b) OTHERS TRAFFICS.

JANIME	B	HUELVA -/3		CARONTE

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Where combinations shown are insufficient to warrant full ship loads, it has been suggested that such ships be completed with bagged wheat.

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

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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

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201. CURRENT WHEAT SHIPS ITALY

Statement is att. at Appx "A".

202. ITALY JUN SUBSISTENCE REQUIREMENTS EX U.S.A.

The following are requirements ex U.S.A.:-

ITEM	WEST COAST	EAST COAST	SICILY	SARDINIA	TOTAL
Bagged Wheat	29526	13779	27957	-	71262
Bulk Wheat	33463	16731	7873	7873	65940
Flour	8500	-	-	-	8500
Sugar	2541	787	787	246	4361
Other Foodstuffs	14861	6592	-	-	21453
TOTAL	88891	37889	36617	8119	171516

203. DATES AND BARLEY EX IRAQ (See para 187)

The following tonnages of dates and barley have been requested for ITALY JUN arrival ex IRAQ.

ITEM	EAST COAST	WEST COAST	TOTAL
Barley	7876	11812	19688
Dates	673	1509	2182
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204. SHIPMENTS TO GREECE

(a) ACSAB has been requested to initiate negotiations for SWEDISH/

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(a) AGWAR has been requested to initiate negotiations for SWEDISH/SWISS vessels to be discharged at ports other than PIRAEUS, such as SALONIKA and PATRAS, in order to save considerable handling and trans-shipment from PIRAEUS.

(b) Given below is the proposal submitted to FEARK regarding future shipments of General cargo to GREECE:

Port or Area to which shipment required	Ultimate destination to which cargo consigned.
PATRAS	PATRAS, PREVEZA, CORFU
SALONIKA	SALONIKA, KAVALLA, JUGO-SLAVIA via SALONIKA.
PIRAEUS	PIRAEUS, VOLOS, KALAMATA, IPANDION, LEMNOS, KHIOS, MYTILENE.

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CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY & SARDINIA - POSN AT 30 MAR

SHIP	DRAFT	BULK WHEAT	BAG WHEAT	BAG BARLEY	CONVOY	FROM	DUE	PALERMO /CATANIA	NAPLES	BARI	CAST-ELLA-MMARE	REGG CROT
OMASA DELANO			8148(F)		UGS 78	USA	28 Mar					
REGISTAN				7803	Ready ALEX 22 Mar	IRAQ	28 "				(CROTONE)	40
FORT TREMBLANT	25'9"		8498		UGS 79	USA	28 "	8498(PALERMO)				
TOWER HILL	27'6"	9080			UGS 79	"	29 "				9080	
CADUCEUS	24'6"			5649	Ready SUEZ 20 Mar	IRAQ	30 "					
STANLODGE	25'9"		7123		UGS 80	USA	4 Apr					
CHARLES G COUTANT	27'0"	8700			UGS 80	"	6 "					
TIMOTHY DWIGHT			223(F)		UGS 81	"	10 "					
CYPRIA		3000	3398		UGS 81	"	11 "	1000(bulk CATANIA)	5398			
THOS HILL			8496		UGS 81	"	11 "					
LESLIE N. SHAW				6173	ex ME appx 2 Apr	IRAQ	11 "					
OCEAN VAGRANT		Quantity & Type not yet known			UGS 83	USA	20 "					
FORT MIAMI		7749(Bag/Bulk?)			UGS 83	"	20 "					
JOHN VINING			8500		UGS 84	"	24 "					
SAMNID			8500		UGS 84	"	25 "					
SAMTANA		8300			UGS 84	"	25 "					
DORYS LAW		6526	324		UGS 84	"	26 "					
NOMINEE			8500		UGS 85	"	30 "					
"			8500		UGS 85	"	30 "					
"			8500(F)		UGS 85	"	30 "					

NOTE : (F) = Flour

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APPENDIX 'A'

CEREAL SHIPS - ITALY, SICILY & SARDINIA - POSN AT 30 MAR

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	8148(F)		UGS 78	USA	28 Mar						Now discharging LEGHORN
		7803	Ready ALEX 22 Mar	IRAQ	28 "				(CROTONE)	4000	Completes REGGIO Now discharging CROTONE
	8498		UGS 79	USA	28 "	8498(PALERMO)					Now discharging PALERMO
9080			UGS 79	"	29 "				9080		Now discharging CASTELLAMMARE
		5649	Ready SUEZ 20 Mar	IRAQ	30 "						+ 86 US Army Stores for CIVITAVECCHIA
	7123		UGS 80	USA	4 Apr						MESSINA/REGGIO
8700			UGS 80	"	6 "						For CAGLIARI
	223(F)		UGS 81	"	10 "						For West Coast
3000	3398		UGS 81	"	11 "	1000(bulk CATANIA)	5398				CATANIA second discharge
	8496		UGS 81	"	11 "						HEEL to lighten for further orders
		6173	ex ME appx 2 Apr	IRAQ	11 "						780 tons US Army stores for NAPLES thence PIOMBINO
Quantity & Type not yet known			UGS 83	USA	20 "						
7749(Bag/Bulk?)			UGS 83	"	20 "						
	8500		UGS 84	"	24 "						Planned for SICILY
	8500		UGS 84	"	25 "						Planned for West Coast
8300			UGS 84	"	25 "						" " " "
6526	324		UGS 84	"	26 "						" " East "
	8500		UGS 85	"	30 "						Tentative cereal programme as advised by NYPE.
	8500		UGS 85	"	30 "						
	8500(F)		UGS 85	"	30 "						

Mediterranean Shipping Board,
A.F.H.Q., C.M.F.
1st March, 1945.

TONNAGE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

1. With reference to the discussions which have taken place at the Mediterranean Shipping Board as to the usefulness or otherwise of this Committee, it was agreed that possibly the original instructions now require some amendment in the light of experience.

2. I think it can be agreed by all the authorities that it is necessary for the Mediterranean Shipping Board, in view of its responsibilities, to maintain records as to the employment of all shipping engaged within the theatre. At the present moment these records are kept by various authorities, such as G-4(Mov & Tn), P.S.T.O. Mediterranean, W.S.A.R., and M.W.T.B., and, whilst it is probable that this in itself is sufficient for these authorities, it seems to me that it would be better if a document was produced at intervals to MEDSO showing the employment of all these vessels and their achievements.

3. It had been hoped that the Tonnage Allocation Committee, as originally constituted, would achieve this purpose, and would produce a statement at regular intervals showing all the ships in the area and on what duties they were engaged. Over and above this, it was hoped they would produce a monthly statement showing the tonnage lift as against the programmes. This information is available from the various authorities at A.F.H.Q., but I suggest that a co-ordinated picture should be produced. At a later date, when we have various fleets allocated to their own countries for operation, this will be all the more necessary. At the present moment we have the French "B" List ships dealing with the French Civil Import Programme; and the fleet operated by the P.S.T.O. for the fulfilment of military requirements as against that programme. At a later date we will undoubtedly have the Italian ships operated by CO.GE.MA. for the Italian civil programme, Jugoslav vessels operated by Jugoslavs in their programme, and similarly with the Greeks. It is visualised that representatives of these various nations and authorities may be called together at one central place, in order that the Mediterranean Shipping Board shall carry out completely its functions of maintaining the control of the employment of these vessels; but unless some machinery is maintained to co-ordinate the whole and produce the information, I do not think MEDSO will be fulfilling its appointed task.

4. I have therefore drawn up the attached note, suggesting the composition of such a body, but would suggest that it be re-named "Tonnage Control Committee". In view of the importance of this matter, I would suggest that the chairmanship be assumed by a nominee of the Chairman of the Mediterranean Shipping Board.

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3. It had been hoped that the Tonnage Allocation Committee, as originally constituted, would achieve this purpose, and would produce a statement at regular intervals showing all the ships in the area and on what duties they were engaged. Over and above this, it was hoped they would produce a monthly statement showing the tonnage lift as against the programmes. This information is available from the various authorities at A.F.H.Q., but I suggest that a co-ordinated picture should be produced. At a later date, when we have various fleets allocated to their own countries for operation, this will be all the more necessary. At the present moment we have the French "B" List ships dealing with the French Civil Import Programme; and the fleet operated by the P.S.T.O. for the fulfilment of military requirements as against that programme. At a later date we will undoubtedly have the Italian ships operated by CO.CE.NA for the Italian civil programme, Jugoslav vessels operated by Jugoslavs in their programme, and similarly with the Greeks. It is visualised that representatives of these various nations and authorities may be called together at one central place, in order that the Mediterranean Shipping Board shall carry out completely its functions of maintaining the control of the employment of these vessels; but unless some machinery is maintained to co-ordinate the whole and produce the information, I do not think MEDBO will be fulfilling its appointed task.

4. I have therefore drawn up the attached note, suggesting the composition of such a body, but would suggest that it be re-named "Tonnage Control Committee". In view of the importance of this matter, I would suggest that the chairmanship be assumed by a nominee of the Chairman of the Mediterranean Shipping Board.

J. Gibson Graham

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(J. GIBSON GRAHAM)
CHAIRMAN

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TONNAGE CONTROL COMMITTEE.

1. In view of the responsibilities attaching to the Mediterranean Shipping Board for the proper use of tonnage within the Mediterranean theatre, it is proposed that a body under the above name should assemble at fortnightly intervals to co-ordinate the information about the employment of all ships in the Mediterranean and to produce a report to the main Shipping Board.

2. The composition of this Committee should be as follows:-

Chairman - Nominee of Chairman of MEDBO

Secretary - to be appointed by Chairman

Representatives from: -

G-4 (Mov & Tn)
P.S.T.O. Mediterranean
War Shipping Administration
M.W.T.R. Mediterranean
A.F.H.Q. Petroleum Section
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and any other body to whom shipping has been allocated for the fulfilment of their programme.

3. Each representative should prepare a statement of the shipping under his control, and the employment in which it has been engaged and is presently engaged over the period between meetings, with records of tonnage lifts as against programmes. After each meeting, the Chairman will produce an agreed report to MEDBO containing these statements combined into one consolidated return, together with agreed recommendations on this and on any matter in dispute on which a decision may be required.

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4. It is suggested that this Committee should sit on Friday mornings every second week in the G-4(Mov & Tn) Conference Room at A.F.H.Q., and that its first meeting should take place on 6th April, when an examination can be made of its duties and the form in which the reports should be made.

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

2nd April 1945.

To : Chairman, Medco.

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Weekly Report No. 46

ITEM 81 PUNTA D'OSTRO & PUNTA AMICA

It is understand the position of these two craft is that the PUNTA D'OSTRO (formerly referred to as PUNTA D'ACSTA) is repairing at Tosi's Yard, Taranto, E.D.C. 31st May. The PUNTA AMICA is loading in Palermo, April 2nd.

ITEM 82 CASTELLAMMARE & TORRE ANNUNZIATA

Allied Commission have requested additional barges at these ports. TEN(A) have issued instructions for 6 Minch barges, fitted with flush decks, to be delivered to TORRE ANNUNZIATA and 2 to CASTELLAMMARE.

Director of Harbor Craft.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Petroleum Section

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 HOURS

	CLEAN No. of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Capacity (barrels)	DIRTY No. of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. of Ve
A. GROUND SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	17	1,897,000	5	356,000	22
2. In Ballast	9	883,000	2	168,000	11
3. Repairing	--	---	--	---	--
B. AIR COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C, D, & E)					
1. Working	16	453,000	2	96,000	18
2. Drydock or Repairs	20	260,000	3	126,000	23
C. FIELD DEPOTS	25	178,000	--	---	25
D. HARBOUR FUELING	3 (a)	72,000	11 (b)	255,000	14
E. AIR OPERATIONAL SERVICE	6	32,000	4	219,000	10

REMARKS

(a) = 1 Vessel (CROTON) 60,000 bbls., used as floating storage.
(b) = 1 Vessel (JOSE [illegible] 4,000 bbls) also used as floating storage

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A.E.A.F. PETROLEUM REPORTS
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CLEAN		DIRTY		TOTAL	
...o. Of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. Of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)
17	1,897,000	5	356,000	22	2,253,000
9	883,000	2	168,000	11	1,051,000
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16	453,000	2	96,000	18	544,000
20	260,000	3	126,000	23	386,000
25	178,000	--	---	25	178,000
3 (a)	72,000	11 (b)	255,000	14	327,000
6	52,000	4	219,000	10	271,000

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 33. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 26th. MARCH 1945.

Present :-

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

Comdr.G.E.Naslund RNR. (SSTO)
Sq.Ldr. Bulman (RAF.Mov.)
Mr.W.S.Thomas (Coal Div.BEM)
Capt.C.H.Reed (Q.M.)
Lt.R.Bradley USNR (Pet.Sec.)
Mr. Daly. (WSA.NA.)

Mrs.E.M.Bertrand (Sec.)

The Minutes of Meeting No.32 were agreed.

216. USE OF PERSONNEL SHIPS FOR URGENT CARGO.

With reference to Min.211, Capt. Reed advised that as a general policy only 50 tons of cargo was allowed on Personnel ships, this to include extra baggage for Personnel. Comdr.Naslund pointed out that this referred to Mediterranean shipping, but that the matter would have to be agreed by London through Medbo.
With regard to empty sacks required in France, this matter has now been dealt with by the U.K.C.C.
Lt.Bradley stated that any similar urgent parcels could only be accepted for shipment on tankers provided no delay at loading or discharging port was entailed, and also on condition all information regarding responsibility for handling was given in advance, it being understood that space would only be available on the Spar deck.

217. DOCK LABOUR.

The Chairman reported that the Shipping Agents in Algiers had agreed to advise M.W.T. officially their views regarding the appointment of Stevedores direct or through the Stevedores Syndicate.

218. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :-

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"PORJUS"	- Would complete Algiers 27/3.
"AGIA MARINA"	- " " " 28/3.
"JOBSHAVEN"	- For La Goulette/Tunis.
"FORT VERMILION"	- Due Algiers 28/3, thence Oran.
"SANNEAGH"	- Loaded 9500 Durban, half for Algiers, balance for Oran.
"SAMOKLA"	- Due UGS 80 with coal for Algiers/Oran, also 1800 tons Potatoes for Algiers.
"REDGATE"	- Arrived Bone 25/3.

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219. BALLASTING.

Mr. Daly reported that one Liberty ship had proceeded to La Goulette to ballast, and a second was expected shortly. He stated that the general directive for W.S.A. ships was to limit the quantity of ballast to 500 tons.
Reference was made to the request of the Master of the "LIEUT. DE LA TOUR" for ballast. The vessel having been turned over to the French for one voyage, the request had been refused, as the ballast would probably require to be discharged at the end of the trip.

220. SERVICE STORES AT BONE.

Capt. Reed advised that the P.S.P. had been completely cleared, and the tanks would be completed by the end of next week. There remained only a certain amount of salvage and 70 Sherman tanks.

221. DISCHARGE OF COLLIERS.

Mr. Thomas requested that in order to avoid a recurrence of the extremely serious shortages at various North African ports, he should be advised in good time of any diversion of colliers with cargo consigned to him. He instanced the case of the "FRANKA", which had originally been allocated for Oran but was discharged in Italy.

222. PEAGE DUES.

The Chairman referred to Medbo Minute No. 1847, advising that no decision could be taken as yet in regard to this complicated question, and reported that the matter had also been discussed at the Mixte Meeting and that the French Authorities now hope to find some satisfactory solution whereby these dues will be collected by French Civil Authorities from the French Receivers of civil cargo.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held

at 1100 hours on Monday, APRIL 9th, 1945.

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GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE. Secret.

MINUTES OF MEETING No.21 HELD AT H.Q., L.F. & M.L. (G).
at 1500 hours on 29th. March, 1945.

PRESENT:

Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
Brigadier G.V.Palmer.		Brig.S & R.
Capt.D.S.Swanston. R.N.	Rep.	S.B.N.O.(G).
Capt.A.A.Bachas. R.H.N.	Rep.	R.H.N. & Mercantile Marine.
Cdr.R.W.Sumpton. R.N.R.		B.S.S.T.O. Greece.
Lt.Col.J.E.C.Rodwell.		Eng.
Major J.O'Reilly.		Mov.& Tn.
Major K.A.Crarer.	Rep.	M.I.
Mr.J.B.Jowitt.	Rep.	W.S.A.
Mr.B.V.Washburn.	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.
Mr.K.F.Walker.	Secretary.	

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28. MINUTES OF MEETING No.20 were approved.

29. COASTAL VESSELS. Ref.20. Chairman stated that a signal had been received from London advising that the s.s."ANTIKLEA" and the s.s."HELPIS" were being made available for use in coastal distribution.

30. MOVEMENT OF RED CROSS STORES BY LIGHTER. Ref.26. It was now understood that the movement of flour to Volos and Salonika by lighters would not take place.

Chairman raised the question as to whether the Dumb-barges "SELKIE" and the "HERONAIR" of 1,600 tons and 1,000 tons respectively could be made available for the transhipment of relief at Piraeus for Iraklion and requested Cdr.Sumpton to take this matter up.

Cdr.Sumpton.

31. STEVEDORING. Ref.21. It was reported that the fixing of tonnage rates at the various ports was proceeding satisfactorily. The rate at Patras had now been fixed and although the figure appeared to be high it was pointed out that it must not be overlooked that the men were not working every day. The rate at the port of Iraklion had not yet been fixed but negotiations were taking place.

32. TUGS AND LIGHTERS. Ref.22. Cdr.Sumpton stated that he was still awaiting the results of the survey which was taking place in connection with the number of tugs and lighters at the various ports, and he had also requested that these reports contain information as to whether any harbour craft could be spared. Chairman requested Capt.Bachas to obtain a report regarding the number of tugs which had so far been salvaged at Piraeus. Capt.Bachas undertook to obtain this.

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Chairman also enquired whether or not any of these salvaged craft had been handed over to private companies and Capt.Bachas replied that this had not yet been done.

Cdr.Sumpton advised that he was taking over the tugs and lighters from the Army as from the 1st.April.

Chairman advised no reply had been received from the Greek Government in reply to a letter he had sent offering to load the lighters and tugs to them subject to certain conditions.

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VOLOS. A signal had been received in connection with the responsibility for the discharging and handling of cargoes and it appeared that this was due to a slight confusion as to the accepting of various responsibilities but the matter had now been satisfactorily settled.

SALONIKA. It was reported that 2 'Z' Craft were now being withdrawn from this port and it was considered that the remainder should remain there until the arrival of the two additional Tugs.

The repairs to the lighters are understood to be proceeding satisfactorily and it was hoped that soon all lighters would be in commission. Chairman referred to a copy of a letter he had received in connection with the payment of labour here, which stated that although tonnage rates were being fixed the men would actually be paid a daily rate. After some discussion it was agreed that this was a matter that should be taken up between the men and their Union, if at all, and Major O'Reilly agreed to have this matter referred to the proper authorities.

Major O'Reilly.

SYROS. There was nothing to report on this port.

MITYLENE. A signal had been received stating that since the withdrawl of the waterboat "FONTANA" it was not possible to supply ships with fresh water which were unable to berth inside the harbour. It was pointed out that all ships would have to take sufficient water before proceeding to this area.

In connection with the distribution to No.4 District (Syros, Khios and Mitylene) a signal had been received that general cargo for these ports would in future be loaded to Piraeus for transhipment.

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37. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE. Ref.27. In connection with the reconstitution of this Committee, Chairman advised that he was still awaiting a reply from M.W.T.R. MED.

38. FREIGHT ON RED CROSS STORES. Cdr.Sumpton had received a letter in connection with the freight to be charged on Red Cross stores, the contents of which were noted.

39. WATER FOR SHIPS. Cdr.Sumpton reported that he had received a bill from the Greek Government for the cost of supplying water to ships at Piraeus and the rate was 6s 2d per ton. This rate was considered far too high and Capt.Bachas was requested to obtain information as to the rates charged pre-war.

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40. TURKISH VESSELS. Ref.23. Major Crarer advised that in connection with the tons of wheat which it had been suggested should come from Turkey in Turkish vessels, A.F.H.Q. had not so far accepted this offer and negotiations were continuing for the purchase of the wheat.

The next meeting will be held at 1500 hours on the 4th. April, 1945.

E.J.Wickham

CHAIRMAN.

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33. CAIQUES. Ref.9. Cdr.Sumpton reported that the Ministry of Mercantile Marine was endeavouring to increase the caique rates and it appeared that quite a number of caique owners were aware of this and were not willing to come forward and accept the previously agreed rate of 10 drachs. per ton per mile. It had however, come to his notice that quite a number of caiques were leaving Piraeus with commercial cargoes and it was considered that this should not be allowed until M.L. demands had been met. A discussion ensued as to the best method of controlling these sailings and it was agreed that a system should be introduced whereby a permit to load should be obtained as the present system did not appear to be satisfactory. Capt.Bachas was requested to arrange for this system to be put into operation.

Capt.Bachas.

34. CORINTH CANAL. Chairman stated that a report had been received in connection with the reconstruction of the Corinth Canal, Capt.Swanston advised that the priority given for clearing the entrances by C.in C.Med. was low as it was considered that it would be some considerable time, possibly a year, before the canal could be made useable. It was understood that a plan in connection with the reconstruction had been placed before the Greek Government by Cdr.Norton.

35. ENEMY VESSELS. Ref.4. Chairman referred to a signal from the Greek C in C. Kavalla to the Greek P.S.I.O. advising that essential repairs to six ex-Bulgarian caiques had been authorised as they were required urgently for inter-island trade and distribution of relief stores. It was agreed that the cost of these repairs should be borne by the Greek P.S.I.O. on account of the Greek Government and Capt.Swanston undertook to advise the Bulgarian Armistice Commission.

Capt.Swanston.

It was reported that the Greek P.S.I.O. had been instructed by the completion of five half finished vessels taken over by the Germans in Piraeus and it was hoped that these would be ready for the end of April. The vessels would be under the control of the Ministry of Marine and S.B.N.O. Greece would be notified full details.

36. PORTS.

PREVEZA. It was reported that the discharge at this port was satisfactory.

CORFU. Major O'Reilly stated although two lighters were in connection there more were required to speed up the rate of discharge. It was agreed that the making available of lighters for discharge was now a matter for the Greek Authorities.

PATRAS. Ref.25. In connection with the discharge and storage of bulk grain at this port a signal had been received to the effect that the system of discharge as reported previously was incorrect and that before taking the matter

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Salvage.

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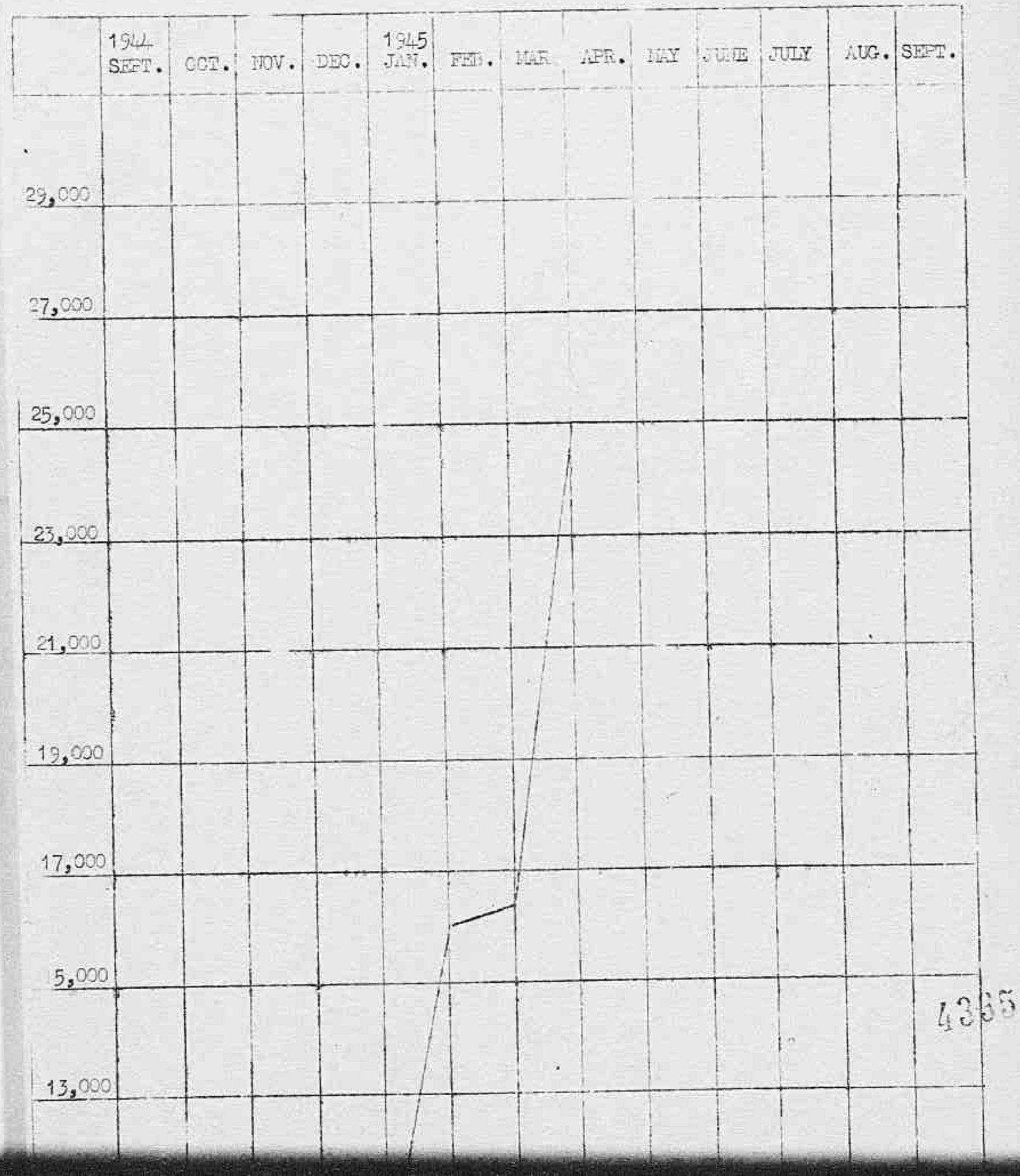
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PATRAS. A signal had been received by the Port at this port in connection with the depth of water. Particularly [illegible] there only vessels drawing not more than 17 ft. could go alongside. The second [illegible] vessels not exceeding 240 ft. in length and [illegible] to be able to go alongside the West Docks, whilst the entrance [illegible] was 17 ft.

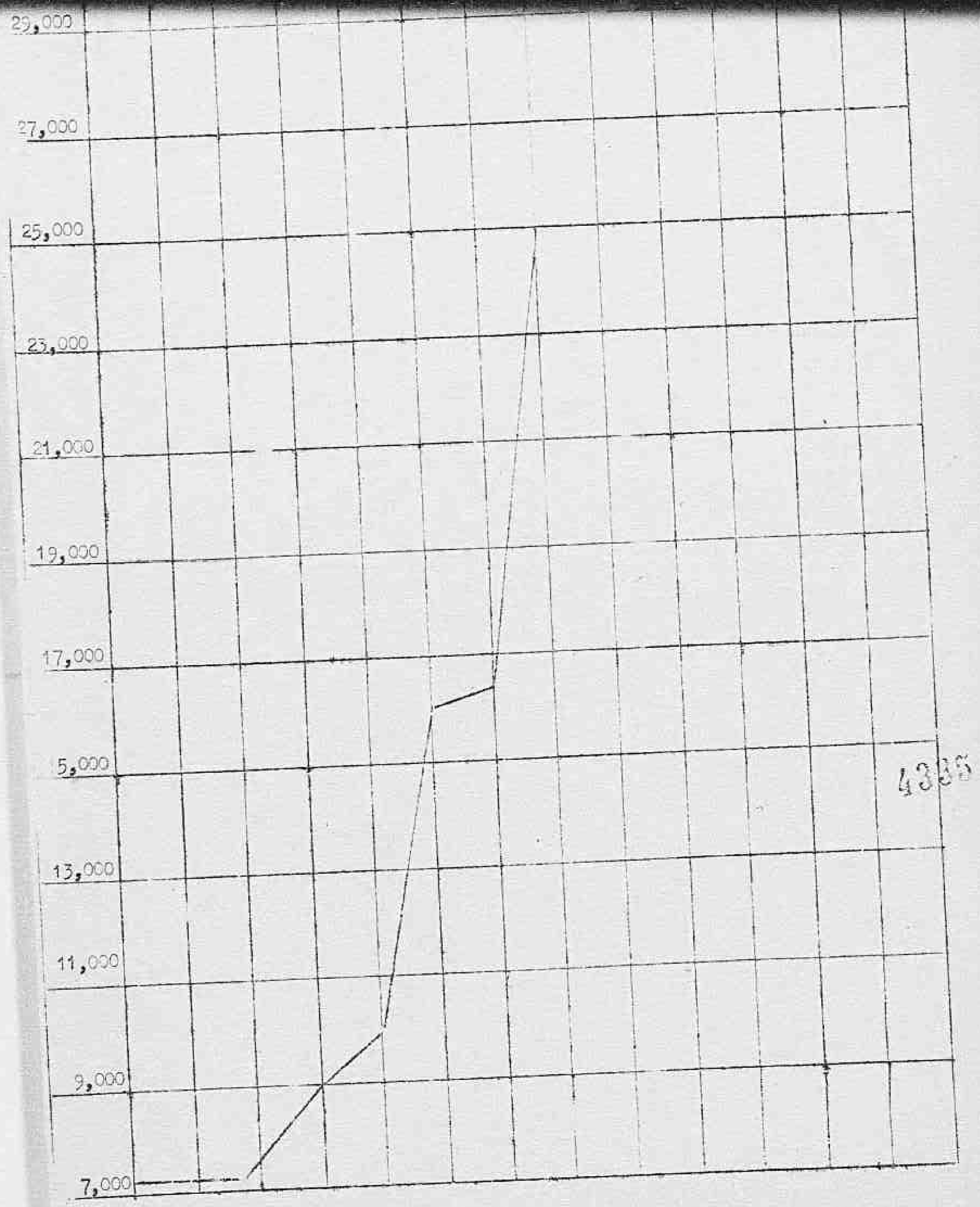
PIRAEUS. Ref.25. In connection with the obstruction [illegible] now understood that this matter was one for the [illegible]

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Comd, Military Liaison, GREECE

Referring to my Mov 6/MAN/102 dated 10 Sep 1944, subject Provisional Movements and Transportation Instruction, Force 140.

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2. As the constitution of Port Control Committees at Greek ports has now been revised (HQ LF (G)'s 530/4(Ops) dated 18 Mar 45 refers) to suit changed conditions, it is considered that the composition of the Greek Ports Committee should be revised so as to increase Greek representation and responsibility, and to reduce British Service representation.

3. This action would be in keeping with the present position, whereby handling of merchant shipping at Greek ports has become largely a Greek responsibility; but as the use of shipping in the MEDITERRANEAN is still a responsibility of the MEDITERRANEAN Shipping Board, the chairmanship of the Greek Ports Committee must for the present be a nominee of that Board.

4. Please make any comments you may have, in consultation with the appropriate authorities, as soon as possible.

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By command of Field Marshal ALEXANDER:

NOTE: Above already agreed M/T, WSA, PSTO(MED), GCT and Tn(Brit).
Reply not yet received from CinC Med.

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AGENDA.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH MEETING.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 27th MARCH 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING No.104 DATED 20th MARCH 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 54 dated 21st March 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 20 dated 21st March 1945.

13. BLACK SEA PORTS.

Signal from MWT London, BASAN 105, in reply to NASAB 707 (ref. Minute 1830)

14. OTHER MATTERS.

(Walter E. Fereday)
Secretary, MEDBO.

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TARANTO AND BRINDISI.

No. 1 Dock.

ICELAND, TERESA SCHIAFFINO & H.M.Ship (out abt. 24th Mar.)
GALEB (3 days) & Italian Ships

No. 2 Dock.

H.M.Ships & Italian Warships
Italian Warship

No. 12 Dock.

TOSCANA & H.M.Ship (out today)
H.M. Ships

No. 13 Dock.

EDGAR E. CLARKE (out 26th Mar.)
H.M.Ships

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi.

ORATA (cleaning & painting)
ISONZO
GULF PRINCE

NAPLES.

No. 1 Dock.

SESTRIERE (out 26th Mar.)
Under Repair (7 days)
Italian Warship (14 days)
Italian Warship (14 days)

No. 2 Dock.

PO (out today)
DON (out 28th Mar.)
LADROME (2 days)
ITU (6 weeks)

No.3 Dock.

Local Craft
H.M.Ship.
Local Craft

Floating Dock.

Local Craft

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

LEGHORN.

JASON (10 days) & local craft
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

PALERMO.

U.S. Warships

MESSINA.

H. M. Ships

LA CIOTAT.

VAL DE LA HAYE & ARAGO (out 25th Mar.)
MORIALTA & French Warship (6 weeks)
French Warship

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No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 25 Dock.

Warship

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JASON (10 days) & local craft
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T O U L O N .

No. 1 Dock.

Local Craft

No. 3 Dock.

Small Craft

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

23rd March, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No.1 Dock.

ROLF (out 25th Mar.)
French Warship (5 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (10 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (12 days)
French Warship

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships

GIBRALTAR.

No.1 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock.

Landing Craft (out 31st Mar.)
FULLOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H. M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft

ORAN

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt.31st Mar.)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (4 days)
MICHAEL J. STONE (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships
U.S. Warship
PARAME (4/5 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

AUGUSTIN LE BORGNE (out 24th Mar.)
French Warship (out 28th Mar.)
2 French Warships (5 days)
STRASBOURGEOIS (8 days)
VILLE DE BOUGIE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt.31st Mar.)
JEANNE SCHLAFFINO (7 days)
French Warship

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warship
FORT DE FRANCE (10 days) &
VILLE DE TIPAZA

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (4 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft
H.M. Ships (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock.

CANTONNEIT & H.M.Ship (2 days)
FORT STURGEON (3 days)

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GIBRALTAR.

No.1 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock.

H. M. Ships

No. 2 Dock.

Landing Craft (out 31st Mar.)
FULMAR (3/4 weeks)

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft

ORAN

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt.31st Mar.)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (4 days)
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French Warships
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PARAME (4/5 days)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI For Repairs.	GALEB	At Taranto	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft ar and painting.
	EMPIRE FAWN	At Taranto	on release	July 1944	Cleaning and painting and overhaul
NAPLES.	PO	IN DOCK			
	DON	At Naples	ready	over year out of drydock	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and pa exmination. For survey.
	ITU	At Naples	ready	March 1945	Italian. To re-dock for hull repai
	ARGENTINA	At Naples	ready		Italian. Personnel ship for examin cleaning and painting.
	SESTRIERE	Naples-Leghorn Shuttle	uncertain		Italian. Personnel ship. Cleaning painting.
LEGHORN.					
PALERMO.					
LA CIOTAT.	MORIALTA	At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs.
	SUROIT	In Greece	on release		Cleaning and painting and overhaul

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23rd MARCH, 1945.

POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
At Taranto	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
At Taranto	on release	July 1944	Cleaning and painting and overhaul.(Tanker) (MWTR BID)
IN DOCK			
At Naples	ready	over year out of drydock	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and painting and examination. For survey. (PSTO BID)
At Naples	ready	March 1945	Italian. To re-dock for hull repairs. (MWTR BID)
At Naples	ready		Italian. Personnel ship for examination and cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
Naples-Leghorn Shuttle	uncertain		Italian. Personnel ship. Cleaning and painting. (WSA BID)
At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs. (MWTR BID)
In Greece	on release		Cleaning and painting and overhaul.(Tanker) (MWTR BID)

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SECRET. DRYDOCKING LIST. 23RD MARCH

PORT	VESSEL	POSITION.	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	ROLF	IN DOCK			
	ILE DE FOUCAULT	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ALETA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting & overhaul.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
	INVERLA	RAF withdrawn			
GIBRALTAR.	FULCOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern end and propellor.
	VENCE MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	MICHAEL J. STONE	At Gibraltar repairing			Torpedo damage.
	EAGLE	At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Requires overhaul and extensive repairs.
	PARAME	At Algiers	on arrival	Dec. 1943	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting.
	TOUIS	At Algiers	on arrival	Oct. 1944	Examination of tail shaft and rudder. re-wooding stern tube.
ALGIERS.	AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	IN DOCK			
	STRASBOURGEOIS	At Algiers	ready	Aug. 1944	Minor hull repairs and examination of rudder.
	J. SCHAFFINO	At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting.
	VILLE DE BOUGIE	At Sete	1st April	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting.
FERRYVILLE.	CANTAREIT	IN DOCK			
	LOBOS	At Ferryville	ready	Mar. 1944	Temporary repairs to hull.
	FORT DE FRANCE	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs and [illegible] and painting.
	VILLE DE TIPAZA	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Hull repairs.
	FORT STURGEON	Due Naples 24th March	29th March	May, 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k. and to [illegible] propellor.
	FORT LAWRENCE	Abt. due Piraeus	3rd/4th April	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½k.
TARANTO & BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	ORATA	At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle, awaiting relief	end March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from [illegible] be wiped.

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D R Y D O C K I N G L I S T.

23RD MARCH, 1943.

POSITION.	RE-DOCKING OUR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
IN DOCK			
At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
Awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/FDD BID)
At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
Bid withdrawn			
At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires tail stern tube, tail end and propellor. (MWTR BID)
At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
At Gibraltar repairing			Torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FDD/WSA BID)
At Algiers	on arrival	Dec. 1943	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
At Algiers	on arrival	Oct. 1944	Examination of tail shaft and rudder and re-wooding stern tube. (FRENCH BID)
IN DOCK			
At Algiers	ready	Aug. 1944	Minor hull repairs and examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
At Sete	1st April	Aug. 1944	Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
IN DOCK			
At Ferryville	ready	Mar. 1944	Temporary repairs to hull. (MWTR BID)
At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
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Bari-Ancona iting relief	end March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)

(b) The Committee noted that with the exception of sub para (iii) above, shipping was expected to be available to lift all bids for this period and that no surplus could at present be foreseen.

W. KING, Maj.
CHAIRMAN.

DISTRIBUTION:

Members of Committee.
Secretary MEDBO (120).

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MEDBO Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee.

Minutes of 19th Meeting held on 24th April 1945.

Chairman : Maj. V. KING

Present : Lt.Comd. G.B. Sturt, R.N.V.R. — P.S.T.O. Rep.
Maj. A.G. Tofield — G-4 (Mov & Tn).
Mr. J. Lynch — W.S.A. Rep.
Mr. A.J. Hanvey — M.W.T.R. Rep.
Miss A.N. Simon — Secretary.

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/regarding the repairs to this vessel, as 1,000 tons space was required to be available in the ship from 26th April to 14th May, and Mr. Smith replied that he was optimistic regarding the success of the experiment.

1106. "PUNTA D'AOSTA". The Chairman reported that assistance was asked in facilitating the repairs to this vessel at Taranto, urgently required for the Civita Vecchia coal trade, and Commander Hardie agreed to signal requesting she be given maximum Merchant ship priority after the "EMPIRE RAVEN". Cmdr. Hardie.

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/deferred pending further notification of the repairs.
The No. 3 Dock was required for Local Craft, to be followed by an H.M. Ship, then further Local Craft, the No. 4 Dock for Local Craft and the No. 5 Dock for Small Craft.

1100. LEGHORN. Commander Hardie stated that the "LIGON" was now in dock for ten days with Local Craft, the next priority being the "CHRISTINE".
Mr. Simmons drew attention to a letter from Mr. Kelloch which stated that this drydock had been remeasured and was capable of handling a Liberty type ship, and therefore suggested that a re-check be made. Mr. Smith replied that it appeared from the first measurements that this was the case, but the peculiar construction of the dock made it essential for certain modifications to be carried out, similarly as had been done at La Ciotat.

1101. LA CIOTAT. Commander Hardie reported the 25th March as the expected undocking date of the "VAL DE LA HAYE" and "AMAGO", after which the "MORIALTA" and a French Warship would be put in for six weeks. The French Warship previously stemmed would follow the "MORIALTA", by which time it was expected the new bow would be ready.
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1105. "EMPIRE RAVEN". Ref. 1080. The Chairman enquired the position regarding/

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1097. FERRYVILLE. Commander Hardie reported that contrary to previous information the "FORT DE FRANCE" had not yet been docked but the French Warship had been put in the No. 1 Dock instead. She would be followed by the former vessel together with the "VILLE DE TIPAZA". The No. 2 Dock was occupied by the "LOBOS".

Commander Hardie drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that the Local Craft in the No. 3 Dock could not be got out at present. This was due to the low water level in the Central Mediterranean from weather conditions, being at present about a foot below normal. He stated that he would issue a general instruction on the matter. It was felt that this position should be brought up for discussion at the next Meeting of MEDBO in view of the working of vessels throughout the area to a close margin regarding draft, particularly where drydocks were concerned.

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The "PO" had been put in the No. 2 Dock and had been due to undock to-day, when the "DON" would go in until the 28th March, after which it was desired that the French Naval tanker "LADROME" should be docked for cleaning and painting. This was agreed, after which the "ITU" would be put in for about six weeks.

Mr. Smith stated that the "ARGENTINA" would require a fair amount of repairs and it was agreed that her allocation to a drydock should be deferred/

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S E C R E T.

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 70.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 23RD MARCH, 1945.

Present: Mr. J. Gibson Graham — Chairman.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Ing. en Chef 2ème. Classe, Gandilhon.
Mr. R. Nicol.
Mr. J.R. Smith.
Mr. G.W. Simmons.
Captain B.D. Bate.
Mr. R. Hughes.
Mr. W.E. Fereday — Secretary.

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The French Warships were still expected to undock from the No. 2 Dock about the 31st March, to be followed by the "JEANNE SCHIAFFINO" for seven days. Another French Warship required to be drydocked and it was agreed that she should be put in thereafter.

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR [illegible] PORTS ON 23rd MARCH 1945.

GENERAL KEY

Dates anticipated or actual

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Vessel	Initial Dates: Operationally immobilised	Initial Dates: Work Commenced	Main Defects	Final Dates: Completion for return to service	Remarks: Completion of temporary repair to proceed: Own power	Remarks: to other repair port. In tow

TARANTO - 21.3.45

SPHINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Repairs extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery and boilers deferred due to higher priorities. Awaiting repair berth.	
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 5/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of [illegible] shafts. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 25/3 E 25/3		
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 30/3	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 C 7/3	Deck and [illegible] repairs. [illegible] D/D.	D 11/3 E 16/3	Completed.	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D and repairs refloat.	D 20/2 E 30/3		
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 27/3		
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tubes to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 25/3		
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 11/3	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.	D) E) 24/3		
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 23/3 E 22/4		
NASPRITE (R.F.A.)	C 18/2	Under water [illegible]. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E -	Completed.	

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A Vessel	B Initial Dates	Defects	D	E Final Dates	F Remarks	G
TARANTO - 21.3.45						
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Main: extensive repairs following damage.		D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery and boilers deferred due to higher priorities. Awaiting repair berth.	
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 5/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.		D 27/1 D 23/2 E 25/3		
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EMPIRE CANDIDA	A 18/2 C 27/2	Routine D/D [illegible], main engine & auxiliary repairs.		D 5/3 E 20/3		
EDGAR E. CLARK.	A 3/3 C 15/3	D/D for repairs to rudder.		D 26/3 E 27/3		
EMPIRE GAWAIN	A 10/3 B 12/3	Boiler cleaning and engine repairs.		E 24/3		

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (Cont'd)				
Minor repairs since 13.3.45.				
TARANTO:				
SIDNEY LANIER STANHILL SAMCRESP GIAMPAOLO	PRINCIPE DI PIEMONTE PASS OF MELFORT FORT FRONTENAC FRANK A. VANDERLIP	FAUVETTE BENGLOE EMPIRE CADET MARIGOT	AMSTEL.	
BRINDISI:				
FORT PASKOYAC SERULA:	GLEN LEVEN HAI LEE	CID FORT AUGUSTA	BENJAMIN TAY ISONZO	PEDRO MENENDEZ
BARI:				
GAERCE BELLOMO TAUTRA	FORT PASKOYAC ARUNTA	ATHEL VICTOR SALT CREEK	LEINSTER FORT PUTNAM	JENNINGS.
MARSEILLE - 21.3.45				
MORLAITA	A 25/9 B 25/9 C 1/1	Supposed mine damage stb'd side No.2Hold.	F 1/1 D 14/5	Preliminary work for docking at La Ciotat commences 13/3.
ERIKA	A 10/3 B 27/2	Reversing engine and boiler repairs.	E 15/3	Completed.
OCEAN VALOUR	A 12/3 B 10/3	Boiler feed pipes and general engine room repairs.	E 26/3	
LAURENT MELEUS	A) B) 16/3	Hawse pipe repairs.	E 20/3	Completed.
SAMTAMPA EMPIRE STARLIGHT	AVON COAST FORT SEVERN	Minor repairs since 13.3.45.		
MALTA - 19.3.45				
CANTANEIT	A 16/12 B 12/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/3	Completed.
ISONZO	A) B) 9/3	Minor deck and engine repairs.	E 13/3	Completed.
ALVIANELLE	A) B) 15/3	Alignment of shafting.	E 21/3	Completed.

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STANHILL	PASS OF MELFORT	BENGLOE		
SAMCRESS	FORT FRONTENAC	EMPIRE CADET		
CIAMPALO	FRANK A. VANDERLIP	MARIGOT		

BRINDISI:

FORT PASTOYAC	GLEN [illegible]	CID	BENJAMIN TAY	PEDRO
STELLA	HAL LEE	FORT AUGUSTA	ISONZO	MENENDEZ

BARI:

GEORGE MELLOND	FORT PASKOYAC	ATTEL VICTOR	LEINSTER	JENNINGS.
TAMPA	ARLEN	SALT CREEK	FORT PUTNAM	

MARSEILLE - 21.3.45

MORINATA	A 25/9 B 23/3	Supposed mine damage stb'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1	Preliminary work for docking at La Ciotat commences 13/3.
	C 1/4		D 14/5	
ERIKA	A 10/3 B 27/2	Reversing engine and boiler repairs.	E 15/3	Completed.
OCTAVE VALOUR	A 12/3 B 10/3	Boiler feed pipes and general engine room repairs.	E 26/3	
LAURENT PELEUS	A) B) 16/3	Steam pipe repairs.	E 20/3	Completed.
SAMTHORN EMPIRE SPARTAN	AVON COAST FORT STURGEON	Minor repairs since 13.3.45.		

MALTA - 19.3.45

CANTABRIA	A 16/3.2 B 18/3.2	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/3	Completed.
ITONZO	A) B) 9/3	Minor dock and engine repairs.	E 13/3	Completed.
ALVALADE	A) B) 13/3	Alignment of shafting, Astern engine overhaul.	E 21/3	Completed.
SUTHERLAND EMPIRE CAT	BRITISH COAST MARIS CRAIG	PRINCESS KATHLEEN GIUSEPPE MESSINA	FORT POPLAR CIRCASSIA.	

BONE - 20.3.45.

SAMHOPE	A) B) 12/3	Hull repairs in way of fore-peak; repairs to feed pump.	E 16/3	Completed.

Minor repairs since 13.3.45 - No information.

PHILIPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

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GIBRALTAR 19.3.45.				
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 Nos. 2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 25/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.	D 18/3 G 18/3	Awaiting tugs to proceed U.K.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -	Delay due to discharge of cargo.
ARENA	A 10/3 B)	Port side bow plates to repair: repairs to hawse pipe & electrical steering gear.	E 31/3	
EMPIRE RUSH (Tug)	A 17/3 B 18/3	Whistle and sanitary pipes to repair.	E 20/3	
FACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E 13/3	Completed.
L/TD COCHRANE	A) B) 12/3	Renew feed check valve joints.	E 13/3	Completed.
FORT DAUPHIN LEVANT	MIRIEL EMPIRE CONFIDENCE	NEURALIA APPLEDORE	Minor repairs since 6.3.45.	
Minor repairs since 12.3.45 - No information.				
DITRRIE - 20.3.45.				
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd and No. 2. Temporary repairs.	D 11/4 F 25/4	
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to	D 6/3	Completion indefinite

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FACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E 13/3	Completed.
LORD COCHRANE	A) B)12/3	Renew feed check valve joints.	E 13/3	Completed.

PORT DAUPHIN MURIEL NEUPALIA
ZEPHANT EMPIRE CONFIDENCE APPLEDORE } Minor repairs since 6.3.45.

Minor repairs since 12.3.45 - No information.

DJIDJELLI - 20.3.45.

LOBOS	A) B)18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd and Aft. Temporary repairs.	D 11/4 F 25/4	
UGO FICHELLE	A)10/2 B) C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 28/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to renewed; s'b'd boiler to clean; deck and engine repairs.	D 6/3 E -	Completion indefinite owing Naval priorities.
SAMENGOY	A) B)13/3 C)	Routine D/D. Stern gland to repack, Underwater valves to examine and clean.	D 17/3 E 18/3	Completed.

COLLETO: FORTUNATA: TUNIS - Minor repairs since 13.3.45.

TUNIS:

FORT CUMBERLAND	Propeller damage.		Vessel grounded La Goulette 6/3, temporary repairs to fair buckled propeller blade clear of stern frame & rudder completed 20/3. Awaiting results dock trial.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
NAPLES - 22.3.45				
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 14/3	Repairs to main engine M.P. piston & cylinder.	E 19/3	Completed.
EMPIRE BAIRN	A) B) 14/3	Boiler repairs.	E 22/3	Completed.
P.L.M.13	A 18/3 B 19/3	Survey and structural repairs.	E -	Examination not completed.
SAMUTA	A) B) 22/3	Boiler cleaning and hull repairs.	E 30/3	
DON	A) B) C) 23/3	Routine D/D; general overhaul & surveys.	D 27/3 E 13/4	
GEORGIC SAMLEYTE FORT DAUPHIN BRIGHTON FORT STURGEON CARLTON SAMSPELGA	FORT LA JOIE SAMCEBU OCEAN VULCAN EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP FORT FORK SAKISDAC FORT ROILLE	EMPIRE LIONEL OCEAN GALLANT SAMSPERRIN P.L.M. 14 BANFORA FORT CROJARD SANUTA	GUDRUN) MARWIK)	Minor repairs since 14.3.45
ORAN - 20.3.45				
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engineroom and No.3 Hold.	D 1/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 2/4	Routine D/D.Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 3/4 E 6/4	
EASTERN PRINCE: WEBB II - Minor repairs since 13.3.45.				
AUGUSTA - 20.3.45 (including delayed report w/e 13.3.45).				
KEILA	A 4/3 B 5/3	Leaky boiler S.C. stays.	E 8/3	Completed.
SAMANA	A) B) 19/3	Defects not stated.	E 20/3	
SAMLEVEN: FORT CLATSOP - Minor repairs since 6.3.45. Minor repairs since 13.3.45 - No information.				
ALGIERS - 19.3.45 (including delayed report w/e 12.3.45).				
		fitting.	F/ 14/3	Completed.

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	B 19/3	repairs.		Examination not completed.
SAMUTA	A) B) 22/3	Boiler cleaning and hull repairs.	E 30/3	
DON	A) B) 23/3 C)	Routine D/D; general overhaul & surveys.	D 27/3 E 15/4	

GEORGIC	FORT LA JOIE	EMPIRE LIONEL	GUDRUN)	Minor repairs since 14.3.45
SAMLEYTE	SAMCEBU	OCEAN GALLANT	NARWIK)	
FORT DAUPHIN	OCEAN VULCAN	SAMSPERRIN		
BRIGHTON	EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	P.L.M. 14		
FORT STURGEON	FORT FORK	BANTORA		
CARLTON	SAKISDAC	FORT GROUARD		
SAMSPELGA	FORT ROILLE	SAMUTA		

CRAN - 20.3.45

JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in enginroom and No.3 Hold.	D 1/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 2/4	Routine D/D. Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 3/4 E 6/4	

EASTERN PRINCE: HEBE II - Minor repairs since 13.3.45.

AUGUSTA - 20.3.45 (including delayed report w/e 13.3.45).

KEILA	A 4/3 B 5/3	Leaky boiler S.C. stays.	E 8/3	Completed.
SAMANA	A) B) 19/3	Defects not stated.	E 20/3	

SAMLEVEN: FORT CLATSOP - Minor repairs since 6.3.45.
Minor repairs since 13.3.45 - No information.

ALGIERS - 19.3.45 (including delayed report w/e 12.3.45).

MARIGOT	A 14/2 B 16/2	Alterations & refitting; engine & boiler repairs.	E/ 14/3	Completed.
FOREMOST 43 (Tug)	A 28/2 B 2/3 C 9/3	Repairs to hull machinery and accommodation.	D 15/3 E 31/3	
GUDRUN	A) B) 6/3	Fumigation.	E 7/3	Completed.
LAANSTROOM	A) B) 11/3	Fumigation.	E 12/3	Completed.

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ALGIERS (CONT'D)

Minor repairs since 5.3.45

ALDEN PARK	FORT POPLAR	ORKLA	SAMSETTE
DALEMORE	GRAFTON PARK	PALERMO	SERIN
EMPIRE SOUTHEY	INDRAPOERA	SALT CREEK	ZAANSTROOM

Minor repairs since 12.3.45.

DUNSTER GRANGE	FORT ENTERPRISE	ORKLA	WEST POINT
EMPIRE OPAL	FORT POPLAR	SAN VERONICA	LT. DE LA TOUR.
EMPIRE BAXTER	GRAFTON PARK	TREVELYAN	

LEGHORN - 21.3.45.

No major repairs.

NORHEIM: EMPIRE RUSSELL - Minor repairs since 13.3.45.

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION ON 22.3.45

GIBRALTAR - VESSELS IN HAND

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

VESSELS L.A.S.F.

OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940.	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for a long towing.

PALERMO - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

USTICA		Boiler and engine defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.

AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS

S. CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.	
TEVERA		Hull and capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at

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EMPIRE SOUTHEY [illegible]

Minor repairs since 12.3.45.

DUNSTER GRANGE	FORT ENTERPRISE	ORNEA	WEST POINT
EMPIRE OPAL	FORT POPLAR	SAN VERONICA	LT. DE LA TOUR.
EMPIRE BAXTER	GRAFTON PARK	TREVELYAN	

LEGHORN - 21.3.45

No major repairs.

NORHEIM: EMPIRE RUSSELL - Minor repairs since 13.3.45.

ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION ON 22.3.45

GIBRALTAR - VESSELS IN HAND

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

VESSELS L.A.S.F.

CLTERRA	Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO A 1940.	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig-iron. Unfit for a long towing.

PALERMO - BIDS FOR REPAIRS

USTICA	Boiler and engine defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.

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AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS

S. CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	
EDERA	Hull and capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille harbour.

TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND

SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Impossible foresee completion date.
CRATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. D 21/12 Cleaning & Painting of Hull. E 31/3		
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 25/3	General repairs.	D 18/11 D 30/3 E 15/4	Hull repairs yet to complete.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONT'D)				
TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND (CONT'D)				
TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10 C 27/2	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 20/3 E 20/3	Vessel twice docked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 21/3	Salvaged 29.7.44.
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
CHERCA		Boiler and engine defects.		15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA		Engine & Boiler repairs. Repairs to double bottom.		
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		
LUANA		General repairs. Ship mined.		4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.
NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/5	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 23/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E Ind. D 10/5	
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 23/3 E 10/4	
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft aligment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear and capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Under water repairs yet to complete.
SESTRIERE	C 23/3			
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted.		

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES 17.5.45

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BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boiler and engine defects.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs. Repairs to double bottom.	
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders commence repairs.

NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/5	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3 C 23/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E Ind. D 10/5	
PO	B 10/2 C 19/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 23/3 E 10/4	

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	Under water repairs yet to complete.
SESTRIERE	C 23/3			
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted.		

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES 17.3.45

ALGER:

MEONIA	B 15/12	Inspection of main & auxiliary motors. Repairs to hull & propeller after grounding.	E 30/3
AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage suffered at LICATA. D/D.	E 30/3

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
FRENCH REPORT (CONTINUED)				
ALGER:				
MARIGOT	B 19/2	Repairs to superchargers & deck and engine auxiliaries. Boiler scaling. Electricity circuits to be put in good condition.	E 10/3	
J. SCHLAFFINO	B 15/3	Permanent repairs to hull damage. General maintenance work.	E 8/4.	
ORAN:				
CAP FALCON	B 23/2	Replacing deck plates.	E 23/4	
J. LE BORGNE	B 7/3	Work on the hull. Inspection of propeller shaft (Cadorval), rudder, boiler scaling & testing, Work on main and auxiliary engines. Replacing 4 cylinders of winches.	E 27/3	
CASABLANCA:				
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting. D/D.	E 15/4.	
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers & auxiliary machinery for re-use. D/D for examination of hull.		
BIZERTE:				
VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs after refloating.		
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration. D/D for examination and inspection of hull to allow vessel to sail to permanent repair port.		

NO REPORT FROM CASABLANCA: W.S.A.

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ATTACHED TO FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION REPORT No.50 (North Africa).

FRENCH COASTING PROGRAMME No.11.(Meeting of 15th.March '45.)

T A B L E No. 1.

VESSELS ON PASSAGE. (Week ending 18th.March.

VESSEL	List	Port & Date of departure.	Intermediate ports.	Destination	Remarks
		FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	B	DAKAR 6/3		CASA	W.A.goods.
ARGONNE	B	CASA 18/3		DAKAR	F.N.A.Goods.
MONTAIGNE	B	DAKAR 15/3		CASA	W.A.Goods.
PROVIDENCE	D?	DAKAR 15/3		CASA	Gen.-Pssgrs.
ESPIGUETTE	B	ALGIERS 15/3	CASA	DAKAR	F.N.A.Goods.
MADAGASCAR	B	CASA 18/3	DAKAR	W.A.COAST	Metr.Fr.Gds.
MEDIE II	B	CASA 18/3		DAKAR	
MARRAKECH	B	DAKAR 15/3		CASA	Gen.-Pssgrs.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	BONE 15/3	PH/VILLE	DOUGIE	Sugar
LACYDON	B	ALGIERS 13/3	ORAN/NEMOURS	ORAN	Cement-Coal
LES ISSERS	B	DJIDJELLI 14/3		ORAN	Wood fuel.
LE ZERAMNA	B	ALGIERS 17/3		DOUGIE	Wheat.
MAROC	B	ORAN 15/3	ARZEW/MOSTAGNM	CASA	Sulphur-Wine
M.L.LE HORGNE	B	BONE 14/3		ORAN	Phosp.Barol L lathes.
PARAME	B	ALGIERS 17/3		ORAN	Cement-Wood.
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	ALGIERS 14/3	NEMOURS	ALGIERS	Coal
FLORIDA	B	DOUGIE 13/3		ALGIERS	Gen-Pssgrs.
CAID FASSI (Moroccan		CASA 13/3	ALG./MOSTAGNM/ ARZEW/ORAN	CASA	Indepndnt. for Army,
MACHRED -do-		CASA 12/3	ORAN	CASA	-do- .

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T A B L E No.2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION (Week ending 25th.March.'45).

FR.WEST AFRICA/ FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

SCHLANFINO FRERES	B	DAKAR 19/3	CASABLANCA	ALG.Ports	W.A.Goods.
HOGGAR	B	DAKAR 21/3		CASABLANCA	Gen-Pssgrs.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	DOUGIE 23/3		ALGIERS	Alcohol-Gen.
LES ISSERS	B	ORAN 19/3	NEMOURS	BONE	Coal.
LE ZERAMNA	B	DOUGIE 20/3		ORAN	Pyrites
TOURS	B	TUNIS 19/3	ALGIERS	ORAN	Salt-Lead

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ARGONNE	: B	:CASA 18/3	:	:DAKAR	
MONTAIGNE	: B	:DAKAR 15/3	:	:CASA	:W.A.Goods.
PROVIDENCE	: B?	:DAKAR 15/3	:	:CASA	:Gen.-Pssgrs.
ESPIGUETTE	: B	:ALGIERS 15/3	:CASA	:DAKAR	:F.N.A.Goods.
MADAGASCAR	: B	:CASA 16/3	:DAKAR	:W.A.COAST	:Metr.Fr.Cds.
MEDIE II	: B	:CASA 18/3	:	:DAKAR	:
MARRAKECH	: B	:DAKAR 15/3	:	:CASA	:Gen.-Pssgrs.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

CAP PINEDE	: B	:BONE 15/3	:PH/VILLE	:DOUGIE	:Sugar
LACYDON	: B	:ALGIERS 13/3	:ORAN/NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Cement-Coal
LES ISSERS	: B	:DJIDJELLI 14/3	:	:ORAN	:Wood fuel.
LE ZERAMNA	: B	:ALGIERS 17/3	:	:DOUGIE	:Wheat.
MAROC	: B	:ORAN 15/3	:ARZEW/MOSTAGNM:	CASA	:Sulphur-Wine
M.L.LE BORGNE	: B	:BONE 14/3	:	:ORAN	:Phosp.Larol L lathes.
PARAME	: B	:ALGIERS 17/3	:	:ORAN	:Cement-Wood.
STRASBOURGEOIS	: B	:ALGIERS 14/3	:NEMOURS	:ALGIERS	:Coal
FLORIDA	: B	:DOUGIE 13/3	:	:ALGIERS	:Gen-Pssgrs.
CAID FASSI (Moroccan		:CASA 13/3	:ALG./MOSTAGNM/ ARZEW/ORAN	:CASA	:Indepndnt. for Army.
MAGHREB	-do-	:CASA 12/3	:ORAN	:CASA	: -do- .

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T A B L E No.2.

ANTICIPATED NOTATION (Week ending 25th.March.'45).

FR.WEST AFRICA/ FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

SCHIAFFINO FRERES:	B	:DAKAR 19/3	:CASABLANCA	:ALG.Ports	:W.A.Goods.
HOGGAR	: B	:DAKAR 21/3	:	:CASABLANCA	:Gen-Pssgrs.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

CAP PINEDE	: B	:DOUGIE 23/3	:	:ALGIERS	:Alcohol-Gen.
LES ISSERS	: B	:ORAN 19/3	:NEMOURS	:BONE	:Coal.
LE ZERAMNA	: B	:DOUGIE 20/3	:	:ORAN	:Pyrites
TOURS	: B	:TUNIS 19/3	:ALGIERS	:ORAN	:Salt-Lead

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T A B L E No. 3.

FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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M E M O R A N D U M .

VESSEL	List	Port & Date of expected dept.	Intrdmediate ports	Destination	Remarks.
		a) - CORSICAN TRAFFIC.			
N.D.d'AFRIQUE	B				Coasting.
VILLE d'AJJACIO	B	AJACCIO 14/3	MARSEILLE-AJACC	ALGIERS	
PROCIDA	B	ALGIERS 13/3	AJAC.-BASTIA PRORIANO	S.France	
		b)-VESSELS AT DISPOSAL OF FR.G.H.Q.			
CHATEAU LATOUR	B				
		C)-VESSELS AT DISPOSAL OF THE ALLIES.			
DJEBEL AURES	B				
		d)-S.FRENCH PORTS COASTING.			
VILLE DE BASTIA	B				
VAL DE LA HAYE	B				
FORFAIT	B				
		e)- On Colonial Traffic.			
MEONIA	B	in ALGIERS		Stopped for repairs	
SAGITTAIRE	B	ORAN 3/3		FR.W.INDIES	

NOT AVAILABLE.

"CAP FALCON"-"AUGUSTIN LE DOAGNE"- "VILLE DE TERES"-G.G.CHANZY"-MARSEILLAISE"
"KOUTOUBIA"-"JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE" - PARANE"- J.SCHLAFFINO".

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T A B L E No.4.

ANDRE MOYRAND	B	KAOLOACK 13/3		DAKAR
ARCTURUS	B	DAKAR 17/3	KONAKRY	F.W.A.Coast
CAP LOPEZ	B	DAKAR 12/3		Repairs
GAD.GUIST'HAU	B	KONAKRY21/3		DAKAR
OUED FES	B	DAKAR 13/3		ZIGUINCHOR
AGEN		LAGOS 12/3		PORT BOUET
PAUL DE BOUSIERS	B	DOUALA 12/3		LAGOS
CAP EL HANK	B	LOME 12/3		SASSANDRA
CMAS.SCHLAFFINO	B	PORT BOUET 25/3		TAKORADI
DUNKERQUE	B	DAKAR 18/3	DOUALA	W.A.COAST
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	LOME 17/3		COTONOU
ESPIGUETTE	B	PORT BOUET 11/3		DURUTU
FAUZON	B	DAKAR 18/3		DOUALA
EMN CEVENNES	B	DAKAR 15/3		KAOLACK

RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE (See page three.)

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RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

TABLE No. 5.

a)- MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.

VESSEL	List	Port & Date of departure	Ports. Intermediate	Destination	Remarks
V.do DJIDJELLI	D	SETE abt.19/3	AL IERS	SETE	
C.G.LEPINE	D	SETE 15/3	ORAN	SETE	
SIDI BRAHIM	D	ALGIERS 15/3	SETE	ALGIERS	
FINISTERE	D	SFAX 14/3	CARONTE	SFAX	
P.SCHIAFFINO	D	CARONTE abt 15/3	ALGIERS	SETE	
GALLIUM	D	MARSEILLE abt 15/3	BOUGIE/ALG.	ST.LOUIS DU RHONE	
CHELMA	D	SFAX abt 19/3		CARONTE	
V.DE BOUGIE	D	SETE 16/3	ALGIERS	SETE	
CAUDRLEC	D	ORAN abt 21/3	SETE	SFAX	
CARTHAGE	D	SETE abt 16/3	PH/VIEILLE-BOUGIE	SETE	
RICHELIEU G	D	SETE abt 16/3	SFAX	SETE	
FLORIDA	D	ALGIERS abt 19/3		MARSEILLES	
V.D'AJACCIO	D	AJACCION 15/3	MARS./AJACCION	ALGIERS	
M.L.LE MORGNE	D	ORAN abt 20/3		SETE	
LE TRAIT		MARS.abt -/3	ORAN	SETE	
PROCIDA	D	ALGIERS abt 11/3	AJACC.BASTIA	TOULON/MARS.	
CAID KEDIR (Moroccan		CASA abt 15/3	MARSEILLES	ORAN CASA	Independent.

b)- OTHER TRAFFIC.

JANINE	D	MARSEILLES 9/3	HUELVA	CARONTE	

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SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO.57

BIDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TONNAGE AT ITALIAN EAST COAST PORTS MAINTENANCE PERIOD 16 - 25 APR 45

DATE : 22 Mar 45

		FROM												
		PALES-TINE	ALGIERS	ANCONA	CAGLIARI	BASTIA	M.E.	ELBOW	HEEL	S.AFRICA	CROTONE	SICILY	CRETE	U.K
HEEL	Br Army		935	1000			4523				1500	275	300	55
	Br A.F.		57			2200	771							
	USA Gr Forces	165(B)												
	US A.F.						553	960(A)						
	ALCOM				2200					8000				
	Coal						5765							
	P.O.L.													
	TOTAL	165	992	1000	2200	2200	11612	960		8000	1500	275	300	5
ANCONA	Br Army		1				2436	840	1930					5
	Br A.F.								1600					
	USA Gr Forces								200					
	US A.F.								1710					
	ALCOM													
	Coal								5000					
	P.O.L.													
	TOTAL		1				2436	840	10440					

(A) Ex PORTIGLIONE
(B) Bananas to BARI or NAPLES depending upon lift.

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APPENDIX 'B'

SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO.57

ACCEPTANCE OF TONNAGE AT ITALIAN EAST COAST PORTS MAINTENANCE PERIOD 16 - 25 APR 45

FROM															
ALGIERS	ANCONA	CAGLIARI	BASTIA	M.E.	ELBOW	HEEL	S.AFRICA	CROTONE	SICILY	CRETE	U.K.	U.S.A.	TOTAL INTRA MED	TOTAL EX MED	GRAND TOTAL
								1500	275	300	5588	5425	8533	11013	19546
935	1000			4523							160		3028	160	3188
57			2200	771								6000	165	6000	6165
												11930		11930	11930
												8500	1513	8500	10013
				553	960(A)							10000	2200	18000	20200
		2200					8000						5765		5765
				5765											
992	1000	2200	2200	11612	960		8000	1500	275	300	5748	40855	21204	55603	76807
1				2436	840	1930					5352	10769	5207	16121	21328
											15	416		431	431
						1600							1600		1600
						200						4070	200	4070	4270
						1710						3000	1710	3000	4710
												4000		4000	4000
						5000							5000		5000
1				2436	840	10440					5367	22255	13717	27622	41339

NAPLES depending upon lift.

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MAINTENANCE PERIOD 16 - 25 Apr

(Excluding US Army, Air & Ground Forces)

N A P L E S:

EX	SHIPPING	Sups	EFI	Amn	RE	Ord	Csd Vehs	Staty	TOTAL Br Army	POL	Air Forces	Tn Stores	Civil Sups	Coal
KMS94	EMPIRE FALCON	1810(A)							1810					1970(
"	EMPIRE PEACOCK	300	330	40		1550		70	2290		1 Cwt		994(C)	
"	EMPIRE KUMASI	1260	60			1450		17	2787		350		113	
UGS82	TORONTO	4753	279						5032					
UGS83	1/6 MILSTAF Avail	3940	666	1175	45	290	1173	1	7290		100	151		
MIDEAST	To be nomin	2235(G)	84	443(G)	74	3500		52	6488	5185(H)				
ALGIERS	" " "	150(J)			603	1150		115	2018		231			
CROTONE	" " "				1500(K)				1500					
SARDINIA	" " "					750(L)			750					6800
USA	" " "												5000	
S/FRANCE	" " "	1(M)							1					
		14449	1419	1658	2222	8690	1173	255	29966	5185	681	151	6107	817(

NOTES:

(A) Ware Potatoes
(B) Coke
(C) Copper Sulphate
(D) RN
(E) Incl 38 RN, 3 Med
(F) Med
(G) Incl TROOPERS' lay-off ELBOW/ROBOT
(H) Incl 2446 tons Gasoline
(J) Forage
(K) Timber
(L) Figments & Lead
(M) DAREX Solution

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MAINTENANCE PERIOD 16 - 25 Apr

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APPENDIX 'G'

	EFI	Amn	RE	Ord	Csd Vehs	Staty	TOTAL Br Army	POL	Air Forces	Tn Stores	Civil Sups	Con	Misc	TOTAL EX MED	TOTAL INTER MED	GRAND TOTAL
)							1810					1970(B)		3780		
	330	40		1550		70	2290		1 Cwt		994(C)		1(D)	3285		
	60			1450		17	2787		350		113		41(E)	3291		
	279						5032							5032		
	666	1175	45	290	1173	1	7290		100	151			2(F)	7543		
)	84	443(G)	74	3500		52	6438	5185(H)					100(F)		11773	
)			603	1150		115	2018		231						2249	
			1500(K)				1500								1500	
				750(L)			750					6800			6950	
											5000			5000		
)							1								1	
	1419	1658	2222	8690	1173	255	29966	5185	681	151	6107	8170	144	27931	22473	5404

(F) Forage
(K) Timber
(L) Pigments & Lead
(M) DuREX Solution

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SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO 57 (Contd)

STORES MAINTENANCE TONNAGE BID FOR PERIOD 16 - 25 APR - BRITISH MILITARY, CIVIL & RAF ACCOUNT ONLY: (Contd)

NOTES:
(A) Frozen Meat
(B) All Gasoline
(C) All Lubs to TRIPOLI
(D) Incl 27 Cork Slabs and 36 for TRIPOLI
(E) Incl 69 for TRIPOLI
(F) RAF Stores
(G) Pit Props for AC
(H) Incl 2000 tons PALERMO
3000 tons CATANIA
(J) Sulphur PORTO EMPEDOCLE to TUNIS
(K) MMLA
(L) Sulphur

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MEETING NO 57 (Contd)

APPENDIX 'F'

FOR PERIOD 16 - 25 APR - BRITISH MILITARY, CIVIL & RAF ACCOUNT ONLY: (Contd)

and 36 for TRIPOLI

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ANLA
OOCLE to TUNIS

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SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO 5

STORES MAINTENANCE TONNAGES REQ FOR PERIOD 16 - 25 APR - BRITISH MILITARY, CIVIL AND RAF ACCOUNT ONLY:

LEGHORN: MIDEAST: NORTH AFRICA: SICILY: MALTA: GIBRALTAR: CORSICA: SARDINIA: SOUTH OF FRANCE: GR

EX	TO	SHIPPING	Sups	EFI	RE	Ord	POL	Air Forces	Tn Stores	Civil Sups	Coal	U A
NAPLES	LEGHORN	To be nominated	400						385			
MALTA	"	" " "	350(A)									
CAGLIARI	"	" " "								800		
MIDEAST	"	" " "					437(B)					
HEEL	MIDEAST	" " "		1				86				
ALGIERS	"	" " "		7	489(D)	50	670(C)	217				
ORAN	"	" " "			287(E)							
NAPLES	"	" " "						1				
MALTA	"	" " "						5				
MIDEAST	NORTH AFRICA	" " "		5		400(F)		50				
NAPLES	" "	" " "		274				7		1500(J)		
HEEL	" "	" " "						241				
MALTA	" "	" " "						5				
CROTONE	SICILY	" " "			1125(G)							
HEEL	"	" " "			1							
NAPLES	"	" " "			1							
ALGIERS	"	" " "						1				
SARDINIA	"	" " "									5000(H)	
ALGIERS	MALTA	" " "						19				
NAPLES	"	" " "						4				
NAPLES	GIBRALTAR	" " "						1				
NAPLES	CORSICA	" " "	58									
ALGIERS	"	" " "						2				
NAPLES	SARDINIA	" " "	37		25	5						
ALGIERS	"	" " "						2				
ALGIERS	S OF FRANCE	" " "						6				
NAPLES	" " "	" " "						2				
LEGHORN	" " "	" " "										
BASTIA	" " "	" " "										
SICILY	" " "	" " "								3500(L)		
HEEL	GREECE	" " "						60		695		
SICILY	ANKARA	" " "						12				
			745	287	1928	455	2107	721	385	6495	5000	

NOTES: / Over

Additional bid : HEEL to GREECE 4.5 tons Civil Supe. Extended to HEEL/CROTONE 8500 Civil Sups.

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APPENDIX "F"

SHIPPING PRIORITY OF MOVEMENTS MEETING NO 5

FOR PERIOD 16 - 25 APR - BRITISH MILITARY, CIVIL AND RAF ACCOUNT ONLY:

IGA: SICILY: MALTA: GIBRALTAR: CORSICA: SARDINIA: SOUTH OF FRANCE: GREECE: ANKARA:

ING	Sups	EFI	RE	Ord	POL	Air Forces	Tn Stores	Civil Sups	Coal	US Army	Misc	TOTAL INTER MED	GRAND TOTAL
							385					785	
nominate	400											350	
"	350(A)							800				800	
"												1437	3372
"					437(B)					40		127	
"		1				86						1433	
"		7	489(D)	50	670(C)	217						287	
"			287(E)									51	
"						1				50		5	1863
"						5						455	
"		5		400(F)		50						1781	
"		274				7		1500(J)				241	
"						241						5	2482
"						5						1125	
"			1125(G)									1	
"			1									1	
"			1									1	
"						1						5000	6128
"									5000(H)			19	
"						19						4	23
"						4						1	1
"						1						58	
"	58											2	60
"						2					178(K)	245	
"	37		25	5								2	247
"						2						6	
"						6				162		164	
"						2				112		112	
"										2		2	
"								350(I)				3500	3784
"						60		695				755	755
"						12						12	12
" "	745	287	1928	455	2107	721	385	6495	5000	366	178		18727

L to GREECE 4.5 tons Civil Sups. Extracted to REGGIO/CROTONE 3500 Civil Sups.

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Ministry of War Transport,
NAPLES.

HOMEWARD LOADING PROGRAMME

Disposal of British Tonnage on Release for February 1945.

To U.K.

				Tons	
IRON ORE	LA GOULETTE	7,470			
	BONE	72,660			
	ALGIERS	4,670			
	ORAN	9,250			
	MELILLA RIF	46,607			
	" SETOLAZAR	13,100			
	ALMERIA	5,000			
	HORNILLO	9,232		167,889	
PYRITES	HUELVA	8,394		8,394	
POTASH	BARCELONA	5,776		5,776	
PHOSPHATES	CASABLANCA	32,220		32,220	
CITRUS FRUITS	SPAIN	980,376	cases	49,046	15 ships
	SICILY	245,050	cases	12,461	3 ships
ONIONS	SPAIN	91,006	cases	6,500	5 ships
CITRIC ACID	SICILY	153		153	
WINE	SICILY	269		269	
				283,508	

To destinations other than U.K.
PHOSPHATES WERE ALSO SHIPPED

BONE	AUSTRALIA	17,700	
		301,208	

This total figure is 66,740 tons below the January total of 367,948. It might be noted that the iron ore figures are 12/13,000 tons below the priority figure of 180,000 but this may be in part accounted for by the short month as Bone achieved the highest figure in any month since November, 1942, namely 72,660 tons.

26th March, 1945.

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T A B L E No.5.

RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

VESSELS	List	PORT & DATE OF DEPARTURE	INTERMED. Ports	DESTINATION	Remarks.
A)- MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.					
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	D	SETE abt 22/3	AJACCIO/ALGRS.	SETE	
G.G.LEFIDE	D	ORAN 23/3	SETE	ALGIERS	
SIDI IBRAHIM	D	SETE 22/3	ALGIERS	SETE	
FINISTERE	D	CARONTE 23/3	SFAX	CARONTE	
P.SCHLANTINO	D	ALGIERS 24/3	SETE	ALGIERS	
GALLIUM	D	BOUGIE 21/3	ALGIERS	ST.LOUIS DDU RHONE	
CHELMA	D	SFAX 21/3		CARONTE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	D	ALGIERS 25/3	SETE	ALGIERS	
CAUDETEC	D	ORAN abt 23/3	SETE/ORAN	CASA	
CARTHAGE	D	ALGIERS abt 22/3	BOUGIE	SETE	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	D	MARSLLS. 23/3	AJAC./MARS.	AJACCIO	
M.L.LE BORGNE	D	ORAN abt 23/3	SETE	TUNISN.PORTS	
LE TRAIT	D	MARSLLS. abt 19/3	ORAN	SETE	
PROCIDA	D	CORSICA abt -/3	TOULON	MARSEILLES	
MEONIA	D	ALGIERS 1/4	SETE	MARSEILLES	
CAID KEBIR (Moroccan)		MARSEILLES -/3	ORAN	CASA	
B)- OTHER TRAFFIC.					
JANINE	D	HUELVA -/3		CARON E	

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MEDITERRANEAN TRANSPORT (Para 2.)

[illegible] M.

Vessel	[illegible] & Date	Intermedte.Ports.	Desination	Remarks.
	[illegible] Return			
	a)- [illegible] STORM CRAFT.			
S/E.[illegible]		Coasting between Corsican Ports.		
[illegible]	[illegible] 20/3	MARSEILLES./AJACCIO	ALGIERS	
[illegible]	[illegible] 20/3	CASTIA/PROPRIANO	S.FRANCE	
	b)- [illegible] ALLIES DISPOSAL OF FR.G.H.Q.			
[illegible]				
	c)- [illegible] AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE ALLIES.			
[illegible]				
	d)- [illegible] BETWEEN S.FRENCH PORTS.			
[illegible]				
	e)- [illegible] TRAFFIC.			
				Stopped for repairs.
[illegible]	[illegible] 23/3			FR.W.INDIES:

[illegible] "VILLE DE TUNIS"-"G.G.CHANZY"-"MARSEILLAISE" [illegible] "FLORIDA"-"STRASBOURGEOIS"-"RICHELIEU".

[illegible] No. 2.

[illegible] COAST TO COAST TRAFFIC.

[illegible]	[illegible] 21/3		DAKAR	
[illegible]	[illegible] 20/3	TAFOU	W.A.COAST	
		Then repairs.....		
[illegible]	[illegible] 22/3		DAKAR	
[illegible]	[illegible] 30/3		DAKAR	
[illegible]	[illegible] 20/3		DAKAR	
[illegible]	[illegible] 19/3		DAKAR	
[illegible]	[illegible] 23/3		DAKAR	
[illegible]	[illegible] 25/3		TAFOU	
[illegible]	[illegible] 26/3	DOUALA	COAST	

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ATTACHED TO FRENCH SHIPPING REPORT No.51.

FRENCH PROGRAMME NO.12. (Meeting of the 22nd.March '45.)

T A B L E N O. 1.

VESSELS ON PASSAGE.

(week ending 25th.March 1945.)

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Vessel	List	Port & Date of departure	Intermed.ports	Destination	Remarks.
		FRENCH WEST AFRICAN/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
ARGONNE	D	CASA 21/3		DAKAR	F.N.A.Gds.
MONTAIGNE	D	DAKAR 15/3		CASA	W.A.Goods.
ESPIGUETTE	D	CASA 25/3	DAKAR	FR.W.A.COAST	F.N.A.Gds.
MADAGASCAR	D	CASA 21/3	DAKAR	-do-	Mdt.F.Goods.
MEDIE II	D	CASA 22/3	DAKAR	-do-	GEN.-Psegrs.
SCHIAFFINO FRERES	DAKAR 22/3		CASA	ALG.PORTS	W.A.Goods.
HOGGAR	DAKAR 23/3			CASA	Gen.-Psagrs.
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	D	CASA 16/3		CARONTE	Peanuts.DAKAR.
MARRAKECH	D	CASA 22/3		MARSEILLES	Gen.-Psagrs.
PROVIDENCE	D	CASA 22/3		TOULON	-do-
JEAN L.DREYFUS	Off-Hire 20/3	MARSEILLES	ORAN CASA	DAKAR	Metr.F.Gds.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	D	BOUGIE 21/3		ALGIERS	Gen.Drums.etc.
CARTHAGE	D	ALGIERS 25/3		BOUGIE	Wheat.
CALLIUM	D	BOUGIE 21/3		ALGIERS	Phopshates
JOS.LE DORGNE	D	ORAN 23/3	NEMOURS	ORAN	Coal.
LACYDON	D	NEMOURS 24/3	ORAN	NEMOURS	Coal.
LES ISSERS	D	NEMOURS 20/3		BONE	Coal.
LE ZERAMNA	D	BOUGIE 20/3		ORAN	Pyrites.
MAROC	D	MOSTAGANEM 22/3	CASA	ALGIERS	Wine-Gen.
PALME	D	ALGIERS 20/3		ORAN	Wood-Wht.-Gen.
TOURS	D	TUNIS 20/3	ALGIERS	ORAN	Salt-Lead.
FLORIDA	ALGIERS 21/3			MARSEILLES	Gen.-Pssgrs.
CAID FASSI	(Moroccan)	ALGIERS 25/	MOST.ARZEW.ORAN	CASA	Independent.
MACHRED	(-do-)	ORAN 25/3		CASA	-do-

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T A B L E N O. 2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION.(week ending 2nd.April 1945.)

FR.WEST AFRICAN/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

AGEN	D	DAKAR 29/3		CASABLANCA	W.A.Goods.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			

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Vessel		Date of departure			
FRENCH WEST AFRICAN/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.					
ARGONNE	D	CASA 21/3		DAKAR	F.N.A.Gds.
MONTAIGNE	D	DAKAR 15/3		CASA	W.A.Goods.
ESPIGUETTE	D	CASA 25/3	DAKAR	FR.W.A.COAST	F.N.A.Gds.
MADAGASCAR	D	CASA 21/3	DAKAR	-do-	Mdt.F.Goods.
MEDIE II	D	CASA 22/3	DAKAR	-do-	GEN.-Psngrs.
SCHLATTINO FRERES	DAKAR 22/3		CASA	CAS.PORTS	W.A.Goods.
HOGGAR	DAKAR 23/3			CASA	Gen.-Psngrs.
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	D	CASA 16/3		CARONTE	Peanuts.DAKAR.
MARRAKECH	D	CASA 22/3		MARSEILLES	Gen.-Psngrs.
PROVIDENCE	D	CASA 22/3		TOULON	-do-
JEAN L.DREYFUS	Off-Hire	MARSEILLES 20/3	ORAN CASA	DAKAR	Metr.F.Gds.
FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.					
CAP PINEDE	D	BOUGIE 21/3		ALGIERS	Gen.Drums.etc.
CARTHAGE	D	ALGIERS 25/3		BOUGIE	Wheat.
GALLIUM	D	BOUGIE 21/3		ALGIERS	Phopshates
JOS.LE DORGNE	D	ORAN 23/3	NEMOURS	ORAN	Coal.
LACYDON	D	NEMOURS 21/3	ORAN	NEMOURS	Coal.
LES ISSERS	D	NEMOURS 20/3		BONE	Coal.
LE ZERAMNA	D	BOUGIE 20/3		ORAN	Pyrites.
MAROC	D	MOSTAGANEM 22/3	CASA	ALGIERS	Wine-Gen.
PARAME	D	ALGIERS 20/3		ORAN	Wood-Wht.-Gen.
TOURS	D	TUNIS 20/3	ALGIERS	ORAN	Salt-Lead.
FLORIDA	ALGIERS 21/3			MARSEILLES	Gen.-Psngrs.
CAID FASSI	(Moroccan)	ALGIERS 25/	MOST.ARZEW.ORAN	CASA	Independent.
MACHREK	(-do-)	ORAN 25/3		CASA	-do- .

TABLE NO. 2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION.(week ending 2nd.April 1945.)

FR.WEST AFRICAN/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

AGEN	D	DAKAR 29/3		CASABLANCA	W.A.Goods.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

LES ISSERS	D	BONE 26/3	ORAN	NEMOURS	Phosphates.
LE ZERAMNA	D	ORAN 26/3	ARZEW	ALGIERS	Salt.
CAP PINEDE	D	ALGIERS 26/3		TUNIS	Coal.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION AFTER THE 2nd.APRIL '45.

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FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS, 23rd.March 1945.

No.51.

T-; THE CHAIRMAN, MEDITO;

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

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
(Meeting of the 22nd.March.'45)

1.-COASTING PROGRAMME: Copy attached. Read and approved.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE. List of bids for drydock included in ALNED'S signal of the 20th.to MEDITO. Marine Marchande's confirmatory list and that of repairs under way despatched to Naples earlier this week.

3-s.s."DJEBEL AURES" & "CHATEAU LATOUR": W.S.A. and MWT. Representatives both informed the Committee that their request for the return of these two vessels was unfortunately impossible to realise for the time being.

sgd. P.F. LE HARS.
French Liaison.
D.M.W.T.R. N.A.

French Shipping Programme No.12..F.T.C. .....

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/to MEDBO for their examination.

Action: Mr. Robertson.

200. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :

"CYDONIA"	- No further news.
"BARON GRAHAM"	- For discharge Algiers/Bone.
"FORT CUMBERLAND"	- For Tunis via Italy.
"DALMORE"	- Should complete 6/7th March.
"PHOTINEA"	- [illegible] 86 - for La Goulette/Tunis.

201. SHIPMENTS FROM ORAN & BONE.

The Chairman pointed out that the First Para. of Min.196 referred to the port of Oran, the second Para. only dealing with Bone.
Major Stebbens advised that all Military stores for the Middle East had been shipped. Of the stores remaining there are 2000 P.S.P. to be shipped to Italy. There are also 95 Sherman tanks and about 8000 tons salvage material which will be disposed of as opportunity occurs.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, March 12th. 1945.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 30. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1400 HOURS, 8TH MARCH, 1943.

Present:-

Comdr. T.E. Gartrell, R.N.R. (S.O.T.C.) - Chairman.

Major H.C. Stebbens (D/M&E(M))
Capt. F. Hutchings (Fr.Rs.)
Mr. N.S. Wickes (Coal Div. BPC)
Mr. A.H. Wharburn (MWT)
Capt. W.H. Kilfoch (WSA, E.A.)
Lt. R. Bradley USNR (Port. Sec.)
Mrs. E.M. Bertram (Sec.)

The Minutes of Meeting No. 29 were reviewed.

196. NOOA SURVEYOR - CARGO CLEARING.

Reverting to Min. 194, Major Stebbens mentioned the difficulties that had been experienced in part in connection with D.A.E.S. being afraid by the Naval Authorities that action could not be taken against defaulters, the cargo and also that on being promptly removed for operational purposes. The question was raised as to whether NOOA ... now had authority to retain a ship for investigation of pilferage, but in view of the absence of Mr. Bertram, it was decided to consider the question further at the next meeting.

With reference to Min.183, Comdr.Gartrell quoted an extract from "INSTRUCTIONS FOR S.O.T.C. OFFICERS", reading as follows : "Responsibility for the stores etc. landed and ends at the ship's rail whether the ship is at a wharf or pier", and referred also to Min.177 of Meeting which stated that the practice of checking on the quay had not been put into effect through shortage of manpower.

Capt.Hutchings confirmed that F.F.P. forms were already made out for all stores, and it was stated that in future all stores saved within the Mediterranean will be on Bill of Lading whether for S.T.O. or Army account, the B/L being presented to NOOA and checked with the figures of cargo unloaded.

It was reported that the "TIMOR PARK" and "WALTON PARK" were due shortly, loaded with Tea and then Services cargo. Major Stebbens stated that as they would be discharged on a commercial basis, he would require authority to pay for any checking carried out if not covered by the B/L. He agreed to write Col.Bromley on this subject and advise later.

Action: Major Stebbens.

197. PAYMENT OF WAGES (MUR).

This question was examined both in connection with general coal cargoes arriving in North African ports. Major Stebbens pointed out that the French Civil authorities were given the necessary information regarding military cargo discharged or loaded. As regards Civil cargoes, the French Civil authorities

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Major H.C. Stebbens (D.G.S.(L)) Capt. I. Hutchings (Trans.) Mr. R.E. Thomas (Cont'l Dir. MEW) Mr. A.G. Robertson (MEW)

Cmdr. W.L. McCloch (WSA, N.A.) Lt. H. Bradley Wells (Pet. Sec.)

Mrs. L.M. Bertram (Sec.)

The Minutes of Meeting No. 29 were received.

196. NON-SUBMISSION of Cargo Manifests.

Reverting to Min. 194, Major Stebbens mentioned the difficulties that had been experienced in connection with the D.E.F.S. being revised by the Naval Authorities - no action could be taken regarding payments, the cargo could also not be given urgently required for operational purposes. The question was raised as to whether M.O.W. , now had authority to detain a ship for investigation of offences. Mr. Bertram in view of the absence of Mr. Scrivens, it was decided to consider the question further at the next meeting.

With reference to Min.183, Cmdr. Bertram quoted an extract from "INSTRUCTIONS FOR S.O.P. OFFICERS", reading as follows: "Responsibility for the stores etc. begins and ends at the ship's rail whether the ship be at a wharf or pier", and referred also to Min.177 of 16/2/43 Minutes which stated that the practice of checking on the quay had not been put into effect through shortage of manpower.

Capt. Hutchings confirmed that F.F.E. forms were already made out for all stores, and it was stated that in future all stores would either be on Bill of Lading whether for U.K.D.O. or Army account, the B/L being presented to M.O.W. and checked with the figures of cargo unloaded.

It was reported that the "MAID PAM" and "CRESTON PARK" were due shortly, loaded with fuel and also Services cargo. Major Stebbens stated that as they would be discharged on a commercial basis, he would require authority to pay for any checking carried out if not covered by the B/L. He agreed to write Col. Charnley on this subject and advise later.

Action: Major Stebbens.

197. Rights of Pilferage.

This question was examined both in connection with general and coal cargoes arriving in North African ports. Major Stebbens advised that the French Civil Authorities were given the necessary information regarding military cargo discharged or loaded. As regards Civil cargo so far this had not been dealt with. M.W.T. Representative stated that Services were charged on cargo and should be [illegible] by the receivers of civil cargo. He also pointed out that according to pre-war practice the only persons authorised to handle the payment of these fees were the Courts, Municipalities.

It was agreed that R. Robertson should invite Mr. [illegible]arren, Director du Port, to attend a meeting at 15[illegible] hours on March 9th., together with representatives of C.T.O., M.W.T. and Army, to discuss this question more particularly from a legal point of view, so that recommendations could be made and passed on to/

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS 20TH MARCH, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 103 DATED 13TH MARCH, 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL, EXPLOITATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 53 dated 14th March, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 69 dated 16th March, 1945.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Report No. 49 dated 8th March, 1945.

5. ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPPING.

Position List of Italian vessels No. 13 dated 15th March, 1945.

6. MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SUPPLIES.

Report of 17th March, 1945.
Monthly Report for February, 1945 From G-5.

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12. OTHER MATTERS.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 53 dated 14th March, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 69 dated 16th March, 1945.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Report No. 49 dated 8th March, 1945.

5. ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPPING.

Position List of Italian vessels No. 13 dated 15th March, 1945.

6. MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SUPPLIES.

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To : Chairman MEDBC

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From : Chairman,
MEDBO Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee

1. Directive to the Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee is given in MEDBO memo dated 22 Sep 44.

2. Since that date, however, the form of the Priority of Movements Meeting has now changed. The meeting is now held on the day prior to the Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee Meeting. Chairman of the POM conference obtains from the Shipping Authorities, in advance, confirmation or otherwise, that the tonnages can be lifted. One of the original objects of the Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee is thereby achieved.

3. Another object of the Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee is to state what balance of tonnage, if any, exists. Examination of the tonnage requirements in this area is made -

(a) monthly, when intra-MEDITERRANEAN requirements are assessed for the Combined Chiefs of Staff,

(b) as in the recent review of Coaster Tonnage within this area.

Any surplus of tonnage would be revealed by such examinations and the matter brought to the notice of MEDBO members. It will be noted that the Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee almost invariably discloses that no surplus of shipping exists.

4. A further object is to maintain records of civil cargo. G-4 (Mov & Tn) maintains detailed records of all non military cargoes lifted within the area and in any Shipping under MEDBO control. Further, Shipping Authorities now prepare a standard pro forma to enable Chairman of MEDBO Schooner Control to levy charges for cargoes carried on civil account for Headquarters Allied Commission.

5. The Committee, therefore, submits for your consideration that whilst the Tonnage Allocation Sub Committee Meeting was performing a very useful function in its initial stages and has been an excellent medium for the arrangement of the procedure listed above, much of its originally intended purpose is now being achieved in the routine co-ordination of allocating tonnage to lift the bids centralised through the POM, and that the Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee in its present form would appear to be no longer necessary.

(V. KING) Maj
Chairman
MEDBO Tonnage Allocation
Sub-Committee

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

No.50.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDLO;

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

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
15th.March 1945.

1-PROGRAMME FOR COASTERS. Translation attached of Programme No.11. Read and approved.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE: List of bids for drydock and repairs were sent earlier this week and later confirmed by signal from the French Marine Nationale.

3-S.S."DJEBEL AURES" & "CHATEAU LATOUR": (see Report No.49.paras.3 & 4.)
On instructions from Paris, the D.M.M. raised the question of the return to the French of these two vessels. They were informed that they might rest assured that MEDLO appreciated their difficulties and that if it were at all possible to accede to the request without prejudice to the needs of the Allied Forces, they would do so.

No other questions were raised.

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Chairman reported that a ship had sustained slight damage in going alongside the Coal Quay from a section of the conveyor which was overhanging. Col.McMullen agreed to investigate the position. It was also understood that an underwater obstruction was located in the same area and agreed that the Royal Navy look into this.

Col.McMullen & Capt.Swanston

VOLOS. The position respecting the slow rate of coal discharge at this port was discussed and Lt.Hopper advised that S.S.S.T.O.(G) had forwarded a letter requesting information regarding the cement plant there which it was stated could handle 500 tons per day.

Chairman enquired if any progress had yet been made in clearing the wrecks in the harbour and Capt.Swanston said that he had this matter in hand.

SALONIKA. Respecting the dredging of the east mole Chairman said he had noticed that in the minutes of the Port Control Committee Meeting, this matter had been referred to S.N.O.(Salonika). In connection with vessels berthed inside the mole it was considered that the channel would have to be further widened before it was thought safe to berth a large vessel and it appeared the Salonika Committee were watching the position closely.

It was reported that it had been agreed to put one of the bulk oil installation tanks in order shortly, and Major Simpson said that this was so, and the one that was to be repaired was of 4,000 tons capacity. The approximate time needed for the necessary repairs to be effected would be 30 days.

Regarding the pipeline to be used, Major Simpson was requested to ensure that it was so placed that no fire hazards would occur.

KAVALLA. Chairman stated that the discharge of the first relief ship had been completed satisfactorily and a signal was sent stating that 15 stevedoring gangs and 600 labourers were available, as to the estimated discharge rate of the port was 7/750 tons per day. Although the clearance could not keep pace with the discharge, it was not anticipated that any delay would be occasioned by vessels as there was ample open storage on the quay.

IRAKLION. There was nothing to report for this area.

26. RED CROSS CARGOES MOVED BY LIGHTER. Chairman raised the question regarding the report that 1500 tons of flour to Salonika and 1,000 tons to Volos, were being moved from Piraeus by lighters, and he thought this should not be allowed, as apart from the risks to the lighters and cargoes it would upset the arrangements of the Allocation Committee. Major Crerar agreed to obtain full information regarding this move.

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The next meeting will be held at 1500 hours on the 28th March,1945.

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22. TUGS AND LIGHTERS. Ref.6. In regard to the British owned tugs and lighters, advice had been received from the Mediterranean Shipping Board that it had been decided to loan these craft to the Greek Government on a temporary basis, and Chairman had notified the Ministry of Mercantile Marine of this decision and was awaiting a reply to the offer.

Col.Davidson said he had requested instructions from A.F.H.Q. in connection with the disposal of the T.C.Ls.

A signal had been received advising that the two Tanac Tugs for Salonika were now coming forward on board s.s."OCEAN VULCAN".

Requests had been received from Volos, Corfu and Kavalla for tugs. The request from Volos was not understood as two tugs had previously been reported there. Chairman requested Capt.Bachas to take the matter up respecting the provision of tugs for these ports and it was agreed that if the requests were justified, that the tugs which were being repaired by the Greek Government should be sent when ready.

Capt.Bachas

23. TURKISH VESSELS. Ref.14. A letter from the Turkish Ambassador was read in connection with the fortnightly service of vessels from Turkey to Piraeus, and requested that every assistance be given in connection with their discharge. The position was discussed and it was agreed that the agents for the vessels should keep in touch with the Sea Transport Officer and, until the O.L.P.Organisations were in a position to take over, the assistance requested would be given.

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Capt.Bachas enquired as to who was responsible for the payment of port dues at this port, and Chairman advised that these should be debited to the ships agents.

KALAMAI. It was reported that a signal had been sent by L.O. to H.S.S.T.O. Greece, to the M.O.I.C. at this port, requesting that the repairs to the western quay be placed in hand immediately. Col.Davidson thought that to avoid delay to ships in the meantime, lighters should be sent there to assist discharge, and Chairman stated that when the survey of the lighter position had been completed it might be found possible to release the necessary number from Piraeus.

PIRAEUS. It was understood that the belt for the coal conveyor was now expected to arrive at the end of March.

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GRIT Joint Co-ordinating Committee

Secret

MINUTES OF MEETING No.20. HELD AT M.O.1., LF. & EL. (G), at 1500 hours on 21st March, 1945.

PRESENT:	Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman. D.M.W.T.R.
	Brigadier G.W.Palmer.	Brig.S & R.
	Capt.D.S.Swanston. R.N.	Rep. B.B.N.O.(G)
	Capt.A.A.Buchas. R.H.N.	Rep. R.H.N. & Mercantile Marine
	Col.M.I.Davidson.	Col.'G'
	Col.G.N.McMullen	G.L.
	Major K.R.Drever	Rep. M.L.
	Major C.Simpson	Rep. Pet.Sec.
	Lt.E.M.Hopper, R.N.V.R.	Rep. B.S.S.T.O.(G)
	Mr. [illegible] Sasseville	Rep. U.S.A.
	Mr.J.B.Jowitt	Rep. U.S.A.
	Mr.B.V.Washburn	Rep. U.N.R.R.A.
	Mr. [illegible] Walker.	Secretary.

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18. MINUTES OF MEETING No.19. These were approved subject to the following amendment, Ref.5. - SWEDISH VESSELS, Page 2, lines 1 and 2: "Mr.Sasseville stated that U.S.A. had undertaken to supervise the running of these vessels ..." to read: "Mr.Sasseville stated that subject to approval from Washington, U.S.A. would undertake the local handling of these vessels."

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Major K.R.Crarer	Rep.	L.L.
Major G.Simpson	Rep.	Fet.Sec.
Lt.C.H.Hopp . R.N.R.	Rep.	D.S.S.T.O.(G)
Mr. R.Sasseville	Rep.	U.S.A.
Mr.E.S.Jowitt	Rep.	U.S.A.
Mr.R.T.Washburn	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.
Mr. T.F.Walker.	Secretary.	

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It was reported signals had been sent to all Greek N.O.I.Os by L.O. to S.S.S.T.O.(G), requesting that contracts be made on the basis of the tariff fixed in co-operation with the British Authorities. Signals on the same subject had also been sent by S.O.R.A.L.

It was understood that a rate had been fixed at Volos which was three times the pre-war rate, and this had been agreed to by the Greek Government.

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MEDBO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

DATE:- 21ST MARCH

ITALY & S. FRANCE PORT STATE.

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships.	LEGHORN	NAPLES	TARANTO	BRINDISI	BARI	ANCONA	S. FRANCE	TOTAL
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1
B. No. of vessels discharging.	7	20	3	2	7	4	18	61
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	4	7
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	3
E. No. of vessels loading.	2	2	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	6
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	1	5	1	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	9
TOTAL	13	29	5	4	9	5	22	87

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

ITALY & S. FRANCE PORT STATE.

DATE:- 21ST MARCH, 1945.

Store Ships.	LEGHORN	NAPLES	TARANTO	BRINDISI	BARI	ANCONA	S. FRANCE	TOTAL
ls waiting to	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1
ls discharging.	7	20	3	2	7	4	18	61
ls empty awaiting rders.	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	4	7
ls waiting to	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	3
ls loading.	2	2	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	6
ls loaded awaiting rders.	1	5	1	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	9
L	13	29	5	4	9	5	22	87

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MEDBO SHIPPING DIVISION ROOM.

DATE:- 21ST MARCH,

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

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	AUGUSTA	PALERMO	CAGLIARI	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	P
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
B. No. of vessels discharging.	2	NIL	2	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	1	20.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1.	N
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	N
E. No. of vessels loading.	1	3	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	N
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NI
TOTAL	4	23	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	

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MEDBO SHIPPING DIVISION ROOM.

DATE:- 21ST MARCH, 1945.

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

	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	AUGUSTA	PALERMO	CAGLIARI	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	PATRAS	TOTAL
	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
ng.	2	NIL	2	1	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	16
it-	1	20	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1.	NIL	22
	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
	1	3	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	6
wit-	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1
	4	23	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	45

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[illegible] AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 32. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 19th March 1945.

Present :-

Mr. R. E. Serjeant (D.M.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

Comdr. T. K. Garrard R.N.R.	(SSTO)	Comdr. G. E. Naslund R.N.R.	(SSTO)
Lt. Comdr. [illegible]	(NOSO)	Major H. C. Stebbens	(DAQMG(M))
Lt. [illegible] USNR	(Asst. Sec.)	S/Ldr. Bulman	(Ref. Lov.)
Mr. T. S. Thomas	(Coal Div. BEM)	Mr. T. Citriglo	(USA)
		Mrs. E. M. Bertrand	(Sec.)

The Chairman expressed his regret at the departure of Comdr. T. K. Garrard R.N.R., and in the name of the Committee tendered his thanks for all the assistance rendered by the S.S.T.O. during his stay in Algiers.
The Chairman welcomed Comdr. G. E. Naslund, newly-appointed S.S.T.O. Algiers, who was endorsed by the members of the Committee.

The Minutes of Meeting held on 5th March were reviewed.

209. DOCK LABOUR.

With reference to para. 2 of the Minutes, the Chairman requested that this Minute should be amended to read : "With regard to Liner Agents appointing labour...". It was reported that the shipping agents in Algiers were not unanimously in favour of applying through the Bureau for necessary labour, this system leaving them too little control as regards continuity of gangs. This matter, however, appears to be one for the Liner Agents in particular to arrange themselves with the Directeur du Port, which they have agreed to do and report in due course.

210. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :

"[illegible]WOOD" - Expected at Oran.
"[illegible]" - Sailed for Casablanca.
"FORT [illegible]" Completing 21/3 at Tunis/La Goulette.
"COLATTO" - Concluding at Bizerte.

Mr. Thomas advised that as there was no news of the "CANOLA", Algiers

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Present :-

Mr. R.E. Berdman (D.M.W.T.N.A.) - Chairman.

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Lt. Comdr. [illegible]	(NOSO)	Major H.C. Stebbens	(DAQMG(M))
Lt. R. Bradley USNR	(Asst. Sec.	S/Ldr. Bulman	(Ref. Mov.)
Mr. W.S. Thomas	(Coal. Div. BEM)	Mr. T. Citriolo	(WSA)

Mrs. E.M. Bertrand (Sec.)

The Chairman expressed his regret at the departure of Comdr. T.K. Gerrard R.N.R., and in the name of the Committee tendered his thanks for all the assistance given by him as S.S.T.O. during his stay in Algiers.
The Chairman welcomed Comdr. G.E. Naslund, newly-appointed S.S.T.O. Algiers, who was then presented to the members of the Committee.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

209. DOCK LABOUR.

With reference to Min. 208, the Chairman requested that this Minute should be amended to read "... wages to Liner Agents appointing labour...". It was explained that the shipping agents in Algiers were not unanimously in favour of applying themselves to the task of necessary labour, this system leaving them not a little control as regards continuity of gangs. This matter, however, appears to be left for the Liner Agents in particular to arrange themselves with the Directeur du Port, which they have agreed to do and report in due course.

210. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :

"[illegible]"	- Reported at Oran.
"[illegible]"	- Sailed for Gibraltar.
"FORT [illegible]"	- Coaling 21/3 at Bona/La Goulette.
"COLATTO"	- Completing at Bizerta.

Mr. Thomas advised that as there was no news of the "CANONIA", Algiers Gas Works will be on strike unless arrangements can be made with the Royal Navy. She was diverted to Bona, pending the arrival of the "REFCATE" - this will extend the stoppage of Electric Power Plant and also the Water Supply to Algiers. Already, M.W.T. had avoided a most awkward situation as possible by the release of 800 tons (approx.).

211. USE OF [illegible] FOR [illegible] CARGO.

Mr. Thomas enquired whether it would be permissible to send small parcels of general cargo by Personnel vessels, when urgently required. Comdr. Gerrard replied that this would be possible provided the ship was not required for a quick turn-round, and if agreed by London and/or Medbo. A certain quantity of [illegible] are required in France, and are available at Casablanca, Oran and Algiers, the weight being negligible. Lieut. Bradley agreed to enquire whether it would be possible to put these on towlows.

Action: Lieut. Bradley.

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ITEM 77. MINCA BARGES AT CIVITAVECCHIA.

The 20 Minca barges are now at Civitavecchia. These are:-

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	268.	438.	467.	534.	536.
	538.	676.	684.	895.	900.
	904.	905.	906.	928.	929.

A report has been received from Civitavecchia that they will not be entirely satisfactory until they are caulked. It is understood that Allied Commission have already despatched the materials for this to be done.

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The two tugs (TANAC V-101, TANAC V-137) have been set up for the OCEAN VULCAN.

ITEM 79. LIGHTERS FOR PATRAS.

Three steel lighters have been shipped on the EMPIRE STRONGHOLD and the 4th will be shipped shortly.

ITEM 80. SPARE PARTS DISTRIBUTION CENTRE, MALTA.

Ref. item 68. Advice has been received from C-in-C Med that the S.P.D.C., Malta is functioning. Permission has been asked for two officers of Transportation (S) (who will also represent Tn (A)) to proceed to Malta in order to discuss the position with O/C., S.P.D.C., Malta.

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Office of Director of Harbor Craft,
Western Mediterranean.

26th March 1945.

To : Chairman, Medbo.

Weekly Report No. 45.

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It is understood there are several dumb yard craft at Augusta which might be available and a request has been made to C-in-C Med. for release if possible.

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This crane is declared in operation.

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(Excluding US Army, Air & Ground Forces)

A N C O N A:

EX	SHIPPING	Sups	EFI	Amn	RF	Ord	Csd Veh	Stat	TOTAL For Army	POL	Air Forces	Tn Stores	Civil Sups	Coal	Air Force (NEA)
KA394	OCEAN GYPSY	1153(A)	850	1890	1235	50			5178		15	23			
HCS82	SIMON WILLARD	3715	613	847	12		100 (C)	5	5292				357(D)		12 Hq a/c NEA
XGS83	1/6 MILSTAF Availabilities	1998	500	1200		87	1034		4823		416	297			
MIDEAST	To be nomin	1072(E)		404(E)		870			2346			90			
ALGIERS	" " "											1			
HEEL	" " "	1200(F)							1200	5000(G)		730	1710(H)		
MILES	" " "					840			840						
TEA	" " "												3000	4000	
		9138	1963	1963	1307	1847	1134	5	19739	5000	431	1211	5067	4000	

NOTES:

(A) Incl 800 tons Ware Potatoes
(B) Red Cross Stores
(C) Tractors 10 units
(D) JUGOSLAV Relief
(E) Incl TROOPERS' lay-off
(F) Incl 600 tons Frozen Meat & 300 tons Forage
(G) Incl 2070 tons Gasoline
(H) 1500 tons Salt in bags BARLETTA / ANCONA
210 tons Olive Oil BARI / ANCONA

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Amn	PE	Ord	Csd Vehs	Stat	TOTAL Pr Amn	POL	Air Forces	Tn Stores	Civil Sups	Coal	Air Force (RM)	Misc	TOTAL EE MED	TOTAL ITEMS MED	GRAND TOTAL
1850	1235	50			3123		15	23							
847	12		100 (C)	5	5292				357(D)		12 Hvy a/a Guns				
1264		87	1034		4623		416	297					5536		
404(E)		870			2346			90						2436	
								1						1	
					1200	5000(G)		730	1710(H)					3640	
		840			840									840	
									3000	4000			7000		
1963	1307	1847	1134	5	19739	5000	431	1211	5067	4000		21	23552	11917	35469

tons Forage

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(Excluding US Army, Air & Ground Froces)

H E E L:

Ex	SHIPPING	Sups	EFI	Amn	RE	Ord	Csd Vehs	Stat	TOTAL Br Army	POL	Air Forces	Tn Stores	Civil Sups	C
KMS94	EMPIRE SCOTT	3600(A)	600	54	680	100		70	5104		160(B)			
UGS82	SIMON WILLARD	1800(K)							1800					
UGS83	1/6 MILSTAF Availabilities	3439	167	10	9				3625					
MIDEAST	To be nominated	1696(E)	373	316	17	1000(E)		44	3446	5765(F)	771	64	553(L)	
ALGIERS	-do-	700						235	935		57			
SARDINIA	-do-													
CROTONE	-do-				1500(G)				1500					
SICILY	-do-	275							275					
CRETE	-do-	300(H)							300					
ANCONA	-do-	1000(J)							1000					
PORTIGLIONE	-do-												960(M)	
USA	-do-												8500	
		12810	1140	380	2206	1100		349	17985	5765	988	64	10013	

NOTES:
(A) Incl 630 tons Ware Potatoes
(B) Plus 8 AUSTERS, 1 WALRUS, 1 PROCTOR
(C) RN
(D) Svy 10 tons, 1003 tons SOMTO
(E) Incl TROOPERS' lay-off ELBOW/ROBOT
(F) Incl 2737 Gasoline
(G) Timber required at BARI
(H) Dried Fruit
(J) Flour
(K) Estimated tonnage required to be discharged to lighten ve
(L) Clothing for G-5
(M) Pyrites PORTIGLIONE to BA
approval that port is avai

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													484(C)	5748		
0(A)	600	54	680	100		70	5104		160(B)					1800		
0(K)							1800							3625		
9	167	10	9				3625									
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00						235	935		57						992	
												2200			2200	
			1500(G)				1500								1500	
75							275								275	
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											8500	10000		18500		
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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 31. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 12th MARCH 1945.

Present :-

Mr. R. B. Scriven. (D.M.W.T.R.N.A.) - Chairman.

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The Minutes of Meeting No. 30 were read by the Chairman.

203. SHIPMENTS ON COMMERCIAL BASIS.

The Chairman stated that since the last meeting, Mr. Sprigings of M.W.T. Liner Division had visited Algiers, and the question of reverting to commercial procedure had been discussed with the principal agents. It had been defined that under Liner terms the ship's responsibility for delivery to the rightful and proper owner of Bill of Lading terminated over the ship's rail.
In regard to the loading, responsibility would commence when the cargo tendered had been placed on board and Mate's Receipts issued, which later would be exchanged for signed Bills of Lading.
NAMOV have now issued Special Port Working Instruction No. 46, in which emphasis was laid upon the tallying into ship. The Chairman requested Major Stebbens for a copy of Store Shipping Instruction No. 9 of 5 Dec. 1944, in order that Ship Agents and others might comply.

204. PEAGE DUES.

It was in principle agreed that London should be recommended to fall into line with French commercial procedure here, but no concrete proposition could be put forward until the French themselves had come to some agreement on a revised tariff.
As regards the employment of Courtiers Maritimes, the Chairman advised that Liner Division London were anxious to see Liner Agents and Courtiers Maritimes employed on pre-war basis.

205. COLLIERS.

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The following Collier movements were reported :-

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205. COLLIERS.

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The following Collier movements were reported :-

"PHOTINEA"	- now completing La Goulette/Tunis.
"COLYTTO"	- due to complete 15/3 Bizerta.
"BARON GRAHAM"	- due to complete 15/3 Bone.
"KIRUNA"	- Ministry bunkers due Algiers 13/3.
"TREVELYAN"	- due Algiers 15/3.
"BRIDGEPOOL"	- to proceed Oran after part discharge Gib.
"ACHLA MARINA" }	- earlier reported as in M/S 69 but
"REDGATE" }	- subsequent signals did not record them as included.

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Mr. Thomas emphasised that the delay in obtaining reinforcements was likely to prove critical at Casablanca, where the railways were almost or stop, and at Philippeville and Bone, where the Army Services supplies were almost exhausted. Without early intimation of the disposition of colliers, embarrassment was caused. None was still available on the "CYDONIA" and "FRANCA" for Oran. U.S.A. Representative undertook to see how far temporary relief might be extended at Philippeville and Bone.

206. COAL DISCHARGE.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Hessler of Groupement Charbonnier considered that maximum coal discharge for cutters such as these would be 800 tons per day, more particularly when collier was [illegible] discharge, and in view of the fact that receivers have no control over arrival dates, and that North African ports are not yet sufficiently on commercial basis.

207. BALLASTING.

Capt. Kalloch reported the installation was complete of two floating buoys at La Goulette, which would tend to ease the pressure upon Bizerta and Casablanca.

208. STEVEDORES.

The concern of Mr. Lemos, Directeur du Port, in regard to Liner Agents appointing Tallymen, without applying through the usual channels, was reported by Major Seddons. The Chairman undertook to seek the views of Agents.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1430 hours on Monday, March 19th, 1945.

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TABLE 32

PERIOD	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHIP CODE	SHIP NAME	Wheat bagged	Wheat bulk	Barley	Flour	Milk Dried	Lard	Sugar	Cured Herrings	Total Food
26 Jan -	U.K.	Naples	IS 2073	Egyptian Prince									
4 Feb	U.K.	Naples	KK 175	Fort Spokane								157	15
"	U.K.	Naples	KK 176	Fort Frontenac					25				2
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 4	Joseph Pulitzer									
"	U.S.	Naples	TH 425	Elisha Grave Otis	5,059			2,764					7,82
"	U.S.	Naples	HR 24	Fitzhugh Lee									
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 684	Emma Willard									
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 689	Thomas Kearns									
5-14 Feb	U.K.	Naples	KK 180	Santorch									
"	U.K.	Naples	KK 179	Semota									
"	U.K.	Naples	IS 2579	King William									
"	Mideast	Naples	-	Palermo	1,227								1,22
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 11	William Hume	4,689								4,68
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 1	Cornelius Harnett				402					40
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 3	John Blair									
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 7	Moses Cleaveland									
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 16	Henry Jocelyn									
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 18	Justin S. Morrill				71					7
"	U.S.	Naples	NY 51	Melville Jacoby									
"	U.S.	Naples	-	Heimvard									
15-24 Feb	U.S.	Naples	BA 35	Joseph Warren					24				2
"	Mideast	Naples	-	Empire Southey									
"	U.K.	Naples	KK 182	Fort Mackersley									
"	Mideast	Naples	-	Samfield									
"	U.K.	Naples	KK 181	King James								120	12
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 43	Robert F. Hunter				123	974	502	881		2,48
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 46	Benjamin Williams					84				8
"	U.S.	Naples	BA 31	Horace Binney				809	114		874		1,79
5-14 Feb	U.S.	Castellammare	-	Edward Sparrow	263	7,740							8,00
"	U.S.	Castellammare	MO 18	Wendell Wilkie	405	7,471							7,87
26 Jan -	Iraq	Leghorn	-	George Hale			4,000						4,00
4 Feb	Iraq	Civitavecchia	-	George Hale			3,712						3,71
15-24 Feb	N. Africa	Civitavecchia	-	PLT 13									
"	N. Africa	Civitavecchia	-	Thomitor									
5-14 Feb	U.S.	Salerno	BA 11	William Hume	4,000								4,00
15-24 Feb	N. Africa	Salerno	-	PLT 13									
TOTAL WEST COAST					15,648	15,211	7,712	4,169	1,221	502	1,755	277	46,49

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CIVILIAN SUPPLIES SHIPPED TO ALL PORTS IN ITALY,
DURING FEBRUARY (IN D" LONG TONS GROSS UNLESS

SHIP TYPE	NAME	Wheat bagged	Wheat bulk	Barley	Flour	Milk Dried	Lard	Sugar	Cured Mnfrs	Total Food	Bush-ings	Calcium Carbide	Carbon Steel Plate
2073	Egyptian Prince												
175	Fort Spokane								157	157			
176	Fort Frontenac					25				25			9
	Joseph Pulitzer									7,823			
425	Elisha Graves Otis	5,059			2,764								
24	Fitzhugh Lee												
684	Emma Willard												
689	Thomas Kearns												
180	Santorch												
179	Semota												
2579	King William									1,227			
-	Palermo	1,227								4,689			
11	William Hume	4,689			402					402	1 16		1
1	Cornelius Harnett												
3	John Blair												
7	Moses Cleaveland												
16	Henry Jocelyn				71					71		161	
18	Justin S. Morrill											166	
51	Melville Jacoby												
	Heimvard					24				24			
35	Joseph Warren												
	Empire Southey												
182	Fort Mackersley												
	Sanfield								120	120			
181	King James				123	971	502	881		2,480	1(r)		
43	Robert F. Hunter					84				84			
46	Benjamin Williams				809	114		874		1,797			
31	Horace Binney									8,008			
	Edward Sparrow	268	7,740							7,876			
18	Wendell Wilkie	405	7,471							4,000			
	George Hale			4,000						3,712			
	George Hale			3,712									
	FLI 13												
	Thomitor									4,000			
11	William Hume	4,000											
	FLI 13												
		15,648	15,211	7,712	4,169	1,221	502	1,755	277	46,495	18	327	10

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SICILY & SARDINIA FOR ARRIVAL
OTHERWISE SHOWN)

Clothing ARC	Duplicator Spirit	Machinery	Ord Stores	Paint	Paper Bags	Paper Plain	Paper Cigarette	Paper Various	Phosphates	Rope Iron Wire	Seed Potatoes	Silkworm Cocoons	Vehicles by Weight
											1,355		
		(a)	7										
136	31				50	24	25(c)			6			
							6(f)						
					31(g)								
		(i)	1(j)										
											952		
67					130(b)	23	10						
							5(k)						
												1(n)	
			7									27	
1(s)								29(o)					1,029(p)
							1(v)	166(w)					
									2,000				
									3,100				
									3,000				
204	31	-	15	161	50	47	64	195	8,100	6	2,307	28	1,029

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RIVAL

Cord Stores	Paint	Paper Bags	Paper Plain	Paper Cigarette	Paper Various	Phosphates	Rope Iron Wire	Seed Potatoes	Silkworm Cocoons	Vehicles by Weight	Misc	Total Non-Food	GRAND TOTAL
								1,355				1,355	1,355
7												7	7
		50	24	25(c)			6				(dd) 1(d)	282	157
													307
											3(e)	3	7,823
				6(f)								6	3
	31(g)											31	6
1(j)											1(h)	1	31
												1	1
								952				952	952
													1,227
													4,689
	130(b)		23	10								231	633
				5(k)								16	16
											9(l)	15	15
											32(m)	32	32
													71
												161	161
												166	166
													24
									1(n)			1	1
7											(t)	7	7
									27			27	27
											(cc)		120
					29(o)					1,029(p)	3(q)	1,063	3,543
				18(v)	166(w)						168(u)	168	252
											13(x)	197	1,994
													8,003
													7,876
													4,000
													3,712
						2,000						2,000	2,000
						3,100						3,100	3,100
													4,000
						3,000						3,000	3,000
15	161	50	47	64	195	8,100	6	2,307	28	1,029	230	12,022	59,317

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TABLE 32 (cont'd)

PERIOD	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	SHIP CODE	SHIP NAME	Wheat bagged	Wheat bulk	Barley	Flour	Milk Dried	Lard	Sugar	Cured Herrings	Total Food
		Bari	HR 36	Edward Rutledge									7,41
26 Jan-4 Feb	U.S.	Bari	HR 39	John S.Sargent	2,397			5,020					
5-14 Feb	U.S.	Bari	HR 85	Joseph Hooker						332			33
"	U.S.	Bari	HR 88	George L. Bibb									4,14
"	U.S.	Bari	-	Lossiebank			4,145						7,94
"	Iraq	Bari						7,944					81
"	U.S.	Bari for Ancona	HR 47	Newton D.Baker						365	450		
"	U.S.	Bari	HR 102	Jonathan North									8,59
15-24 Feb	U.S.	Brindisi	DA 694	Dudley M.Hughes	8,596							81	8
26 Jan -	U.S.	Brindisi	LL 147	Fort Enterprise									3,6
4 Feb	U.K.	Brindisi	-	Clan Macbean			3,626					155	1
15-24 Feb	Iraq	Brindisi	LL 156	Drammensfjord									
"	U.K.	Crotone	-	Far									
26 Jan -	N.Africa	Crotone	-	Arsia									4,0
4 Feb	N.Africa	Crotone	BA 24	Robert Randall		4,000							
5-14 Feb	U.S.	Crotone	-	Torejarl									3,7
15-24 Feb	N.Africa	Reggio	BA 120	Samuel Ashe	3,782								
"	U.S.	Barletta	-	Rinucci									
"	N.Africa	Ancona	-	Dinara									
5-14 Feb	Mideast												40,8
TOTAL EAST COAST					14,775	4,000	7,771	12,964	-	697	450	236	7,9
26 Jan -	U.S.	Catania/Reggio	1216	Clyde Dunning	7,933								
4 Feb	N.Africa	Catania/Palermo	-	Theomitor									4,1
5-14 Feb	U.S.	Catania	-	Robert Randall	689	3,472							8,
26 Jan-4 Feb	U.S.	Palermo	BA 250	John Quick	8,755								8,
5-14 Feb	U.S.	Palermo	-	Josiah Parker	421	8,008							1,
"	U.S.	Palermo for Bari	HR 39	John S.Sargent	1,000								4,
"	Iraq	Palermo	-	Sulross				4,000					4,
"	Iraq	Messina	-	Sulross				3,513					3,
15-24 Feb	U.S.	Messina	BA 120	Samuel Ashe	3,500								3,
"	N.Africa	Porto Empedocle	-	Espiguette									41,
TOTAL SICILY					22,298	11,480	7,513	-	-	-	-	-	8,
5-14 Feb	U.S.	Cagliari	BA 130	Charles M.Conrad	8,515								
15-24 Feb	U.S.	Cagliari	-	Theomitor									8
TOTAL SARDINIA					8,515	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL					61,236	30,691	22,996	17,133	1,221	1,199	2,205	513	137

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ION	SHIP CODE	SHIP NAME	Wheat bagged	Wheat bulk	Barley	Flour	Milk Dried	Lard	Sugar	Cured Herrings	Total Food	Dush-ings	Calcium Carbide	Carbon Steel Plate
	HR 36	Edward Rutledge												
	HR 39	John S.Sargent	2,397			5,020					7,417			
	HR 85	Joseph Hooker												
	HR 88	George L. Bibb						332			332			
	-	Lossiebank			4,145						4,145			
ncona	HR 47	Newton D.Baker				7,944					7,944			
	HR 102	Jonathan Worth						365	450		815			
disi	BA 694	Dudley M.Hughes	8,596								8,596			
disi	LL 147	Fort Enterprise								81	81			
disi	-	Clan Macbean			3,626						3,626			
disi	LL 156	Drammensfjord								155	155			
ne	-	Far												
ne	-	Arsia												
ne	BA 24	Robert Randall		4,000							4,000			
ne	-	Torejarl												
o	BA 120	Samuel Ashe	3,782								3,782			
tta	-	Rinucci												
a	-	Dinora												
			14,775	4,000	7,771	12,964	-	697	450	236	40,893	-	-	-
gio	1216	Clyde Dunning	7,933								7,933			
rmo	-	Theomitor												
a	-	Robert Randall	689	3,472							4,161			
o	BA 250	John Quick	8,755								8,755			
o	-	Josiah Parker	421	8,008							8,429			
Luri	HR 39	John S.Sargent	1,000								1,000			
o	-	Sulross			4,000						4,000			
a	-	Sulross			3,513						3,513			
a	BA 120	Samuel Ashe	3,500								3,500			
ocle	-	Espiguette												
			22,298	11,480	7,513	-	-	-	-	-	41,291	-	-	-
i	BA 130	Charles M.Conrad	8,515								8,515			
i	-	Theomitor												
			8,515	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,515	-	-	-
			61,236	30,691	22,996	17,133	1,221	1,199	2,205	513	137,194	18	327	10

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Clothing RC	Duplicate Spirit	Machinery	Ord Stores	Paint	Paper Bags	Paper Plain	Paper Cigarette	Paper Various	Phosphates	Rope iron wire	Seed Potatoes	Silkworm Cocoons	Vehicles by Weight
						11	19(f)	9(z)					
									3,300				
									1,000				
									1,729				
									1,427				
-	-	-	-	-	-	11	19	9	7,456	-	-	-	-
									6,154				
									1,080				
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,234	-	-	-	-
									3,100				
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,100	-	-	-	-
204	31	-	15	161	50	58	83	204	25,890	6	2,307	28	1,029

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res	Paint	Paper Bags	Paper Plain	Paper Cigar-ette	Paper Var-ious	Phos-phates	Hoop iron wire	Seed Pot-atoes	Silk-worm Cocoons	Vehicles by Weight	Misc.	Total Non-Food	GRAND TOTAL
											(y)	-	-
													7,417
			11	19(f)	9(z)						40(aa)	79	79
													332
													4,145
													7,944
													815
													8,596
													81
													3,626
													155
												3,300	3,300
						3,300						1,000	1,000
						1,000							4,000
												1,729	1,729
						1,729							3,782
												1,427	1,427
						1,427					360(bb)	360	360
-	-	-	11	19	9	7,456	-	-	-	-	400	7,895	48,788
													7,933
												6,154	6,154
						6,154							4,161
													8,755
													8,429
													1,000
													4,000
													3,513
													3,500
												1,080	1,080
						1,080							
-	-	-	-	-	-	7,234	-	-	-	-	-	7,234	48,525
													8,515
												3,100	3,100
						3,100							11,615
-	-	-	-	-	-	3,100	-	-	-	-	-	3,100	
15	161	50	58	83	204	25,890	6	2,307	28	1,029	630	31,051	168,245

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SHEET TWO.

M E M O R A N D U M .

Vessel	List	Port & Date of departure	Intermed. ports	Destination	Remarks
A)-CORSICAN TRAFFIC.					
N.D.d'AFRIQUE	D			Tramping on Corsican Cst.	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	D	AJACCION 7/3	ALGIERS	AJACCION	
PROCIDA	D	ALGIERS 10/3	AJACCION	S.FRANCE	
B)- Vessel at disposal of Fr.H.H.C.					
CHATEAU LATOUR	D	Vessel passed by Fr.G.H.Q. to U.S.ARMY and by them to T.S.T.O. Conditions unknown.			
C)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.					
DJEBEL AURES	D				
MAROC	L	Redelivered ?:			
KRISTEL	L	-do- ?:			
D)-Coasting on S.France.					
VILLE DE BASTIA	D				
VAL DE LA HAYE	D				
FORFAIT	D				
E)-Colonial Traffic.					
NEGNIA	D	in ALGIERS		Stopped for repairs	
SAGITTAIRE	D	ORAN 3/3		FR.W.INDIES	

NOT AVAILABLE.

C/F FALCON - AUGUSTE LE BORGNE - VILLE DE TENES - GOUVERNEUR GENERAL CHANZY - MARSEILLAISE - KOUTOUBIA - HALRUMETTE - JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE - PARAME - JEANNE SCHLAFFINO.

TABLE No.4.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANDRE MOYRAND	D	DAKAR 6/3		KAOLACK
ARCTURUS	D	DAKAR 15/3		PORT BOUET
CAP LOPEZ	D	KAOLACK 6/3		DAKAR: Then repairs
GAD.GUIST'HAU	D	DAKAR 7/3		KONAKRY
OUED FES	D	DAKAR 12/3		ZIGUINCHOR
AGEN	D	LAGOS 6/3		PORT BOUET
HOUGAR	D	LIBREVILLE 5/3:		DOUALA
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	D	DURUTU 9/3		DOUALA
CAP EL HANK	D	LOME 4/3	COTONOU	LAGOS
CHAS.SCHLAFFINO	D	SASSANDRA 8/3		PORT BOUET
DUNKERQUE	D	DAKAR 15/3		FR.W.A.Coast
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	D	PORT BOUET 8/3:		LOME
ESPIGUETTE	D	DAKAR 24/3		FR.W.A.COAST
FAUVON	D	DAKAR 6/3		PORT BOUET

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PROCIDA	: D	:ALGIERS 10/3		

B)- Vessel at disposal of Fr.H.H.Q.

CHATEAU LATOUR	: D	: Vessel passed by Fr.G.H.Q.to U.S.ARMY and by them to F.S.T.O. Conditions unknown.		

C)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.

DJEBEL AURES	: D	:		
MAROC	: D	: Redelivered ?		
KRISTEL	: D	: -do- ?		

D)-Coasting on S.France.

VILLE DE BASTIA	: D	:		
VAL DE LA HAYE	: D	:		
FORTAIT	: D	:		

E)-Colonial Traffic.

MEDEA	: D	:in ALGIERS	Stopped for repairs	
SAGITTAIRE	: D	:ORAN 3/3	:FR.W.INDIES	

NOT AVAILABLE.

CAP FALCON - AUGUSTIN LE LORGNE - VILLE DE TENES - GOUVERNEUR GENERAL CHANZY - MARSEILLAISE - KOUTOUBIA - HADRUMETTE - JOSEPHINE LE LORGNE - PARAME - JEANNE SCHLAFFINO.

TABLE No.4.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANDRE MOYRAND	: D	:DAKAR 6/3		:KAOLACK :
ARCTURUS	: D	:DAKAR 15/3		:PORT BOUET :
CAP LOPEZ	: D	:KAOLACK 6/3		:DAKAR :Then repairs
GAB.GUIST'HAU	: D	:DAKAR 7/3		:KONAKRY :
OUED FES	: D	:DAKAR 12/3		:ZIGUINCHOR :
AGEN	: D	:LAGOS 6/3		:PORT BOUET :
HOGGAR	: D	:LIBREVILLE 5/3		:DOUALA :
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	: D	:DURUTU 9/3		:DOUALA :
CAP EL HANK	: D	:LOME 4/3	COTONOU	:LAGOS :
CHAS.SCHLAFFINO	: D	:SASSANDRA 8/3		:PORT BOUET :
DUNKERQUE	: D	:DAKAR 15/3		:FR.W.A.Coast :
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	: D	:PORT BOUET 8/3		:LOME :
ESPIGUETTE	: D	:DAKAR 24/3		:FR.W.A.COAST :
FAUZON	: D	:DAKAR 6/3		:PORT BOUET :
MONTAIGNE	: D	:DAKAR 19/3		:FR.W.A.COAST :
PROVIDENCE	: D	:DAKAR 10/3		: -do- :
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	: D	:DAKAR 19/3		: -do- :

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ATTACHED TO FRENCH SHIPPING REPORT No. 9.

FRENCH PROGRAMME No.10. (Meeting of the 6th.March 1945.)

TABLE No.1.

Vessels on passage.

(Week ending the 11th.March '45)

Vessel	List	Port & Date of departure	Intermed.ports	Destination.	Remarks.
		FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FR. NORTH AFRICA.			
CAP.ST.MARTIN	B	DAKAR 6/3		CASA	W.A.Goods.
ARGONNE	B	ORAN 10/3	CASA	DAKAR	Wine-Alcohol.
CEVENNES	B	CASA 4/3		DAKAR	Wine. FNA.gds.
DUNKERQUE	B	CASA 4/3	DAKAR	W.A.Coast	FNA.Goods.
MARRAKECH	M	CASA 1/3		DAKAR	Gen.-Psagrs.
PROVIDENCE	B?	CASA 1/3		DAKAR	-do-
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	B	CASA 4/3		DAKAR	Metr.Fr.Gds.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	CASA 9/3	BONE/PH-VILLE	BOUGIE	Sugar
CHELMA	B	TUNIS 6/3	SFAX	CARONTE	Gen.-Oil.
J.SCHLAFFINO	B	PH/VILLE 10/3		ALGIERS	Pyrites.
LE ZERAMNA	B	DJEDJELLI 8/3	COLLO	ALGIERS	Wood fuel.
ACYDON	B	NEMOURS 6/3	ALGIERS/ORAN	NEMOURS	Coal-Cement
LES ISSERS	B	BONE 6/3	DJIDJELLI/ORAN	NEMOURS	Wood.
M.L.LE NORGNE	B	BIZERTA 9/3	BONE	ORAN	Phosph.-Barrel laths.
RICHEMOURG	B	TUNIS 5/3	BONE	SETE	Seed Grain-Skins.
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	ARZEW 8/3	MOSTAGANEM	ALGIERS	Salt.
TOURS	B	BONE 8/3	LA GOULETTE/AL	ORAN	Salt-Lead.
FLORIDA	B?	BOUGIE 10/3		ALGIERS	General.
PARAME	B	NEMOURS 8/3	ALGIERS	ORAN	Coal.
CAID FASSI	(Moroccan	CASA abt.12/3	ALGIERS/MOSTAG:	CASA	Milit.Mat.
MAGHREB	(-do-	CASA abt 12/3	ARZEW/ORAN ORAN	CASA	-do-

TABLE No.2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION (Week ending 18 March 1945.)

FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

ESPIGUETTE	B	ALGIERS 12/3	DAKAR	W.A.COAST	F.N.Gds.

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Vessel	List	Port & Date of Departure	Intermed. ports	Destination	Remarks.
		FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FR. NORTH AFRICA.			
CAP.ST.MARTIN	B	DAKAR 6/3		CASA	W.A.Goods.
ARGONNE	B	ORAN 10/3	CASA	DAKAR	Wine-Alcohol.
CEVENNES	B	CASA 4/3		DAKAR	Wine. FNA.gds.
DUNKERQUE	B	CASA 4/3	DAKAR	W.A.Coast	FNA.Goods.
MARRAKECH	B	CASA 1/3		DAKAR	Gen.-Psngrs.
PROVIDENCE	B?	CASA 1/3		DAKAR	-do-
SCHLAFLINO FRERES	B	CASA 4/3		DAKAR	Metr.Fr.Gds.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	CASA 9/3	BONE/PH-VILLE	BOUGIE	Sugar
CHELMA.	B	TUNIS 6/3	SFAX	CARONTE	Gen.-Oil.
J.SCHIAFFINO	B	PH/VILLE 10/3		ALGIERS	Pyrites.
LE ZERMINA	B	DJIDJELLI 8/3	COLLO	ALGIERS	Wood fuel.
ACYDON	B	NEMOURS 6/3	ALGIERS/ORAN	NEMOURS	Coal-Cement
LES ISSERS	B	BONE 8/3	DJIDJELLI/ORAN	NEMOURS	Wood.
M.L.LE TORGNE	B	BIZERTA 9/3	BONE	ORAN	Phosph.-Barrel laths.
RICHELIEURG	B	TUNIS 5/3	BONE	SETE	Seed Grain-Skins.
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	ARZEW 8/3	MOSTAGANEM	ALGIERS	Salt.
TOURS	B	BONE 8/3	LA GOULETTE/AL	ORAN	Salt-Lead.
FLORIDA	B?	BOUGIE 10/3		ALGIERS	General.
DURANCE	B	NEMOURS 8/3	ALGIERS	ORAN	Coal.
CAID FASSI	(Moroccan	CASA abt.12/3	ALGIERS/MOSTAG/ARZEW/ORAN	CASA	Milit.Mat.
MAGHREB	(-do-	CASA abt 12/3	ORAN	CASA	-do-

TABLE No.2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION (week ending 18 March 1945.)

		FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
ESPIGUETTE	B	ALGIERS 12/3	DAKAR	W.A.COAST	F.N.Gds.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	BOUGIE 18/3		ALGIERS	Wine-Alcohol.
M.L.LE TORGNE	B	BONE 13/3		ORAN	Phosphates
LE ZERMINA	B	ALGIERS 18/3	BOUGIE	ORAN	Wheat-Pyrites
TOURS	B	LA GOULETTE 14/3	ALGIERS	ORAN	Salt-Lead.

TABLE No.3.

ROTATION PROGRAMME FOR AFTER 18 MARCH 1945.

FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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D.M.W.T.E. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS.
9th.March 1945.

No.49.

To: THE CHAIRMAN, MED.C.

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

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
8th.March 1945.

1- TRANSFERS FOR COASTERS: COPY attached. Read and approved . NOTE. The third of the Moroccan vessels namely the "CAID FASSI" is now programmed for a voyage outside home waters, and it is assumed that as there have been no counter orders from the competent authority, no objection has been raised.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE.- Lists of bids for drydock and repairs were sent to Naples on receipt from the French and the drydock bids were signalled on the 8th.March in reply to a request from Medbo.

When the question was raised as to the delay in obtaining the list from the D.M.M. M.VILLAREM stated that the D.M.M. list had to be submitted to the Marine Nationale at a meeting now held every Tuesday afternoon, and that this body then combined the D.M.M. programme with it's own and signalled the complete list to the French Naval Representative in Naples.

MWT. representative asked that nevertheless the lists be submitted as in the past and added that in the event of any alteration the bids sems could be signalled to Naples after the Tuesday meeting.

It was agreed to revert to this procedure.

3-s.s."CHATEAU LAFFOUR": M.VILLAREM, for the D.M.M. once again raised the matter of the return of this vessel to the French, and it was mentioned that it was understood (no official confirmation had been received) that this vessel , chartered by the French Military had been placed at the disposal of the U.S.Army who in their turn had passed her to the S.T.C.(Br.).

4-s.s."DJEBEL AURES": In this case also the D.M.M. were very insistent in their request that this vessel should be returned to them. They pointed out that due to the poor condition of the "SIDI BRAHIM" and the "G.G. LEVINE" their rotation was rather poor, and that the transport of personnel between FRA and Metropolitan France was being slowed down seriously.

The "DJEBEL AURES" capable of transporting from 5/600 persons and an appreciable tonnage of cargo would be of considerable use in reducing the backlog that exists.

(sgd. P.F. LE BARS.
French Liaison.
D.M.W.T.E.. NORTH AFRICA.

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S E C R E T.

MEDBO SHIPPING DIVISION ROOM.

DATE:- 11TH MARC

ITALY, SOUTH FRANCE, PORT STATE.

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships.	LEGHORN	NAPLES	TARANTO	BRINDISI	BARI	BARLETTA	ANCONA	S. FRANCE	TOTAL
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2
B. No. of vessels discharging.	9	18	3	3	9		6	24	73
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	4
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	3	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	6
E. No. of vessels loading.	2	7+	4	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	14
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	2	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3
TOTAL	11	33	11	4	10	1	6	26	102

+Includes 5 ships for Marseilles.

NASAB 708 despatched accordingly.

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DATE:- 11TH MARCH, 1945.

MEDBO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

ITALY, SOUTH FRANCE, POINT STATE.

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+Includes 5 ships for Marseilles.

NASAB 708 despatched accordingly.

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S E C R E T.

MEDBO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

DATE:- 11

NORTH AFRICA, MALTA, SICILY, GREECE PORT STATE.

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	PALERMO	CATANIA	AUGUSTA	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	VO
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NI
B. No. of vessels discharging.	1	1	5	1	NIL	2	1	NIL	2	1	
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	1	27	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NI
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NI
E. No. of vessels loading.	5	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NI
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	2	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NI
TOTAL	9	29	6	2	NIL	3	1	1	2	1	

NASB 708 despatched accordingly.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

DATE:- 11TH MARCH, 1945.

NORTH AFRICA, MALTA, SICILY, GREECE PORT STATE.

Ships	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	PALERMO	CATANIA	AUGUSTA	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	VOLOS	IRAKLION	TOTAL
iting to	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
scharging.	1	1	5	1	NIL	2	1	NIL	2	1	2	1	17
pty await-ders.	1	27	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	30
iting to	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
ading.	5	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	7
aded rders.	2	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	3
	9	29	6	2	NIL	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	57

NMSB 708 despatched accordingly.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Petroleum Section

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE AT 1200 HOURS 17 MARCH 1945

	CLEAN			DIRTY		
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Ves
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	23	2,468,000	2	131,000	25
2. In Ballast	7	688,000	4	253,000	11
3. In Drydock or Repair	--	---	--	---	--
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C, D, & E)					
1. Working	20	442,000	2	96,000	22
2. In drydock or Repair	16	186,000	2	97,000	12
C. [illegible] CARRIERS	26	266,000	--	--	26
D. HARBOUR [illegible]	3 (a)	72,000	12 (b)	288,000	15
E. OIL CONTAINER SERVICE	8	60,000	5	248,000	13

(a) = 1 Vessel ([illegible] 60,000 bbls used as floating storage

(b) = 2 Vessels (DON [illegible] 4,000 bbls; OUED [illegible] 33,000 bbls) also used as floating st

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Petroleum Section

...E POSITION IN CASTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 HOURS 17 MARCH 1945

	CLEAN No. of Vessels	CLEAN Cargo Capacity	DIRTY No. of Vessels	DIRTY Cargo Capacity	TOTAL No. of Vessels	TOTAL Cargo Capacity
	23	2,468,000	2	181,000	25	2,649,000
	7	688,000	4	253,000	11	941,000
Repair	--	---	--	---	--	---
...e or ...s but ...B)						
	20	442,000	2	96,000	22	538,000
Repair	16	186,000	2	97,000	12	283,000
	26	266,000	--	--	26	266,000
	3 (a)	72,000	12 (b)	288,000	15	360,000
...RVICE:	8	60,000	5	248,000	13	308,000

(a) = 1 Vessel (... 60,000 bbls, used as floating storage

(b) = 2 Vessels (... 4,00 bbls; ... 33,000 bbls) also used as floating storage

(b) noted Mr. Williams' confirmation that the forms presently submitted by MWTR, PSTO, WSA and R.ASC Water tpt Office, were no longer necessary.

(c) noted that the arrangements outlined above would give Mr. Williams all the information required to enable COGENA to collect freight on civil cargoes.

4. The Committee noted and unanimously approved attached draft memorandum to Chairman, MEDBO.

V. KING, Maj.,
Chairman.

Distribution:
Members of Committee.
Secretary, MEDBO.

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MEDBO TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF

16th MEETING HELD ON 14th MARCH 1945.

CHAIRMAN :	MAJ	V. KING	
PRESENT :	LT Comd	G.B. STURT, RNVR	rep PSTO
	Maj	A.G. TOFIELD	G-4(Mov & Tn)
	Maj	J.K. LUSTY	RASC WATER TPT OFFICE
	MR	J. LYNCH	WSA
	MR.	W. WILLIAMS	MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL
	MR.	A.J. HANVEY	MWT
	MISS	A. SIMON	Secretary

1. Previous period.

Points outstanding in the last meeting's minutes were reported to be in hand.

2. Shipping for period 6 - 13 Apr.

The Committee noted that;

(a) bid of 300 tons sups and EFI would be lifted by R.ASC schooners;

(b) shipping was expected to be available to cover all bids;

(c) no surplus of shipping was expected, but in the case of Sea Transport tonnage no definite indication on this point could be given pending clarification of the transhipment programme for GREECE and the GREEK Islands.

3. Freight collection.

Mr. Williams said that the freight collection lists (together with the Army signals he was already receiving) would satisfy his requirements for information for freight collection, except in the case of R.ASC schooners, where further details were necessary. Maj Lusty said that as regards RASC schooners, a procedure had been drafted by DST after discussion with Mr. Williams, which would enable COMNA to obtain all the requisite details: the draft was awaiting approval by Chairman MEDBO.

Mr. Williams then examined a copy of the Monthly Statement of liftings of A.O. cargoes prepared by G-4(Mov & Tn) and confirmed that this one document would (together with the Army signals) meet all requirements.

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Maj	R.G. TOFIELD	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Maj	J.K. LUSTY	RASC WATER TPT OFFICE
MR	J. LYNCH	WSA
MR.	W. WILLIAMS	MEDBO SCHOONER CONTROL
MR.	A.J. HARVEY	MWT
MISS	L. SIMON	Secretary

1. Previous period.

Points outstanding in the last meeting's minutes were reported to be in hand.

2. Shipping for period 6 - 15 Apr.

The Committee noted that;

(a) bid of 300 tons ups and EFI would be lifted by RASC schooners;

(b) shipping was expected to be available to cover all bids;

(c) no surplus of shipping was expected, but in the case of 30a Transport tonnage no definite indication on this point could be given pending clarification of the transhipment programme for GREECE and the GREEK Islands.

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Mr. Williams then examined a copy of the Monthly Statement of liftings of N.D. cargoes prepared by G-4(Mov & Tn) and confirmed that this one document would (together with the Army signals) meet all requirements.

The Committee;

(a) invited G-4(Mov & Tn) to supply MEDBO Schooner Control with copies of their Monthly Statement of liftings. 4 copies would be sent to MWTR for this purpose.

Cont'd.....sub-para (b)

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(a) Textile machinery parts 1 cwt.
(b) Paint 97
" anti-fouling 33
(c) Cigarette paper 13
" coverstock 12
(d) Ribbons typewriter 410 lbs
Suits anti-louse 1
(e) Anti-hog-cholera serum
(f) Cigarette coverstock
(g) Anti-fouling
(h) Belting 14 cwt
IT stores 1 cwt
(i) 2 cwt
(j) 1 ton 6 cwt
(k) Cigarette paper 2
" coverstock 3
(l) Pick hammers jack 5
Dry type rock drill 2
Machine drill in parts 2
(m) Demolition material
(n) 11 cwt
(o) Paper green match 5
" printing 22
" wrapping 2
(p) 240 cased vehicles
(q) RE wire
(r) 1 ton 10 cwt
(s) 10 cwt
(t) Cigarettes for displaced persons
(u) Dynamite
(v) Cigarette paper 5
" coverstock 13
(w) Paper printing 111
" coated 32
" mf chem wood 23
(x) Saws 5
Auto parts 8
Insulators 60 lbs
(y) Sewing machine needles and parts
(z) Paper yellow
(aa) Wire steel baling
(bb) Blankets
(cc) Fish-hooks 4 cwt
(dd) Bearings ½ cwt.

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ck drill 2)
ill in parts 2)
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(p) 240 cased vehicles
(q) RE wire
(r) 1 ton 10 cwt
(s) 10 cwt
(t) Cigarettes for displaced persons Sub-Commission 6 cwt.
(u) Dynamite
(v) Cigarette paper 5)
" coverstock 13)
(w) Paper printing 111)
" coated 32)
" mf chem wood 23)
(x) Saws 5)
Auto parts 8)
Insulators 60 lbs)
(y) Sewing machine needles and parts 127 lbs
(z) Paper yellow
(aa) Wire steel baling
(bb) Blankets
(cc) Fish-hooks 4 cwt
(dd) Bearings $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

FRENCH PROGRAMME No.10. SHEET [illegible] BE.

TABLE No.5.

RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

VESSEL	:Li:Port & Date of departure	:Intermed.ports.	:Destination	Remarks
	a) MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.			
V.DE DJIDJELLI	:D :SETE abt 8/3	:ALGIERS	:SETE	:
G.G.LEPINE	:D :SETE 7/3	:ALGIERS	:SETE	:
SIDI IBRAHIM	:D :SETE 11/3	:ALGIERS	:SETE	:
FINISTERE	:D :STAX 14/3	:	:CARONTE	:
P.SCHIAFFINO	:D :CARONTE abt 12/3	:ALGIERS	:SETE	:
GALLIUM	:D :SETE abt 10/3	:BOUGIE/ALGIERS	:Pt.ST.LOUIS DU RHONE	
CHELMA	:D :STAX abt 19/3	:	:CARONTE	:
V.DE BOUGIE	:D :ALGIERS 11/3	:SETE	:ALGIERS	:
CAUDELEC	:D :SETE abt 10/3	:ORAN	:SETE	:
CARTHAGE	:D :SETE abt 10/3	:BOUGIE	:SETE	:
RICHELIEURG	:D :BONE 8/3	:SETE	:ORAN	:
FLORIDA	:D?:BOUGIE abt10/3	:ALGIERS	:MARSEILLES	:
V.d'AJACCIO	:D :ALGIERS 11/3	:AJACCIO	:MARSEILLES	:
M.L.LE BORGNE	:D :ORAN abt 15/3	:SETE	:ALGIERS	:
LE TRAIT	:D :MARSEILLES abt -/3:		:ALGERIAN PORTS:	
PROCIDA	:D :ALGIERS abt 11/3	:AJACCIO/BASTIA	:TOULON/MARS.	:
CAID KEDIR (Moroccan:	:CASA abt 15/3	:MARSEILLES	:ORAN/CASA	:Independent.
	b)- OTHER TRAFFIC.			
MADAGASCAR	:D :MARSEILLES	:CASA	:FR.W.A.COAST:	

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POSITION LIST OF ITALIAN ETC. VESSELS. To 1st MARCH, 1947.

VESSEL	FLAG.	TYPE. SIZE. G.R.T.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A.	OPERATED
HOSPITAL SHIPS.						MEDBO
PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA	Br.	s.s. 8955	13	Oil fuel	PSTO	8.2.44
TOSCANA	Br.	s.s. 9442	12	8.10.43-13.12.43 MEDBO	PSTO	8.2.44
GERUSALEMME		8051				
SORRENTO	It.	m.v. 243		Rescue craft		
TEVERE	It.	s.s. 8289				
SATURNIA	It.	m.v.24430	17		US.	USA.
PASSENGER TYPE.						
ADRIATICA	It.	m.v. 391		Ferry	Army	
ABAZZIA	It.	s.s. 3706	9	250 passengers 1000 T. cargo		COGENA
ARGENTINA	It.	s.s. 5014	9	524 pass.	PSTO	3.11.43
BAKAR	YS.	s.s. 344	8	220 pass. 100 cargo	YS.	
BARLETTA	It.	m.v. 1975	14	About 500 pass.		26.10.43
CAMPIDOGLIO	It.	s.s. 3702	7	62 pass.	PSTO	17.3.44
CAPO SANDALO	It.	s.s. 137		Ferry	RIN	
CARLOFONTE	It.			Ferry	RIN	
CHERSO	It.	s.s. 2200	8	Naval Aux.	RIN	26.10.43
CITTA'DI ALESSANDRIA	It.	m.v. 2498	8	120 pass.	PSTO	26.10.43
CITTA'DI CARI	It.	m.v. 3339		Taken by 15th	Army	
EOLO	It.	s.s. 704		2 dks.ferrying tro (30.9.43	Br.	PSTO
GALLURA	It.	s.s. 261			RIN	
GENNARGENTU	It.	s.s. 491			RIN	
KUMANOVO	YS.	s.s. 1480		Chif Flag 17.10.43	YS.	
LAMPEDUSA	It.	m.v. 405		Tender		
LETIZIA	It.	s.s. 391		Pilot Boat	RIN	
LOURLJANA	YS.	s.s. 986		Chgd. flag 15.11.43	YS.	
MESSINA	It.	m.v. 1343	8	Ferry A/c Rlygs. 26.10.43.		
PARTENOPE	It.	s.s. 1650		Tender		
PIEMONTE	It.	s.s. 5209	14	ex. "Minnedoca"		
POLA	It.	s.s. 254		Ferrying troops	Br.	PSTO 2.9.43
RAMPINO	It.	301		Cable ship		R.N.

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POSITION LIST OF ITALIAN ETC. VESSELS. TO 1ST MARCH, 1945. SECRET

FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE. G.R.T.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A.	OPERATED MEDBO	EMPLOYMENT.
Br.	s.s.	8955	13	Oil fuel	PSTO	8.2.44	Haifa repairing.
Br.	s.s.	9442 8051	12	8.10.43-13.12.43 MEDBO	PSTO	8.2.44	TARANTO REPAIRING. Left L.Marques 8.4.44.
It.	m.v.	243		Rescue craft			Sardinia.
It.	s.s.	8289					Sunk Tripoli.
It.	m.v.	24430	17		US.	USA.	Left Taranto outside Medi (14.10.4
It.	m.v.	391		Ferry	Army		In use by Army.
It.	s.s.	3706	9	250 passengers 1000 T. cargo		COGENA	Regular service Naples- C Italiar
It.	s.s.	5014	9	524 pass.	PSTO	3.11.43	Shttle service Adriatic.
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 2.12.4
It.	s.s.	3702	7	62 pass.	PSTO	17.3.44	Ner Taran
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.
It.	m.v.	2498	8	120 pass.	PSTO	26.10.43	Service West Italy.Corsica (France.
It.	m.v.	3339		Taken by 15th	Army		Sunk Tripoli.
It.	s.s.	704		2 dks.ferrying tro (30.9.43	Br.	PSTO	In Midle East.
It.	s.s.	261			RIN		Shuttle service Sardinia - (Palermo.
It.	s.s.	491			RIN		Palermo-Cagliari service.
YS.	s.s.	1480		Chif Flag 17.10.43	YS.		Deld to Royalist Malta (21.1.42.
It.	m.v.	405		Tender			Repairing Palermo.
It.	s.s.	391		Pilot Boat	RIN		At Bari.
YS.	s.s.	986		Chgd. flag 15.11.43	YS.		Used by Partisans since (23.10.43.
It.	m.v.	1343	8	Ferry A/c Rlygs. 26.10.43.			Reggio-Messina service.
It.	s.s.	1650		Tender			Stationed Leghorn.
It.	s.s.	5209	14	ex. "Minnedoca"			Sunk Messina.
It.	s.s.	254		Ferrying troops	Br.	PSTO 2.9.43	In Me East.
It.		301		Cable ship	T.N.		In use by T.N.

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CONTINUED VESSEL.	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.
	YS.	s.s.	982	11	Storeship	Br.MwT.	
SBRIN	Fr.	m.v.	2000		Naval Aux.	Fr.French	
VILLE D'AJACCIO							
TANKERS.							
ANCONA	It.	s.s.	8640				
ETERNO	It.	s.s.	140	6			26.10.43
ANNATELLA	It.	m.v.	10182	8	Twin screw		19.10.43
CASSALA	It.	s.s.	2700	11	Oil fuel		
CESCO	It.	s.s.	10000	11	" "		
DORA C.	It.	s.s.	8000	10	Oil fuel		
FRIGIDO	It.		200			MwT.	
FULGOR	It.	m.v.	9000				
IDRIA	It.	m.v.	200				
ISTRIA	It.	s.s.	2000	10			
KORCULA	YS.	s.s.	250		Chgd. flag 15.11.43	At Brindisi.	
LAVORO	It.	m.s.	13000			MwT.	
LETE	It.	s.s.	750.	8½			
METAURO	It.		300				
NARENTA	It.	m.v.	625				
NETTUNO	It.	s.s.	6700	9½	Oil fuel - twin screw		11.11.43
OLTERRA	It.	s.s.	8000	9½	Oil fuel - twin screw		
PO	It.		3300	11			26.10.43
POZ. RICA	It.	m.v.	11190	9			
PRO PATRIA	It.		1700				
PROTEO	It.	s.s.	850	9	Oil fuel		
RONDINE	It.	m.v.	8600	8	Twin screw Left Taranto into w 25.7 Load		
ROSA M.	It.	m.v.	250	8	On T/C	Tome charter T/Ch.	30.11.43
ST. BERNARDETTE	Fr.	s.s.	2500				
SESIA	It.	m.v.	750	8			

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMENT.
YS.	s.s.	982	11	Storeship	Br.MwT.		Naples to Algiers.
Fr.	m.v.	2000		Naval Aux.	Fr.French		On Corsica traffic.
It.	s.s.	8640					Allocated Freetown.
It.	s.s.	140	6				Waterboat - Heel ports.
It.	m.v.	10182	8	Twin screw		26.10.43	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. Arr. Na-
							(ples 29.6. towed here for
							(special service.
It.	s.s.	8000	10	Oil fuel			At Taranto LASF.
It.		200					Waterboat - Heel ports.
It.		9000			MwT.		At Gibraltar repairing.
It.	m.v.	200					At Naples waterboat.
It.	m.v.	2000	10				At Heel - waterboat.
It.	s.s.	2000	10				At Brindisi.
YS.	s.s.	250		Chgd. flag 15.11.43	MwT.		Left Gibraltar for USA.
It.	m.s.	13000					At Taranto harbour fueller.
It.	s.s.	750	8½				At Heel - waterboat.
It.		300					Sunk Trapani.
It.	m.v.	625					Left Naples for Toulon.
It.	s.s.	6700	9½	Oil fuel - twin screw		11.11.43	At Gibraltar LASF.
It.	s.s.	8000	9½	Oil fuel - twin screw			At Augusta waterboat.
It.		3300	11				At Naples for Leghorn.
It.	m.v.	11190	9			26.10.43	At Tripoli waterboat.
It.		1700					At Civitavecchia.
It.	s.s.	850	9	Oil fuel			At Maddalena.Oil fueller.
It.	m.v.	8600	8	Twin screw Left Taranto into		25.7 Loaded.	At Bari - harbour fueller.
It.	m.v.	250	8	On T/C	Tome charter	30.11.43	Towed to Taranto.
					T/Ch.		
Fr.	s.s.	2500					At Naples waterboat.
It.	m.v.	750	8				

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VESSEL	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	
SITNITZA	YS.	s.s.	200					At
STURIA	It.	m.v.	900					"
TAIGETE	It.	s.s.	6600					Arr
BASENTO	It.	s.s.	100					At
TARVISIO	It.	s.s.	8200	8	Oil fuel		4.12.43	At
TIRSO	It.		850	8				At
UGO FIORELLI	It.	m.v.	2000	10			26.10.43.	At
ULJENSARA	Ys.		600					Bar
URANO	It.	m.v.	8200	9	T-in screw			At
USTICA	It.		500			USN.	1.8.43	At
VITTORINO ZANIBONI	It.	m.v.	2116	11			11.11.43	Shu
MYNCIO	It.	m.v.	375	9			11.11.43	At
CARGO VESSELS.								
AGOSTINO BETTANI	It.	m.v.	11100		Used by RN. as hulk			At
ACYLIA	It.	s.s.	354	8	Refrig. 80 tons.	YS.PSTO	2.10.43	Shu
ADRISOLA	It.	s.s.	8000	7		PSTO		Arr
								(re
								(5
								(de
ANDALUSIA	It.	s.s.	7200					At
ANDREA CONTARINI	It.	s.s.	1800	8		PSTO	8.8.44	Lef
ANDREA GRITTI	It.	m.v.	10923	13		MWT	26.10.43	Lef
ANNA CAPANO	It.	s.s.	1800	6		Br.RN.	17.10.43	Rep
APOLLO	It.	s.s.	5200					Rai
								(ra
APUANIA	It.	s.s.	275	8	Refrig. 80 Tons.	US.PSTO.	2.10.43	Zor
ARSIA	It.	m.v.	1200					Cat
ASSUNZIONE	It.	s.s.	7000					At
BARI	It.	s.s.	8000		ex. French "Equatum" ex. GK "Tasis"			Sun
BIRMANIA	It.	m.v.	9000					At

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMENT.
YS.	s.s.	200					At Heel waterboat.
It.	m.v.	900					" " "
It.	s.s.	6600					Arrd. Taranto 8.2.
It.	s.s.	100					At Heel - waterboat.
It.	s.s.	8200	8	Oil fuel		4.12.43	At Leghorn.
It.		850	8				At Naples waterboat.
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			USN.	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.	11100		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 months now used coal (deposit. At Augusta.
It.	s.s.	7200			PSTO	8.6.44	At Taranto awaiting repairs.
It.	s.s.	1800	8		MWT	26.10.43	Left Naples to Portsaid.
It.	m.v.	10923	13		Br.RN.	17.10.43	Left N.York 27 February.
It.	s.s.	1800	6				Repalacing "Blairesk".
It.	s.s.	5200					Raised Manfredonia now Ta- (ranto LASF.
It.	s.s.	275	8	Refrig. 80 Tons.	US.PSTO.	2.10.43	Corsica - France.
It.	m.v.	1200					Catania - Civitavecchia.
It.	s.s.	7000					At Taranto LASF.
It.	s.s.	8000		ex. French "Equatum"	ex. GK "Tasis"		Sunk Naples.
It.	m.v.	9000					At Tripoli - half ship.

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VESSEL.	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.
GALLIOPE	GK.	s.s.	180	6	Chgd. Gr. Flag Brindisi		18.3.44
CAPO FIGALO	Fr.	s.s.	4200				
CAPO MELE	It.	s.s.	5700		Commenced loading Cagliari 8.10.44 (completed discharge T.Annunziata.4.12.4		
CATANIA	It.	s.s.	9000		ex. Fr. "St.Main" ex. GK. "Chandria"		
CHERCA	It.	s.s.					
CHIETI	It.	s.s.	8460		ex. Fr. "Arizone"		
COMMERCIO	It.	s.s.	1200				
COSTANTE C.	It.	s.s.	1000				Br. PSTO 4.10.43
COSTANZA F.	It.	m.v.	310		28.1.44.		Br. RFA.
COR JESU	It.	s.s.	6500				
DUBAC	YS.	s.s.	1880		Chgs Flag Taranto 8.11.43		
EDERA	It.	s.s.	8000	8	2 Dks. Left Gibraltar 5.4 PSTO		
EGLE	It.	s.s.	1800				
ENRICO	It.	s.s.	2870	6	2 Dks.		PSTO 21.10.43
ESTELLA	It.	s.s.	4000				
ESPIGUETTE	Fr.	s.s.	1685		ex. "Seaze"		Fr. French.
ESTEREL	Fr.	m.v.	2500				
EZILDA CROCE	It.	s.s.	1840	8½	2 Dks.		PSTO 23.10.43
FANNY BRUNNER	It.	s.s.	3480	7	2 Dks.		PSTO 21.10.43
FIRENZE	It.	s.s.	3450	8	ex. GK. 'Elice'		
PORT DE FRANCE	Fr.	m.v.	7000		ex. It. 'Belluno'		
GAETA	It.	s.s.	8300				10.11.44
GALEB	YS.	s.s.	623		ex. 'Airone'		YS.
GALILEA	Ger.	s.s.	7000				
GENEPESCA I	It.	m.v.	1500	10	refrig. 360 tons.		US. PSTO 14.10.
GENEPESCA II	It.	m.v.	1500				
GIAMPAOLO	It.	s.s.	500	5½			Br. RFA. 23.10.43
GIACOMO G.	It.	s.s.	7800				
GIOVANNI BATTISTA	It.		9000		ex. 'Br.'		
GIULIA	It.	m.v.	9000		Refrig.		

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL F. TURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDIC.	EMPLOYMENT.
GK.	s.s.	180	6	Chgd. Gr. Flag Brindisi		18.3.44	Raised at Cagliari.
Fr.	s.s.	4200					Now at Naples; repairing
It.	s.s.	5700		Commenced loading Cagliari 8.10.44 (completed discharge T.Annunziata.4.12.44			(ready 1/5 April.
It.	s.s.	9000		ex. Fr. "St.Main" ex. GK. "Chandria"			Sunk Naples.
It.	s.s.						Arrd. Taranto 31.8 for repa
It.	s.s.	8460		ex. Fr. "Arizone"			Sunk Palermo.
It.	s.s.	1200					Sunk Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	1000				Br. PSTO 4.10.43	C'Vecchia to Catania- C'Vecchi
It.	m.v.	310		28.1.44.		Br. RFA.	Storeship-Malta-Heel.
It.	s.s.	6500					Sunk Sardinia.
YS.	s.s.	4880		Chgs Flag Taranto 8.11.43			At Taranto damaged.
It.	s.s.	8000	8	2 Dks. Left Gibraltar 5.4 PSTO			At Catania discharging.
It.	s.s.	1800					Sunk Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	2870	6	2 Dks.		PSTO 21.10.43	At Naples Storeship.
It.	s.s.	4800					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	Shuttling Adriatic.
It.	s.s.	3480	7	2 Dks.		PSTO 21.10.43	Shuttling Adriatic.
It.	s.s.	3450	8	ex. GK. 'Elice'			Changed Flag Malta 8.4.44.
Fr.	m.v.	7000		ex. It. 'Belluno'			Bizerte repairing.
It.	s.s.	3300				10.11.44.	At Marseille dischargi
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.	At Naples.
It.	m.v.	1500					Sunk Bari LASF.
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/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMP
GOGGIAM	It.	s.s.	2945				8.2.43	At P
HERMADA	It.	s.s.	7300					Reis
IMPERATORE	It.	m.v.	2500		Oil fuel	US. PSTO	23.4.44	At C
ISONZO	It.	s.s.	8500				10.11.44	At M
ITU	It.	s.s.	2350	8			2.11.43	At N
CAPUA	It.	s.s.	1000		ex. Fr. 'Osuro'			Sunk
LANGANO	It.	s.s.	1860	8		PSTO		Shut (ca
LUANA	It.	s.s.	1800					At T
LUIGI RAZZA	It.	s.s.	7000					Sunk
LUCRINO	It.	s.s.	8900	7		PSTO	4.10.43	Mine
LUCIA C.	It.	s.s.	8500	8	Left Gibraltar 1.5.44 for PSTO			M.E.
MACERATA	It.	s.s.			ex. Fr.'Lacydon'		27.1.44	Chgd
MADDALONI	It.	m.v.	2500		ex. Fr.'Pierre Glaude'			Sunk
MARCO FOSCARINI	It.	m.v.	9000					Sunk
MAROCCHINO	Gr.	s.s.	1800					Sunk
MARCO	Fr.	s.s.	4900		ex. 'Lucera'	Fr. French.		On '
MISENO	It.	s.s.	1800					At T
MODENA	It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Bougaroni'			Rais
MODICA	It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Maurice Dalras'			Sunk
MONDOVI'	It.	s.s.	550		ex. Fr. 'Saint Eriere'			Sunk
MONTEBELLO	It.	s.s.	772	6		MWTR.	4.10.43	Sunk
MONTECCUCCO	It.	s.s.	650	13	reading craft Type	RN.	2.11.43	Stor
MONTE GRAPPA	It.	s.s.	650	13	" " "	RN.	11.11.43	Stor
MOTIA	It.	s.s.	2730	9		PSTO	8.12.43	At A
NIRVO	It.	s.s.	8000					Refl
ORATA	It.	s.s.	12000		Commenced loading Gibraltar		15.8.44	At T
					(finished discharge Taranto		6.10.44	At T
PALLADE	It.	s.s.	1739	8		USA.	15.11.43	At C
PELAGOSA	It.	s.s.	900	6				At C
PERTUSOLA	It.	s.s.	2500	6½	Left Cagliari 16.1.44			At P
PAOLO	It.	s.s.	7000					Rais
PARTENICO	It.	s.s.	8000		ex. Fr. 'Tlemcen'			Sunk

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FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES.	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDBO.	EMPLOYMENT.
							At Bari used as blockship.
							Raised Manfredonia.
It.	s.s.	2945					At C'Vecchia discharging.
It.	s.s.	7300		Oil fuel		US. PSTO 23.4.44	At Malta, Engine defects.
It.	m.v.	2500				10.11.44	At Naples repairing.
It.	s.s.	8500				2.11.43	Sunk Trapani 17.4.43.
It.	s.s.	2350	8	ex. Fr. 'Osuro'			Shuttling Cagliari-C'Vecchia (cattle.
It.	s.s.	1000				PSTO	At Taranto LASF.
It.	s.s.	1860	8				Sunk Sardinia.
It.	s.s.	1800					Hire damage sunk [illegible]
It.	s.s.	7000				PSTO 4.10.43	M.E. for Italy.
It.	s.s.	6900	7				Chgd. Flag Algiers 13.7.44.
It.	s.s.	8500	8	Left Gibraltar 1.5.44 Br.PSTO		27.1.44	Sunk Castellammare.
It.	s.s.			ex. Fr.'Lacydon'			Sunk Tripoli.
It.	m.v.	2500		ex. Fr.'Pierre Glaude'			Sunk Tripoli.
It.	m.v.	9000					On 'E' List.
Gr.	s.s.	1800		ex. 'Lucera'		Fr. French.	At Taranto repairing.
Fr.	s.s.	4900					Raised Palermo LASF.
It.	s.s.	1600		ex. Fr. 'Bougaroni'			Sunk Naples.
It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Maurice Dalras'			Sunk Palermo 23.3.43.
It.	s.s.	5000		ex. Fr. 'Saint Briere'			Sunk at Pentelleria 31.12.43.
It.	s.s.	550				MWTR. 4.10.43	Store carrier [illegible] Malta.
It.	s.s.	772	6				Store carrier. Now Algiers.
It.	s.s.	650	13	Trading craft Type RN.		2.11.43	At Ancona for Taranto for reng- (ing.
It.	s.s.	650	13	" " "		RN. 11.11.43	Refloated Elbia.
It.	s.s.	2730	9			PSTO 8.12.43	At Taranto repairing.
It.	s.s.	8000					At Taranto repairing.
It.	s.s.	12000		Commenced loading Gibraltar 15.6.44 (finished discharge Taranto 6.10.44			At C'Vecchia discharging.
						USA. 15.11.43	At C'Vecchia discharging.
It.	s.s.	1739	6				At Piombino discharge-load.
It.	s.s.	900	6				Raised Cagliari.
It.	s.s.	2500	6½	Left Cagliari 16.1.44			Sunk Catania fraised & beached.
It.	s.s.	7000					
It.	s.s.	8000		ex. Fr. 'Tlemcen'			

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VESSEL.	FLAG.	TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES	L/c.	SERVICE to MEDEC.	EM
RABELAIS	It.	s.s.	8300		ex. It. 'Todi'			At
RESURECTIO	It.	s.s.	1500					At
RINUCCI	It.	s.s.	1750				Ns. PSTO 4.10.43	Sy
RIV	It.	s.s.	10000					At
RUBICONE	It.	s.s.	7300		Left Loro 1.10.43 Struck PSTO 9.10.43 (Mine off Tripoli Jan 44 MF.			Al
SANDRINA	It.	s.s.	1100	8½			MEDRO 2.4.44	Re
SAN RITA	It.	s.s.	9000					Su
SALVORE	It.	m.v.	2550	8			US. PSTO 21.10.43	To
SANDRA GIGLIO	It.	s.s.	1700		Left Gallipoli 29.5.43 to Antioco (Arrd. Taranto 7.7.44 PSTO.			Di
SENIO	It.	s.s.	1400	5½			RIN	De
SESTRIERE	It.	m.v.	10000	10			US.MSA. 25.3.44	Na
SFINGE	It.	s.s.	8000		Left S.Antioco with 4000 tons coal (for Gallipoli 20.4.44,arrd. Taranto 24.			At
SILENO	It.	s.s.	6000					Su
SILVANO	It.	s.s.	7000					
SIRIO	It.	s.s.	9000					
SOLIN	YS.	s.s.	1200				YS. 8.10.43	Tr
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	It.	s.s.	8300		Refrigitor about 275 PSTO 15.9.44			At
TIVOLI	It.	s.s.	2300		ex. Fr. 'Lamarsa'			Su
TRITON MARIS	I	s.s.	2336	8½			PW 29.12.43	Sp
ULISSE	It.	s.s.	3800	6½			PSTO 23.10.43	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	At

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TYPE.	SIZE.	SPEED.	SPECIAL FEATURES	A/c.	SERVICE to MEDIC.	EMPLOYMENT.
s.s.	8300		ex. It. 'Todi'			At Palermo - salvable?
s.s.	1500				Ns. PSTO 4.10.43	At Brindisi LASF.
s.s.	1750					Syracuse-C'Vecchia Fruit.
s.s.	10000					At Tripoli only half ship
s.s.	7300		Left Lero 1.10.43 (Mine off Tripoli		Struck PSTO 9.10.43 Jan 44 MF.	Algiers for Italy.
s.s.	1100	8½			MEDBO 2.4.44	Recovery ship nor Taranto (repairing.
s.s.	9000					Sunk Cagliari.
m.v.	2550	8			US. PSTO 21.10.43	To load Flour at Bari.
s.s.	1700				left Cagliari - 29.5.43 to Antioco	Discharging C'Vecchia.
					(Arrd. Taranto 7.7.44 PSTO.	
s.s.	1400	5½			RIN	Held Italians 3.7.44.
m.v.	10000	10			US.WSA. 25.3.44.	Naples-Leghorn shuttle.
s.s.	8000		Left S.Antioco with 4000 tons coal (for Gallipoli 20.4.44, arrd. Taranto			At Taranto repairing. 24.5.44.
s.s.	6000					Sunk Naples.
s.s.	7000					" "
s.s.	9000					" Tripoli.
s.s.	1200				YS. 8.10.43	Trading for Partisans
s.s.	8300		Refrigitor about 275		PSTO 15.9.44	At Taranto repairing.
s.s.	2300		ex. Fr. 'Lamarsa'			Sunk Naples.
s.s.	2330	8½			PT 29.12.43	Special service at Naples.
s.s.	3800	6½			PSTO 23.10.43	At Bastia.
s.s.	500'					Shuttling V'Valentia-P'mo.
s.s.	8500		Acting Bari - fuelling berth		11.9.44	
s.s.	1600	7			PSTO 4.4.44	At Brindisi for C'Vecchia.

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TOTAL TONNAGES of VESSELS.

CATEGORY	NUMBER of VESSELS	G.R.T.
HOSPITAL SHIPS.	5	51121
PASSENGER TYPE.	16	23448
TANKERS.	29	89826
CARGO VESSELS.	19	77269

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	TOTAL TONNAGES of VESSELS.	NUMBER of VESSELS	G.R.T.
Y			
SHIPS.		5	51121
R TYPE.		16	23448
		29	89626
SSELS.		19	77269

TARANTO AND BRINDISI.

No. 1 Dock.

ICELAND, TERESA SCHIAFFINO & H.M. Ship (out abt. 20th March)
GALEB (3 days)
H.M. Ships

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ships & Italian Warships
Italian Warship

No. 12 Dock.

TOSCANA & H.M. Ship (out abt. 20th March)

No. 13 Dock.

EDGAR E. CLARKE (8 days)

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi.

ORATA (cleaning & painting)

NAPLES.

No. 1 Dock.

WASHINGTON IRVING (re-docking) (out abt. 17th March)

H.M. Ship (10 days)
Under Repair (5 days)
SESTRIERE (3 days)

No. 2 Dock.

ITU (for examination) (out abt. 18th March)
PO (4 days)
ITU (5/6 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

Landing Craft
H.M. Ships

Floating Dock.

Local Craft

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

LEGHORN.

U.S. Warship (out abt. 22nd March)
JASON (10 days)
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

PALERMO.

U.S. Warships

MESSINA.

H.M. Ships

LA CIOTAT.

VAL DE LA HAYE & ARAGO (out abt. 20th March)
French Warship (7 days)
MORLAIX & French Warship (6 weeks)

TOULON.

No. 1 Dock.

No. 3 Dock.

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TOSCANA & H.M. Ship (out abt. 20th March)

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

EDGAR E. CLARKE (8 days)

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

Merchant Ships for docking at Taranto/Brindisi.

ORATA (cleaning & painting)

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

WASHINGTON IRVING (re-docking) (out abt. 17th March)

H.M. Ship (10 days)
Under Repair (5 days)
SESTRIERE (3 days)

No. 2 Dock.

ITU (for examination) (out abt. 18th March)
PO (4 days)
ITU (5/6 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

Landing Craft
H.M. Ships

Floating Dock.

Local Craft

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Warship (out abt. 22nd March)
JASON (10 days)
CHRISTINE (3 weeks)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

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Small Craft

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CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

Local Craft
INVELLA (4 days)
ROLF (2 days)
French Warship
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)
French Warship

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

ASTURIAS (out abt. 18th March)
H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship
Landing Craft
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 31st March)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (4 days)
MICHAEL J. STONE (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock.

U.S. Warship
French Warship
U.S. Warship
BIRAME (4/5 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 20th March)
AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE (8 days)
STRASBOURGEOIS (8 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 31st March)
J. SCHLAFFINO (7 days)

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

FORT DE FRANCE (10 days)
French Warship

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (4 weeks)

No. 4 Dock.

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French Warship
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)
French Warship

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock.

ASTURIAS (out abt. 18th March)
H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship
Landing Craft
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 31st March)
EAGLE (2 days)
Pontoon Dock (2 days)
TOURS (4 days)
MICHAEL J. STONE (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock.

U.S. Warship
French Warship
U.S. Warship
[illegible]RAME (4/5 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 20th March)
AUGUSTINE LE FORGNE (8 days)
STRASBOURGEOIS (8 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 31st March)
J. SCHLAFFINO (7 days)

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock.

FORT DE FRANCE (10 days)
French Warship

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft
CANTAGRIT (2 days)
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (4 weeks)

No. 4 Dock.

SAMUNGOY (abt. out)
French Warship (6 days)
FORT STURGEON (3 days)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
ALGIERS & BONE for Repairs	EDGAR E.CLAXTON	IN DOCK			
	GALLIA	At Taranto	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and painting.
NAPLES.	TTU	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For exam
	PO	At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock.	Italian. Water boat. Cleaning a painting.
	DOU	Due at Augusta for Naples	23rd March	over a year out of drydock	Naf tigerfish ship. Cleaning & p and examination. For survey.
	ARGENTEA.	Hoek-Ameon Ferry	24th March		Italian. Personnel ships and cleaning and painting.
	CESTO [illegible]	Naples-Lagkorn Shuttle	Uncertain		Italian. Personnel ships. Cleanin painting.
LEGHORN.					
PALERMO.					
LA CIOTAT.	VILLE DE BASTIA	DOCKED			
	VAL DE LA HAYE	IN DOCK			
	ARAGO	IN DOCK			
	MORIALTA	At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
E	IN DOCK At Taranto	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For examination (MWTR BID)
	At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock.	Italian. Water boat. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR/FWD BID)
	Due [illegible] 23rd March for Naples		over a year out of drydock	Ex depot ship. Cleaning & painting and examination. For survey. (ESTC BID)
	Headquarter Ferry	24th March		Italian. Personnel [illegible]. Examination (MWTR BID) and cleaning and painting.
	Naples-Palermo Shuttle	Uncertain		Italian. Personnel [illegible]. Cleaning and painting. (WEA BID)
LA	DOCKED			
E	IN DOCK			
	IN DOCK At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs (MWTR BID)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
CASABLANCA.	INVELLA	At Casablanca	18th March		Speed reduced to 7k.
	ROLF	At Casablanca	ready		Speed reduced to 6½k.
	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	[illegible]ETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water bor[illegible] Cleaning and paintin overhau
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examinat[illegible]n of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	FULCOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian [illegible]ker. Requires new st end and propellor.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	MICHAEL J. STONE	At Gibraltar repairing		Jan. 1944	Torpedo damage.
	EAGLE	At Oran repairing	ready		Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7
	PARAME	At Algiers	on arrival	Dec. 1943	overhaul and extensive repairs
	TOURS	At Sea for Oran	20th March	Oct. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and p
					Examination of rudder and stern
ALGIERS.	AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	IN DOCK		Aug. 1944	Minor hull repairs and examina rudder.
	STRASBOURGEOIS	At Algiers	19th March		
	J. SCHLAFFER	At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting.
FERRYVILLE.	SAMINGOY	IN DOCK		Mar. 1944	Temporary repairs to hull.
	LOBOS	At Ferryville	ready		Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs painting.
	FORT DE FRANCE	At Bizerta	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	CANTAKEIT	At Malta for Ferryville	on arrival	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-9½k.
	CARTIER	At Split discharging	23rd March	May 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k. and propellor.
	FORT STURGEON	At Naples for Marseilles	29th March		
	FORT LAWRENCE	At Taranto for Piraeus	3rd April	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½k.
	VILLE DE TIPAZA	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Hull repair
TARANTO & BRINDISI Cleaning & Painting.	ORATA	At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and paintin
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Bari-Ancona Shuttle, awaiting relief	end March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced be wiped.
	CHERCA	Bid with[illegible]n			

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POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
At Casablanca	18th March		Speed reduced to 7k. (MWTR BID)
At Casablanca	ready		Speed reduced to 6½k. (MWTR BID)
TIER At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
altar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water bo . Cleaning and painting and overhau (MWTR/FEO BID)
At Casablanca	ready		Examinat n of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
At Gibraltar	ready		Italian . ker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and propeller. (MWTR BID)
At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
At Gibraltar repairing			Torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FEO/WSA BID)
At Algiers	on arrival	Dec. 1943	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
At Sea for Oran	20th March	Oct. 1944	Examination of rudder and stern tube. (FRENCH BID)
ORGNE IN DOCK			
At Algiers	19th March	Aug. 1944	Minor hull repairs and examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
At Algiers	ready	Jan. 1944	Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
IN DOCK			
At Ferryville	ready	Mar. 1944	Temporary repairs to hull. (MWTR BID)
At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
Malta for Ferryville	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
Split discharging	23rd March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-9½k. (PSTO BID)
At Naples for Marseilles	29th March	May 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k. and to examine propellor. (PSTO BID)
At Taranto for Piraeus	3rd April	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½k. (PSTO BID)
At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (WSA BID)
Bari-Ancona	end March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
BON awaiting relief			
Bid withdrawn			

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1088. ARROMANCHES. Commander Hardie stated that a U.S. Warship was in dock until the 22nd March when "L.S.D.", a salvage vessel of 150 ft., would dock for reconditioning, and be followed by "ARROMANCHES".

1089. LE CROTOY. During the week "VILLE DE DIEPPE" had been docked and Commander Hardie said "VILLE DE LA HAVE" and "ARACO" should dock about 20th March, when a French Ship would go in for 7 days and then be followed by "MARIANNE" and French Vessels. This latter vessel was to have the bow of a sunken ship fitted, Ingenieur Cavillon saying it had not yet been found, to which the Chairman replied that he did not consider "MONTCALM" should be kept out of dock on this account.

1090. BOULOGNE. Commander Hardie reported that on H.M. Ship, then Local Craft were programmed for No. 4 Dock and that No. 3 Dock would be occupied by Small Craft.

1091. BASSIN DE MARSEILLE. The establishment of the MEDBO, South of France Repairs Committee had been agreed by C in C Med. and the Chairman said should be in operation shortly.

In view of the large number of ships being sent to repair at Marseilles, the Chairman enquired whether the facilities were not being overloaded, which Ingenieur Cavillon did not consider to be the case, but it was decided the matter should be reviewed by the South of France Committee.

1092. DOCKS AT PIRAEUS. Information had been received from S.B.A.O. Greece that the small docks had sustained major damage but only slight damage had been done to the structure of the large dock which Commander Hardie said was 426 ft. on the blocks, 79 ft. wide and depth 26 ft. The dock had been damaged some 1-1½ metres below the water level and the pump house had been destroyed, but it was intended repairs should be taken in hand as soon as possible.

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/was transferred to "Colombie", lent by the French for bull repairs and cleaning and painting, should both return there.

1035. FRENCH SHIPS. Commander Hardie reported that "MONT DE FRANCE" had docked in No. 1 Dock and said it was possible that "PARIS" might come in next day, although he had no definite information. They would be followed by a French Warship.

"LORIC" was progressing for No. 2 Dock but Commander Hardie did not know if the dock would be ready to start work on her. There were Loch Craft in No. 3 Dock and it was agreed that "CHAMPLAIN" should dock for cleaning and painting on her return from Halifax, where repairs had been completed. An H.M. Ship was due to follow her.

Commander Hardie said that "PRINCESS" had come into No. 4 Dock and had nearly completed. She would be followed by a French Warship for six days, then by "MONT ST. MICHEL" transferred from the Naples Service. It was believed she could obtain a quicker docking at Morgan's.

Lt.Cmdr. Ellis said that "ALSACE" was allocated for a voyage to the Middle East and her refit was therefore necessary. It was decided that "MONT ST.MICHEL" should be allocated to a dock number late in the list of candidates.

With reference to "MONT DE FRANCE", Commander Hardie stated that a complaint had been received from the French Admiralty over the length of time this vessel had been available in dock and pointed out that when she was first docked, no indication of the extent of her damage was given. Once this was known, she was docked within 24 hours, and Cmdr. Hardie emphasized that the French Chief Naval Commander in London in dealings to the Repair Committee, Ingenieur Corbillon and this vessel was given to Messrs. Ellis for repairs and that it was proving difficult to obtain the necessary materials for work on the refrigerator machinery. The Chairman said he would raise this question with London. Chairman.

1036. DOCKING ARRANGEMENTS. "ENDEAVOUR" "MONT ST. MICHEL" & H.M. Ship were still due to undock from No. 1 Dock about 20th March and Commander Hardie said would be followed by "CLIVE" then by H.M. Ships, H.M. Ships and Italian Warships, then an Italian Warship were programmed for No. 2 Dock and Commander Hardie said that "LORIC" and H.M. Ship in No. 12 Dock should complete about 20th March. "MONT ST. MICHEL" should have come into No. 13 Dock for 7 days.

Arrangements had been entered into with Messrs. Harvey, Toronto that the bill for "CLIVE" should be withdrawn and the Canadian privilege was "CHINA".

1037. REPAIRS. "WASHINGTON LOYALE" was due to complete the following day and Commander Hardie said, would be followed by an H.M. Ship, the Dock would then be under repair for five days on completion of which "CHAMPLAIN" would go in. Mr. Nicol reported that in the decision of this letter vessel had been postponed for she could not yet be released by the R.N. Navy.

"TEJO" was then in No. 2 Dock for examination and should come out on the 16th March, and Mr. Russell said 5/6 weeks were estimated as the time necessary for permanent repairs. As this ship was to be repaired at the expense of the Italian Navy, Major Hilditch said they would like permanent repairs effected if the work is to be carried out here the Italian Government if temporary repairs only were taken in hand, the ship could not be considered safe and a waste of money, materials and labour would ensue. Commander Hardie felt "TEJO" should not be [illegible] the work required the dock for urgent repairs, but the Chairman

[illegible] ship was to follow hers.

Commander Hardie said that "H.M.S. Chips" had now left H.M. Dock and had nearly completed. She would be floated by a pontoon shortly. For six days, then by "Mobile Shipdock" transferred from the Empire to her Dock. He it was believed also could obtain a quicker docking at Liverpool.

Lt.Col. Lloyd said that "H.M.S. Chips" was allocated for a voyage to the Middle East and her [illegible] refitting. It was decided that "Mobile Shipdock" should be allocated to H.M. Dock instead of "H.M.S. Chips".

With reference to "Mobile Shipdock", Commander Hardie stated that a complaint had been received from the French Admiralty over the length of time this vessel had been occupying a dock and pointed out that the Admiralty, as notification of the extent of her repairs as soon. Once this was known, should endeavour to complete within 28 days. Commander Hardie explained that the Dockyard did not consider it [illegible] to the Repair Committee. Ingenious devices with them would [illegible] to keep ships for repairs out this is one [illegible] to obtain the records of labour [illegible] the refrigerator machinery. The Chairman said [illegible] with Lewis.

1006. [illegible] "H.M.S. Chips" [illegible] H.M. Ship were paid and to unlock from No. 3 Dock about 30th March and Commander Hardie said would be followed by "H.M.S." then by H.M. Ships, H.M. Ships and Mobile Dockships, then an Emergency Dockship were to proceed for No. 2 Dock and Commander Hardie said that "TORQUAY" and H.M. Ship in No. 12 Dock should complete about 20th March. "H.M.S. "CHARM" should move into No. 12 Dock for 7 days.

A Dockship had been [illegible] Survey, [illegible] "CHARM" should be with [illegible] Dockships previously for "CHARM".

1007. [illegible] "WASHINGTON DOCKS" was due to proceed to the following day and Company - Harold said, would be followed by an H.M. Ship, the Dock would then be under repair for five days on completion of which "CHARM" would go in. Mr. Mica reported that the holder of this Patent would not be postponed for she could not [illegible] by the Admiralty.

"H.M." was then in No. 2 Dock for examination and should come out on the 10th March, and Mr. Mansfield said 5/6 weeks were anticipated to be necessary for permanent repairs. As this ship was to be repaired at the expense of the Italian Navy, Major Hills said they would like permanent repairs effected [illegible] would have to be carried out after the Italian ship had left. If temporary repairs were taken in hand, the ship could not be conditioned [illegible] materials and labour would [illegible]. Commander Hardie felt "H.M." should not be taken yet for she would occupy the dock for several weeks, but the Chairman considered that in view of the [illegible] of Merchant Shipping within the Mediterranean she should be accepted for permanent repairs, which was agreed. Major Hills stated that 150-200 bottles of oxygen would probably be required for this work. It was agreed that "H.M." had to go that "H." could go in, and then return for permanent repairs.

Landing Craft then Local Craft were programmed when No. 3 Dock, Local Craft for the Floating Dock and Small Craft for No. 5 Dock.

Mr. Lurcock, Plater said "H.M." was to be re-fitted and "H.M.S.", a navy tug, was to remain several weeks in Hayhole, it was agreed they be allocated to Docks at a subsequent Meeting.

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No. 69. MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 16th MARCH, 1945.

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

ACTION BY.-

1080. "EMPIRE RAVEN". Ref. 1064. Commander Hardie reported that he had signalled Taranto requesting the highest Merchant Ship priority for repairs to this vessel. With reference to Minute 1076, Mr. Ramsdale did not consider "ISAAC SHELBY" would be required, for there was an Italian ship at Taranto that could provide steam, if necessary.

1081. CASABLANCA. During the week there had been an exchange of signals between M.W.T.R. Casablanca, M.W.T. London and M.W.T.R. Med. regarding the docking of s.s. "INVELLA" and s.s. "ROLF", both of which vessels were at Casablanca and were unable to make convoy speed. Commander Hardie drew attention to the s from London to Casablanca stating that the former vessel should be held for docking on 18th March in front of "ALETTA" and pointed out that such matters should be agreed by the Repair Committee. The Chairman concurred and said would write to London on the matter.

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No. 2 Dock would be occupied until about the end of the month by a U.S Warship, French Warship, then U.S. Warship, when it was agreed that "PARA also newly bid by the French for rudder repairs and rewooding of stern tu would then dock.

1084. ALGIERS. Commander Hardie reported that latest information received from Algiers stated that the programme had been delayed for several days becaus swell. The French Warships would undock about 20th March, when "AUGUSTI BORGNE" would go into No. 1 Dock and be followed by "STRASBOURGEOIS".

French Warships should undock from No. 2 Dock about 31st March and

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IRAKLION. Capt.Josselyn advised that he understood that there was a possibility the Regulation which allowed of only one vessel being at this port at one time would again be brought into force on April 1st. Col.Davidson pointed out that if this proved to be true there was no possibility of carrying out the programme for the supply of relief and at the same time allow the necessary supplies of military maintenance to be provided.

Nos.4 and 5 Districts. No further information was available in connection with the supply of relief goods to these Districts.

11. DISCHARGE OF P.O.L. Major Simpson stated that he was having difficulty in arranging for the provision of transport from ships side to the depots where the Petrol Pool which was to handle the distribution of POL in Greece would take over. It was agreed that the transport should be provided by the Pool and failing the necessary arrangements being made that he should then approach Brigadier Palmer who would endeavour to arrange the necessary transport.

12. PILFERAGE. Mr.Sassoville stated that he had received a report which indicated that the watching duties as carried out by the Greek National Guard were not altogether satisfactory and as he thought it might reach serious proportions it was agreed that UNRRA should take up this matter with the Government.

Mr. Washburn.

13. COASTAL COASTING. Mr.Sassoville mentioned several instances which had taken place lately whereby vessels had been detained at Piraeus awaiting onward routeing to Black Sea ports. Capt.Josselyn undertook to take this matter up with the S.C.S.O. and did not anticipate any serious delays in the future as circumstances had altered.

14. TURKISH VESSELS. Capt.Brooks advised that the Greek Ambassador at Ankara had informed the Greek Government that a fortnightly service was to be provided from Istamboul to Piraeus, and it was understood the first vessel would be leaving on the 12th March. Col.Davidson stated that he understood 20,000 tons of Turkish wheat would be coming forward in the near future if agreement could be reached to the provision of oil for the Turkish vessels which would carry the wheat. This matter was under discussion at A.F.H.Q. and if the wheat came forward it was understood it would be in diminution of the shipments from overseas.

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16. PORT COMMITTEES. Col.Davidson stated that he considered a reorganisation of the Port Committees would be necessary and that he was drawing up plans to this end. Chairman pointed out that the Ministry of Marine had sent out signals to all ports about seven days ago re posting the formation of Berthing Committees at all ports. These signals had been sent as a result of a recommendation from a Sub-Committee of the Joint Co-Ordinating Committee, at which Nov.& Tn. had been represented, and Chairman requested that Col.Davidson would, when drawing up any instructions he had to issue to his Officers, endeavour to fall into line with the signals which had been sent by the Ministry of Marine, in order to avoid any further confusion.

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Mr. Ashburn.

13. CARGO CONTROL. Mr.Cassoville mentioned several instances which had taken place lately whereby vessels had been ordered at Piraeus awaiting onward routeing to Black Sea ports. Capt.Crosby undertook to take this matter up with the M.O.S.C. and did not anticipate any serious delays in the future as circumstances had altered.

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17. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE. Col.Davidson stated that he thought the Committee might have to be reconstituted in view of the change over, and stated that he wished to discuss this matter at the next meeting of the Committee.

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

CHAIRMAN.

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8. STEVEDORING. The general position was considered to be quite satisfactory in that work at the various ports was being performed reasonably well and it was now understood as a result of advices received by the Chairman from A.D.P.L. that the strike at Patras had been settled. Chairman stated that the basis appeared to be somewhat high for the work of moving cargo from stacks on the quay to warehouses, but as it was presumed that the Government had agreed to these rates, no action could be taken. Details of contracts which are being arranged at other ports, are awaited, but it would not seem that the basis suggested by the Government is being altogether unfavourably received at any centre.

9. CAIQUES. Brigadier Palmer stated he considered that in order to encourage caique owners to accept cargoes for voyages of short length that a minimum rate should be applied, and Cdr.Sumpton advised that as a result of a meeting of the Schooner Advisory Committee the recommendation was being forwarded to the Government that a minimum rate of 30/- drachmas per ton should be applied.

10. PORTS.

PREVEZA. It was stated that this port would be opened on the 19th March and that a Greek Port Captain would be provided in addition to a Sea Transport Officer.

PATRAS. It was noted that four lighters were due to arrive on a vessel coming from the Nile in the near future.

KALAMAI. A report from the Sea Transport Officer at this port in connection with the depth of water available, was discussed, and it was agreed that the question of port improvement to enable a greater depth to be made available should be taken up with the Joint Transport Sub-Committee to enable funds to be made available for the work. At the present time only vessels drawing not more than 17' 6" could go alongside.

As a result of a statement indicating that three caiques were required at the port immediately, Cdr.Sumpton advised that two caiques had been ordered to proceed there.

PIRAEUS. Capt.Josselyn stated that he had not received any recent report in connection with the work which had commenced on the dry dock, but it was understood that this was proceeding satisfactorily. It was reported that one floating dock at Salamis would be available in two weeks and at the present time it was anticipated would be fully occupied with naval work as there were a number of vessels and craft to be docked.

VOLOS. It appeared that the rate of discharge at this port was in the vicinity of 7/800 tons per day and that recent delays to vessels had been caused through too great a number of vessels being at the port at one time, which appeared to be unavoidable due to the uncertainty of M.T. vessels in particular.

Capt.Josselyn stated he had written a letter, as mentioned at the last meeting, in connection with the provision of an alongside berth and that S.B.M.O. (G) on a recent visit had inspected the facilities available at the port and was taking the necessary action to provide an alongside berth.

SALONIKA. In view of the withdrawal of two 'Z' Craft, mentioned above, it was agreed that the need for the two Tarne Tugs was even more urgent, and the position should be watched with a view to having despatch expedited. It was reported that the strike of tug and lighterman had ceased.

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A discussion took place in connection with the rate of coal discharged at this port and as a result of a statement by Mr.Duffy it would seem that the recent delay to the "[illegible]" was caused a great deal to the fact that only two lighters with coal could be handled at a time at the discharging quay, as the other berths were [illegible] were occupied by lighters from vessels discharging [illegible] stores. The shortage of equipment also held back the work. Col.Davidson stated he had requested a report from his two Officers who had [illegible] at Salonika and he would make this available at the next meeting.

Col.Davidson advised that the Oil Companies were now going to undertake to provide all bulk oil facilities at this port.

KAVALLA. It was reported that the rate of 7/800 tons per day had been achieved in the working of the first vessel at this port and it was considered that this was satisfactory.

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5. SWEDISH VESSELS. Chairman pointed out that the s.s. "VIRGINIA" with a cargo of between 2,500/3,000 tons had been in port from the 26th February and had not yet commenced to unload the 1,500 tons bulk wheat. He understood that the Swedish Authorities considered that there was still a possibility of the vessel being required for use on the coast, or from Piraeus to Crete, and considered that action should be taken to clarify the position. As Brigadier Palmer had been in touch with the Swedish Ambassador before in this connection, he agreed to advise the Ambassador that there was no possibility of the vessel being required, as it was understood that she could only be used to carry International Red Cross Stores.

Brigadier Palmer

Mr.Sasseville stated that U.N.R.R.A. had undertaken to supervise the running of these vessels on behalf of the Swedish Authorities and would in future exercise a supervisory control on their turnround in Greek ports.

6. LIGHTERS. Chairman advised that he had not yet received any further information from ...M.T.R. ME. in connection with the disposal of M.F.T. lighters, but that it seemed evident from a signal that had been received that a general appreciation of the position would be carried out and it was expected that a decision would be arrived at shortly.

Col.Davidson advised that it would be necessary to withdraw 'Z' Craft from Greece at the end of April. There are 4 'Z' Craft at Piraeus and 5 at Salonika, and whilst the position at Piraeus would not be affected to any great extent, it would mean a serious diminution of the discharge at Salonika unless lighters were brought up to a higher state of efficiency. Col.Davidson advised that he had sent two Officers from Athens to investigate the position at Salonika, and it was agreed to await their report before recommending any action. Col.Davidson pointed out that it would be possible to ship R.O.Ls from Piraeus to Salonika to offset the 'Z' craft withdrawn.

7. COASTAL VESSELS. Chairman advised that a meeting of the Allocation Committee had taken place on the 10th instant, when the work of the Operating Committee had come up for discussion. Little progress had been made towards securing the vessels already on the coast for management by the Hellenic Coast Lines, but as a result of the meeting it was hoped that s.s. "ELENI", s.s."CORINTHIA", s.s."CYCLOPS", s.s. "SEASTROOM" and s.s."TASSOS" would be handed over in the near future.

Chairman further advised that on the 12th instant a special meeting had been held by the Ministry of Marine, under the Chairmanship of the Under-Secretary for Marine, at which was present the Minister for Finance, and the Agreement between the Hellenic Coast Lines and the Government had been submitted for the approval of the meeting, and it was understood that this Agreement would be signed shortly.

The question of freight rates was also discussed and it seemed likely that the rates would be agreed on the basis of four to five times pre-war rates, but it was agreed that the correct rates to charge could only be ascertained by experience and as the Government would be paying all freights it was agreed that they should be made to cover only operating costs and thereby enable produce to be transported as cheaply as possible.

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Brigadier Palmer stated that the figures could only be taken as a guide, as until the shipments from overseas to the various ports were known with a great deal more accuracy than at present, it was impossible to give an accurate forecast.

Chairman advised that the s.s."ANTIKLEA" would be retained on the coast for coastal distribution on completion of her present voyage, and that it was hoped that the "ZEUS" would be available in approximately three weeks time after having discharged a cargo of bunker coal for the use of coastal vessels in Greek waters.

Capt.Joscelyn agreed that until such time as the bunker coal became available that supplies for the "ANTIKLEA" would be provided by the R.N.

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GREEK PORTS SUB-UNIT.

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MINUTES OF MEETING No.19. HELD AT H.Q., L.T. & M.L. (G), at 1500 hours on 16th March, 1945.

PRESENT:

Mr.T.J.C.Graham.	Chairman.	C.C.C.T.R.
Brigadier G.V.Palmer.		Brig. S & R.
Capt.J.W.Josselyn. R.N.	Rep.	S.N.L.O. (G)
Capt.D.S.Swanson. R.N.	Rep.	S.N.L.O. (G)
Cmdr.R.W.Dumpton. R.N.R.		S.S.S.O. Greece
Capt.A.A.Sachas. R.H.N.	Rep.	R.H.N. & Mercantile Marine.
Col.H.I.Davidson		Col. 'Q'
Major R.R.Crurer	Rep.	M.L.
Major C.Simpson	Rep.	Pet.Sec.
Mr.A.K.Sasseville	Rep.	W.S.A.
Mr.A.C.Bailey	Rep.	W.S.A.
Mr.P.V.Washburn.	Rep.	U.N.R.R.A.

1. MINUTES OF MEETING No.18. These were agreed subject to an amendment in Line1 of the second paragraph under the heading: "SALO UNA" on Page 3, which should read "rail clearance" and not little clear vehicle space.

2. Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Capt.D.S.Swanson, R.N. who is to replace Capt.Josselyn as S.N.L.O. to S.N.L.O. (G), and Mr.A.C.Bailey who is the W.S.A. Representative at Salonika.

3. HANDING OVER TO GREEK AUTHORITIES AND U.N.R.R.A. Brigadier Palmer stated that he had nothing further to add in this connection except that he would like to be assured that ship agents would be acting on behalf of U.N.R.R.A. and W.S.A. The exact position was explained to the Meeting and agents will be appointed at all ports by April 15th.

In connection with stevedoring, Mr.Sasseville stated that as he considered from his past experience in Greece that the present intention whereby the Union at each port recovers direct from the Agricultural Bank would break down, he thought that it should be made clear to the Greek Government that if ship agents had to pay stevedoring charges in order to avoid a hold up of ships, that they would only do so on a clear understanding that they were acting for and on behalf of the Agricultural Bank and that they would have the right to recover from the Bank.

Mr. Washburn on behalf of UNRRA confirmed the arrangement whereby only one tally would be made of the cargo and that would be made on behalf of the Agricultural Bank either on the quay or in the lighters. No ship tally need be taken as the ship would be given a clean receipt for any relief cargoes.

Col.Davidson pointed out that if Army craft be used in the discharge of relief cargoes that no responsibility would be accepted by the Army Authorities for any loss sustained.

4. CAPTURED ENEMY VESSELS. Capt.Josselyn stated that a letter had been addressed to the Chairman in this connection and that arrangements were being made for the "CYCLOPS" to be handed over at Salonika, to which port she was at present on passage from Navalio. Full details of vessels available will be passed on

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Mr.A.C.Bailey — Rep. U.S.A.
Mr.R.T.Washburn. — Rep. U.S.A.R.A.

1. MINUTES OF MEETING No.13. These were agreed subject to an amendment in Line 1 of the second paragraph under the heading "MINE BELT" on Page 3, which should read "rail clearance" and not "rail clear" as shown.

2. Chairman welcomed to the Meeting Capt.D.S.Jesselyn, R.N. who is to replace Capt.Josselyn as S.N.O. to S.E.A.O. (3), and Mr.A.C.Bailey who is the U.S.A. Representative at Salonika.

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4. CAPTURED ENEMY VESSELS. Capt.Josselyn stated that a letter had been addressed to the Chairman in this connection and that arrangements were being made for the "CYCLOPS" to be handed over at Salonika, to which port she was at present on passage from Kavalla. Full details of vessels available will be passed on to the Allocation Committee for inclusion in records to be managed by Hellenic Coast Lines.

Capt.Josselyn stated that the "PROMETHEUS" would be retained by the Navy for use as a harbour filler.

Chairman stated that he had had passed on to him a letter received by SHAEF which indicated that there were at Patras two ex-Italian schooners which could be used for fishing purposes and it was agreed that the letter should be passed to the Ministry for Mercantile Marine for action.

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

SIGNAL KEY

Dates anticipated or actual

			DRYDOCKING	Completion for return to service	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port.	
Operationally immobilised	Work Commenced		In	Out	On power	In tow
A	B		C	D	E	F
Vessel	Initial Dates		Main Defects		Final Dates	Remarks

TARANTO - 15.3.45

SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to higher priorities. Awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propellers shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 20/3 E 30/3	
CRATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E 20/3	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LEMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12 C 7/3	Deck and engine repairs. Routine D/D.	D 14/3 E 16/3	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 30/3	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 20/3	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 25/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 11/3	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.	D 20/3 E 24/3	
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 20/3 E 22/3	

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A Vessel	B Initial Dates	C Main Defects	D In : Out to service	E Own power : In tow	F Final Dates	G Remarks
TARANTO - 13.3.45						
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TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propellers shaft. Routine D/D.			D 27/1 D 20/3 E 30/3	
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.			D 21/12 E 20/3	Several derricks to renew.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.			E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
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EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.			D 28/2 E 25/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 11/3	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.			D 20/3 E 24/3	
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.			D 20/3 E 22/3	
NASPRITE (R.F.A.)	C 18/2	Under water damage. Routine D/D.			D 28/2 E -	
EMPIRE CANDIDA	A 18/2 C 27/2	Routine D/D etc.			D 5/3 E 16/3	
TAIGETE	A 9/2 B 14/2	Cargo pumps unworkable; boiler defects, broken windlass etc.			E 12/3	Completed.
EDGAR E.CLARK	A 3/3 C 15/3	D/D for repairs to rudder.			D 25/3 E 26/3	
EMPIRE GAWAIN	A 10/3 B 12/3	Defects not stated.			E 24/3	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

TARANTO (CONE'D)

Minor repairs since 6.3.45.

TARANTO: ATHELCHIEF, BENGLOE, CAP TOURANE, CHARLESTOWN, EMPIRE CADET, EMPIRE FAUN, EMPIRE NUGGET, EMPIRE STRONGHOLD, FRANKA, FORT FRONTENAC, JOHN J. McGRAW, LUBLIN, R.V. OULAHAN, SAMSTRULE, SAN VERONICO, U.S.T. Y.72, FORT KULLYSPELL, FORT LAWRENCE

BRINDISI:

ARGENTINA, EMPIRE UAK, HAI LEE, CRACKSHOT, CID, SAMLEVEN, BRUCE JARL, FORT AUGUSTUS, BENJAMIN TAY

BARI:

STANHILL, R.M. WILLIAMSON, KALARAND, ROSEDALE PARK, J.S. SARGENT, SALVORE, ACILIA, WALKER TAYLOR, PAN DELAWARE, SAMHOPE, ODYSSEUS, TRONDHEIM, OUSEL, HOPE CROWN, GEORGE BELLOWS, GUDVIN

MARSEILLE - 13.3.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1	Preliminary work for docking at La Ciotat commences 13.3.
	C 1/4		D 14/5	
BRIKA	A 10/3 B 27/2	Reversing engine and boiler repairs.	E 14/3	
OCEAN VALOUR	A 11/3 B 10/3	Boiler feed pipes & general engine room repairs.	E 18/3	
RUDBY	A 25/2 B 24/2	Grounding and heavy weather damage; engine and winch repairs.	E 13/3	Completed.

SAMFLORA, EMPIRE GANGES, ZAANSTROOM, SAMCOLNE, SAMWYE, AVON COAST, FORT STURGEON, CITY OF CHRISTIANIA } Minor repairs since 6.3.45.

MALTA - 12.3.45

CANTAKEIT	A 16/12 B 18/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/3	
ISONZO	A) B) 9/3	Minor deck and engine repairs.	E 13/3	

SPERO: ANGELO: BRITTANY COAST - Minor repairs since 5.3.45.

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ARGENTINA	CRACKSHOT	BRUCE JARL
EMPIRE OAK	CID	FORT AUGUSTUS
HAI LEE	SAMLEVEN	BENJAMIN TAY

BARI:

STANHILL	J.S. SARGENT	PAN DELAWARE	OUSEL
R.M. WILLIAMSON	SALVORE	SAMHOPE	HOPE CROWN
KALARAND	ACILIA	ODYSSEUS	GEORGE BELLOWS
ROSEDALE PARK	WALKER TAYLOR	TRONDHEIM	GUDVEN

MARSEILLE - 13.3.45.

MORIALTA	A 25/3 B 23/3	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/4	Preliminary work for docking at La Ciotat commences 13.3.
	C 1/4		D 14/5	
BRIKA	A 10/3 B 27/2	Reversing engine and boiler repairs.	E 14/3	
OCEAN VALOUR	A 11/3 B 10/3	Boiler feed pipes & general engine room repairs.	E 16/3	
RUDBY	A 25/2 B 24/2	Grounding and heavy weather damage; engine and winch repairs.	E 13/3	Completed.

SAMFLORA, ZAANSTROOM, SAMWYE, FORT STURGEON, EMPIRE GANGES, SAMCOLNE, AVON COAST, CITY OF CHRISTCHURCH) Minor repairs since 6.3.45.

MALTA - 12.3.45

CANTAKEIT	A 16/12 B 18/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/3
ISONZO	A) B) 9/3	Minor deck and engine repairs.	E 13/3

SFERO: ANGELO: BRITTANY COAST - Minor repairs since 5.3.45.

BONE - 13.3.45.

DRAMMESFJORD — Rudder damage. — Completed and sailed for U.K.

SAMHOPE	A) B) 12/3	Hull repairs in way of fore-peak; repairs to feed pump.	E 16/3

EMPIRE RUSSELL: FORT ANNE - Minor repairs since 6.3.45.

PHILIPVILLE - BARON TWEEDMOUTH - Minor repairs since 6.3.45.

BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

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GIBRALTAR - 12.3.45				
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 Nos. 2 & 3 Holds by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
ASTURIAS	C 28/2	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make water-tight for voyage to U.K.	D 18/3 G 18/3	
Y.72 (T)	A 25/2 B 28/2	Crack in deck welding to repair; steering gear chain to renew.	E -	Completed.
ARENA	A) B) 10/3	Port side bow plates to repair; repairs to hawse pipe and electrical steering gear.	E 31/3	
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
PACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E 13/3	Delay due to work being done in Bay.

Minor repairs since 27.2.45 - EMPIRE BARBARA EMPIRE TWEED MIRIEL
EMPIRE PHYLLIS FORT NAKASLEY EVAGORAS

Minor repairs since 6.3.45 - No information.

BIZERTE - 13.3.45.

LODOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed for'd end No. 2.	D) E) Ind.	Vessel to undock on arrival of FORT LAWRENCE & redock later.
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to renew; stbd'd [illegible]	D 6/3 E 12/3	(Part)

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				ship docks.
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ARENA	A) B) 10/3	Port side bow plates to repair; repairs to hawse pipe and electrical steering gear.	E 31/3	
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2 B 6/3	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 Holds due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
MACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E 13/3	Delay due to work being done in Bay.

Minor repairs since 27.2.45 - EMPIRE BARBARA EMPIRE TWEED MYRIEL
EMPIRE PHYLLIS FORT NAKASLEY EVAGORAS

Minor repairs since 6.3.45 - No information.

BIZERTE - 13.3.45.

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UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 20/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E 17/3	(Est.)
SAMINGOY	A) B) 13/3 C)	Routine D/D. Stern gland to repack. Under water valves to examine and clean.	D 17/3 E 16/3	

COLYTTO: FORTUNATA: UGO FIORELLI - Minor repairs since 6.3.45.

TUNIS:

FORT CUMBERLAND	Propeller damage.	Vessel grounded La Goulette 6/3. Divers examination being carried out 13/3. Awaiting results.

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TUNIS (CONT'D)				
PHOTINEA		Collision with submerged object at Le Goulette.		Divers examination on 13/3 reveals only slight damage to bilge keels. Seaworthy certificate being issued.
LEGHORN - 13.3.45				
No major or minor repairs.				
		REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES.		
ALGER:				
NEONIA	B 15/12	Inspection of main & auxiliary motors. Repairs to hull & propeller after grounding.	E 30/3.	
AUG. LE BORGNE	B 23/2	Repairs to hull damage sufferod at LICATA. Drydocking.	E 23/3	
MARIGOT	B 19/2	Repairs to superchargers & deck and engine auxiliaries. Boiler scaling (No.2). Electricity circuits to be put in good condition.	E 10/3.	
ORAN:				
CAP FALCON	B 23/2	Replacing deck plates.	E 23/4	
CASABLANCA:				
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting. D/D.	E 15/4	
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers & auxiliary machinery. D/D for examination of hull.		
BIZERTE:				
VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs after refloating.		
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent		

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CASABLANCA:			
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting. D/D.	E 15/4
ILE D'OUESSANT	B 23/10	Overhauling boilers & auxiliary machinery. D/D for examination of hull.	
BIZERTE:			
VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs after refloating.	
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration. D/D.	

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GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND

FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail & shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss rec'd from U.K. final maching of stern tube not possible until ship docks.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
VESSELS L.A.S.F.				
CELTICA		Not repairable for the duration.		Has only 10 man crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940	In very bad condition.		Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Unfit for long towing.
PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
USTICA		Boiler & Engine Defects.		Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.
AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
LUCIA C.		Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.		To be sent M. East.
S. CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		Repairs to hull incomplet at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA		Hull & Capstan repairs.		6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille harbour.
TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND				
STINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Impossible foresee completion date.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & Painting of hull.	D 21/12 E 31/3	Work retaken in hand.
TAIGETE	A 9/12 B 14/2	Repairs to cargo pumps and valve extension rods.	E 20/3	No details.
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 20/3	General repairs.	D 18/11 D 25/3 E 30/3	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 27/2 C 3/3	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 27/1 D 20/3 E 20/3	Vessel twice docked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 31/3	Salvaged on 29.7.44. Work proceeding slowly.
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				

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PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS

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AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS

LUCIA C.	Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.	To be sent N. East.
S. CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	Repairs to hull incomplete at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA	Hull & Capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille harbour.

TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND

SEPIGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Impossible foresee completion date.
CRATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & Painting of hull.	D 21/12 E 31/5	Work retaken in hand.
TAIGETE	A 9/12 B 14/2	Repairs to cargo pumps and valve extension rods.	E 20/5	No details.
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 C 20/3	General repairs.	D 18/11 D 25/3 E 30/5	Hull repairs yet to complete.
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TURRIDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E 31/3	Salvaged on 29.7.44. Work proceeding slowly.

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CERCA	Boiler & Engine defects.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs to woodwork. Repairs to double bottom.	
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/5	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO NOLE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E Ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 1/3	Changing of propeller.	D 10/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 17/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 21/3 E 10/4	
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	Underwater repairs yet to complete.
SESTRIERE		No report.		
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted.		
NAPLES - 14.3.45				
HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 10/3	Completed.
KATINGO HADJIPATERA	A) B) 22/2	Boiler survey. C.C. stay tubes to renew.	E 8/3	Completed.
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 14/3	Repairs to main engine M.P. piston and cylinder.	E 19/3	
EMPIRE BAIRN	A) B) 14/3	Boiler repairs.	E 20/3	

Minor repairs since 7.3.45

OCEAN GALLANT
SANKANSA
VAN DER HELST
SAMORENT
CORCHESTER
EMPIRE ROCK
DJEBEL AURES
FAR
VILLE D'ORAN
ULISSE
CARLTON (return)
FORT LA JOIE
EMPIRE BAIRN

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	C 26/12	salvage.	E 20/3	refrigerator.
CAPO NOLE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E Ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 1/3	Changing of propeller.	D 10/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 17/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 21/3 E 10/4	

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	Underwater repairs yet to complete.
SESTRIERE		No report.		
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted.		

NAPLES - 14.3.45

HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 10/3	Completed.
KATINGO MADJIPATERA	A) B) 22/2	Boiler survey. C.C. stay tubes to renew.	E 8/3	Completed.
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 14/3	Repairs to main engine M.P. piston and cylinder.	E 15/3	
EMPIRE BAIRN	A) B) 14/3	Boiler repairs.	E 20/3	

Minor repairs since 7.3.45

OCEAN GALLANT	CORCHESTER	VILLE D'ORAN	FORT LA JOIE
SAMSANSA	EMPIRE ROCK	ULISSE	EMPIRE BAIRN
VAN DER HELST	DJEBEL AURES	CARLTON (return)	OCEAN VULCAN
SAMCREST	EAR	BRIGHTON	FORT FORK
SAMEVRON	DALLINGTON COURT	SALLYPE	FORT ANNE
KING JAMES	SAMUTA	SAMSELGA	FORT STURGEON
CARLTON	SAMSKERN	P.L.M. 14	SAMCEBU
HERCULES	INDRAPOERA	EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	FORT SAKLSDAC

NAPLES (Addition)

SANGLORY	A 27/2 B 2/3	Windlass damage.	E 14/3	Completed.

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		ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)		
		NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND		
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/5	To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 1/3	Changing of propeller.	D 10/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 17/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 21/3 E 10/4	
		BIDS FOR REPAIRS		
ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some dock plating to renew under steering gear and capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Underwater repairs yet to complete.
SESTRIERE		No report.		
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted.		
		NAPLES - 14.3.45		
HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 10/3	Completed.
KATINGO HADJIPATERA	A) B) 22/2	Boiler survey. C.C. stay tubes to renew.	E 8/3	Completed.
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 14/3	Repairs to main engine M.P. piston and cylinder.	E 19/3	
EMPIRE BAIRN	A) B) 14/3	Boiler repairs.	E 20/3	
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	C 20/11	Survey.	E 20/3	Completed.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 10/4	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 15/3	Large patch on hull.	D 17/3 E Ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 1/3	Changing of propeller.	D 10/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 17/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 21/3 E 10/4	

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	Underwater repairs yet to complete.
SESTRIERE		No report.		
IMPERATORE		Reversing propeller to be checked and fitted.		

NAPLES - 14.3.45

WINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 10/3	Completed.
KAMINGO MADJAPATERA	A) B) 22/2	Boiler survey. C.C. stay tubes to renew.	E 8/3	Completed.
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 14/3	Repairs to main engine H.P. piston and cylinder.	E 19/3	
EMPIRE BAIRN	A) B) 14/3	Boiler repairs.	E 20/3	

Minor repairs since 7.3.45

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CARLTON	SAMSKERN	P.L.M. 14	SAMCEBU
HERCULES	INDRAPOERA	EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	FORT SAKISDAC

NAPLES (Addition).

SAMGLORY	A 27/2 B 2/3	Windlass damage.	E 14/3	Completed.

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ORAN - 15.3.45				
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C)27/1	Damage in engineroom and No.3 Hold.	D 1/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 2/4	Routine D/D. Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 5/4 E 6/4	
ORKLA	A 19/2 B 20/2	General overhaul.	E 9/3	Completed.

EASTERN PRINCE: LT. DE LA TOUR - Minor repairs since 7.3.45.

No report received from AUGUSTA: ALGIERS: CASABLANCA.

No report received from T.S.A.

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AGENDA.

ONEHUNDREDANDTHIRD MEETING,

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1130 HOURS, 13TH MARCH, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 102, DATED 6TH MARCH, 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 52 dated 7th March, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 68 dated 9th March, 1945.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Report No. 48 dated 1st March, 1945.

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Report for January, 1945, showing disposal of British Controlled tonnage after release.

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Summary of Tanker Tonnage Position in Western Mediterranean Theatre as on 10th March, 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 29 dated 26th February, 1945.

10. GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 18 dated 7th March, 1945.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 60.

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

Present: Mr. J. Gibson Graham — Chairman.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Constructor Lieut. Lawrence, R.C.N.C.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Capitaine de Corvette D.E. Ybert.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. G.S. Ramsdale.
Mr. G.W. Simmons.
Captain B.D. Date.
Miss M.M. Michie — Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

1063. "CORFINIH". Ref. 1045. Commander Hardie reported that this vessel had been accepted for a mud berth at Leghorn and said arrangements for towing were complete.

1064. "EMPIRE RAVEN". Ref. 1047. Owing to a shortage of refrigerator vessels and approaching warm weather, the Meat Committee, the Chairman said, had requested repairs to the refrigerator plant of this vessel be expedited. He asked that priority for necessary labour and materials be granted so that the work could be undertaken at an early date at Taranto where she was immobilised. Commander Hardie suggested a written request be made. — Secretary

1065. CASABLANCA. Commander Hardie stated that the dock would be under repair until 15th March when Local Craft would go in, being followed by "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER" a French Warship, "ALETTA", then "ILE D'OUESSANT".
Local Craft were programmed for No. 2 Dock.

1066. GIBRALTAR. Completion date for "ASTURIAS" was given as 18th March and Commander Hardie said that as no tugs would then be available to tow her to the U.K., Admiralty had asked that further repairs be taken in hand as far as possible. In view of a heavy programme at Gibraltar he considered, however, that only a small amount of work could be done. She would be followed in No. 1 Dock by an H.M. Ship.
There was an H.M. Ship in No. 2 Dock which would be followed by Landing Craft after which, Commander Hardie said, "FULGOR" was programmed to dock. In reply to Captain Date who commented on the length of time this vessel had been awaiting a dock, Commander Hardie said that had the Landing Craft for the Far East not been of higher priority she would have docked sooner but foresaw no further postponements. Captain Date anticipated she would need 3-4 weeks in dock.
Nos. 3 and 4 Docks would be taken up by H.M. Ships and Landing Craft respectively.
"HARDINGHAM" ex U.G.S. convoy had sustained collision damage and had been taken to Gibraltar where it was likely, Commander Hardie said, repairs would have to be taken in hand.

1067. ORAN. "JOHNS HOPKINS", Commander Hardie said, was not now due to undock until 31st March and would be followed by "EAGLE". It was agreed that "MICHAEL J. STONE" which would be sent to Oran after being sufficiently repaired at Gibraltar

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Captain B.D. Bate.
Miss H.M. Michie Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

1063. "CORINTH". Ref. 1045. Commander Hardie reported that this vessel had been accepted for a mud berth at Leghorn and said arrangements for towing were complete.

1064. "EMPIRE RAVEN". Ref. 1047. Owing to a shortage of refrigerator vessels and approaching warm weather, the Meat Committee, the Chairman said, had requested repairs to the refrigerator plant of this vessel be expedited. He asked that priority for necessary labour and materials be granted so that the work could be undertaken at an early date at Taranto where she was immobilised. Commander Hardie suggested a written request be made. Secretary

1065. CASABLANCA. Commander Hardie stated that the dock would be under repair until 15th March when Local Craft would go in, being followed by "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER" a French Warship, "ALETTA", then "ILE D'OUESSANT".
Local Craft were programmed for No. 2 Dock.

1066. GIBRALTAR. Completion date for "ASTURIAS" was given as 18th March and Commander Hardie said that as no tugs would then be available to tow her to the U.K., Admiralty had asked that further repairs be taken in hand as far as possible. In view of a heavy programme at Gibraltar he considered, however, that only a small amount of work could be done. She would be followed in No. 1 Dock by an H.M. Ship.
There was an H.M. Ship in No. 2 Dock which would be followed by Landing Craft after which, Commander Hardie said, "FULGOR" was programmed to dock. In reply to Captain Bate who commented on the length of time this vessel had been awaiting a dock, Commander Hardie said that had the Landing Craft for the Far East not been of higher priority she would have docked sooner but foresaw no further postponements. Captain Bate anticipated she would need 3-4 weeks in dock.
Nos. 3 and 4 Docks would be taken up by H.M. Ships and Landing Craft respectively.
"HARDINGHAM" ex U.G.S. convoy had sustained collision damage and had been taken to Gibraltar where it was likely, Commander Hardie said, repairs would have to be taken in hand.

1067. ORAN. "JOHNS HOPKINS", Commander Hardie said, was not now due to undock until 31st March and would be followed by "EAGLE". It was agreed that "MICHAEL J. STONE" which would be sent to Oran after being sufficiently repaired at Gibraltar to make her seaworthy, should dock next in No. 1 Dock. This vessel had been torpedoed but Mr. Simmons believed the damage was not extensive.
"JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE" was due to complete on 15th March and Commander Hardie said a U.S. Warship, being followed by a French Warship, would dock after her in No. 2 Dock.

1068. ALGIERS. Commander Hardie reported that the French Warships should come out of No. 1 Dock on 21st March and it was agreed that "AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE" a new/

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/new French bid requiring examination of hull and cleaning and painting, dock after her and be followed by "STRASBOURGEOIS" for minor hull repairs and examination of rudder, also newly bid by the French.

A salvage tug would follow the French Warships in No. 2 Dock on their completion about 21st March.

1069. FERRYVILLE. When the French Warships undocked from No. 1 Dock, Commander Hardie said, the salvaged refrigerator ship "FORT DE FRANCE" was programmed to dock. Capitaine Ybert stated that the Marine Marchande did not intend to repair the refrigerator machinery but as this type of vessel was in urgent need, the Chairman considered there was a possibility that "FORT DE FRANCE" might have to be taken over, in return for corresponding tonnage, and sent to another port where necessary repairs to the machinery could be undertaken. Mr. Ramsdale said that a Surveyor's report was being asked for.

"LOBOS" had been examined and it was found damage extended to the bilge within one foot of tank margin. Although it was felt at Ferryville that permanent repairs of about 6 weeks duration could not be put in hand there, Commander Hardie said temporary repairs, on which no estimated time had been given, could be done. "LOBOS" was therefore programmed for No. 2 Dock and would be followed by "FORT LAWRENCE".

No. 3 Dock would be taken up by Local Craft, then an H.M. Ship and Commander Hardie said that "M.L. LE NORGNE" should be undocking very shortly from No. 4 Dock and would be followed by "SAMINGOY".

It was decided t[illegible] "SAMPLER" be allocated to a dock at a subsequent Meeting and Commander Hardie asked that docking of "VILLE DE TIPAZA" be postponed for he did not think the repairs, estimated Capitaine Ybert said, at about 15 days, could yet be undertaken.

1070. TARANTO & BRINDISI. Commander Hardie reported that "ICELAND", "TERESA SCHLAFTING" and H.M. Ship should complete about 20th March and would be followed in No. 1 Dock by H.M. Ships. No. 2 Dock would be taken up by H.M. Ships and Italian Warships.

"TOSCANA" had docked on 7th March in No. 12 Dock and was due to come out on 15th March and Commander Hardie said that "LYMINGE" in No. 13 Dock would complete about 10th March when "EDGAR E. CLARKE" was programmed to dock for lifting of rudder and paving bearing renewed.

Subsequent priorities were agreed as "CHERCA", "ONATA", "GALEB".

"VITTORINI ZANIBON" was now shuttling between Bari and Ancona and Captain Bate said could not yet be released.

1071. NAPLES. On completion of "WASHINGTON IRVING" about 15th March, Commander Hardie said "SESTRIERE" would go into No. 1 Dock to be followed by an H.M. Ship for ten days and if the position then allowed, he said this Dock would be under repair for about five days.

"TRITON MARIS" was due to unlock that day from No. 2 Dock, an H.M. Ship would then go in being followed by "ITU" for examination, then "PO".

Landing Craft then Local Craft were programmed for No. 3 Dock, Local Craft for No. 4 Dock and Small Craft for No. 5 Dock.

As Commander Hardie said the docking position at Naples was now very easy, the Chairman suggested "ITU" be accepted for permanent repairs for her boilers were new and she was a most useful type of ship. When a report on the extent of the damage had been submitted Commander Hardie said the matter would be further considered.

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Captain Date said "DON" required repairs and overhauling and it was decided she be allocated to a dock later as also "FORT STURGEON".

1072. LEGHORN. The dock at this port, Commander Hardie said, would be taken up by a U.S. Warship, Local Craft, then "CHRISTINE".

1073. PALERMO. Completion date of "ALDESFORD" had been postponed and Commander Hardie said she should undock about 12th March.

U.S. Navy had reported ships could be accepted for cleaning and painting/

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/painting but it was regretted no Merchant Ship was at that time available to take advantage of the offer.

1074. LA CIOTAT. The French Warship had followed "SIDI AISSA" in the Dock and Commander Hardie said the programme remained as stated last week.

"WILLIAM PETERSON" was at this port with a twisted rudder stock, 25 degrees out, and a small hole in the rudder and Mr. Simmons asked at what port she could be accepted. He thought she could sail under her own steam but said would need a tug for steering, but it was felt further information should first be made available before an allocation were made.

1075. TOULON. Commander Hardie reported that No. 3 Dock had now come into use and that H.M. Ships and Mine Sweepers which were required in that area, were programmed for both Docks.

1076. "ISAAC SHELBY". Ref. 1043. As this vessel was taking up much needed space the Commander of Naples Dockyard, Commander Hardie said, had requested that she be moved. She had already been offered to provide steam to "EMPIRE RAVEN" (Minute 1044) but it was not yet known whether she would be required and if not, the Chairman considered she could be usefully employed at Taranto providing steam as necessary. Lt.Cmdr. Blair proposed she be used as a self-operating collier and it was felt this matter might be further investigated. Mr. Simmons.

1077 "LORRAINE". A signal had been received from London suggesting if this vessel could not dock concurrently with repairs, that she be docked at Alexandria, was quoted by Captain Bate. As she needed overhauling the Chairman stated it had been decided she dock after this were done (vide Minute 1054) and said she would be accepted in this area.

1078. "FORT CUMBERLAND". Mr. Ramsdale reported that this vessel had struck a submerged object in La Goulette harbour and that her propellor was damaged. She might be required to dock and it was felt a further report should be awaited before allocating her to Ferryville.

1079. REPAIRS TO ITALIAN TUGS. A request had been received from D.O.H.C., the Chairman said, that repairs to "SICILLA", which was required for a special commitment, should be taken in hand as early as possible and Commander Hardie said it had been arranged these be done and an Italian crew provided for her.

D.O.H.C. also reported that there was a lack of materials and labour in Sardinia and that repairs to tugs in these ports were therefore held up. He suggested a Surveyor should go over there to investigate and report on the position. The Chairman asked Mr. Ramsdale to make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Ramsdale.

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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 and painting.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting overboard.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new end and propellor.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	ARGONNE	DOCKED			
	JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	IN DOCK			
	EAGLE	At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. and extensive repairs.
	MICHAEL J. STONE	At Gibraltar for Oran			Torpedo damage.
ALGIERS.	MEONIA	DOCKED			
	STRASBOURGEOIS	At Oran	19th March	Aug. 1944	Minor hull repairs and examination rudder.
	AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE	At Algiers	24th March	July 1944	Examimtion of hull and cleaning & painting.
FERRYVILLE.	LOBOS	DOCKED			
	M.L. LE BORGNE	IN DOCK			
	SAMINGOY	At Sea for Ferryville	11th March	April 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-
	SAMPLER	Ldg. at Taranto for Split	23rd March	June 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$k.
	FORT LAWRENCE	At Taranto for Piraeus	1st April	June 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$k.
	VILLE DE TIPAZA	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged coaster. Hull repairs.
	FORT DE FRANCE	At Bizerta	ready		Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs and painting.
	SAMLEVEN	Bid withdrawn			
TARANTO & BRINDISI.	CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
Cleaning & Painting.	ORATA	At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Heel-Greece Shuttle awaiting relief	20th March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from be wiped.

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POSITION	READY FOR DRYDOCKING.	LAST DRYDOCKED	1213	REMARKS
				(FRENCH BID)
DUTIER At Casablanca	ready			Cleaning and painting.
At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival			Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/WSA BID) (FRENCH BID)
				Examination of rudder.
At Casablanca	ready			
				Italian Tanker. Requires new tube, tail end and propeller. (MWTR BID) (WSA BID)
At Gibraltar	ready			
At Gibraltar	ready			Extensive torpedo damage.
DOCKED				
LE BORGNE IN DOCK At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944		Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FEO/WSA BID) (WSA BID)
				Torpedo damage.
STONE At Gibraltar for Oran				
DOCKED				
GEOIS At Oran	19th March	Aug. 1944		Minor hull repairs and examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
LE BORGNE At Algiers	24th March	July 1944		Examination of hull and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
DOCKED				
BORGNE IN DOCK At Sea for Ferry [illegible]e	11th March	April 1944		Speed reduced from 10½-[illegible] (PSTO BID)
Ldg. at Taranto for Split	23rd March	June 1944		Speed reduced from 11½-9½k. (PSTO BID)
RENCE At Taranto for Piraeus	1st April	June 1944		Speed reduced from 10½-9½k. (PSTO BID)
TIPAZA At Bizerta	ready			Salvaged coaster. Hull repairs. (FRENCH BID)
FRANCE At Bizerta	ready			Salvaged vessel. Hull repairs and cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
Bid withdrawn				(MWTR BID)
At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943		Italian. Cleaning and painting. (WSA BID)
At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock		Italian. Cleaning and painting.
I ZANELLI Heel-Greece	20th March			Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
Shuttle awaiting relief				

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI. For Repairs.	ORIETTA	DOCKED			
	TOSCANA	IN DOCK			
	LYMINGE	IN DOCK			
	EDGAR E. CLARKE	At Taranto	ready		Rudder to be lifted and bearing renewed.
	CALEB	At Taranto	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and clea and painting.
NAPLES.	WASHINGTON IRVING	IN DOCK			
	TRITON MARIS	IN DOCK			
	SESTRIERE	At Naples	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ITU	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For examination.
	FO	At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock	Italian water boat. Cleaning and painting.
	DON	At Ancona discharging	18th March	over year out of drydock	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and painting examination. For survey.
	FORT STURGEON	At Naples ldg. for Marseilles	24th March	May, 1944	Speed reduced from 11-8½k. and to examir propellor.
	SAMOYE	Bid withdrawn			
	LORRAINE	Bid withdrawn			
LEGHORN.					
PALERMO.					
LA CIOTAT.	VILLE DE BASTIA	At Marseilles on arrival			Cleaning and paint[illegible]
	VAL DE LA [illegible]	At Ajaccio for Marseilles on arrival			Cleaning a[illegible] painting.
	ARAGO	At Marseilles on arrival			Cleaning and painting, rudder repairs a re-wooding of stern tube.
	MORIALTA	At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs.

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POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
DOCKED				
IN DOCK				
IN DOCK				
At Taranto	ready		Rudder to be lifted and bearing renewed.	(WSA BID)
At Taranto	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and cleaning and painting.	(MWTR BID)
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IN DOCK				
At Naples	ready		Cleaning and painting.	(WSA BID)
At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For examination.	(MWTR BID)
At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock	Italian water boat. Cleaning and painting.	(MWTR/FEO BID)
orn discharging	18th March	over year out of drydock	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and painting and examination. For survey.	(PSTO BID)
At Naples ldg. for Marseilles	24th March	May, 1944	Speed reduced from 11-8½k. and to examine propellor.	(PSTO BID)
Bid withdrawn				
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A [illegible] Marseilles on arrival			Cleaning and paint[illegible]	(FRENCH BID)
At Ajaccio for Marseilles on arrival			Cleaning a[illegible]painting.	(FRENCH BID)
At Marseilles on arrival			Cleaning and p[illegible]inting, rudder repairs and re-wooding of [illegible]dern tube.	(FRENCH BID)
At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs.	(MWTR BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

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CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

Under Repair (until 15th March)
Local Craft
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
French Warship
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Local Craft

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

ASTURIAS (out abt. 18th March)
H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship
Landing Craft
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 31st March)
EAGLE (2 days)
MICHAEL J. STONE

No. 2 Dock.

JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (out abt. 15th March)
U.S. Warship
French Warship

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 21st March)
AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE (8 days)
STRASBOURGEOIS (5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 21st March)
Tug

FERRYVILLE.

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No. 1 Dock.

French Warships
FORT DE FRANCE (10 days)

No. 2 Dock.

LODOS (uncertain)
FORT LAWRENCE (2 days)

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock.

M.L. LE BORGNE (abt. out)
SAMINGOY (2 days)

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Under Repair (until 15th March)
Local Craft
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
French Warship
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock.

ASTURIAS (out abt. 18th March)
H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship
Landing Craft
FULGOR (3/4 weeks)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft

O R A N.

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U.S. Warship
French Warship

A L G I E R S.

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AUGUSTINE LE BORGNE (8 days)
STRASBOURGEOIS (5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 21st March)
Tug

F E R R Y V I L L E.

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No. 2 Dock.

LOBOS (uncertain)
FORT LAWRENCE (2 days)

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock.

M.L. LE BORGNE (abt. out)
SAMINGOY (2 days)

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TARANTO AND BRINDISI.

No. 1 Dock.

ICELAND, TERESA SCHLAFTINO & H.M. Ship (out abt. 20th March)
H.M. Ships

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ships & Italian Warships
Italian Warship

No. 12 Dock.

TOSCANA & H.M. Ship(out abt. 13th March)

No. 13 Dock.

LYMINGE (out abt. 10th March)
EDGAR E. CLARKE

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ORATA (cleaning & painting)
CALEB

NAPLES.

No. 1 Dock.

WASHINGTON IRVING (re-docking) (out abt. 15th March)
SESTRIERE (3 days)
H.M. Ship (10 days)
Under repair (5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

TRITON MARIS (abt. out)
H.M. Ship
ITU (for examination) (2 days)
PO (4 days)

No. 3 Dock.

Landing Craft
Local Craft

Floating Dock.

Local Craft

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

LEGHORN.

U.S. Warship
Local Craft
CHRISTINE

PALERMO.

ALRESFORD (out abt. 12th March)
U.S. Warships

MESSINA.

H.M. Ships

LA CIOTAT.

French Warship (abt. out)
VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
VAL DE LA HAYE & ARAGO (12 days)
French Warship (7 days)
MORIALTA & French Warship (6 weeks)

TOULON.

No. 1 Dock.

No. 3 Dock.

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TOSCANA & H.M. Ship(out abt. 13th March)

LYMINGE (out abt. 10th March)
EDGAR E. CLARKE

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ORATA (cleaning & painting)
GALEB

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

WASHINGTON IRVING/(re-docking) (out abt. 15th March)
SESTRIERE (3 days)
H.M. Ship (10 days)
Under repair (5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

TRITON MARIS (abt. out)
H.M. Ship
ITU (for examination) (2 days)
PO (4 days)

No. 3 Dock.

Landing Craft
Local Craft

Floating Dock.

Local Craft

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Warship
Local Craft
CHRISTINE

P A L E R M O.

ALRESFORD (out abt. 12th March)
U.S. Warships

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

French Warship (abt. out)
VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
VAL DE LA HAYE & ARAGO (12 days)
French Warship (7 days)
MORIALTA & French Warship (6 weeks)

T O U L O N.

No. 1 Dock.

Local Craft

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship
Local Craft

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 9th MARCH 1945

SIGNAL KEY

Dates anticipated or actual

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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: Own power	In tow	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

TARANTO - 6.3.45.

SPONGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery and boilers deferred due to higher priorities. Awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/ D 20/ E 23/3	Vessel redocking to complete rewooding of stern tube and welding of shell rivets.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea	D 21/12 E 20/3	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 C 7/3	Deck and engine repairs. D/D for examination of underwater collision damage.	D 11/3 E 13/3	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 10/3	Deck repairs in progress.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 13/3	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 15/3	
TOSCANA	A 23/1 B 24/1 C 11/3	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.	D 17/3 E 20/3	
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 20/ E 12/	
NASPRITE (R.F.A.)	C 18/2	Underwater damage. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 10/3	
EMPIRE	A 18/2	Routine D/D etc.	D 5/3	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Dates	
TARANTO - 6.3.45.				
SPINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery and boilers deferred due to higher priorities. Awaiting repair berth.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 3/3	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/ D 20/ E 23/3	Vessel redocking to complete renewedding of stern tube and welding of shell rivets.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea	D 21/12 E 20/3	Several derricks to renew.
SABRINA	B 17/11	Engine and boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LYMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12 C 7/3	Deck and engine repairs. D/D for examination of underwater collision damage.	D 11/3 E 13/3	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 10/3	Deck repairs in progress.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 15/3	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 15/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 11/3	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.	D 17/3 E 20/3	
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 3/3	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 20/ E 12/	
NASPRITE (R.F.A.)	C 18/2	Underwater damage. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 10/3	
EMPIRE CANDIDA	A 18/2 C 27/2	Routine D/D etc.	D 9/3 E 16/3	
TAIGETE	A 9/2 B 14/2	Cargo pumps unworkable; boiler defects, broken windlass etc.	E 12/3	Numerous repairs in hand to allow vessel to operate as cargo tanker at Ancona.
EDGAR E. CLARK.	A 3/3 C 11/3	D/D for repairs to rudder.	D) Ind. E)	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

TARANTO (CONT'D).

Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

TARANTO: AGIA VARVARA, ALEX, ANDALUSIA, BENGLOE, CAP TOURANE, CARA, CHAMPOLLION, CISNEROS, EMPIRE FAUN, EMPIRE GRANGE, LACOVOS, PASS OF, MELFORT, PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA, STANHILL, VITTORIO ZANIBON

BRINDISI: FANNI DRUTTER, BENJAMIN TAY, GEZINA, FREIBURG, EMPIRE OUTPOST, EMPIRE GAZELL, MARVIA, CHLORIS, OCEAN VIGOUR, ARGENTINA, SAMLEVEN.

BARI: NO REPORT RECEIVED.

MARSEILLE - 6.3.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1	Temporary repairs completed. Awaiting D/D.
ERIDAN	A 20/2 B 21/2	Engine Repairs.	E 4/3	Completed.
RUDBY	A 25/2 B 24/2	Grounding & heavy weather damage; engine & winch repairs.	E 12/3	

SALTCREEK, BARON FAIRLIE, FAIRWATER, SAMTRUTH, SAMSETTE, BRIKA, SALFLORA, EMPIRE GANGES) Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

LEGHORN - 6.3.45

ANDREA CONTARINI	A 22/2 B 24/2 C 25/2	Routine D/D. Minor repairs to dynamo engine and boilers.	D 28/2 E 1/3	Completed.

SAMINGO - Minor repairs since 27.2.45.

NAPLES - 7.3.45.

WINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 9/3	
SIBAJAK	A 21/2 B 23/2 C 24/2	Changing propellers.	D 2/3 E 3/3	Completed.

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ANDALUSIA	CISNEROS			
BENGLOE	EMPIRE FAUN	PRINCIPESSA		
CAP TOURANE	MITRE GRANGE	GIOVANNA		

BRINDISI: FANNY DRUMMER, GEZINA, EMPIRE OUTPOST, MARVIA, OCEAN VIGOUR
BENJAMIN TAY, FREIBURG, EMPIRE GAZELL, CILCRIS, ARGENTINA, SAALEVEN.

BARI: NO REPORT RECEIVED.

MARSEILLE - 6.3.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 25/9	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/3	Temporary repairs completed. Awaiting D/D.
ERIDAN	A 20/2 B 21/2	Engine Repairs.	E 4/3	Completed.
RUDBY	A 25/2 B 24/2	Grounding & heavy weather damage; engine & winch repairs.	E 12/3	

SALTCREEK, FAIRWATER, SAMSETTE, SAMFLORA, EMPIRE GANGES, BARON FAIRLIE, SAMTRUTH, ERIKA } Minor repairs since 28.2.45.

LEGHORN - 6.3.45

ANDREA CONTARINI	A 22/2 B 24/2 C 25/2	Routine D/D. Minor repairs to dynamo engine and boilers.	D 28/2 E 1/3	Completed.

SAMINGO - Minor repairs since 27.2.45.

NAPLES - 7.3.45.

HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 9/3	
SIBAJAK	A 21/2 B 23/2 C 24/2	Changing propellers.	D 2/3 E 3/3	Completed.
KATINGO HADJIPATERA	A) B) 22/2	Boiler survey. C.C. stay tubes to renew.	E 9/3	
SANGLOW	A 27/2 B 2/3	Windlass damage.	E 11/3	

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NAPLES (CONT'D)

Minor repairs since 21.2.45.

SAMBRIAN	OCEAN GALLANT	PORT SPOKANE	EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	
CHRISTIAN HUTGENS	MARIE CLAIRE	SAMYNE	CARLTON	
EMPIRE SOUTHEY	FAR	P.L.M. 14	VAN DER HELST	
SAMSPERRIN	SAMCONAN	KING JAMES	HERCULES	
MANNINGTON	BRIGHTON	SAMKANSA	SAMEVRON	
LEEDS CITY	LLANDOVERY CASTLE	EMPIRE ROCK	SAMSKERN	
SAGNETTY	VILLE D'ORAN	P.L.M. 13	SAMCREST	GOLLY

MALTA - 7.3.45.

CANTAKEIT	A 16/12 B 18/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/3	
FRANCO (Maltese)	A) B) C) Not stated.	Routine D/D and tailshaft repairs.	D - E -	Completed.
DARIEN II	A) B) 16/2	General overhaul - deck machinery engines; boilers and auxiliaries.	E 7/3	Completed.

DUNSTERGRANGE: BALTIC: GIAMPAOLO: SANTA CHIARA: EMPIRE GAT - Minor repairs
ANGELO : LECH : MONTEGRAPPA: LANCANO - since 26.2.45.

BIZERTE - 6.3.45.

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 5/2 E 28/2	Completed.
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed forward end No. 2.	D) E)	Ind.
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 28/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E 15/3	(Est.).

Minor repairs since 27.2.45. - FORTUNATA: UGO FIORELLI.

ALGIERS - 26.2.45 (Delayed report).

EMPIRE	A 14/1 B 16/1	Fitting new ballast and general service pumps.	E 18/2	Completed.

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LEEDS CITY SAMNETON		LLANDOVERY CASTLE VILLE D'ORAN	EMPIRE ROCK P.L.M. 13	SANCREST	GOLLY

MALTA - 7.3.45.

CANTAXEIT	A 16/12 B 18/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/3	
FRANCO (Maltese)	A) B) Not stated. C)	Routine D/D and tailshaft repairs.	D - E -	Completed.
DARIEN II	A) B) 16/2	General overhaul - deck machinery engines; boilers and auxiliaries.	E 7/3	Completed.

DUNSTERGRANGE: BALTIC: GIAMPAOLO: SANTA CHIARA: EMPIRE CAT - Minor repairs
ANGELO : LECH : MONTECRAPPA: LANCANO - since 26.2.45.

BIZERTE - 6.3.45.

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 5/2 E 28/2	Completed.
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 5/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed forward end No.2.	D) E)	Ind.
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 28/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to rewood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck & engine repairs.	D 6/3 E 15/3 (Est.).	

Minor repairs since 27.2.45. - FORTUNATA: UGO FIORELLI.

ALGIERS - 26.2.45 (Delayed report).

EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast and general service pumps. Renewals to steam & exhaust pipes; boiler survey.	E 18/2	Completed.
MARIGOT	A 15/2 B 16/2	Repairs and alterations. Fumigation. Engine and boiler repairs.	E 3/3	
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 21/2	Engine & windlass repairs.	E 28/2	
EMPIRE GANGES	A) B) 23/2	Boiler defects.	E 26/2	Completed.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ALGIERS (CONT'D)				
Minor repairs since 19.2.45.				
CARLTON	FORT FRONTENAC	TANTRA		
CORFELL	ISONZO	VILLE D'ORAN		
EMPIRE CAXTON	NORANDA PARK	PETROS GOULANDRIS		
FORT SPOKANE	POZARICA	FOREMOST (TUG)		
ITALIAN REPORT - 8.3.45.				
GIBRALTAR - VESSELS IN HAND				
FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail and shaft.		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.F.				
OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.		Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO.	A 1940.	In very bad condition.		Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Not fit for long towing.
PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
USTICA		Boiler and Engine defects.		Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.
AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
LUCIA C.		Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.		Vessel to be sent M.E.
S.CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		Repairs to hull incompleted at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA		Hull and capstan repairs.		6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille harbour.
TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND				
	D 3/11			Work temporarily sus-

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GIBRALTAR - VESSELS IN HAND

FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube propeller, tail and shaft.	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.F.

OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLIENZIO.	A 1940.	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Not fit for long towing.

PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS

USTICA	Boiler and Engine defects.	Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit.

AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS

LUCLA C.	Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.	Vessel to be sent M.E.
S.CHIARA	Hull plating repairs.	Repairs to hull incompleted at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA	Hull and capstan repairs.	6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseille harbour.

TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND

SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Not possible to foresee completion date.
ORATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & Painting of hull	D 21/12 E Ind.	It is presumed works retaken in hand 8/3/45.
TAIGETE	A 9/2 B 14/2	Repairs to cargo pumps valve extension rods.	E 12/3	Awaiting details.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND				
MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11	General repairs.	D 18/11 E 30/3	Hull repairs yet to complete.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 27/2	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 4/3 E 15/3	Vessel twice docked to complete rewooding of stern tube.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E Ind.	Salved 29.7.44. Work proceeding slowly.
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
CHERCA		Boilers & Engine defects. Cleaning & Painting of hull.		15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA		Engine & Boiler repairs woodworks. Repairs to double bottom.		Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE		Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.		
LUANA		General repairs. Ship mined.		4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.
NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND				
CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/5	Many difficulties found because of items to supply. To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E Ind.	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 8/3	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	D) E) Ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 1/3	Changing of propeller.	D 7/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 12/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 16/3 E 10/4	4 days asked in D/D.
SIRIO	B 2/1 C 23/2	General repairs.	D 28/2 E 11/3	Trials in hand.
SESTRIERE	C 10/3	No report.		
BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear and capstan. False keel to	D 28/12	Underwater repairs yet to complete.

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				stern tube.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 20/2 E Ind.	Salved 29.7.44. Work proceeding slowly.

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boilers & Engine defects. Cleaning & Painting of hull.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs woodworks. Repairs to double bottom.	Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/3	Many difficulties found because of items to supply. To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E Ind.	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 8/3	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	D) E) Ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 1/3	Changing of propeller.	D 7/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 12/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 16/3 E 10/4	4 [illegible]s asked in D/D.
SIRIO	B 2/1 C 23/2	General repairs.	D 28/2 E 11/3	Trials in hand.
SESTRIERE	C 10/3	No report.		

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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	Underwater repairs yet to complete.

AUGUSTA - 4.3.45 (Including delayed report for w/e 27.2.45).

KEILA	A 4/3 B 5/3	Leaky boiler C.C. stays.	E Signal incomplete.	

SAMAFRIC OCEAN VIRTUE FORT KULLISPELL) Minor repairs
FORT SOURIS MARVIA) since 20.2.45.

Minor repairs since 27.2.45 - No information.

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				Stern tube.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 3/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 26/2 E Ind.	Salved 29.7.44. Work proceeding slowly.

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boilers & Engine defects. Cleaning & Painting of hull.	15 days requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs woodworks. Repairs to double bottom.	Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 20/5	Many difficulties found because of items to supply. To be fitted as refrigerator.
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E Ind.	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 8/3	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	D) E) Ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 1/3	Changing of propeller.	D 7/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 12/3	Engine overhaul. Shaft rudder etc.	D 16/3 E 10/4	4 days asked in D/D.
SIRIO	B 2/1 C 23/2	General repairs.	D 28/2 E 11/3	Trials in hand.
SESTRIERE	C 10/3	No report.		

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft aligrment. Some deck plating to renew under steering gear and capstan. False keel to replace.	D 28/12	Underwater repairs yet to complete.

AUGUSTA - 4.3.45 (Including delayed report for w/e 27.2.45).

KEILA	A 4/3 B 5/3	Leaky boiler C.C. stays.	E Signal incomplete.	

SAMAFRIC OCEAN VIRTUE FORT KULLMSPELL) Minor repairs since 20.2.45.
FORT SOURIS MARVIA)

Minor repairs since 27.2.45 - No information.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
GIBRALTAR - 6.3.45.				
FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube & propeller. Final maching of stern tube impossible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No. 2 & 3 holds by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
CARNLOCHIE	A 25/2 B 26/2	Dynamo engine cylinder to bore out, new pistor.	E 28/2	Completed.
EMPIRE ROCK	A 25/2 B 27/2	Refrigerator repairs.	E -	Completed.
CITY OF WINDSOR	A 25/2 B 26/2	New lifeboat.	E 28/2	Completed.
ASTURIAS	C 28/2 D 18/3	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.	G 18/3	
CLAN CAMERON	A) B) 25/2	Boiler tubes to renew.	E 26/2	Completed.
Y.72 (T)	A 25/2 B 28/2	Crack in deck welding to repair; steering gear chain to renew.	E -	
BRITISH PATIENCE	A 7/2 B 8/2	Collision damage, stiffening shell plating & deck in way of No.6 Tank.	F 3/3	Completed.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 holds due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
FACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E -	Delay due to work being done in Bay.

Minor repairs since 20.2.45 - EMPIRE SETTLER, EMPIRE DRURY, EMPIRE CLYDESDALE, EMPIRE CADET, EMPIRE RUSSELL, FORT NAKASLEY, EMPIRE JENNY, FORT ASH

Minor repairs since 27.2.45 - No information.

BONE - 6.3.45.

DRAGNESFJORD	Rudder damage.		Vessel arrived 2.3.45. Rudder again examined and divers in-

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				ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No. 2 & 3 holds by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
CARSLOGIE	A 25/2 B 26/2	Dynamo engine cylinder to bore out, new pistor.	E 28/2	Completed.
EMPIRE ROCK	A 25/2 B 27/2	Refrigerator repairs.	E -	Completed.
CITY OF WINDSOR	A 25/2 B 26/2	New lifeboat.	E 28/2	Completed.
ASTURIAS	C 28/2 D 10/3	Temporary repairs to torpedo damage to make watertight for voyage to U.K.	G 10/3	
CLAN CAMERON	A) B) 25/2	Boiler tubes to renew.	E 26/2	Completed.
Y.72 (T)	A 25/2 B 28/2	Crack in deck welding to repair; steering gear chain to renew.	E -	
BRITISH PATIENCE	A 7/2 B 8/2	Collision damage, stiffening shell plating & deck in way of No. 6 Tank.	F 3/3	Completed.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 holds due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
FACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E -	Delay due to work being done in Bay.

Minor repairs since 20.2.45 - EMPIRE SETTLER, EMPIRE DRURY, EMPIRE CLYDESDALE, EMPIRE CADET, EMPIRE RUSSELL, FORT NAKASLEY, EMPIRE JENNY, FORT ASH

Minor repairs since 27.2.45 - No information.

BONE - 6.3.45.

DRAMNESFJORD	Rudder damage.	Vessel arrived 2.3.45. Rudder again examined and divers inspection made. Stern frame set to Port 10°. No signs of fracture. Immediate repairs not considered necessary to proceed to U.K. fully loaded and certificate being issued. Vessel awaiting orders.

FORT ANNE - Minor repairs since 27.2.45.

PHILLIPVILLE - BARON TWEEDSMOUTH - Minor repairs since 27.2.45.

BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ALGIERS - 5.3.45.				
MARIGOT	A 15/2 B 16/2	Repairs & Alterations. Fumigation. Engine & boiler repairs.	E 10/3.	
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 21/2	Engine and windlass repairs.	E 28/2	Completed.
FOREMOST 43(Tug).	A 28/2 B 2/3 C 5/3	Hull and machinery repairs; degaussing; preparation for voyage to India.	D - E 30/3	
DALMORE D.L. MAPPER FORT ANNE	ISONZO NORANDA PARK PALERMO	PETROS J. GOULANDRIS SAMBOSTON	Minor repairs since 26.2.45.	
ORAN - 7.3.45.				
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engineroom & No.3 Hold.	D 1/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 2/4	Routine D/D. Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 5/4 E 6/4	
ORKLA	A 19/2 B 20/2	General overhaul.	E 8/3	
EASTERN PRINCE	A 23/2 B 24/2	Starb'd engine fuel pump drive shaft to machine and rubush.	E 27/2	Completed.
SAINTONAGE; EMPIRE TRENT; YANKEE ARROW; WM. WILSON - Minor repairs since 26.2.45.				
PALERMO - 8.3.45				
AIRESFORD	New tail end shaft liner; new stern gland and bush; new fwd and aft bush for stern tube; tail end and 2 lengths shafting to try for truth.		E 26/3 (Est)	Progress satisfactory.

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MICHAEL J. STONE — Torpedo damage. Details not received. Temporary repairs effected to sail vessel to Oran.

HENRY MILLER — Extensive torpedo damage. Partial survey indicated long job.

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EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) B) 21/2	Engine and windlass repairs.	E 28/2	Completed.
FOREMOST 45 (Tug).	A 28/2 B 2/3 C 5/3	Hull and machinery repairs; degaussing; preparation for voyage to India.	D - E 30/3	
DALMORE D.L. HAFFER FORT ANNE	ISONZO NORANDA PARK PALERMO	PETROS J. GOULANDRIS SAGUENAY	Minor repairs since 26.2.45.	

ORAN - 7.3.45.

JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engineroom & No. 3 Hold.	D 1/4 E Ind.	
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 2/4	Routine D/D. Machinery overhaul; extensive repairs.	D 5/4 B 6/4	
ORKLA	A 19/2 B 20/2	General overhaul.	E 8/3	
EASTERN PRINCE	A 23/2 B 24/2	Starb'd engine fuel pump drive shaft to machine and rebush.	E 27/2	Completed.

SAINTONAGE: EMPIRE TRENT: YANKEE ARROW: WM. WILSON - Minor repairs since 26.2.45.

PALERMO - 8.3.45

ALRESFORD	New tail end shaft liner; new stern gland and bush; new fwd and aft bush for stern tube; tail end and 2 lengths shafting to try for truth.	E 26/3 (Est)	Progress satisfactory.

W.S.A. REPAIR REPORT POSITION AS OF 8.3.45

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MICHAEL J. STONE — Torpedo damage. Details not received. Temporary repairs effected to sail vessel to Oran.

HENRY MILLER — Extensive torpedo damage. Partial survey indicated long job.

CASABLANCA - Minor repairs at 5.3.45 - SAUL ROSS

ORAN:

JOHN S. HOPKINS — Work proceeding slowly.

EAGLE — Work proceeding slowly.

Minor repairs ending 5.3.45 - STEPHEN DOUGLAS: GEO. W. CAMPBELL.

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Minor repairs ending 5.3.45 - WILLIAM WILSON.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

W.S.A. REPORT (CONTINUED)

NAPLES:

WASHINGTON IRVING — Vessel in drydock. Fitting new skeg. Scrub and painting bottom. Expected out of drydock 10.3.45.

TRETON MARIS — Vessel entered drydock. Fitted and installed one new propeller. Renewed one pintle of rudder. Patched stern gland. Scrub and painted hull.

Minor repairs ending 7.3.45.

ARTHUR L. PERRY	THOMAS POLLOCK	ROBERT HUNTER	L.C. TUG
HENRY SHELBY	EZRA CORNELL	WM. WATSON	SOUTH MOUNTAIN.
MOUNT EVEREST	INDIANA	M.T. 395	

BARI:

EDGAR E. CLARK — Vessel awaiting drydock. Rudder to be lifted and bearing renewed. 3 days work.

Minor repairs ending 3.3.45. JOHN S. SARGENT: R.M. WILLIAMSON: WALKER TAYLOR
SALVADORE BRAU: BROCKHOLST LIVINGSTONE

LEGHORN - Minor repairs ending 7.3.45.

JOHN FORBES	IGNATIUS DONNELLY	BENJAMIN GOODHUE	JAMES J. HILL
DAVID HILL	JOSEPH WARREN	JOHN ROBINS	
JOHN MASON	RAIN WILGATE	JOSEPH HOLLISTER	

MARSEILLE:

WILLIAM PETERSON — Struck submerged object. Rudder stock twisted 25°. Possible drydock necessary. Final examination not made.

Minor repairs ending 7.3.45.

JOHN FAIRFIELD	MELVILLE JACOBY	RACHEL JACKSON	RICHMOND HOBSON
RICHARD NEWELL	THOMAS BENTON	BENJAMIN HUNTINGTON	WILLIAM BORAH
ROBERT TRIBBLE	THOMAS KEMP	PERE MARQUETTE	JOHN DAVEY
ROBERT HARRISON	CALEB STRONG.		

NO FRENCH REPORT RECEIVED.

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

No.48.

To: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDITO;

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

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
1st.March 1945.

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ATTACHED TO FRENCH SHIPPING REPORT NO.48.

FRENCH PROGRAMME No.9(Meeting of the 1st.March 1945.)

TABLE No.1.
Vessels on Passage.
(Week ending 4th.of March 1945)

Vessel	List	Port & date of departure	Interned.ports	DESTINATION	Remarks.
		FRENCH WEST AFRICA/ [illegible] NORTH AFRICA.			
CEVENNES	B	ORAN 26/2	CASA	DAKAR	Wine-Gen.
DUNKERQUE	B	CASA 4/3	DAKAR	FR.W.A.	FNA./Goods.
FAUZON	B	CASA 3/3	DAKAR	-do-	-do-
MARRAKESH	B	CASA 28/2		DAKAR	Passgrs.Gen.
MONTAIGNE	B	CASA 28/2	DAKAR	FR.W.A.	Wine-Gen.
PROVIDENCE	Spec	CASA 3/3	DAKAR	FR.W.A.	Passgrs.-Gen.
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	ALGIERS 27/2		CASA	Gen.-Oil.
ESPIGUETTE	B	LA GOULETTE 28/2	BONE	ALGIERS	Phopph.-Alfa.
JEANNE SCHLAFFINO	B	ALGIERS 27/2		BONE	Coal.
JOSEPHINE LEBORGNE	B	ALGIERS 1/3		ORAN	Repairs.
LE ZERAMIA	B	BOUGIE 28/2	BONE	DJIDJELLI	Lime-Wheat.
LACMDON	B	NEMOURS 27/2	ORAN	NEMOURS	Coal.
LES ISSERS	B	ALGIERS 28/2	PH/VILLE	BONE	Gen.Cement
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	ORAN 2/3	ARZEW	MOST./ALG.	Salt.Drums. (Alcohol.)
TOURS	B	PH/VILLE 2/2	BONE	LA GOULETTE: ORAN	General.
MAGHREB (Moroccan)		CASA 28/2	ORAN	CASA	Preserves.

TABLE No.2.
ANTICIPATED ROTATION (Week ending 11th.March 1945.

		FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.			
CEVENNES	B	CASA 5/3.		DAKAR	
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	B	CASA 5/3	DAKAR	F.R.W.A.	
		FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP PINEDE	B	CASA 7/3	BOUGIE/PH/VILLE	BONE	Sugar
LE ZERAMA	B	DJIDJELLI	ALGIERS	BOUGIE	Wheat.-Semolina
CAID KEBIR (Moroccan)		CASA 15/3	MARSEILLES	ORAN/CASA	GEN.-PROV.
LES ISSENS	B	BONE 8/3	DJIDJELLI/ORAN	NEMOURS	Wheat-Wood
JEANNE SCGLAFFINO	B	BONE 5/3	PH/VILLE	ALGIERS	Wheat-Pyrites.

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TABLE No.3.
ROTATION PROGRAMMED NO AFTER 11th.March 1945.
FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA.

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CEVENNES	: B	:ORAN 26/2	:CASA	:DAKAR	:Wine-Gen.
DUNKERQUE	: B	:CASA 4/3	:DAKAR	:FR.W.A.	:FWA.Goods.
FAUZON	: B	:CASA 3/3	:DAKAR	: -do-	: -do-
MANNAKAM	: B	:CASA 2?/2	:	:DAKAR	:Pssgrs.Gen.
MONTAIGNE	: D	:CASA 28/2	:DAKAR	:FR.W.A.	:Wine-Gen.
PROVIDENCE	:Spec:	:CASA 3/3	:DAKAR	:FR.W.A.	:Pssgrs.-Gen.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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JOSEPHINE LEBORGNE	: B	:ALGIERS 1/3	:	:ORAN	:Repairs.
LE ZERAMNA	: B	:BOUGIE 28/2	:BONE	:DJIDJELLI	:Lime-Wheat.
LACANON	: B	:NEMOURS 27/2	:ORAN	:NEMOURS	:Coal.
LES ISSERS	: B	:ALGIERS 28/2	:PH/VILLE	:BONE	:Gen.Cement
STRASBOURGEOIS	: B	:ORAN 2/3	:ARZEW	:MOST./ALG.	:Salt.Drums. (Alcohol.)
TOURS	: B	:PH/VILLE 2/2	:BONE	:LA GOULETTE: ORAN	General.
MAGHREB (Moroccan)		:CASA 28/2	:ORAN	:CASA	:Preserves.

TABLE No.2.

ANTICIPATED ROTATION (Week ending 11th.March 1945.

FRENCH WEST AFRICA/FRENCH NORTH AFRICA.

CEVENNES	: B	:CASA 5/3.	:	:DAKAR	:
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	: B	:CASA 5/3	:DAKAR	:F.R.W.A.	

FRENCH NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

CAP PINEDE	: B	:CASA 7/3	:BOUGIE/PH/VILLE	:BONE	:Sugar
LE ZERAMNA	: B	:DJIDJELLI	:ALGIERS	:BOUGIE	:Wheat.+Semolina
CAID KEBIR (Moroccan)		:CASA 15/3	:MARSEILLES	:ORAN/CASA	:GEN.-PROV.
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TABLE No.3.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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SHEET TWO.

M E M O R A N D U M.

Vessel	List:	Port & date of departure	Intermed.ports:	Destination	Remarks.
		a)- CORSICAN TRAFFIC.			
N.D.d'AFRIQUE	D			Coasting	
VILLE D'AJACCIO	D	AJACCIO 25/2	ALGIERS		
		b)-Vessel at disposal of Fr.G.H.Q.			
CHATEAU LATOUR	D				
		c)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.			
DJEBEL AURES	D				
MAROC	D				
RICHELIEU	D	Redlvrd.at MALTA 27/2. 1600 hrs.			
LE TRAIT	D	" "	MARSEILLES ? ?.		
M.LE DORME		" "			
		d)-Coasting on S.France.			
VILLE DE BASTIA	D				
VAL DE LA HAYE	D				
FORFAIT	D				
		e)- Colonial Traffic.			
INDRA	D	in ALGIERS		Sto ped for repairs.	
SAINTAING	D	ALGIERS 27/2		WEST INDIES	

NOT AVAILABLE.

CAP TALCON- AUGUSTIN LE DORME - VILLE DE TUNIS - G.G.CHANZY - MARSEILLAISE- KOUTOUBIA- MADRILETE- JOSEPHINE LE DORME.

T A B L E No.4.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANTE MYRAND	D	MAOLACK 26/2	DAKAR
ARCTURUS	D	DAKAR 15/3	F.W.A. Then repairs
CAP LOPEZ	D	DAKAR	
G.GUIST'HAU	D	KAOLACK 3/3	DAKAR
OUED FES	D	ZIGUINCHOR 26/2	DAKAR
AGEN	D	ACCRA 26/2	LOME
HOGGAR	D	PTE.NOIRE 28/2	PORT GENTIL
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	D	DURTU 28/2	DOUALA
CAP EL HAMK	D	DAKAR 22/2	F.W.A.
CH.SCHLATTINO	D	DAKAR 28/2	-do-
DUNKERQUE	D	DAKAR 25/2	-do-
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	D	DAKAR 26/2	-do-

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CHATEAU LATOUR	B			

c)-Vessels at disposal of the Allies.

ENSEIGNE AUBES	B			
MAROC	B			
RICHELIEU	B	Redlvrd.at MALTA 27/2. 1600 hrs.		
MISTRAL	B			
LE TRAIT	B	" " MARSEILLES ? ?.		
M.LE PORHME		" "		

d)-Coasting on S.France.

VILLE DE BASTIA	B			
VAL DE LA MAYE	B			
FONTAIT	B			

e)- Colonial Traffic.

MEDEA	B	in ALGIERS		Sto ped for repairs.
SAGITTAIRE	B	ALGIERS 27/2		WEST INDIES

NOT AVAILABLE.

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ARCTURUS	B	DAKAR 15/3		F.W.A.
CAP LOPEZ	B	DAKAR		Thon repairs
G.GUIST'HAU	B	KAOLACK 3/3		DAKAR
OUED FES	B	ZIGUINCHOR 28/2		DAKAR
AGEN	B	ACCRA 26/2		LOME
HOGGAR	B	PTE.NOIRE 28/2		PORT GENTIL
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	B	DURTU 28/2		DOUALA
CAP EL HANK	B	DAKAR 22/2		F.W.A.
CH.SCHLAFFINO	B	DAKAR 28/2		-do-
DUNKERQUE	B	DAKAR 25/2		-do-
PORT ARCHAMBAULT	B	DAKAR 26/2		-do-
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	B	Pte.NOIRE 28/2		DAKAR

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SHEET THREE.

FRENCH PROGRAMME No.9.

TABLE No.5.

RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

VESSEL	List	Port & date of departure	Intermed. Ports	Destination	Remarks.
a) MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.					
VILLE DE DJIDJELLI	D	SETE abt 2/3	ALGIERS	SETE	
G.G.LEPINE	D	ORAN abt 28/2	SETE	ALGIERS	
SIDI BRAHIM	D	ALGIERS 3/3	SETE	ALGIERS	
FINISTERE	D	SFAX 21/2	CARONTE	SFAX	
PROPSER SCHLAFFINO	D	SFAX 1/3	CARONTE	SFAX	
GALLIUM	D	SETE abt -/3	BOUGIE/ALGIERS	ST.LOUIS DU RHONE	
OMELLA	D	STAX abt 5/3		CARONTE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	D	SETE abt -/3	ALGIERS	SETE	
CAUDERAN	D	SETE abt -/3	ORAN	SETE	
CARTHAGE	D	SETE abt -/3	BOUGIE	SETE	
RICHELIEU	D	TUNIS abt 3/3	SFAX	CARONTE	
FLORIDA	D	BOUGIE abt -/2	ALGIERS	MARSEILLES	
CAID KEBIR (Moroccan)		CASA abt 15/3	MARSEILLES	ORAN CASA	Not T.M. control.
b)- OTHER TRAFFIC.					
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	D	SETE 26/2	CASA	F.M.A.	
CEVENNES	D	ORAN abt -/2	CASA	DAKAR	
MADAGASCAR	D	MARSEILLES 14/2	CASA	FR.W.A.	
MARRAKECH	D	DAKAR abt -/3		CASA	
PROVIDENCE	D	TOULON 24/2	CASA	DAKAR	
MEDIE II	D	MARSEILLES abt.-/3	CASA	FR.W.A.	
VENDOME	D	CASA abt 23/2		ROUEN	
JANINE	D	HUELVA 25/2		CARONTE	
PROCIDA	D	MARSEILLES -/3		ALGIERS	

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3rd March, 1945.

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British Controlled Petrol fitted Coasters	19	33,140 tons
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French Store Coasters	6	9,140 "
TOTAL:	74	140,604 tons

2. The total cargo carried during the month was:-

	P.O.L.	STORES
Islands to France	-	-
Islands to Italy	1,566	15,124
Islands to North Africa	-	-
Inter Islands		500
North Africa to Islands		5,669
North Africa to Italy		13,134
North Africa to Middle East	1,395	
North Africa to France		2,300
Italy to Jugoslavia	3,917	2,917
Italy to Greece	5,916	9,346
Italy to Middle East		381
Inter Italian Ports	6,075	21,997
Italy to Islands		5,849
Italy to Gibraltar	1,371	
Italy to France	1,500	2,259
Italy to North Africa		234
Middle East to Italy	14,907	6,410
Middle East to Greece	4,318	
Middle East to Jugoslavia	-	-
Inter Greek Ports	1,192	3,224
Inter French Ports		1,226
Gibraltar to Islands		598
Gibraltar to North Africa		132
	42,157	91,300

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3. Summary of working of 19 Petrol Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 42,157 tons Average 221

Total number of days at sea	150	days	Average	8	days
" " " " awaiting convoy	11	"	"	1/2	"
" " " " " discharge	26	"	"	1 1/2	"
" " " " discharging	118	"	"	6	"
" " " " awaiting loading	21	"	"	1	"
" " " " loading	120	"	"	6 1/2	"
" " " " repairing	86	"	"	4 1/2	"

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4. Summary of working of 34 Store Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 59,312 tons
Average 1,744 tons

Total number of days at sea	230 days	Average 7 days	
" " " " awaiting convoy	13 "	"	½ "
" " " " " discharge	69 "	"	2 "
" " " " discharging	190 "	"	5½ "
" " " " awaiting loading	31 "	"	1 "
" " " " loading	172 "	"	5 "
" " " " repairing	247 "	"	7 "

Six vessels aggregating about 10,350 tons made no lifts during the period because of drydocking and repairing.

5. Summary of working of 15 Italian Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 22,538 tons
Average 1,502 tons

Total number of days at sea	97 days	Average 6½ days	
" " " " awaiting convoy	3 "	"	-
" " " " " discharge	12 "	"	1 "
" " " " discharging	113 "	"	7½ "
" " " " awaiting loading	15 "	"	1 "
" " " " loading	120 "	"	8 "
" " " " repairing	60 "	"	4 "

6. Summary of working of 6 French Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 9,450 tons
Average 1,575 tons

Total number of days at sea	49 days	Average 8 days	
" " " " awaiting convoy	1 "	"	-
" " " " " discharge	5 "	"	1 "
" " " " discharging	47 "	"	8 "
" " " " awaiting loading	5 "	"	1 "
" " " " loading	31 "	"	5 "
" " " " repairing	10 "	"	2 "

Of these French Coasters the following have been returned to the French Authorities on the dates mentioned:-

ESPIGUETTE	19th February
RICHEBOURG	27th "
MARIE L. LE BORGNE	28th "
MAROC	28th "

The two remaining vessels will be handed over shortly on completion of their present Military commitments.

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"	"	"	"	discharging	190	"	"	5½ "
"	"	"	"	awaiting loading	31	"	"	1 "
"	"	"	"	loading	172	"	"	5 "
"	"	"	"	repairing	247	"	"	7 "

Six vessels aggregating about 10,350 tons made no lifts during the period because of drydocking and repairing.

5. Summary of working of 15 Italian Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 22,538 tons
Average 1,502 tons

Total	number	of	days	at sea	97	days	Average	6½ days
"	"	"	"	awaiting convoy	3	"	"	-
"	"	"	"	" discharge	12	"	"	1 "
"	"	"	"	discharging	113	"	"	7½ "
"	"	"	"	awaiting loading	15	"	"	1 "
"	"	"	"	loading	120	"	"	8 "
"	"	"	"	repairing	60	"	"	4 "

6. Summary of working of 6 French Coasters:-

Total cargo carried - 9,450 tons
Average 1,575 tons

Total	number	of	days	at sea	49	days	Average	8 days
"	"	"	"	awaiting convoy	1	"	"	-
"	"	"	"	" discharge	5	"	"	1 "
"	"	"	"	discharging	47	"	"	8 "
"	"	"	"	awaiting loading	5	"	"	1 "
"	"	"	"	loading	31	"	"	5 "
"	"	"	"	repairing	10	"	"	2 "

Of these French Coasters the following have been returned to the French Authorities on the dates mentioned:-

ESPIGUETTE	19th February
RICHEBOURG	27th "
MARIE L. LE BORGNE	28th "
MAROC	28th "

The two remaining vessels will be handed over shortly on completion of their present Military commitments.

(sgd) G.B. STURT
LT.CMDR. R.N.V.R.
for COMMODORE.

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Ministry of War Transport
NAPLES.

HOMEWARD LOADING PROGRAMME

Disposal of British Tonnage on Release for January 1945.

To U.K.

IRON ORE	BONE	64,554		tons	
	BOUGIE	7,200			
	ALGIERS	10,600			
	ORAN	7,300			
	MELILLA RIF	49,600			
	" SETOLAZAR	13,450			
	ALMERIA	5,000			
	MORNILLO	20,799		170,483	
ERYTHES	HUELVA	5,365		5,365	
POTASH	BARCELONA	7,250		7,250	
PHOSPHATES	CASABLANCA	72,847		72,847	
CITRUS FRUITS	SPAIN	1,155,020	cases	59,735	21 ships
	SICILY	245,040	cases	7,040	3 ships
ONIONS	SPAIN	56,819	cases	4,058	3 ships
ARGOLS ETC.	SICILY	298		298	
WINE	SICILY	204		204	
				336,280	

To destinations other than U.K.

PHOSPHATES WERE ALSO SHIPPED

CASABLANCA	LISBON	8,740	
BONE	AUSTRALIA	23,528	32,668
			367,948

It should be noted that iron ore for U.K., phosphates for U.K. and Australia and citrus fruits from both Spain and Sicily achieved the priority figure.

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Petroleum Section

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 12.00 HOURS MARCH 10

	CLEAN		DIRTY	
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity (barrels)
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE				
1. With Cargo	26	2,946,000	3	574,000
2. In Ballast	2	249,000	1	50,000
3. In dry-dock or Repair	-	-	-	-
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C. D. & E.)				
1. Working	22	525,000	2	96,000
2. In dry-dock or Repair	11	120,000	2	97,000
C. WATER CARRIERS	28	260,000	-	-
D. HARBOUR TENDERS	3 (a)	72,000	13 (b)	289,000
E. ON OPERATIONAL SERVICE (including N.F.A.)	8	60,000	5	248,000

(a) = 1 Vessel (RONDINE 60,000 bbls.) used as Floating Storage.
(b) = 3 Vessels (CAPE MAZOUTE 4,000 bbls. CELESTINE 1,000 bbls. GULF PRINCE 33,000 bbls.) Also u

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	26	2,946,000	8	574,000	34	3,520,000
	2	249,000	1	60,000	3	309,000
r	-	-	-	-	-	-
r lightening						
	22	525,000	2	96,000	24	621,000
r	11	120,000	2	97,000	13	217,000
	28	260,000	-	-	28	269,000
	3 (a)	72,000	13 (b)	289,000	16	361,000
OR	8	60,000	5	248,000	13	308,000

(a) = 1 Vessel (ROMANIA 68,000 bbls.) used as Floating Storage.
(b) = 3 Vessels (CLAN MAZOUMA CHRISTIE GULF PRINCE) Also used as Floating Storage.
(4,000 bbls. 1,000 bbls. 33,000 bbls.)

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1051. ALGIERS. "SIDI BRAHIM" had docked during the week and Commander Hardie said that "MEONIA" had gone into No. 1 Dock on 1st March for four days and would be followed by French Warships for two weeks.
"EMIL BAUDOT" was then in No. 2 Dock after which the Dock would be taken up by French Warships until the end of the month.

1052. FERRYVILLE. Commander Hardie had been informed by the Fleet Medical Officer that plague restrictions would probably be lifted as from 5th March.
French Warships were in No. 1 Dock and Commander Hardie said that the French Naval tanker "VAR" should by that time have completed and was to be followed in No. 2 Dock by "LOBOS" for examination. In answer to Mr. Smith who had received a report that the work in dock might be completed in two weeks, Commander Hardie said it was most advisable a report on the extent of the damage should be submitted before any decision were reached as to whether she be accepted at Ferryville. He also pointed out that the length of time estimated for repairs in dock might be extended through necessary labour being employed on higher priority ships, of which there were already two badly damaged.
"ORPHEUS" was then in No. 3 Dock but Commander Hardie said should complete very shortly and would be followed by Local Craft then by an H.M. Ship for some time. An H.M. Ship was due to dock that day in No. 4 Dock for a few days, after which "M.L. LE BORGNE" was programmed for that dock. As there were no other vessels awaiting docking at Ferryville, the Committee decided that "SAMLEVEN" and "POINT LAWRENCE" on the Taranto and Naples bidding lists respectively, might obtain a quicker docking at this port, and it was therefore agreed that they follow, in that order, "M.L. LE BORGNE".

1053. TARANTO & BRINDISI. "EMPIRE ROACH" and "TURIDDU" had undocked during the week and Commander Hardie said that "ICELAND", "TERESA SCHIAFFINO" and H.M. Ship in No. 1 Dock would complete about 17th March. There were then H.M. Ships and Italian Warships in No. 2 Dock and Commander Hardie said that "TOSCANA" should by then have gone into No. 12 Dock for four days. "EMPIRE CANDIDA" was due to undock on 4th March from No. 13 Dock and was to be followed by an H.M. Ship.
Commander Hardie reported that "ORIETTA" had been docked at Brindisi and Captain Pate stated that "VITTORINI ZANIBON" would be delayed beyond expected date of readiness.
The "EDGAR E. CLARKE" at Taranto, which it appeared likely would require a quick docking, was mentioned by Mr. Simmons who had no definite information as to the extent of damage but requested that she be placed on the priority list, which was then agreed as follows:- "CHEROA", "LEMINCE", "ORATA","EDGAR E. CLARKE", "CALEB".
The situation as regards repairs to Merchant vessels at these ports was discussed and it was agreed that details of a report put forward by Mr. Smith should be submitted to C in C Med.
Chairman.

1054. NAPLES. "SIBAJAK" was then in No. 1 Dock and Commander Hardie said should complete about 3rd March. The Chairman stated that P.S.T.O. Med. had raised at the MEDBO Meeting the question of the delay caused to "SIBAJAK" by the French Warship, which he believed could not be put in the Bay as she was unable to anchor. He stated that the C.O.T. had been requested to allocate additional berths in Naples Port for repairs to H.M. and Merchant Ships, which could not at the moment be granted and the Chairman said he would take the matter up on a higher level.
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Commander Hardie reported that "CAPO MELE" had completed during the week and that "Y" 79 had also docked. "TRITON MARIS" was due to dock that day in No. 2 Dock and would be followed by "ITU",for examination, then "PO".

H.M. Ships and Italian Warships were programmed for Nos. 3 and 4 Docks/

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 67.

MINUTES OF AIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 2ND MARCH, 1945.

Present: Mr. . Gibson Graham — Chairman.
Commodore J.R.S. Haines, R.N.
Constructor Captain D.W. Smithers, R.C.N.C.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Ing. en Chef 2ème. Classe, Gandilhon.
Major E. Filo della Torre, R.I.N.
Mr. R. Nicol.
Mr. J.R. Smith.
Mr. C.W. Simmons.
Captain E.D. Bate.
Miss M.M. Michie — Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

Commodore Haines was welcomed to the Meeting by the Chairman.

1045. "CORFIRTH". Ref. 1029. A signal from F.C.N.A.M. enquiring to which port this vessel was to be sent and stating that she should be ready for tow about 10th March, was quoted by Commander Hardie. As she would occupy a berth if sent to a S. France port, Mr. Smith felt Leghorn would prove suitable, for the M.W.T. Survey Representative there had stated "CORFIRTH" could lie on mud and he point out that once further ports were captured there would be several drydocks in the vicinity in which she might be taken. Commander Hardie said he would investigate the position. Cmdr. Hardie

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1047. "EMPIRE RAVEN". Ref. 1044. Alterations were being made to the boilers of this vessel which Mr. Smith hoped would be finished in 8 days and prove successful, but if not, said the offer of "ISAAC SHELBY" (Minute 1043) for supplying steam would be welcomed. The Chairman understood there was some technical difficulty for the vessel supplying steam would have to lie on the same side as the meat was taken out and Mr. Smith said he would look into the matter. Mr. Smith.

1048. CASABLANCA. Commander Hardie reported that repairs to the dock should be completed that day, after which a U.S. Warship would dock for two days being followed by a French Warship, "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER", another French Warship for a quick docking, then "ALETTA", followed by "ILE D'OUESSANT".
Local Craft were programmed for No. 2 Dock.

1049. GIBRALTAR. "ASTURIAS" had arrived and Commander Hardie said was then in No. 1 Dock but that all other docks were to be taken up by H.M. Ships.
Captain Bate stated that the tanker "DULCOR" had been lying at Gibraltar for some time and asked if there were a possibility of her docking in the near future. Repairs, Mr. Smith said, should not take more than 3 weeks, but Capt. Smithers considered 5 weeks might be nearer the actual time required and said it might be possible to accept her in No. 2

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1050. ORAN. Completion date for "JOHNS HOPKINS" was given as about 18th March when, Commander Hardie said, "EAGLE" would then go into No. 1 Dock.
The U.S. Warship in No. 2 Dock would be ready about 3rd March, to be followed by "ARGONNE" then a French Warship for two days, "JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE"/

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S E C R E T.

A G E N D A.

ONEHUNDREDANDSECOND MEETING

MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

1100 HOURS, 6TH MARCH, 1945.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 101, DATED 27TH FEBRUARY, 1945.

2. MEDITERRANEAN COAL RECEPTION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 51 dated 28th February, 1945.

3. REPAIR SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 67 dated 2nd March, 1945.

4. FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

Report No. 47 dated 22nd February, 1945.

5. MEDITERRANEAN CIVIL SUPPLIES.

Report of 2nd March, 1945.

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Minutes of Meeting No. 17. dated 4th March, 1945.

7. HARBOUR CRAFT.

Report No. 44 dated 5th March, 1945.

8. TANKER COMMITTEE.

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9. NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Meeting No. 28 dated 19th February, 1945.

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"N. Africa, Malta, Sicily, Greece, Port State" and "Italy and S. France Port State" for 1st March, 1945, on which NASAB 705 has been despatched.

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12. OTHER MATTERS.

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Assistant Secretary,
MEDSO.

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KALAMAI. Cdr.Sumpton advised that he had not received any further information as to the depth of water available alongside at this port, and it was agreed he should again take up this matter with the S.T.O. concerned.

Capt.Josselyn tabled a report in connection with this port which did not contain the required information. Col.Davidson considered that lighters should be made available to allow vessels of reasonable draft using the port but it was decided no action should be taken until such time as Cdr.Sumpton had ascertained the information required. It was pointed out that a satisfactory rate of discharge of 500 tons per day had been achieved with the vessel which had discharged there recently.

PIRAEUS. Capt.Hill raised the question as to the security precautions which would be taken from March 15th, and it was stated that it had been arranged that the National Guard should take over guard duties at the port on that date.

VOLOS. Chairman mentioned that a strike had occured at this port during the week but evidently of only a few hours duration, and full information had not been received in this connection. Capt.Josselyn raised the questions of repairs to the port and stated that S.B.N.O.Greece had received a request from the N.C.I.C. for a salvage vessel and gear to effect repairs. He was informed that it was considered the port was sufficiently clear to handle the required tonnage but that if he could ascertain that with comparatively little effort a satisfactory alongside berth could be provided, then the position would again be reviewed. Capt.Josselyn agreed to obtain the necessary report from Volos.

SALONIKA. A letter was tabled from Col. [illegible] which he had addressed to A.F.M.E. in connection with the provision of necessary crews to sail tugs from Beranto to Salonika and a reply is now awaited. Col.Davidson advised that the R.E.s were working to complete the work on the coal quay by the month of June. It was mentioned that a German tug had recently been salvaged at this port and it was hoped would be in condition in a few weeks, which would further ease the position in this connection at Salonika.

Col.Davidson advised that little change had now been provided from the quays to Dego Warehouse, which is the main S & T Supply Depot. Mention was also made that considerable delay had been incurred by a vessel discharging coal at that port and that this was brought about due to lack of necessary gear to discharge lighters. The U.S.A. Representative said he had taken this matter up with the U.S.A. [illegible] at Salonika, and was awaiting further information.

Chairman drew the attention of members to the fact that 30,000 tons of stores had been discharged at this port during January, which was considered highly satisfactory, especially in view of the winter conditions which had prevailed.

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The next meeting will be held at 1900 hours on the 14th March, 1945.

CHAIRMAN

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It was agreed that the "Marianne" should be retained to meet present port requirements.

CAIQUES. Cdr.Sumpton advised that a total of [illegible] manned caiques were proceeding to Patras and it was hoped that the private owners would lift the cargo available at Patras when these caiques commenced to load at that port. He indicated that owners at Syros and at Chios had also refused the rate but in view of the fact that in the last few days a complete set of instructions had been sent to each N.O.I.C. in which he was advised how to set up the necessary organisation, he did not consider that any further action should be taken in the meantime.

Chairman pointed out that he understood arrangements had been made for a 1500 ton lighter to load and be towed to Nauplion for discharge, and that this would presumably release further caiques from Piraeus for service elsewhere. Cdr.Sumpton stated that this position was being gone into and that he considered that this would prove to be correct.

S.S."PROMETHEUS", ex "MARIANNE". Capt.Jonsden stated that he had sent a further signal to A.F.H.Q. in connection with this vessel, pointing out that if she were retained for the use of the Navy in the Piraeus area, that it would release a tanker for service elsewhere. Major Simpson mentioned that the craft was required by Pet.Sec. and it was agreed that further information should be awaited from A.F.H.Q. in connection with the disposal of this vessel.

STEVEDORING. The Chairman advised that several meetings had been held during the last few days in connection with the stevedoring position in Greece, and that following a meeting at which this subject was discussed by the Price Fixing Sub-Committee, two meetings had been called by the Governor of the Bank of Greece, at which Union representatives and financial experts were present.

Briefly, the position was that so far as Piraeus is concerned it had been proved to everyone's satisfaction that there were approximately 1,000 more men on the books of the O.L.P. than were required, and that it had been agreed that the O.L.P. should draw up a schedule to return 1,000 men at the daily rate of pay agreed by the Financial Advisers, and that if the O.L.P. still had to carry the balance of members not required, that the Government should subsidise the O.L.P. to the extent of the amount by which their income would fall short of their outgoings.

In connection with the remainder of the Port Committees, an agreed signal is being despatched by the Minister for Labour and this Headquarters suggesting that contracts be agreed at every port on the basis of the pre-war labour content of contracts being three times the pre-war rate, and it is hoped that contracts will be concluded shortly. There are likely to be slight variations as to the date of commencement at the various centres, but it is not anticipated that there will be any difficulties which cannot be overcome amicably.

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COASTAL SHIPPING. Chairman advised that no further information had been received in connection with the basing of vessels in Greece, but that a meeting of the Allocation Committee would be held this week to consider suggestions put forward by the Operating Committee.

PORTS.

CORFU/PREVESA. Col.Davidson advised that arrangements would be made to service both these ports from Patras and that a small quantity of olive oil would go forward from Corfu to Prevesa this week. He did not consider that a Port Party

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PORTS.

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PATRAS. Col.Davidson advised that he had been unable to secure any information as to when the 4 lighters destined for this port will be forthcoming.

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MINUTES OF MEETING No.18, HELD AT H.Q. L.F. & L.L.(G),
at 1500 hours on 7th March, 1945.

PRESENT:

Mr.F.J.O.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
Brigadier G.V.Palmer.		Brig. S & R.
Capt.J.A.Josselyn. R.N.	Rep.	S.B.N.O.(G)
Capt. Hill. R.N.		B.C.O. Piraeus Area.
Cmdr. R.A.Sumpton. R.N.R.		P.S.S.T.O. Greece
Capt.A.A.Thomas. R.N.R.	Rep.	R.N.R. & Mercantile Marine
Col.R.E.Davidson.		Col.'G'
Major R.R.Craner.	Rep.	L.L.
Major C.Simpson.	Rep.	Pet.Sec.
Mr.J.B.Jowett.	Rep.	U.S.A.

MINUTES OF MEETING No.17. Cdr.Sumpton drew attention to the fact that the Secretary to the Allocation Committee would be attached to his staff and not to the Greek P.S.T.O. Staff, as indicated in these minutes. Subject to this alteration the minutes were approved.

TAKING OVER OF DISTRIBUTION BY U.N.R.R.A. Chairman drew the Committee's attention to S & R Administrative Order No.6 and to Brigadier Palmer in this connection which appeared to cover satisfactorily all matters, apart from the detail side, with regard to handling of cargoes from vessels to stores.

The Chairman stated that a meeting of the Coastal Shipping and Ports Advisory Committee had been held yesterday the 6th March, when preliminary plans for handling of vessels and cargoes had been agreed to by various Greek Departments. It would be necessary to hold a further meeting when additional representatives would attend, and it was hoped that matters would be finalised by March 15th.

Brigadier Palmer advised that details as to whether the cargo was to be tallied or not had not been finalised and the Chairman informed the meeting that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting of the Coastal Shipping and Ports Advisory Committee, when a decision would be arrived at.

LIGHTERS AND TUGS. At the above mentioned meeting of the Coastal Shipping and Ports Advisory Committee, it was suggested that all Greek owned tugs at present under requisition to the Greek Government should be released, and that the tugs and lighters owned by the British Government should be handed over to the Unions of Lighterowners and Tugowners at the various ports, to be handled on a commercial basis. It was suggested that the British Authorities should make the best arrangements possible to cover themselves in connection with the future disposal of these craft.

WATER VESSELS. Capt.Hill tabled a statement setting out the position in connection with the water supply at Piraeus, which will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Water Committee, Mediterranean Shipping Board, and it was agreed that the Chairman should advise S.B.N.O.(G), that the "TEMPEST" can be

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The Chairman stated that a meeting of the Coastal Shipping and Ports Advisory Committee had been held yesterday, the 5th March, when preliminary plans for handling of vessels and cargoes had been agreed to by various Greek Departments. It would be necessary to hold a further meeting when additional representatives would attend, and it was hoped that matters would be finalised by March 15th.

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Col.Davidson stated that it should be stressed that all vessels proceeding to Piraeus should have sufficient water on board and not need a further supply at Piraeus if possible, in view of the serious water restrictions which are being brought into force to combat the water shortage in Athens and Piraeus which will be acute during the coming months.

Chairman drew the members attention to minute of the Water Committee relating to the possibility of vessels proceeding to Black Sea Ports requiring water at Piraeus and it was considered that these requirements should be limited as much as possible in accordance with the foregoing paragraph.

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196. PORT OF BONE.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Comdr. Garrard who advised that the S.T.O. car and filing-cabinet, no longer required by S.T.O. at Bone, had been handed over to M.T.T.
Comdr. Garrard stated that he had requested a directive from P.S.T.O. with regard to the Sherman tanks, and should the occasion arise a representative of S.T.O. would proceed to Bone to supervise loading.

197. PAYMENT OF LOCAL PORT DUES.

The Chairman reported that Messrs. Stuart Bankhardt, Shipping Agents, had advised him that the French Authorities were now desirous of returning to pre-war conditions as regards payment of local taxes, the employment of Shipbrokers etc. It was agreed that this was a question which should be taken up on a high level, and that MEDBO should be asked for a directive.
Sq/Ldr. Bulman mentioned that he and Major Stebbens would shortly be visiting Caserta, and would also place the matter before their Headquarters.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, March 5th. 1945.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean Shipping Board)

No. 29. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 26th. FEBRUARY 1945.

Present :-

Mr. R. B. Scriven. (D.M.W.T.R.M.A.)

Comdr. T. K. Garrard. RNR.	(SSTO)	Sq. Ldr. Bulman	(RAF. Mov.)
Lt. Comdr. Lewis.	(NSSO)	Lt. R. Bradley USNR.	(Pet. Sec.)
Lt. ... W. Calcutt RNVR.	(STO)	Mr. W. S. Thomas	(Coal Div. ALLIED)
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Mrs. E. M. Bertrand - Sec.

It was agreed that in future Napsco Meetings would be held in the premises now occupied by S.T.O. and M.W.T. in the Hotel de Ville, Rue de Constantine - Room No. 24, 3rd. Floor.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 28 were agreed.

194. FRENCH SUPERVISION.

Comdr. Garrard reported that the French Naval Authorities are taking up the question of supervision from a security angle.
The Chairman referred to a complaint received from Marseilles in regard to pilferage on the "EASTERN PRINCE" and "OCEAN VAGRANT" of stores, the loading of which had been carried out in Algiers with every precaution. He also cited a signal from SACMED (171630) recommending severe measures which might even entail retaining a vessel for investigation in case of serious broaching. In view of the absence of Major Stebbens, it was decided to differ any action until the agreement of NAMOV can be obtained.

195. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :-

"JOHN C. SPENCER"	- Proceeding to Tunis after part discharge at Algiers.
"FORT CUMBERLAND"	- For Tunis.
"BOREAS"	- Completed at Tunis to-day.
"BARON TWEEDMOUTH"	- No orders yet received re requested complete discharge at Philippeville.
"SALBOSTON"	- For Algiers, expected to arrive

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"DALMORE"	- Arrived Algiers.
"BRIDGEPOOL"	- In KMS 87.
"PRIMULA"	- For La Goulette/Tunis.
"FORT NOTTINGHAM"	- Due Algiers 8/3/45.
"SALARINDA"	- UGS 76.
"CYCLONIA"	- No orders received - discharge requested by ALLIED for Oran instead of Algiers.

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/Docks respectively and Commander Hardie said No. Dock would be taken up by small craft.

Captain Bate stated that the French tanker "LORRAINE" was to overhaul and change her crew in S. France where she had been accepted and, in view of this information, the Chairman felt her drydocking should be postponed until the overhaul had taken place. It was therefore agreed that this bid be withdrawn as also that of "SAMOYE" whose speed had not greatly decreased. Refrigerator Ship "DON" would be allocated to a dock at a later Meeting.

1055. LEGHORN. It was felt, Commander Hardie said, that full use was not being made of the repair facilities at Leghorn, with which Captain Smithers agreed but the Chairman explained that due to present conditions it was a question of available berths at which work could be done rather than repair facilities.

"ANDREA CONTARINI" had completed during the week and Commander Hardie said the dock was now being taken up on short term dockings of vessels required for operations.

1056. PALERMO. "ALRESFORD" had docked during the week but Commander Hardie stated that repairs, in addition to re-wooding of stern tube, had been found necessary, about which the U.S. Authorities were somewhat displeased, but they had nevertheless agreed to take them in hand. He drew attention to Minute 987 and stated that the vessel should have been withdrawn once it was known the extent of work required, which it was estimated would cover 10 days.

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1058. TOULON. H.M. Ships were in dock until about 6th March and would be followed, Commander Hardie said, by Local Craft.

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Chairman.

1062. TANKER UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT ANCONA. Copy of a letter from the Naval Sub-Commission to the Industry Sub-Commission of A.C. listing material required for the completion of a 2000 ton tanker being constructed at Ancona, was quoted by the Chairman. Captain Smithers believed this vessel was now lying on her side and would have to be dismantled and then re-built. This matter would be investigated by Mr. Smith.

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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 and painting.
	ALETTA	At Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	ASTURIAS	IN DOCK			
	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern t end 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 and extensive repairs.
	ARGONNE	At Oran	ready	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. Drawing tai shaft.
	JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	At Algiers	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k.
ALGIERS.	SIDI BRAHIM	DOCKED			
	MEONIA	At Algiers	ready	Feb. 1945	To re-dock for completion of rudder repairs.
FERRYVILLE.	ORPHEUS	IN DOCK			
	M.L. LE BORGNE	At Ferryville	ready	Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k.
	LOBOS	At Ferryville	ready		For examination.
TARANTO & BRINDISI. Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE CANDIDA	IN DOCK			
	CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	ORATA	At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Heel-Greece Shuttle awaiting relief	mid March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 1 be wiped.
	SAMLEVEN	Heel-Greece Shuttle	12th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k.

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ER At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
Gibraltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/FEO BID)
At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
IN DOCK			
At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and propellor. (MWTR BID)
At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
ran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FEO/WSA BID)
At Oran	ready	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. Drawing tail shaft. (FRENCH BID)
GNE At Algiers	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. (FRENCH BID)
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At Algiers	ready	Feb. 1945	To re-dock for completion of rudder repairs. (FRENCH BID)
IN DOCK			
At Ferryville	ready	Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k. (FRENCH BID)
At Ferryville	ready		For examination. (MWTR BID)
IN DOCK			
At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (WSA BID)
Heel-Greece awaiting relief	mid March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
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TARANTO & BRINDISI. For Repairs.	TOSCANA	IN DOCK			
	ICELAND	IN DOCK			
	TERESA SCHLAFFINO	IN DOCK			
	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 painting.
NAPLES.	"Y" 79	IN DOCK			
	SIBAJAK	IN DOCK			
	WASHINGTON IRVING	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder r
	SESTRIERE	Naples-Leghorn Shuttle	7th March		Cleaning and painting.
	TRITON MARIS	- At Naples	ready		To fit new propellor and cleaning painting. (Italian).
	ITU	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For examina
	PO	At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock	Italian Water boat. Cleaning and painting.
	FORT LAWRENCE	Ldg. Taranto for Piraeus	16th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$k.
	DON	At Ancona discharging	18th March	over year out of drydock	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and pa examination. For survey.
	SAMWYE	In Jugoslavia	19th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$-10.
	LORRAINE	At Sea for Naples	22nd March		Tanker. Cleaning and painting.
LEGHORN.	ANDREA CONTARINI	DOCKED			
PALERMO.	ALRESFORD	IN DOCK			
	SAMINGOY	At Leghorn discharging	7th March	April 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-9k
LA CIOTAT.	VILLE DE BASTIA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	VAL DE LA HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.
	ARAGO	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting, rudder rep re-wooding of stern tube.
	MORLALTA	At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs.

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	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS	
	IN DOCK				
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SCHLAFFINO	IN DOCK				
	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)
	IN DOCK				
	IN DOCK				
TON HAVING	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs.	(WSA BID)
RE	Naples-Leghorn Shuttle	7th March		Cleaning and painting.	(WSA BID)
MARIS	- At Naples	ready		To fit new propeller and cleaning and painting. (Italian).	(WSA BID)
	At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For examination.	(MWTR BID)
	At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock	Italian Water boat. Cleaning and painting.	(MWTR/FEO BID)
WRENCE	Ldg. Taranto for Piraeus	16th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-$9\frac{1}{2}$k.	(PSTO BID)
t Ancona	discharging	18th March	over year out of drydock	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and painting and examination. For survey.	(PSTO BID)
	In Jugoslavia	19th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from $11\frac{1}{2}$-10.	(PSTO BID)
E	At Sea for Naples	22nd March		Tanker. Cleaning and painting.	(FEO/WSA BID)
CONTARINI	DOCKED				
ED	IN DOCK				
I	At Leghorn discharging	7th March	April 1944	Speed reduced from $10\frac{1}{2}$-9k.	(PSTO BID)
E BASTIA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.	(FRENCH BID)
LA HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting.	((FRENCH BID))
	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting, rudder repairs and re-wooding of stern tube.	(FRENCH BID)
A	At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. Hull repairs.	(MWTR BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

2ND MARCH, 1945.

CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

Under Repair (until 2nd March)
U.S. Warship (2 days)
French Warship
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
French Warship
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Local Craft

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft
H.M. Ship

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 18th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock.

U.S. Warship (out abt. 3rd March)
ARGONNE (3 days)
French Warship (2 days)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (7 days)
French Warship (15 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

MEDNLA (re-docking) (3 days)
French Warships (14 days)

No. 2 Dock.

EMIL BAUDOT (out abt. 7th March
French Warships (3 weeks)

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 2 Dock.

VAR (abt. out)
LOBOS (for examination)

No. 3 Dock.

ORPHEUS (abt. out)
Local Craft
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships (2 days)
M.L. LE BORGNE (2 days)
SAMINGOY (2 days)
SAULEVEN (2 days)
FORT LAWRENCE (2 days)

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ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock.

ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft
H.M. Ship

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 18th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock.

U.S. Warship (out abt. 3rd March)
ARGONNE (3 days)
French Warship (2 days)
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (7 days)
French Warship (15 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock.

MEONIA (re-docking) (3 days)
French Warships (14 days)

No. 2 Dock.

EMIL BAUDOT (out abt. 7th March)
French Warships (3 weeks)

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 2 Dock.

VAR (abt. out)
LOEOS (for examination) 4254

No. 3 Dock.

ORPHEUS (abt. out)
Local Craft
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ships (2 days)
M.L. LE BORGNE (2 days)
SAMINGOY (2 days)
SAMLEVEN (? days)
FORT LAWRENCE (2 days)

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T A R A N T O A N D B R I N D I S I.

No. 1 Dock.

ICELAND, TERESA SCHLAFFINO / H.M. Ship
(out abt. 17th March)

No. 12 Dock.

TOSCANA & H.M. Ship (out abt. 5th March)

No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ships & Italian Warships

No. 13 Dock.

EMPIRE CANDID. (out abt. 4th March)
H.M. Ship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
LYNTINGE (for examination)
CARATA (cleaning & painting)
EDGAR D. CLARKE
GALEB

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

SIBAJAK (out abt. 3rd March)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock) (7 days)
SAINTRIERE (2 days)
H.M. Ship (10 days)
Under Repair (7 days)
Italian Warship (4 days)

No. 2 Dock.

TRITON MARIS (out abt. 8th March)
ITU (for examination) (2 days)
PO (4 days)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 3rd Mar.)
Landing Craft

Floating Dock.

Italian Warships
Landing Craft

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Worships
Local Craft
U.S. Warship

P A L E R M O.

ALRESFORD (out abt. 7th March)
U.S. Warships

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

SIDI AISSA (out abt. 3rd March)
French Warship (3 days)
VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
VAL DE LA HAYE & ARAGO (12 days)
French Warship (7 days)

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No. 10 Dock.

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
LYMINGE (for examination)
CARATA (cleaning & painting)
EDGAR E. CLARKE
GALEB

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

SIBAJAK (out abt. 3rd March)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock) (7 days)
SENSTRIENE (2 days)
H.M. Ship (10 days)
Under Repair (7 days)
Italian Warship (4 days)

No. 2 Dock.

TRITON MORRIS (out abt. 8th March)
ITU (for examination) (2 days)
PO (4 days)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 3rd Mar.)
Landing Craft

Floating Dock.

Italian Warships
Landing Craft

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Warships
Local Craft
U.S. Warship

P A L E R M O.

ALRESFORD (out abt. 7th March)
U.S. Warships

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

SIDI AISSA (out abt. 3rd March)
French Warship (3 days)
VILLE DE BASTIA (2 days)
VAL DE LA HAYE & ARAGO (12 days)
French Warship (7 days)
MORIALTA & French Warship (6 weeks)

T O U L O N.

No. 1 Dock

H.M. Ships (out abt. 6th March)
Local Craft (5 days)

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS ON 2nd MARCH 1945.

SIGNAL KEY

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

Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO - 27.2.45.				
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to higher priorities.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 28/2	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 18/3 E 25/3	Vessel to be redocked to complete rewooding of stern tube and welding of shell rivets.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew. Repairs deferred. Awaiting berth.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.	E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LINDINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Dock and engine repairs.	E 7/3	Progress slow due higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2	Rudder repairs.	D 20/2 E 21/2	Completed.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 10/3	Renewal of shell plates in progress.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 5/3	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 15/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C [illegible]	Boiler survey and repairs. Hospital fitting.	D 12/3 E 14/3	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Dates	
TARANTO - 27.2.45.				
SFINGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11 E Ind.	Repairs to machinery & boilers deferred due to higher priorities.
TERESA BONIAFEMINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 28/2	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 18/3 E 25/3	Vessel to be redocked to complete rewooding of stern tube and welding of shell rivets.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea.	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew. Repairs deferred. Awaiting berth.
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 7/3	Progress slow due higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2	Rudder repairs.	D 20/2 E 21/2	Completed.
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2. E 10/3	Renewal of shell plates in progress.
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 5/3	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.	D 28/2 E 15/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 5/3	Boiler survey and repairs. Hospital fitting.	D 12/3 E 14/3	
ICELAND	A 25/1 C 26/2	Examination of stern tube and testing propeller.	D 10/3 E 20/3	
NASPRITE (R.F.A.)	C 18/2	Underwater damage. Routine D/D.	D 28/2	
BORGHOLM	A 11/2 B 12/2	Defects not stated.	E 26/2	Completed.
EMPIRE CANDIDA	A 18/2 C 27/2	Routine D/D etc.	D 4/3 E 6/3	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (CONT'D)				
TAIGETE	A 9/2 B 14/2	Cargo pumps unworkable; boiler defects, broken windlass etc.	E Ind.	Awaiting full details.

Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

TARANTO:

PASS OF MELFORT, CARA, CAP TOURANE, EMPIRE FAUN, EMPIRE HALDANE, EMPIRE STRONGHOLD, FORT ENTERPRISE, FORT LIVINGSTONE, HARROGATE, BENGLOE.

BARI:

R.M. WILLIAMSON, STANHILL, APALINIA, KALAFAND, ROSEDALE PARK, JOHN S. SARGEANT, ACILIA, SALVORE, WALKER TAYLOR

BRINDISI:

BENJAMIN TAY, EMPIRE USK, LA TRAT (FR.), ARGENTINA, LOKE, DRAMESFORD, OCEAN VIGOUR, FANNY BRUNNER, CLAN MACBEAN

MARSEILLE - 28.2.45.

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 hold.	F 1/1	Temporary repairs completed. Awaiting D/D.
ERIDAN	A 20/2 B 21/2	Engine repairs.	E 4/3	
RUDBY	A 25/2 B 24/2	Grounding & heavy weather damage: engine and winch repairs.	E 14/3	
CRAGPOOL, CLAF BERGH, EMPIRE VALOUR		SAMAFTRIC, [illegible]KRISTEL, SALTCREEK, FAIRWEATHER, BARON FAIRLIE, COTTON VALLEY		Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

GIBRALTAR - 27.2.45

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and propeller. Final machining of stern

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Windlass etc.

Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

TARANTO:

PASS OF MELFORT	EMPIRE FAUN	FORT ENTERPRISE	BENGLOE.
CARA	EMPIRE HADDAE	FORT LIVINGSTONE	
CAP TOURANE	EMPIRE STRONGHOLD	HARROGATE	

BARI:

R.M. WILLIAMSON	KELAPAND	ACILIA
STANHILL	ROSEDALE PARK	SALVORE
APALINLA	JOHN S. SARGEANT	WALKER TAYLOR

BRINDISI:

BENJAMIN TAY	LA TRAT (FR.)	LONE	OCEAN VIGOUR	CLAN MACBEAN
EMPIRE USK	ARGENTINA	DRAMENSFORD	FANNY BRUNNER	

MARSEILLE - 28.2.45.

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9	Supposed mine damage stard'd side No.2 Hold.	F 1/1	Temporary repairs completed. Awaiting D/D.
ERIDAN	A 20/2 B 21/2	Engine repairs.	E 4/3	
RUDEY	A 25/2 B 24/2	Grounding & heavy weather damage: engine and winch repairs.	E 14/3	
CRAGPOOL CLAF BERGH EMPIRE VALOUR	SAMAFRIC SALTCREEK BARON FAIRLIE	KRISTEL FAIRWEATHER COTTON VALLEY		Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

GIBRALTAR - 27.2.45

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.		Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and propeller. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.
HENRY MILLER	A 4/1 B 6/1	Damage in No.2 & 3 holds by enemy action.		Awaiting D/D.
FORT MINGAN	A 7/2 B 12/2	Slack rudder bearing bracket. Bolts to renew.	E 21/2	Completed.
CARSLOGIE	A 25/2 B 26/2	Dynamo engine cylinder to bore out, new piston.	E 23/2	
EMPIRE ROCK	A 25/2 B 27/2	Refrigerator repairs.	E Not stated.	
CITY OF WINDSOR	A 25/2 B 26/2	New lifeboat.	E 23/2	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
GIBRALTAR (CONT'D)				
CLAN CAMERON	A) 25/2 B)	Boiler tubes to renew.	E 26/2	
V.72 (T)	A 21/2	Crack in deck welding to repair; steering gear chain to renew.	E -	Oil to be pumped out & tanks steamed before work commenced.
MOONCREST	A 8/2 B 10/2	Engine repairs.	E 21/2	Completed.
BRITISH PATIENCE	A 7/2 B 8/2	Collision damage to shell plating. Repairs to exhaust pipe and degaussing cable.	F 3/3	Work delayed by transfer of cargo and steaming out tanks.
MADDAPUR	A) 18/2 B)	Welding main feed check valve.	E 20/2	Completed.
FORT PASTURE	A 16/2 B 17/2	Refrigerator repairs.	E 19/2	Completed.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 holds due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
FACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E -	Delay due to work being done in Bay.

Minor repairs since 12.2.45 - EMPIRE GANGES: EMPIRE SPEY: MERMA: FOREMOST 3 (Tug).

Minor repairs since 20.2.45 - No information.

LEGHORN - 27.2.45.

ANDREA CONTARINI	A 22/2 B 24/2 C 25/2	Routine D/D.	D 28/2) Est. E 26/2)	1259

LEEDS CITY: TRONDHEIM: ASKELADDEN: SAMINGOY - Minor repairs since 19.2.45.

NAPLES - 28.2.45.

ALVALAZERE	A) 21/2 B) C 13/2	Making new propeller.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed.
HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and	E 6/3	

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Y.72 (T)	A 21/2	Crack in deck welding to repair; steering gear chain to renew.	E -	Oil to be pumped out & tanks steamed before work commenced.
MOONCREST	A 8/2 B 10/2	Engine repairs.	E 21/2	Completed.
BRITISH PATIENCE	A 7/2 B 8/2	Collision damage to shell plating. Repairs to exhaust pipe and degaussing cable.	F 3/3	Work delayed by transfer of cargo and steaming out tanks.
MADDAPUR	A) B) 18/2	Welding main feed check valve.	E 20/2	Completed.
FORT PANMURE	A 16/2 B 17/2	Refrigerator repairs.	E 19/2	Completed.
MICHAEL J. STONE	A 17/2	Damage in Nos. 4 & 5 holds due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
FACTO	A 21/2 B 25/2	Chart room burnt out; electrical fittings to repair.	E -	Delay due to work being done in Bay.

Minor repairs since 12.2.45 - EMPIRE GARGES: EMPIRE SPEY: MERIA: FOREMOST 3 (Tug).

Minor repairs since 20.2.45 - No information.

LEGHORN - 27.2.45.

ANDREA CONTARINI	A 22/2 B 24/2 C 25/2	Routine D/D.	D 28/2) E 2?/2) Est.	4250

LEEDS CITY: TRONDHEIM: ASKELADDEN: SAMLOCH - Minor repairs since 19.2.45.

NAPLES - 28.2.45.

ALVALAZERE	A) B) 21/2 C 13/2	Making new propeller.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed.
HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 6/3	
SIRAJAK	A 21/2 B 23/2 C 24/2	Changing propellers.	D 2/3 E 3/3	
KATINGO HADJIPATERA	A) B) 22/2	Boiler survey. C.C. stay tubes to renew.	E 6/3	
SAMGLORY	A 27/2	Windlass damage.	E -	

Minor repairs since 21.2.45.

ESPERANCE BAY	SAMFIELD	PALERMO	SAMSKERN	CORCHESTER
FORT ANTE	SAMTRUTH	FORT DAUPHIN	FORT FREDERICK	EMPIRE SOUTHEY
FORT NAKASLEY	SAMBRIAN	SAMKANSA	SAMCREST	OCEAN GALLANT

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

NAPLES (CONT'D)

Minor repairs since 21.2.45 (Cont'd)

SOMERSETSHIRE	SAMUTA	FORT SHOKAIE	GOLLY
FRANK A VANDERLIP	ZAANSTROOM	SAMWYE	LEEDS CITY
P.L.M. 14	KING JAMES	VILLE D'ORAN	FORT GRAILLY
SAMLEYTE	SAMSPELGA	SAMFETHY	P.L.M. 13

BONE - 27.2.45.

No major repairs reported.

FORT MINGAN: FORT STAGER- LORD COCHRANE - Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

PHILIPPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

MALTA - 26.2.45

CANTABRIT	A 16/12 B 10/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/3	Completion delayed owing to higher priorities.
FRANCO (Maltese)	A) B) C) Not stated.	Routine D/D and tailshaft repairs.	D - E -	
DARIEN II	A) B) 16/2	General overhaul - deck machinery engines; boilers and auxiliaries.	E 28/2	
DUNSTERGRANGE.	SPERO	CHARLES A. WICKCLIFFE	MARIE L.	Minor repairs since 19.2.45.
EMILY P.	LEON	RICHEBOURG.	LE BORGNE	

BIZERTE - 27.2.45.

GUDRUN	A 15/1 B 25/1 C 30/1	Routine D/D; stern gland repack; boiler cleaning and survey. Deck & engine repairs.	D 5/2 E 26/2	
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 3/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed forward end No.2.	D) E)	Ind.
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	Completed, but vessel immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.

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BONE - 27.2.45.

No major repairs reported.

FORT MINGAN; FORT STAGER; LORD COCHRANE - Minor repairs since 20.2.45.

PHILIPPEVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

MALTA - 26.2.45.

CANTABRIT	A 16/12 B 10/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 15/5 Completion delayed owing to higher priorities.
FRANCO (Maltese)	A) B) Not stated. C)	Routine D/D and tailshaft repairs.	D - E -
DARIEN II	A) B) 16/2	General overhaul - deck machinery engines; boilers and auxiliaries.	E 28/2
DUNSTERGRANGE.	SPERO	CHARLES A. WICKCLIFFE	MARIE L.) Minor repairs
EMILY P.	LECH	RICHEBOURG.	LE BORGNE) since 19.2.45.

BIZERTE - 27.2.45.

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 5/2 E 28/2
LOBOS	A) B) 18/1 C 3/3	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed forward end No.2.	D) Ind. E)
UGO FIORELLI	A) B) 10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck and engine repairs.	D 15/2 Completed, but vessel E 21/2 immobilised awaiting vital spares from U.K.
ORPHEUS	A 22/2 B 23/2 C 28/2	Routine D/D. Stern bush to re-wood; starb'd boiler to clean; deck and engine repairs.	D 4/3 E Ind.

Minor repairs since 20.2.45 - FORTUNATA.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ORAN 26.2.45 (including w/e 19.2.45).				
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	Completed. Sailed 19.2.45
JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engine room and No.3 hold.	D 18/3 E Ind.	
EMPIRE JULIA	A) B) 21/1	Fractured M.E. intermediate stop valve chest.	E 12/2	Completed and sailed.
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 19/3	Routine D/D machinery overhaul extensive repairs.	D 21/3 E 24/3	
VERNON PARRINGTON	B 8/2	Boiler defects.	E 14/2	Completed.
ORKLA	A 19/2 B 20/2	General overhaul.	E 8/3	
EASTERN PRINCE	A 23/2 B 24/2	Starb'd engine fuel pump drive shaft to machine and rebush.	E 28/2	
GENEWOOD: GEO.BADGER: WM. COLEMAN - Minor repairs since 12.2.45.				
SAINTONAGE VILLE D'ORAN	FORT DE DOUAUMONT LYMAN ABBOT	ALBERT NICHOLSON OSCAR BARRETT	GEO. CAMPBELL)	Minor repairs since 19.2.45.
ALGIERS 19.2.45 (Delayed report)				
EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast and general service pumps. Renewals to steam & exhaust pipes; boiler survey.	E 18/2	
MARIGOT	A 15/2 B 16/2	Repairs and alterations. Fumigation. Engine & boiler repairs.	E 3/3	
CARLTON FORT WRIGLEY FORT SPOKANE	FRANK A. VANDERLIP GULVIN SANTRUTH	KANKAKEE VILLE D'ORAN	) Minor repairs since 12.2.45.	
PETROS J. GOULANDRIS	Requires boiler repairs.	E 7/3 (Est)	Reported by signal 26.2.45. Vessel arrived Algiers 1.3.45	

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JOHN S. HOPKINS	B) C) 27/1	Damage in engine room and No.3 hold.	E Dnd.	
EMPIRE JULIA	A) B) 21/1	Fractured H.P. intermediate stop valve chest.	E 12/2	Completed and sailed.
EAGLE	A 29/1 B 30/1 C 19/3	Routine D/D machinery overhaul extensive repairs.	D 21/3 E 24/3	
VERNON PARRINGTON	B 8/2	Boiler defects.	E 14/2	Completed.
OKLA	A 19/2 B 20/2	General overhaul.	E 8/3	
EASTERN PRINCE	A 23/2 B 24/2	Sturb'd engine fuel pump drive shaft to machine and rebush.	E 28/2	

ELMWOOD: GEO.BADGER: WM. COLEMAN - Minor repairs since 12.2.45.

SAINTONAGE FORT DE DOUAUMONT ALBERT NICHOLSON GEO. CAMPBELL } Minor repairs since 19.2.45.
VILLE D'ORAN LYMAN ABBOT OSCAR BARRETT

ALGIERS 19.2.45 (Delayed report)

EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast and general service pumps. Renewals to steam & exhaust pipes; boiler survey.	E 18/2	
MARIGOT	A 15/2 B 16/2	Repairs and alterations. Fumigation. Engine & boiler repairs.	E 5/3	
CARLTON		FRANK A. VANDERLIP	ARKANSA VILLE D'ORAN	} Minor repairs since 12.2.45.
FORT WRIGLEY		GUDVIN		
FORT SPOKANE		SAMTRUTH		
PETROS J. GOULANDRIS		Requires boiler repairs.	E 7/3 (Est)	Reported by signal 26.2.45. Vessel arrived Algiers, 1.3.45.

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM AUGUSTA AND CASABLANCA.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
ITALIAN REPORT - 1.3.45				
GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND				
FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller, mil and shaft.	Ind.	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 I.A.S.F.				
OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.		Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO	A 1940	In very bad condition.		Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Unfit for a long towing.
PALERMO - BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
USTICA		Boilers and engine defects		Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuse to grant navigability permit.
AT SEA BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
LUCIA C.		Superheater tubes to change. To be fitted as petrol carrier.		Vessel to be sent to M.E.
S. CHIARA		Hull plating repairs.		Repairs to hull uncompleted at time due to restricted dock space.
EDERA		Hull and capstan repairs.		6 days repairs. Damage at Marseille harbour.
TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND				
SPENGE	A 25/5 B 24/8 C 19/10	Fairly extensive repairs following salvage.	D 3/11	Work temporarily suspended. Not possible foresee completion date.
CRATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & painting of hull.	D 21/12	Work temporarily suspended.

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		from U.K. Small amount of stern tube not possible until ship docks.

VESSELS L.A.S.F.

OLTERRA	Not repairable for duration.	Has only 10 men crew for greasing machinery.
PCLLENZIO A 1940	In very bad condition.	Left in present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Unfit for a long towing.

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TARANTO - VESSELS IN HAND

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CRATA	B 28/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning & painting of hull.	D 21/12	Work temporarily suspended.
TRIGSTE	A 9/2 B 14/2	Repairs to cargo pumps, valve extension rods.	E 3/3	Awaiting details.
MIRENO	B 9/11 C 9/11	General repairs.	D 18/11 E 20/3	Must be redocked for completion of hull repairs.
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 27/2	Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 4/3 E 6/3	Vessel twice docked to complete rewooding of stern tube.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

ITALIAN REPORT (CONT'D).

TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND (CONT'D)

TURIDDU	B 4 0 C 1/2	Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 21/2 E 15/3	Salvaged on July 29/44. Work proceeding slowly.

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CERCA	Boiler & Engine defects. Cleaning & Painting of hull.	15 days are requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine and boiler repairs woodwork. Repairs to double bottom.	Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

NAPLES - VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 10/3	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 31/3	Amount of work was found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 8/3	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	D) E) Ind.	
TRITON MARIS	C 3/3	Changing of propeller.	D 7/3	
PO	B 10/2 C 12/3	Engine overhaul, Shaft rudder, etc.	D 16/3 E 10/4	
SIRIO	B 2/1 C 23/2	General repairs and D/D.	D 28/2 E 1/3	

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BIDS FOR REPAIRS

ULISSE	C 23/12	Shaft alignment. Some deck plating to renew under	D 28/12	Underwater repairs yet to complete.

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TARANTO VESSELS IN HAND (CONT'D)

TURIDDU	D 1/10 C 1/2	Repairs following salvage Shaft alignment.	D 21/2 E 15/3	Salvaged on July 29/44. Work proceeding slowly.

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHERCA	Boiler & Engine defects. Cleaning & Painting of hull.	15 days are requested for repairs.
ANDALUSIA	Engine and boiler repairs woodwork. Repairs to double bottom.	Unloading commenced.
ASSUNZIONE	Badly damaged by torpedo. Loss of rudder. Stern stem broken.	
LUANA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/12 E 10/3	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 25/2 E 31/3	Amount of work was found to be much more than reported by diver.
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SIRIO	B 2/1 C 23/2	General repairs and D/D.	D 28/2 E 1/3	

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	Underwater repairs yet to complete.

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D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.
ALGIERS.
23rd.Febry 1945.

No.47.

TO: THE CHAIRMAN, MEDITO;

From: French Liaison, D.M.W.T.R. NORTH AFRICA.

FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.
22nd.February 1945.

1-PROGRAMME FOR COASTERS: Translation attached herewith.(No.8) Read and approved subject to the approval of the Authorities concerned with regard to the "MOCHICE" (Table No.1.F.N.A.Traffic.). being confirmed.

2-REPAIR COMMITTEE: List of bids for drydock and repairs sent earlier this week.

3-6 List "B" COASTERS:(see para 6. No.46).- D.M.M. were informed by MWT. representative that the "LE TRAIT" was awaited at MARSEILLES where the change of crew could take place and where she would be returned to the T.M.- They were also informed that a signal had passed through MWT.office that the "ESTIGUETTE" was receiving instructions to proceed from AUGUSTA to TUNIS for orders. It was not clear whether this voyage was for account R.S.T.O. or whether vessel had in fact been redelivered to the French at Augusta. Once again D.M.M. pointed out that they were finding difficulty in contacting the masters in other than French ports so as to give them instructions as to accepting redelivery of their vessels.

4-s.s."FLORIDA"-(see para 5 No.46.)-D.M.M. reported that this vessel would carry out sea trials in the bay of Bougie on the 23rd.inst.
It had been found possible to rebuild a dynamo from the two that were found aboard but D.M.M. considered it advisable to arrange for a reserve dynamo if it was at all possible, for the voyage Algiers to Marseilles.

5-s.s."FORT DE FRANCE"- In view of the lack of materials for the repair of the refrigerator on board this vessel the D.M.M. had given up any hope of carrying out these repairs for the present.

6-s.s."CHELMA"- D.M.M. informed the Committee that this vessel is due to discharge Oil at CASTE, and they propose, with the approval of MEDITO to carry out certain boiler repairs that are urgently required in a Southern French port.

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7-s.s."OREGON"; D.M.M. asked for information as to which ports and at what dates this vessel would touch a French port so that arrangements might be made to relieve the crew.

sgd. P.F. LE BARS.
French Liaison.

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ATTACHED TO FRENCH SHIPPING ALLOCATION REPORT No.47.(North Africa.)

FRENCH COASTING PROGRAMME No.8.(Meeting of 22nd.Feby.'45)

TABLE No.1.

VESSELS ON PASSAGE. (Week ending 25-2-45.)

Vessel	:List: Port & Date of departure	:Intermediate ports	:Destination	: Remarks.
	FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.			
VENDOME	: D :CASA abt.23/2	:	:ROUEN	:from W.A.
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	: B :CASA 19/2	:PT.ETIENNE	:DAKAR	:Water-Geh.
DUNKERQUE	: M :SETE 6/2	:MARSEILLES/CASA:	F.W.A.	:Gen.Cgo.
FAUCON	: A :CASA 23/2	:DAKAR	:F.W.A.	:
MONTAIGNE	: B :MARSEILLES 14/2	:CASA	:DAKAR	:
CEVENNES	: B :SETE 20/2	:ORAN CASA	:DAKAR	:
MARRAKECH	: D :MARSEILLES 16/2	:CASA	:DAKAR	:
	FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.			
CAP FALCON	: E :ALGIERS 21/2	:	:ORAN	:Cement then repairs.
CAP PINEDE	: D :SFAX 18/2	:ALGIERS	:CASA	:Oil-Gen.Cgo.
CHELMA	: D :ALGIERS 22/2	:TUNIS	:SFAX	:Wood-Gen.
JEANNE SCHIAFFINO	: B :NEMOURS 23/2	:ALGIERS	:BONE	:Coal
LE ZERAMNA	: D :BOUGIE 23/2	:BONE	:BOUGIE	:Wheat.Gen.
LACYDON	: B :ORAN 23/2	:NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Coal.
LES ISSERS	: B :ORAN 23/2	:MOSTAGENEM	:ARZEW	:Wheat.
TOURS	: D :ALGIERS 25/2	:PH/VILLE	:BOUGIE/LA GOULETTE.	
MOGHREB (XX) Cherifian	:SAFI abt.24/2	:CASA	:ORAN	:Prov.for Military.

XX. Note. This is a vessel flying the Moroccan Flag and has been hired for this one voyage by the Fr.Military, who are in urgent need of the goods and are unable to obtain a vessel of the "B" list for the lift. It is understood that the matter has already been raised in the appropriate quarter.)

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FR.WEST AFRICA/FR.NORTH AFRICA TRAFFIC.

VENDOME	: B	:CASA abt.23/2	:	:ROUEN	:from W.A.
CAPIT.ST.MARTIN	: B	:CASA 19/2	:PT.ETIENNE	:DAKAR	:Water-Gen.
DUNKERQUE	: B	:SETE 6/2	:MARSEILLES/CASA:	F.W.A.	:Gen.Cgo.
FAUZON	: B	:CASA 23/2	:DAKAR	:F.W.A.	:
MONTAIGNE	: B	:MARSEILLES 14/2:	CASA	:DAKAR	:
CEVENNES	: B	:SETE 20/2	:ORAN CASA	:DAKAR	:
MARRAKECH	: B	:MARSEILLES 16/2:	CASA	:DAKAR	:

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

CAP FALCON	: B	:ALGIERS 21/2	:	:ORAN	:Cement then repairs.
CAP PINEDE	: B	:SFAX 18/2	:ALGIERS	:CASA	:Oil-Gen.Cgo.
CHELLA	: B	:ALGIERS 22/2	:TUNIS	:SFAX	:Wood-Gen.
JEANNE SCHLAFFIN	: B	:NEMOURS 23/2	:ALGIERS	:BONE	:Coal
LE ZERAMA	: B	:BOUGIE 23/2	:BONE	:BOUGIE	:Wheat.Gen.
LAOYDON	: B	:ORAN 23/2	:NEMOURS	:ORAN	:Coal.
LES ISSERS	: B	:ORAN 23/2	:MOSTAGANEM	:ARZEW	:Wheat.
TOURS	: B	:ALGIERS 25/2	:PH/VILLE	:BOUGIE/LA GOULETTE.	
MOGHREB (XX) Cherifian		:SAFI abt.24/2	:CASA	:ORAN	:Prov.for Military.

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FRENCH PROGRAMME NO.5 . (PAGE TWO).

VESSEL	List	PORT & DATE OF DEPARTURE	Intermediate ports	DESTINATION	REMARKS.

TABLE No.3.

ROTATION PROGRAMME FOR AFTER 4th.MARCH 1945.

(For information.)

FRENCH WEST AFRICA/ FR.NORTH AFRICA.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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M E M O R A N D U M .

a) CORSICAN TRAFFIC.

M.D.d'AFRIQUE	B				Coasting.
VILLE D'AJACCIO	B	ALGIERS 24/2		AJACCIO	

b) VESSELS AT DISPOSAL OF FR.G.H.Q.

CHATEAU LAFOUR	B			FR.toU.S.ARMY to P.S.T.O.	

c) COASTING ON SOUTH FRENCH PORTS.

VILLE DE BASTIA	B				
VAL DE LA HAYE	B				

d) VESSELS AT DISPOSAL OF THE ALLIES.

DJEBEL AURES	B				
MAROC	B				
RICHELIEU	B				
KRISTEL	B				
LE TRAIT	B				
M.L.LE BORGNE	B				
ESPIGUETTE	B				

e) ON COLONIAL TRAFFIC.

MEDEA	B	AT ALGIERS	STOPPED FOR REPAIRS	
SAGITTAIRE	B	MARSEILLES	ALGIERS	WEST INDIES:

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TABLE No.4.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANDRE MOYRAND	B	KAOLACK 22/2		DAKAR	
ARCTURUS	B	TABOU 15/2	FREETOWN	DAKAR	
CAP LOPEZ	B	KAOLACK 25/2	DAKAR	KAOLACK	
G.GUIST'HAU	B	DAKAR 21/2	KAOLACK	DAKAR	
OUED FES	B	ZIGUINCHOR 26/2		DAKAR	

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FRENCH WEST AFRICA/ FRANCAISE NORTH AFRICA.

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FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN TRAFFIC.

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MEMORANDUM.

a) CORSICAN TRAFFIC.

M.D.D'AFRIQUE	: L	:	:	:	:Coasting.
VILLE D'AJACCIO	: P	:ALGIERS 24/2	:	:AJACCIO	:

b) VESSELS AT DISPOSAL OF FR.G.H.Q.

CHATEAU LATOUR	: P	:	:	:FR.toU.S.ARMY to P.S.T.O.

c) COASTING ON SOUTH FRENCH PORTS.

VILLE DE BASTIA	: B	:	:	:	:
VAL DE LA HAYE	: B	:	:	:	:

d) VESSELS AT DISPOSAL OF THE ALLIES.

DJEBEL AURES	: B	:	:	:	:
MAROC	: B	:	:	:	:
RICHEBOURG	: B	:	:	:	:
KRISTEL	: B	:	:	:	:
LE TRAIT	: B	:	:	:	:
M.L.LE TORGNE	: B	:	:	:	:
ESPIGUETTE	: B	:	:	:	:

e) ON COLONIAL TRAFFIC.

REGNIA	: B	:AT ALGIERS	: STOPPED FOR REPAIRS		
SAGITTAIRE	: B	:MARSEILLES	:ALGIERS	:WEST INDIES:	

TABLE No.4.

WEST AFRICAN COASTAL TRAFFIC.

ANDRE MOYRAND	: B	:KAOLACK 22/2	:	:DAKAR	:
AROTURUS	: B	:LAGOU 15/2	:FREETOWN	:DAKAR	:
CAP LOPEZ	: B	:KAOLACK 25/2	:DAKAR	:KAOLACK	:
G.GUIST'HAU	: B	:DAKAR 21/2	:KAOLACK	:DAKAR	:
OUED FES	: D	:LIGUINCHOR 26/2:		:DAKAR	:
VENDOME	: B	:DAKAR 12/2	: CASA	:ROUEN	:
ASEN	: B	:GR.BASSAM 20/2	:ACCRA	:PORT LOUET	:
HOGGAR	: B	:DOUALA 24/2	:	:PTE.NOIRE	:
PAUL DE ROUSIERS	: B	:DAKAR 12/2	:KONAKRY	:LURUTU	:
CAP EL HANK	: B	:DAKAR 22/2	:	:F.W.A.	:
CHAS.SCHLAFFIND	: DAKAR 24/2		:	: -do-	:
DUNKERQUE	: B	:DAKAR 25/2	:	: -do-	:
FORT ARCHAMBAULT	: B	:DAKAR 25/2	:	: -do-	:

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VESSELS NOT AVAILABLE.

"CAP FALCON" -"AUGUSTIN LE BORGNE"-"VILLE DE TERES"-"G.C.CHANZY"-"MARSEILLAISE"-"KOUTOUBIA"-"HADRUMETE"(ex "GUISSEPPE LEVA"(It.) Collier reflocated by Marine Nationale and given to French M.M. to operate, about 6/700 D.W.) - "FLORIDA" (vessel is to undergo sea trials within the next few days. One working dynamo has been reconstructed from the two originally aboard, and will suffice to enable vessel to carry out trials and proceed to her destination.)

TABLE No.5.

RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

a) MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.

Vessels	List	PORT & Date of departure	Intermediate ports	Destination.	Remarks.
VILLE DE DJEDJELLI	B	ALGIERS abt.24/2	AJACCIO SETE	ALGIERS	
C.G.LEPINE	B	ORAN abt.24/2	SETE	ALGIERS	
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	SETE abt.26/2	ORAN	SETE	
PARME	B	SETE abt -/2		ORAN	repairs.
JOS.LE BORGNE	B	SETE abt.18/2	AJACCIO	ORAN	D.D.)repairs.
ARGONNE	B	SETE abt -/2		ORAN	D.D.
SIDI BRAHIM	B	ORAN 22/2	ALGIERS	SETE/ALGIERS	
FINISTERE	B	SFAX 21/2	CARONTE	SFAX	
PROS.SCHLAFFINO	B	SFAX abt 23/2	CARONTE	SFAX	
GALLIUM	B	SFAX abt 23/2	TUNIS SETE	BOUGIE	
CHELMA	B	SFAX abt 5/3	--	CARONTE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	ORAN abt 23/2	SETE	ALGIERS	
CAUDRESC	B	ORAN abt.24/2	SETE	BONE PH/VILLE	
CARTHAGE	B	ORAN abt 24/2	SETE	BOUGIE	
FLORIDA	?B	BOUGIE abt.-/2	ALGIERS	MARSEILLES	

b) Other TRAFFIC.

FAUZON	B	SETE 15/2	CASA	FR.W.A.		
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	B	SETE -/2	CASA	F.W.A.		
CEVENNES	B	SETE -/2	CASA	DAKAR		
MONTAIGNE	B	MARSEILLES 14/2	CASA	FR.W.A.		
MADAGASCAR	B	-do-	CASA	-do-		4247
MARRAKECH	B	MARSEILLES 16/2	CASA	DAKAR		
DUNKERQUE	B	MARSEILLES 6/2	CASA	FR.W.A.		
PROVIDENCE	?B	TOULON abt.-/2	CASA	DAKAR		
MEDIE II	B	MARSEILLES abt.-/2	CASA	FR.W.A.		
VENDOME		CA... abt.23/2		ROUEN		
JACINE		CA... 12/2	HUELVA	MET.FRANCE		
			TOULON	ALGIERS		

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TABLE No.5.

RELATIONS WITH METROPOLITAN FRANCE.

a) MEDITERRANEAN TRAFFIC.

Vessels		PORT & Date of departure	Intermediate ports	Destination.	Remarks.
VILLE DE DJEDJELLI	B	ALGIERS abt.24/?	AJACCIO SETE	ALGIERS	
G.G.LAPEDE	B	ORAN abt.24/2	SETE	ALGIERS	
STRASBOURGEOIS	B	SETE abt.26/2	ORAN	SETE	
PARAGE	B	SETE abt -/2		ORAN	repairs.
JOS.LE BORGNE	B	SETE abt.18/2	AJACCIO	ORAN	D.D.)repairs.
ARGONNE	B	SETE abt -/2		ORAN	D.D.
SIDI BRAHIM	B	ORAN 22/2	ALGIERS	SETE/ALGIERS	
FINISTERE	B	SFAX 21/2	CARONTE	SFAX	
PROS.SCHLAFFINO	B	SFAX abt 23/2	CARONTE	SFAX	
GALLIUM	B	SFAX abt 23/2	TUNIS SETE	BOUGIE	
CHELMA	B	SFAX abt 5/3		CARONTE	
VILLE DE BOUGIE	B	ORAN abt 23/2	SETE	ALGIERS	
CAUDERAN	B	ORAN abt.24/2	SETE	BONE PH/VILLE	
CARTHAGE	B	ORAN abt 24/2	SETE	BOUGIE	
FLORIDA	B?	BOUGIE abt.-/2	ALGIERS	MARSEILLES	

b) Other TRAFFIC.

FAUZON	B	SETE 15/2	CASA	FR.W.A.	
SCHLAFFINO FRERES	B	SETE -/2	CASA	F.W.A.	
CEVENNES	B	SETE -/2	CASA	DAKAR	
MONTAIGNE	B	MARSEILLES 14/2	CASA	FR.W.A.	
MADAGASCAR	B	-do-	CASA	-do-	
MARRAKECH	B	MARSEILLES 16/2	CASA	DAKAR	
DUNKERQUE	B	MARSEILLES 6/2	CASA	FR.W.A.	
PROVIDENCE	B?	TOULON abt.-/2	CASA	DAKAR	
MEDIE II	B	MARSEILLES abt.-/2	CASA	FR.W.A.	
VENDOME	CAL	abt.25/2		ROUEN	
JANINE	CAL	12/2	HUELVA	MET.FRANCE	
PROCIDA	B	SFAX 15/2	TOULON	ALGIERS	

CONSIGNING IN MADAGASCAR WATERS.

"CHATEAU PAVIE".

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MEDBO Tonnage Allocation Sub-Committee.

Minutes of

17th Meeting held on 4 Mar 45.

Chairman : Maj. V. KING.

Present : Lt.Comd. G.B. STURT, R.N.V.R. rep. P.S.T.O.
Maj. A.G. TOFIELD. rep. G-4 (Mov & Tn)
Maj. J.K. LUSTY. rep. RASC W.T.O.
Mr. A.J. HARVEY. rep. M.W.T.R.
Mr. W. WILLIAMS. rep. MEDBO SchoonerControl.
Miss A.N. SIMON. Secretary.

1. Previous Period (17 - 26 Mar).

Chairman handed Lt.Comd. Sturt a list of small items outstanding (all being of low priority) for which opportunity shipment would be sought.

ACTION P.S.T.O.

2. Current Period (27 Mar - 5 Apr).

(a) It was noted that the bids for phosphate, salt and sulphur were for delivery during the whole of Apr.

(b) It was noted that shipping was expected to be available to meet all programmed bids for this period, and that there would be no surplus.

(c) Additional bids on account of Tn(A), not included in the programme, were reported as follows:

(i) 2500 tons LEGHORN/MARSEILLES - Tn(A) to be asked to approach W.S.A. for shipping.

ACTION Tn(A).

(ii) 1500 tons PORTOVECCHIO/LEGHORN - Tn(A) to be requested to obtain the approval of C-in-C MEDITERRANEAN for use of PORTOVECCHIO before recording this bid.

ACTION G-4 (Mov & Tn).

V. KING, Maj.,
D.A.Q.M.G. (M).
CHAIRMAN

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Present :	Lt.Comd. G.B. STURT, R.N.V.R.	rep.	P.S.T.O.
	Maj. A.G. TOFIELD.	rep.	G-4 (Mov & Tn)
	Maj. J.K. LUSTY.	rep.	RASC W.T.O.
	Mr. A.J. HANVEY.	rep.	M.W.T.R.
	Mr. W. WILLIAMS.	rep.	MEDBO SchoonerControl.
	Miss A.N. SIMON.		Secretary.

1. Previous Period (17 - 26 Mar).

Chairman handed Lt.Comd. Sturt a list of small items outstanding (all being of low priority) for which opportunity shipment would be sought.

ACTION P.S.T.O.

2. Current Period (27 Mar - 5 Apr).

(a) It was noted that the bids for phosphate, salt and sulphur were for delivery during the whole of Apr.

(b) It was noted that shipping was expected to be available to meet all programmed bids for this period, and that there would be no surplus.

(c) Additional bids on account of Tn(A), not included in the programme, were reported as follows:

(i) 2600 tons LEGHORN/MARSEILLES - Tn(A) to be asked to approach W.S.A. for shipping.

ACTION Tn(A).

(ii) 1500 tons PORTOVECCHIO/LEGHORN - Tn(A) to be requested to obtain the approval of C-in-C MEDITERRANEAN for use of PORTOVECCHIO before recording this bid.

ACTION G-4 (Mov & Tn).

V. KING, Maj.,
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CHAIRMAN.

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

5th March, 1945.

To: Chairman, Medbo.

Weekly Report No.44.

ITEM 66. CRAFT TUGS FOR MALTA.

It was agreed in May last that Malta craft tug requirements would be met by A.F.H.Q. and the D.C.H.C. visited Malta to study the overall position. The co-ordinated demands from all departments showed there were 7 tugs required and during the course of the year this recommendation has been implemented as follows:-

STURTY 26 and 27.
TANAC 25 and 56.
TUSA 219, 220 and 221.

In addition 13 R.T.L's have been allocated.

C. in C. M.T. has now asked for 2 TANAC tugs for Captain Dockyard, and London advise the Admiralty continue to press for further craft tugs of TANAC/TUSA type for individual services, V.S.O. etc.

It is suggested that the position should be reviewed.

ITEM 67. 150 TON FLOATING CRANE AT TARANTO.

Reference items 49 and 55. The E.D.C. of repairs has now been put back to mid March.

ITEM 68. SPARE PARTS, DISTRIBUTION CENTRE, MALTA.

The channel of supply for spares for various types of American engines fitted in American and British craft under British administration is the S.P.D.C. and in the Mediterranean a Centre is being set up at Malta. It is requested that Royal Navy advise the position, especially in regard to engines which are now on what is known as "automatic flow", and the procedure for indenting for supplies.

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Director of Harbour Craft.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Petroleum Section

Unit

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 HOURS

	CLEAN		DIRTY		
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	11	1,233,000	2	175,000	13
2. In Ballast	5	474,000	4	267,000	9
3. In Drydock or Repair	2 (a)	203,000	--	---	2
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C, D, and E)					
1. Working	22	431,000	2	96,000	24
2. In drydock or repair	11	114,000	3	158,000	15
C. WATER CARRIERS	28	260,000	--	--	28
D. LIQUID FUELLERS	4 (b)	81,000	12 (c)	276,000	16
E. ON OPERATIONAL SERVICE (including M.F.A.)	8	60,000	4	187,000	12

(a) = BRAEMAR 90,000 bbls., ILLUSTRATION 113,000 bbls. Damaged now at Gibraltar
(b) = 1 Vessel WOODBURN 68,000 bbls. used as floating storage
(c) = 3 Vessels MARY LUCKENBACH 4,000 bbls. GULF PRINCE 33,000 bbls. CHRISTINE 1,000 bbls. also used as flo

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Petroleum Section

Unit= Barrels

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 1200 HOURS 3 MARCH 1945

CLEAN		DIRTY		TOTAL	
No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity	No. of Vessels	Cargo Capacity
11	1,233,000	2	175,000	13	1,408,000
5	474,000	4	267,000	9	741,000
2 (a)	203,000	--	---	2	203,000
22	481,000	2	96,000	24	577,000
11	114,000	3	158,000	15	272,000
28	260,000	--	--	28	260,000
4 (b)	81,000	12 (c)	276,000	16	357,000
8	60,000	4	187,000	12	247,000

(a) = BR PRINCE 90,000 bbls., ESCALLION 113,000 bbls. Damaged now at Gibraltar
(b) = 1 Vessel TO ITALY 68,000 bbls. used as floating storage
(c) = 3 Vessels NOW BEHOVE: GULF PRINCE CHRISTINE also used as floating storage
4,000 bbls. 33,000 bbls. 1,000 bbls.

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NORTH AFRICAN PORTS SUB-COMMITTEE

(Mediterranean shipping board)

No. 28. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS, 19th. FEBRUARY 1945.

Present :-

Mr. R. D. Scriven. (D.M.W.T.R.N.A.)

Comdr. T. K. Garrard RNR	(SSIO)	Major H. C. Stebbens	(DAQMG(M))
Lt. R. W. Calcutt RNVR	(STO)	Capt. L. Hutchings	(Tn. Br.)
S/Ldr. Bulman	(RAF Mov.)	Capt. W. R. Kalloch	(WSA. NA.)
Lt. R. Bradley USNR	(Pet. Sec.)	Mr. W. S. Thomas	(Coal Div. ALLIED)
Mr. A. G. Robertson	(DMWTR)		

Mrs. E. M. Bertrand - Sec.

In the name of the Committee, the Chairman welcomed Sq. Ldr. Bulman, R.A.F. Movements, who will in future represent R.A.F. interests at Napsco Committee Meetings.

The Minutes of Meeting No. 27 were reviewed.

188. CARGO HANDLING.

Commenting on the last Para. of Min. 183, Major Stebbens suggested that this be amended to read : "All cargo discharged from ships carrying only a small proportion of Services cargo should be handled on a commercial basis. "
He further stated that he was not in a position to fix a date for the final clearance of Services cargo.
The Chairman advised having handed Sq. Ldr. Bulman a letter requesting him to obtain authority to assist by way of security whenever Services cargo has to be handled.

189. FRENCH SUPERVISION.

The Chairman drew attention to the present unsatisfactory supervision by the French on the quays - citing the case of the "FORT WRIGLEY" where the cargo discharged proved to be in an extremely bad condition. The Mate had reported that this was partly due to bad loading at the loading port, and the Chairman had asked the Master to advise how he had endorsed his receipt notes and Bills of Lading. The French were, however, responsible for part of the loss incurred in discharging, and Comdr. Garrard said that the same unsatisfactory situation had occurred in connection with troop-ships "EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND" and "STIRLINGSHIRE", and that if the French could not provide efficient supervision on the quays, and more particularly organised protection for troopships, then Naples should be advised, and requested to minimise the number of troopships sent to this port. He

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Mr. F.B.Scriven. (D.M.W.T.R.N.A.)

Comdr. T.K.Garrard RNR	(SSIO)	Major H.C.Stebbens	(DAQMG(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.ALLIED)
Mr. A.G.Robertson	(DMWTR)		

Mrs. E.M.Bertrand - Sec.

In the name of the Committee, the Chairman welcomed Sq.Ldr.Bulman R.A.F. Movements, who will in future represent R.A.F. interests at Napsco Committee Meetings.

The Minutes of Meeting No.27 were reviewed.

168. CARGO HANDLING.

Commenting on the last Para. of Min.165, Major Stebbens suggested that this be amended to read : "All cargo discharged from ships carrying only a small proportion of Services cargo should be handled on a commercial basis."
He further stated that he was not in a position to fix a date for the final clearance of Services cargo.
The Chairman advised having handed Sq.Ldr.Bulman a letter requesting him to obtain authority to assist by way of security whenever Services cargo has to be handled.

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Comdr.Garrard

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190. COLLIERS.

The following Collier movements were reported :

"EMPIRE CAXTON"	- Arrived Algiers. E.T.C. 27/2.
"JOHN C.SPENCER"	- Arrived Algiers for part discharge, thence Tunis.
"FORT CUMBERLAND"	- KMS 84, originally intended for Oran, now requested for La Goulette/Tunis.
"BOREAS"	- Due La Goulette 19/20th.
"BARON TWEEDMOUTH"	- Philippeville.
"DALMORE"	- KMS 85 - Algiers.
"FRANKA"	- KMS 85 - Oran.

191. EQUIPMENT FOR CARGO-HANDLING GEAR.

Capt.Hutchings agreed to provide Comdr.Garrard with a list of military Transportation Gear as distinct from S.T.O. Gear.

Capt.Hutchings

192. S.T.O. PERSONNEL AT OUTPORTS.

Comdr.Garrard advised that the S.T.O. personnel at Oran had been relieved and interests handed over to M.W.T. Officer. Three S.T.O. Officers still remained at Bone.

193. SHIPMENT OF MILITARY STORES FROM BONE.

With reference to Min.186, it was reported that details of material still awaiting shipment at Bone will be forthcoming after Capt.Hutchings' visit to this port in a few days' time.

The next Meeting of the Committee will be held at 1100 hours on Monday, February 26th. 1945.

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S E C R E T.

MEDBO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

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DATE:- 1ST MARCH,

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

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships.	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	MALTA	AUGUSTA	PALERMO	CATANIA	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA	IRAKLIO
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL
B. No. of vessels discharging.	2	1	3	1	NIL	3	1	3	2	1
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	21	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL
E. No. of vessels loading.	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	1	3	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	3	26	4	1	3	3	1	8	2	1

NASAB 705 despatched accordingly.

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MEDBO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

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DATE:- 1ST MARCH, 1945.

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

ps.	CASA.	ORAN	ALGIERS	MALTA	AUGUSTA	PALERMO	CATANIA	PTRAIUS	SALONIKA	IRAKLION	TOTAL
to	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	1
ing.	2	1	3	1	NIL	3	1	3	2	1	17
aiting	NIL	21	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	25
to	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	2
.	NIL	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2
ewait-	1	3	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	5
	3	26	4	1	3	3	1	8	2	1	52

NASAB 705 despatched accordingly.

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S E C R E T

MEDBO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

DATE:- 1S

ITALY & SOUTHERN FRANCE PORT STATE.

"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships	LEGHORN	NAPLES	TARANTO	BRINDISI	BARI	ANCONA	SOUTHERN FRANCE	TO
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	4	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	
B. No. of vessels discharging.	7	19	4	2	8	5	19	
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	4	NIL	NIL	1	3	2	
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	5	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
E. No. of vessels loading.	NIL	6	NIL	2	1	NIL	NIL	
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	2	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL	9	39	5	6	10	8	21	19

NASAB 705 despatched accordingly.

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MEDIO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM. DATE:- 1ST MARCH, 1945.

ITALY & SOUTHERN FRANCE PORT STATE.

Store Ships	LEGHORN	NAPLES	TARANTO	BRINDISI	BARI	ANCONA	SOUTHERN FRANCE	TOTAL
s waiting to	NIL	4	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	5
discharging.	7	19	4	2	8	5	19	64
s empty awaiting ders.	NIL	4	NIL	NIL	1	3	2	10
waiting to	NIL	5	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	6
loading.	NIL	6	NIL	2	1	NIL	NIL	9
loaded await-orders.	2	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	4
AL	9	39	5	6	10	8	21	198

NASAB 705 despatched accordingly.

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MINUTES OF MEETING No.17. [illegible] H.M., H.E. & M.E. (G).
at 1500 hours on 23rd February, 1945.

PRESENT:

Mr.P.J.G.Graham.	Chairman.	B...M.F.R.
Brigadier G.V.Palmer.		Brig.S & R.
Capt.J.J.Josselyn. R.N.	Rep.	S.B.N.O.(P)
Cmdr.R.W.Compton. R.N.R.		B.S.O.C.O. Greece.
Capt.A.A.Buchan. R.N.M.	Rep.	M...M. & Mercantile Marine
Col.E.I.Davidson.		Col.'G'
Major H.R.Cramer.		...I.
Mr.E.T.[illegible]shaun.		...N.R.A.
Mr.J...Jowett.		...S.A.

MINUTES OF MEETING No.16. These were approved subject to the inclusion of Mr.J.B.Jowett, representing ...S.A., who was present those present.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS. It was agreed that minutes of these meetings should be forwarded to the Ministry of Mercantile Marine and that this should be carried out through Captain Buchan.

TAKING OVER OF DISTRIBUTION BY U.N.R.R.A. Brigadier Palmer stated that it has now been decided that UNRRA will take over from ...A. as from the 1st April. In order to facilitate this plan the Greek Government would accept responsibility for the distribution of supplies from ships also as from the 15th March and that whilst it was expected that some little confusion would arise in the early stages it was hoped that with the aid of those Services ... are at present carrying out the work, that the difficulties would be overcome and that a good clearance and distribution would be achieved in a short time.

The Chairman stated that this matter had been brought up at a meeting of the Joint Transport Sub-Committee for discussion on the methods of distribution to be applied by the Greek Authorities and it had been decided that the Advisory Committee to the Joint Transport Sub-Committee should advise in detail the plans for distribution by road, rail and sea.

A discussion ensued as to whether a tally should be kept of the cargo landed and handed over to UNRRA which will then be handed over almost immediately to the Greek Government. It was decided that the representatives of UNRRA and S & H should discuss this question and advise as soon as possible as to what they desire to be done.

ENEMY MINING. Chairman stated that he had received a letter from M.[illegible] 4241 London in connection with this subject and he had taken the matter up with the S.B.N.O. Greece.

Capt.Josselyn stated that the "CHARGER" had now reported in accordance with the treaty made with ELAS and would shortly be at Salonika or Navalia, and that the "SEASTROOP" was ready to be handed over to the Greek Authorities.

Chairman mentioned the question of building to German contracts [illegible] had mentioned the subject in his letter to

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Capt.S.H.Jocelyn.
Col.R.I.Davidson.
Major R.H.Brewer.
Mr.B.T.Hammond.
Mr.J.B.Jowett.

Col.[illegible]
...L.
...R.A.
...S.A.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. [illegible] apologised for the inclusion of Mr.J.B.Jowett, representing [illegible], which [illegible] present those present.

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Capt.Jocelyn stated that [illegible] had now reported in accordance with the treaty made with Italy and would shortly be at Salonika or Kavalla, and that the "SPARTACO" was [illegible] be handed over to the Greek Authorities.

Chairman mentioned the question of building to German contracts at Perama and indicated that he had mentioned this subject in his letter to S.H.A.E.G. and that no doubt Capt.Buchan would be requested to make a full report on this matter in due course.

ALLOCATION COMMITTEE. Chairman advised that this Committee had met for the first time on the 22nd February and briefly set out the results of the meeting. He stated that the Allocation Committee was now waiting to hear from the Operating Committee in connection with several suggestions which had been put up to them. Cdr.Sumpton stated that a suitable secretary had been found for the Committee, and that he would be attached to [illegible] S.H.A.E. Staff and was expected to receive a Commission tomorrow, which would enable him to have access to Naval signals in connection with the movements of shipping around the coast.

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The Chairman stated that from the U.S.S. signals which had been exchanged he was hopeful that the "VIRGINIA" would be made available on the coast shortly.

Brigadier Palmer stated that he had addressed several letters to those interested in connection with the control of cargoes loaded and Chairman stated that disciplinary action should be taken against masters of vessels who lifted unauthorised cargo and it was agreed that this matter should be brought up at the next meeting of the Allocation Committee with a view to it being brought to the notice of the Operating Committee.

SWEDISH VESSELS. Chairman stated that he understood that the Germans had requested that these vessels be recalled to Stockholm to resume their normal trade, but that the Swedish Government were communicating with the German Government stating that they considered the vessels should still be employed for Red Cross work, and whilst negotiations were continuing the vessels would continue to be employed as formerly.

Brigadier Palmer stated that the Swedish Ambassador had been in touch with him and indicated that he was cabling Stockholm to ascertain if the s.s."VIRGINIA" could be refitted on the coast for use in Greek coastal waters. The Chairman stated that this would appear to upset our previous ideas with regard to coastal tonnage if the vessel were made available, and enquired as to on what basis the Swedes proposed to make the vessel available and as to who was going to pay for the cost of the hire. Brigadier Palmer stated that he had not discussed the financial aspect with the Swedish Ambassador but that he thought he could make good use of such vessels as s.s."VIRGINIA" and s.s."VICTORIA" in Greek waters. Chairman query what this was costing but it was felt exactly what cargo had to be moved at would be difficult to tell as to whether these vessels could be used effectively on the coast, and requested that the matter needed a closer scrutiny before any decision could be come to, but that if these vessels should be made available it could free other vessels now in control of M.W.T. for use elsewhere. Brigadier Palmer to prepare a memo. approving the Swedish Ambassador and to submit it to the Deputy Director for consideration.

Brigadier Palmer.

STEVEDORING. With reference to the minutes of the previous meeting under this heading, Chairman stated that in accordance with a letter from Brigadier S.O.A. forwarded as a result of the decision of the Joint Re-Organising Committee, he had sent the minute to the Minister of Finance for his guidance. Earle also indicated that he had taken up the question of placing Greek Port Officers in funds and stated that this was being carried out at the present time.

Mr.Sumpton stated that the strike at Patras had not been settled. Brigadier Palmer then stated that he had agreed with the Greek authorities and without reference to our financial difficulties, that a rate of 150 drachmas per ton for discharge at Patras should be fixed, the rate to be adjusted later when a final decision was given, but he did not think it would be lower. The Chairman stated that he considered that the Financial Authorities should have been consulted and also that this matter should have been dealt with by the Stevedoring Committee, who have been dealing with this subject for some months, and that he did not consider it was worth while the Stevedoring Committee continuing if such matters were taken out of their hands.

Brigadier Palmer stated that he did not know what work would be performed for the 150 drachmas, but that he felt the urgency of the need for landing supplies

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STEVEDORING. With reference to the minutes of the previous meeting under this heading, Chairman stated that in accordance with a letter from Brigadier S & T. forwarded as a result of the decision of the Joint Co-ordinating Committee, he had sent the minute to the Minister of Planning for his guidance. Capt. Sutton also indicated that he had taken up the question of placing Greek Government Officials in funds and stated that this was being carried out at the present time.

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Brigadier Palmer stated that he did not know what work would be performed by the 150 drachmas, but that he felt the urgency of the need for landing supplies at Patras and communicated this point to the Greek Authorities and that they had, together with the U.S. Mission, agreed to pay whatever rate they considered necessary to enable vessels to turn round quickly but that they had been hedging the financial people by saying to have low rates fixed by the Greek Government in order to endeavour to stabilise the drachma, and that he regretted that matters had developed as they had, and that the Greek Authorities had found a suitable method to break the deadlock by fixing a high rate. Whilst the Stevedoring Committee were aware of what was doing for some time.

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WATER VESSELS. The Chairman raised the question of the release of the s.s."MORIA" and s.s."AN KING", and Capt.Josselyn stated that he understood that the s.s."[illegible]" was to receive instructions to sail and that the s.s."AN KING" would still have to be retained. The Chairman pointed out that there were several water barges in Piraeus and possibly with the availability of extra tugs the s.s."AN KING" could also be released. Capt.Josselyn undertook to investigate this matter.

Capt.Josselyn

CAIQUES. Cdr.Sumpton mentioned that he had received a letter from S.N.O.C. to the effect that the Ministry owned caiques should not be disarmed for the present. It was explained that these caiques would be used along with locally owned caiques in the distribution of relief stores. Capt.Josselyn stated that he would again go into this question and ascertain if there was any real need for them to continue to be armed.

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VOLOS. Col.Davidson indicated that the crane could not be made available for this port immediately but that he was hopeful that it from Patras where it was located would be occupied shortly and it would be transferred to Volos without delay.

Cdr.Sumpton read a signal from S.I.O.Volos which indicated that Liberty type vessels could not go alongside at Volos until minor repairs to the wharf had been effected and bollards have been made available. It would also be necessary to clear the water alongside the North; the signal indicated that the depth varied from 15 ft. to 22 ft.

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SALONIKA. Chairman read extracts of a letter he had received from the Port Committee at this port, and the Committee agreed that the figures quoted for 14 days work ending on 13th February, were highly satisfactory in that they showed that 18,516 tons had been discharged, and 18,21[illegible] tons cleared. The latter also indicated that selective discharge is not going on at this port and that they had a thorough appreciation of the position.

The Chairman stated that from the Minutes of the Port Committee Meeting dated 23rd February, it was shown that satisfactory contract rates could not be agreed at Saloniki, but as the work was proceeding in a satisfactory manner this did not seem to matter as it could not be hoped to greatly increase the output per day. Col.Davidson demurred from this and stated that he considered that every effort should be made by the Saloniki Port Committee to pass over to the appropriate Greek Authorities the responsibility to pay the labour. The Chairman pointed out that Capt.Jeans was at the present time working to this end and that he hoped that some concrete results would be forthcoming shortly.

Col.Davidson drew the Committee's notice to the fact that work in connection with the installation of bulk petrol tanks had ceased and that he considered this a serious matter as it would curtail the discharge either of POL or S & R stores during April on account of the monthly total of 20,000 tons being exceeded due to increased POL requirements. Brigadier Palmer stated that he had discussed this matter fully with Pet.Sec. and was now taking it up with A.F.H.Q. but that in any event it would take three months to complete tanks which it was estimated would only last 4 years, whilst installation of permanent tanks would take one year. It was decided to await further advices from Pet.Sec. on receipt of additional information from A.F.H.Q.

Col.Davidson stated that the tugs for Saloniki could not be loaded at Taranto as the crane was still out of action. He would discuss the matter when he was at A.F.H.Q. with a view to the tugs being sailed to Salonika.

TRAFFIC. Col.Davidson pointed out that in order to carry out the present programme it was necessary that two vessels should be present at this port on a number of occasions in the near future, whilst Brigadier Palmer stated that he would not be satisfied until they had approximately 10,000 tons of Military Maintenance and S & R Stores landed at this port available for an emergency. The present position is that the cargo is being consumed immediately it is landed and that at the present rate there is no chance of building up a big reserve.

SWEEPING OF SMALL PORTS. Cdr.Sumpton tabled a letter he had received from S & R in this connection, and Capt.Josselyn stated that Khalkis had now been swept.

The next meeting will be held at 1300 hours on Wednesday, 7th March, 1945.

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13. OTHER MATTERS.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

No. 66.

MINUTES OF REPAIR MEETING HELD AT 1600 HOURS ON THE 23RD FEBRUARY, 1945.

Present: Mr. I.D. Campbell In the Chair.
Commander M.L. Hardie, R.N.
Constructor Lieut. Lawrence, R.C.N.C.
Lieut. Commander E. Blair, R.N.R.
Ing. en Chef 2ème. Classe, Gandilhon.
Mr. R. Nicol.
Mr. J.R. Smith.
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1029. "CORFIRTH". Ref. 1025. Commander Hardie reported that it was not definitely arranged that this vessel should be sent to Leghorn and that the question of her being towed to S. France was under consideration. If the latter were decided, the Chairman pointed out she would, however have to occupy a berth.

1030. RE-FIT OF TWO TUGS IN MEDITERRANEAN. Ref. 1028. There was not a large amount of work to be done to these two craft and Mr. Smith therefore proposed they be routed to Algiers, with which Commander Hardie agreed.

1031. CASABLANCA. After completion of the French Warships about 23rd February, No. 1 Dock would be under repair, Commander Hardie saying that, according to latest information, the work would take six days only. "ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER" was then programmed to dock, being followed by a French Warship, "ALETTA", "ILE D'OUESSANT", in that order.

No. 2 Dock would be taken up by Local Craft.

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Commander Hardie stated that in addition to "BRITISH PATIENCE" there were at Gibraltar "MICHAEL STONE" and "REGENT LION" with torpedo damage, the docking of which vessels would have to be considered at some later date. As regards "BRITISH PATIENCE", however, Captain Bate understood that the necessary repairs were being done afloat.

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1034. ALGIERS. Information from this port was somewhat incomplete, but Commander Hardie said the French Warships would come out of No. 1 Dock about 25th/

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/25th February when "MEONIA" would undock, being followed by "[illegible]", which vessel Ingenieur Gandilhon requested be accepted before "MEONIA", but as both were French ships it was felt the matter might be decided locally. French Warships were programmed to dock after completion of these two vessels.

No. 2 Dock would be occupied by a French Warship, cable ship "EMIL BAUDOT" for 7 days, then French Warships.

1035. FERRYVILLE. French Warships in No. 1 Dock would remain there for an indefinite time and Commander Hardie said that "ORPHEUS" was due to dock that day in No. 2 Dock and would be followed by the French Naval tanker "VAR" then "LOBOS" for examination.

Local Craft were in No. 3 Dock and as there would be a vacancy before an H.M. Ship re-docked for an indefinite period, Commander Hardie suggested some small vessel be programmed for this dock, but after consideration it was found no suitable ship was available. On completion of H.M. Ship in No. 4 Dock "M.L. LE BORGNE" and H.M. Ship were programmed to dock for two days.

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"CAPO MELE" was due to undock about 25th February from No. 2 Dock when the tanker "Y" 79 would go in for two days, being followed by "TRITON MAIDS", "ITU", for examination, then "PO". Commander Hardie said that H.M. Ships in No. 3 Dock were about out and would be followed by Local Craft then Landing Craft. There were Italian Warships programmed for the Floating Dock and Small Craft for No. 5 Dock.

1038. LECHOIN. Due to the present situation Commander Hardie reported that only short term dockings could be accepted at this port.

A U.S. Warship was then in dock for four days and would be followed by "ANDREA CONTARINI". Commander Hardie suggested that a vessel requiring a few days in dock could then be accepted, but as no suitable ship was available he said that Local Craft would go in and then be followed by a U.S. Warship for an indefinite period.

1039. PALERMO. A tug to accompany "ALRESFORD" to this Port had sailed from Malta but Commander Hardie had received no further information. It was subsequently learnt that this ship was due to sail from Augusta the following evening and, if weather conditions were favourable, should reach Palermo by 26th February.

1040. LA CIOTAT. "SIDI AISSA" was due to complete about 3rd March, would be followed by a French Warship for three days and Commander Hardie said "ARAGO" would then dock, after which "VILLE DE BASTIA", "VAL DE LA HAYE", French Warship, "MORIALTA" were programmed to dock in that order.

1041. TOULON. H.M. Ships were in No. 1 Dock and Commander Hardie said these would be followed by Local Craft.

Ingenieur Gandilhon reported that another dock of 250 ft. long would probably be ready by 15th March.

1042. DRYDOCKING OF ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS. With reference to Minute 985, where it was stated that future surveys of Italian vessels should be made in conjunction with an M.W.T. Surveyor, Mr. Smith said that bids for those Italian vessels likely to dock in the near future should stand, but the others would be examined and re-submitted if necessary.

1043. "ISAAC SHELBY". A signal from Washington enquiring if a dock would be available at Taranto, Naples or Ferryville for this vessel, so that a new bow might be fitted, was quoted by Mr. Nicol. The Committee felt, however, that as the work would take a considerable time it would not be possible to allocate a dock for this purpose.

1044. "EMPIRE RAVEN". This refrigerator ship was at Taranto and as she could no longer make sufficient steam to keep the refrigerator machinery in operation, the Chairman suggested that "ISAAC SHELBY" (see Minute above) might lie alongside and provide the necessary steam for this purpose. Mr. Smith was shortly going to Taranto and said he would investigate this possibility. Mr. Smith.

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CASABLANCA.	ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER	At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting.
	ALETTA At Gibraltar	awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and paintin overhaul.
	ILE D'OUESSANT	At Casablanca	ready		Examination of rudder.
GIBRALTAR.	FULGOR	At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new sto end and propellor.
	HENRY MILLER	At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage.
ORAN.	EAGLE	At Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k overhaul and extensive repairs.
	JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE	At Ajaccio	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k.
	ARGONNE	At Marseilles		Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from [illegible]k. Drawing shaft.
	ORKLA	Bid withdrawn			
ALGIERS.	MEONIA	At Algiers	ready	Feb. 1945	To re-dock for completion of rud repairs.
	SIDI BRAHIM	At Algiers	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k.
FERRYVILLE.	ORPHEUS	At Ferryville	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10-7k. Drawing propellor shaft.
	M.L. LE BORGNE	At Malta		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k.
	LOIOS	At Ferryville	ready		For examination.
TARANTO & BRINDISI. Cleaning & Painting.	EMPIRE CANDIDA	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed.
	CHERCA	At Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	OLITA	At Taranto	ready over year out of drydock		Italian. Cleaning and painting.
	VITTORINI ZANIBON	Immobilised at Bari	early March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced fro 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
ER At Casablanca	ready		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
ltar awaiting relief	on arrival		Water boat. Cleaning and painting and overhaul. (MWTR/FEO BID)
At Casablanca	ready		amination of rudder. (FRENCH BID)
At Gibraltar	ready		Italian Tanker. Requires new stern tube, tail end and propellor. (MWTR BID)
At Gibraltar	ready		Extensive torpedo damage. (WSA BID)
t Oran repairing	ready	Jan. 1944	Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. Machinery overhaul and extensive repairs. (FEO/WSA BID)
RGNE At Ajaccio	on arrival	Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from 8-7k. (FRENCH BID)
At Marseilles		Apr. 1944	Speed reduced from [illegible]7k. Drawing tail shaft. (FRENCH BID)
Bid withdrawn			
At Algiers	ready	Feb. 1945	To re-dock for completion of rudder repairs. (FRENCH BID)
At Algiers	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 13-12k. (FRENCH BID)
At Ferryville	ready	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10-7k. Drawing of propellor shaft. (PSTO BID)
At Malta		Aug. 1944	Speed reduced from 7½-6k. (FRENCH BID)
At Ferryville	ready		For examination. (MWTR BID)
At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Crane ship. Reduced speed. (PSTO BID)
Taranto	ready	Dec. 1943	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
At Taranto	ready	over year out of drydock	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
BON Immobilised at Bari	early March		Italian Tanker. Speed reduced from 10-7k. To be wiped. (MWTR BID)
Heel-Greece Shuttle	12th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-8k. (MWTR BID)

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PORT	VESSEL	POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
TARANTO & BRINDISI. For Repairs.	TOSCANA	At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning and painting a draw tail end shaft. (PST
	ICELAND	At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube. (PST
	TERESA SCHLAFFINO	At Taranto	ready	Jan. 1945	Ital. To re-dock for re-wooding of ste tube. (MWT
	LYMINGE	At Taranto	ready		Hull damage. For examination. (PST
	ORIETTA	At Brindisi	ready		Italian. Leaking stern glands. (PST
	GALEB	At Bari	ready	Mar. 1944	Jugoslav. Drawing of tail shaft and cle and painting. (MWT
	ASSUNZIONE	Bid withdrawn			
NAPLES.	"Y" 79	Immobilised at Naples	ready		
	WASHINGTON IRVING	At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	Tanker. Cleaning and painting. (MWT
	TRITON MARIS	At Naples	20th Feb.		To re-dock for completion rudder repairs. (WSA
	ITU	At Naples	ready		Italian. To fit new propellor and clean and painting. (WSA
	PO	At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock	Italian. Hull repairs. For examination. (MWTR
	DON	At Taranto ldg. for Naples	10th March	over year out of drydock	Italian Water boat. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR/FEO
	FORT LAURENCE	Under load	16th March	June 1944	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and painting examination. For survey. (PSTO
	SAMWYE	Under load	19th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½k. (PSTO
LEGHORN.	ANDREA COMPARINI	At Leghorn	ready	May, 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-10k. (PSTO
PALERMO.	ALLESFORD	At Augusta	on arrival		Italian. Cleaning and painting. (PSTO
LA CIOTAT.	ARAGO	At Marseilles	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush. (MWTR
	VILLE DE BASTIA	At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FREN
	VAL DE LA HAYE	At Ajaccio for Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FREN
	MORIALTA	At Marseilles			Cleaning and painting. (FREN
					Torpedo damage. (MWTR

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POSITION	READINESS FOR DRYDOCKING	LAST DRYDOCKED	REMARKS
At Taranto	ready	June 1944	Hospital ship. Cleaning and painting and draw tail end shaft. (PSTO BID)
At Taranto	ready		Crane ship. Examination of stern tube. (PSTO BID)
At Taranto	ready	Jan. 1945	Ital. To re-dock for re-wooding of stern tube. (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)
Bid withdrawn			
ised at Naples	ready		Tanker. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR BID)
At Naples	ready	Jan. 1945	To re-dock for completion rudder repairs. (WSA BID)
At Naples	20th Feb.		Italian. To fit new propellor and cleaning and painting. (WSA BID)
At Naples	ready		Italian. Hull repairs. For examination. (MWTR BID)
At Naples	ready	18 months out of drydock	Italian Water boat. Cleaning and painting. (MWTR/FEO BID)
g. for Naples	10th March	over year out of drydock	Refrigerator ship. Cleaning and painting and examination. For survey. (PSTO BID)
Under load	16th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 10½-9½k. (PSTO BID)
Under load	19th March	June 1944	Speed reduced from 11½-10k. (PSTO BID)
At Leghorn	ready	May, 1944	Italian. Cleaning and painting. (PSTO BID)
At Augusta	on arrival		Draw tail shaft. Re-wooding of stern bush. (MWTR BID)
Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
At Marseilles	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
At Ajaccio	on arrival		Cleaning and painting. (FRENCH BID)
for Marseilles			
At Marseilles			Torpedo damage. (MWTR BID)

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DOCKING PROGRAMME.

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CASABLANCA.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 23rd Feb.)
Under Repair (6 days)
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIER (2 days)
French Warship
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

No. 2 Dock.

Local Craft

GIBRALTAR.

No. 1 Dock.

Local Craft (out abt. 26th Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft
H.M. Ship

ORAN.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 18th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

Local Craft
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (7 days)
French Warship (3 days)
ARGONNE (3 days)

ALGIERS.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 25th Feb.)
MEONLA (to re-dock) (3 days)
SIDI IBRAHIM (3/4 days)
French Warships

No. 2 Dock.

French Warship
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warships

FERRYVILLE.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 2 Dock.

ORPHEUS (4 days)
VAR
LOBOS (for examination)

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No. 4 Dock.

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French Warship
ALETTA (3/4 days)
ILE D'OUESSANT (4/5 days)

G I B R A L T A R.

No. 1 Dock.

Local Craft (out abt. 26th Feb.)
ASTURIAS (uncertain)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock.

H.M. Ship

No. 4 Dock.

Landing Craft
H.M. Ship

O R A N.

No. 1 Dock.

JOHNS HOPKINS (out abt. 18th March)
EAGLE (2 days)

No. 2 Dock

Local Craft
JOSEPHINE LE BORGNE (7 days)
French Warship (3 days)
ARGONNE (3 days)

A L G I E R S.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (out abt. 25th Feb.)
MEONIA (to re-dock) (3 days)
SIDI IBRAHIM (3/4 days)
French Warships

No. 2 Dock.

French Warship
EMIL BAUDOT (7 days)
French Warships

F E R R Y V I L L E.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warships (indefinite)

No. 3 Dock.

Local Craft
H.M. Ship (indefinite)

No. 2 Dock.

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ORPHEUS (4 days)
VAR
LOBOS (for examination)

No. 4 Dock.

H.M. Ship
M.L. LE BORGNE & H.M. Ship (2 days)

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T A R A N T O A N D B R I N D I S I.

No. 1 Dock.

EMPIRE ROACH, TURIDDU & H.M. Ships (uncertain)
ICELAND, TERESA SCHIAFFINO & H.M. Ship (15 days)

No. 2 Dock.

NASPRITE, EMPIRE ADUR & H.M. Ship (out abt. 26th Feb.)
H.M. Ships

No. 12 Dock.

Floating Crane & Italian Ships (out abt. 25th Feb.)
TOSCANA (4 days)

No. [illegible] Dock.

H.M. Ship (out abt. 25th Feb.)
EMPIRE CANDID.

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ORIETTA
LYMINGE (for examination)
ORATA (cleaning & painting)

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 24th Feb.)
SIDIJAK (4/5 days)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)(7 days)
SESTRIERE (2 days)
Under Repair (7 days)
Italian Warship
H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock.

CAPO MELE (out abt. 25th Feb.)
"Y" 79 (2 days)
TRITON MARIS (2 days)
ITU (for examination)
PO (4 days)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships (abt. out)
Local Craft (5 days)
Landing Craft

Floating Dock.

Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

[illegible]mall Craft

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Warship (4 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (5 days)
Local Craft
U.S. Warship (indefinite)

P A L E R M O.

U.S. Warships
CRESFORD (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. 3rd March)

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(out abt. 25th Feb.)
TOSCANA (4 days)

EMPIRE CANDID

No. 10 Dock

Warship

No. 23 Dock.

Warship

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

CHERCA (cleaning & painting)
ORIETA
LYMINGE (for examination)
ORATA (cleaning & painting)

N A P L E S.

No. 1 Dock.

French Warship (out abt. 24th Feb.)
SIRAJAK (4/5 days)
WASHINGTON IRVING (to re-dock)(7 days)
SESTRIERE (2 days)
Under Repair (7 days)
Italian Warship
H.M. Ship

No. 2 Dock.

CAPO MELE (out abt. 25th Feb.)
"Y" 79 (2 days)
TRITON MARIS (2 days)
ITU (for examination)
PO (4 days)

No. 3 Dock.

H.M. Ships (abt. out)
Local Craft (5 days)
Landing Craft

Floating Dock.

Italian Warships

No. 5 Dock.

Small Craft

L E G H O R N.

U.S. Warship (4 days)
ANDREA CONTARINI (5 days)
Local Craft
U.S. Warship (indefinite)

P A L E R M O.

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

M E S S I N A.

H.M. Ships

L A C I O T A T.

SIDI MISSA (out abt. 3rd March)
French Warship (3 days)
ARAGO (2 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.

H.M. Ships
Local Craft

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REPORT OF MERCHANT SHIP REPAIR POSITION
FOR MEETING AT 1600 HRS On 23rd 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. Own power	Completion of temporary repair to proceed to other repair port. In tow
A	B	C	D	E	F	G

A Vessel	B Initial Dates	Main Defects	E Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO - 20.2.45				
WEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.	E 15/2	Completed.
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 (deferred).
TERESA SCHIAVINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 24/2	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.	D 27/1 D 11/3 E 23/3	Vessel to be redocked to complete rewooding of stern tube & welding of shell rivets.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea	D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew. Repairs deferred awaiting berth.
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 28/2	Progress extremely slow due higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2	Rudder repairs.	D 20/2 E 21/2	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.	D 20/2 E 28/2	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.	E 28/2	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1	Boiler repairs & condenser	D 26/2 E 15/3	

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A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Vessel	Initial Dates		Main Defects		Final Dates	Remarks

TARANTO - 20.2.45.

VEST	A 3/12/43 B 19/7	Superstructure damaged by blast and fire.		E 15/2	Completed.
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 (deferred).
TERESA SCHIAFFINO	B 20/10 C 19/1 C 24/2	Repairs to boilers etc., removal of propeller shaft. Routine D/D.		D 27/1 D 11/3 E 23/3	Vessel to be redocked to complete renewding of stern tube & welding of shell rivets.
ORATA	C 5/12	General fitting out for sea		D 21/12 E Ind.	Several derricks to renew. Repairs deferred awaiting berth.
SANDRINA	B 17/11	Engine & boiler repairs.		E Ind.	Progress slow due to higher priorities.
LEMINGE	A 21/12 B 30/12	Dock and engine repairs.		E 28/2	Progress extremely slow due higher priorities.
EMPIRE ROACH	A 8/1 B 22/1 C 3/2	Rudder repairs.		D 20/2 E 21/2	
TURIDDU (It.)	C 3/2	Routine D/D after repairs afloat.		D 20/2 E 28/2	
EMPIRE RAVEN	A 15/1 B 17/1	Serious defects in all boilers.		E 28/2	
EMPIRE ADUR	A 21/1 B 5/2 C 18/2	Boiler repairs & condenser tube plates to renew. Routine D/D.		D 26/2 E 15/3	
TOSCANA	A 22/1 B 24/1 C 1/3	Boiler survey & repairs. Hospital fitting.		D 7/3 E 8/3	Slow due to higher priorities.
ICELAND	A 23/1 C 24/2	Examination of stern tube & testing propeller.		D 11/3 E 14/3	Awaiting D/D.
NASPRITE (R.F.A.)	C 10/2	Underwater damage.		D 26/2	
BORGHOLM	A 11/2 B 12/2	Defects not stated.		E 23/2	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
TARANTO (CONTINUED)				
EMPIRE CANDIDA	A 18/2 C 8/3	Routine D/D etc.	D 13/3 E 14/3	
TAIGETE	A 9/2 B 14/2	Cargo pumps unworkable; boiler defects, broken windlass etc.	E Ind.	Awaiting full details.
Minor repairs since 13.2.45				
TARANTO:				
AMSTEL BENGLOE CHAMPOLLION EMPIRE FAWN EMPIRE SUNBEAM	FORT ENTERPRISE FORT LATOUR FORT LAWRENCE INDRAPOERA OCEAN GALLANT	PASS OF MELFORT PRINCIPESSA GIOVANNA SAINSTRUE SPERO	VAN HONTHORST VITTORIO ZANIBON LUELIN JOHN J. McCRAW	PALEMEN
BRINDISI:				
SHUNA MARINA RASHOVA	CEZINA SAINSTRULE ARGENTINA	BENJAMIN TAY EMPIRE USK EDGAR E. CLARK.		
BARI:				
FORT ERIE FAUVETTE STAR	SCOTTISH MONARCH R.M. WILLIAMSON EMPIRE BROOK	JENNINGS STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS JONATHAN WORTH.		
MARSEILLES - 20.2.45				
MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9	Supposed mine damage starb'd side No. 2 Hold.	F 1/1	Temporary repairs completed. Awaiting D/D.
P.L.M.13	A) B) 6/2	Boiler cleaning & survey; repairs to hold bilge pipes.	E 12/2	Completed.
SERULA	A 12/2 B 13/2	Hull damage; repairs to boilers and windlass.	E 17/2	Completed.
SPINDLETOP	A) B) 13/2	Deck repairs.	E 16/2	Completed.
ERIDAN	A 20/2 B 21/2	Engine repairs.	E 1/3	

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TAIGETE	A 9/2 B 14/2	Cargo pumps unworkable; boiler defects, broken windlass etc.		

Minor repairs since 13.2.45

TARANTO:

AMSTEL	FORT ENTERPRISE	PASS OF MELFORT	VAN NONTHORST	
HENGLOE	FORT LATOUR	PRINCIPESSA	VITTORIO	PALEMLEH
CHAMPOLLION	FORT LAWRENCE	GIOVANNA	ZANIBON	
EMPIRE FAWN	INDRAPOERA	SAMSTRAE	LUBLIN	
EMPIRE SUNBEAM	OCEAN GALLANT	SPERO	JOHN J. McCRAW	

BRINDISI:

SHUNA	GEZINA	BENJAMIN TAY
MARINA	SAMSTRULE	EMPIRE USK
RASKOVA	ARGENTINA	EDGAR B. CLARK.

BARI:

FORT ERIE	SCOTTISH MONARCH	JENNINGS
FAUVETTE	R.M. WILLIAMSON	STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS
STAR	EMPIRE BROOK	JONATHAN WORTH.

MARSEILLES - 20.2.45

MORIALTA	A 25/9 B 23/9	Supposed mine damage starb'd side No. 2 Hold.	F 1/1	Temporary repairs completed. Awaiting D/D.
P.L.M.13	A) B) 6/2	Boiler cleaning & survey; repairs to hold bilge pipes.	E 12/2	Completed.
SERULA	A 12/2 B 13/2	Hull damage; repairs to boilers and windlass.	E 17/2	Completed.
SPINDLETOP	A) B) 13/2	Dock repairs.	E 18/2	Completed.
ERIDAN	A 20/2 B 21/2	Engine repairs.	E 1/3	

LYCAON: CRAGPOOL: SAMSETTE: RUDBY - Minor repairs since 14.2.45

GIBRALTAR - 20.2.45

FULGOR (T)	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller & tail end shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube and 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.
FORT MINGAN	A 7/2 B 12/2	Slack rudder bearing bracket. E - Bolts to renew.	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main defects	Final Dates	Remarks
GIBRALTAR (CONTINUED)				
HILDA MUNDSEN	A) B) C) 6/2	Routine D/D.	D) E) 7/2	Completed.
MOONCREST	A 6/2 B 10/2	Engine repairs.	E 21/2	Delay due to withdrawal of labour for more urgent work.
BRITISH PATIENCE	A 7/2 B 8/2	Collision damage to shell plating. Repairs to exhaust pipe & degaussing cable.	F 3/3	Work delayed by transfer of cargo, & freeing tanks of gas.
MODAPUR	A) B) 18/2	Holding main feed check valve.	E 20/2	
FORT PANTURE	A 16/2 B 17/2	Refrigerator repairs.	E 19/2	
MICHAEL STONE	A 17/2	Damage in [illegible] due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
LEIGHTON	A) B) 15/2	Fitting spare cylinder head	E 18/2	Completed.

Minor repairs since 5.2.45 - ATTLEE: CITY OF DUNKIRK.
Minor repairs since 12.2.45 - No information.

LEGHORN - 19.2.45.

ZAANSTROOM	A 27/1 B 20/1 C 13/2	Routine D/D. Minor deck, engine & boiler repairs.	D 18/2 E 19/2	Completed.

Minor repairs since 14.2.45 - LEEDS CITY: DON.

NAPLES - 21.2.45

AVON COAST	A 1/2 B 2/2	General overhaul. Main engines, boiler & auxiliaries.	E 18/2	Completed.
ALVALLEN	A) B) 21/12 C 13/2	Making new propeller.	D 15/2 E 21/2	
FORT FRONTENAC	A 13/2 B 6/2	Repairs to [illegible] deck plating.	E 16/2	Completed.
WINDSHOLME	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boiler and	E 6/3	

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BRITISH PATIENCE	A 7/2 B 8/2	Collision damage to shell plating. Repairs to exhaust pipe & degaussing cable.	F 3/3	Work delayed by transfer of cargo, & freeing tanks of gas.
MADDAPUR	A) B) 18/2	Holding main feed check valve.	E 20/2	
FORT PANIRE	A 16/2 B 17/2	Refrigerator repairs.	E 19/2	
MICHAEL STONE	A 17/2	Damage in [illegible] due to enemy action.	E -	Commencement of repairs delayed by discharge of cargo.
LEIGHTON	A) B) 15/2	Fitting spare cylinder head	E 18/2	Completed.

Minor repairs since 5.2.45 - MILL WALL: CITY OF DUNKIRK.
Minor repairs since 12.2.45 - No information.

LEGHORN - 19.2.45.

ZAANSTROOM	A 27/1 B 20/1 C 13/2	Routine D/D. Minor deck, engine & boiler repairs.	D 16/2 E 19/2	Completed.

Minor repairs since 14.2.45 - LEEDS CITY: DON.

NAPLES - 21.2.45

AVON COAST	A 1/2 B 2/2	General overhaul. Main engines, boiler & auxiliaries.	E 10/2	Completed.
ALVALAZERE	A) B) 21/12 C 13/2	Making new propeller.	D 15/2 E 21/2	
FORT FRONTENAC	A 13/2 B 6/2	Repairs to main engines deck plating.	E 16/2	Completed.
HINDSHOLM	A 13/2 B 14/2	General overhaul & repairs. Deck, engines, boilers and auxiliaries.	E 6/3	
EMPIRE TORRENT	A) B) 18/2	Hull damage.	E 21/2	Completed.
SIBAJAK	A 21/2 C 24/2	Changing propellers.	D 28/2 E 2/3	
KATINGO HADJIPATERA	A) B) 22/2	Boiler survey.	E 27/2	

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks

NAPLES (CONTINUED)

Minor repairs since 14.2.45

EMPIRE GALE	SAMTYE	SAMFIELD	SAMCREST
FORT NAIASLEY	SAMAFTRIC	SAMLEYTE	VILLE D'ORAN
SAMTORCH	SAMGLORY	ESPERANCE BAY	SAMBETHY
EMPIRE CLYDE	SAMBRIAN	SAMKANSA	GORLY
EMPIRE CAT	P.L.M.14	CORCREST	LEEDS CITY
HEDWARD	FORT ANNE	SAMTRUTH	CARLTON
SAMSPELGA	PALERMO	FRANK A. VANDERLIP	FORT GRAHAM
FORT STURGEON	FORT DAUPHIN		DJEBEL AURES

BONE - 20.2.45

No major repairs reported.

EMPIRE SCOTT : FORT ANN: LORD COCHRANE - Minor repairs since 13.2.45

PHILLIPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

MALTA - 19.2.45

CANTARCIT	A 16/12 B 18/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 20/2	
EMPIRE SPINNEY	A) B) 23/1 C 8/2	Routine D/D. Winch repairs.	D 13/2 E 14/2	Completed.
ANGELO	C 8/2	Routine D/D.	D 13/2 E 14/2	Completed.
DARIEN II	A) B) 16/2	Defects not stated.	E 2 /2	

CAMPIDOGLIO: RINUCCI: LANGLEE CRAG: BRITTANY COAST - Minor repairs since 12.2.45

BIZERTE 20.2.45

GUDRUN	A 15/1 B 25/1 C 30/1	Routine D/D; stern gland to repack; boiler cleaning & survey. Deck & engine repairs.	D 5/2 E Ind.	Will probably complete about 23.2.45
LOBOS	A) B) 10/1 C Ind.	Collision damage extending from shelter deck to 20' below water line; holed forward end No.2	E Ind.	Will complete discharge of cargo 25.2.45 except that under water in No.2 Lower Hold. D/D date indefinite.

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EMPIRE CLYDE	SAIBRIAN	S.S. KANSA		LEEDS CITY
EMPIRE CAT	P.L.M.14	CORCREST		CARLTON
HELMARD	FORT ANNE	SAINTRUTH		FORT GRAHAM
SAMSPELGA	PALERMO	FRANK A. VANDERLIP		DJEBEL AURES
FORT STURGEON	FORT DAUPHIN			

BONE - 20.2.45

No major repairs reported.

EMPIRE SCOTT : FORT ARY: LORD COCHRANE - Minor repairs since 13.2.45

PHILLIPVILLE & BOUGIE - Nothing to report.

MALTA - 19.2.45

CANTACLIT	A 16/12 B 18/12	General repairs to engine and boilers.	E 20/2	
EMPIRE SPINNEY	A) B)23/1 C 8/2	Routine D/D. Winch repairs.	D 13/2 E 14/2	Completed.
ANGELO	C 8/2	Routine D/D.	D 13/2 E 14/2	Completed.
DARIEN II	A) B)16/2	Defects not stated.	E [illegible]/2	

CAMPIDOGLIO: RINUCCI: LANGLEE CRAG: BRITTANY COAST - Minor repairs since 12.2.45

BIZERTE 20.2.45

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UGO FIORELLI	A) B)10/2 C 12/2	Routine D/D; boiler cleaning; deck & engine repairs.	D 15/2 E 21/2	

Minor repairs since 14.2.45 - ALEXANDRE ANDRE: HEBE II: LAURENT MEEUS: MARATHON

AUGUSTA - 19.2.45

ALRESFORD	A 31/2 B 1/1/45	Rewooding stern tube.	E 6/1/45	Vessel to proceed nearest D/D under escort of tug. Awaiting escort.

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Vessel	Initial Dates	Main Defects	Final Dates	Remarks
AUGUSTA (CONT'D)				
EMPIRE GOLD	A 8/2 B 9/2	Boiler clean; oil leakage into boilers from defective heaters.	E 14/2	
EMPIRE MARVEL: TUNISINO: Minor repairs since 6.2.45.				

REPORT FROM DIRECTION DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE ET DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES - 17.2.45

ALGER:				
MEONIA	B 15/12	Inspection of main and auxiliary motors. Repairs to hull & propeller after grounding.	E 15/3	
GRAND QUEVILLY	B 1/2	Overhaul & scaling of 3 boilers. General overhaul and making good the valves. General overhaul of all auxiliaries. D/D. Cleaning and painting. General overhaul of hull. Replacement of stern bush. Inspection of rudder, anchors and cables.	E 20/2	
CASABLANCA:				
ILE DE NOIRMOUTIERS	B 23/10	General overhaul and fitting.	E Mar. 45.	The two ships will be drydocked after repairs to dock.
ILE D'OUESSANT		Overhauling boilers and auxiliary machinery. D/D for examination of hull.		
BIZERTE:				
MEDIE II	B 10/10	New boiler tubes. General repairs and upkeep.	E 10/2	After leaving dockyard ship needed general overhaul of the expansion of the tubes and an inspection of pump and ventilators of boiler room actually in course at Goulette.
FORT DE FRANCE		Work to prevent deterioration.		
VILLE DE		General repairs after		

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VILLE DE TIPAZA		General repairs after refloating.		

ITALIAN REPAIR POSITION ON 22.2.45

GIBRALTAR VESSELS IN HAND

FULGOR	A 30/11	Requires new stern tube, propeller, tail and shaft.	Awaiting D/D to fit new stern tube propeller. New propeller boss received from U.K. Final machining of stern tube not possible until ship docks.

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ITALIAN REPORT (CONTINUED)				
GIBRALTAR VESSELS L.A.S.E.				
OLTERRA		Not repairable for duration.		Has only 10 men for greasing machinery.
POLLENZIO A	1940	In very bad condition.		Left at present state since 1940. Loaded with pig iron. Unfit for long towing.
MESSINA IN HAND				
FERRY BOAT VILLA S. GIOVANNI		General repairs.	E Feb.45	Under survey of Reparto Navigazione Delle Ferrovie Stato Messina.
LEGHORN BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
ANDREA CONTARINI		Foul.		Last D/D on 20.5.44.
PALERMO BIDS FOR REPAIRS				
USTICA		Boiler and engine defects.		Registro Navale Italiano Office stopped ship and refuses to grant navigability permit until ship in suitable state.
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 six 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		Cleaning & Painting. Hull repair. Repairs to capstan.		6 days repairs. Damaged at Marseilles Harbour.
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	Work temporarily suspended. Not possible foresee completion date.
ORATA	B 20/11 C 5/12	Boiler tubes to be changed. Cleaning and painting of hull.	D 21/12	Work temporarily suspended.
TAIGETE	A 29/6 B 6/7	Repairs to cargo pumps, valve extension rods.	E 26/2	Starting repairs in order to go on.

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MISENO	B 9/11 C 9/11 General repairs.	D 18/11 E 10/2	Must be redocked for completion hull repairs.
TURIDDU	B 14/10 C 1/2 Repairs following salvage shaft alignment.	D 21/2	Salved July 1944. Work proceeding slowly.
TERESA SCHLAFFINO	B 20/10 Boiler tubes to be changed. Shaft to be drawn out.	D 25/1	Vessel to be redocked to complete rewooding of stern tube. Work temporarily suspended.

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ITALIAN REPORT (CONT'D).

BIDS FOR REPAIRS

CHEROA	Boilers & Engine Defects. Cleaning and painting of hull.	15 days asked for repairs. D/D 1 day only. Last docked Dec. 1943. D/D postponed.
ANDALUSIA	Engine & Boiler repairs woodworks. Routine D/D. Repairs to double bottom.	30 days have been asked docking will have to be carried out when repairs near completion. Unloading commenced.
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LUNA	General repairs. Ship mined.	4 months asked. Awaiting orders start repairs.

NAPLES VESSELS IN HAND

CONCORDIA	B 26/11 C 26/11	General repairs following salvage.	D 19/[illegible] E 10/3	
CAPO MELE	B 7/1 C 12/1	Hull repairs. Ship mined.	D 24/2 E 31/3	Amount of work found to be much more than reported by diver.
ITU	B 15/1 C 27/2	Large patch on hull. Long period in dock expected.	D 3/3 E Ind.	
LONGANO	B 10/2	No report.	E 25/2	
TRITON MAPIS	C 24/2	Changing of propeller.		
PO	B 10/2 C 25/2	Engine overhaul. Shaft, rudder etc.	D 1/3 E 10/4	4 days asked in 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 4229. Ship must be redocked for replacing of bilge keels.

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SAMLEVEN: SAMWYE: JOHN S. SARGENT - Minor repairs since 13.2.45.

ALGIERS - 12.2.45 (Delayed report).

EMPIRE TERN	A 14/1 B 15/1	Fitting new ballast and general service pumps. Renewals to steam & exhaust pipes; boiler survey.	E 16/2	Completion delayed by additional repairs found necessary.

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ALGIERS (CONT'D)				
SAMWINGED	A) B) 6/2	Fumigation; repairs to troop fittings.	E 7/2	Completed.
AMSTEL CAMPIDOGLIO EMPIRE HARBOUR FORT ANNE SAMERIAN	EMPRESS OF SCOTLAND FRANK A. VANDERLIP SAMKANSA	SZMUEL V. SHREEVE SAMTRUTH VILLE D'ORAN		Minor repairs since 5.2.45.
ALGIERS 21.2.45.				
EMPIRE FRIENDSHIP	A) Not B) stated.	Engine repairs - bent piston rod.	E 28/2 Est.	Vessel put into port for repairs.

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM ORAN AND CASABLANCA.

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MEDBO TONNAGE ALLOCATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Subject : Minutes of 16th Meeting held on 22 Feb 45.

CHAIRMAN : Maj V. KING.

Present :

Maj A.G. TOFIELD	G-4(Mov & Tn)
Maj J.K. LUSTY	RASC Water Tpt Office
Capt F.X. QUINN	Tn(A)
Lt. H.W. MUNN	rep FSTO
Mr. A.J. HARVEY	rep MWTR
Mr. W. WILLIAMS	MEDBO Schooner Control
Mr. J. LYNCH	WSA
Miss A. SIMON	Sec

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(i) Shipping would be available to meet all bids for the period under review, except for some possible delay in M.E./ITALY shipments as reported at the last meeting;

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DISTRIBUTION:

All present.
Secretary MEDBO

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Office of Director of Harbor Craft,
Western Mediterranean.

26th February 1945.

To : Chairman, Medbo.

Weekly Report No. 43.

ITEM 65. FLOATING CRANES.

A list showing floating heavy lifting facilities in Middle East Ports, is attached for information.

M.W.T.R., M.E., advises one of the 60 ton pontoon derricks is surplus and could be made ready for towing in 6 weeks to 2 months. In addition there are surplus, two unassembled P.D's, one of which could be shipped at reasonably short notice. These unassembled cranes could be erected in the Middle East in 4 to 6 months, depending on priority work.

Technical opinion in the Middle East is unanimous that the tow, M.E. to Italy, could only be undertaken in ideal weather conditions and even then at very considerable risk. M.W.T.R., M.E., recommends against this tow unless the operational need warrants the risk.

However it is understood these pontoon derricks are similar to the P.D's in the Western Mediterranean which were successfully towed from North Africa to Italy and Southern France last summer.

As there is still only one heavy fixed boom crane for any new ports, it is felt there is a requirement for two 60 ton P.D's and it is recommended a demand be placed. It is for decision whether the cranes be erected in the Theatre or towed.

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FLOATING HEAVY LIFTING FACILITIES IN MIDDLE EAST PORTS AS AT 1ST FEBRUARY, 1945.

Port	Type	Lifting Capacity (Tons)	No.	Drift	Span from Pontoon.
Alexandria.	Floating Sheerlegs	35	2	82' 0"	45' 0"
	" "	18	1	55' 0"	22' 0"
	Floating Crane	15	1	47' 0"	25' 0"
	Pontoon Derrick	20	3	65' 0"	41' 0"
	Floating Crane	90	1	122' 0"	80' 0"
	Pontoon Derrick	60	1	65' 0"	34' 0"
Port Said.	Floating Crane	150	1	82' 0"	49' 0"
	Floating Sheerlegs	60	1	76' 0"	39' 0"
	" "	40	1	65' 0"	39' 0"
	Pontoon Derrick	60	3	65' 0"	34' 0"
Suez.	Floating Sheerlegs	70	1	80' 0"	35' 0"
	" "	45	1	52' 0"	35' 6"
	" "	30	1	66' 0"	39' 6"
	" "	15	1	30' 0"	15' 0"
	Pontoon Derricks	60	2	65' 0"	34' 0"
Haifa.	Floating Crane	15	1	77' 0"	39' 0"
	Pontoon Derrick	60	1	65' 0"	34' 0"
Beirut.	Floating Crane	50	1	52' 6"	32' 0"
	Floating Sheerlegs	30	1	34' 6"	24' 6"
Tripoli (Syria)	Floating Sheerlegs	20	1	39' 0"	23' 0"
Mersin.	Floating Derrick	20	1	40' 0"	25' 0"
Aden.	Floating Crane.	20	1	24' 0"	13' 0"
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Benghazi.	Floating Sheerlegs	45	1	52' 0"	25' 0"
Tripoli (Lybia)	Floating Crane	20	1	57' 0"	18' 6"

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Drift = Maximum height of hook to water.

Span = Pontoon to plumb of hook.

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SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE AS AT 12.00 HOURS

	CLEAN		DIRTY		
	No.of Vessels	Cargo Cap.	No.of Vessels	Cargo Cap.	No.of
A. ON OCEAN SERVICE					
1. With Cargo	17	1,773.000	5	407,000	2
2. In Ballast	1	118,000	2	120,000	
3. In dry-dock or Repair	2(a)	203,000	-	-	
B. ON COASTAL SERVICE (including shuttle or lightening duties but excluding C. D. & E.					
1. Working	24	541,000	2	96,000	2
2. In dry-dock or Repair	9	103,000	4	163,000	1
C. WATER CARRIERS	27	254,000	-	-	2
D. HARBOUR FUELLERS	4 (b)	31,000	12 (c)	276,000	1
E. ON OPERATIONAL SERVICE (including R.F.A.)	8	60,000	4	157,000	1

(a) = BELPERRON 90,000 bls.: ROYAL LION 113,000 bls. Damaged.
(b) = 1 Vessel RONDINE 68,000 bls. used as Floating Storage.
(c) = 3 Vessels MOBY MAZOUT 4,000 bls. GULF PRINCE 33,000 bls. CHRISTINE 1,000 bls. also

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UNIT= BARRELS.

SUMMARY OF TANKER TONNAGE POSITION IN WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN THEATER AS AT 12.00 HOURS FEBRUARY 24th. 1945

	CLEAN		DIRTY		TOTAL	
	No. of Vessels	Cargo Cap.	No. of Vessels	Cargo Cap.	No. of Vessels	Cargo Cap.
	17	1,773,000	5	407,000	22	2,180,000
pair	1	118,000	2	120,000	3	238,000
	2(a)	203,000	-	-	2	203,000
le or light- excluding						
	24	541,000	2	96,000	26	637,000
pair	9	103,000	4	163,000	13	266,000
	27	254,000	-	-	27	254,000
	4 (b)	81,000	12 (c)	276,000	16	357,000
RVICE	8	80,000	4	167,000	12	247,000

(a) = M.T. RELIANCE 90,000 bls.: ROBERT LEE 113,000 bls. Damaged. (Now at Gibraltar)
(b) = 1 Vessel ROBERT 68,000 bls. used as Floating Storage.
(c) = 3 Vessels IRENE RAZOUTE 4,000 bls. GULF PRINCE 33,000 bls. CHRISTINE 1,000 bls. also use as Floating Storage.

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MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING BOARD.

WATER COMMITTEE.

No. 4.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 1100 HOURS ON THE 22ND FEBRUARY, 1945.

Chairman:	Captain L.A. Taylor, R.N.	F.E.O.
Present :	Lt. C.E. Bullen, R.N.R.	S.O.P.O. to P.S.T.O. Med.
	Colonel J.T. Danaher, U.S. Army	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Am.).
	Lt.Col. C.F. Russell	G-4 Mov & Tn. (Br.).
	Captain L.H. Dick	Petroleum Section.
	Mr. R. Nicol	Dep.Reg.Dir., W.S.A. Med.
	Mr. A.C. Hogarth	D.M.W.T.R.
	Mr. R. Hughes	D.O.H.C. Representative.
	Miss M.M. Michie	Assistant Secretary.

ACTION BY:-

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MEDIO SHIPPING DIVERSION ROOM.

DATE:- 21ST FEBRU

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"OCEAN GOING" Store Ships	CASA	ORAN	ALGIERS	BONE	MALTA	AUGUSTA	CATANIA	PALERMO	PIRAEUS	SALONIKA
A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL
B. No. of vessels discharging.	1	NIL	1	2	1	NIL	1	NIL	2	2
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	1	3	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL
D. No. of vessels waiting to load.	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL
E. No. of vessels loading.	2	4	2	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	11	3	NIL	1	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	15	10	4	4	1	2	1	NIL	6	2

NASAB 703 despatched accordingly.

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awaiting	1	3	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	7
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	15	10	4	4	1	2	1	NIL	6	2	NIL	NIL	45

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DATE:- 21ST FEBRU

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A. No. of vessels waiting to discharge.	NIL	1	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
B. No. of vessels discharging.	5	12	4	3	5	5	NIL	34	
C. No. of vessels empty awaiting convoy or orders.	NIL	2	NIL	2	NIL	1	NIL	3	
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F. No. of vessels loaded awaiting convoy or orders.	1	11+	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	
TOTAL	8	55	9	6	6	6	2	37	

+Includes one ship awaiting calling forward to Civita Vecchia.

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empty awaiting rs.	NIL	2	NIL	2	NIL	1	NIL	3	8
waiting to	NIL	7	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	12
loading.	2	15	1	NIL	1	NIL	1	NIL	20
loaded awaiting rs.	1	11+	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	12
TOTAL	8	55	9	6	6	6	2	37	129

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GREEK PORTS COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF MEETING No.16. HELD AT H.Q. L.F. & M.L. (G),
at 1500 hours on 21st February, 1945.

PRESENT:	Mr.F.J.C.Graham.	Chairman.	D.M.W.T.R.
	Cmdr.R.V.Sumpton. R.N.R.		B.S.S.T.O. Greece.
	Capt.A.A.Bachas. R.H.N.	Rep.	R.H.N. & Mercantile Marine
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MINUTES OF MEETING No.15. These were approved.

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PORTS.

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IRAKLION. A strike had been declared at this port which was quickly settled and very little time had actually been lost, but it had been necessary to despatch a vessel to Volos instead of Iraklion in view of the port not being able to take more than one vessel.

Authority has since been received from C.in C.Med. for two ships to be at Iraklion at the same time.

SALONIKA - TUGS. It was understood that the two Tanac Tugs allocated to Salonika and coming from the Heel, had been promised for the end of February, but as yet no ETA had been received. Col.Davidson undertook to pursue this matter.

Col.Davidson

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SYROS. Chairman made reference to the discharge figures of the "LARIT MAERSK" and advised that during one day 450 tons had been discharged. Whilst this figure was considered good it was hoped that further improvements in the rate of discharge of vessels at this port would be made when the repairs to the lighters had been completed.

VOLOS. The Higgins Pontoons for this port were due to arrive at the end of the month. Respecting the crane that was required, it was now understood that the Greek Government would requisition one as Th. had been unable to secure it at a reasonable figure.

Col.Davidson stated he had received a report from one of his Officers advising the presence of a vessel named the "SOFEROS" at Volos, and her capacity was approximately 250 tons. She was at the present time being used as a lighter but it was considered she would be suitable for coastal traffic and in this connection Cdr.Sumpton agreed to make enquiries.

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Cdr.Sumpton informed the meeting that he had written to Capt.Bachas requesting that Greek S.T.Os should be placed in funds in order to enable them to pay for the stevedoring at the various ports. Capt.Bachas stated he had taken this matter up but had not received a reply and the Chairman requested that Capt.Bachas should endeavour to see that a reply was received at an early date, as it was desired that when the

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ports of Kalamai and Kavalla were opened up that the new system should be brought into force immediately. He also wished that this system should be extended to other ports as soon as practicable.

MACHINERY FOR VOLOS. Major Crarer said that it was required to ship 41 tractors from Salonika to Volos. Cdr.Sumpton stated that if S & R would supply full details regarding weights and measurements he could see if it were possible to arrange shipment by Coaster and so save making a bid to A.F.H.Q. Major Crarer undertook to supply the required data.

Major Crarer

The next meeting will be held at 1500 hours on Wednesday, 28th February, 1945.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

5 February, 1945.

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FILE : G-5/121.4

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SHIPS' DISCHARGE IN SICILY.

The biggest individual cause to-day of delay to ships in Sicily is the fact that this Island has been and is being denuded of rail cars. Thousands of box cars have been pulled out of this Island. The minimum needs are 1800. We have now only 540 due to last year's through shipments of mules in box cars and also fruit for the Army. This is now going at last by sea. If mules also went by sea, this would help matters considerably.

When the box cars leave here, they do not return. The result is that our fruit ships to the U.K. have to call to 3 ports to collect cargoes; and grain, coal and phosphate have all been delayed.

A.C. Transportation Sub-Commission, Export Division and Mov. L.O. have all put this situation forward, but rail cars still never return and ships still get held up.

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