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HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 304
Navy Sub-Commission

INTER-OFFICE MEMO.

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TO: Chief Clerk, Executive Commission.

9 August 1945.

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Copies of this letter from AFHQ - 5-8 have been made for retention in Navy Sub-Commission files; however, the original HQ-AC copy is forwarded to you as the Navy Sub-Commission has received no previous correspondence on this subject.

NOTE: This routed by Message Center
you held letter dated 11 July.

W. H. Brown
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3-5 section
NO 312

3 August 1945

SUBJECT: Albanian Vessels.

TO : C-in-C Med.

1. Attached is a copy of a list of Albanian vessels which the Albanian military authorities have asked to be returned to them. Enquiries have been made and the following is the position at present:-

(a) Yacht ILLYRIA (at Taranto)

The Italian Navy appears to be in possession, and the Italian Minister of Marine is living on board. He is said to have in his possession documents proving the ILLYRIA to be Italian. Headquarters Allied Commission have been asked to make enquiries from the Italian Government regarding this vessel.

(b) ARRIATURO

The Albanians state that this vessel is now based at Brindisi where it is registered with the Italian authorities of this port.

(c) BARONDE

This vessel was requisitioned in May 1944 by AGF, who state that it can now be handed back.

(d) VLANEN VALL

This is said to be based at Molfetta and registered at the Comando del Circondario Marittimo.

(e) BARONDELLI

Albanian partisans boarded this vessel on 21 July at Brindisi and compelled the Captain (Albanian) to sail it to Bari. The partisans concerned were arrested at Bari.

(f) ROSEFAT

This was also boarded by partisans at Brindisi on 21 July, and attempts made to force the Captain (Albanian) to sail to Bari. After the removal of these partisans, the vessel sailed for Trieste under the Red Flag on the authority of the AGF Brindisi and with an Italian Naval escort.

(g) MYRZAKA, IRAZINA and MINU I MINA.
Nothing known.

2. A reply has been sent to Albanian military authorities stating that Allied Commission is enquiring into the position with regard to the IRAZINA and they will be notified in due course. It is proposed to inform them that since the other vessels appear to be privately-owned, this Headquarters cannot take any action to hand over any of these to the Albanian military authorities, and that any further attempt to get possession of any of them by force in a British controlled port will be considered an act of "brigandage".

3. Your comments on this proposed letter are requested, and it would also be appreciated if the position regarding the 'BARANDA' could be made clear.

4. This Section has received a copy of RMC Bari's letter No. 322 of 26 July 45. The partisans referred to in this letter have now been released and the officer at the Albanian Mission responsible for ordering their action has been reprimanded.

R. A. M.

F.O.A. PARSONS,
Colonel, G.S.

Copy to: MWT.
H. Allied Commission, APO 394.
(our letter of 1 July refers)

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APO 304
ECONOMIC SECTION

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SUBJECT

Albanian Schooners

No.	Date	To	REMARKS	From
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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HFF/dmj

11 July 45

SUBJECT: Albanian Schooners.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394.

1. Several letters have been received from the Albanian authorities regarding the return of Albanian schooners to their original owners. In spite of exhaustive investigations by Ministry of War Transport, the Royal Navy and the RASC, only two have been traced, viz. the "Saranda" and the yacht "Illyria". The attached copies of recent letters on the subject of these two vessels are forwarded for your comments.

2. Attached also is the list of vessels as originally submitted by the Albanian authorities. It is pointed out that the statement regarding the use of the "Myzeqeja" by the English is not true.

3. It is requested that any information you can obtain regarding the schooners claimed by the Albanians should be sent to this Headquarters so that the Albanian authorities can be informed of the position.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5:

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H.F. PERKINS,
Major,
Balkans Section.

Encl: as above.

Copy to BMM Albania) without
Rear BMM Albania) enclosures

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R R BSM ALBANIA
c/o Hq 54 Area, CMF
Date: 8 July 48
Ref : R/BSM/G/51

Subject: ALBANIAN YACHTS

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
S-5 Section

(Attention Major PERKINS)
(" Major FEWLER)

1. Herewith please find letters from AMLA Mission on this subject.
2. In confirmation of telephone conversations it appears that as far as "ILLYRIA" is concerned the Italian navy is in possession, the Italian Minister of Marine is living on board, and he has in his possession documents proving the "ILLYRIA" to be Italian.
3. In view of these complications it is considered that no further action should be taken at Taranto until further instructions are received.
4. As regards "BARANDE" the matter now appears to lie¹⁻²¹ between the AMLA Mission and the Ministry of War Transport. Since however complications have arisen in the case of "ILLYRIA", it may well happen that a claim for the "BARANDE" will be submitted by Italians. The letters are therefore forwarded to you in original so that if you so desire the matter may be taken up to Allied Commission.

(sgd) W.G. BISSETT

WB/J

Copies to: BSM ALBANIA
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Capt.GS
Rear BSM (ALBANIA)

Post to Station - London for the
Kepler

MAIL, 9 JULY 1945

To : Captain M. D. Smith, R.N.

Dear Headquarters R.N. R. R. R.

Subject: Latent Tilted

I. With reference to the previous correspondence
regarding the release of the Italian vessels, I have the pleasure
to inform you that at the end of this month I intend to see the
British "Cliff" in most conditions it is.

2. The "Cliff" in question did not allow us to see it at
conditions the vessel is. We will be able to see it in Italian
officer at the Navy Office in London. I must stress that a British
officer known as my friend is living by the name of "Cliff" for an
identification card.

After he obtained my documents, the British officer

knows that the R.N. R. R. R. should write a letter authorizing

Subject: Yatch "Elifria"

1. With reference to our previous correspondence regarding the release of the Albanian vessels, I have the honour to inform you that on the 5th of this month I went to see the Yatch "Elifria" in what conditions it is.
2. The officer in charge did not allow me to see in what conditions the vessel is. He told me to go to see an Italian officer at the Navy House in Thessalonica. I went there where a British officer looked at my papers given me by I-T-5 and asked me for my identification card.
3. After he examined my documents, the British officer then told me that the A. F. C. should write a letter authorizing the Navy House to release the yatch.
4. Please ask the proper authorities to give me the necessary authorization to see first in what condition the yatch "Elifria" now is. After we have seen the yatch we shall ask you to make the necessary formalities for release.

(ed)

LIABDI DISHINIA, Lt.,

For the Chief, A. N. L. A. Military Mission.

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Prof. Carolyn A. R. Smith, L. C.

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Mr. L. L. WILKINSON, Director

Death to racism - Freedom for the People

July 7 July 1965

For Information: Mr. L. L. WILKINSON, Director
Navy House, Bagin.

Subject: Algerian Vessel "Sardis"

1. Algerian Vessel "Sardis", 5-5, located in the harbor
dated 21 June 1965, shows that the identity of Mr. Tassou
representative at Algiers hopes to be able to release the "Sardis"
in about two weeks' time.
2. The "Sardis" was requisitioned at Oran on 14 May the
first 1965, by the Ministry of the Interior. The vessel then was in
perfect condition. If any damage is caused our representatives made
during all the time the vessel was in the service of the Ministry
of the Interior, the owner of the "Sardis" is, on the basis of
the international law, not to be held responsible. Moreover, the
owner is justified in expecting to receive the cost of
damages due to him as payment for the use of his vessel in the
service of the Ministry of the Interior.

3. As Mr. Tassou Legu, the owner of the "Sardis", is making

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1. Allied Force Headquarters, G-5 Section, in the letter dated 23 June 1945, informs that "the Ministry of War Transport Representative at Toronto hopes to be able to release the 'Saranda' in about two weeks' time".

2. The "Saranda" was requisitioned at Brindisi on May the first 1944 by the Ministry of War Transport. The vessel then was in perfect conditions. If any damage is caused and reparations made during all the time the vessel was in the service of the Ministry of War Transport, the owner of the "Saranda" is, on the bases of the international law, not to be held responsible. Moreover, the owner is justified in expecting to receive the just money amount of 1518 lawfully due to him as payment for the use of his vessel in the service of the Ministry of War Transport.

3. As Mr. Gago Iepuri, the owner of the "Saranda", is waiting to receive the amount of money rightfully due to him for the use of the boat for the period of fourteen months, I will be grateful to you if you have the kindness to communicate to me as soon as it may be possible your decision.

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LIAMHI DISSENICA, Lt
For the Chief, A. H. S. A. Military Mission

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2. Motor vessel 'Tre Anzole'.
 Owner: Valerio Gialli, Via Bazzola and Martinesi
 No. of decks: one. Posts: 2.
 Measurements: length 19 metres, width 5.40 metres,
 height 2.10m.
 Armament: Gross 40 - 100 ft 31.
 Construction: steel hull of one - motor vessel
 after pine.
 Constructed: in 1940 in 1941.
 Motor: 'Saba' 11 litres, with two 2-stroke cylinders,
 24 h.p. 320 revs p.m. Speed 5 mph
 Fuel capacity 150 litres.

The above mentioned motor vessel has been in Italy
 since before the Italian capitulation and was working on its
 own account. Later it was held in Italy by the part owner
 Capitano, who disappeared with the Albanian crew and replaced
 later with Italian. The motor vessel has always held the
 Albanian flag and is in a poor condition in the service of the
 English in Gallipoli.

3. ADDITIONAL

Type: Motor vessel.
 Owner: Valerio Gialli.
 Tonnage: Gross 10, Nett 30.
 Motor: 'Saba' 11, 24

This escaped from the lake at Scutari with Italian
 officers, soldiers and civilians in September 1943. As we
 have informed you the motor-vessel in question was taken by the
 above mentioned and is today in Constantinople on dry land and
 completely intact.

4. ADDITIONAL

Type: Motor vessel.
 Owner: Valerio Gialli from Scutari.
 Tonnage: Gross 5, Nett 20.
 Construction material: Wood.
 Motor: Not known.

The motor-vessel 'SABA' A' was taken by Italian
 soldiers in the port of Corfu after the capitulation and
 started for Italy with three Albanian passengers.

On the other hand we find that the Captain of the motor
 vessel in question Valerio Gialli is working with the Italian Navy
 as he had his family in Italy. Today this boat is in a very
 good condition and is in the service of the English in Tarento.

320 revs per min. Speed 7 knots.
It is now in Veleto damaged through the war before the Italian capitulation.

6. 'ISOLINA'

Type: Motor Vessel 'Trabaccolo'
Owners: Athanas Liaves and Partinesi, the first 13/34
and the latter 11/24.
No of decks 1 Mast 2.
Measurements: Length 31.20 m. Width 7.20 m. Height 3.39
Tonnage: Gross 148.39 Net 112.62.
Construction materials: Keel wood.
Constructed in Venezzia in 1931. (??)
Builder: Bonadetti Sino.
Navigator: Athanas Liaves, broker at Durazzo.
Motor: Deutz A/E - 3 2-stroke cylinders, crank shaft
235 hp 110. Speed 7 mph.

It has been in Italy since before the Italian capitulation.

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7. 'PAPA ALI'

Type: Motor Vessel 'Trabaccolo'
Owner: Ilja Harizi and Co.
No of decks 1 Mast 2.
Measurements: Length 14.30 m. Width 4.75 m. Height 1.80
Tonnage: Gross 45 Net 31.
Construction materials: Keel and ribs oak. Outer cover
Oak wood.
Constructed: in PIRAN 1924.
Builder:
Navigator and Captain: Iljaz Harizi, from Scutari.
Motor: Bulinders with 7 cylinders 60 hp 4 mph Fuel
capacity 70 hrs.
Now in Italy.

8. 'SOZARATI'

Type: Motor Vessel 'Trabaccolo'
Owner and Captain: Raki Niglinaku and Coy.
No of decks 1 Mast 2.
Measurements: Length 12 m. Width 6.20 m. Height 2.6 m.
Tonnage: Gross 60 Net 40.93.
Construction materials: Keel - oak. Outer cover - wood
Constructed in: Novlene 1931.
Navigator: Raki Niglinaku of Scutari.
Motor: Deutz vertical with 2 cylinders, 38 hp.
Speed 3 - 4 mph. Fuel capacity 120 hrs.
It is now in Italy (Brindisi).

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