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PORT COMMITTEE PIONEER

Minutes of Meeting held on May 29, 1946 at Commando Marina Building.

Members present :

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| Mr. James Mac Farlane | - War Shipping Administration Rep.<br>Chairman |
| Mr. A. Webb           | - A.C. Port Liaison Officer                    |
| Mr. Piantanida        | - U.S.T.C. Rep. (Italian)                      |
| Giuseppe Campo        | - Harbor Master (Italian)                      |

Also present :

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| Mr. G. Capanna | - Agent                               |
| Eng. G. Salvi  | - Ilva Iron Works                     |
| Mr. Catabona   | - Ilva Iron Works                     |
| Major Ford     | - Allied Commission                   |
| Mr. Sorini     | - "Alto Commissariato Profughi" Rep.  |
| Mr. A. Trani   | - Director of Refugee Camp - Piombino |

1.- Refugees - It was brought out that the movement of refugees through the Port was not to interfere with the discharging of ships at Ilva pier. The refugees are to be ferried from Ilva pier to whatever vessel is provided for them. Major Ford stated two trucks would be made available for the transportation of the refugees baggage from the train to Ilva pier. A refugee camp (Scuola Pacinotti) has been established in Piombino and is to be used when necessary. A local Italian (Mr. Angelo Trani) has been appointed director of the camp and it is to be his responsibility to handle the movement of the refugees while they are in Piombino. Ilva's representative stated they would make available their two tugs, the "Arno" and the "Sabotio" for the transporting of the refugees from Ilva pier to the vessel. The Harbor Master asked Mr. Sorini if they would pay for the cost of hiring another boat whenever necessary, and Mr. Sorini stated they would.

2.- Water Supply Line - All material for the substitution of the small diameter piping with 5" diameter pipe is now available in Piombino but the city cannot proceed with the work until they receive the funds for previous work.

3.- S.S. Fort Enterprise - No rail cars available. About 1500 tons of bagged barley now back piled on the pier. Ilva's representative stated it was dangerous to put any more on the pier. Only 200 tons have

been built piled in the warehouse at the "Comercio Agrario" have stored flour and grain there destined for Pisco and Yumbura. The "Comercio Agrario's" representative was to be instructed to arrange for additional storage space in the town for the grain received for local consumption.

4.- Port Security - The guards on duty in the Port area will be instructed to watch that the refugees do not go onto the Iba pier and interfere with the discharging.

5.- Additional Liberty Borth - Iba's representative asked who was going to pay for the labor necessary for the construction of the ramps over the station wreck. Lt. Webb asked if the value of the lumber being supplied would not be sufficient to cover the labor cost, but Iba's representative said it wouldn't. An estimation as to the total cost will be submitted by Iba.

6.- Bridge - HRC's representative was asked to submit a statement as to just what work was necessary in the dredging of the shallow place alongside Iba pier and the entrance to the harbor north.

7.- Launches - "Attila" and "Alpino", both 100 tons capacity, now in operation at Pisco, assisting in discharges of s/s Port Enterprise and the refugees. The salvaged barge "Coragilero", 100 tons capacity, was towed to Civitavecchia on May 26th.

8.- Ship - Iba's representative stated that their tug, the "Pescador" (200 tons), now in laydown and requisitioned by the Royal Navy, was not being used there.

9.- Pilotage - The Harbor Master stated he is following through with the Ministerio Marina for the funds to pay the pilots.

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*James MacFarlane*

James MacFarlane  
U.S.A. Port Representative  
Pisco

May 29, 1945

Distribution:

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr. J. Webb       | - A.C. Port Liaison Officer ✓ |
| Cargo Discharge   | - Harbor Master               |
| Mr. R. Baker      | - U.S.A.N., Leghorn           |
| Mr. J. L. Freeman | - U.S.A.N., Leghorn           |
| Mr. J. L. Freeman | - Leghorn                     |
| Mr. J. L. Freeman | - U.S.A.N., Naples            |
| Mr. J. L. Freeman | - U.S.A.N., Caserta           |

HEADQUARTERS  
HYORNO PROVINCE  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File # PI/12/8

Subject : Pionbino Port Committee

To : CM. G.C. NOV. DIV.

H.I. A.C.

15 May 1945

1. Enclosed please find attached copy  
of minutes of Pionbino Port Committee meeting  
May 23, 1945 -



A. Webb G. RA. 1759

(Lt. A. Webb R.A.)

PORT LIAISON OFFICER  
PIONBINO

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SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

January 22, 1964

Mr. James Mac Farlane

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- 1.- Water Supply Line - The 2,000' of 4" diameter pipe were delivered in Piambo today from P.H.B. engineering Depot in Leghorn, on V.S.A. requisition. V.I.L. engineer was on hand to discuss the substitution of the small diameter piping to the water line with this larger pipe. The Municipal Engineer stated it would require from ten to fourteen days to complete this work.
- 2.- At Port Dierkerlin - Loaded with 5800 tons of bagged wheat now discharging at Liva Pier, both into rail cars and barges (2). Due to shortage of rail cars, necessary to load pile grain on pier. Reported late of completion of discharge is June 2nd. The cargo is "Comorois Agrario".
- 3.- Palermo - Loaded with 810 tons bulk salt. Necessary to put in bag before discharging into rail cars and barges. Receiver of cargo is "Comorois Agrario". Expected date of completion of discharge is May 26th.
- 4.- Port Genovese - Six Italian guards are on duty in port area and some extra guards (militia) are on duty about the 1/8 Port Waterpier. Part of wire barrier to Port area is completed, but it will be made higher and stronger with additional barbed wire now available.
- 5.- Additional Liberty Berth - It was stated that some additional lumber was required for the construction of ramps over sunken wreck along side Liva Pier. Lt. Webb stated he could check on this. Also the need for a pile driver was brought out.
- 6.- Dredge - It was reported that the dredge buldo was now working at Leghorn and would come to Piambo after completion of its work there.
- 7.- Lighters - Liva's barge "Attilio" to be brought over from Portoferraio on May 24th and used in the discharging of salt from the Palaces. The "Alpino" to be ready in a few days. It was reported that a ~~new~~ barge was required at Civitavecchia. One of the three barges belonging to Liva Iron Works, which had been salvaged by the Royal Navy Salvage Group, it was thought, could be released for this purpose. It was reported that Mr. Pieri's barge, 30,000 (150 tons capacity) had been salvaged and required about twenty days for repairs.

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HEADQUARTERS  
LIVORNO PROVINCE  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File : 91/12  
Subject : Piombino Port Committee  
To : TM. S.C. MOV. DIV.  
H.Q. A.C.

16 May 1945

1. Enclosed please find attached copy of minutes of Piombino Port Committee meeting May 8, 1945.

A. Webb C. R.A.

(Lt. A. Webb R.A.)

PORT LIAISON OFFICER  
PIOMBINO

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2. Additional Liberty Berth - The matter of constructing ramps over sunken wreck alongside Ilya pier to provide another berth capable of taking a liberty type vessel was discussed. Allied Commission representative stated he had been advised by A.O. at Rome that they did not feel another berth was required at Piacenza, as all they looked for from the Port was a maximum of 1000 tons a day. In view of this, it was decided to discontinue any further work of planning for reconstruction of the ramps. Lt. Sebb requested Ilya's representative to store the wood which will be arriving and which was intended for the ramps.

3. Ammunition in Sunken Wreck - A report was passed on from Italian Liaison Officer at Leghorn to effect that the ammunition in the sunken wreck was not dangerous as it consisted of bombs which were not fused.

4. Dredge - It was reported that a dredge would come to Piacenza to deepen the Liberty berth and the entrance to the coaster berth, after it had finished certain work at Leghorn.

5. Water Supply Line - The Municipio Engineer stated he was ready to start the work of replacing the small diameter piping with the larger piping coming from Leghorn as soon as the new piping arrived. Lt. Sebb said he would follow through on the requisition for the new pipe and would keep the Municipio Engineer informed. It was estimated that this work would require about two weeks' time to finish, but the flow of water to the pier would be interrupted only for one or two days.

6. Water Rates - Mr. Pieri stated the Harbor Master had refused to pay his bills for water, stating the rates were too high. A compromise rate of 18 Lire per ton for quantities over 25 tons was offered by Mr. Pieri and M.O.I.E.'s representative was asked to take up the matter with the Harbor Master and secure his acceptance of the new rate.

6. Doc. Tame - Mr. Mac Farlane presented to Liva's representative, for signature, a new set of requisition papers on the tug "Arno", changing it from a bare boat charter to a gross charter basis.

7. Blindfold - Liva's representative stated that their vessel "Blindfold" (150 ton capacity) was now ready, and the "Alpino" (150 ton capacity) would be ready in five or six days. Liva's representative stated they would like to use these two barges one at Portoferraio and the other at Rapallo.

8. Unibardi - Liva's representative stated they are working on the small shipyard, because it is ready for the repairing of barges.

9. Barrier to Port area - It was asked if the barred wire barrier which had been constructed in the Port area could be made more secure. It was decided to send the tug "Arno" to Elba to pick up sixty additional rolls of barred wire for this purpose.

10. Next Meeting - It was decided to hold next Port Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, at 1:30 P.M.

May 8, 1945

James Mac Farlane  
Liva's Port Representative  
Rome

DISTRIBUTION:

Mr. A. Rank  
Francisco Bagnis  
Mr. Miller  
Mr. W. W. Troutman  
Mr. J. J. Halloran  
Mr. H. Nicol

Mr. C. G. Blanton, Officer Resident  
Harbor Master  
Mr. E. E. Leghorn  
Mr. J. J. Leghorn  
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290  
Ref. AC/17/23/Tn6

RME/svm  
27 June 1945

SUBJECT: Minutes of Port Committee Meetings- Piombino  
TO : Movements Division  
(Att. Col. M. J. Sieff)

1. For your information and retention, attached are copies of minutes of Port Committee Meetings held at Piombino on 5 June 1945 and 14 June 1945.

*James P. Sullivan*  
R. M. BAZZANELLA, Chief  
Ports & Warehouse Division

Attachments:  
As stated above.

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PORT COMMITTEE PIOMBINO

Minutes of Meeting held on June 5, 1945 at Comando Marina Building

Members present:

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr. James MacFarlane          | - WSA Representative-Chairman |
| Ena. L. Hargrove              | - WSA Representative          |
| Mr. France                    | - AC Port Liaison Officer     |
| Ten. Vascello Attilio Zanelli | - NOIC (Italian)              |
| Capt. Giuseppe Campo          | - Harbor Master               |

Also present:

|                |                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr. C. Capanna | - Agent                     |
| Eng. C. Salvi  | - Ilva Iron Works           |
| Mr. Cataroao   | - Ilva Iron Works           |
| Mr. P. Pieri   | - Stevedore                 |
| Mr. G. Viti    | - "Consorzio Agrario" Rep.  |
| Mr. A. Trani   | - Director of Refugees Camp |

1. Refugees - 1150 refugees now at Piombino. Vessel due June 6th to transport them to Messina. It was stated that the only interest the Port Committee had in the refugee problem was to make sure that in passing through the port area they did not interfere with the discharging operations in any way.

2. Water Supply Line - Ilva's representative stated he had supplied the Municipal Engineer with the necessary pipe, oxygen and welding rod for the work on the water line. It was estimated that the work would require about 15 days.

3. S/S Ocean Rider - Ship to be berthed alongside Ilva pier at 1700. Presently discharging into lighters to lighten vessel.

4. Additional Liberty Berth - Additional lumber required for construction of ramps over sunken wreck has not yet arrived. Enough lumber on hand for two ramps but nails are required. Ilva's representative stated they wanted to know who was going to pay for the labor before they started the construction. An estimation as to cost had been sent to Rome by Lt. Webb, but Mr. France asked for a copy of this so he could follow through with Rome.

5. Dredge - N.O.I.C. to present a written statement as to what dredging is necessary alongside Ilva pier and at the entrance to the coaster berth.

6. Lighters - The barge "Astara", now undergoing repairs at Leghorn, is to be brought to Piombino when ready. Mr. France stated he had endorsed the request for lumber for the repair of the wooden barge at Portoferraio. Ilva's representative stated they were

going ahead with repairs to three of their wooden barges from Elba, named: "Biela", "Sarrichetta" and "Vincenzo". Mr. Piari stated that repairs to his barge #3539 would be finished in about 15 days.

7. Pilots - Mr. France is to press the "Ministero della Marina" through AC to secure payment of pilots' wages.

8. Coal Capacity - Ilva's representative and the stevedore stated that, if rail cars are available, it will be possible to discharge at Piombino 1500 tons of coal per day.

9. Rail Car Situation - Mr. France to check again with Rose. The allocation of cars and priority of movement of cargo from the Port area will be handled by Mr. France. When he leaves Piombino, he will turn over the responsibility to the WSA representative. It was suggested that the Harbor Master act as Port Liaison Officer.

10. Romney Huts - Ilva's representative will submit a drawing showing where the six Romney huts might be placed in the Port area. These huts are to be requisitioned from the Army through AC channels in Rome.

June 5, 1945

James MacFarlane  
Port Representative  
War Shipping Administration  
Piombino

Distribution:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. S. France      | - AC Port Liaison Officer |
| Campo Giuseppe     | - Harbor Master           |
| Mr. W. Loker       | - VMST, Leghorn           |
| Mr. E. L. Troutman | - WSA, Leghorn            |
| NOIC               | - Leghorn                 |
| Mr. C. M. Kallach  | - WSA, Naples             |
| Mr. R. Nicol       | - WSA, Caserta            |

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PORT COMMITTEE PIOBINO

Minutes of Meeting held on June 14, 1945 at Comando Marina Building

Members present:

|                        |                                 |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Mr. James MacFarlane   | - WSA Representative, Chairman  |
| Ens. L. Hargrove       | - WSA Representative            |
| Mr. France             | - AC Port Liaison Officer       |
| S. Ten. Arduino Chicco | - MOIC Representative (Italian) |
| Capt. Giuseppe Campo   | - Harbor Master (Italian)       |
| S. Ten. Vascello       | - NCSO (Italian)                |
| Stefano Mauro          |                                 |

Also present:

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Mr. Ortanoso | - Ilva Iron Works |
| Mr. P. Pieri | - Stevedore       |

1. Refugees - About 1000 sailed on June 13th on the "Garibaldi". 350 are still at Piombino. The Harbor Master stated the "Garibaldi" was in need of repairs and would probably be laid up for a few days. It was agreed that if the ship would not be available, the influx of refugees must be stopped.

2. Water Supply Line - The work has been started on the substitution of the small diameter piping with 5" diameter pipe.

3. Additional Liberty Berth - Mr. France stated he had written to Rome requesting all material necessary for the construction of ramps. He stated that the Italian Government would be charged for the labor.

4. S.S. "Mathew Brady" - Discharging about 500 tons of coal per day. Stevedore complained that the "Camera del Lavoro" was supplying him with very young and inexperienced workers. It was agreed that the Port Committee should write to the "Camera del Lavoro" requesting that more experienced workers be supplied to the stevedore. Mr. France stated that there were twenty-two receivers for the coal. Ilva's representative stated they were going to run out of coal in about five days for their cranes, railway engines and tugs. Mr. France agreed to check into the possibility of letting Ilva have 150 tons from the "Mathew Brady's" cargo.

5. Lighters - The two steel barges "Alberto" and "Vittorio" which are awaiting their turn to be repaired, are presently being used to salvage the tug "Po". As soon as the barge "Astora" is ready at Leghorn, the tug "Arno" will go there to bring it to Piombino and at the same time will tow up to Leghorn for repairs the barge "Vittorio".

6. Backpiling - Ilva pier to be cleared of all backpiling by noon of June 14th. On pier #6 (Coaster Berth) there is still backpiled:

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| Salt ) | 800 tons |
| Grain) |          |
| Wine   | 450 tons |

Forty tons of grain and twenty-five tons of salt are stored in the warehouse. Two barges are now being discharged and will be ready on June 15th.

7. Tug Tariff - The Harbor Master stated that in Civita-vecchia the local Harbor Master does not pay for tug hire as the Italian Government is responsible for payment of hire on requisitioned tugs. It was felt the same would apply at Piombino but this was to be confirmed.

8. Pilotage - Pilots have not yet been paid. Mr. France will ask AC, Rome, to contact the "Ministero della Marina" to provide payment as soon as possible.

9. Rominey Huts - Ilva's representative described on a map the best location for the Rominey Huts, which is between Berth #6 and the railroad. Ilva's representative asked if it would be possible to secure 100 tons cement to be used in levelling off a large space near Berth #6 which would then be available for backpiling.

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James MacFarlane  
WSA Port Representative  
Piombino

Distribution:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Mr. France         | - AC Port Liaison Officer |
| Giuseppe Campo     | - Harbor Master           |
| Mr. W. M. Loker    | - BMWT, Leghorn           |
| Mr. E. L. Troutman | - WSA, Leghorn            |
| NOIC               | - Leghorn                 |
| Mr. C. W. Kallioch | - WSA, Naples             |
| Mr. R. Nicol       | - WSA, Caserta            |

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for 1-1-67

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Lt. A. J. Smith, USA  
Joint Military Office  
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HEADQUARTERS  
LIVORNO PROVINCE  
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

File: P1/12/4  
Subject: Piosbino Port Committee  
To: TR. S.O. MOV. DIV.  
H.Q. A.O.

27 April 45

1. Enclosed please find attached copy of minutes of Piosbino Port Committee meeting 24 April 45.

A. W. G. M.  
( Lt. A. Webb R.A. )  
PORT LIAISON OFFICER  
PIOSBINO

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*Ex. A. 1100*

ALBINO PORT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held on April 24, 1945 at Comando Marice Building

Members present:

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mr. James Mac Farlane | - U.S.A. Representative, Chairman |
| Ensign L. Hargrove    | - U.S.A. Representative           |
| Lt. A. Webb           | - A.C. Port Liaison Officer       |
| Attilio Benelli       |                                   |
| Tommaso Vascillo      | - N.O.I.C. (Italian)              |
| Francesco Magus       | - Harbor Master (Italian)         |

Also present:

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Mr. G. Capanna | - Agent           |
| Mr. Catenone   | - Ilva Iron Works |

1. s/s Leslie M. Shaw - Vessel to finish discharging at 21st of April 24th. Will call for Leghorn at 0700 on April 25th.

2. s/s Joseph La Gioia - It was reported that this Liberty vessel with a cargo of coal would arrive at Fiumicino around May 1st to complete discharging after lightening at Naples.

3. LIGHTERS - The Royal Navy Salvage Group from Leghorn are now salvaging Ilva's three sunken barges, each 150 tons capacity.

- a). "Sersagliere"
- b). "Alcorno"
- c). "Volturno"

Vestriai, local salvage firm, will salvage Ilva's sunken tug. Ilva's representative stated they have in Portoferraio four steel lighters, each 150 tons capacity, under repairs, as follows:

- a). "Alpino" - (Almost ready)
- b). "Attilio" - (Ready in 15 days)
- c). "Vittorio" - (Extensive repairs necessary)
- d). "Ilva 4" - (Sunken)

In addition to the above there is "Ilva 5" (350 tons) which is presently being loaded with barley from the s/s Leslie M. Shaw. Also, there is the "Giaccolina" (400 tons), belonging to Prochi & Co. which is now loaded

with barley.

4. Water and Tug Tariffs - The Harbor Master stated he was still awaiting a reply from Rome as to whether he is to pay these charges.

5. Anchorage Dues - The question was asked by the Harbor Master if ships coming into Piombino were now supposed to pay any "anchorage Dues". Before the war these dues were assessed each ship at rate of 1,5 Lire per registered ton. While the Committee did not think such dues were assessable now, Mr. Mac Farlane stated he would confirm this.

6. Repairs to Lanchieri - Ilva's representative stated that they expected to come to an agreement with Mr. Giannone today about the use of the small shipyard.

7. Port Security - It was reported that an American M.P. sergeant from Grosseto had made an inspection of the port area and was going to make a report of his Commanding Officer with the hope of having some M.P.'s assigned for duty at Piombino. Lt. Webb stated he was going to Elba in the afternoon to arrange for the barbed wire for the barrier to the port area.

8. Ammunition in Sunken Wreck - There was some discussion as to just what ammunition was still in sunken wreck next to Ilva's pier. NOIC agreed, while awaiting arrival of expert from Leghorn, to send a diver down to make a further check.

9. Water Supply - It was reported that the pipe necessary to replace bottleneck in line from source of water supply was now available at Leghorn. City officials should be interviewed regarding the labor necessary to replace the pipe in question. With this new pipe, it is stated that the loading capacity of the connections at the pier would be increased from the present 12 tons per hour to approximately 40 tons per hour.

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*James Mac Farlane*

James Mac Farlane  
U.S.A. Port Rep.  
Piombino

April 24, 1945

DISTRIBUTION:

Lt. A. Webb - A.C. Liaison Officer, Piombino ✓  
Francesco Sagnus - Harbor Master  
Mr. Wm. Loker - U.S.M.F., Leghorn  
Mr. S.L. Troutman - U.S.A., Leghorn  
N.O.I.C. - Leghorn  
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