

(Shipping) Monthly Report

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TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

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AC/510/63/Ta.3

6 October 1945

TO : Chief Movements Division.

SUBJECT : Monthly Report - September.

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The programmes of pyrites from Portiglione has been fulfilled, but there have been no shipments of phosphates from Tunisia to Italian mainland, due to failure on part of French and Italian authorities to reach an agreement.

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The movement of wine has been less than anticipated. Ships were allocated by Allied Shipping authorities, but extreme reluctance has been shown by majority of producers to ship at prevailing controlled price and only 4249 tons were shipped in coasters and 1003 tons in bulk in tankers.

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" Piombino
" Civitavecchia
" Naples

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2000 Tons of grain, a gift from the Swiss to the city of Genoa, were shipped from Lisbon. The first shipments of cotton from USA were discharged from Robin Tuxford (5700 bales) and James Moore (9000 bales).

Following commodities and tonnages were shipped in coastwise traffic.

	Tons.		Tons
Miscellaneous food	9850		
Wine	4349		
Salt (edible)	16094		
Salt (industrial)	8470		
Hay	2300		
Rubber	2000		
Coal (ex Sardinia)	57400		
Miscellaneous	5747		
Total	113660		

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Major R.E.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
 APO 394
 Trade Division Sub-Commission

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Ref. : AC/590/3/Tn 3 6 September 1945

To : Chief of Movements Division.

MONTHLY REPORT - AUGUST

The port of Genoa was handed over to Italian control on 16 August as a civilian port with a small military commitment. Mine sweeping operations are being carried out and at present the port has a capacity of 3 ocean going vessels, plus one tanker and berths for coasters and schooners. 2000 tons daily have been taken as the capacity of the port, and this has already been exceeded on several days. Genoa, during month of August, discharged 33,333 tons of general cargo and 71,743 tons of coal. The new- by port of Savona shows equally good tonnages: 15,110 tons of stores and 107,107 tons of coal.

M.V. "LANTANA ROCKWELL" with accommodation for 280 passengers and a cargo capacity of 350 tons commenced on a regular ferry service Civitavecchia-Olbia in August, making a useful addition to the existing services to Sardinia.

Owing to the non availability of cattle from Sardinia for the mainland, the cattle ship "LANTANA" was temporarily removed from the Civitavecchia-Olbia service towards the end of the month to be replaced as and when cattle again becomes available for shipment.

22 deep sea vessels carrying full A.C. cargoes (excluding coal) arrived for discharge at various ports in Italy during the month.

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The activities of Allied Commission with respect to Italian exports terminated on the 31st of July. Export consignments for shipment now become the subject of direct negotiations between the Italian Government agency and the appropriate shipping authorities, but all bids for shipping are screened by the Commission.

Refugees are still being moved by Italian naval craft, and 20,058 persons were carried from Piombino to Naples and Messina, 4009 Civitavecchia to Olbia and 1384 persons from Sardinia to Civitavecchia.

The port of Genoa was handed over to Italian control on 15 August as a civilian port with a small military commitment. Mine sweeper operations are being carried out and at present the port has a capacity of 4 ocean going vessels, plus one tender and berths for coasters and schooners. 8000 tons daily has been taken as the capacity of the port, and this has already been exceeded on several days. Hence, during month of August, discharged 25,279 tons of general cargo and 7,748 tons of coal. The nearest port of Savona shows equally good tonnage: 13,210 tons of stores and 107,107 tons of coal.

M.V. "LAZZARO MOCENIGO" with accommodation for 380 passengers and a cargo capacity of 50 tons commenced on a regular ferry service Civitavecchia-Olbia in August, making a useful addition to the existing services to Sardinia.

Owing to the non availability of cattle from Sardinia for the mainland, the cattle ship "LAZZARO" was temporarily removed from the Civitavecchia-Olbia service towards the end of the month to be replaced as and when cattle again became available for shipment.

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Coastwise tonnage lifted by coasters was 108,760 tons, which was a considerable increase over July figures.

The following shipments were made during the month:-

Commodity

Tons

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Commodity	Tons
Citrus	13
Wine	9485
Salt	7585
Pyrites	1173
Sulphur	179
Misc. Goods (Coal ex Sardinia)	8413
Misc. Cargo (Coal ex Sardinia)	48950
Other Miscellaneous Cargoes	7124
Total	108786

The freight and passenger service between Italy and Sardinia continued to be maintained; the following are figures of cargo and cattle lifted.

Commodity	Tons
1025 Sheep	2608
311 Cows	3035
271 Horses	
General Cargo	

The tonnage moved by schooners are not available for this report, but the following tonnage of schooners were allocated, which, it is estimated, will represent approximately 20,000 tons of cargo shipped, this allowance having been made for such bulky cargoes as charcoal, wine, fruits etc...

Commodity	Tons
Charcoal	4731
Wine	15414
Citrus fruits	849
Salt	11230
Cereals	1016
Foodstuffs	1463
Soda	1413
Salvaged Fish	341
Miscellaneous Cargoes	9385
Total	35,286

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Total equal to 25,000 net tons

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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SUBJECT :- Monthly Shipping Report - July.

TO :- Chief of Movements Division.

After successful mine sweeping operations the situation improved in Genoa and Venice at the end of month. 5 vessels - 2 ocean-going ships and 3 coasters - commenced to discharge in the port of Genoa on 25 July, as compared with discharge over the beaches. Mine sweeping is continuing. In Venice after 24 July 2 liberty type ships drawing 27' and 1 tanker were able to use Lido Channel. The rate of discharge of coal at Savona has been particularly good; ships have been discharged on average of 11 days working. The tonnage offloaded on "Funivia" berth being 5000-6000 tons daily. Owing to the heavy re-deployment programme, Leshorn has been used exclusively by military during July and civil supplies have had to be diverted to alternative ports.

With the cessation of regular convoys arrangements have been made to obtain information of ships' arrival at Gibraltar and expected time of arrival at ports of discharge in Mediterranean.

Coastwise tonnage lifted by coaster was 54,981 tons and 46,233 tons by schooners making a total of 101,214 tons. The movement of phosphate rock from N. Africa for the second semester of 1945 has been held up owing to negotiation between the French & Italians not having been successfully concluded. The interested parties have been pressed for a speedy decision.

The freight and passenger service between NAPLES/CAGLIARI - NAPLES/PALERMO continue to be maintained by "AURAZIA" and "SCAMPINOGLION" and the "LANGARO" operated between Olbia and Civitavecchia carrying sheep and cattle.

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Citrus	155	710
Rine	5803	9555
Salt	5165	1322
Pyrites	5120	-
Cereals	-	17409
Sulphur	1758	-
Soda	-	3706
Phosphates	14098	-
Misc. cargo	8900	10786
Misc. food	8163	4745
General cargo(a)	5019	-
	54981	48233

(a) shipped in Abbruzzo
Campidoglio & Iannone.

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	Head.
Cows	2711
Sheep	2543
Horses	240
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Refugees are still being moved from Piombino to Sicily in Italian naval craft, which include the cruiser "Garibaldi". In July 2834 persons were carried.

The recommendations of the "Campbell" Committee, formed to facilitate the handing over of ports from operation by Military to Italian authority, are being carried out. Several ports are now working entirely under Italian control and are working efficiently. An increasing responsibility is being given to the Italians in all ports and only few ports are now exclusively military in operation.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub Commission

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Our Ref : AC/590/4/Tn.3

5 July 45

SUBJECT : Monthly Shipping Report June.

TO : Chief of Movements Division.

1. Extra Mediterranean Shipping ceased to sail in convoy after convoy U.G.S. 94 which arrived off Gibraltar on 7 June. These independent sailings caused considerable difficulty through lack of advance and accurate advices of vessels' arrivals.
2. The Port of Genoa still remains closed for the normal discharge of cargoes and owing to lack of landing craft and deterioration of the beach roadway, all civil supplies have been diverted through Savona which Port can now accept one liberty vessel for discharge of wool over the 'funivia' and two coaster berths in the main port.
3. Port capacities in the south have been strained to their utmost through the diversion of vessels set up for Genoa discharge and the Allied re-deployment programme through the main ports.
4. All bids for movement of stores during the month were, with very few exceptions moved to time, and the total tonnage lifted coastwise amounted to 80,163 tons including 25,909 tons by schooners (see appendices 'A' and 'B'). These figures do not include the passenger and freight service operated with s.s. "Abbazia" and "Campidoglio" between Naples/Cagliari/Palermo, the figures for which are not yet to hand. The large increase in total tonnage lifted can be attributed to the necessity of diverting vessels normally engaged on liner sailings for the movement of supplies to Northern Ports. The deadlock between the French and Italian Governments continued and no phosphate rock was moved during June. Satisfactory allocation has now been reached and the movement of phosphates should recommence in July.

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5. In order to assist in the movement of livestock from Sardinia to the mainland, in accordance with the urgent situation described in para 4 of the last month's report, the coaster "Fanny Brunner" was refitted as a cattle ship and was due to commence on a shuttle service on June 24th. On June 21st the High Commissioner for Sardinia informed that...

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The Italian Government has been informed that no further requests for emergency movement will be considered by A.C. unless

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accompanied by an assurance that all prices have been agreed and that the supplies will be available to move as and when the special programmes are put into operation.

6. During the month approximately 3000 refugees were moved by sea in Italian Naval craft from Piombino to Messina. This figure could have been considerably larger but for the fact that the cruiser "Garibaldi" which carries approximately 1,200 persons at a time, had to be drydocked for the second half of the month. Approximately 1100 ex ps W were moved from Naples to Sardinia, also in Italian Naval Craft. In general the movement of refugees by sea is now going well.

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APPENDIX 'A'

1. The following tonnages were lifted by counters during June :-

	Tons
CITRUS	643
WINE	8865
SALT	3142
FOODSTUFFS	10775
PEPPER	66200
SULPHUR	5260
MISCELL.	8555
PHOSPHATES	10814
TOTAL.....	54254 Tons

2. SS LANGANO on the Sardinia Civitavecchia Ferry Service lifted :-

23 HORSES
2913 GOATS
2466 SHEEP

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APPENDIX "B"

TOTAL TONNAGES LIFTED BY SCHOONERS DURING
JUNE 1945

WINE	TONS	8491
CEREALS	"	450
CITRUS	"	3322
SALTED FISH	"	593
CHARCOAL	"	1006
FOODSTUFFS	"	5766
MISCELLANEOUS	"	6281
TOTAL TONS		25.909

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Ref. : AC/590/2/Tn 3

4 June 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Shipping Report - May 1945.

TO : Chief Movements Division.

1. Following the establishment during April of regular coastwise liner sailings under the control of COGESA, the former bidding procedure for movement of stores by sea on A.F.H.Q. has been discontinued with the exception of bids which cannot be met by tonnage under the control of COGESA. All bids for movement during the month have been met, and the total tonnage lifted coastwise amounted to 56.606 tons including schooner traffic which carried some 21.810 tons of this total. Breakdown of coaster tonnage is shown in appendix "A".

2. Owing to a further delay in the opening of the port of Genoa, the programme for civil supplies set up for movement by coaster had to be cancelled at short notice. All vessels were however re-allocated to other trades without loss to shipping time.

3. A new service for passengers and freight between Naples/Cagliari/Palermo was started on 18th May with the s.s. "Abazzia" and "Campidoglio" making alternate runs.

4. During the month a serious situation arose in Sardinia, where, owing to drought and a plague of locusts, there is not sufficient fodder to feed the livestock in the Island. An urgent request was received.

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from the Italian Authorities for movement to the Mainland by the end of June of 200,000 sheep and 10,000 cattle for immediate slaughter. The regular cattle ferry "Langano" is now running between Olbia and Civitavecchia loaded to capacity, and further arrangements are being made to increase the movement of these animals. There has been no lifting of the ban on movement of livestock for breeding purposes, owing to the continued prevalence of foot and mouth disease in the Island.

5. With the cessation of hostilities the repatriation of Italian refugees became a major problem. The Italian cruiser "Garibaldi" was allocated to a shuttle service between Piombino and Messina, and completed two voyages during the last week of the month, carrying about 1000 repatriates for Sicily each time. In addition two Italian torpedo boats each carried 100 persons, on the same run.


G.B. GODFREY,
Major I.C.

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APPENDIX "A"

1. The following tonnages were lifted by coasters during May :-

Citrus Fruit	2.300 tons
Wine	11.116 "
Salt	4.921 "
Ration foodstuffs	10.394 "
Pyrites	4.065 "
Sulphur	1.000 "
Miscellaneous	2.000 "

Total 34.796 tons

2. s.s. "Langano" on the Sardinia: Civitavecchia
Ferry Service lifted :
309 Horses and Cattle
420 Sheep

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INNER OFFICE MEMO

Ref. : AC/590/I/In 3 6 May 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Shipping Report - April 1945.

TO : Chief Movements Division.

I. All bids made on A.F.M. for movement by sea during the month were accepted, and with very few exceptions moved to time. Owing to the deadlock existing between the French and Italian Governments, no phosphate rock was moved during the month. Out of 13,820 tons of pyrites bid, only 227 tons were lifted due to the difficulty with regard to freight rates which existed between Montecatini and the Italian Government. Wine, salt and foodstuffs are well ahead and part of the May programme has been already lifted this month. Total tonnage lifted during April was 54,020 tons, which is a decrease of approximately 13,500 tons against last month and which can be attributed mainly to the lack of phosphate and pyrites shipments. Schooner bids also show a decrease of 8,600 tons against April, but this is attributed to a new and more accurate system of returns instituted this month. There is however reason to believe that figures submitted to us for schooner movement during the month are incomplete and that 25,000 tons is a more accurate figure. Necessary action has been taken with CO-GE-NA to verify these figures. Breakdown of tonnages lifted during the month is attached as appendix "A".

2. On the 20th of April, the Shipping Authorities agreed to the return to coastwise liner sailings of 11 Italian coasters to operate under the control of CO-GE-NA. Total lift per month for these liner sailings is expected to reach 25,000 tons. Some of these vessels have not yet reverted to liner sailings, but it is hoped that all vessels will be in service by the middle of May.

3. S.S. "ABRAZIA" continued to make regular runs between Cagliari and Torre Annunziata. Total cargo carried to the mainland was 3408 tons cargo and 450 passengers

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3. S.S. "ABBADIA" continued to make regular runs between Cagliari and Torre Annunziata. Total cargo carried to the mainland was 3408 tons cargo and 450 passengers and in addition, 1604 tons cargo and 422 passengers were backloaded from the mainland to Sardinia.

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4. S.S. "LANGANO" continued to shuttle between Cagliari and Civitavecchia. Owing to repairs to the vessel and foot and mouth disease breaking out in Cagliari, only horses were permitted to be exported. In the 2 trips made, 306 horses were moved.

5. On the 1st of May an Italian port area was formed in Naples port under the immediate control of the Capitano di Porto acting as port sub-area Commander to the Allied Port Commander.

6. The port of Portiglione was open and ready to receive ships towards the end of the month, and the first ship planned to load is the "PELLAGOSA" due on the 6th of May. Thereafter a regular programme has been set up.

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MonthlySUMMARY OF BIDS AND SHIPMENTS DURING APRIL 1945

COMMODITY	BID	TONS LIFTED	TONS OUTSTANDING	TONS EXCESS
CITRUS	10.000	7.201	2.799	
WINE	6.000	9.366		3.366
SALT	7.500	13.505		6.005
TOBACCO	500	500		
OLIVE OIL	210	110	100	
PHOSPHATE	12.400		12.400	
RATIONS	983	2.500		1.517
PYRITES	13.820	227	13.593	
TOTAL	51.413	33.409 5 012 48 38 521	28.892 2885	10.888

APPENDIX "A" to:
Monthly Report for April

SUMMARY OF BIDS AND SHIPMENTS DURING APRIL 1945

TONS LIFTED	TONS OUTSTANDING	TONS EXCESS	REMARKS
7.201	2.799		1703 excess lifted April
9.366		3.366	Excess in May bids
13.505		6.005	Excess in May bids
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110	100		
	12.400		No shipments made on account financial reasons
2.500		1.517	Excess in May bids
227	13.593		Shipments delayed on account of Montecastini not agreeing freights
33.409 5.012 38.421	28.892	10.888	

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APPENDIX "A" to:
Monthly Report for April

I. Net Tonnage of cargoes moved during April by
CO-Ge-NA operated schooners.

Citrus	-	2.691
General Foods	-	1.876
Summac	-	185
Carrube	-	3.676
Wine	-	1.508
Salt	-	1.550
Sulphur	-	758
Cotton	-	288
Grape Concentrate	-	229
Misc Cargo	-	808
		13.599

Estimate of cargoes
South-bound for which
there were no bids

	3.000
Total	16.599

2. Sardinia Ferry S.S. "ARBIZIA":
Cagliari/Torre Annunziata 3408 tons 450 passengers
Torre Annunziata/Cagliari 1604 tons 422 passengers
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3. Livestock Ferry S.S. "LANGANO":
Cagliari to Civitavecchia 305 horses.
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Salt	788
Sulphur	288
Cotton	229
Grape Concentrate	808
Misc Cargo	
	<u>13,599</u>

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3,000
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Total

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	<u>872</u>
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To be attached to Fuel copy of:
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Monthly Shipping Report.

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