

Ballasting Ships
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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APO 394

Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/600A/11/Tn.3

17 January 1946

SUBJECT : Salt as ballast for Liberty ships.

TO : Industry Dept.

1. Reference your AC/5610/Ind of 14 Jan. and this HQ signal 8983 of 4 December addressed to War Shipping Administration, Naples.

2. The a/m signal suggested that further negotiations should be carried on by WSA and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

3. It is, however, pointed out that the ballasting of Liberty ships in Cagliari must not interfere with the loading programme of salt for Italian domestic consumption. This is already difficult in Sardinia as barges are needed there and it has not yet been possible to ship them from the Italian Mainland.

4. Barges have not yet been supplied to Margherita di Savoia, to assist loading there.

5. It is presumed the Salt Monopoly are confident they can load salt at the rate mentioned. Recent tonnages are not as high as the one quoted by the Monopoly. It is felt they should state a figure which it is possible to maintain and 1000 tons per day is higher than normally achieved in both ports.

For the Director :

H. P. Laraman
H. P. LARAMAN
Major, R.E.

6509

Tel. 478509

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Ref. AC/5610/IND

14 January 1946

SUBJECT : Salt as ballast for Liberty ships.

TO : Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission
(Attn.: Maj. Laraman)

FROM : Industry Department.

1. Further to our letter of even reference dated 3 December 1945.

2. Enclosed herewith for your information and any action you deem necessary, is translation of letter 03/8566 dated 10 January 1946 from the State Monopoly containing the terms for the supply of the subject 200,000 tons of solar salt.

3. May we please be informed of whether the War Shipping Administration is still interested.

1 Incl.:
As per para
2 above.Copy to :
Economic Section.
CHARLES FEWINGS
Major RASC
Chief,
Industry Department.

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SUBJECT : Ballast Salt for "Liberty" boats.

In reference to yours of 3 ult. No. 67 AC/5610/IND, addressed to Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission and sent to us for information, we give hereunder the details regarding the supply of approx. 200,000 tons of edible (~~sea~~) salt to be used as ballast for the "Liberty" steamers on their return journey to U.S.A. :

- (1) Price - 10 dollars per 1000 Kgs F.O.B.;
- (2) Credit to the Italian Treasury for every embarkation, to be deposited on a free current account in a United States' Bank which we shall choose;
- (3) 100,000 tons to be loaded in the Margherita di Savoia road, and 100,000 tons in the port of Cagliari;
- (4) A loading rate of 1000 tons per day;
 - (a) As regards the Cagliari salt-mines, a tug is required to haul the boats as the one already in service is in-efficient.
 - (b) As regards the "Margherita di Savoia" salt-pit, 6 boats (not barges) are needed for transporting the salt below deck, to be navigated by sail.

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AC/600/A/9/Tn3

14 December 1945

SUBJECT : DUNNAGE

TO : Ministry of Marine
Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile
- Rome -

1. Herewith communication from Ministero del Tesoro
(No 136232 of 11 December) which is passed to you.

2. It was confirmed at today's meeting of the Import
Programming & Port Reception Committee held in Rome that dunnage
is the property of the ship. The question of purchase of dunnage
by local Italian organisations is a matter for negotiation
between the ship's Master and shipping agents.

3. Perhaps you would be good enough to pass this informat-
ion to the Ministry concerned.

For the Director:

L. Laraman
M.P. LARAMAN
Major R.S.

Copy to: WSA Rome
(translation attached)

Encl: LTR 136232 of 11/12/45

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Senior Tr Officer, AC., BARI,
Tel: 12519,
Ref.: S/6/2755.

To:— Major W.F. JAPANESE, R.E.
H.Q., A.C. Transp. & Shipping Sub-Commission, A.P.O. 394.

1. Reference is made to your AC/600A/77^{to 600A/77} dated 8 December, 45.
2. The writer has noted the offer to WSA of 200,000 tons of solar salt by the State Monopoly, to be used as ballast for returning Liberty ships during the winter months.
3. Off shore loading of salt at Margherita di Savoia is contingent on fair weather conditions. During the past 5 days tempestuous conditions have prevailed along this coast, prohibiting all such operations, and this is cited as an example.
4. The present operation of the Salt Monopoly is far from satisfactory, and many instances have occurred in which it failed to load rail wagon programmes. In many cases, the employees have ceased work on loadings other than road transport on account of monetary inducements paid by the operators of the latter. The management appear impotent to intervene in these practices.
5. It is suggested that competent Italian governmental authority be requested to inspect and take appropriate measures to improve operations at the Salina if the proposed loading program is to be put into operation.

Stanley P. France
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Senior En Officer,
Allied Commission,
Paris.

cc: Col. Hartley, AC Liaison Office - BARI.

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wrote to Salt Magazine
 on 17th Apr.

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Allied Commission, 1/1/3
Bari.

cc: Col. Hartley, AC Liaison Office - DARI.

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Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/600/A/8/Tn.3

11 December 1945

SUBJECT : Proposal to ballast Liberty ships at
Margherita di Savoia.

TO : Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile
Ministero della Marina - Roma

1. Please note that the War Shipping Administration have been notified that 200,000 tons of solar salt is available in Margherita di Savoia for ballasting Liberty ships returning to USA.

2. The Shipping Authorities have been asked to complete negotiations as regards price with the salt monopoly.

3. The proposal is to ballast ships with 500-1000 tons. WSA have been informed that 500 tons could be loaded daily, but with 6 additional barges and 1 tug this tonnage could be increased to 1000 tons.

4. The average tonnage discharged recently in this port hardly justifies the tonnage of 500 tpd. Should these vessels ballast in Margherita di Savoia you will be kept informed in order to ensure smooth running of all arrangements.

For the Director :

M. P. Laraman
M.P. LARAMAN
Major, R.E.

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APO 394

Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

AC/600A/7/Tn.3

8 December 1945

SUBJECT : Proposal to ballast Liberty ships at
Margherita di Savoia.

TO : Mr. S.P. France
Senior Transportation Officer - Bari

1. Please note WSA have asked for suitable ballast
for returning Liberty ships during the winter months.

2. A signal ^{folio 6} was made advising WSA that 200,000
tons of solar salt has been offered by the State Monopoly.

3. It is understood present loading facilities
should enable 500 tons of salt to be loaded daily, but with
6 additional barges and one tug this tonnage could be
increased to 1000 tons.

4. Final arrangements will be made between WSA and
organisation if offer is accepted. 500/1000 tons will be
loaded in each liberty.

For the Director :

M.P. Laraman
M.P. LARAMAN
Major, RE.

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WSA NAPLES FOR NICOL

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4 DECEMBER 1945

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PARA ONE PD SUBJECT BALLASTING OF SHIPS PD

PAREN TO WSA NAPLES FOR NICOL FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACTPT PAREN

REFERENCE YOUR TWO ONE ONE ONE THREE ONE ABLE PD OWING PRESENT
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FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED ON BY YOU WITH ORGANISATIONS
CONCERNED OR WITH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE PD

COPY TO : Economic Section , Ports & Whse division, Commerce
(Foreign Trade) S/C, Industry Department, WSA Rome
Ministry of Marine.

Trans. and Shipp. S/C

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G.J. LEONE
CWO U.S.A.
ASST. ADJUTANT

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

GR/fl

Tel. 478509

Ref. AC/5610/IND

3 December 1945

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SUBJECT : Salt as ballast for Liberty Ships.

TO : Transportation & Shipping Sub-Commission
(Attn.: Major Laraman).

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3. The offered price is 2,000 lire per 1,000 Kg. F.O.B. payable in dollars at the exchange rate for exportation.
4. The Monopoly are able to load 500 tons a day with their present loading facilities consisting of 6 barges. Through the supply of 6 additional barges and 1 tow boat the daily loading rate could be increased to 1,000 tons.
5. There is sufficient bottom in the road of Margherita di Savoia 3-400 meters off the coast even for big ships.

Copy to:
Dir.Gen.Monopoli di
Stato.
Economic Section.


CHARLES FEWINGS
Major RASC
Chief,
Industry Department

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3 December 1945

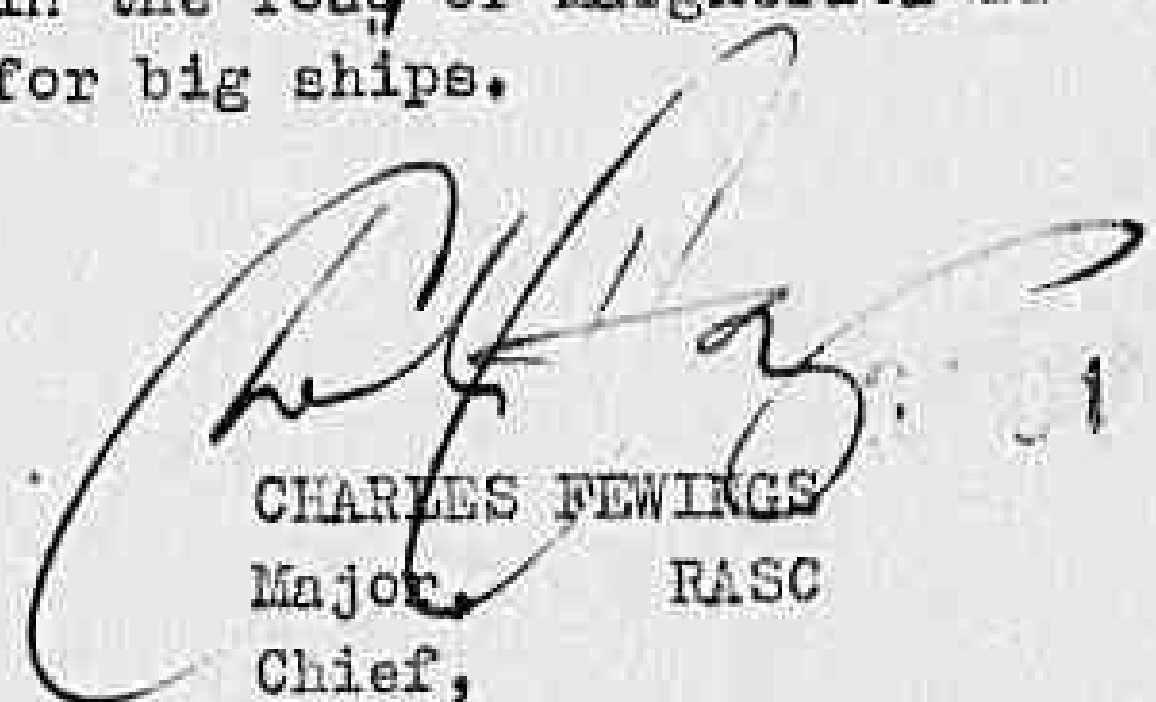
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

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Tel. 478509

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
COMMERCE (FOREIGN TRADE) S/C

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Tel: 478192

30 November 1945

Ref. AC/5127/42/Commerce

SUBJECT: Pyrites for ballasting. Liberty ships.

TO : Transportation and Shipping S/C ✓

1. In connection with your enquiries on the above subject, this S/C understands that Montecatini can supply about 20,000 tons at 2500 lire f.o.b.

2. It should be made very clear that

a) Loading rate is only about 1800/2000 tons per day.

b) Delivery must not interfere with the commitment to the French amounting to 100,000 tons.

3. The information concerning price was obtained by phone from Col. Crump at Milan and might be slightly modified by negotiation.


F.W. TOOBY

Lt.Col., R.A.

Director

Copy to: Industry & Utilities S/C Commerce (Foreign Trade) S/C
(Attn: Mr. Derkovitch)
Ministry of Industry & Commerce

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

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Tel. Ext. 543

Ref. AC/557/IND.

30 November 1945

SUBJECT: Export of Pyrites

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission ✓
Attention: Maj. M. P. Laraman

1. In reply to your request for a statement regarding the availability of pyrites for use as ballast in amounts up to a possible 100,000 tons per month, please be advised as follows:

Our best estimates based on October reports from the mines and anticipated arrivals of phosphate rock are as follows:

By the first of March 65,000 tons of pyrites would have been consumed, of which 50,000 tons at least will go in connection with the 100,000 tons of phosphate rock which the French are committed to ship. Meanwhile, during this period we anticipate that 45,000 tons of fresh phosphate rock will have been mined, so that total stocks on the first of March should be approximately 175,000 tons, less exports.

2. At the same time, as per Commerce (Foreign Trade) Sub-Commission's letter, AC/5203/Switz/Ind/Commerce, of the 20th of November, 30,000 tons of pyrites have been promised for speedy delivery to the Swiss, making, with the French demand for 100,000, a total Italian commitment of 130,000 tons. In other words, the maximum that could be shipped as ballast would be 45,000 tons between now and March 1. However, this would leave Italy with only a hand-to-mouth current supply since pyrites production will not reach a rate of more than 20,000 tons a month until next May or later. This will permit the manufacture of only 60,000 tons/month of superphosphate even if the entire output is devoted to this purpose. In other words, there would be no pyrites left from which to produce the substantial amount of sulphuric acid required in the rest of the chemical industry. Obviously, this would be assuming a grave risk inasmuch as it is to be hoped that the French will be shipping phosphate rock at a far higher rate than in the past,

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and in view of the heavy back-log of superphosphate demands that have now accumulated.

3. In the light of the above, and in conference with the Agriculture Sub-Commission, it is estimated that the maximum quantity of pyrites that can be offered for ballast purposes should not be more than 20,000 tons, as matters now stand. However, should the known difficulties that exist in furnishing the Swiss and the French with their requirements arise, it may well be that in the next two or three months additional quantities of pyrites for ballast might be released without undue risk.

Charles Fewings
CHARLES FEWINGS
MAJOR RASC

Chief,
Industry Department

Copy to:

Economic Section
Agriculture Sub-Commission
Commerce (Foreign Trade) Sub-Commission
Mining Division

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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Originator's Reference:
Date/Time of Origin: 211131 A NOV.

Message Centre No: G 4055
Date Time Rec'd: 211640 A NOV
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM: UVA NAPLES FROM NICOL
TO : ALCOM ROME

UNCLASSIFIED:

War shipping administration are faced with ballasting problem on account of heavy bulk shipments in Italy necessitating procurement suitable ballaste for return voyage. Alcom is requested to advise war shipping administration what facilities can be offered for the ballasting of some 80 ships per month and suggests pyrites through Piombino or Fortiglione and Pozzolana from Baia Naples area indicating what price bearing in mind for ballast purposes only. Cost of this ballast will be borne by war shipping administration. Prompt action requested as matter critical.

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2 NOV 1945

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