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G-5 Section  
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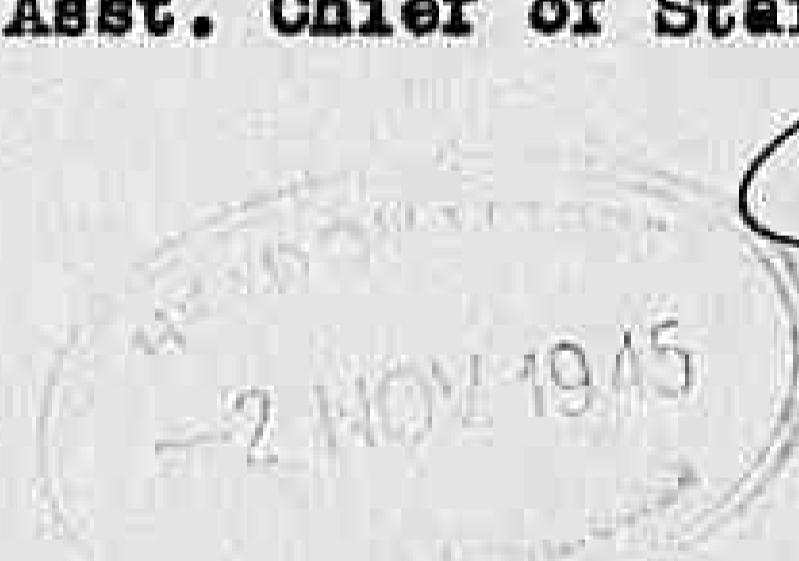
1 November 1945

SUBJECT: Transportation, Naples - Piraeus.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission,  
APO 394.

Attached copy of letter dated 27 October 1945, subject  
as above, from Passenger Section, WSA, Naples is forwarded  
for your information.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:



M. J. HEYL,  
Capt., AUS.

Encl:  
as above.

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Naples, Italy.

27 Oct 1945.

From : Passenger Section  
WSA - Naples.To : Port Representatives - Rome  
Athens.Subject: SS ALEXANDER CLAY  
Naples/ Piraeus.

1. It is anticipated subject vessel will make several voyages between Naples and Piraeus in the near future; and that accommodations will be available for a limited number of passengers.

2. Further details on request.

/s/ ? ?  
/t/ Passenger Section.

cc: Augusto Dreda, Naples.  
AEL - Rome  
G-5 Section - AFHQ.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
AFC 394  
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AC/612/319/Tn3

15 October 1945

SUBJECT : Repatriation of 87 Italian Seamen from St. Vincent.  
TO : Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile  
Ministero Marina.

1. Reference the enclosed Memorandum on the above subject.

2. It is noted that this matter is already being dealt with by AFHC and it is suggested a reply from that HQ should now be awaited. In the meantime the attached memo - randum addressed to Allied Commission is passed to you for information as you will be interested in the repatriation of these Seamen.

For the Director:

*R.P. Laraman*  
R.P. LARAMAN  
Major R.D.  
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ALLIED [REDACTED] COMMISSION

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Sea lifts for refugees

FILE No. DPP/4/C-II (IT)

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission.  
F.O.I.L.

14 October 1945

1. Attached herewith for information please find copy of letter from H.Q. "C" Group, D.P. & R.S.C., reference T/10: dated 8 October 1945, relative subject matter.

For the Director.

C.A. OLIVER  
Lt. Colonel  
G-1 Italian. 1630

**C O P Y**

HEADQUARTERS  
GROUP C  
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB COMMISSION  
LIGURIA REGION A.M.G.

File : T/10

8 October 1945

SUBJECT : Sea-lifts Italian Refugees

TO : Headquarters  
D.P. & R.S.C., A.C.  
Attention Lt. Col. Oliver

1. Herewith reply to questions from your office via Mr. Hakim, in re subject matter.

2. On the last two trips of the "Garibaldi" approximately 2400 people were moved, broken down as follows :

a. Regular refugees from outside Genoa-----	767
b. Refugees recommended by Vatican Commission-----	325
c. Special refugee shipment from La Spezia -----	308
d. Space given Italian Navy for sailors, families of sailors, and odd lots -----	1000

3. I should guess that we can continue to fill the cruiser at not more frequent intervals than every ten days. We are now automatically holding Sicilians and Calabrians for it. It is in our point of view impossible to foresee whether the influx will diminish or continue the same, but I am of the opinion the boat should be scheduled as long as we continue to fill it. Definite figures are unobtainable from either the Navy or the Vatican, as for that matter, from Groups "B" and "D": but we have had no trouble so far in loading to capacity.

4. As regards the Sardinian people, we receive about 20 per week. We have some difficulty in finding shipping here; the last batch we had to send via the "Garibaldi" to Naples for reshipment, after holding them almost three weeks here with no luck. At the moment the Navy has promised us 20 places, in a ship sailing shortly, for some we now have on hand; it is hoped that we can manage to find enough shipping from now on here to take on the problem. It is not large enough to warrant a special ship.

Signed **1629**  
EDWARD W. FASH JR  
1st Lt. CMP,  
Commanding.

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## TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

11 October 1945

Tele : 478704

297/14/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Movement of Italian ex P.W. arriving at Italian ports from USA, North Africa etc.

TO : Italian P.W. Sub-Commission  
Displaced Persons & Repatriation Sub-Commission

1. Further to this office letter 297/11/Tn.3. dated 2 October.

2. The following is text of MTOUSA signal C 26273 dated 8 Oct. regarding movement in P.D.C. areas :-

"Our Cable C 24859 of 3 October is rescinded.  
Penbase will not move Po W from port areas to Camps. This answers Alocm signal 6561 of 5 October.

Considered that matter of repatriation of Italian ex Po W responsibility of Italian Government. Extent that Allied Forces will be able to assist Italian Government now under study".

3. In view of para 2 above, it will be seen that movement through all Italian ports will be an Italian Government responsibility through Allied Commission.

For the Director



C.Y. CONSTABLE,  
Major, R.E.

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Copy to : Mr. & Tn A.F.B.Q.  
Movements Division (Shipping Branch) ✓

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ALLIED COMMISSION

SUBJECT : Repatriation of Italian citizen from S.Vicente de Capo Verde.

1. Reference is made to this Ministry's memo 6/915/395 dated 29 March 1945 and foregoing correspondence.
2. As the Allied Commission are aware, 87 Italian seamen, former members of Italian crews, recently enlisted by the "pool" of the United Nations' merchant fleet, are now at S.Vicente de Capo Verde.
3. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs have applied to the Brazilian Embassy in order to obtain authorization by the Brazilian Government to embark the 87 men on one of the Brazilian ships, who usually call at the port of S.Vicente while on their way to Italy to embark repatriating Brazilian troops. A similar application was submitted by the Italian Legation in Lisbon to the Brazilian and British Embassies in that city.  
The latter has now notified that the above request has been forwarded with recommendation for acceptance to the A.F.H.Q., whose reply is waited.
4. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs will appreciate it greatly if the Allied Commission will use its good offices in order that the repatriation of the 87 seamen be carried out by means of Brazilian ships.
5. The number of repatriates amounts to 87, instead of 14, as mentioned in memo under reference, because other seamen, at first inclined to defer repatriation, have by now applied to return to Italy.

Rome, September 28th 1945

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# INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TP 13  
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Originator's Reference: **FX 47831**Message Centre No: **G 435**  
**OCT 9/0900A**Date/Time of Origin: **OCT 8/1719A**

Date Time Rec'd:

FROM : **MTOUSA CITE NATPN SIGNED CONCERNED**

TO : **ALCOM ROME WSA NAPLES** INFO: **WSA TRIESTE VENICE BARI LEGHORN GEONA**

**ROME PENTAGON PENSOUTH**

Precedence: **ROUTINE****RESTRICTED.**

Cooperation of both ALLIED COMMISSION and WSA Representatives is requested in attempt to avoid ship delays incident to redeployment by furnishing coordinated information as to expected date completion at port of discharge 48 hours in advance and arrival of vessel at LEGHORN, NAPLES, or BARI, as case may be, being careful to furnish information as to personnel officer and enlisted men each ship may embark that orders may be cut and personnel ready for embarkation. Use of telephone is recommended, NAPLES vacation 140, LEGHORN value 45, and BARI Advent 62 Major EILER

*This info must surely come from 158A Refo  
as Alcom's rep. are unable to  
Supply such info.*

ACTION : **TN SC (2)**

INFO ?? **CHIEF COMMISSIONER**  
**EGON SEC (2)**  
**WSA**  
**FILE (2)**  
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HEADQUARTERS  
9 OCT 1919

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## TRANSLATION

AS/f1

No. 1660

Rome 7 October 1945

SUBJECT : Sending of passengers to Sardinia Via Civitavecchia.

TO : Transportation S/C. Rome -

This Ministry has taken notice of your communications sent with letter 3 October 45 and regarding what requested with precedent note 28 Sept. 45 and we assure you that starting the 15 th October the "Soc. Tirrenia" will start selling tickets at its Office in Rome instead the Agency in Civitavecchia.

It is understood that the refugees will be sent to Naples to be embarked on the ships going from Naples to Cagliari or on other means at the disposal of the authorities. On this way the excessive crowding of passengers at Civitavecchia will stop.

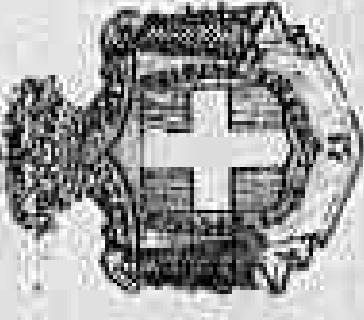
The refugees that althow the above measures are at Civitavecchia or will exceptionally arrive there, will be equally transported.

I have asked the Ministry of the Interior to have the local Station of "Carabinieri" reenforced to render more efficient the control of the Port, and to have reenforced also the barbed wire fence which is not adequate to the need.

It is understood that any passenger, to leave, must have the ticket, and those not having such a trip ticket will not be transported.

For the Minister  
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Roma. 10 ottobre 1945 /9

# Ministero della Marina

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Ispett. Serv. Marittimi  
Divisione  
Aut. N° 1660 Allegati

*Suo*

*Reposta al. foglio del  
10 ottobre 1945*

OCCETTO : Avviamento dei passeggeri in Sardegna via Civitavecchia =

// HEADQUARTERS ALLIED  
COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION SUB  
COMMISSION

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Però i profughi che malgrado la suddetta disposizione di trovano già a Civitavecchia, o giungeranno eccezionalmente colà per l'imbarco, potranno essere egualmente trasportati.

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conosciuto non adattato alle necessità.

*Ministero della Marina*

DIREZIONE GENERALE  
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Ispett. Serv. Marittimi

Gabinetto  
Prot. N. 1660 *Magali* *Le*

// HEADQUARTERS ALLIED  
COMMISSION TRANSPORTATION SUB  
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*Proposta al Sig. del  
Dir. *U.**

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Resta inteso che qualsiasi passeggero, per poter partire dovrà essere in possesso del biglietto di passaggio; pertanto coloro

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che non saranno muniti di tale biglietto di passaggio non  
potranno prendere imbarco sulla nave.

PIL MINISTRO,

*H. Markham*

ALLIED FORCES HEADQUARTERSMOV & TMNov 2/113 Oct 42Tel: Freedom 229Shipping Instruction No. 14.EMBARKATION OF REFUGEES & DISPLACED PERSONS.

1. In order to ensure that only properly authorised personnel are embarked and to prevent stowaways the following procedure will be adopted forthwith for all embarkations of refugees and displaced persons.
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  - (a) All refugees or displaced persons are issued individually with a security card (A.Z.F. D.P. Registration record known as D.P. 2.) by the transit camp concerned. Each card will bear the owner's full name together with his/her serial number on the nominal roll produced by the Camp, and a visa from his National Representative or Repatriation Officer.
  - (b) On arrival at quayside personnel will either be detained or debussed one carriage or one bus at a time, from which they will be escorted to the E.S.O.
  - (c) The D.P. 2 card will be handed to the E.S.O. by the individual and the E.S.O. will check the particulars with the information on the Nominal Roll. After satisfying himself that the particulars are correct, the E.S.O. will then issue the individual with a berthing card and return the D.P. card to holder.
  - (d) Guards will be placed on the Gangway to ensure that no unauthorised person is allowed to embark and also that no person having once embarked is allowed off the ship.
  - (e) Where parties of over 50 are involved the Camp concerned will provide representatives (including interpreters) to be present at the time of embarkation.
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J.G. RICHARDS, LT-COL,  
for Brigadier,  
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tr).

Distribution : See Overleaf.

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Distribution:

Action: HQ Movements TARANTO (5)  
       "      "      BARI (5)  
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 HQ Movements Land Forces GREECE (20)

Information (External):

A.C. ROMA (50)  
 HQ Movements XIII Corps (2)  
 2 District (2)  
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 EAS FRANCE (2)  
 HQ Movements TOULON (5)  
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 GHQ, TUNISIA (5)  
 HQ Movements MALTA (2)  
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Information (Internal):

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HEADQUARTERS A.D.M.R. COMMISSION  
REPRODUCTION SUB-COMMISSION

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TEL : EXT. 514

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SUBJECT : Application of personnel toardinia Unforced  
CIVILVEOCHIA

TO : Direzione Generale delle  
Marine Mercantile,  
Ministero delle Marine

3 October 1945

1. The situation at Civitavecchia continues to be very unsatisfactory, and the possibility of further serious incidents taking place is causing concern particularly from Northern Italy, must stop. In this connection, displaced persons and repatriation refugees moving under Article I Commission arrangements will embark at Naples and not at Civitavecchia.
2. The uncontrolled concentration of fare paying passengers and refugees at Civitavecchia, particularly from Northern Italy, must stop. In this connection, displaced persons and repatriation refugees must buy their tickets at the port of Piran. Line and will only have paying passengers in possession of tickets. Fare accommodations booked after refugee and displaced person requirements have been met. No one else will be allowed to embark and the steps necessary to ensure this will be taken.
3. The passengers who will be allowed to embark at Civitavecchia will be limited to people from the official refugee camp at Civitavecchia and fare paying passengers in possession of tickets. Fare paying passengers must buy their tickets at the port office of Piran. Line and will only have paying passengers in possession of tickets. Fare accommodations booked after refugee and displaced person requirements have been met. No one else will be allowed to embark and the steps necessary to ensure this will be taken.

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Merine Mercantile,  
Ministero delle Marine

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  2. The uncontrolled concentration of fare paying passengers and refugees at Civitavecchia, particularly from Northern Italy, must stop. In this connection, displaced persons and repatriation sub-commission has already given instructions that refugees moving under Allied Commission arrangements will embark at Naples and not at Civitavecchia.
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It is desired to continue the service at present being maintained from Civitavecchia to Gibla, but unless satisfactory arrangements for the control of passengers in the port can be assured, it will be necessary seriously to consider the withdrawal of the service.

Naval vessels are being concentrated for the present at Naples to operate sailings to Gibla from the port.

6. This is in no way a reflection upon the local officials in Civitavecchia, as the meeting held on 29 Sept at the port offices and especially by maggiore secretario often under difficult circumstances.
7. Visits have been made recently to Civitavecchia by headquarters members especially to inspect work done by the port authorities and to see if the excellent work done by the representatives of this sub-commission as well as Ministry view of the difficulties experienced, and as a result the following recommendations are made : -
- (a) The local commanding naval immediate resources must be in possession of properly authorized embarkation tickets. Passengers not holding such tickets will not be permitted to embark.
  - (b) The berthed wings per meter is not satisfactory, and must be made adequate.
  - (c) All passengers, both refugees and those paying, must be made to take in this matter.
6. Please inform this Headquarters as soon as possible what action you propose to take in this matter.

*hmc*  
L.M. Cooper,  
Lieutenant Colonel

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Visits have been made recently to Civitavecchia by representatives of this sub-commission as well as Ministry of War Transport and War Shipping Administration in view of the difficulties experienced, and as a result the following recommendations are made:-

- (a) The local Carabinieri need immediate reinforcements and instructions to control the situation more efficiently in the port.
- (b) The barbed wire perimeter is not satisfactory, and must be made adequate.
- (c) All passengers, both refugees and fare payers, must be in possession of properly authorised embarkation tickets. Passengers not holding such tickets will not be permitted to embark.

Please inform this Headquarters as soon as possible what action you propose to take in this matter.

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L.E. COOK,  
Lt. Colonel

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COPY TO : P.O.I.N./Navy sub-commission  
NOT HOME  
Displaced persons and repatriation sub-commission

612/278/Tn 3

28 September 1945  
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My dear Mr. Prime Minister,

In reply to your letter, I write to inform you that it is not intended to dry dock the "Lazzaro Mocenigo" immediately, and this vessel will continue on its present service Civitavecchia - Olbia for a short time until docking facilities are available. This vessel suffered only minor damage in the mine explosion.

The situation at Civitavecchia is now normal and, after diverting ships and destroyers, all refugees in the camp had been embarked by the afternoon of 15 September. One of the ships sailed without a full complement.

Should the number of refugees increase in the near future, additional ships will be diverted to Civitavecchia to deal with any large influx of refugees, and every effort will be made to ensure that returning Sarlinians are not delayed at Civitavecchia.

The "Città di Alessandria" is at present in use bringing back Italian military personnel from France, and it is doubtful if the Allied Shipping Authorities would agree to this vessel being taken off her present service.

Yours very truly

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S/ E. S. Stone

ELLERY W. STONE,  
Rear Admiral, USNR  
Chief Commissioner.

Prof. Ferruccio Parri  
President Italian Council of Ministers,  
Italian Government,  
R o m e

Translation

The President of the Council of Ministers  
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*S. P.*  
*SWP*

*Econ SEC (2)*

Rome, 11 September 1945

Admiral Ellery W. Stone  
Chief of the Allied Commission

Rome

Dear Admiral,

(1) The motorboat 'Mocenigo', employed to transport passengers from Civitavecchia to Olbia, was damaged on September 8th by the explosion of a mine. To repair it will take about a month.

The situation of transports for Sardinia appears to be very serious, for an average of about 500 repatriated soldiers arrive everyday to Civitavecchia, and want to proceed to the island. Action must be taken to prevent an ever increasing number of people from gathering in a half destroyed town.

As a first step, the Navy Department destined the torpedo boat 'Ozambano' and the 'Ibis' for passenger transport, but such means only solve a small part of the problem. To dispose of another motor ship of sufficient capacity, it would be necessary to withdraw it temporarily from other lines which are already functioning with Sardinia and Sicily. I beg you, my dear Admiral, to ask for the motor-ship 'Citta' di Alessandria' to be handed back.

The transport service between the peninsula and Sardinia is most important, at the present time, not only from the economic point of view, but also from the social and political point of view, for hundreds of thousands of repatriated soldiers and refugees try to go back to their normal place of residence and work, and we must make every possible effort for the flowing of this mass to be regulated with the greatest care and discipline. I trust in your friendly comprehension for the requirements of our life, and hope you will see this request is kindly considered by the competent authorities.

Yours very truly,

s. Feruccio Parri

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General  
Refugee

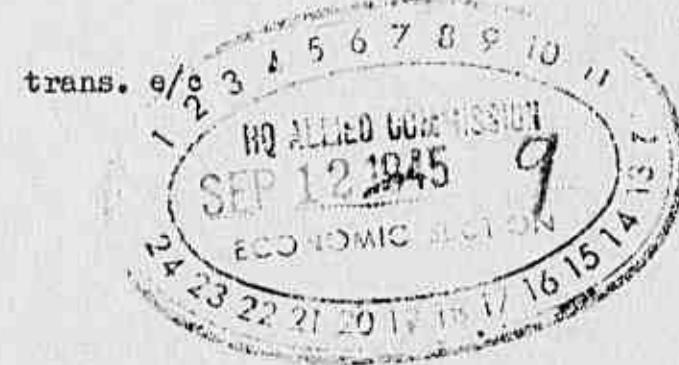
Migrants

Città di Alessandria

ECON SEC (2) - SWP 45

Action: Econ SEC (2)  
(IN SEC)

INFO: CHIEF COMM R  
EXEC COMM R  
NAVY S.C.





SEP 11 1940

Il Presidente  
della Commissione Ministrorum  
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Roma, 11 SET. 345

Sig. Ammiraglio W. Ellery Stone  
Capo della Commissione Alleata  
Via Veneto

Roma

Caro Ammiraglio,

la motonave "Mocenigo", addetto al traffico passeggeri Civitavecchia-Olbia, è stata danneggiata il giorno 8 settembre per lo scoppio di una mina. Essa dovrà perciò rimanere in riparazione per circa un mese.

La situazione dei trasporti per la Sardegna si presenta molto grave, perché a Civitavecchia affluiscono in media circa 500 reduci al giorno, che desiderano raggiungere l'isola. Si tratta di ovviare all'agglomeramento crescente di tanti uomini in una città semidistrutta.

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Il servizio dei trasporti tra la penisola e la Sardegna è di grande importanza non solo economica ma anche

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SIE. Ammiraglio W. Ellery Stone  
Capo della Commissione Alleata  
Via Veneto

Roma

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Il servizio dei trasporti tra la penisola e la Sardegna è cosa di grande importanza non solo economico ma anche sociale e politica in questo momento in cui centinaia di migliaia di reduci e di profughi cercano di ritornare alla normale residenza e al lavoro, e dobbiamo fare ogni sforzo perché il deflusso di queste masse sia regolato con la massima sollecitudine e disciplina. Sono sicuro che Lei,



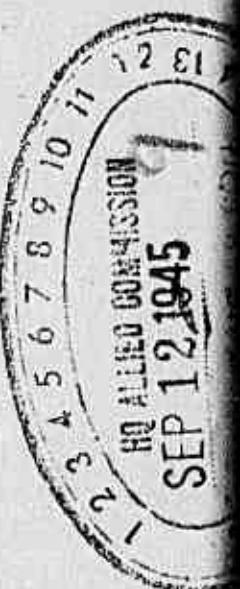
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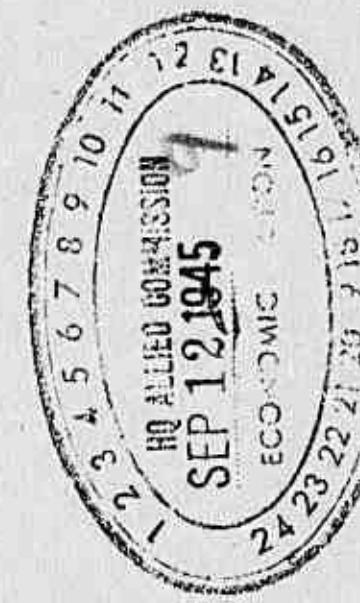
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION  
APO 394  
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

DPF/L/G-II (IT)

23 September 1945

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Refugees from Civitavecchia.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission  
(Attn. Col. Buchanan).

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4. It may be that the number 700 given by the Capitaneria was a fair estimate at the time, and that 570 of them may have departed later on their own. In any case, since the erroneous figure was reported by a body coming either directly or indirectly under your jurisdiction, i.e. the Capitaneria of the Regia Marina, we think you may prefer to take the matter up with them. We have already done so with the Ministero Assistenza Post Bellincs.

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C.B. FINDLAY,  
Colonel,  
Director.

W.W.T. Rome.

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AC/612/266/Tn.3

17 September 1945

S U B J E C T : Evacuation of refugees from Civitavecchia.

T O : Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Comm.

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if figures produced at Saturday's Meeting had been taken  
as authentic.

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P.D.G. BUCHENNE  
Colonel.

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## HIGH COMMISSIONER SARDINIA

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15 SEPT 45

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT MOVEMENT OF PASSENGERS FROM SARDINIA TO  
MAINLAND PD

PARSH TO HIGH COMMISSIONER SARDINIA FROM HQ ALGON CITY ACTIT PARSH  
OWING TO PRESENT DIFFICULTIES OF CONVEYING FARE PAYING PASSENGERS  
FROM CIVITAVOGGIA TO SARDINIA DUE TO LARGE INFILX OF REFUGEE WIMES  
ENDEAVOUR TO RESTRICT ALL ~~UNNECESSARY~~ MOVEMENT FROM SARDINIA TO THIS PORT  
~~UNNECESSARY~~ PD THERE IS NO CERTAINTY THAT RETURN PASSAGES TO SARDINIA  
CAN BE OBTAINED AND THERE WILL BE ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS  
ISSUED UNTIL SITUATION EASIER PD SUGGEST THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE  
PUBLISHED IN SARDINIA PRESS PD MOGENIGO IS EXPECTED TO DRY DOCK  
SHORTLY WHICH WILL MAKE SITUATION MORE DIFFICULT PD

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APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

AO/612/265/Tn.3

15 September 1945

SUBJECT : Normal civilian passenger Civitavecchia to Sardinia.

TO :

Direzione Generale Marfina Mercantile.

1. It is requested that arrangements be made for passengers who are not refugees or displaced persons and pay their own fares from Civitavecchia to Sardinia to obtain their tickets from the TIRRENIAN Line Office in Rome.
2. The date when tickets should no longer be issued in Civitavecchia should be agreed by MTR Representative and TIRRENIAN Office there.
3. The control of tickets in Rome will prevent an undue number of persons waiting in the port at a time when there are large number of refugees. It has been agreed that a minimum of 50 such tickets be issued for each voyage of the "Moennigo" and a proportionate number for any other passenger ships placed on this service. This total is to be increased when the number of refugees is reduced, and the number will be communicated to the TIRRENIAN Line in Rome by MTR Representative in Civitavecchia.
4. The TIRRENIAN Line should issue an immediate press notice to the Italian newspapers informing such prospective passengers that there is only a limited number of passages available for each voyage and the tickets will in future be issued in Rome and not in Civitavecchia.

For the Director :

*L.P. LaRanah*  
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 Major R.B. *LaRanah*

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 MTR(R) - Civitavecchia

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