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ALCOM TRANSPORTATION OFFICER VENICE

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OF THREE FEB PD REPORT PROGRESS MADE WITH MINESWEEPING PD

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: AC TPTN/PORTS/6/23

Date/Time of Origin: FEBRUARY 311600A

Message Centre No: G/8419

Date Time Rec'd: FEB. 010845A

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

FROM: ALCOM TRANSPORTATION OFFICER VENICE

TO : ALCOM CITE TRANSPORTATION ROME

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Subject- Channel Chioggia to Po De Levante. Clearance of Channel NV

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Message Centre No: **G/8222**
Date Time Rec'd: **JAN. 290830A**
Precedence: **IMMEDIATE**

Originator's Reference: **AC TPTN/PORTS/6/15**
Date/Time of Origin: **JAN. 281000**

FROM: **ALCOM TRANSPORTATION OFFICER VENICE**
TO : **HQ ALLIED COMMISSION ROME**

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Subject : Sweeping of channel Chtoggia to Porto Levante.
Still require 7 days fine weather to complete channel.

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copy to RCTO*

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REFERENCE YOUR LETTER WILLIAM SIX SEANT TWO SIX OF ONE ONE
JANUARY 20 REPORT SHIPPING CHANNEL CHIOSCIA PORTO
DEPARTED 20 REPORT IMMEDIATELY WERE SHIPPING COMPANIES
AND VESSELS OPEN FOR BARCK TRAFFIC 20

COPY TO : MINISTRY OF MARINE
MARINE & SHIP DIVISION

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TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING R/C

O.J. BROWN
CWO U.S.N.
ASST. ADJUTANT

BEST COPY POSSIBLE

Please return to
Maj L

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Jan. 11th, 1946

From : Alcom Port Liaison Officer, Venice.
To : H.Q. Allied Commission
Tn. Sub Commission
Port & Warehouse Division
Attn. Mr. Crooks.

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Sub : Sweeping of Channel from Chioggia - Porto Levante.

Herewith copy of letter from R.N.O., Venice referring to the above mentioned matter.

W. Evans. Lt.

Copy to:- Sub. Commission Shipping for Maj. Larriman.
PORT & WAREHOUSE OFFICER
TN. A.M.C. REG. XII.

Copies sent to
Brig Zellerbach 6/1/50. 18/1/50
Mr. Crooks already has copy
sent 18/1/50

Cpl Buchanan

I propose sending copies to
(1) Brig Zellerbach 6/1/50
(2) Pats & UH 6/1/50 - L.H.

C o p y .

From : Resident Naval Officer, Italian Liaison Officer, Venice, MF/68/LG
Date : January 8th, 1946
To : Port Liaison Officer, Venice.

Reference your verbal request I report the mine - dredging situation on the Route Chioggia - Porto Levante, intended to permit craft to navigate is as follows:

Chioggia.

Number of K mines reported to have been laid by the Germans is 24. 22 thereof have been exploded. The remaining two have not yet been found and it is doubtful, whether the information received was exact, as the numerous searches carried out for this purpose on the bottom have always proved negative as to the existence of these missing mines.

Route Chioggia - Porto Levante.

On the 9th of January sweeping by Italian minesweepers will be started. According to the information obtained it appears that no mines have been laid there by the Germans. Therefore sweeping is expected to be completed (weather permitting) in 5 or 6 days.

Porto Levante.

The K mines reported to have been laid by the Germans in this area have partly been exploded in order to open a way to the channel. The passage is marked by a couple of dan - buoys, which will be replaced as soon as possible by two permanent buoys. Therefore on the North and on the South of the passage the waters are still considered dangerous due to mines.

Marking buoys.

4 marking buoys are intended to be placed in the following position

- 1) at 1.5 miles from Porto Levante entrance.
- 2) at the Northward turning point.
- 3) at the turning point towards Chioggia. 4000
- 4) at the Chioggia harbour entrance.

Buoys and moorings are at present in Ancona and every effort is being made in order to ensure their removal to Venice during the first days of January but as some transport difficulties ~~will eventually~~ appear to arise, it will in any case be arranged to place some temporary marking taken from Arsenal.

The assistance of Allied Authorities will eventually be requested for this transportation.

Lieutenant Commander
sign. Manfredo Ferrari
R.N.O. Italian Liaison Off.

*I am notifying my marine
of this info.*

Porto Warehouse Div

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C IN C MED (R) A.P.H.Q. C IN C MED NAPLES

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U/C

H.Q. ALCOM HAS REQUESTED THAT IT BE EXPLAINED THEIR SIGNAL 9873 OF 3rd JANUARY TO A.P.H.Q., BEING PASSED TO C IN C MED (M) AND (N), WAS MADE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AND INCREASE RELIEF TONNAGE URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENT THROUGH VENICE, FOR WHICH PORT NO ALTERNATIVE IS FORESEEN, AS FULL CAPACITY OF TRIESTE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR MILITARY AND CIVIL IMPORTS, IN ADDITION TO VENICE FOR CIVIL IMPORTS. (2) MINISTRY OF MARINE HAS ALREADY AGREED TO CARRY OUT A CHECK-SWEEP AND ESTABLISH A CHANNEL FOR BARGE AND SCHOONER TRAFFIC BETWEEN CHIOGGIA AND PORTO LEVANTE. SINCE 3rd JANUARY FIFTH ITALIAN MINESWEEPING GROUP HAS BEEN STANDING BY FOR SUITABLE WEATHER TO START THIS OPERATION.

== 111047A JAN ...

DIST. 1-5,13,15,16,25. LOG. NSC, M.L.O. TN. AND SHIPPING S/C.
PORTS & WAREHOUSES DEVE. MINISTRY OF MARINE.
ECIO (FOR BRIG. VELLORES).

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REFERENCE YOUR ONE EIGHT SEVEN JANUARY PD MATTER ALREADY
SIGNED WITH CHARLIE IN CHARLIE'S HAND AND APRIL PD

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ROUTINE

TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING 3/3

G.J. LEONE

SGT U.S.A.

ASST. ADJUTANT

INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: 18
Date/Time of Origin: 071630A

Message Centre No: G/6965
Date Time Rec'd: JAN 081630A

Precedence: ROUTINE
FROM: ACTPT MILAN FOR HANCOCK SIGNED HARRIS FROM THE CHIEF LIAISON
OFFICER LOMBARDIA REGION
TO : ALCOM CITE FOR ACTPT

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Subject mine clear passage for Po traffic. Essential that passage for Po traffic be cleared earliest. Lines exist in great number and promises of clear passage never fulfilled. In view of considerable tonnages reaching Venezia for inland clearance imperative that pressurre be put on mine clearing authority to work fast.

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ACTION: TN S/C 2

INFO: CHIEF COMMISSIONER

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HEADQUARTERS

8 JAN 1946

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TRANSLATION

Rome 4 January 1946

No. 7995/D1.-

SUBJECT: Port of Civitavecchia.- Explosive
Devices not neutralized.

For your information and in regard to eventual further instructions which may be issued by Allied vessels calling at the Port of Civitavecchia, we enclose herewith a sketch showing the position of explosive devices lying on the bed of the Port and not yet neutralized.

In this respect, Maristat with Signal No. 48015 of 20 December 1945 has arranged that, pending the arrival of an expert for the neutralization of the cylindrical mines & aerial bombs, the Maritime Authorities do the needful to prevent Allied and national vessels dropping anchor in the proximity of the explosive devices in question.

The Captain of the Port of Civitavecchia has, in this sense, already given necessary instructions to the Corporation of Pilots of that Port.

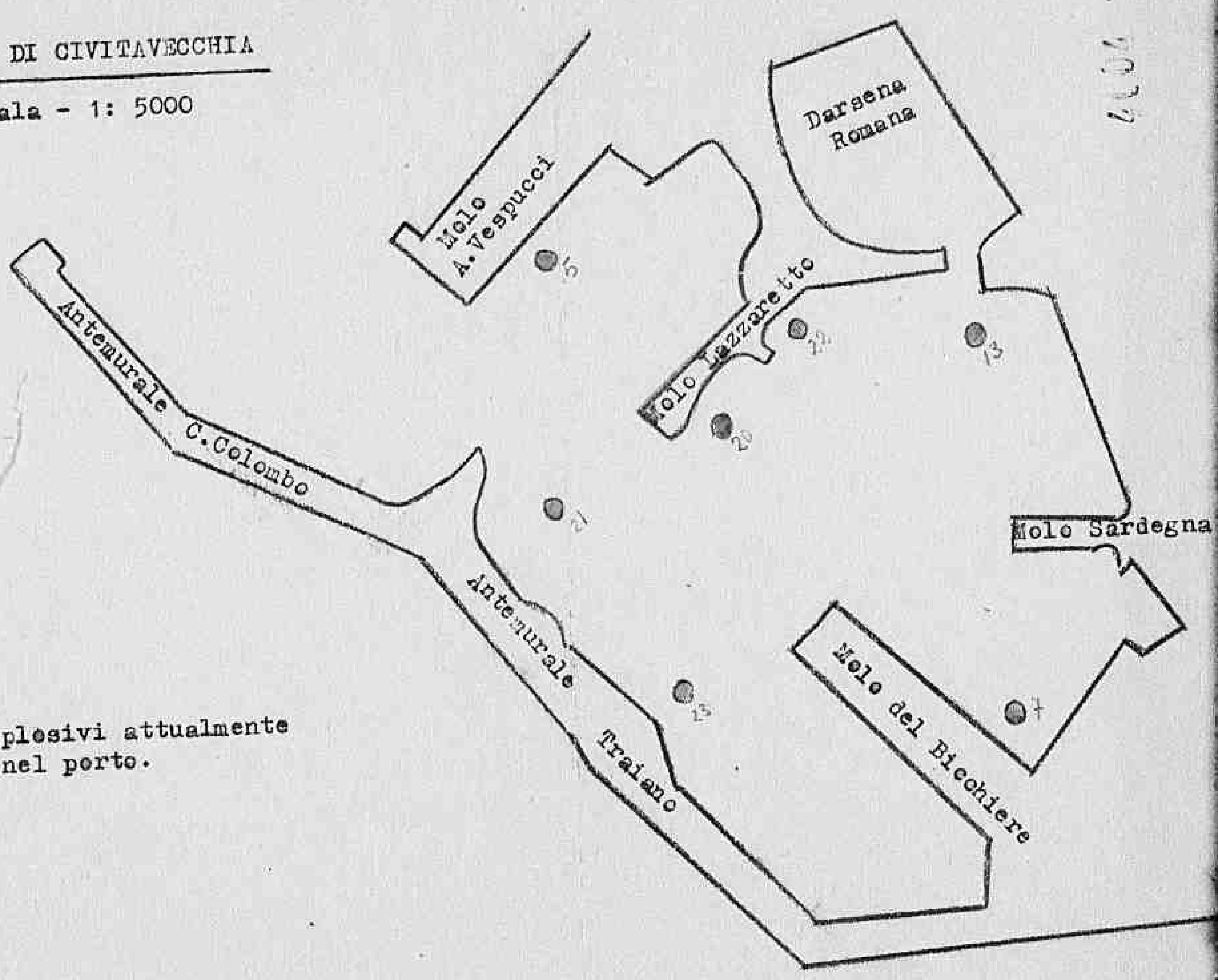
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PORTO DI CIVITAVECCHIA

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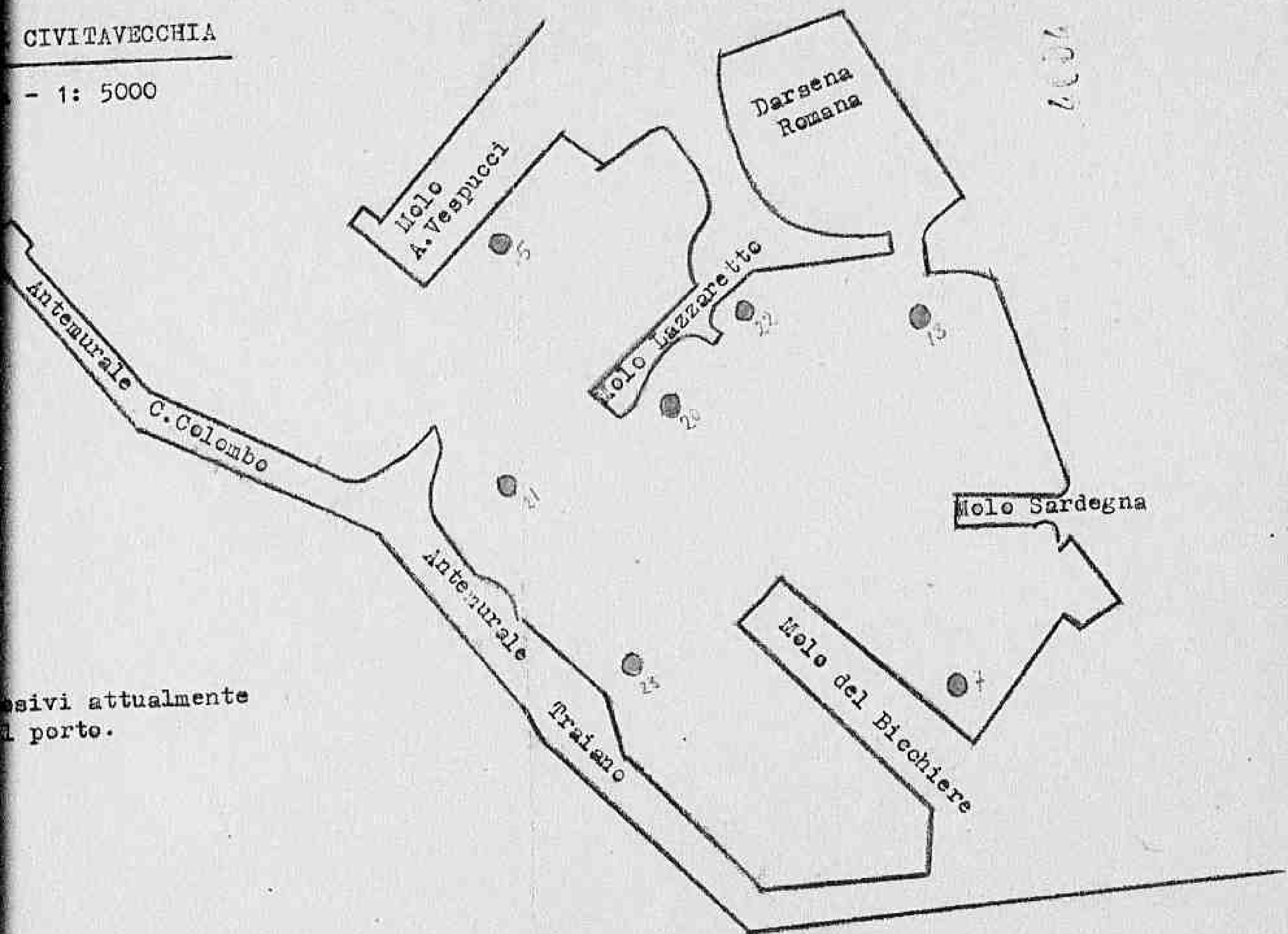


LEGGENDA:

● Ordigni esplosivi attualmente esistenti nel porto.

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ADVICE TO AMEMB

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ALONG PORT STATION OFFICER VARIOUS

See Folio 6.

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PARA ONE PD ALONG PORT STATION OFFICER VARIOUS HAS REQUESTED LETTER
FROM WHO VARIOUS FROM WHICH IT APPEARS THAT (2) FIFTH DIST DIVISION
GROUP HAS REQUESTED TO SWAMP OPEN SEA CHANNEL CHICAGO TO PORTA MARITIMA
BUT SO ITS GIVEN UNDER THAT QUOTE A LONG TIME UNQUOTE (2) BARY
ATTENDING HIGH INSHORE ARE BEEN PASSED BUT WERE NOW DISCONTINUED
AS DIVING CANNOT REMAIN UNDER WATER LONG DUE TO COLD PD
PARA TWO PD ONLY CANAL CONNECTING VARIOUS LAGOON PD TO SYSTEM IS
INTERFERED BY DESTRUCTION OF CAVALIERA D'ARIST LOREN OF GENTE HIGH
OF RIVER PD THESE WILL TAKE BARY ROUTES TO REPAIR PD TRANSMISSION
BEHIND THERE LOOKS BY ROAD IS NOT PRACTICABLE FOR BULK CARGO
THEREFORE ESSENTIAL THAT SEA ROUTE CHICAGO TO PD RI LAYERS BE REOPENED
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE PD EITHER INSHORE OR OPEN SEA ROUTE WILL SUPPLY PD
PARA THREE PD CAPACITY OF VARIOUS HAS WITHHELD FROM AGREEMENT OF BASIS
OF CLEANING ONE TANK ZERO ZERO PD ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO TONS PER DAY
DIRECT FROM SHIPSIDE BY MARCH OF RIVER TO PD IN VIEW OF INCREASED
DEMAND FOR USE OF VARIOUS BOTH FOR ITALY AND OTHER ADJACENT COUNTRIES
REQUEST GREAT IMPORTANCE OF EARLIEST REOPENING THIS ROUTE BE IMPROVED
ON MAY BEING VERY POOR ON WITH DATE CLEANING AND SIX NTC THEREOF PD
REPLY MUST INCLUDE DECISION AT CONFERENCE HOME ONE ZERO JANUARY PD

CC: Fall, MINISTRY OF MARINE AND NAVY
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G. J. LORAN
CNS USA
ASST. ADJUTANT.

Ref : PW 6/22 28 December 45.

To : TN Sub Commission
Operation Branch
P & W. Division
R o m e

From : Alcom Port Liaison Officer
Venice

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L. Evans. L.

Copy to: Mov. Division (Shipping Branch) at *Major J. L. Evans*
PORT & WAREHOUSE OFFICER
T.M. A.M.C. REG. MIL.

TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM MAJ. P. MORETTI
P.L.O. CIVITAVECCHIA - AT 2. A.M. 20 December 1945.-

20 December 1945

The U.N.R.R.A. S.S. "BACON" from Genoa struck two mines at 6.30 A.M. 19/12/1945.

Civitavecchia received signal from Malta and Naples with ship's position only at 10.30 A.M. on that day.

At time of explosion vessel was about 8 miles from the port of Civitavecchia, bearing 230°.

I, in company with the Deputy Capt. of the Port, immediately left Civitavecchia on board the tug "CARLO BRUNO" but owing to heavy seas, we returned to Civitavecchia at about 1.00 P.M. We left again on board the M/V "Pola" but the result of our search was negative.

It was then, in agreement with the W.S.A. Representative (Mr. Regan, who was in Civitavecchia at the time), decided to request assistance from the Air Force and at 3.30 P.M. lifeboats with personnel on board were sighted off Montalto di Castro. U.N.R.R.A. vehicles were immediately sent along the coast and it was possible to collect 42 persons and one body; only one member of the crew appears to be missing. The shipwrecked crew was sent to Rome to hospital and all are well.

The vessel is lying beached at Marina di Pescia (at 12 Km. north of Montalto) with fire on board.

As soon as weather will permit attempts will be made to save the cargo which is reported to be still in good condition.

Vessel had about 5000 tons cargo for discharge at Civitavecchia.

The Captain states that he struck 3 mines.

Major Laramian.

U. Filanti
20/12/45.

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*Return to Capt Toai**Galley call in*TV 20
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IMPORTANTREG TN OFFICER VENEZIE REGION SIGNED CORBY
ALCOM TPTSC ROME FOR LARAMAN

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Subject mine sweeping Chioggia to Po river.

1. Received wire from MARIO BIANCHI referring to ANNI being used to move coal and wheat arrivals Venice in December.
2. Commander notar BARTOLO Italian Navy advise they will have necessary sweeping gear by 6 December. Estimate 10 fine days required to sweep channel. Suggest at least 20 December before ready.
3. Notar BARTOLO suggest admiral ACORETTI of HQ Italian Navy Rome be urged to support this particular project.
4. Please advise Bianchi.

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ACTION : Tptn (2)
 INFO : Chief Commissioner
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HEADQUARTERS
1 DEC 1950*Capt Toai - Ref para 3.**Pl ask Mr Crooks if necessary support has been forthcoming from Navy etc.**L.H.*

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TO. FOIL (R) CINC MED (NAFILES), MWTR MED, TRANSPORTATION S.C.
MWTR ITALIAN AREA.

FROM. CINC MED.

Your 271124A. Approved subject to it being clearly understood that no (R) no responsibility is accepted by CINC MED for any mining casualties resulting from the Coastal sailings of un-degaussed Italian ships.

.... 290951A DEC.....

Ref. German ground mines in Port areas.

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TRANSLATION

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Division III

No. 16366

SUBJECT :- Sea transport - Demagnetizing equipment.

TO :- British Ministry of War Transport.

With reference to letter GAB/36/45, dated 16 November 1945, consultations are taking place between the "R. Marina Italiana" and the "Comando in Capo del Mediterraneo" for the supply of demagnetizing material.

The a/m material is available only in small quantities, enough to provide moving equipment to be transferred from one ships to another, as needed.

For this reason, it is impossible to equip all the ships indicated. Therefore said ships would remain idle for until demagnetizing equipment could be provided for them with bad consequence for the movement of goods supplies, so important at this particular time.

In consideration of this the "Ministero della Marina", heard the opinion of the A.C. Transportation S/C, believe it necessary to run the risk and have the Italian ships continue to sail until it will be possible to provide the equipment.

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for the Minister

Information Copy to : A.C. Transportation S/C

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Indirizzo telegrafico: MARIMERCANT

DIVISIONE: III

Protocollo N. 16366 / Allegati

Rec. 20 NOV 1945 1944

AL BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

R O M A

per conoscenza:

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA = SOTTOCOMMISSIONE
DEI TRASPORTI R O M A

Argomento: Trasporti marittimi - Impianti di smagnetizzazione. =

IND. UNIV. DORADIO - NAPOLI

Con riferimento alla lettera G.A.B./36/45 del 16 c.m. comunicato che trattative sono in corso fra la R. Marina Italiana e il Comando in Capo del Mediterraneo per l'approvvigionamento di materiali necessari per la smagnetizzazione.

I materiali suddetti e però previsto che siano in piccole quantità e tali da consentire solo impianti volanti da trasferire da una nave all'altra al momento del bisogno.

In queste condizioni non è quindi possibile provvedere immediatamente all'attrezzamento di tutti i piroscafi indicati. In conseguenza dette navi dovrebbero rimanere inutilizzate fino a che non sia possibile provvedere agli impianti di smagnetizzazione, ciò che porterebbe gravi conseguenze nel regime dei rifornimenti nazionali nell'attuale delicato momento.

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IL MINISTRO

Amalfino

Nella risposta citare oltre il numero di protocollo anche la Divisione.

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IL MINISTRO

P. Campese

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TO. CINC MED (R) CINC MED(NAPLES). MWTR MED. TRANSPORTATION S.C.
MWTR ITALIAN AREA.

FROM. FOIL.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ITALIAN MERCHANT VESSELS ENGAGED IN COASTAL TRAFFIC HAVE NOT GENERALLY BEEN GIVEN DEGAUSSING PROTECTION. TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING SUB-COMMISSION AT HQAC REQUEST PERMISSION TO CONTINUE ITALIAN COASTAL SAILINGS AS HERETOFORE, NOTWITHSTANDING YOUR 120934A, NOT TO MWTR MED OR MWTR ITALIAN AREA, AS IT IS DESIRABLE TO AVOID COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL AT PRESENT TIME OF ALL SHIPS NOT SO PROTECTED IN VIEW OF HEAVY SHIPMENT PROGRAMME, VITAL TO ITALIAN CIVIL ECONOMY.
(2) ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MARINE, TO WHOM DEGAUSSING RESPONSIBILITY IS BEING TRANSFERRED, HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT RISK INVOLVED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PROTECT ALL SHIPS.

271124A NOV

T/P P/L TOD 1425 P.R. 27/11.
DIST. 0.5.13.16.25. LOG. NSC(4). 3 copies to TRANSPORT S/C.
REF. German Ground Mines in Port Areas: 2 " " MWR ROME.

1 copy sent to

Informant

Uma Naples.

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28 Nov

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POLEM VAM FOGMA AIMED (R) POEL SENO CREECE PREMAR 3.
C IN C MED (NAPLES) ADMIRALTY

FROM.....C IN C MED

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IN PORTS AND WHERE GERMAN GROUND MINES HAVE BEEN LAID IT IS VERY RARELY POSSIBLE TO SAY THAT ANY AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED, THE BEST THAT CAN BE SAID IS THAT THE AREA HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY SWEEPED.

(2) EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT SOME MINES MAY BE DORMANT DURING THE PERIOD THE AREA IS SWEEPED AND COME TO LIFE SOME WEEKS OR MONTHS AFTER THE SWEEPING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SOME CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN CAUSED IN THIS WAY.

(3) THIS DANGER PERSISTS FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF 2 YEARS.

(4) PRESENT POLICY THEREFORE IS THAT SHIPS USING PORTS AND OTHER AREA WHERE GROUND MINES HAVE BEEN LAID DURING THE PAST 2 YEARS, MUST BE GIVEN PROTECTION BY DEGAUSSING, FOR SHIPS OF OVER 5,000 TONS BY COILING AND FOR SHIPS OF UNDER 5,000 TONS BY WIPING.

(5) THE DANGER AREAS AT PRESENT CONSIST OF (1) SOUTH COAST OF FRANCE (2) NORTHWEST COAST OF ITALY NORTH OF NAPLES.

(3) NORTHEAST COAST OF ITALY NORTH OF ANCONA AND INCLUDING THAT PORT. (4) PORTS OF SAVONA AND ALBANIA. (5) PORTS OF GREECE INCLUDING THE ISLANDS.

(6) IT IS REQUESTED THAT NO SHIP WITHOUT DEGAUSSING PROTECTION BE SAILED TO THESE AREAS AND ANY SHIP WITHOUT DEGAUSSING PROTECTION WHICH IS KNOWN TO BE ROUTED TO ONE OF THESE AREAS IS TO BE REPORTED.

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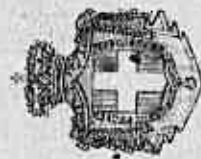
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Chief Clerk - which file is the 2995
going to?

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Ministero della Marina

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Divisione III
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BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR
TRANSPORT

e per conoscenza:

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COMMISSIONE ALLEATA-SOTTOCOM-
MISSIONE DEI TRASPORTI

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Divisione III
Prot. N. 2

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e per conoscenza: R O M A

.COMMISSIONE ALLEATA-SOTTOCOM=
MISSIONE DEI TRASPORTI
Risposta al foglio del
R O M A

OGGETTO Trasporti marittimi - Impianti di smagnetizzazione.

Con riferimento alla lettera G.A.B./36 del 16 c.m. comunico che trattative sono in corso fra la R. Marina Italiana e il Comando in Capo del Mediterraneo per l'approvvigionamento di materiali necessari per la smagnetizzazione.

I materiali suddetti è però previsto che siano in piccole quantità e tali da consentire solo impianti volanti da trasferire da una nave all'altra al momento del bisogno.

In queste condizioni non è quindi possibile provvedere immediatamente all'attrezzamento di tutti i piroscafi indicati. In conseguenza dette navi dovrebbero rimanere inutilizzate fino a che non sia possibile provvedere agli impianti di smagnetizzazione, ciò che porterebbe gravi conseguenze nel regime dei rifornimenti nazionali nell'attuale delicato momento.

In considerazione di ciò il Ministero della Marina, sentito anche il parere della A.C. (Transportation Sub-Commission) ritiene necessario affrontare l'eventuale rischio continuando a far navigare i piroscafi italiani sino a quando potrà essere provveduto ai necessari impianti.

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Rome, 16th November 1945

G.A.B./36/45

URGENTTo : Director General, Italian Merchant Marine.
(copy to COGENA - Rome)

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"VICIETTE" now at Venice to make two consecutive voyages with salt Barletta to Trieste.

"IMPERATORE" now at Venice to proceed Manfredonia to load cargo Bauxite for Porto Marghera.

"ANNA MARTINI" now at Genoa to load cargo salt Trapani Genoa.

"TUNISINO" to load cargo salt Trapani- Civitavecchia.

"PALLADE" to load Barletta cargo salt for discharge Venice.

"RUBICONE" (7000 tons) left Genoa for Portiglione load cargo pyrites for discharge Genoa.

"GAETA" now at Piombino 8000 tons.

"SFINGE" (7000 tons) to load Sfax for discharge at Piombino and Salerno.

In addition to the above, no doubt you will look at your records to ensure whether any of these vessels are without degaussing protection.

It is very important that you arrange without delay for degaussing protection for any ship known to be without it which is likely to trade in these waters, and you should also report any such ships which are at present actually en route to any one of these areas.

Sgd. G.A. Bell

G.A. BELL
M.W.T.R. Italian Area

MEMORANDUM

Phone message from ACIO Ancona received 1745 hrs; 23 Nov.

US tanker CEDAR MILLS loaded 5000 tons fuel oil leaving Ancona for Bari Nov struck floating mine 600 yds from shore - seriously damaged.

10 missing, 3 seriously, 14 slightly injured.

S.N. WHITE Lt Col,
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