

Wine Shipments Vol III of 3

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 34
Transportation and Shipping Sub-Commission

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Our Ref :- AO/660/187/Tn.3.

8 February 1946

SUBJECT :- Delay to "Tunisino" at Brindisi.

TO :- COGEMA
Via dei Gestari 3 Rome.

1. Food Sub-Commission were asked to investigate the reason for a delay of 3 days (9-10-11 January) to the "Tunisino" when loading wine in Brindisi.
2. Also Commissariato dell'Alimentazione report that the delay was occasioned by unloading operations as it was suspected efforts had been made to load barrels of olive oil in this vessel without the knowledge of the port authorities. Eventually 4 barrels of oil were discovered. The unloading took place with the approval of the Capitano di Porto.
3. In view of the shortage of shipping, it is felt that it would have saved a wastage of shipping if the port of discharge had been warned and arrangements made to confiscate the oil.

For the Director :-

E.P. LARAHAN
E.P. LARAHAN
Major R.E.

Copy to :- UEA HOME 3 Committee)
Naples.

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TEL. 478420

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission

5 February 1946.

51-7/FA

SUBJECT : Transportation of citrus fruit and wine by sea.

TO : HQ. A.C. Tn. & Shipping S/C (Attn. Maj. LARAMAN)

1. Refer to our ^{Feb 10, 1946} letter to the Alto Commissariato dell'Alimentazione reference 51-7/FA dated 14th January (copy to you) complaining about the failure to load to capacity the SS Langano and complaining of the delay caused when the SS Tunisino was unloaded to sort out some barrels of oil that were mixed with the cargo of wine.

2. Enclosed is copy of reply from the Alto Commissariato, reference ANR/V/662 dated 29th January. Please note that the Tunisino was unloaded in agreement with the port authorities.

9-10-11
Jan
Borden

W. J. LEGG
Director

Enclosures

Copy of reply from Alto Commissario.
ref : ANR/V/662 dated 29th January.

Very approximately
3 days were lost
for unloading the
mixed cargo.

In Palermo
Can I have details of
time lost in unloading
4 barrels of oil

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Alto Commissariato dell'Alimentazione

Prot : ANR/V/662

Rome 29 January 1946.

TO : A.C. Food & AGRI.S/C.

Reply to : 14-1-1946. Ref.51-7/FA.

SUBJECT : Sea transportation of wine & Citrus fruit.

1. We reply to your letter 51-7/FA dated 14 instant.
2. The Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture in Palermo phoned assuring us the SS Langano was loaded to capacity with citrus. However we have requested a detailed report on the matter which we will send you upon reception thereof.
3. The SS Tunisino was partially unloaded at Brindisi in agreement with the Port and Legal Authorities in order to ascertain how many barrels of oil had been clandestinely loaded on board.
4. Although only four barrels of oil were found, the quantity however could have been much greater and our intervention and that of the local authorities is indispensable in such cases.
5. Reloading operations proceeded rapidly and a part of the time lost was recuperated.
6. We have issued instructions that henceforth all wine be checked before being furthered to the loading port.

THE ALTO COMMISSARIATO

Subject:- Délay in loading wine at Gallipoli.

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Senior Tn. Officer, A.C., BARI,
Tel.: 12519,
Ref.: S/6/2593.

29 November 1945.

To: Col. P.D.G. Buchanan,
Transportation Sub-Commission,
H.Q. Allied Commission,
Rome.

1. Reference your AC/660/170/Tn 3 dated 27 October 45 to Food Sub-Commission, information copy to this Office.
2. Delay in loading wine on the "IMPERATORE" is attributed to the following factors:-
 - (a) Reluctance on the part of shippers to load.
 - (b) Failure on the part of ISR to provide wagons in time for loading. (Notations have been made on Forms XB already forwarded to HQ. A.C.).
3. Appropriate action has been taken with SEPRAL regarding Para 2, sub-para (a), also with ISR regarding Para 2, sub-para (b) to avoid recurrences.

Stanley P. France
STANLEY P. FRANCE
Senior Tn. Officer,
Allied Commission,
Bari.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission

51-7/FOOD

20 November 1945.

SUBJECT : Shipment of wine on the SS Rubicone & SS S.Chlara.

TO : HQ. A.C. Tn. & Shipping S/C. (Attn. Maj. Laraman)

1. Enclosed are translation of two letters reference ANR/V/3012 dated 7th November and ANR/V/4172 dated 7th November from the Ministry of Food concerning the SS Rubicone & S.Chlara.

2. The above letters throw some light on the causes of the slow loading of the ships concerned and are sent to you for your information.

J. M. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT,
Director

Enclosures

Two translations of letters.

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Translation

KJC/ig

Ministero dell'Alimentazione

Uff. : Trasporti

Roma 7 Nov. 1945.

Prot. : N.ANR/V/3012

TO : A.C. FOOD S/C.
A.C.Tn. & Shipping S/C.

SUBJECT : Sea shipment non-rationed foodstuffs, "SS Rubicone"
from Brindisi to Genova.

1. Further to our letter No. A/VII/3012 dated 7/9/45 in
reply to your letter No. 51-7/115/Food dated 27/8/45.

2. The SS Rubicone arrived at Brindisi on the 3/10/45 ;
on the 5/10/45 it began loading and completed loading on the 17/
10/45.

3. The steamer sailed for Genova on the 18/10/45.

4. Total gross tonnage was 3228,618 and net tonnage was
2784,123.

5. On enclosure you will find a detailed plan of loading
at completion.

6. As wine was never lacking on the quay, the slowness in
loading cannot be attributed to this but to several other factors a-
mongst which the following are the most important :

- a. Uncertainty of the loading firms on account of the wine
block ordered by the Provincia of Brindisi; but not by
the Provincia of Lecce.
- b. Uncertainty about the arrival of the steamer which was
due on the 5th of September and arrived on the 3rd of
October.
- c. Scarce availability of port workers as the Stevedore Co.
was engaged at the same time in unloading several other
vessels.
- d. Whereas during the first days the average ascillated a-
round 400 tons per day, during the following days the
average decreased owing to increasing difficulties in
the arrangement of the barrels on the upper tiers ;
this arises chiefly from the greater attention required
in loading in order to avoid damage to the barrels and
hence losses in wine.

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...Anyhow the slight delay in loading was not due to lack of wine on the quay.

7. The load you advised us of, amounting roughly to 4500 tons was afterwards reduced to about 3200 tons.

This reduction was signalled by phone by the Co.Ge.Na. of Brindisi to the local Sepral, which received due confirmation also from the Co.Ge.Na. of Naples by a letter dated 15/10/45 which is herewith enclosed.

IL MINISTERO
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TRANSLATION

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Ministero dell'Alimentazione

Uff. : Trasporti

Rome 7 Nov. 1945.

Prot. : No. ANR/V/4172

TO: A.C. Food S/C.
A.C. Tn. & Shipping S/C.

SUBJECT : Sea shipment non-rationed foodstuffs, "SS Santa Chiara" from Brindisi to Venezia.

1. Your letter n. 51-7/121/Food dated 2/10/45 to hand.
2. The SS Santa Chiara arrived in Brindisi on the 8/10/45 with a load of pyrites, discharge of which began on the 10/10/45 and finished on the 13/10/45.
3. The loading of wine began on 14/10/45 and finished on the 24/10/45.
4. The total gross tonnage was 1206.640 and net tonnage was 1064.445.
5. On the enclosure you will find the plan in detail of loading at completion.
6. The steamer sailed for Venice on the 25/10/45.
7. Loading operations proceeded rather slowly owing to several factors, the main ones being the following :
 - a. The special shape of the steamer's holds which do not afford quick working space, although it allows the wine to be arranged on a larger number of tiers and therefore a higher tonnage can be loaded.
 - b. The limited number of hatchways.
 - c. The scarcity of available workers, as the Stevedore Company of the port was engaged at the same time in the loading of numerous other vessels.
 - d. The perfect storage of the merchandise, which if it delayed the loading operations, it will guarantee a smaller loss in wine.

12 days.

= 12 oblongs

average

120 tps

IL MINISTERO

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Ext. 466

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Food & Agriculture Sub-Commission

19 November 1945.

51-7/ FA

SUBJECT : Wine

TO : HQ. A.C. Tn. & Shipping S/C., (Attn. Maj. Laraman)

1. Please refer to our letter 51-7/90/Food dated 14th November advising you that 1500 tons of wine is ready at Siracusa for shipment to Genova.

2. The Ministry of Food has advised us that Venice may be substituted for Genova as the unloading port for the above wine.

J. H. Merritt
JAMES M. MERRITT,
Director

Distribution

Ministry of Food,
(Attn. Sig. Muretto)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission

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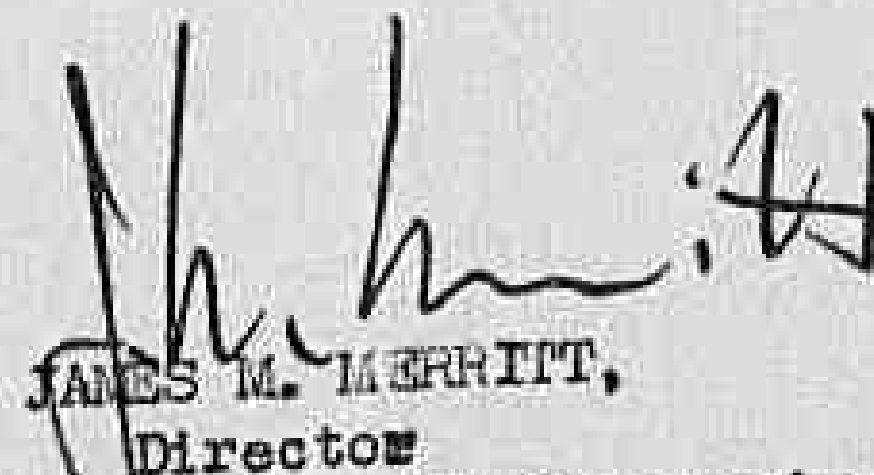
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14th November 1945.

TEL : 466
REF : 51-7/ 90 /Food
SUBJECT : Wine
TO : HQ.A.C.Tn.& Shipping S/C.

1. We have been advised by the Ministry of Food that 1500 tons of wine is ready at Siracusa for shipment to Genova.

2. Will you please see that shipping is made available for the above as soon as possible. Please advise us the name of the ship and E.T.A. when nominated.


JAMES M. MERRITT,
Director

Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission

Copy for infor.to:

Ministry of Food. (Attn.Sig.Muretto)

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission

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9th November 1945.

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TEL : 466
REF : 51-7/81 /Food
SUBJECT : Wine
TO : HQ. A.C. Tn.S/C. (Attn.Maj.Laraman)
A.C.Liaison Bari. (Attn.Mr.France)

1. Enclosed is report of Sig.Lironcurti on the wine markets of Apulia which he prepared in October after his visit to that area.

2. Some of the factors mentioned in the attached report have been remedied (we hope). For example, the provision that 50 % of the wine shipped by sea be put at the disposition of the receiving Seprels at the price of 22 liras C.I.F. receiving port has been replaced by new provisions more favorable to the shippers.

3. The attached report is sent to you for your information only.

K. J. Lironcurti

JAMES M. MERRITT,
Director
Food and Agriculture Sub-Commission

Return to Maj L

REPORT ON WINE MARKETS IN APULIA

REPORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

The wine markets of Apulia have lately presented and continue presenting at the present moment, aspects of particular abnormality which have already brought about a considerable increase in prices; such a high increase that it finds no justification in the technical and economical situation of the markets themselves.

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An objective examination of the facts, as they have developed would bring to light such elements as would present sufficient explanations on the above mentioned abnormal nature.

Speculators - Rumours are persistently circulating about commercial and industrial groups in the North - which since the period preceding the beginning of the 1945 - 1946 campaign had monopolized large quantities of wine, subtracting it from normal consumption and had guaranteed for their own use, by means of very high rents, the greater part of the wine - producing factories and depot cellars, thus creating premises for an eventual manoeuvre and control of the market.

As soon as the grape harvest began, the groups began to buy up large quantities of grapes bringing about an immediate increase and favouring moreover the speculative psychology of the local agricultural and commercial circles.

Thus at the beginning of the campaign the prices which, according to quality ranged between 700 and 1000 liras a quintal, began a rapid ascent which raised them up to 1500, then to 2000 liras, and so on, stabilizing around the 4000 quota with occasional thrusts up to 5000 liras.

The reasons for the speculative manoeuvre may be inferred from the following considerations:

1. Necessity for strong capital investments - rumours state milliards - for the purpose of investment in goods, even of consumption, as the result of a particular psychosis caused by the fear of a strong monetary devaluation.
2. Prospect of an eventual opening of foreign consumption markets in the near future which would permit not only the possibility of considerable wine exports at good prices, but also and above all the possibility of trying to guarantee themselves an availability of foreign currency or at least to make an exchange with merchandise.
3. Necessity above all, for those industrial groups that before the war had the most important supply market in Apulia, to guarantee for themselves once more the technical preponderance of the market itself, even at the cost of eventually suffering losses at the outset.

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At this point attention is called to the fact that the drought has not caused the damage that had been foreseen as the wine -grape harvest is not too small compared with previous years and it is estimated that the olive -tree, that for the biennial cycle should have rendered a low fruit percentage, can render a harvest not very much inferior to last year's harvest.

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The result of this manoeuvre is the strong resistance against exporting at agreed prices, so that most of the merchants don't honour their engagements towards purchasers. To this the following considerations must be added:

1. The terms laid down by the Minister in circular N.57 (50% wine block at 22 liras c.i.f. in favour of the receiving Seprels) reduce still further the possibilities of shipment, because even in those few cases in which merchants have already purchased wine a long time before, with view to sell at higher prices caused by the increase, they prefer to lose the miserable deposit guarantee fund (1.10 liras per liter) and refuse to load.

It is to be remarked that the requests, in derogation from Ministerial dispositions, are not placed by the merchants when they are in possession of the wine but, in most cases, also by those that promise to purchase it at the moment of arrival of the steamer.

2. The prefects, in their turn, after insistent requests coming from working organizations, have begun to set up blocks on exportation and stocks, and the producers have at once reacted by increasing their resistance against fulfilling their engagements towards the purchasers, stating that if 50% of the wine is blocked in favour of the receiving Seprels at the price of 22 liras c.i.f., and if another percentage of the wine is blocked in favour of the shipping Seprels, the remaining quantity is insufficient to compensate the diminished profit. Note that such facts were taking place during the time in which the present report was being compiled, but have now ceased to exist after the intervention of the Minister Sig.Mole'.

3. Slowness in arrival of steamers in port, a fact that may not be a determining factor in the present situation, however it cannot but bring influence on the loaders justification relative to the very high risks of shrinkage, theft etc., that take place on the quay.

These are the problems; the solution appears very difficult, so much so as the exporters easily succeed in derogating from Ministerial dispositions, taking recourse to schooners that have obtained voyages on behalf of owners who traffic on their own account, or recourse to lorries coming mostly from the North, that, notwithstanding ENAC regulations, transport anything they wish, naturally with black market fuel.

Free voyages

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In order to avoid this, it is necessary:
a) to give the Seprels and the provincial Ispettorati specific orders to practice strict control thereon using personnel dislocated in ports of major traffic and by operating with the customs house, port authorities and the agencies of the "Co. Ge. Na."

This personnel should be chosen honest and well paid, in order to resist any temptation coming from the loaders, who on account of the high profits, can offer high sums of money.

As to the duty houses, port authorities and the Co. Ge. Na. the competent Ministries should issue necessary specific instructions.

b) To suspend temporarily the wine traffic, based on an imaginary lack of availability of vessels and rail cars, a tactic which could be very efficacious on the exporters, by causing such a heaviness on the internal market that they would soon realize that it is preferable to be content with lower prices.

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Tel. 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AC/660/171/Tn.3

29 October 1945

SUBJECT : Shipment of Wine.

TO : Food Sub-Comm.

1. Reference AC/660/166/Tn.3 para 3 dated 22 October and conversation to day (Haydon-Laxman spoke).
2. It is noted that shipment of wine from Sicily will continue by schooners when the bidder conforms to normal price levels imposed by Ministry of Food.
3. Itmare (Cogena) have been informed and schooner allocations will continue on this basis.

For the Director :

H. Laxman
H.P. LAXMAN
Major, R.E.

copy to : MWT(R) Naples for USA Zone 3 Committee
Itmare (Co-Ge-Na), 3 Via Cestari - Roma
(Attn. Lt. Marena)

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Tele : Ext. 318

AC/660/170/Tn.3.

SUBJECT : Delay in loading wine at Gallipoli

TO : Food Sub-Commission

27 October 1945

1. Reference our signal 6719 of 8 October notifying the allocation of 'Imperatore' to load wine in Gallipoli for Venice.
2. This signal gave ample notice to all concerned and the expected arrival date as 15 October. Eventually, after a delay, the vessel arrived on 21 October.
3. Two days - 22 and 23 October - were wasted in waiting cargo and on 24 October and 25 October 70 tons and 60 tons respectively were loaded.
4. The arrangements made some time ago for cargoes to be assured and available on the quay are not working satisfactorily. You are requested to investigate the reasons for this delay and wastage of shipping. Senior Transportation Officer AG, Bari is also to forward information to this HQ.
5. It appears that this is a repetition of the many instances recently of delays to ships loading wine, due to reluctance of producers to sell and the Ministry of Food should be informed. In future a confirmation in writing from Ministry of Food that cargoes are waiting in port will be insisted upon before allocation of ships for wine will be considered.

For the Director

P. D. G. Suchman

P. D. G. SUCHMAN,

Colonel

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Copy to : Senior Transportation Officer AG, Bari

1. Reference our signal 6719 of 8 October notifying the allocation of 'superators' to load wine in Gellipoli for Venice.
2. This signal gave ample notice to all concerned and the expected arrival date as 15 October. Eventually, after a delay, the vessel arrived on 21 October.
3. Two days - 22 and 23 October - were wasted in waiting cargo and on 24 October and 25 October 70 tons and 60 tons respectively were loaded.
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For the Director

P. A. Buchanan

P. A. BUCHANAN,

Colonel

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Copy to : Senior Transportation Officer AG. Bari
(Attn. Mr. France)
Ministry of Marine
(Attn. Gen. Matteini)
H.M.T. (R) Naples for Zone 3 Committee H.M.A.

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AS FOR LONG THREE COMMITTEE ALONG PLO BARI HIGH COMMISSIONER
SARINIA (ACTION) HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY ALONG PLO GENOA
7557 23 OCT 49 PRIORITY
CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES :- ALONG MILAN FOR FISKE CIRCUMARE PLOMBINO
(INFO)

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PARA ONE PD OWING TO PRICE DISPUTE ALL WINE LOADINGS^{EX} SICILY ARE
CANCELLED PD

PARA TWO PD REFER MY SIGNAL SIX NINE THREE SEVEN CMA ONE ONE OCTOBER PD
HIGH COMMISSIONER SARINIA FOR ACTION TO HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY
TO ALONG PLO GENOA TO ALONG MILAN FOR FISKE TO CIRCUMARE PLOMBINO FOR
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TO CAPACITY ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO SOLAR SALT FOR INDUSTRY FOR DISCHARGE
VENICE PD ACCOUNT MONOPOLI DELLO STATO

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AS FOLLOWS PD

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LOAD TO CAPACITY APPROX TWO ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS FOOD SALT FOR
DISCHARGE GENOA PD ACCOUNT MONOPOLI DELLO STATO PD

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FOR GENOA AS IN PARA FIVE PD ACCOUNT ENRICO CONTI VECCHI PD

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PARA SEVEN PD ITU SEA CAGLIARI FRO FIVE OCTOBER WILL LOAD TO CAPACE
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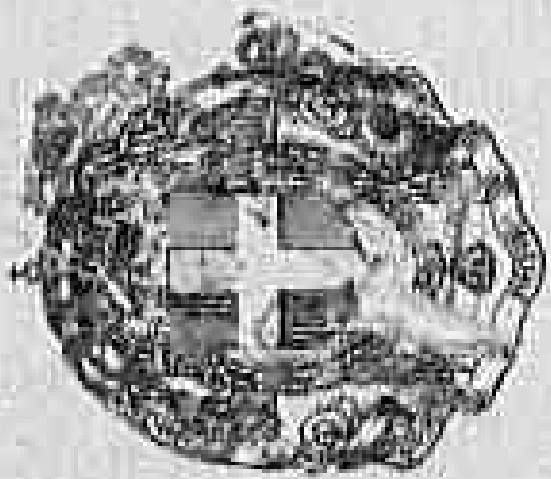
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CWO USA
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Ministero dell'Agricoltura e delle Foreste

SECRETARIATO GENERALE DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE

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20 OTT 1945

TELEGRAMMA A MANO

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALIMENTAZIONE - ROMA
ET CONOSCENZA : COMMISSIONE ALLEATA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE TRASPORTI
SEZIONE MARITTIMA - ROMA

ANR/V/4565/b ALIMENTAZIONE (.) QUESTO MINISTERO EST SPIACENTE
NOTIFICARE RINUNCIA VAPORE SAPPACHIAA DESTINATO CARICARE RIPO-
STO VERSO VENTISEI OTTOBRE PER GENOVA CON TONN MILLECINQUECENTO
VINO COMUNE (.) RINUNCIA EST CONSEGUENTE RIFIUTO COMMERCIALI
CATANESI SOTTOSTARE AT ATTUALE DISCIPLINA CHE VINCOLA CINQUANTA
PROCENTO AT LIRE VENTIDUE CIP GENOVA (.) COMMERCIALI HANNO RI-
CHIESTO LIRE SESSANTACINQUE LITRO CIP GENOVA (.) PROMINISTRO ALI-
MENTAZIONE DENIAREI

[Signature]

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Catania
Santa Chiara - Cancelli - West Genova - Genova - Rapallo - Genova
Livorno - 1000

TELEGRAMMA A MANO

20 OCT 1945

COMMISSIONE ALLEATA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE ALIMENTAZIONE - ROMA
ET CONOSCENZA : COMMISSIONE ALLEATA SOTTOCOMMISSIONE TRASPORTI
SEZIONE MARITTIMA - ROMA

ANR/V/4565/6 ALIMENTAZIONE (.) QUESTO MINISTRO EST SPIACENTE
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STO VERSO VENTISEI OTTOBRE PER GENOVA CON TONN MILLECINQUECENTO
VINO COMUNE (.) RINUNCIA EST CONSEGUENTE RIFIUTO COMMERCianti
CATANESI SOTTOSTARE AT ATTUALE DISCIPLINA CHE VINCOLA CINQUANTRA
PERCENTO AT LIRE VENTIDUE CIF GENOVA (.) COMMERCianti HANNO RI-
CHIESTO LIRE SESSANTACINQUE LITRO CIF GENOVA (.) PROMINISTRO ALLI
MENTAZIONE DEMARZI

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<u>Locust</u>			
<u>Santa Chiara</u>	<u>Canceled</u>	1000	Report Genoa
<u>Pisano</u>	(")	✓ 1000	Oct 20th Port
<u>Schooner</u>			Trapani Genoa
<u>14th</u>	(")	1500	Spa Genoa

Schooner. Oct. no further allocations
Nov 7000 tons - no allocations - 3 sublets any
and further notice

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

KJC/ig

20th October 1945.

TEL : 466
REF : 51-7/2/FOOD
SUBJECT : Request cancel Santa Chiara assignment.
TO : A.C. Tn S/C. (Attn.Maj.Laraman)

1. Confirming conversation (Maj.Laraman - Bernardi) on 19th October the Ministry of Food requests that the assignment of the SS Santa Chiara to transport wine from Riposto to Genova, be cancelled.

2. The reason given by the Ministry of Food is that loaders refuse to load at twenty two liras c.i.f. owing to their own agreement with the Chamber of Commerce in Sicily to ship their wine at 65 lira per liter.

3. The question of future shipment is being taken up by the Ministry of Food.


FRANK E. TOSCANI
Lt.Col.F.A.
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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MECHANISMS ALLIED COMMISSION

22/11

AC/630/146/Tn3

October 1945

shipment of wine.

Food Safety Commission

1. Reference to Signal AHR/V/4555/5 received from Ministry of Food.

2. Owing to the dispute over price with the Sicilian wine producers, please note the allocations of the following vessels have been cancelled:

(a) "Santa Chiara": 1500 tons of common wine from Ni-
vosto to Genoa. This HQ signal No. 5937 dated 11 October refers.

(b) "Miseno": 1000 Tons of common wine from Trapani to Genoa. This HQ signal No. 7373 dated 19 October refers.

(c) "Ituri" 1500 tons of common wine from Syracuse to Genoa. This HQ signal No. 7373 dated 19 October refers. These 3 vessels will be allocated for alternative cargoes.

3. As regards movement of wine by schooners, no further schooners will be allocated to lift wine (common or special grade) from Sicily against bids made for Cutcher. Similarly no action will be taken with regard to the following bids made for common wine for the month of November, pending a settlement of the present disagreement upon price:

Sicily-	Pioforno	1700
"	Givita-	1800
"	vecchia	3000
"	Naples	

0.000%

...the Director:

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2. Owing to the dispute over price with the Sicilian wine producers, please note the allocations of the following vessels have been cancelled:

(a) "Santa Chiara": 1500 tons of common wine from Ri-posto to Genoa. This HQ signal No. 6937 dated 11 October refers.

(b) "Eiseno": 1000 Tons of common wine from Trapani to Genoa. This HQ signal No. 7373 dated 13 October refers.

(c) "Vitu": 1500 tons of common wine from Syracuse to Genoa. This HQ signal No. 7373 dated 13 October refers. These 3 vessels will be allocated for alternative cargoes.

3. As regards movement of wine by schooners, no further schooners will be allocated to lift wine (common or special grade) from Sicily against bids made for October. Similarly no action will be taken with regard to the following bids made for common wine for the month of November, pending a settlement of the present disagreement upon price:-

Sicily- Pionbino	1700
" Civita-	2500
vechia	
" Naples	3000
	<u>7000</u>

For the Director:

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L. Mancini
M. J. MANCINI
Major R.E.

Copy to: MTF (R) Naples for UMA tone
3 Committee, Naples.
Ministro della Marina
Itmare (Cogens)
3 Via Cestari, Roma
Attn. Lt. Marena

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ALCOM BARI ALCOM PLO BRINDISI (ACTION) ALCOM PLO GENOA
ALCOM MILAN FOR FISKE MWTR NAPLES FOR ZONE 3. COMMITTEE (INFO)

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FOR ZONE THREE COMMITTEE FOR INFO. FROM HQ ALCOM SITE ACTET PAREN

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

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A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB COMMISSION

11th October 1945.

TEL : 466
REF : 51-7/58/FOOD
SUBJECT : SS Motia
TO : HQ. A.C. Transportation Sub-Commission

1. Attached is translation of letter reference ANR/V/3918 dated 5th October for Ministry of Food giving the explanation for the poor record in loading the SS Motia.

2. You will note that the speculative situation in the wine market caused certain merchants scheduled for loading to forfeit their deposits rather than make their shipments. The Ministry state that adequate action will be taken against the merchants concerned.

3. There is no doubt but that the Ministry is faced with a very difficult situation in the wine market but we are convinced that the Ministry is doing what it can to secure the efficient use of shipping.

10.10.45
FRANK E. TOSCANI

Lt.Col.F.A.

Director, Food Sub-Commission

5th October 1945.

TRANSLATION

From: MINISTERO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE
SERVIZIO TRASPORTI

to :A.C. FOOD S/C

SUBJECT : Steamer "Matia" from Gallipoli to Civitevechia.

1. We reply to your letters N.51-7/87 and N. 51-7/38.
2. the considerable delay verified during loading operations of the above mentioned ship, may be attributed to the present wine market in situation.
3. This steamer had to be loaded by merchants who had bound themselves before hand by precise engagements to the Sepral in Rome to which ~~XX~~ they had to consign the wine at 21 liras - CIF Civitavecchia.
4. A great majority of these merchants, in consequence of the great increase in price of wine, preferred to lose the deposit left with the above mentioned Sepral.
5. The interventions of this Ministry has been of no purpose in convincing all the exporters interested in loading the "Matia". As to those who did not honour their engagements adequate steps will be taken against them.
6. Herewith please find, for your information, a list of loaders signalled to Bari and Lecce by phone on the 30th August and by letter on the 4th September ult.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
FOOD SUB-COMMISSION

KJC/1g

9th Oct. 1945.

TEL : 466
REF : 51-7/45 / FOOD
SUBJECT : sea shipment of wine
TO : HQ. A.C. Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn. Capt. Sweet)

1. Confirming telephone conversation 8th October
we have been advised by the Ministry of Food that about 1500
tons of wine is ready at Riposto for shipment to Genova or
Savona.

2. Please make shipping available as soon as possible.

Santa Chiara
about Oct 28/45

K. J. ...

FRANK E. TOSCANI
Lt. Col. F.A.
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Copy for infor. to:
Ministry of Food
(Attn. Dott. Muretto)

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 NAPLES FOR ZONE 3 COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOM/CITE ACTET PAREN

IMPERATORS WILL NOW LOAD TO CAPACITY APPROX ONE EIGHT ZERO

ZERO TONS WINE AT GALLIPOLI ETA ONE FIVE OCTOBER FOR

DISCHARGE VENEZIA PD ACCOUNT SEPRAE PD

Copy to : Food SC
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 CWO. U.S.A.
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TRANSLATION

EXTRACT FROM "IL POPOLIO" DATED 7th OCTOBER 1945.

WINE SCANDAL

The economy of Apulia completely deranged by a manoeuvre of a gang of speculators from the north that have reaped 8 milliards.

The scandal of the 8 milliard liras that the consumers have been defrauded of by a band of speculators that has by means of a trick bought up all the 1944 wine of Apulia, has made the 1945 grape prices go up so to triple its capital invested in the old produce and is arousing enormous repercussions. Especially in the provinces of Apulia, where the economy has swept upside down by this cyclone of milliards.

THE FACTS

The following are the facts:

In the second half of August agents and representatives of some northern firms specialized in speculations and manipulations of wine began putting up at "Hotel Patria". Their names are known. From hence they spread out throughout the whole region which is known to be one of the largest wine producing areas of the peninsula, specially for high graded wines which are well adapted for mixtures and watering. On the quiet, so that the prices should remain low, the speculators were blocking all the wine available, paying 10 or 15 liras a liter for the greater part and for the remainder higher prices ranging up to 40 liras per liter. Part of the produce was sent to northern Italy, part is on its way, and the remainder is still in Apulia at the disposal of the group.

One month ago detail prices for common wine was in Rome between 40 and 50 liras and in the north between 80 and 100 liras per liter according to the locality.

Suddenly, at the beginning of September, the gang changed its policy and whereas before it had been buying on the quiet, without any noise and bargaining on the price, it began of a sudden to offer bolsterously and everywhere 50% more than the normal wine quotations. Where grapes were harvested for at 1000 liras they offered 1500; where the farmer began selling for 1500 they offered 2000. Thus the price of grapes rapidly rose to 2500, then to 3000 and at length to 4000 liras a quintal. In the Tarnanto plains, where alcoholic gradation is higher, prices reached as high as 4500. Roman wholesale were eliminated and also the minor purchasers of other markets. The northern group remained practically masters of the market. The speculators succeeded, in a few weeks, in transforming the 3 milliard, invested in 1944 produce into a sum that may be estimated over 11 milliard.

To-day in Apulia no one wants to sell and no one wants to work. Hand in hand with this illusory prosperity, the phenomena of misery and fury have risen to make the situation more acute. No wonder therefore at the aggression upon the Municipi and Prefettura.

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To produce such gigantic quantities of wine one single firm rented in Lecce province 28 wine factories, blocking practically all the factories in the zone and paralyzing competition. One of these factories belongs to the Castellaquaric farm, owned by Admiral Granfel; which produces 25 thousand quintals of grapes. Three years ago the Admiral had rented out the same factories for 400 thousand liras; now he has received 12 million, thirty times as much. Prices in Puglia to-day are racing towards these frightful multiplications.

Will the government intervene?

The scandal has given rise to another episode, particularly serious as it puts us in an embarrassing position with the Allies, as is known the Allies place at our disposal means of transport necessary for the consumers and this is effected with a great effort on their behalf as the availability thereof is still minimum. In order to ship to Rome some large quantities of wine (fixed at 22 liras a liter c.i.f. Civitavecchia) the Allies had assigned three steamers the "Ulisse" the "Contarini" and the "Motia" the last of which had to load at Gallipoli. The firms in charge of the supply had bound themselves to supply a determined quantity and quality at a fixed price. In exchange, besides the normal profit they could dispose of one half of the quantity for their own account. The produce had been bought, sampled and was ready for loading. Sanctions were also arranged in case of non fulfillment or partial fulfillment of their engagements through the eventual payment of deposit (10%) on the total price of supplies.

When the Motia arrived in Gallipoli to load wine, they learned that the wine to be shipped to Rome was no longer there. The firms had sold it together with their own behalf to the speculators who earned the 8 milliards, and so the steamer went on a cruise through the Mediterranean loading citrus fruit at Palermo, went on unforeseen errands for unforeseen clients, and now it steams into Civitavecchia without the wine for which the Allies had granted the steamer. But in the meantime the firms have earned such large profits that they lose their 10% deposit without any worry about it.

Another steamer the "Contarini" had already attempted in the meantime to change course with false documents. Captured just in time it was relieved of its load, half of which (that belonging to the Sopral) will be sold to the consumers and the other half (that belonging to the suppliers) has been sold off by auction. But this is an old story. "Wine that does not succeed in being smuggled by sea, is smuggled on land. By what means? By which permits? This is what the public is wondering at. Only those products destined for the consumers have a hard time finding its way there. For the others it is quite a different story.

The scandal had such a vast extent that it will doubtlessly provoke the government's intervention. In fact it seems that a decree is being prepared to ascertain large deposits of wine substracted from normal commerce with a view to speculations

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VENEZIA REGION MWTR MED NAPLES (INFO)

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FOR ACTION TO ALCOM FLO VENICE TO AMG VENEZIA REGION TO MWTR MED
NAPLES FOR INFO FROM HQ CITE ACTPT PAREN

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TO THE ALLIED COMMISSION

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Transportation Sub-Commission - Shipping Division

The a/n Firm has, at the beginning of this year, applied to this Sub-Commission to obtain the permit to transport by sea, prized wines, from Marsala to the ports of Centre and South Italy, which, at that time, were the only ones opened to the civilian traffic.

In the meanwhile all Italy has been liberated by the Allies and the unification of the country re-opened to the trade by sea also the ports of northern Italy. So the events have overcome the permits obtained by the a/m Firm, as shown by the following:

(1) There is no request of wines in central and southern Italy, because of the excess of goods, what has not yet happened in northern Italy.

(2) The transportation of the wines from the a/m ports to the ~~off~~ market places, that have moved to the North, presents more difficulties now, because of the many prohibitions in land transport and the still lasting lack of rail-road transportations.

In such a situation the a/n Firm, which is provided with:

- (a) of a permit for a transport of 200 tons of goods, by sea, (bid: 2600/X/768) from Marsala to Torre Annunziata, and;
- (b) of another permit for a remaining account to transport about 100 tons of goods from Marsala to Anzio (bid 99/X/356), requests that the off-loading place be changed and that a port of Liguria and Veneto (Venezia, Savona) be assigned.

No doubt, such a concession would be much more convenient economically, for the distribution of the goods would be more rational, faster and cheaper and there will be less consumption of fuel and of tyres for land transport because of the direct passage of the goods from the producer to the buyer.

On the other hand the assignment of other off-loading places presents no difficulties from a technical or a commercial point of view. The circulation of prized wines is quite free and the fact that the motor-schooners that can use of the "p r i z e t r i p" have the right to transport any quantity of the a/m wines (even at an attraction rate) to the ports of northern Italy proves it.

—Supposed that the Firm has obtained the right to transport goods, by sea, it is believed that there should not be serious reasons to impose off-loading places which have lost their commercial and rational importance, rather than to offer a possibility, by accepting the present request, to recover from the damages caused by the inevitable delays in the assignment of the means of transportation by sea.

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25 September 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister

You will recall that you wrote to me on 9 August on the subject of the shipment of wine, and estimated that some 90,000 tons would require movement by sea during August and September. Special efforts were accordingly made by the Mediterranean Shipping Board to provide the necessary shipping to move this tonnage from Puglia and elsewhere, despite many other urgent demands.

Shipment by schooners and coasters have been made with some success, but I feel you should be informed that difficulties have been experienced during recent weeks.

It seems that many shippers are reluctant, owing to the prevailing price, to deliver their wine for loading when the ships arrive, which does not produce a smooth or speedy loading, and necessitates numerous last moment changes in the programme of shippers.

This has resulted recently in serious to ships, which have been in port waiting to load wine cargoes from 3 to 6 days. Further, the rate of loading has been exceedingly slow, some ships taking 8 or 11 days to load 1,000 to 2,000 tons of cargo, and daily tonnages loaded averaging 150 tons, while in one instance it was as low as 127 tons per day. There has been no shortage of railway wagons, and the only difficulty seems to be that shippers are unable or unwilling to produce their wine for loading in sufficient quantities to keep the ships working. The "Ezilda Croce", for example, after waiting for 7 days in Brindisi, sailed without loading on 13 Sept. and the "Rubicone", instead of loading wine at the same port, has now been ordered to ship a military cargo.

On account of this wastage of shipping, the Mediterranean Shipping Board has been forced to decide that in future no ships can be allocated unless a definite assurance is given that full cargoes will be waiting at the port when vessels arrive.

In consequence, the Ministry of Food has been asked, and has agreed, to examine again the possibility of obtaining increased storage or covered space in ports, and to ask the Allied Shipping Authorities to provide ships only when the wine is awaiting at the port of loading.

These setbacks will undoubtedly result in a delay to the present programme, but meanwhile, I can assure

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you that every effort will be made to provide the railway wagons and shipping necessary to move all the wine which is in fact required to be moved.

Yours very truly

ELMER W. STONE
Rear Admiral, U S N R
Chief Commissioner

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COMITATO GESTIONE LAVI
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Ufficio Presidenza

ATM/RS

Our ref.: 4310

Rome, 25 September 1945

SUBJECT : Greek Schooner "SAN NICOLA"

TO : HQ.AG., Rome - Transportation S/C
Movements Div.- Shipping Branch
Attn : Maj. M.P. Laraman, R.E.

British Ministry of War Transport
Attn : A.J. Harvey, Esq.

1. According to signal received from our agent at Scilla (copy attached) subject foreign schooner registered at Cefalonia, Greece, is at present engaged in the Italian coastwise traffic.

2. With reference to previous correspondence on a similar instance (our letters 3133 and 3604 dated respectively 29 August and 2 September refer) it is kindly requested that this office be instructed on the action to be taken to the effect of compelling such ships to comply with the existing international laws regarding coastwise traffic.

By Order of the President:

A.A. Marens

Approved, no plans
no further action

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SCHOONER NEDDA 791 SHIPPER POSSESSING PERMIT 15/ PA
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Largo Chigi, 19
phone 63669
ROME

21 Sept. 1945.

To the ALLIED COMMISSION,

ROME

Messrs. Calli & Puglisi, with head office in Riposto, have requested us to submit to the Allied Commission the following:

On the firm's bids Nos. CT 612 and CT 627 respectively for the carriage of wine from Riposto to Genoa and Savona, there is a balance of 25 tons still to be carried, as most of the cargo had been shipped per motorschooner "I TRE FRATELLI".

On their bid CT 625 for carriage of wine from Riposto to Leghorn, there is a balance left over of 15 tons, after shipment made per motorschooner "S. PIETRO".

A further bid CT 564 for carriage of wine from Riposto to Fiombino has not yet been covered by any tonnage.

The firm, in order to avoid three distinct and different allotments, with consequent waste of fuel oil and of tonnage, and further bearing in mind that they have renewed relations with their own Agency at Genoa, they would ask the Allied Commission to kindly examine the possibility of grouping the three lots of wine above, and allot a single motorschooner, with port of discharge Savona.

Since the economy of fuel oil and of tonnage which would result is not small, we trust that you will take the above into favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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Yours faithfully,

AMR
(sd) N. Giammona Manager

Division K Savona

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Ref. 524

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

APO 394

Transportation Sub-Commission

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Our Ref :- AG/660/146/En.1.

21 September 1945

SUBJECT :- Shipments of wine.

TO :- Food S/O

1. The following information is put on record regarding recent shipments of wine.

(a) DESPINA : This vessel loaded recently in Brindisi for discharge in Venice. The capacity of this vessel is 3000 Tons and carried only 1200 Tons. This has been confirmed by the port of discharge. The report states that one of the tween decks contained only a few barrels of wine and the other was empty.

(b) MOITA : has been sailed from Gallipoli after loading 460 tons of wine. Vessel arrived on 10 Sep and by 19 Sep had loaded the tonnage mentioned after 10 days in port.

(c) ORATA : was offered to load 7000 - 8000 tons at Brindisi. The Allied Shipping Authorities were prepared to allow 20 days in which to load. The signal received from Alcon Bari (dated 19 Sep) states Septral are unable to ensure cargo and the vessel will probably be used for another programme, unless the Ministry of Food can assure a full cargo. A reply must be given to U.M.A. (United Maritime Authority) by midday on 24 Sep.

2. The experience of recent shipments proves that there has been a serious waste of shipping which has been allocated by the Allied shipping authorities at a time when there are pressing demands for other urgent programmes. This has been caused by non-availability of wine cargoes. The owners are reluctant to ship, and it has been reported that shippers, instead of loading their wine to railway wagons to send to

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1. The following information is put on record regarding recent shipments of wine.

(a) DESPINA : This vessel loaded recently in Brindisi for discharge in Venice. The capacity of this vessel is 3000 Tons and carried only 1200 Tons. This has been confirmed by the port of discharge. The report states that one of the tween decks contained only a few barrels of wine and the other was empty.

(b) MONTA : has been sailed from Gallipoli after loading 460 tons of wine. Vessel arrived on 10 Sep and by 19 Sep had loaded the tonnage mentioned after 10 days in port.

(c) ORATA : was offered to load 7000 - 8000 tons at Brindisi. The Allied Shipping Authorities were prepared to allow 20 days in which to load. The signal received from Alcom Bari (dated 19 Sep) states Septral are unable to ensure cargo and the vessel will probably be used for another programme, unless the Ministry of Food can secure a full cargo. A reply must be given to U.M.A. (United Maritime Authority) by midday on 24 Sep.

2. The experience of recent shipments proves that there has been a serious waste of shipping which has been allocated by the Allied shipping authorities at a time when there are pressing demands for other urgent programmes. This has been caused by non-availability of wine cargoes. The owners are reluctant to ship, and it has been reported that shippers, instead of loading their wine to railway wagons to send to the port, have sold it at the station.

3. From reports received, it seems obvious until a price level is fixed which is acceptable to shippers it is useless to attempt to ship wine against their wish. Every effort has been made with the cooperation of shipping authorities

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to carry out the programme of 90,000 tons during August and September, but the recent waste of shipping cannot be continued. Please take steps to make this known to the Ministry of Food.

Whitman way
M. P. LARAMAN
MAJOR R. E.

Copy to :- M.C.P., Rome
U.S.A., Naples Zone 3 Committee

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference:

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 191540

Message Centre No: F/8262

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 192100

Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM DMWTR

TO : HQ ALCOM ALCOM PLO VENICE (R) MWTR MED NAPLES.

UNCLASSIFIED. *WT*

Your 141833 B. DESPINA stowage satisfactorily but vessel arrived here very light with only 1200 tons wine. Maximum load in each hold 3 tiers of large casks, one tween deck A few barrels other empty, a few barrels in after well remainder of deck clear. In my opinion a full cargo of wine including deck load for this steamer is approximately 3000 tons.

missile taking up question

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CHIEF COMMISSIONER
ECON SEC 2
MWTR
FILE 2
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ACTION

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: B/909

Date/Time of Origin: SEP 19

Message Centre No: F/8239

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 192000A

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM: ALCOM EARI

TO : HQ ALCOM TRANSPORTATION ALCOM PORT LIAISON OFFICER - BRINDISI INFO HQ ALCOM FOOD

RESTRICTED.

Referenc your 5512 of 17 September subject S/S ORATA.

Regional SEPRAI unable insure availability of wine cargo. Strongly suggest that except for ANNA MARTINA, CROCE substitute and RUBICONE no further ships be nominated pending decision by Food Sub-Commission and Ministry of Food.

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INFO-ACTION: Tn SC 2

INFO: Chief Commissioner

Econ Sec 2

Food SC 2

MWR

File 2

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INFO - ACTION

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MYTR NAPLES FOR ZONE 3 COMMITTEE ALCOM PLO BARI (ACTION)
 MYTR CIVITAVECCHIA HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY (INFO)

5649

19 SEPT 45

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD UNDERSTAND NO FURTHER WHEM CARGO AVAILABLE FOR MOTIA
 NOW LOADING AT GALLIPOLI ONLY FIVE ZERO ZERO TONS ON BOARD PD
PARER TO MYTR NAPLES FOR ZONE THREE COMMITTEE TO ALCOM PLO BARI
FOR FRANCE FOR ACTION TO MYTR CIVITAVECCHIA FOR ALCOM TO HIGH
COMMISSIONER SICILY FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOM OLT ACFT PARER
 PARA TWO END PD REQUEST VESSEL BE SAILED IMMEDIATELY TO
 PALERMO TO COMPLETE TO CAPACITY WITH APPROX ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS
 DRY WAG ON SACKS FOR DISCHARGE CIVITAVECCHIA PD
 PARA THREE PD AGREED FOOD SUB COMMISSION PD

Copy to : Food SC
 Ministry of Food
 Ministry of Marine
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 Port & Whse
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 MYTR Rome

TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
 CTO. U.S.A.
 Asst. Adjutant

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

1442
18 September 45

Ref : BA/PL/1/14

SUBJECT: Wine Loading

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
HQ, Allied Commission
APO 394

660 folw 137 A.1

Reference is to your signal 5357 of 14 Sept:

1. In General

The reason for breakdown of the wine program (i.e. unfavorable price differential) is completely known to all concerned.

Your insistence that the program must be maintained is, under the circumstances, uselessly addressed to this level.

It is suggested that there are three possible courses which may be taken if the movement of wine by sea is to continue:

- (1) A price revision which will secure voluntary loading on the part of the producers.
- (2) Sequestration of the wine on the premises with all loading operations being performed by representatives of the Ministry of Food.
- (3) Assignment of ships to lift only such quantities of wine as can be secured and stock-piled in the ports in advance.

I see no way in which the continuance of present system whereby some merchants are induced to load under pressure of constant treats and importunities by SEPRAI -but in a manner which you have remarked to be far from efficient - can be improved.

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TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
HQ, Allied Commission
APO 394

660 folio 137 A.1
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2. Ezilda Croce

I was aware that the ship was on shuttle, and had the rail program for the next load ready when she sailed from Brindisi for Venice.

There were however, other ships set up to load before she should return. Wine for these was called forward. When the Rubicone, which was

- 2 -

advised as E.T.A. 5 Sept., did not arrive quay congestion resulted. In the absence of the notification that the Croce had sailed from Venice I was not in a position to start her cargo loading into the port. No such notification was received. When the Croce arrived the rail program was immediately made effective. Wine started arriving 3 days later; and had it not been for the general situation discussed in Para 1. above - and had orders to load arrived, loading could have been accomplished in 4 days.

3. Motia

As loaders originally programmed for this ship refused to load, revisions and substitutions were speedily made by road where possible. SEPRAL had threatened that those who failed to supply wine when called upon would not be allowed to ship in the future.

I should greatly appreciate specific suggestions with regard to "energetic steps" desired, and will make every attempt to comply therewith.

Copy to: Port Liaison Office
Allied Commission
Brindisi

Senior Transportation Officer
Allied Commission
Bari

Food Sub-Commission
HQ, Allied Commission
(Att. Maj. Curran)
APO 394

[Signature]
Lt.
Liaison Officer (Food)

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ALGER BARI

5335

17 SEPT 1945

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PAGE ONE PD MATER LOADED THREE FIVE TWO TONS BETWEEN ONE ONE AND ONE
FIVE SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE PD

PAGE TWO ALGER BARI FOR TAYLOR FOR CREAM FROM MR ALGER CITE ACPPT
FAHRE

UNLESS LOADING INCREASED ANTICIPATE MUST SAIL VESSEL PD THIS DELAY
IS PREVENTING FULFILLMENT OF VESSEL'S OTHER COMMITMENTS PD REPORT
REASONS FOR SLOW LOADING PD

COPY TO : FOOD AND CREAM
NOT HOME
MINISTRY OF FOOD

7318

TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS PICHENSO
Gen U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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ALCOM BARI ALCOM PLO BRINDISI (ACTION) MOV BRINDISI MWTR BARI
ALCOM PLO GENOA (INFO)

see 145.

5512

17 SEPT 45

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD PROPOSE TO ARRANGE FOR ORATA CAPACITY ONE ONE FIVE ZERO ZERO
DOD WILLIAM TONS TO LOAD WINE AT BRINDISI COMMENCE ABOUT OCTOBER

FIVE FOR GENOA PD FOR TAYLOR FOR OLEARY

PAREN TO ALCOM BARI/TO ALCO-M PLO BRINDISI FOR ACTION TO MOV

BRINDISI TO MWTR BARI TO ALCOM PLO GENOA FOR INFO FROM HQ

ALCOM CITE ACTET PAREN

PARA TWO PD VESSEL HAS THREE DECKSFIVE HATCHES AND EXPECTED
TO LOAD BETWEEN SEVEN ZERO ZERO ZERO AND EIGHT ZERO ZERO ZERO
TONS WINE PD

PARA THREE PD REQUEST YOU CONFIRM IMMEDIATELY WHETHER WINE
AVAILABLE AND TIME REQUIRED FOR LOADING PD SHIPPING AUTHORITY
WOULD AGREE TO MAXIMUM TWO ZERO DAYS PD

COPY TO : FOOD S/C
SCHOONER OFFICER
ITMARE
MINISTRY OF MARINE
MWTR ROMR
PORT & WHSE

TRANSPORTATION S/C
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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO USA
Asst. Adjutant.

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ALCOM BARI ALCOM PLO BRINDISI (ACTION) MOV BRINDISI ALCOM
PLO GENOA AFHQ (INFO)

5509

17 SEPT 45

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD

REFERENCE ALCOMS FOUR THREE THREE FIVE DATED TWO

EIGHT AUGUST PD

FOR TAYLOR FOR OLRARY

PAREN TO ALCOM BARI/TO ALCOM PLO BRINDISI FOR ACTION TO MOV BRINDISITO ALCOM PLO GENOA TO AFHQ FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACTET PAREN

RUBICONE DELAYED NOW WTA BRINDISI TWO FOUR SEPT AND WILL LOAD TO

CAPACITY WING REPEAT WINE FOR DISCHARGE GENOA AGREED MTR PD

COPY TO :- FOOD S/C

PORT & WHEAT

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MINISTRY OF MARINE

SCHOONER OFFICER

MTR ROME

TRANSPORTATION S/C

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO

CWO USA

Asst. Adjutant

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Ref. 534
HEADQUARTERS ARMY COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

WPL/80

15 September 1945

Our Ref: 66/136/En.3.

SUBJECT: Wine shipment
(2)
TO: Food S/C

see 66/1/11

1. Reference conversations with representatives of E. T. Bone, Ministry of Food and Food and Transportation Sub-Commissioners 13 Sept.
2. It is agreed that the Ministry of Food representative, who left Rome, on 13 Sept. for Bari, will report upon possible improvements in storage or covered space in ports to be used for shipment of wine. If adequate accommodation can be found representatives will then be made to shipping authorities to allocate shipping when wine is actually waiting at the port. This will ensure a smooth and speedy loading and prevent changes in shipper's requirements due to speculation and reluctance on their part to send their cargoes to loading port until vessel arrives.
3. It will be a responsibility of Ministry of Food to advise you the tonnage available at ports and destinations required.
4. Meanwhile the attention of all concerned is drawn to the slowness of loading and delays to ships which the Mediterranean Shipping Board is not prepared to accept. The attached details give tonnage figures. In consequence shipping will be withheld until a satisfactory solution is found.
5. The "Esilda Gross", which arrived on 6 Sept., has now been ordered from Brindisi as vessel has been waiting cargo which is apparently not available. Similarly the "Rubicon" will not load military cargo instead of wine as a result of non availability of this commodity and closeness of recent loadings.

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1. Reference conversations with representatives of
M.P.S. Bonn, Ministry of Food and Food and Transportation
and Commodities 11 Sept.

2. It is agreed that the Ministry of Food representative,
who left Bonn, on 11 Sept. for Paris, will report upon
possible arrangements in storage or covered space in ports
to be used for shipment of wine. If adequate accommodation can
be found representatives will then be made to shipping
authorities to allocate shipping when wine is actually
waiting at the port. This will ensure a smooth and
expeditious loading and prevent charges in shipping requirements
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to accept. The attached details give tonnage figures.
In consequence shipping will be withheld until a
satisfactory solution is found.

5. The "Sailor Grace", which arrived on 6 Sept.,
has now been ordered from Brindisi as vessel has been
waiting cargo which is apparently not available.
Similarly the "Sublime" will now load military cargo
instead of wine as a result of non availability of
this commodity and closeness of recent loadings.

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L. Hansen
M.P.S. Bonn
Major R.S.

Copy to :- Ministry of Marine (attn Lt. Herens)
M.P.S. Bonn
Senior Transportation Officer A.C. Port.

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WINE COASTERS

ANDREA CONTARINI

Port of Loading	GALLIPOLI
Arrived	17 AUG 45
Commenced Loading	18 AUG 45
Completed Loading	25 AUG 45
Total tonnage shipped	1247 tons
Daily Average	156 tons (6 Days)
Daily Loading Tonnages	18 Aug. Loaded 171 tons
	19 " " 63 "
	20 " " 70 "
	21 " " 65 "
	22 " " 184 "
	23 " " 264 "
	24 " " 220 "
	25 " " 200 "
Total	1247 "

IMPERATORE

Port of Loading	GALLIPOLI
Arrived	17 AUG 45
Commenced Loading	19 AUG 45
Completed Loading	29 AUG 45
Total Tonnage Shipped	1919 tons
Daily Average	174 tons (11 Days)
Daily Loading Tonnages	18 Aug. Waiting cargo
	19 " Loaded 143 tons
	20 " " 151 "
	21 " " 253 "
	22 " " 210 "
	23 " " 247 "
	24 " " 235 "
	25 " " 150 "
	26 " " 190 "
	27 " " 80 "
	28 " " 50 "
	29 " " 250 "
Total	1919 "

Vessel idle during 1 day.

SANTA CHIARA

Port of Loading	GALLIPOLI
Arrived	27 AUG 45
Commenced Loading	31 AUG 45
Completed Loading	8 SEPT 45
Total Tonnage Shipped	1170 tons
Daily Average	146 tons (8 Days)
Daily Loading Tonnages	26 AUG. Waiting cargo
	29 " "

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IMPERATORE

Port of Loading	:	GALLIPOLI	
Arrived	:	17 AUG 45	
Commenced Loading	:	19 AUG 45	
Completed Loading	:	29 AUG 45	
Total Tonnage Shipped:	:	1919 Tons	
Daily Average	:	174 Tons (11 Days)	
Daily Loading Tonnages	:	18 Aug. Waiting cargo	
		19 " Loaded 143 Tons	
		20 " " 151 "	
		21 " " 253 "	
		22 " " 210 "	
		23 " " 247 "	
		24 " " 235 "	
		25 " " 150 "	
		26 " " 150 "	
		27 " " 80 "	
		28 " " 50 "	
		29 " " 250 "	
Total	:	1919	

Vessel idle during 1 day.

SANTA CHIARA

Port of Loading	:	GALLIPOLI	
Arrived	:	27 AUG 45	
Commenced Loading	:	31 AUG 45	
Completed Loading	:	6 SEPT 45	
Total Tonnage Shipped	:	1170 Tons	
Daily Average	:	146 Tons (8 Days)	
Daily Loading Tonnages	:	28 AUG. Waiting cargo	
		29 " " "	
		30 " " "	
		31 " Loaded 180 Ton	
		1 SEP 158 "	
		2 " Rests-No Work	
		(Sunday)	
		3 " Loaded 150 Ton	
		4 " " 150 "	
		5 " " 150 "	
		6 " " 115 "	
		7 " " 61 "	
		8 " " 196 "	
Total	:	1170	

Vessel idle during 3 days
1 day no work (Sunday)

EZPIDA CROCE

Port of Loading	BRINDISI
Arrived	21 AUG 45
Commenced Loading	21 AUG 45
Completed Loading	28 AUG 45
Total Tonnage Shipped	754 Tons
Daily Average	117 Tons (6 Days)
Daily Loading Tonnages	21 Aug Loaded 184 Tons
	22 " " 103 "
	23 " " 109 "
	24 " " 177 "
	25 " " 59 "
	26 " " No work
	(Sunday)
	27 " " Not working
	28 " " Loaded 72 tons
	Total " 704 "

Vessel idle 1 day
1 day no work (Sunday)

DESPINA

Port of Loading	BRINDISI
Arrived	31 AUG 45
Commenced Loading	6 SEPT 45
Completed Loading	12 Sept 45
Total Tonnage Shipped	Not available (approx 1800 Tons)
Daily average	Unknown (6 days)
Daily Loading Tonnages	Figures not available

Vessel idle during 5 Days.

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ENTER VEHICLE (ACTION)

ALCON PLO VEHICLE (INFO)

5430

16 SEPT 45

PRIORITY

UNCLAS IPING PD

WASA ONE PD WITH AND REQUESTED THAT YOU SUBMIT REPORT ON STORAGE
 OF BING ONE TORRAGE CARRIED ON DASHINA AND WHETHER VEHICLE LOADED
 TO CAPACITY REVEALED TO ENTER HOME AND ALCON HOME PD
ENTER TO ENTER VEHICLE FOR ACTION TO ALCON PLO VEHICLE FOR INFO FROM
RE ALCON CITY AGENT TAREN

copy to : Food BC
 Schooner Office
 ITMAY

TRANSPORTATION BC

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NICHOLAS FLORENS
 CRO. W.S.A.
 Asst. Adjutant

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ALCOA BARI

5357

14 SEPT 45

PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD SUBJECT LOADING OF WINE IN UMBEL PORTS PD
 BARI PD ALCOA BARI FOR SAILOR FROM RE ALCOA SIDE AGENT BARI
 LOT DATE OF LOADING AND VESSEL BEING HELD DURING CARGOES
 FOR LONG PERIODS HAS CAUSED BREAKDOWN OF WINE PROGRAMS
 WHICH MUST BE MAINTAINED PD FORWARD IMMEDIATELY REPORT CONCERNING
 NON DELIVERY OF RAILCAR CARGO AT TRINDISI PD VESSEL SAILED
 SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT LOADING PD YOU WERE ADVISED THIS VESSEL ON
 SHUTTLE AND CARGO SHOULD HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE WHEN VESSEL
 RETURNED FROM VESSEL PD ALSO PLEASE TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO
 ACCELERATE LOADING OF BOTTLE WHICH LOADED TWO FIVE SIX TONS IN TWO DAYS
 PD

COPY TO : 2000 A/C

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TRANSPORTATION S/C

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 NICHOLAS RIMING
 CNO USA
 Asst. Adjutant.

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No.

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INCOMING MESSAGE

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TN 5/2 137B

Originator's Reference ACPL0/3

Date/Time of Origin SEP 13

Message Centre No: F/7535

Date Time Rec'd: SEP 140900

Precedence: IMPORTANT

FROM ALCOM BRINDISI

TO : HQ ALCOM MAIN TPTN FOR LARAMAN INFO ALCOM LIAISON BARI FOR TAYLOR

ACTION

UNCLASSIFIED.

In anticipation of it is stated that S.S. EZILDA GROCE was not delayed in BRINDISI for lack of cargo. She sailed for NAPLES without loading here.

DIST

ACTION TN SC 2

INFO CHIEF COMMISSIONER

ECON SEC 2

FILE 2

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Capt. Sargent

Register

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

KJC/au

see 148

Tel : 466

12 September 1945

Ref : 51-7/ /FOOD

SUBJECT : Sea shipment of wine

TO : HQ AC Transportation S/C
(Attn: Major Laraman)

1. The Ministry of Food is complaining that wine is ready on the quay for the following ships which were due on the dates indicated but have not yet arrived :

Ship	Loading Port	ETA Loading Port
Rubicone	Brindisi	5 Sept.
Anna Martina	Taranto	8 5 Sept.

2. As your know, wine ^{AN OPEN} ~~on~~ ~~after~~ quay in the sun spoils and the Ministry has a legitimate complaint concerning the above.

3. Your efforts to ~~hurry~~ the arrival of the above ships ~~or~~ to arrange substitutes will be appreciated.

K. J. Luman, Jr.

FRANK E. TOSCANI

Lt. Col. F.A.

Director, Food Sub-Commission

h.f.

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

136A

Ref : BA/PL/1/14

11 September 45

SUBJECT: Wine Export - Apulia

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
HQ, Allied Commission
APO 394

660 folio 131A

Reference to my even number of 3 Sept:

1. Further investigation by Federazione and representatives of the wine merchants has established the necessity of reducing the monthly capacity of Gallipoli from 8000 to 6000 tons. Other figures stand.

2. As soon as price difficulties are ironed out I hope to forward to you a prospective of the tonnage available ex each port according to destination.

Copy to: Food Sub-Commission
HQ, Allied Commission
(Att. Maj. Curran)
APO 394

P. M. O'Leary
Lt.
Liaison Officer (Food)

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

KJC/au

136B

Tel : 466

11 September 1945

Ref : 51-7/66/FOOD

SUBJECT : Transportation of wine

TO : HQ AC Transportation S/C
(Attn: Major Laraman)

1. After much effort and after the intervention of Professor Parri, Transportation S/C managed to secure six (6) additional coasters to assist in the movement of wine. The Transportation S/C then undertook to do its best to move 90,000 tons of wine by sea in the months of September and October.

2. We have been advised that commencing with the period 23 Sept. 2 Oct. all coastwise movements of AC imported supplies to Trieste and to Venice will have to be in AC controlled ships. The above coastwise movement amounts to about 5,000 or 6,000 tons per month and we wish to point out that the decision to use AC ships to move the imported supplies to Trieste and Venice cancels much of the advantage that the addition of the above 6 coasters conferred.

3. The shipping in AC hands after the receipt of the 6 coasters mentioned above was inadequate to enable the full program of 90,000 tons of wine to be lifted in 2 months. It now appears that we will fall even further short of our goal. We will appreciate it if you will explain the situation to the proper authorities, for the necessity of moving a large quantity of wine for the economic support of the south and for the good of consuming areas remains as before.

Frank E. Toscani
FRANK E. TOSCANI
Lt. Col. F.A.
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Spoke Maj Curran 13/9

Lk

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COMITATO GESTIONE NAVI
CO. GE. NA.
Ufficio Presidenza

ATM/fd

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Our ref.: 3144

Roma, 11 September 1945

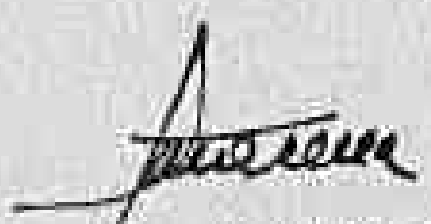
SUBJECT : Deck load of wine on salt
ship from Cagliari to Genoa

TO : HQ.AC., Rome - Transportation S/C.
Movements Div. - Shipping Branch
Attn : Capt. Sweet

1. Reference today's telephone conversation
Patara/Marena on subject request submitted to this office
by the High Commissioner of Sardinia.

2. Copy of signal received and relative answer,
according to your instructions, are attached hereby for
your information.

By Order of the President:


A.T. MARENA

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A.P.A.

11/9/45

ALT. COMMISSARIATO SARDEGNA CAGLIARI

RIFERIMENTO 26539 DIV 2 CORRENTE SEI ALT COMMISSIONE ALLEATA AUTORIZZA
 DITTA GROSSO TRASPORTO 200 TONNELLATE VINI DA CAGLIARI A GENOVA UTILIZ-
 ZANDO COPERTA PIROSCAFI SALINIERI AT ESCLUSIVA CONDIZIONE CHE IMBARCO
 VINO NON DICO NON CAUSI ALCUN ULTERIORE PROLUNGAMENTO DI SOSTA IN PORTO
 DEI PIROSCAFI CUI RITMO CARICAZIONE SALE EST GIA' CONSIDERATO ECCES-
 SIVAMENTE LENTO ALT

PRESIDENZ A COGENA

*Reference 26539 Div 2 was received. The Allied Commission authorize the
 firm Grosso to transport 200 tons of wine from Cagliari to Genoa
 using the deck of salt ships, under the condition that this will
 not produce any delays as the loading of the salt is carried on very
 slowly*

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STATO DD ROMA CAGLIARI IL 6/9/45 ore 0614

NR 26539 DIV 2 PREGASI AUTORIZZARE DITTA ANGELO GROSSO TRASPORTO
200 TONNELLATE VINI DA CAGLIARI A GENOVA UTILIZZANDO IN COPERTA
PIROSCAFO SALINIERI PER GENOVA === ALT COMMISS.GEN. PINNA

*NR 26532 Div 2 We request to authorize the firm Angelo
Grosso to transport 200 tons of wine from Cagliari to Genoa
using the deck of salt ships*

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ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
B A R I

3 September 1945.

REF. : BA/PL/1/14
SUBJECT : Wine Export - Apulia
TO : Transportation S/C
Hq. Allied Commission
APO 394.

1. Following is estimated maximum monthly loading capacity. These estimates are, of course, subject to conditions stated:

Port	Tons monthly	B a s i s	
		No. of ships working at once	Average tonnage
Gallipoli	8000	2	1000
Brindisi	12000	2	1500
Taranto	4000	not more than 5 ships per month	
Barletta	1000	not more than 3 ships per month	
	<u>25000</u>		

2. It will be noted that the above is based on loading of 2 ships of 1000 tons per week in Gallipoli, and 2 ships of 1500 tons per week at Brindisi. This cannot be achieved unless the availability of railway wagons is assured. The complete program will require at least 80 wagons per day. It is therefore requested that allocation of ships be made only after liaison with the rail section.

Copy to: Food Sub-Commission
HQ, Allied Commission
(Att. Maj. Curran)
APO 394

M. C. Leary Lt.
Liaison Officer (Food)

24 (9000)
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30 (12,000)
1500

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Tel. 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AC/660/130/Fn.3

7 September 1945

SUBJECT : "Il Globo".

TO : Director,
Public Relations Branch,
Allied Commission.

1. Recently the "Il Globo" made a request to this Sub-Commission for information to be given to their Civiltà-vecchia correspondent concerning ships arriving in that port. This permission was granted.

2. Exception is taken to various reports appearing in recent issues and in particular to issue No. 171 of the 24 August, concerning wine shipments made in SS "Ulysses".

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6. It is requested that you convey to this newspaper that, if articles similar to the one of the 24 August continue to appear, instructions will be given that information concerning ships arriving in Civitavecchia will be withheld. The type of article mentioned does nothing to help the shipments of wine now being undertaken and gives an entirely wrong impression to the readers of "Il Globo".

FRANK UPHAM, Jr.
Director

Copy : File 515/Tn.3

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
A.P.O. 394
Food Sub-Commission

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4 September 1945

Tel : 466

Ref : 51-7/4/FOOD

SUBJECT : Shipment of wine on military ships

TO P HQ AC Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn: Capt. Sweet)

1. Lt. O'Leary has raised the following questions ⁱⁿ regard to the transportation of wine from Apulia on military ships :

- a) What are the freight rates to Venice and Trieste ? → *60000*
- b) To whom is the freight to be paid and when ? → *before ship sails*

2. An early answer will be appreciated because some action should be taken to prevent confusion in the future. For example, it may be advisable that steps be taken to have Sepral collect the freight and pay it to the designated agency as soon as loading has been completed. If no measures are provided for the early collection of the freight it may be that some shippers will raise obstacles when they are approached for payment.

V.R.A. Cowper

V.R.A. COWPER
Major

Deputy Director Food Sub-Commission

in advance

*Spoke Maj. Cowper
6/9/45.*

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Subject :- Wine for Italian Army Maintenance SARDINIA.

To : S & T (MMIA)
SIRE. (Ufficio Trasporti)
MMIA. LO. NAPLES.
MMIA. LO. SARDINIA.

Land Forces Sub Commission. AC,
(MMIA) Tel: ROME 478206.
Ref: Mov/W/10/1.
4 Sep 45.

(Info) Transportation Sub. Com. AC.
'Q'. (MMIA)

- (1) It has been agreed with Transportation Sub Commission of Allied Commission, that 250 tone of wine per month, may be shipped on S.S. 'CAMPODOGLIO' and ABBAZIA. This tonnage will be ~~divided~~ equally over the two ships.
- (2) Each ship makes one trip from NAPLES to SARDINIA during the month.
- (3) If wine is not already available in NAPLES Depot, rail bids will be made through Ufficio Trasporti, in the usual manner.

Agreed with Capt. H. H. H. H.
W. A. A. EVANS
Capt. RE.
(W.A.A.EVANS)
Movements Liaison Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE
BRITISH MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT

TELEPHONE '02/'02' Ext. 37

Rome, 3rd September 1945.

To : Transportation Sub-Commission
Major M.P. Laraman.

Subject : Wine Shipment s.s. "ULISSE".

FOI 114P

In reply to your letter of 27th August have received the following from DIAMTR Civitavecchia:-

"Further to our telephone conversation of today's date, herewith details of wine cargo discharged at Civitavecchia from the above mentioned steamer.

Bill of Lading Quantity = 1439,828 Metric tons contained in 2176 barrels.
Quantity discharged = 1433,828 Metric tons (approximately) in 2164 barrels.

You will observe from the figures quoted, that a shortage of 12 barrels or 6 tons is shown. Further, during discharge, 35 barrels were found to be empty and 54 half empty, with several others leaking.

It may be of interest to add, that at the port of loading, the Master signed the Manifest declaring 40 barrels less in dispute.

I trust the afore-going information will be of assistance to you."

There seems little comment to make in view of above.

A. J. Harvey
A. J. Harvey.

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INCOMING MESSAGE
HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

TN 128B

Originator's Reference: 780
Date/Time of Origin: SEP 030914B

Message Centre No: F/6300
Date Time Rec'd: SEP 031200B
Precedence: ROUTINE

FROM ACTPT MILAN SIGNED HARRIS FOR FISKE
TO : ALCOM CITE ACTPT ROME INFO ALCOM PLO VENICE

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1. Following signal from VENEZIA Region transmitted for action.
2. May details of shipping programme wine be forwarded showing consignee and address and destination of cargo. At present no information available destination impossible to plan discharge and birth efficiently. Ships and schooners.

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INCOMING MESSAGE *TN*

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION

Originator's Reference: BA902Date/Time of Origin: SEP 03 NYTMessage Centre No: P/5353Date Time Rec'd: SEP 03 2115BPrecedence: IMPORTANTFROM: ALCOM BARITO: HQ ALCOM TPTH FOR LAREMANINFO HQ ALCOM FOOD FOR CURBAN

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Ref your query about wine loading on EZILDA CROCE. Ship was loaded to capacity at 760 tons. Further SS DESPINA will probably load a maximum of 1000 tons rather than 2500 notified by you. It is to be noted that your nominations are consistently out of proportion.

HEADQUARTERS

2-SEP-1945

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Action - Tn SC 2
Info - Chief Commissioner
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Food SC 2
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AFHQ (ACTION) ALCON BARI ALCON FLO BRINDISI ALCON FLO VENICE
 MOV VENICE MOV BRINDISI WITH NAPLES FOR ZONE 3 COMMITTEE FOR
 INFO

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31 AUG 45

PRIORITY

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PARA ONE PD YOUR MARY ONE FIVE FOUR NINE SEVEN DATED TWO NINE AUGUST PD
 PAPER TO AFHQ ACTION TO ALCON BARI FOR TAYLOR AND CLARK TO ALCON FLO
 BRINDISI TO ALCON FLO VENICE TO MOV VENICE TO MOV BRINDISI TO WITH
 NAPLES FOR ZONE THREE COMMITTEE FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCON CITY ACTPT
 ZONE

AGREE YOUR SUGGESTION PD WILL LOAD BEPINA TO CAPACITY AT BRINDISI
 TWO SEPTEMBER WITH APPROX TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO TONS WINE FOR DISCHARGE
 VENICE PD AUGUST SEPRAL PERIOD THREE DAYS ONE TWO SEPTEMBER PD

COPY TO :- FOOD SUB COM.
 PORTS AND WARE DIV.
 ITMARR
 SCHOONER OFFICER
 MVT HOME
 MIN. MARINE

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NICHOLAS PLOWING
 CMC USA
 Asst. Adjutant.

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ALCOM BARI

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30 AUG 45

ROUTINE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER PRIORITY SHIPMENT OF TWO FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS WINE PROGRAMMED FROM GALLIPOLI PD LOADING OF ANDREA CONTARINI AND OPERATORS UNSATISFACTORY AND DAILY TONNAGES LOADED VERY LOW PD INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT DIFFICULTIES PD PARSN TO ALCOM BARI FOR TAYLOR AND GLENNY FROM HQ ALCOM GITE ACTPT EKE PARN

SHIPPING ALLOCATED MUST REPEATED MUST BE USED TO GREATEST ADVANTAGE AND SPEEDY TURN ROUND ESSENTIAL PD UNLESS IMPROVED LOADING POSSIBLE IN GALLIPOLI SHIPS CANNOT BE SENT TO THIS PORT WHERE ONE THIRD OF TOTAL WINE TONNAGES AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT PD CONSIDER MINIMUM THREE ZERO ZERO TPD PER COASTER SHOULD BE MAINTAINED PD

COPY TO : FOOD SC - MINISTRY OF FOOD - PORTS & WINE DIV -
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NICHOLAS PIONBINO
CWO U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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INCOMING MESSAGE *TW*HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION *124B*

Originator's Reference: C 15497
 Date/Time of Origin: AUG 29 1926B

Message Centre No: F/5814
 Date Time Rec'd: AUG 30 0830
 Precedence: **PRIORITY**

FROM: AFHQ

TO: ALCOM INFO MOV REAR 13 CORPS MOV BRINDISI MOV VENICE MOV TRIESTE
 MOV BARI

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*Agree arrangements
 1500 T. Red Comptrols at Ancona
 with Rationing*
 Subject is wine shipments to VENICE and TRIESTE.

1. EZILDA CROCE available 1 more trip on present schedule.
 2. DESPINA Eta BRINDISI 2 September nominated load for VENICE
 and / or TRIESTE against period 3rd - 12th September. Suggest vessel
 loaded under your arrangements.

3. Agreed PSTO.

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ACTION IN SC 2
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Box 400

*x Bussan 1000 wine
 x Ancona 750. Wine Rations.*

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

GS/mgp

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Ref. : AG/660/115/Tn 3

28 August 1945

SUBJECT : Wine Shipments.

TO : G-4 (Mov & Tn) A.F.M.Q.

108B

1. Reference your letter 5/86/4/GDE dated 22 August '45.
2. It is not intended that wine should be shipped from the port of Bari.
3. The purpose of our letter of the 18th referred to, is to ensure that the earliest possible advice of military shipping nominated to lift wine should reach the Allied Commission Transportation and Liaison Officers at Bari, who are responsible for providing the cargoes ~~at~~ all the heel ports.
4. There have been occasions in the past when only two days notice has been given to the Alcom Representative.

For the Chief Commissioner :

 E.F. LARAHAN,
Major R.E.

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Copy to : Alcom Bari.

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ALCOM BARI FOR TAYLOR FOR OLSARY BRINDISI
ALCOM PLO GENOA ALCOM PLO SAVONA ANG LIGURIA REG ANG 5 ARMY
4335 28 AUG 45 ROUTINE

CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES : MOV TARANTO MOV GENOA INT/W3A CIVITAVECCHIA
AFHQ

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD RUBICONE ETA BRINDISI FIVE SEPT WILL LOAD TO CAPACITY APPROX
FOUR ^{ZERO} ~~FIVE~~ ZERO ZERO TONS WINE FOR DISCHARGE GENOA PD

PAREN TO ALCOM BARI FOR TAYLOR FOR OLSARY TO ALCOM PLO ~~XXXXXX~~ BRINDISI
FOR ACTION TO ALCOM PLO GENOA TO ALCOM PLO SAVONA TO ANG LIGURIA REGION
TO ANG FIVE ARMY TO MOV TARANTO TO MOV GENOA TO MIKE WILLIAM TARE SLANT
WILLIAM SUGAR ABLE CIVITAVECCHIA TO AFHQ FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOR CITE

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PARA TWO PD NOTIA ETA GALLIPOLI SIX SEPTEMBER WILL LOAD TO CAPACITY
APPROX ONE FIVE ^{ZERO} ZERO ZERO TONS WINE FOR DISCHARGE CIVITAVECCHIA PD
PARA THREE PD ANNA MARTINI ETA TARANTO FIVE SEPTEMBER WILL LOAD TO
CAPACITY APPROX EIGHT ZERO ZERO TONS WINE FOR DISCHARGE SAVONA PD
PARA FOUR PD ALL ACCOUNT SEPRAL PD

COPY TO : PORTS AND WHSE DIV
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SCHOONER OFFICE
FOOD SC
INT ROME
MINISTRY OF MARINE

TRANSPORTATION SC

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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY MTR CATANIA FOR ACTION ALCOM FLO
 SAVONA ALCOM FLO GENOA ANG LIGURIA REGION ANG 5 ARMY MOV GENOA
 4330 27 AUG 45 ROUTINE

CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES : MTR NAPLES FOR ZONE THREE COMMITTEE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD TUNISINO MTR SYRACUSE SIX SEPT WILL ROAD TO CARACITY

APPROX EIGHT ZERO ZERO TONS WINE FOR DISCHARGE SAVONA PD

PARA TO HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY TO MTR CATANIA FOR ACTION TO ALCOM

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TO MOV GENOA TO MTR NAPLES FOR ZONE THREE COMMITTEE KID FOR INFO

FROM HQ ALCOM SITE ACTPT PARA

ACCOUNT SEPRAL PD

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 PORTS AND WARE DIV
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 MINISTRY OF MARINE

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 Asst. Adjutant

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HIGH COMMISSIONER SICILY ENTER CATANIA FOR ACTION ALCOM PLO
 SAVONA ALCOM PLO GENOA AMG LIGURIA REGION AMG 5 ARMY MOV GENOA
 4330 27 AUG 45 ROUTINE

CONTINUATION OF ADDRESSES : ENTER NAPLES FOR ZONE THREE COMMITTEE

UNCLASSIFIED PD

PARA ONE PD TUNISINO SEA SYRACUSE SIX SEPT WILL LOAD TO CAPACITY

APPROX EIGHT ZERO ZERO TONS WINE FOR DISCHARGE SAVONA PD

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FROM HQ ALCOM CITE ACITE PAREN

ACCOUNT SEPRAE PD

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 Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Ref. : AC/660/110/Tn 3

27 August 1945

SUBJECT : Wine Shipment S.S. "ULISSE"

file 128A

TO : M.W.T.R., Rome.

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1. The attached copy of a translation of a news item which appeared in Issue No. 171 of "Il Globo" dated 24 August 1945, is forwarded for your information.

2. Will you please request your Civitavecchia Representative to submit a report on the state of the cargo when the vessel arrived at Civitavecchia.

3. The statement as to the type of ship to be used for the shipment of wine is hardly a matter for "Il Globo", and the newspaper will be informed accordingly when you have confirmed the facts with your Representative at Civitavecchia.

For the Chief Commissioner :

[Signature]
M.P. LARAHAN,
Major R.E.

Copy to : M.W.T.R., Civitavecchia.

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ALCOM BARI (ACTION) ALCOM PLO GENOA ANG LIGURIA
NETH ZONE THREE NAPLES COMMITTEE MOV TARANTO MOV GENOA (INFO)
4280 25 AUG 45 PRIORITY

UNCLASSIFIED PD
PARA ONE PD SANTA CHIARA STA GALLIPOLI TWO EIGHT AUGUST WILL LOAD
TO CAPACITY APPROX ONE ZERO ZERO ZERO TONS WIRE FOR DISCHARGE GENOA PD
PARISH TO ALCOM BARI FOR TAYLOR FOR OLSARY FOR ACTION TO PORT
LIAISON OFFICER GENOA TO ANG LIGURIA TO NETH ZONE THREE NAPLES
COMMITTEE TO MOV TARANTO TO MOV GENOA FOR INFO FROM HQ ALCOM CITE
ACFT PARISH
PARA TWO PD CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MAJOR CURHAN DASH
LT OLSARY PD

COPY TO FOOD SO
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 MIN OF MARINE
 NETH ZONE
 SCHOONER OFFICE

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TRANSPORTATION SO
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NICHOLAS PIOMBINO
CWO. U.S.A.
Asst. Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

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Tel. 290
Ref. AC/8/16/Tn6

RHB/lvm
25 August 1945

SUBJECT: Schooner "Ulisse"
TO : Shipping Branch
(Att. Major Laraman)

See 114

1. For your information, quoted hereinbelow is translation of news item appearing in issue #171 of Il Globo dated 24 August 1945.

"Wine Arrives from Puglia But a Lot Had Ended in the Sea."

Civitavecchia, 23. The steamer "Ulisse" arrived here on 23 August from Brindisi, from where she sailed 13 August, with a cargo of 2,178 barrels of common wine with declared weight on bill of lading as 1,439,828 kilos. 757 barrels are for the Mercati Generali of Rome.

From what we have been able to learn so far, a large quantity of wine has been lost and pumped into the sea together with tons of petrol. This loss, due to the bad condition of many barrels, seems due also to the method of stowage which is not suitable for this class of goods.

This inconveniency, which has taken place also in previous wine shipments, could, in the winter season, reach more serious proportions due to the weather conditions, and will continue until ships with between decks are put in for the transport of wine."

2. This matter was discussed in a very general way with Lt. Marena this morning. However, it is believed that whatever action is necessary should be taken by your Division.

A. M. Razzanella
R. M. RAZZANELLA, Chief 7288
Ports & Warehouse Division

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Tele : 681687

COMITATO GESTIONE NAVI
" CO. GL. NA. "
Ufficio Presidenza

ATM/fd

Our ref. : 1996

24 August 1945

SUBJECT : S.S. CARLO ZENO

TO : HQ.AV., Rome - Transportation S/C.
Movements Div. - Shipping Branch
(Attn : Maj. M.P. Laraman, R.E.)

1. Following conversation Patara/Marena on subject matter and arrangements with the Italian Ministry of Food, instructions have been issued to Cogena Messina giving permission to the "CARLO ZENO" to load 300 tons of authorized - WINE cargo, destination Venice, to be used as ballast.

2. Copy of above mentioned signal is attached herewith for your information.

By Order of the President:

A. T. Marena
A. T. MARENA

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24 August 1945
1900 hours

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COGENA MESSINA

SEGUITO DISPOSIZIONI AUTORITA' ALLEATE ET ACCORDI MINISTERO ALIMENTA-
ZIONE AUTORIZZASI IMBARCO SU PIROSCAFO CARLOZENO TRECENTO TONNELLATE
MER CI DESTINAZIONE VENEZIA RIPARTITE COME SEGUE SEMIALT LIMONI TONN.
175 COME DA BID 10/ME/446 TONN.30 CONTO CACCIOLA BIAGIO SEMIALT BID
11/ME/445 TONN.15 CONTO FRATELLI FOLLINA MESSINA SEMIALT BID 12/ME/444
TONN.30 CONTO MATTEO MANGUSO MESSINA VIA DEI MILLE 120 SEMIALT BID 13/
ME/443 TONN.100 MICHELE RIGANO MESSINA VIA DEI VERDI 51 ET TONN.125 VINO
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ALT EVENTUALE MANCANZA LIMONI CARICO VENGA SOSTITUITO DA VINO COMUNE AU-
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PRESIDENZA COGENA

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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AG/660/108/Tn.3

23 August 1945

SUBJECT : Wine shipments ITU and Violette ex Gallipoli.

TO : M.W.T.R. - ROME

1. Reference attached papers, this method of bidding for shipment is highly irregular and should not be encouraged.

2. Consignors should be informed that all bids for shipping space must be submitted to the local SEPRAL who will approve and forward to the Italian Ministry of Food.

For the Director :

M.P. LARAMAN
Major R.E.

Copy to : Food Sub-Comm.

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Tel. 534 HEADQUARTERS ALLIES COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission
WFL/gm

Our Ref :-- AG/660/109/TZ.3. 23 August, 1945

SUBJECT :-- Shipment of wine during Aug and Sept.

TO :-- M.M.T.R. (Med) for Zone 3 Committee.

1. Reference is made to the shipment of wine which has been requested by the Italian Ministry of Food and which was discussed at Mediterranean Shipping Board held on 14 Aug.

2. The Ministry of Food has submitted the attached schedule giving tonnages available for shipment with ports of loading and discharge.

3. It will be noticed that the original estimated tonnages have been modified and it is now stated by the Ministry of Food that, if the 24,700 tons programmed to be lifted during August is shipped, there will then remain a total tonnage of 90,000 for movement in September.

4. It may be noted that this HQ that they propose lifting approx 18,000 tons by schooners from Sicily and 2000 tons by wine tankers from Gallipoli and Brindisi to Genoa and Venice.

5. This being so it will be necessary to decide which tonnages will be shipped in coasters from Sicily as the total available tonnage from the Island is 23,000 tons, 18,000 tons of which will be lifted in coasters.

6. It is requested that this H.Q. should be advised as soon as possible the vessels it is proposed to use and the dates vessels will commence loading, in order to give the maximum notice to all concerned in this movement.

Schooners

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For the Director :-

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 M.P. LAKSHAN
 Major R.S.

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Copy to :- Mediterranean Shipping Board, AMO
 MFT, Rome.
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TONNAGES OF WINE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT IN AUG AND SEPT. 1945

PORT OF LOADING	PORT OF DISCHARGE								
	Naples	G. Vecchia	Piombino	Leghorn	Genoa	Savona	Ancona	Ravenna	Venezia
TRAPANI or MARSALA	500	1.000	1.000	500	1.500	1.500	-	-	-
PALERMO	-	1.000	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	-	-	-
RIPONTO (CATANIA)	1.000	2.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	2.000	-	-	-
SIRACUSA	-	500	500	-	1.000	1.000	-	-	-
TARANTO	2.000	1.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	2.000	-	-	-
GALLIPOLI	1.000	3.000	2.000	1.000	3.000	3.000	-	-	2.000
BRINDISI	-	2.000	1.000	-	3.000	3.000	1.000	1.000	3.000
BARI or BARIETTA	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.000	2.000	4.000
TOTALS	4.500	10.500	9.500	3.500	18.500	18.500	3.000	3.000	14.000

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TONNAGES OF WINE AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT IN AUG AND SEPT. 1945

PORT OF DISCHARGE									TOTAL TONS
Spechia	Piombino	Leghorn	Genoa	Savona	Ancona	Ravenna	Venezia	Trieste	
1.000	1.000	900	1.500	1.500	-	-	-	-	6.000
1.000	1.000	-	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	-	4.000
2.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	2.000	-	-	-	-	10.000
500	500	-	1.000	1.000	-	-	-	-	3.000
1.000	2.000	1.000	2.000	2.000	-	-	-	-	10.000
3.000	2.000	1.000	8.000	8.000	-	-	2.000	-	25.000
2.000	1.000	-	3.000	3.000	1.000	1.000	8.000	3.000	22.000
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MINISTERO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE
SERVIZIO TRASPORTI

TRASPORTO VINO - AGOSTO/SETTEMBRE

VIA MARE

Porti imbarco	Tonn.	Porto sbarco	Tonn.
BARLETTA	12'000	LIGURIA (Liguria)	50'000
BARI	20'000	LIGURIA (Piemonte)	10'000
BRINDISI	24'000	LIGURIA (Lombardia)	30'000
GALLIPOLI	20'000	LAZIO (Lazio)	3'000
TARANTO	12'000	LAZIO (Umbria)	3'000
SIRACUSA (Raguse)	10'000	SARDEGNA	4'000
RIPOSTO	18'000	ABRUZZI	10'000
PALERMO	6'000	MARCHE - Pescara	35'000
TRAPANI	10'000	EMILIA - Ferrara	145'000
CALABRIA (N/V)	13'000	VENETO	12'000
		VENEZIA GIULIA	12'000
Totale	145'000	Totale	6'000
			30'000

VIA TERRA

dalle PUGLIE	100 vagoni settimanali	800 x 15 - tonnellate	12'000
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		Totale	30'000

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RIEPILOGO

- PUGLIE	Tonn.	100'000
- SICILIA	"	50'000
- CALABRIA	"	25'000

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SIRACUSA (Ragusa)	10'000	3'000
RIPOSTO	18'000	4'000
PALESTRO	6'000	10'000
TRAPANI	10'000	
CALABRIA (M/V)	13'000	35'000
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RIERILLO		
- PUGLIE	Tonn.	100'000
- SICILIA	"	50'000 +
- CALABRIA	"	25'000
Totale		175'000

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- 40'000
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- 40'000
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Subject : Wine Shipments.

*File 2102
not submitted to board
at 1300 but can find notes
of Phil's handling in 108B
Dated 22 Aug
Bari, I.R.*

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

G-4(Mov & Tr) 5/86/4/GIM

22 Aug 45

To : HQ Allied Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission.

Tel: FREEDOM 318

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Your AC/660/101/Tr3 of 18 Aug.

As EZILDA CROCE has been allocated for shipment of wine ex
BRINDISI it is not considered necessary to ship wine at BARI.

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J. F. B. 11/7

J. EUSTARD, Major,
for Brigadier,
D.Q.M.G. (Mov & Tr).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

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FU/h1

Tel: 220

600/97/TH 3

SUBJECT: Movement of wine

18 Aug. 1945

TO : Acting Vice President,
Economic Section

1. Reference is made to the Prime Minister's letter dated 9 August (attached) and to your 15.60/AS dated 14 August '45.

2. The attached letter to the Prime Minister for signature by the Chief Commissioner has been prepared for your approval. In view of its importance, this matter has been handled in considerable detail.

3. The Ministries of Food and Transport have already been advised of the agreed additional facilities for the movement of wine by rail to Northwest Italy in cistern wagons.

4. Deputy Director of this Sub-Commission discussed the problem of shipping with Mr. Gibben-Graham, Chairman, Mediterranean Shipping Board, at Caserta on 14 August '45. It is felt a copy of the Chief Commissioner's letter to the Prime Minister should be sent to Mr. Gibben-Graham, to indicate that this HQ. has taken all possible action, on the highest level, to ensure there is no breakdown in the shipping program which may be agreed.


FRANK UPHAM, Jr.
Acting Director.

cc: Food Sub-Commission
Movements Division, Rail Branch

728th

Tel: 220

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650/99/TR 3

August 1945

My dear Mr. Gibson-Graham:

Colonel Thomas, Deputy Director, Transportation Sub-Commission, discussed with you on 14th August, the Italian Government's urgent problem of clearance from Southern Italy of the balance of the 1944 wine crop, in readiness for this year's wine harvest.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have today sent to Professor Ferruccio Parri, the Prime Minister, and take this opportunity of thanking you for your promise of assistance in this matter.

Yours very truly.

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

J. Gibson-Graham, Esq.
Chairman,
Mediterranean Shipping Board,
Navy House,
Naples.

1 encl: ltr.

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August 1945

My dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Reference your letter dated 9th August 1945, concerning the movement of the balance of the 1944 wine crop from Southern Italy, in readiness for this year's wine harvest.

This urgent problem has been the subject of continual study on the part of Food and Transportation Sub-Commissions, in conjunction with your Ministries of Food and Transportation.

Relative the reported 175,000 tons of last year's wine on hand awaiting transportation at the end of July '45, shipping bids were accepted totalling 24,700 tons for movement in August and bids for 40,000 tons in September have been received. It is expected that the railways will move at least 30,000 tons during the months of August and September. As I see the problem, this leaves a balance of 80,000 tons for which additional transportation is required.

Dealing first with the railways, agreement has been reached with the military authorities whereby, with immediate effect, a daily train of wine in cistern wagons will operate from Southern Italy to Northwest Italy, via Bologna and Piacenza. Your Ministries of Food and Transport have already been informed by Transportation Sub-Commission of this additional facility. These trains are in addition to the movement of wine in barrels in Italian Government territory, at the discretion of the Minister of Food, within the tonnage it is possible to allocate for the movement of non-rationed food-stuffs. It has not been possible to secure agreement to loading all military wagons returning empty to the North, as this would delay the turn-round of wagons, already in short supply, and seriously affect the military program.

My representative personally discussed the question of additional shipping with the Allied shipping authorities on 14th August and, in spite of recent unfortunate experiences, these

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authorities will make every effort to produce the sea transportation required.

Shipping allocated to the movement of wine has, unfortunately, not been used to the full recently. During the month of July, 3,000 tons of schooner lift allocated to wine was not used for wine, due to non-availability of cargo. Other traffic was conveyed. Further difficulties have already been experienced this month at Brindisi. S.S. "ZADRA" was programmed to lift part cargo of wine (400 tons) but, after being delayed four days, was forced to sail without cargo as wine was not available. S.S. "ORLKA" was to ship 800 tons of wine, but cargo was immediately off-loaded due to the poor quality of the barrels, most of which were unfit for any sea journey and some of which collapsed when stowed. S.S. "EMPIRE GLIOS" was scheduled to lift 600 tons of wine, but in view of the difficulties experienced by S.S. "ORLKA", the military would not permit this ship to carry part cargo of wine.

You may rest assured you will receive every co-operation from this Headquarters, but I must ask that you impress on all concerned the seriousness of waste of shipping space. Will you please immediately verify the location and tonnage which will be outstanding at 1st August '45? I feel it may be found the tonnage actually available for transportation may be somewhat less and I must ensure that no unnecessary bids are made for shipping.

Will you please also take appropriate action to ensure that cargoes are always available for shipment and that all barrels are in a sufficiently sound condition to permit transportation by sea?

In view of the efforts which the Allied shipping authorities are making to solve this problem, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Gibson-Graham, Chairman of the Mediterranean Shipping Board.

Yours very truly,

ELBERT S. STONE,
Rear Admiral, USNR,
Chief Commissioner.

Professor Ferruccio Parri,
President of the Council of Ministers,
Italian Government,
Rome.

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MINISTERO DELL'ALIMENTAZIONE
SERVIZIO TRASPORTI

TRASPORTO VINO - AGOSTO/SETTEMBRE

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TARANTO	12'000	LAZIO (Lazio)	30'000
SIRACUSA (Ragusa)	10'000	(Umbria)	
RIPOSTO	13'000	SARDEGNA	3'000
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TRAPANI	10'000	MARCHE	4'000
CALABRIA (M/V)	13'000	EMILIA	10'000
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RIEPILOGO

PUGLIE	Tonn.	100'000
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PALESTRO	6'000	EMILIA	10'000
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per tutte le stazioni già amministrate dalle Ferrovie Italiane.

RIEPILOGO

- PUGLIE	Tonn.	100'000
- SICILIA	"	50'000
- CALABRIA	"	25'000
Totale "		175'000

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

AGS/mdp

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Ref. : AC/660/103/Tn 3

18 August 1945

SUBJECT : Wine Shipment Riposta and Gallipoli to Genoa.

TO : AMG Liguria Region, Commerce Division,
(attn. Major C.A.W. Stephens).

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1. Reference your letter No. LIG/COM/2/7 dated
6th August 1945.

2. The bid for the shipment of 2000 tons of wine
Riposta-Gallipoli to Genoa should be dealt with in
accordance with my letter reference AC/660/102/Tn 3 of
even date.

3. Your bid No. 4 is returned herewith.

For the Chief Commissioner :

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

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

GS/mcp

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Ref. : AC/660/103/Tn 3

18 August 1945

SUBJECT : Shipments of Wine.

TO : Food Sub-Commission.

see 99A

1. The attached letter from the Ministry of Food dated 11 August '45 is passed for your information and action.

2. In view of the forthcoming wine shipment programme it will not be possible to attempt to clear any backlog of tonnages from June or July.

For the Director :

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

Copy to: Ministry of Food, Rome.

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FILE

TRANSLATION

mdp

Subject : Transport by sea of non rationed foodstuffs. 11 Aug. '45
Bids for the transport of wine, alcohol and liquor
which were not effected during June and July 1945.

To : Allied Commission, Transportation Sub-Commission.

From : Ministry of ^{Form} ~~Agriculture and Forests~~.

1. CO-GENA ask us if it is possible to execute during the month of August the Bids for the transport of wine, alcohol and liquor which were included in the loading programme for the months of June and July and for which no ship has yet been assigned.
2. Naturally the above mentioned loading must not interfere with the August programme.
3. We beg you to give us your advice on this subject.

/s/ The Minister

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

GS/ndp 104

18 August 1945

Ref. : AC/660/101/Tn 3

SUBJECT : Wine Shipments.

TO : G-4 (Mov & En) A.F.H.Q.

1. The attached copy of a letter from Port Maitson Officer Bari is passed for your information.
2. Will you please arrange so far as it is possible.

For the Chief Commissioner :

H. L. Laraman
H.L. LARAMAN, Maj.
Major H.K.

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FILE

ALLIED COMMISSION
LIAISON OFFICE
BARI

8 August 45

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SUBJECT : Wine Shipments
on Military Ships from Apulia

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Attn. Capt. SWEST)

1. Considerable delay has resulted in loading of wine to military ships due to the fact that notice of ship loading dates has been received by S.F.R.O. only. While about three days are necessary to route through the rail authorizations and spot the wagons, the STMO's reach me not more than one day prior to loading date.

2. It requested, therefore, that arrangements be made with G-4 AFHQ (Mov) to notify Movements Bari by telephone when a Wine Cargo is nominated for a particular ship. Movements Bari will in turn notify me, and necessary arrangements of barreling, issuing XB's and routing empty wagons can be made prior to arrival of the ship.

P.E. O'LEARY
Lieut. C.M.P.
D.L.O. Bari.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

GS/ndp

103

Ref. : AC/660/102/Tn 1

18 August 1945

SUBJECT : Schooner Bids.

TO : AMG Liguria Region, Commerce Division
(attn. Major C.A.F. Stephens).

1. Reference your letter MIG/CGM/2/7 dated 8 August 1945.

2. The correct procedure for bidding for the shipment by schooner or coaster from Sicily is as follows :-

- (a) All bids should be prepared by the consignee and submitted to the local Chamber of Commerce.
- (b) The Chamber of Commerce approve the bids and submit them to the Italian Ministry of Food Income.
- (c) The Ministry collate all bids and submit them monthly to Allied Commission, Food Sub-Commission, who pass them on to this Sub-Commission for shipment to be arranged.

3. In the case of coastwise shipments from South to North, the procedure is similar except that at first bids are submitted to the local SENRAL instead of the Chamber of Commerce.

4. It is not necessary to have the approval of the Chamber of Commerce in the receiving area.

For the Chief Commissioner :

L. L. Laraman
M.F. LARAMAN, Major R.E.

Copy to : Food Sub-Commission.
Ministry of Food, Rome.
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

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Ref. : AG/660/104/Tn 3

18 August 1945

SUBJECT : Charter of Schooners

TO : S.A. Fossati and Company, Milan.

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1. In reply to your letter of the 1st August 1945 you are informed, that private individuals or Companies are not at present permitted to charter schooners for any specific purpose.
2. All schooners are operated under the direction of the Italian Maritime Commission (Itmare) via dei Cestari 3, Rome.
3. For the shipment of all wine South to North, bids must be submitted to the local SEPRAI.

For the Director :

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

Copy to : Regional Railway Transport,
Montecatini Building, Milan,
(Attn. Capt. R.J. Woodcock).

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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101

Ref. : AC/560/100/Tn 3

12 August 1945

SUBJECT : Shipment of Wine Marsala to Ravenna.

TO : Società in Accoman. Semplice Ved. BINI,
Marsala (Sicily).

1. The attached bids for the shipment of 350 tons of wine Marsala to Ravenna have been received from the Transportation Officer Emilia Region.

2. These are returned to you and should be submitted to the Chamber of Commerce in Marsala who, if approved, will forward them to the Italian Ministry of Food in Rome.

3. The Ministry will then pass them forward to Allied Commission, Food Sub-Commission, and shipment will be arranged.

For the Director :

L. H. Laraman
R.F. LARAMAN,
Major R.E.

Copy to : Food Sub-Commission.

Chief En. Officer, Emilia Region
(attn. Capt. J.E. Dodds) (Your letter RIX/TF/5.11.1/2 dated 10 August refers. All bids for the shipment of wine from Sicily should first of all be submitted by the consignor to the local Chamber of Commerce).

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FILE

Torazzi Giacomo
Alimentari-Vini

Trescore Cremasco

Milano 18th August 1945
Via Balzaretti 36 T. 261794

Telegrammi
TORAZZI-TRESCORE CREMASCO

Stazione Ferroviaria
CASALETTO VAPRIO

Telefono N. 3102

C.C. Postale N. 17/10834

C.P.E. Cremona N. 3894

Capt. R. J. WOODCOCK
Regional Railway Transport
Montecatini Building
Via Albania, 20 Milan

Dear Sir ,

The Torazzi Firm of which I am a joint proprietor, asks to have assigned means of transport "via sea" from Brindisi to a port of Liguria for 3000 hectolitres of wine to be distributed in the Province of Cremona, notoriously lacking of wine, save a destination elsewhere from the request of the superior Alimentation Authorities in Italy.

The Firm will have the product ready in casks to be taken on board at Brindisi after the 28th of August.

The undersigned joint proprietor of the said Firm makes known that for her English origin the Firm has suffered losses during the war, and begs for a kind prompt acceptance of the present entreaty for a just reparation of the damages previously suf-

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ferred.
The undersigned begs to have communicated the eventual permission to her address in Milan in order to be present at the operations of embark.

Mary Magri Mac Mahon
(Mary Magri di Mac Mahon)

Torazzi Giacomo

VINI - UVE - COLONIALI

Crescere Cremasco (Cremona)

C. P. E. Cremona N. ~~XXXXXX~~ 27789
C. C. Postale N. 3 - 10534

TELEFONO N. 3102

Milano Via Balzaretti 36 T. 261794

Milano 18 Agosto 1945

Capt. R. J. WOODCOCK

Regional Railway Transport

Floor 11 , Room 20, Montecatini Building

Via Albania, 20 = Milan

La Ditta Torazzi Giacomo di cui la sottoscritta Mary Magri di Mac Mahon è , per asse familiare , comproprietaria e rappresentante , fa istanza per avere l' assegnazione di un mezzo di trasporto "via mare" da Brindisi a un porto della Liguria , di 3000 ettolitri di vino da distribuirsi nella provincia di Cremona , notoriamente deficitaria di vino , salvo destinazione altrove per indicazione e richiesta delle superiori Autorità regolatrici della alimentazione in Italia .

La Ditta istante può disporre a Brindisi del prodotto pronto infustabile in condizioni di imbarco dal 28 corr. 7256

La sottoscritta comproprietaria e rappresentante della Ditta istante , fa notare che per la sua origine inglese ebbe a far subire , durante la guerra, dannose restrizioni alla sua rappresentata - da oltre trent'anni dedita agli approvvigionamenti alimentari - e prega di una benevola e sollecita accettazione della presente istanza per giusta riparazione delle vessazioni precedentemente subite . La sottoscritta prega di comunicazione della eventuale concessione al suo recapito a Milano , Via Balzaretti 36 T. 261794 onde presenziare alle operazioni di imbarco .

Mary Magri Mac Mahon
(Mary Magri di Mac Mahon) 660

Tel : 454

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
Transportation Sub-Commission

RPL/ml

18 August '45.

On Ref : AC/526/29/Ta.3

SUBJECT : Wine Tanker "Leuco"

TO : Italian Ministry of Marine
attn. Lieut. Marena

1. Reference this wine tanker which the Mediterranean Shipping Board-Meeting held on 31 July directed should be employed by you to lift wine.

2. In view of the large tonnages of wine which are to be shipped during the coming months of August and September, as part of the essential commodities programme, please indicate how it is proposed this vessel should be employed.

3. It will be necessary for close co-ordination with all concerned, as the programme will include movement by schooners, coasters as well as this wine tanker. You will be kept informed of the vessels allocated by UKA during the next 2 months.

For the Director :

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

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INTER OFFICE MEMO

KJC/sl

16 August 45

Tel: 466

Ref: 51-7/81/FOOD

SUBJECT: Transportation of quality wines and
liqueurs

FROM : Food Sub-Commission

TO : HQ. AC TN SC (Attn: Major Laraman)

1. Please refer to letter A/VIII/2581 dated 11 August of the Ministry of Food copy to you and to us, in which the Ministry requests information on the status of previously accepted bids for the transportation of quality wines and liqueurs which were not moved during the months of June and July.

2. We see no reason why the above bids should not be lifted in August or September as long as they do not interfere with the accepted programs for the months in question. However, we feel strongly that such commodities should not be lifted until the programs have been fully met.

3. We will appreciate it if you will advise the Ministry in your decision in the above matter.

W. J. Legg, by

W. J. LEGG
Colonel
Director, Food Sub-Commission

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*Note: Letter A/VIII/2581 d/11 Aug. from Min of Food.
passed to Food Sta see 660/103/1713. 19 Aug 45.*

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