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PORTS & SHIPPING DIVISION

19 FEB 1946

CAPT. G LESTER, UNRRA REPR CARE OF LT. EVANS ALCON VENICE

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FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE SIDNEY SHORT ARRIVED IN VENICE FEBRUARY ONE SEVEN WITH EIGHT THOUSAND TONS OF WHEAT FOR AUSTRIAN MISSION PD UNRRA CASERTA ADVISE THAT SHIP WAS DIVERTED TO VENICE BY AUSTRIAN MISSION WHILE ENROUTE TO TRIESTE WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE OR COORDINATION WITH ITALIAN MISSION PD VENICE ADVISES THAT SHIP NOW IDLE AWAITING DISCHARGE AS NO RECEIVING AGENT HAS BEEN APPOINTED FOR CARGO PD IF THIS ECORRECT SHIP MAY COLLECT DEMURRAGE AS CHARTER CALLS FOR DISCHARGE OF THOUSANDS TONS A DAY PD ESSENTIAL THAT YOU TAKE MATTER OF COORDINATING DIVERSIONS OF SHIPS FOR VENICE UP AT MEETING PD STRESS FACT THAT UNRRA ITALY MUST KNOW OF INCOMING SHIPS FOR AUSTRIAN AND CZECH MISSIONS FOR VENICE DISCHARGE OTHERWISE SUCH SHIPS MUST WAIT UNTIL ITALY MISSION SHIPS CLEAR BERTHS PD IF UNRRA ITALY IS AWARE OF SUCH SHIPS EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE ITALIAN PROGRAM SO OTHER SHIPS MAY RECEIVE PROMPT DISCHARGE PD SUGGEST YOU POINT OUT SS SIDNEY SHORT CASE AS EXAMPLE OF LACK OF COORDINATION PD UNRRA CASERTA AGREE THIS VIEW AND ADVISE THEY WILL SO INSTRUCT THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AT VENICE MEETING PD

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G J LEONE
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ASSIST/ADJUTANT

TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

INTER OFFICE MEMO

Tel. 394
Ref. AC/3.1/72/Tn6

ACA/mvm
3 September 1945

SUBJECT: Lt. Evans - Trip to Naples & Satellite Ports

TO : Mr. R. M. Bazzanella, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

1. Submit: that Lt. Evans be directed to report in the first instance to Captain T. E. Ramsey, PLO Naples, who will give him every assistance and that he also contact Mr. Richardson, Director of Harbor Craft at Navy House with whom he can discuss the minca barge situation.

2. He should then proceed to Torre Annunziata, where he should get in touch with the Captain of the Port and Signore Sirengo. The latter, as stevedoring agent for WSA and MWT, is fully conversant with the barge position and, as he speaks English, will be of great assistance. There has been some difficulty re the handling and storage of the minca sections and Lt. Evans should find out what the trouble has been and use his discretion in the matter of advising the Captain of the Port as to what should be done.

3. He should also ascertain what is being done in the matter of assembling the barges, ten of which are assigned to Torre Annunziata and fifteen to Salerno, as the Captain of the Port should have received instructions from the Ministry of Marine by now to proceed.

4. He should also inspect the mincas previously allocated to Torre Annunziata and if they are in need of repairs, draw attention of the Captain of the Port to the matter.

5. Lt. Evans also will proceed to Salerno, contact Signore Autuori, Agent for WSA and MWT, etc. (who speaks English) and the Captain of the Port and with them go into the dredging position so that we may be fully informed as to progress made re areas and depths and when dredging may be expected to be completed, etc.

6. While in the Naples area, Lt. Evans should visit and report on the general position at Castellammare re barges, discharging facilities, etc.

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A. C. ALLMAN
Ports Branch

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Tel. 347
Ref. AC/3.2/67/Tn6

JEH/lml
18 July 1945

Cross Ref AC/3.2/67/Tn6
SUBJECT : Meeting with Planning Staff.

TO : Mr. R. M. Bazzanella
Chief, Ports & Warehouse Division

1. On Monday afternoon July 16 at 5:00 P.M. a meeting was held in Charlie Ryan's office, Room 14 Second Floor. The following persons were present:

Mr. Charlie Ryan - Chairman
Col. Bordoli
Major Richardson
Capt. Tosi
James B. Hurley.

2. This meeting was called by me for the purpose of discussing the progress of the Program for Ports which is now being drafted by the Italian Government.

3. Col. Bordoli reported that progress was very slow, as it was difficult for him to secure information from some of the Port Captains due to communication difficulties. Both Mr. Ryan and myself impressed upon Col. Bordoli the necessity for completing this Program immediately. Col. Bordoli promised to have all of his figures together and would present them to Mr. Ryan's office within a weeks time. The complete justification for these figures in detail would not be completed and turned over to Mr. Ryan's office until the end of August.

4. Mr. Ryan was to notify General Matteini of the agreement reached at this meeting by letter (copy attached) and also to insist upon this agreement being carried out.

JAMES B. HURLEY
Ports & Whse. Division

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Tel. 347
Ref. AC/3.2/66/Tn6

JHM/1ml
18 July 1945

SUBJECT : Monthly Census of Warlike Stores.

TO : Administration Division
Attention: Lt. Col. W. P. Scoggins

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated 17 July - 104/23/Tnl.
2. This is to advise you that the return from Ports & Warehouse Division is N I L.

R. M. BAZZANELLA
Chief, Ports & Warehouse Division

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Tel. 347
Ref. AC/3.2/64/Tn6

JBH/lml
13 July 1945

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM:

TO : R. M. Bazzanella
Chief, Ports & Warehouse Division

FROM : James B. Hurley

Subject : Surplus Materials.

On Monday July 9, 1945 in Room 35 - 7th Floor Annex, a meeting was held to discuss the availability of surplus materials for ports and warehouses. The following people were present:

Mr. Charles Ryan - Chairman
Major Schultz - British Increments
Mr. A. C. Allman - Ports & Warehouse Division
Mr. James B. Hurley - Ports & Warehouse Division.

Mr. Ryan opened the meeting by introducing Major Schultz from British Increments (Movements).

Major Schultz stated that in the very near future certain port materials of all types would be made available for purchase to the Allied Commission for the Italian Government.

Mr. Ryan stated that a Program had been completed recently by the Transportation Sub-Commission covering period October, November and December 1945. This Program is being sent to Washington in a very short time to be screened by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

It was suggested to Major Schultz that if British Increments could make a list of their availabilities known to the Allied Commission, it might expedite the sale of material to the Italian Government. Major Schultz declared that he would discuss this matter further with his superiors and saw no reason why the list could not be made available.

Mr. Ryan explained that at the present time because of our close liaison with the Office of the Ministry of Marine, Direzione Generale Della Marina Mercantile, we could make all arrangements for the purchase of small port gear within a very short time.

JAMES B. HURLEY

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INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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Ref. AC/3.2/29/Tn6 .

16 April 1945

SUBJECT : Requisitions Placed During
Week 8-15 April

TO : Movements Division, Shipping Branch
Attention: Major Godfrey

1. The following requisitions for materials were placed during
the week 8-15 April:

Port Equipment for the Ports of Venice and Trieste

Equipment for Grain Elevators at Castellammare,
(copy attached).

450 Tons of Cement for Fiumicino.

R. M. BAZZANELLA
Chief, Ports & Wharves Division

Attachment:

As stated above.

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BMD/lml

Ref. AC/3.2/7/Tn6

13 February 1945

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUMSUBJECT : Translation of Enclosure to Letter of 22 January 1945 from the
Federazione Provinciale dei Commercianti, Palermo.

TO : Rails Division, Transportation Sub-Commission

1. We attach for your information, translation of minutes of a meeting of the Provincial Federations of Merchants of Southern Italy and Sicily, held at Reggio Calabria, on 12 January 1945.

CHARLES C. CROOKS, CHIEF
Ports & Warehouse Division
Transportation Sub-Commission

Attachment:

As stated above.

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TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Ports & Warehouse Division

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Ref. AC/3.2/6/Tn6

12 February 1945

INTER OFFICE MEMORANDUM:

SUBJECT : Meeting of the Association of Merchants of S. Italy
and Sicily.

TO : Charles C. Crooks,
Chief, Ports & Warehouse Division

1. We attach herewith letter and translation from the Federazione Provinciale Dei Commercialisti relating to the minutes as voted at the meeting of the Merchants Association of Southern Italy.

2. The following points are of interest to this Sub-Commission;

- a. Reference to Rail Traffic - Enclosure I, Items 1, 2, 4 and 6 - matter for Rail Division.
- b. Reference to Messina-Reggio Ferry - Enclosure I, Item 3, matter for Rail Division.
- c. Reference Time-Charter Freight on Schooners - (this ceases on February 11).
- d. Protests against FINAMRE and asks that Consortiums of steamship agents to do the work entrusted to FINAMRE - matter for Ports and Warehouse Division and Movements Division.
- e. Against improvised traders - we would suggest the following modifications of their ideas:
 - 1) that no means of transport be given to firms or individuals who are not registered with the Chambers of Commerce, and then only for that particular branch or branches of trade for which they are registered. For instance, one should not give transport for say, preserved fish to a watchmaker or to a manufacturer of marsala or vermouth.
 - 2) that on the Committee of the Chambers of Commerce which examines requests for export and transport, there be represented the Association of Merchants.
 - 3) that the competent Government Departments be asked to

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instruct the Prefects in each Province to stop trading by firms or individuals not in possession of the legal requisites for carrying on trade in accordance with Italian law.

In other words, the enforcement of existing laws in this matter has been taken up informally with Lt. Col. Thackrah, British, of the Legal Sub-Commission.

- f. The further idea of using the small craft, presumably the motor-schooners under 10 tons not under control of COGENA, as a subsidiary sea service between Sicily and Calabria is also good. These at present do actually carry goods, usually wine, but it is presumed that not all are in use.

Bayard McDonnell
Ports & Warehouse Division
Transportation Sub-Commission

Attachment:

As stated in
Paragraph 1.

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MEMORANDUM

The principal points in the enclosures to letter of the Associazione dei Commercianti are the following:

- 1) Regarding rail traffic (encl. 1, items 1) and 2) and 4) and 6)
- 2) Regarding the Messina-Reggio ferry (encl. 1, item 3)
- 3) Regarding time-charter freight on schooners. This ceases, however, on 11th. Feby.
- 4) Encl. 2 protests against the FINAMRE and asks that Consortiums of steamship agents do the work entrusted to Finmare.
- 5) Encl. 3 against improvised traders, and proposes that means of transport be given only to merchants registered as such before 30 June 1943 and after consultation with the Assoc. dei Commercianti, whose decision should be binding.

They also mention the political reflex and point out the question of public safety.

Comments on enclosure 3.

The idea of the Associations of Merchants of S. Italy and of Sicily in regard to the elimination of improvised merchants who with their incompetence and eagerous for easy profits is good in the main.

However I would suggest a modification of their idea, and that is to say:

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APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Ports & Warehouse Division

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM:

12 February 1945

TO: Charles C. Crooks, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

SUBJECT: Co-ordination of Documents on Imports.

1. There appears to be a very definite need to co-ordinate all documents on imports between A.P.H.Q. and this Office.

2. These documents are of utmost importance to the Warehousing Branch of this Division, and I suggest the following steps be taken;

- a. Representatives from this Division and the Economic Section discuss the matter informally with G-5, AFHQ.
- b. When an agreement on distribution is reached, notify Message Center and all Sub-Commissions about future distribution of documents.
- c. It is also possible that copies of all ship manifest may be secured through War Shipping Administration and Ministry of War Transport, thus providing a double check on all imports. This may be accomplished by having the representatives that attend the AFHQ meeting, also discuss this matter with representatives of the above named agencies.

3. From the manifest we would like to obtain the following information:

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| a. Convoy Number | d. TCG Number |
| b. Ship Name | e. Commodity Description |
| c. Port of Arrival | f. Quantity |

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JAMES E. HURLEY
Ports & Warehouse Division
Transportation Sub-Commission

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