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PORTS AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION

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TRANSLATION

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Rome 21 January 46

Subject : Charge of expenses for discharge of ships.

To : Allied Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
Finance Sub-Commission
Ministero del Tesoro
Ragioneria Generale dello Stato
Alto Commissariato Alimentazione
Roma

Reference to our letter 16 Nov. 1945, subject as above, sent to Transportation Sub-Commission and the War Shipping Administration.

We confirm what has been verbally said by you on the 19 Jan.

You have explained that since all expenses are charged to the receiver we must also pay the discharging expenses.

In other words, we receive the commodities at the hold and not at ship's side and therefore we are responsible and must supervise in agreement with the ships agent, ~~on~~ discharge operations, starting from the hold.

You have also informed us that the receiver has also charge of the sacks for the bulk grain.

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI
AGRARI

Il Procuratore Generale
(Rag. Leonida Mizzi)

Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari

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SERVIZIO ALIMENTARI DI IMPORTAZIONE

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WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

ROMA

Via Lucullo n. 6

Per telegrammi
FEDERALIMENTARI - ROMA

TELEFONI: 43751 - 44100 - 43008

e p.c.:

ALLIED COMMISSION

Transportation Sub-Commission
- Finance Sub-Commission

MINISTERO DEL TESORO

Ragioneria Generale dello Stato

ALTO COMMISSARIATO ALIMENTAZIONE

ROMA 21 gennaio 1946

ROMA

VIA XXIV MAGGIO, 52 - Casella Postale N. 1317

SPESE DISCARICA VAPORI

Con riferimento alla nostra lettera del 16 novembre u.s. relativa all'oggetto, diretta alla Transportation Sub-Commission ed anche a voi per conoscenza, desideriamo confermare quanto ci avete precisato verbalmente sabato 19 corrente.

Ci avete infatti chiarito che poichè tutte le spese di scarico sono a carico del ricevitore, anche la spesa per il tiraggio deve essere sostenuta da noi.

In altri termini noi riceviamo le merci da fondo stiva anzichè sotto bordo ed in conseguenza tutte le operazioni di discarica, a partire dal disistivaggio, devono svolgersi sotto il nostro controllo e responsabilità e tuttavia in accordo con gli Agenti delle navi.

Con l'occasione ci avete anche confermato che i sacchi del ferma-carico del grano caricato alla rinfusa sono di pertinenza del ricevitore.

Ci è gradita l'occasione per salutarvi distintamente.

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
Il Procuratore Generale
C. Rossi
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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED COMMISSION LIAISON
NAPLES

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19 January 1946

SUBJECT : Italian Government Food Supplies in transit from Port to
Warehouses.

TO : Provost Marshall
Pen South.

1. Reference telephone conversation with Lt. Hurwitz yesterday.
2. Numerous reports are received of pilferage of food supplies consigned from Allied Governments to Italian Government, especially of sugar, and recently it was reported that an organized gang is intercepting supplies in transit from port to warehouses.
3. Although ownership of supplies is transferred to Italian Government at shipside, insofar as such supplies go into the black market it is necessary to replace them with additional stores of Allied Government, for distribution through legitimate channels with consequent loss to our peoples.
4. Efforts of Italian Security units thusfar have proven ineffectual in dealing with this problem. Your assistance therefore in investigating ~~or apprehending~~ the criminals involved will be appreciated.


T.E. RAMSEY
Capt. Spec-Res.
Liaison, Transportation

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

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17 January 1946.

SUBJECT : Thefts at Discharge, National and
Provincial Warehouses.

TO : HQ. A.C. Economic Section (Attn. Col. Walton)
HQ. A.C. Public Safety S/C.

1. Enclosed for your information is translation of a letter dated 6th January from the Federazione Italiana dei Consci Agrari to the Ministry of Food and Ministry of Treasury. Many points made by the letter were brought up by the Federazione at the meeting held by Col. Walton (Economic Section) 7th January.

W. J. LEOG
Director

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HQ. A.C. Tn. & Shipping S/C (Attn. Mr. CROOKS)

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FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
Servizio Alimentari di Importazione

Ministry of Food
Direz. Gen. Genari Alim. Razionati
Ministero del Tesoro
Delegazione Italiana per i rapporti
con l'UNRRA.

TO : A.C. Food & Agric. S/C.
Tr. & Shipping S/C
UNRRA Mission.

Rome: Jan. 6, 1946.

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Below there is a note written to us on this matter by the Port W/House in Leghorn dated 19/12/45 :

"A few nights ago, after a real battle, 47 outlaws were arrested who had succeeded in breaking into an American Warehouse at Tombolo, and last night there was another battle in the centre of the town between some twenty bandits, naturally armed with machine guns, and the sentinels of another Allied depot, which brought about the intervention of the M.P.'s etc. Considering that our guards are armed with shot guns we don't feel at all at ease, so much so that from certain symptoms we have reason to believe that some underhand business is afoot against our warehouses and, in particular, against 12 L.57 situated in one of the bombed out zones and warehousing some 2500 tons of sugar, the commodity is enticing, and we are in a period when sugar is particularly in great demand, and we are worried about doing our utmost so as to increase the guard on our warehouses.

With a view to this we have contacted the Questura asking them to furnish an outside guard (the internal vigilance is seen to directly by us) but we have found ourselves faced with the usual difficulties arising from lack of personnel and means. Anyhow we reached an agreement whereby we shall furnish for a certain period of time (at least over the holidays) the service lorry every evening and/or every night so as to enable the patrols to go on their various night rounds."

The same unpleasant situation has been pointed out ⁹²² by the Consorzio Agrario Provinciale in Syracuse in their letter dated 20/12/45 which runs as follows :

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It must be borne in mind however that, considering the high value this commodity has reached at the present moment, vigilance service has become rather difficult owing to the great number of people that run any sort of risk to steal the commodity, facing any situation with unheard of enterprise.

P.S. We have already denounced the above to the Procuratore del Re, to the Regia Questura etc."

As this situation continues and is becoming more and more serious it cannot but arouse in the future serious preoccupation for our offices which have huge amounts of UNRRA & Italian Government commodities on hand.

From the declarations of thefts, which, almost daily, come in to this Federazione from its depending Consorzi and Port Warehouses, it is obvious that the police force is not strong enough to cope with these continual attempts at theft; and it appears still more obvious in regard to Provincial Warehouses which are usually situated in small communes or on the outskirts of or far away from the town, the latter being more vulnerable to surprise attacks require an external vigilance which can be efficiently enacted only by the police.

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FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI
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IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
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AGRARI
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
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HEADQUARTERS
AMC NAPLES COMMUNE
APO 394

27 December, 1945

SUBJECT: Additional Equipment, Personnel and Guards for Italian
Port Area, Naples

TO: Transportation & Shipping S/C, HQ Allied Commission ✓
Attn: Major M. P. Laraman

1. Reference AC/571/15/Tn3 dated December 17, 1945.

2. Requisition of stevedoring gear and material for maintenance and repair unit in the port awaits a decision by G-4 MTOUSA as to whether military depots may now issue on a memorandum receipt or must have clearance from ANLC. Feeling exists that sufficient time has elapsed since the original request for the matter to have been cleared through ANLC and, as you know, part of the stevedoring gear was issued to the War Shipping Administration. It is possible that MTOUSA will reaffirm their original authorization for material to be issued on 30 day shipping ticket and then declared surplus to ANLC, as depots wish to dispose of their stocks. Our requisition is held by the depots, and we are informed that most of the material is available.

3. It is understood that vehicles requested for use of port officials is in hands of the Ministry of Transport, Rome, and that nothing can be done locally.

4. Capitaneria di Porto di Napoli states that only three of five additional officers have arrived, and that no Italian Military or CORE guards have been allocated to him yet by the Ministry of the Interior.

For the Commissioner:

T. E. Ramsey
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Captain, Spec-Res
Senior Transportation Officer

Italian Port Commandant
Adjutants file
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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED GUARDIAN
 BOX 394
 ECONOMIC SYSTEM

Ref. ES/15.05/2.

8 January 1945

SUBJECT: Pilferage

TO: Acting Vice President

Reference your 20/1.42 of 29 December 1944.

1. A meeting was held at 3:00 p.m. on 7 January to discuss the pilferage of import of supplies. Representatives of the following organizations were present:

UNRRA
 USA
 ECT
 EAC

Supply Group
 Transportation S/C
 Food & Agriculture S/C
 Civil Affairs Section
 Federación Nacional Agraria

2. The losses. It appears that losses through pilferage arise in all of the following phases: (a) From the ship during unloading; (b) from the ships tackle to the Federación warehouses; (c) in the warehouses; (d) in distribution from the central warehouses to the provincial establishments.

3. Losses during unloading. The UNRRA representatives advise that there are losses during unloading. The representatives did not have statistics to show these losses quantitatively or the locations. Rather they were prepared to discuss the matter in general terms and point to several incidents of removal of various items of cargo as well as certain items of vessel equipment.

4. Losses from ship to warehouse. The Federación presented a set of figures covering the period 1 March to 30 June 1944. The losses were in absolute figures and were of modest proportions with the exception of sugar where a loss of 90 tons was indicated.

5. Losses in the warehouse. The Federación presented statistics to show the losses at various warehouses through incidents of theft. The quantities at this point as cited were not large. However, some significance might be attached to the fact that the losses cited resulted from known incidents of pilferage; for example, where the seal was broken, when a count check was made on the inventory. This procedure might indicate smaller but substantial continuing losses.

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6. Losses between central warehouses and internal distribution points. Federations had statistics covering these losses which, by themselves, are not large figures. These statistics like the others are somewhat old.

7. Further information.

(a) Federations agreed to bring their statistics up to date and to summarize them. Federations was requested to make their statistics comprehensive for the whole of Italy.

(b) Mr. Crooks agreed to obtain from port captain a report on losses in the ports.

(c) WMA was requested to undertake to obtain more precise information.

8. Curbing the requisitions. In order to reduce pilferage it is manifest that additional armed guards will be necessary. The limiting factor on the provision for armed guards are: (a) ceilings on the armed forces, (b) the provision for clothing, arms, and equipment, and (c) the cost.

9. (a) Federations agreed to review their statistics, bringing them up to date and presenting a summary statement showing the losses throughout the whole distribution channel.

(b) Federations agreed to prepare requirements for guards showing the numbers and locations at which additional guards are necessary.

(c) Public Safety agreed to review this requirement and present the matter to the Minister of Interior.

(d) WMA representative cited a recent approval from AFM permitting a formation for a special guard group, for another purpose, with no limitation as the size of the group but limiting weapons to a non-automatic type and to about one-third of the strength of the group to be organized.

(e) WMA stated that the distribution of Italian troops for this guard purpose would be a matter for the Italian Government to decide. He believed that WMA would recommend against so diverting Italian troops because of the necessity for their receiving military training.

10. After receipt of additional data and a clearer statement of the numbers of personnel, arms, etc., required the Allied Commission should prepare a recommendation to the Italian Government that it take steps to allocate present forces or organize additional forces to handle this problem.

FRANK E. WHITE
Colonel, AF
Chief, Supply Group

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cc- WMA	NSA
WPT	WMA
Supply Group	Federations Concerns
Food & Agri. S. C.	Agrari
Transportation	Civil Affairs Section

UNITED NATIONS
RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
ITALIAN MISSION

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TO: MR. C. CROOKS
PORTS & WAREHOUSING SECTION,
HEADQUARTERS - A.C.

FROM: LT. COL. BORDAES
CHIEF OF SUPPLY OPERATIONS - UNRRA.

SUBJECT: ARMS FOR CIVILIAN GUARDS.

Ref No.

8 January 1945

Attached please find a letter which has been received from
the Principle Liaison Officer at UNRRA, AFHQ.

I believe the matter of guards for the whole of Italy
is being discussed and therefore I thought these papers should be passed
on to you.

Enc.

cc: Registry.
Bordaes.
Control file.

JHE/mr

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION
LIAISON OFFICE, MEDITERRANEAN THEATRE
G-5 Section, AFHQ

Ref:405

19 Dec. '45.

TO: Chief of Italy Mission, Rome
FROM: Principal Liaison Officer, UNRRA AFHQ
SUBJECT: Areas for Civilian Guards at Brindisi

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1. At the instigation of the O I/O, UNRRA Brindisi Port Detachment, the Commander of the Carabinieri Platoon, specially posted for UNRRA duty, has requested the R. Quattore, Brindisi, to make available fire-arms for the use of civilian guards working with the Carabinieri in the protection of UNRRA supplies. See copy letter attached.
2. The safeguarding of UNRRA supplies at Brindisi continues to call for our very active vigilance and the number of personnel required is quite considerable since it is necessary to provide both day and night guards at four different sites:
 - a. the Port itself, including a water patrol;
 - b. the UNRRA warehouse, Rastinco;
 - c. the UNRRA warehouse, Paradise Cove;
 - d. the Motor Pool.
 - e. In addition it is necessary to provide guards for trains in transit between the Docks and Rastinco Warehouse.
3. It is further desired to point out that owing to the activity of local gangs who are not averse to using fire arms, it is no good putting guards on UNRRA sites unless they have a means of defending themselves.
4. The R. Quattore is submitting 12 names to the Ministry of Interior, Rome, and it is requested that you will please contact the necessary authorities to secure their support to the application for the necessary fire arms.

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LEGIONE TERRITORIALE DEI CARABINIERI DI BARI

GRUPPO DI BRINDISI

No. 36/90

6th December 1945

Subject: Armed Guards' Service.TO: R. QUESTURA - BRINDISI

and for information: TO: U.N.R.R.A. OFFICE - BRINDISI -

Captain Charlton, Chief Port Officer of UNRRA Brindisi, has interested this Office in order to have the authorization to give arms to 12 Italian civilian Guards.

These guards are to be dislocated:

- 4 - As escort on the trains.
- 3 - To Paradise Camp at their Warehouse
- 2 - At the Motor Pool
- 3 - Standing by (Supplementary)

Total 12 persons.

I beg this R. Questura to arrange in his competency taking the opportune direct contacts for this matter with Captain Charlton. The civil guards for the above mentioned Office had to be furnished of war guns and necessary ammunitions.

The Major Commander

Signed: Pietro Mossuta

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FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
ROME

6 JANUARY 1946
AS/ga

TRANSLATION

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SUBJECT: Pilferage at the Port, National and Provincial Warehouses.

Many port warehouses have continuously made present to us the difficult and unpleasant situation in which they have found themselves lately because of the assaults of well organized and well armed bandits which operate in the port areas and are of an audacity and aggressiveness which is more so when directed against Allied or National food material etc supplies.

Almost every night fighting takes place at Leghorn, where several port warehouses of this Federazione are located for the storage and forwarding of commodities unloaded from Allied vessels, between numerous and well armed bandits and police guards, with few weapons and in too small a number in proportion to the importance and value of the commodities and material to be guarded.

We transcribe below information we have received on the 19/2/45 regard the Port Warehouses of Leghorn.

"Several nights ago 47 bandits who were surprised stealing in the American Warehouse of Tombolo, have been captured after a real battle. Another battle took place last night between 20 ton-gun armed bandits and the guards of another Allied Warehouse aided by some MP's. Bearing in mind that our guards are armed with shot guns we are very uneasy. Further more because we have reason to believe that an assault is being organized against our warehouses and particularly against No 12 L 57 warehouse situated in a bombed zone and containing about 2500 tons of sugar. The commodity is luring and since during this period sugar is scarce and much requested, we are concerned to as much as possible to increase the guard of the warehouse.

In order to obtain this we have asked the Questura to take care of the outside guard of the warehouse (we take care of the inside guard of the premises) but we have met the usual setback created by the lack of personnel and material.

In some way we have reached an agreement by which (at least after the holidays) we will furnish a truck every night for the patrol of the Questura or Carabinieri to go around for night inspection.

The some regretfull situation is explained in the following letter of the 20/12/45 sent to us by the Consorzio Agrario Provinciale of Syracuse:

"We bring to your knowledge that presently there are many cases of robbery of commodities in port warehouses and sealed railway cars is taking place because insufficient of the port areas are insufficient watched the concerned authorities.

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It is to be kept present that since the duties presently have become very valuable, it is very difficult to keep watch due to the great number of people desperately attempting robbery.

N.B. In regard we have informed the Procuratore del Re.

commodities unloaded from Allied vessels, between numerous and well armed bandits and police guards, with few weapons and in too small a number in proportion to the importance and value of the commodities and material to be guarded.

We transcribe below information we have received on the 19/2/45 regard the Port Warehouses of Leghorn.

"Several nights ago 47 bandits who were surprised stealing in the American Warehouse of Tombolo, have been captured after a real battle. Another battle took place last night between 20 ton-gun armed bandits and the guards of another Allied Warehouse aided by some KP's. Bearing in mind that our guards are armed with shot guns we are very uneasy. Further more because we have reason to believe that an assault is being organized against our warehouses and particularly against No 12 L 57 warehouse situated in a bombed zone and containing about 2500 tons of sugar. The commodity is luring and since during this period sugar is scarce and much requested, we are concerned to as much as possible to increase the guard of the warehouse.

In order to obtain this we have asked the Questura to take care of the outside guard of the warehouse (we take care of the inside guard of the premises) but we have met the usual setback created by the lack of personnel and material.

In some way we have reached an agreement by which (at least after the holidays) we will furnish a truck every night for the patrol of the Questura or Carabinieri to go around for night inspection".

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This situation and the possibility

it become worse can't but give us very serious worry the more so since we are in charge of great quantities of UNRRA and Italian Government commodities.

From the many cases brought to our attention, almost daily, the depending Consorzi and port warehouses we gather that the police force is not sufficient for the number of attempts made. This is more noticeable in Provincial warehouses often located in small colonies or away from towns. The latter, being easier to attack, need to be guarded more carefully a thing which only the police can accomplish.

This Federazione (as it is known to the addressees) has taken those

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precautions in its power.

Both the Consorzi and the warehouses have insistently requested the local authorities for a greater out side vigilance.

Putting and inside guard, usually insufficiently armed or some times disarmed completely, without an out side safety guard, in most cases would mean exposing human binners at the mercy of unprejudicated and disperate bandits.

The forementioned authorities have often answered making present the material impossibility to increase the guard or have declared that they lack personnel or even suspend the guard service kept up to that time.

In regard we mention the telephone message with which we informed that the military guard kept by the carabinieri at the Port of Naples has come to an end on the 17/11/45 notwithstanding our request that it continue made to the Comandi di Legione, Carabinieri H.Q.

The necessity that P.S. forces cooperate more intensely with the internal guards, is evident. The matter in question is the safe keeping of commodities the loss of which apart from being an injury to the State Finance, falls back and is of great detriment to the people.

This Federazione being aware of the importance of the work in its charge makes present the above and urges a more energetic intervention of the concerned authorities to the end that the recent wave of crime be stopped or at least limited in its extent.

The Port Warehouses and the Consorzi Agrari are often obliged to request the help of local vigilance agencies to guard those warehouses which for the importance of the commodities stored and the place of location justify the extra expenses on the finances of import commodities.

Hopeful that the addresses will take urgent and serious concern in regarding the above matter we are anxious to know what action they will take.

Yours truly

DIRECTOR GENERAL
L. MIZZI

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Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari

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SERVIZIO ALIMENTARI DI IMPORTAZIONE

Per telegrammi
FEDERALIMENTARI-ROMA

TELEFONI: 43251 - 44100 - 45045

MINISTERO ALIMENTAZIONE
Direz. Cen. Generi Alm. Nazionali

MINISTERO DEL TESORO

DELEGAZ. ITAL. PER I
RAPPORTI CON L'U.N.R.R.A.

-COMMISSIONE ALLEATA

Food Sub Commission - R O M A -

Transportation Sub Commission

U.N.R.R.A MISSION

ROMA 6 Gennaio 1946

VIA XXIV MARZO, 42 - CASSETTA POSTALE N. 1117

SO. 1011

da inviare nella via sopra indicata

Furti presso i Magazzini di sbarco,
Nazionali e Provinciali.-

Diversi Magazzini di sbarco hanno fatto e continuano a fare presente a questa Sede la difficile quanto spiacevole situazione in cui sono venuti a trovarsi da qualche tempo a questa parte a causa di bande organizzate ed armatissime di malviventi che operano soprattutto nei porti con un'audacia ed un'aggressività tanto più pericolosa quanto più è rivolta ai danni di depositi alleati e nazionali di viveri, materiali ecc.-

A Livorno, dove sono situati diversi magazzini portuali di questa Federazione per l'immagazzinamento e la successiva ripedizione delle merci che vengono sbarcate dai piroscafi alleati, quasi ogni notte avvengono nutrite sparatorie fra malviventi armati di tutto punto e in forte numero e guardie scarsamente armate e in numero non proporzionato all'entità e al valore delle merci e dei materiali alla cui sorveglianza le stesse sono addette.-

Si trascrive qui di seguito, quanto comunicato, in proposito, dai Magazzini di sbarco di Livorno in data 19/12/45:

"""" Notte or sono, dopo vera e propria battaglia, furono arrestati 47
" malviventi penetrati entro un deposito americano a Tombolo, la notte
" scorsa altra battaglia nell'interno della città fra una ventina di
" malviventi, naturalmente armati con mitra, e le sentinelle di un al-
" tro deposito alleato con successivo intervento di Mfs, eccat.
" Tenuto conto che le nostre guardie sono armate con fucili da caccia
" non ci sentiamo punto tranquilli tanto più che da certi sintomi ab-
" biamo motivo di pensare che si stia tramando qualche cosa contro i
" nostri magazzini e, in particolare, contro il 12.L.57 sito in zona si-
" nistrata e contenente circa 2500 tonnellate di zucchero. La merce è

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
ROMA

Segue lettera in data 4 Gennaio 1946

(Foglio N.)

A 1 MINISTERO ALIMENTAZIONE - R. M. A. -
MINISTERO DEL TESORO - R. O. L. A. -
COMMISSIONE ALBATA
DELEGAZIONE ITALIANA PER I
RAPPORTI CON L'U.N.R.R.A. R O M A

" ghiotta e ci troviamo in epoca dell'anno in cui lo zucchero è richie-
" sto in modo particolare e quindi ci siamo preoccupati e ci preoccupia-
" mo di fare quanto è possibile per aumentare la sorveglianza dei magaz-
" zini.
" Al fine di conseguire tale scopo, ci siamo rivolti alla Questura
" per ottenere la sorveglianza esterna dei magazzini (come è noto noi
" ci occupiamo direttamente della sorveglianza interna) ma ci siamo
" trovati di fronte alle solite difficoltà provocate dalla mancanza di
" personale e di mezzi. In ogni modo siamo riusciti a raggiungere un ac-
" cordo nel senso che noi forniremo per un certo periodo di tempo (alme-
" no fino a dopo le feste) il camion di servizio ogni sera e/o ogni not-
" te in modo da consentire al pattugliamento della Questura o dei Carabinieri
" di fare diversi sopralluoghi notturni. ""

Uguale, incresciosa situazione viene esposta dal Consorzio Agrario
provinciale di Siracusa con sua lettera del 20/12/45 così concepita:

" Crediamo opportuno portare a Vs/ conoscenza che a motivo della scarsa
" sorveglianza esercitata dentro l'ambito portuale dai Corpi interessati
" al Servizio, si riscontrano frequenti furti sia ai vagoni piombati che
" ai magazzini di sbarco.

" Nè la R. Dogana cui ci siamo lamentati per l'insufficiente sorveglianza,
" ha preso misure valide a fronteggiare l'insostenibile situazione che
" perenne tuttavia.

" Di conseguenza abbiamo dovuto provvedere noi a rafforzare il ser-
" vizio di vigilanza che avevano alquanto diminuito dopo lo scarico del
" piroscafo Cressp, servendoci dell'Istituto della " Veglia " e di ns/
" personale.-

" E' da tenere presente però che considerato il prezioso valore assun-
" to dalla derrata, nel momento che attraversiamo, il servizio di vigi-
" lanza si rende alquanto difficile per lo strepito numero di persone
" che tentano di operare i furti con ogni rischio, affrontando qualunque
" situazione con un'intraprendenza inaudita.
" N.B. - Abbiamo già fatto denuncia al Procuratore del RE, alla R. Questura
" ecc. ""

Il verificarsi e l'acuirsi di una tale situazione di fatto non può
non destare, per il futuro, serie e fondate preoccupazioni nella scriven-
te, depositaria di ingenti quantità di merci sia U.N.R.R.A. che proprietà
del Governo Italiano.

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
ROMA

Segue lettera in data

June 10 1946

(foglio N.

A 1. MINISTERO ALIMENTAZIONE - R O R A -
MINISTERO DEL TESORO - R O R A -
COMMISSIONE ALSATA - R O R A -
DELEGAZIONE ITALIANA PER I
NAPOLITANI CON L' U. N. R. E. A - R O R A -

Dalle denunce di furto che, quasi giornalmente, pervengono a questa Federazione dei dipendenti Consorzi, nonché dei propri segretari di sbarco, risulta, purtroppo, evidente che le forze di polizia non sono in numero sufficiente a sventare tali continui tentativi di furto: ciò maggiormente si rileva per i negozzi provinciali spesso situati in piccoli Comuni ed in località periferiche o lontane dall'abitato: questi ultimi, soprattutto, prestandosi più facilmente a colpi di mano, necessitano di un servizio di vigilanza esterna che solo la forza pubblica potrebbe efficacemente disimpegnare. -

Questa Federazione - com'è già a conoscenza degli organi in indirizzo - ha predisposto nei propri segazzini (di sbarco, nazionali e provinciali) quelle misure di carattere protettivo e conservativo che era in suo potere predisporre.

Sia i Consorzi che i Regnazini di sbarco non hanno mandato nè possono di richiedere alle locali, competenti autorità una maggiore e più esatta sorveglianza esterna per quei loro depositi per i quali il porre all'interno dei civili, male armati e spesso disarmati, senza alcuna vigilanza esterna, significa, in molti casi, mettere del le vite umane alla facile mercè di salviventi spregiudicati e perfettamente equipaggiati. -

Dette autorità hanno spesso risposto facendo presente la materiale impossibilità di devolvere per tale compito un numero di elementi maggiore di quello già fornito o hanno senz'altro dichiarato di difettare di elementi da destinare a tale sorveglianza o, addirittura, hanno "ex abrupto" fatto sospendere il servizio di vigilanza sino allora svolto. -

A conferma di ciò, tanto per citare uno fra i tanti casi, la scrivente richiama la lettera insirinzata il 21/11/45 al Ministero dell'Alimentazio-
ne e p.c. al Ministero del Tesoro - Rag. Gen. dello Stato, con la quale si
informavano detti organi che il Comandante la Compagnia M.C.C.F.F. di Ma-
cerata aveva fatto presente a quel Consorzio, il 5/11/45, che, per superiori
disposizioni, era costretto a sospendere il Servizio di vigilanza not-
turna sino a quella data concessa.-

Si richiama, altresì, in proposito, il telegramma inviato ai predetti organi, nonché al Ministero degli Interni - Direz. Gen. di P.^s 905 del 17/11/45, e nonchè le perorazioni avanzate dalle scrivante ai locali Comandi di Legione, Gruppo interno e Battaglione mobile CC.NN. -

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ROMA

Segue lettera in data 4 Gennaio 1945 (foglio N. 4)

A - MINISTERO ALIMENTAZIONE - ROMA -
MINISTERO DEL TRUCCO - ROMA -
COMMISSIONE ALIMENTAZIONE - ROMA -
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RAPPORTI CON D.U.M.S.A. - ROMA -

E' evidente, quindi, essere ad ogni costo necessaria una maggiore e stabile partecipazione della forza pubblica (CC.RR., G.G.PP., P.S.) che con diuvi il perennante posto della scrivente all'interno dei magazzini; si tratta della salvaguardia di merci la cui perdita, oltre a costituire un grave danno per l'erario, si ripercuote in forma di maggiori sacrifici per la popolazione civile.-

Questa Federazione, pertanto, consapevole della responsabilità e della importanza del compito affidatole, nel far presente quanto sopra, si permette sollecitare da codesto Ministero un più energico intervento delle Autorità costituite che valga a stroncare o, quanto meno, a limitare questa recrudescenza invernale della criminalità organizzata il cui operato minaccia seriamente, ogni giorno viepiù, l'intero settore alimentare della Nazione.-

Dal canto loro i Magazzini di Sbarco e i Consorzi Agrari Provinciali si vedono spesso costretti a stipulare con i locali Istituti di Vigilanza notturna contratti per la sorveglianza di quei depositi che, per la loro ubicazione o per l'entità e il valore delle merci negli stessi giacenti, possono giustificare - tenendo conto altresì della gravità o meno della situazione locale cui debbono far fronte - un gravoso di spese a carico delle Gestioni Alimentari d'la ortazione.-

Nella piena fiducia di un pronto quanto efficace interessamento da parte di codesti superiori organi, la scrivente resta in attesa di conoscere le decisioni che verrebbero prese al riguardo.-

Distinti saluti.

FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
(Rag. Leg. Min.)

5/1/46.

Pilferage in the ports of Italy.

The Italian Ministry of Treasury appeared to be very worried about the above subject, and sent an official to Ports & Warehouse Division to ask for assistance in obtaining a further 1000 guards for the ports, while they were to train about 3,000 men for this purpose. Then for three months they did nothing, and did not even bother to give to AC the particulars which were promised "in two or three days". When after three months particulars were given, they did not correspond to the verbal indications given previously. Indeed if the Treasury did send anything in writing, it was because McDonnell telephoned the official who had come and asked him if the matter had been dropped by the Treasury.

The impression created was, to McDonnell's mind, that the Italian Treasury wished to do a good deal of talking, but absolutely nothing more. In fact they were to have a meeting with the various other Ministers concerned: War, Finance, Marine, Food, I.C.E., but nothing more was heard about it.

As regards the Police in Italy, they are miserably paid, have no facilitations for obtaining food in sufficient quantity at reasonable prices, and then, according to information received by McDonnell from several reliable sources, the police have orders not to fire on thieves, but may fire in the air: this is well known to the thieving public and is a direct encouragement to pilferage and to theft on a wide scale at the ports and railway stations.

It is said that the police have not sufficient armament nor sufficient other equipment, and added to the above-mentioned conditions causes their morale to suffer. Some police officials and some of other ranks in the police have told McDonnell that ⁹⁰³ the Italian Authorities restored to the police their authority and allowed them in practice to fulfil their duties as police, they could bring about a real diminution in criminal activities; that in the case of bandits and port & rly. thieves, the police should be allowed special powers.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION and SHIPPING SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AC/24.1/102/Tn6

CCC/mvm
27 December 1945

SUBJECT: Theft of Sugar at Bari

TO : Col. C. W. Walton
Chief, Supply Group
Economic Section,

1. With reference to Signal #130845 from Port Liaison Officer at Bari to Economic Section concerning the theft of sugar from a warehouse operated by Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, I would like to report as follows.

2. The Federazione took prompt and decisive measures to correct the condition at Bari. Three arrests were made. Many of the warehousemen have been discharged and others are being discharged as fast as replacements can be trained. Meanwhile three of their key men from Naples warehouse are reorganizing the whole system.

3. I am satisfied that they will leave nothing undone to avoid any possible recurrence.

CHARLES C. CROCKE, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

Copy to:
Chief Commissioner

Subject:- Sugar - Bari Warehouse.

Senior Tn Officer AC, BARI,
Tel.: 12519,
Ref.: R/22/2767.

11 December 1945

To:- Managing Director,
Fed. Consorzi Agrari,
Bari.

1. As a result of interception of Motor Vehicle License No. MI80956 and Trailer License No. 3495 M on or about November 16, 1945, operating under Trip Ticket No. 422350 issued by E.N.A.C., Bari, covering itinerary Bari to Pusto Garolfo, Milan, calling for the movement of unshelled almonds, a large quantity of allegedly stolen sugar was discovered.
2. You are requested and directed to immediately furnish this Office with the following information in writing:
 - (a) The names and addresses of all employees of your organization under arrest in this case.
 - (b) A record of all inventories, and dates taken, of sugar stored in your warehouse, and by whom taken.
 - (c) A record of shortages in sugar indicated by any inventories taken.
 - (d) All other particulars known by your organization pertaining to this alleged theft.
 - (e) What action you have taken to prevent recurrence.

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

cc: H.Q., Allied Commission
Transp. Sub-Commission
✓ Ports & Warehouse Div.

Food Sub-Commission.

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ALCOM BARI FROM FRANCE

HQ ALCOM FOR ECONOMIC SECTION. INFO: HQ ALCOM FOR TN SUB COMMISSION
POINTS AND WAREHOUSE DIVISION. HQ ALCOM SUB COMMISSION

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1. RECENT EVENTS WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION OF FEDERAZIONE CONSORZI AGRARI BARI INDICATE LARGE THEFTS OF COMMODITIES FROM WAREHOUSE CORRUPT PRACTICES AND INEFFICIENT MANAGEMENT.
2. SEVERAL ARRESTS OF CONSORZIO PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH SUGAR THEFTS.
3. I RECOMMEND INVESTIGATION OF THE FEDERAZIONE CONSORZI AGRARI BARI BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY INCLUDING ALCOM AND ITALIAN MINISTRY OF ALIMENTATION AND HQ FEDERAZIONE CONSORZI AGRARI.
4. THIS OFFICE WILL BE PLEASED TO ASSIST AND COOPERATE INsofar AS IT IS ABLE TO.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION and SHIPPING SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AC/20/67/Tn6

CCC/mvm
27 December 1945

SUBJECT: Pilferage of Relief Supplies

TO : Col. C. W. Walton
Chief, Supply Group
Economic Section

1. Pilferage of relief supplies, both AC and UNRRA, has reached alarming proportions. Goods are pilfered on board ship, on the docks, in transit to warehouses and from warehouses. Quantities vary from a bar of soap to truck loads, stolen by armed bands.

2. Great efforts have been made locally at all ports to correct this condition, but it is a national rather than local problem.

3. Pilferage can be practically eliminated by proper surveillance as has been demonstrated by American Relief for Italy. They are receivers of small quantities of highly pilferable cargoes. They have organized a guard corps which supervises their cargo from ship to warehouse with a result that their losses are negligible.

4. Another source of irritation is the pilferage of ship's stores while ships are in port. Unauthorized civilians are to be found on board ships in every port. They steal food, linen, silverware, clothing and ropes. These persons must be kept off the ships.

5. It is hardly necessary to point out the evils of pilferage but some of the results are:

a. S/S "John Wamaker" was at Brindisi 30 days discharging general cargo. Because of the lack of guards, it was able to discharge only during daylight hours. Even though \$1,700.00 per day demurrage was not charged against this cargo, the expense was borne by WSA. When ships are again operated by their owners, such a thing will be impossible. The carriers contract calls for the receiver to take delivery as quickly as the ship can discharge, even if cargo must be left on the dock. Sufficient guards must be made available for this.

b. Every Italian knows that he can buy coffee, sugar, milk or any other relief supplies, imported into the country, on the black market. It is practically all from pilfered stocks.

c. It is frequently said that even if these goods are pilfered, they eventually reach the population. Sugar which sells for 800 to 1100 lire per kilo finds its way into the hands of rich people and is not obtainable by those for whom it was intended.

6. This condition can be greatly improved but it must be done on a high level in Rome.

7. It is suggested that a conference be called to be attended by representatives of AC, UNRRA, WBA, Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari, Commissioner of Food, Carabinieri, Finance Guards and the Questura. The Italian Government must give the authority to increase the number of guards, to arm them properly, to furnish them with adequate equipment, and to issue strict instructions as to their duties.

8. Such conferences have been held at most ports with fair results but always the same questions arise; lack of personnel, arms and equipment, which cannot be corrected in the field.

9. If such a conference can be arranged, I should be very happy to present the problems of the ports and warehouses, as I have seen them in the field.

CHARLES C. CROOKS, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LOMBARDIA REGION
APO 394
OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR NORTH ITALY

Tel: 632141 Ext. 40

20 December 1945

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SUBJECT : Gross Negligence of Genoa Port Police.

TO : H.Q. Allied Commission
Transportation Sub-Commission
APO 394 - ROME

1. The attached copy of letter from the Officer o/c P. & W. Genoa is forwarded for your information and any action you consider necessary.

2. The most unsatisfactory state of affairs which appertain with regard to the police organization responsible for guarding docks and stores etc. at Genoa, as expressed in the attached letter, is a matter of grave concern, and, quite obviously, steps must be immediately taken to prevent a continuance of this organized pilferage.

A. N. Hancock
Col. A. N. HANCOCK
Economic Commissioner
for North Italy

Enclosure: 1 copy

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
LIGURIA REGION
GENOA PROVINCE
APO 394

12 December 1945

SUBJECT : Gross Negligence of Genoa Port Police.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Liguria.

1. For some time this officer has made every effort to assist the Commissario di Pubblica Sicurezza del Porto to systematically organize the police in this port for the protection of imported goods. The Commissario is personally cooperative but the police force, made up of partisans etc., is incompetent, negligent, and there is sufficient suspicion in their condoning, if not part of the organized pilfering in Genoa port, which warrants drastic action, if imported goods are to ever be delivered as intended.

2. On a general inspection tour, in the morning hours of 11 December 1945, this officer with Major Symons (Transp. Sub-Comm. Milano), Lt. Pankrest and Lt. Ferraro (Italian Liaison Officer) stopped some (20) twenty civilians filling sacks of coal, with the Civilian Police only some 100 yards away in the port area, stealing coal, this officer proceeded to take all necessary action while no civil police interfered. Later A.M.G. vehicle (ours) was leaving (same) coal yard in port, and same civil police (only 100 yds. away from pilferage point) instead of proceeding to guard coal yard and prevent pilferage, ordered our vehicle to stop, asked that officers (mentioned) come out for searching of officers and car. This officer proceeded to get out, asked police (dressed in civilian clothes) for documents. Civil police (Silvestri Elie, Special Identity Card No 05257) would not even give his documents, was belligerent beyond all precedent as policeman, and only after a physical struggle for such documents was this officer able to take documents from civil police involved. All Allied officers were plainly dressed in full uniform, car has A.M.G. markings (L-9). This was the same policeman, who was permitting dozens of Italian civilians all about him to walk out of port area with sacks of coal some of which this officer stopped, and had the audacity to show contempt when Allied officers called to his attention the fact that they were Allied officers and authorities in this port area.

3. This officer request that necessary investigation and action be taken for :

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3. This officer request that necessary investigation and action be taken for :

- (a) the maintenance of efficient and reliable police personnel.
- (b) the protection of imported goods so vitally necessary such as coal, feedstuffs, cotton etc.

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- (c) the control of personnel entering and leaving port area.
- (d) the proper respect for all Allied personnel and orders of the Allied officials.

T. H. CALVANESE

Capt. O. H. G.

•/c Depot Genoa.

Copy to : HQ.A.C.Transportation
WHSE Div; (Att:Mr. CROOKS)

Sub-Commission Port & Water Div. (Milano)

Transportation Sub-
Att: Lt. Col. HARRIS

On a recent inspection of the

Allied Military Government
Liguria Region
Genoa Province
APO 394

14.Dec.1945

Ref/ G.22/001/

Subject : Security Measures Port of Genoa.
To : Prefect of Genoa.
Sindaco of Genoa.

1. This port is fast becoming a competing port for Naples and Marseilles; the port traffic in imported goods is increasing at a rapid rate of progress. Many men are returning to their work; and many port operating firms are getting under way. Port operation is making good progress.

2. As the activity & tempo of the port increases and winter makes hungry people desperate the temptation for pilfering is ever increasing to where any risk may be taken to pilfer even a kilo of flour or cotton, coal, etc. The Public Safety port organization appears not to be insufficient in its strength of some 350 men; the Commissario is personally a cooperative individual. However, the lackadaisical attitude the individual civil & Italian military police is deplorable.

3. The police fails to carry out routine security man walk in and out of this port with the necessary documents, but each & every one is carrying under his coat, trouser-pockets, underclothes, a kilo of this or that goods which is reaching alarming proportions.

4. The four large contract (cotton) freight forwarding firms in this port, as well as the Magazzini interests, the Federazione, the coal import firms & the line companies this office with legitimate complaints; all of which could easily be ironed out if the port police personnel did not condone, or, as the implications may lead to think, were part of the mass or organized

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pilfering.

5. This officer has a definite interest in seeing to it that imported goods which are destined for Italian industry or consumers, reach them and I'm sure the Italian Authorities are too

6. Request is made that Italian Public Safety overhaul the personnel of said police force to overcome this, and to prevent Genoa port from a spreading reputation of a "Shanghai" port, which will hurt it in the international shipping world for many years to come.



I.M. CALVANESE
Capt. Q.M.G.
o/c Depot Genoa.

Copy to:

Regional Commissioner Liguria Region. ✓

Hq. AC. Transp. Sub-Commission Port & WHSE Div.
(Att. Mr. CROOKS.)

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ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT

Liguria Region

Genoa Province

APO 394

13.Dec.1945

Subject: Request Arrest & Prosecution of Coal Pilferers.

To: Questore di Genova

thru Provincial Public Safety Officer.A.M.G.

1. The following named men were caught loading & stealing coal in the Genoa Port area by this Officer and witnessed by Major Sijmons, Lt. Pankrest and Lt. Ferraro (Italian) on 11 December 1945.

RONCAGLIOLO Benedetto di Giovanni, Tessera di Ricon. N°394
rilasciata dalla Società Nazionale Salvamento
Genova - Sampierdarena.

VENTURI Adolfo fu Giuseppe Via S.Bartolomeo 85/8 Genova.

BOCHINO Carlo impiegato, Via Vecchia N°36/15, Genova.

PETTINATI Giuseppe, N° Carta Ident. 5543028 Impiegato: Impresa Edile
Muccio & Ing. Vigap. Abit. Via Borgo Incrociati 25/2

FERRANDO Francesco, Via M.Barabino N°4/6 Genova. C.I. 5557111/

RIGHI Francesco fu Arnaldo Via S.Martino N°29/4, Genova. C.I. 3441510.

DOTTO Emanuele fu Carlo, Salita Oregina N°18/3 Genova. C.I. 9079111.

MEHA Pietro fu Salvatore, Via Imperiale N°31/26, C.I. 3450471.

MORELLI Giuseppe di Sante, Via San.Lorenzo N°8/10 C.I. 3441941.

BOCHINO Francesco, Tessera N°42578 rilasciata, dalla, Camera
Confederale del Lavoro, Genova.

GALLETTI Ettore fu Aristide, tessera riconoscimento N°2032 rilasciata
dal Comitato Nazionale Reduci dalla Frigione.

A COLLA Sebastiano, Matr. N°3024 documento rilasciato dalla Soc.
Mutua Coop. Edile Genovese "G. Matteotti".

MORELLI Giuseppe Camera Confederale del Lavoro MA 125825.

GAZZO Francesco Camera Confederale del Lavoro, N° 18447.

CAPURRO Giuseppe fu Agostino N°1761 tessera rilasciata dal
Consorzio Autonomo del Porto di Genova.

DI PIETRO Giuseppe di Antonio N°1786 tessera rilasciata dal
Consorzio Autonomo del Porto di Genova.

AC/24.2

AGOSTINO Cosimo di Carmelo N°1768 tessera rilasciata dal Consorzio Autonomo del Porto di Genova.

GAZZO Francesco operaio al Tronco 26 Genova A.S. Benigno.

SILVESTRI Elio di Giuseppe C.I. N°2657 presta servizio nella 3° Comp. Agente di F.S. N° della Carta speciale d'Identità 05257.

2. Copy of letter to Regional Commissioner explains cases.

3. Request drastic measures be taken in reference to Silvestri Elio, S.A.C. N°05257, for his insolent insubordination lack of military respect, and not above suspicion in the organized pilferage of coal.

I.M. CALVANESE

Capt. Q.M.C.

o/c Depot, Genoa.

Copy to:

Commissario P.S. Porto di Genova. Dr. Nocilla.

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AC/24

ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
Liguria Region
Genoa Province
APO 394

*Handed copy to
Col. F. Lammella.
18.12/45
12. Dec. 1945*

Subject : Gross Negligence of Genoa Port Police.
To : Regional Commissioner, Liguria.

1. For some time this officer has made every effort to assist the Commissario di Pubblica Sicurezza del Porto to systematically organize the police in this port for the protection of imported goods. The Commissario is personally cooperative but the police force, made up of partisans etc., is incompetent, negligent, and there is sufficient suspicion in their condoning, if not part of the organized pilfering in Genoa port, which warrants drastic action, if imported goods are to ever be delivered as intended.

2. On a general inspection tour, in the morning hours of 11 December 1945, this officer with Major Symons (Transp. Sub-Comm. Milano), Lt. Fankrest and Lt. Ferraro (Italian Liaison Officer) stopped some (20) twenty civilians filling sacks of coal, with the Civilian Police only some 100 yards away in the port area, stealing coal, this officer proceeded to take all necessary action while no civil police interfered. Later A.M.G. vehicle (ours) was leaving (same) coal yard in port, and same civil police (only 100 yds. away from pilferage point) instead of proceeding to guard coal yard and prevent pilferage, ordered our vehicle to stop, asked that officers (mentioned) come out for searching of officers and car. This officer proceeded to get out, asked police (dressed in civilian clothes) for documents. Civil police (Silverstri Elio, Special Identity Card N°05257) would not even give his documents, was belligerent beyond all ~~present~~ ⁸⁹⁶ as policeman, and only after a physical struggle for such documents was this officer able to take documents from civil police involved. All Allied officers were plainly dressed in full uniform, car has A.M.G. markings (L-9). This was the same policeman, who was

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permitting dozens of Italian civilians all about him to walk out of port area with sacks of coal some of which this officer stopped, and had the audacity to show contempt when Allied officers called to his attention the fact that they were Allied officers and authorities in this port area.

3. This officer request that necessary investigation and action be taken for:

- (a) the maintenance of efficient and reliable police personnel.
- (b) the protection of imported goods so vitally necessary such as coal, foodstuffs, cotton, etc.
- (c) the control of personnel entering and leaving port area.
- (d) the proper respect for all Allied personnel and orders of the Allied officials.



I.M. CALVANESE

Capt. Q.M.G.

o/o Depot Genoa.

Copy to:

Hq. AC. Transportation
Sub-Commission Port&WHSE Div. (Att: Mr. CROOKS)

Transportation Sub-Commission (Milano)
Att: Lt. Col. HARRIS.

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TRANSLATION

AS/mdm

Ref. 7237/o

Rome 12 Dec. 1945

SUBJECT : Storing of Goods at the Port Of Brindisi

TO : A.C. Transportation S/C.

We forward copy of letter received from the Port Commander of Brindisi, in case the A.C. believes it necessary to intervene in the question, to eliminate as much as possible, the lamented inconveniences.

Sgd Ten. Generale A.N. Carlo Matteini

Director General of the Merchant Marine

AS/mdm

TRANSLATION

SUBJECT : Storage of Commodities at the Port of Brindisi,

Presently the quay and the port area is noticeably congested with UNRRA commodities.

Apart from considering the spoiling of the goods and the exposure to pilfering, it must be kept present that the lack of space reduces the possibility of docking of Allied ships at the port for there is little place where to discharge the goods.

The need of reducing the a/m arrivals has been suggested also by the representative of the W.S.A. at Naples who has been here a few days ago together with representatives of other Allied Offices at Bari, (War Shipping Administration Ministry of/Transport- Sea Transport Office-Port Commandant), to get information regards the Port.

To eliminate the a/m inconveniencies it is necessary that:

1. Vessels be sent urgently to reload the commodities stored on the quay and transport them to the other ports of destination.
2. Provide the urgent movement of these commodities which must go to the inland warehouses.

We take the occasion to mention that the discharging of the ships could be notably speeded up if a greater number of trucks is allocated for the movement of the goods from the quay to the warehouse.

We inform you of the above so that you may adopt the necessary measures for the present situation or any that may come up in the future and we would appreciate it if you will keep us informed.

The Ten. Col. di Porto Comandante
sgd F. Fontanarossa

x If fact and figures can be supplied the matter can be taken up. EWAC Brindisi have not reported any difficulties. 9/2/42

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Ministero della Marina

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

ISPEZIONE GENERALE DEI PORTI

Divisione
Reg. V. 7237/C. Allegato 1

Roma 12 Dicembre 1945

H. E. Q. A. C.
TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING
Sub-Commission

R O M A

Risposta al Foglio del
Dir. Ser. N°

OCCETTO *Deposito merci nel porto di Brindisi.*

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Ten. Gen. A.M. Carlo MATTEINI
Direttore Generale della Marina Mercantile

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REPUBBLICA ITALIANA

Sub-Commission

ROMA

Divisione

Prot. N. 7237/5. Allegato 1

Proposta al Regio del
Dir. Sec. N.

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Direttore Generale della Marina Mercantile

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R. CAPITANERIA DI PORTO DEL COMPARTIMENTO
MARITTIMO DI - BRINDISI

Prot. 12520

Brindisi, 3/11/1945

ALL'UNNRA - BRINDISI
e p.c. MARISTAT per ISP. FUNZ. PORTI - ROMA
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION - NAPOLI
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION - BARI
Tramite Direzione

ARGOMENTO Deposito merci nel porto di Brindisi.

Si riscontra attualmente una notevole congestione sulla banchina e nelle aree portuali dovuta ai depositi di merci dell'UNNRA.

A prescindere dalla considerazione del deterioramento cui le merci vanno soggette e del maggior pericolo di furti cui rimangono esposte, è da tenersi soprattutto presente che con la sensibile diminuzione delle aree disponibili per le operazioni commerciali, si riduce la possibilità di afflusso delle navi alleate in questo porto, dato che non troverebbero spazio sufficiente per lo sbarco delle merci.

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Ad eliminare gli inconvenienti su esposti sarebbe necessario:

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- 1°) provocare un tempestivo invio delle navi minori che debbono provvedere al ricarico e trasporto delle merci depositate in banchina con destinazione ad altri porti.
- 2°) provvedere al sollecito inoltro delle merci eventualmente destinate a magazzini del retroterra.

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Quanto sopra si rappresenta a codesto ufficio affinché voglia adottare per l'attuale contingenza e per l'avvenire i provvedimenti del caso, dei quali questo Comando gradirà essere portato cortesemente a conoscenza.

IL TEN. COLONNELLO DI PORTO-COMMANDANTE
F.to F. Fontanarosa

Per copia conforme:

IL COLONNELLO DI PORTO

ISPETTORE

(Enrico Lombardo)

Chivella



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AC/24.1/86/Tn6

CCC/HVM
6 November 1945

SUBJECT: Pilferage at Venice

TO : Ministero della Marina
Direzione Generale della Marina Mercantile
Rome
(Att: Gen. Matteini)

1. We quote below letter dated 30 October 1945, received from our Port Liaison Officer at Venice:

"The writer would like to point out that no staff officer for the Carabinieri has been appointed yet.

The subject was broached at the P.C.C. meeting this morning and the question arose whether HQ at Rome would expedite this matter.

While the situation is not unsatisfactory, there seems to be a small tendency amongst the Civilian Security Police to assist in cases of pilfering.

These will be weeded out in time but it is felt that with an appointment of a staff officer (Italian military) who will be attached to the Capitaneria di Porto for this duty, this tendency will vanish altogether while at the same time the Carabinieri and Guardia di Finanza will not be so lax in the execution of their duties."

2. We would appreciate anything you can do to expedite the appointment of a staff officer for the Carabinieri.

CHARLES C. CROOKS, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

M. 8909

30 October '45

Ref:- PW 3

Subject:- Pilferage

To:- Movements (Shipping)
TN Sub- Commission
Allied Commission
R o m e

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Copy to: P. & W. Div. Rome ✓
Capitaneria di Porto
TN REGION XII

H. Evans
LT. W.J. EVANS
PORT & WAREHOUSE OFFICER
TN. A.M.C. REG. XII.

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23 October 45

Subject:- Pilferage Venice Port

Ref:- PW 3

To:- Movements (Shipping)
TN Sub-Commission
Allied Commission
A.P.O. 394

1. Ref your A/C 630/1/TN3 of 1st Oct. The situation has improved due to the guards being increased in the Port, from local resources.
2. The Capitanneria di Porto is however, handicapped by the delay in appointing his Staff Officer.
3. He reports having made several attempts to speed this up, and on 16 Sept. signal N° PW 69 was sent, to Port & Warehouse Division asking the Allied Commission to assist in having this officer appointed, by this office.

J.N. Bowes
J.N. Bowes Capt.
Port Officer
TN A.M.G. REG. X11

Copy to:- TN REGION X11
P. & V. Div. HQ TN B/C ✓

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AC/241

TRANSLATION

AS/ga

28 Nov. 45

Ref.6236 P.

SUBJECT : Pilfering of goods in the Port of Venice.

TO

1. What has been outlined with letter AC/241/88/Tn6 of Nov 6 regards the deficiency of police service in the Port of Venice has been made present to the Ministry of Intern (Direzione Generale Pubblica Sicurezza) concerned in the matter.

2. We reserve to inform as soon as possible, of the answer given by the Ministry.

sgd CARLO MATTEINI
Ten. Generale R.M.I
Direttore Generale della Marina
Mercantile

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AC/24.1

28 NOV. 1945



M A R I N A
MINISTERO DELLE COMUNICAZIONI
IL DIRETTORE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

Prot. 6236-P

→ Alla COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
SOTTO COMMISSIONE TRASPOR-
TI Pavullo R O M A
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Manomissioni di merci nel porto di Venezia.

1. - Quanto è stato prospettato con la lettera n. AC/
24.1/88/Tn. 6 del 6 novembre 1945 in merito alla
deficienze del servizio di polizia nel porto di Ve-
nezia è stato segnalato al Ministero dell'Interno
(Direzione Generale della Pubblica Sicurezza), com-
petente in materia.
2. - Si fa, pertanto, riserva di render nota, non appe-
na possibile, la risposta che in proposito sarà da-
ta dal predetto Ministero.

Carlo Matteini
Carlo MATTEINI

Ten. Generale R.M.I.
Direttore Generale della Ma-
rina Mercantile

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TRANSLATION

AS/fl

Ref: 6379/P

Rome 15 Dec. 45

Subject : Pillfering in the Port of Venice

To : Transportation S/C
Att. Mr. Charles C. Crooks.

Pursuant my letter No 6256 of the 28 Nov 1945, I transcribe below answer of the Ministry of Intern in regard pillfering taking place in the Port of Venice, mentioned in your letter AC/241/88/Tn6, dated 6 Nov. 1945.

" In regard the a/m letter, this Ministry fully understands the complaint made by the Allied Authorities of the Port and Warehouses in the Port of Venice and regrets that, under the present circumstances it can not intervene as desired.

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Regard Venice other letters urging action have been sent on the 31 Oct and 26 Dec. in consequence of continuous requests urging us to find a solution.

We suggest therefore that the a/m Allied Officer be informed that his justified complaint should be addressed to the Allied Commission, P.S. Sub-Commission, which has to decide in regard and issue instructions by which we could take proper action".

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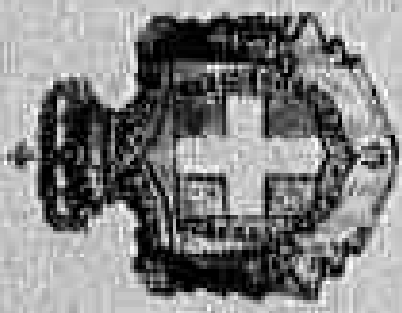
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Ministero della Marina

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

IL DIRETTORE GENERALE

Roma, 15 DIC 1945

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ALLA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sotto-commissione Trasporti

R O M A

(Att. Mr. Charles C. Crooks)

Manomissioni nel porto di Venezia.-

A seguito della mia lettera 28 novembre 1945, n. 6256 P, trascritto qui di seguito la risposta pervenuta dal Ministero dell'Interno in merito alle manomissioni nel porto di Venezia, di cui alla Sua lettera AC/24.1/88/Tn.6 del 6 novembre 1945:

" In relazione a nota sopra distinta, questo Ministero ha preso atto delle lagnanze formulate dall'Ufficio Alleato addetto ai Porti e Magazzini del porto di Venezia ed è dolente di non avere, allo stato attuale delle cose, possibilità alcuna d'intervenire nel senso desiderato.

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(Att. Mr. Charles C. Crooks)

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Carlo Matteini

(~~Carlo MATTEINI~~)

Ten. Generale Armi Navali

Direttore Generale della Marina
Mercantile

Ref. IC/24/77/Tn6

// October 1945

SUBJECT: Guards for Italian Ports

TO : Military Mission Italian Army

1. The Italian Ministry of Treasury has pointed out the seriousness of thefts in Italian ports, especially in the case of goods arriving from abroad, and for which the Italian Government have to pay. It is foreseen that as winter approaches, these thefts will assume even greater proportions, to the point of jeopardizing the national economy.

2. In a letter (translation attached), the Ministry give a few typical instances of thefts in ports, and they ask that the Italian Ministry of War be authorized to place 1000 soldiers on guard duty at the various ports and motorpools for a period of a few months.

3. The lack of sufficient guards often holds up the dispatch of trucks at shipside, causing delay in port clearance, as frequently happens in Naples civilian port area and elsewhere.

4. However, we understand that these guards should not be assigned to the "Carabinieri" but be controlled by Port authorities, the Pubblica Sicurezza, who are the police of this country, and to whom public safety is entrusted, and whose number is at present insufficient.

5. The situation, as has been outlined to us by the Treasury and by other Government Departments and from our own knowledge, is a serious one, and the loan of 1000 men from guard battalions should help very considerably in diminishing theft from port areas.

6. In view of the present situation, it is hoped that the AMIA will be able to authorize the assignment of the 1000 guards asked for by the Italian Treasury and so enable goods snatched by the Allied Authorities to Italy to be delivered safely to destination.

7. As will be understood, the matter is a **883** urgent

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one, and we take the liberty of asking for an early decision, and if favorable, as we hope, we trust that the War Ministry will get in immediate touch with the Treasury and Directorate General of the Merchant Marine for the necessary arrangements and assignment to the various ports.

WILLIAM W. STONE
Rear Admiral, USN
Chief Commissioner

Attachment:
As stated in para 2.

TRANSLATION

AS/gb

MINISTRY OF TREASURY

No. 130971

Rome 28 Sept. 1945

TO : A.C. Transportation S/C
ROME

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We thank you.

THE MINISTER

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ANCONA STOREHOUSES

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TRANSLATION of letter, dated 28 July, addressed by the
Italian Ministry of the Treasury to ACHQ,
Ports & Warehouse Division.

Some time ago there was pointed out the urgent necessity of ensuring an active and continuous surveillance in Italian ports, where there is discharged the foodstuffs granted by the Allies to the Italian Government, so as to avoid possible dispersion and theft.

There was also pointed out that recently thefts have increased, not only in the ports, but also in the warehouses and during the transportation of the foodstuffs by rail or road.

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In view of this situation it is necessary to find immediately a remedy for this most serious state of affairs, without waiting for the three thousand policemen to be placed at our disposal and who, probably, would be able to act when the warehouses will be practically empty.

We would then ask you to be kind enough to find a suitable solution of this serious problem. If you agree, you might be so good as to use your good offices with the F.R.I.A. so as to

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units have placed at the disposal of the Italian Ministry of War, until the 3000 police are ready, at least 1000 men (soldiers or guards) of the Italian Army to be assigned to the Carabinieri who could then undertake the surveillance.

Thanks for all you may do.

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HEAD, EASTERN ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION
Ports and Warehouse Division

RM/rf

Tel. 498700

25 September 1945

Ref. #2/1591/m6

SUBJECT : Guards at Naples Warehouses

TO : Federazione Italiana dei Consorzi Agrari
Attention: Sig. Mizzi

1. Confirming phone conversation 24 September 1945 Sig. Mizzi/maj. Klein, the following is made of record.

2. For more than a year Peninsular Base Section, Naples, has provided Italian Military Guards for the protection of Federazione warehouses in Naples. It is understood that approximately 50 guards have been on duty.

3. These guards are members of the 11th and 12th Companies, 3rd Military Police Battalion, 212th Division of the Italian Army, and have been trained by the American Military Police. These troops were classified as U.S. ITIES. (The other two classes of Italian troops are BN. ITIES and IT. ITIES.)

4. Since these troops come under the control of the American Army, and since they are protecting merchandise which is the property of the Italian Government, the American Army has ordered that they be withdrawn from this duty. We have prevailed upon the American authorities to allow these guards to remain for a short additional time to allow the Federazione to secure other guards.

5. It seems to us that three courses of action are open: first, that through the Minister of the Interior, Guardia di Finanza be furnished; second, through the Minister of War, other Italian troops be furnished; third, through arrangements with the Federazione, private armed guards be furnished.

6. In any event, the matter is one of great urgency and requires immediate attention.

For the Director:

ROBERT H. KLEIN
Major Med. Adm. C.
Ports & Whse Div.

Copy to:

Minister of War
Minister of Interior
Minister of Food
Director, Food Sub-Commission

Economic Section

(Attention: Col. Denzaro)

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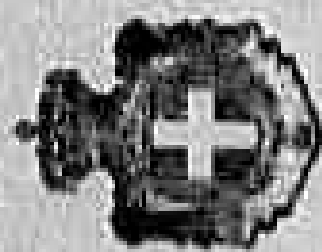
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IL MINISTRO
DEL TESORO

Roma 28 settembre 1945

4-1309/1

ALL'ALLIED COMMISSION
Transportation Sub-Commission

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n. 2	casse di oleomergarine	da 50 libbre nette
" 40	" " sapone da toilette	" 75 "
" 4	" " acido ascorbico	" 40 bottiglie

Il 24 maggio fu commesso altro furto con scasso al deposito n. 576 e furono rubate le seguenti merci U.M.R.R.A.:

n. 2	balle da 200 vestiti usati per donna
" 2	" " 30 cappotti " " "
" 1	" " 100 vestiti " " UOMO
" 1	" " 1130 metri di mussola nuova
" 1	" " 300 vestiti nuovi per donna

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" 10	" da 10 coltronicini ciascuno.

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magazzino. Le indagini prontamente iniziate portarono al rintraccio lungo la strada che da Napoli parte a S. Giorgio a Cremano del camion in questione abbandonato a vuoto senza autista e guardia giurata.

Il camion fu recuperato dalla M.P. ma sinora nessuna notizia è pervenuta circa il rintraccio della merce.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION OFFICER
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION
HEADQUARTERS
ARMY NAVALS COMBINE
APO 394

20 September, 1945

SUBJECT: Port Operations .

TO : Colonel Sarti
Port Commandant, Naples
Ministry of Marine

1. Upon a visit to the Port Area yesterday, the following observations were made.

- (a) Armed escort guards had not been provided for trucks at ship-side, and a large number of loaded trucks were awaiting dispatch at area dispatch point for several hours in some cases. Much confusion existed.
- (b) A proper check of persons and vehicles was not being made at Gate.
- (c) About 15 guards of the Guardia Finanza were idle at their station in Backpile 42.
- (d) Some Chilean Nitrate remained in Backpile 42 from SS Charles Clover that discharged 2 months ago.
- (e) Nothing had been done about securing platforms for discharging SS George Leonard in Berth 59, although stevedore contractor had requested this 4 days before.

2. While this may be partly due to installation of a new truck dispatch system and not a regular occurrence, unless if ever does one enter the port without observing some inefficiencies of operation or dishonesty, and appropriate steps should be taken immediately to effect correction.

3. Following suggestions are made for improvement of conditions.

- (a) Now that an increasing proportion of civil supplies are being discharged in Italian Port Area, it is believed again that responsibility should be fixed definitely for the performance of tasks; that is, one officer should be appointed for control of discharge operations, one officer for loading operations, one officer to see that trucks and escort guards are properly dispatched and one for general security of the area; all of these officers to report to Port Superintendent.

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(b) As some guards are idle when other guards are not available, it is believed you would find it advisable to have only one group of guards for all purposes. In this connection, I have asked to have a company of 150 military guards trained by American Military Police put at disposal of port and warehouses in this area.

(c) Report promptly to this office any requirements for stevedoring gear or equipment you are not able to get through your Liaison Officer with 8th Port Commandant.

(d) Survey again your requirements for additional berths with a view to approaching military authorities as this may be an appropriate time for negotiations. Let me know what are your findings and we can take the matter up with 8th Port Commandant.

For the Commissioner:

T. E. Ramsey

T. E. RAMSEY
Captain, Spec-Res
Port Liaison Officer

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TRANSLATION OF LETTER, DATED 13 Sept 1945, addressed by
MINISTRY OF MARINE, Directorate General of Merchant Marine,
to HQAC, Ports & Warehouse Division.

Maritime police - uniforms - armament - motorisation.

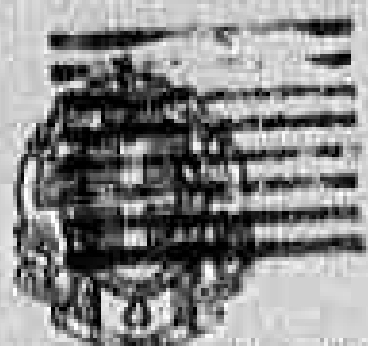
1. The Ministry of the Interior, in view of the putting into effect an urgent plan of increasing the services of public safety in the maritime provinces, points out the opportunity of hurrying up the supply of material, as per my request of 4 August last, n. 2781.

(sd) Matteini

Director General

NOTE: Public Safety say they cannot do anything about armament, uniforms, etc. for a police force which does not yet exist. MMIA are to examine the question of allowing the It. Ministry of War to lend 1000 men for policing ports till police force is formed, and official of Treasury was to come in and discuss it with documents, on Monday or latest Tuesday. To-day, 14th., is Friday and he has not turned up yet, inspite of the great urgency so stressed by him and other Italian Authorities.

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MINISTERO DELLA MARINA
Ministero delle Comunicazioni

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILE

LA COMMISSIONE ALLEATA
Sotto-Commissione Tra-
sporti-Div;Porti e Ma-
gazzini

Permanente IV^a Sec.
Del. N. 3851/P Allegato

R O M A
Resp. del Sec.

Oggetto — Agenti di polizia marittima-Vestizione-
Armamento-Motorizzazione.

1- Il Ministro dell'Interno, in vista dell'at-
tuazione di un urgente piano di potenziamento
dei servizi di pubblica sicurezza nelle sedi
delle provincie marittime, fa presente l'oppor-
tunità che venga sollecitata la fornitura dei
materiali, di cui alla mia richiesta 4 agosto
u.s., n. 2781.

2- Prego, pertanto, di voler far conoscere le
determinazioni adottate in merito a tale richie-
sta.

Matteini
Ten. gen. R. M. I.

Direttore Generale Marina M.

A.G.

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OUT-TURN REPORT S/S WALTER ARND

OPERATORS AMERICAN EXPORT LINES, INC.

Arrived October 27th 1945

Began discharge Oct

Sailed November 9th 1945

Completed discharge

B/L N ^o	RECEIVERS	COMMODITIES	Marks and numbers	PIECES	
				nature of containers	Quantity as per manifest
Various	FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA DEI CONSORZI AGRARI	FLOUR	VARIOUS	Bags of 100 lbs	121697
				Bags of 50 lbs	61980

T S/S WALTER REED

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TORS AMERICAN EXPORT LINES, INC. AS AGENTS WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

Began discharge October 31st 1945

GENOA November 8th 1945

Completed discharge November 8th 1945

Completed discharge		November 8th 1942				
Bill numbers	PIECES			WEIGHT		REMARKS
	nature of containers	Quantities		as per manifest	unloaded	
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O U 3	Bags of 100 Lbs	121697	121703	12233444	12211695	730 bags of 100 lbs torn and short of contents Weight Kilos; 23139
	Bags of 50 lbs	61980	61962	3191970	3191729	29 bags of 50 lbs torn and short of contents Weight Kilos. 514 174 bags slightly wet by rain 30 bags of 100 lbs sweepings of flour 42 empty bags (found empty in ship's hold)

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General remarks

CHIEF MATE

(Signed) JAMES P. MENIER

CHIEF TALLY CLERK

Mr. C. W. ...

REPRESENT

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REPRESENTATIVE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT

The consignments

COMM. MARIO CACCHIONI
PROTEZIONE ITAL. CONSIGLIO ARABO - CAIRO

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

ABSTRACT

U. S. WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

The agents

John A. S. S. S.

ACOMIN

AZIENDA COMMERCIALE INDUSTRIALE
SOCIETA' A RESPONSABILITA' LIMITATA CAP. SOC. L. 800.000 INT. VERS
ROMA - VIA CESARE BECCARIA 11 - TEL. 33.776

C. P. C. 114437

AGENTS

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES

CIVITAVECCHIA

Civitavecchia, OCTOBER, 15, 1945

RECEIPT OF CARGO

S/S **REBULON PIKE** **Civitavecchia OCTOBER, 15, 1945**
We hereby declare to have received from Messers ACOMIN, Agents of the above subject vessel, the following goods:

MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AS PER MANIFEST	Pkgs. N° 33.352
do , DISCHARGED AS PER TALLY	" 33.412
EXCESS LANDED, PACKAGES	" 60

REBULON PIKE

(That is to say discharged packages thirtythree thousand fourhundredtwelve only, including sixty pkgs excess landed)
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[Signature]

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AMERICAN EXPORT LINES

CIVITAVECCHIA

Civitavecchia October, 17, 1945

RECEIPT OF CARGO

S/S **ZEKULON PIKE**

Civitavecchia October 15, 1945

We hereby declare to have received from Messrs ACOMIN, Agents of the above subject vessel, the following goods:

SHOES : Pkgs n° 1751 Tonn. 43.775

(onethousand sevenhundred fifty one only)

REMARKS :

Carton n° 91 - two pairs shoes found short
do " 316 - one pair shoes found short
do " 51 - one pair shoes found short
do " 662 - one pair shoes found short
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do " 63 - two pairs shoes found short
do " 1348 - three pairs shoes found short
do " 614 - one pairs shoes found short
do " 8 - one pairs shoes found short

Carton" 195 - one pair shoes found short

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Carton" 395 - one pair shoes found short

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THE CONSIGNEES

List attached to Receipt of Cargo of S/S ZEBULON PIKE

During the discharge the following ascertainties were made :

Item n° 7 J 04400	- Two cases of sewing machine needles containing 25 packages each - result 4 packages only in each case.
Item n° 7 J 20I2000	- Triangular bandage - 2 packages missing from one case, 1 package missing from another case.
Item n° 7 J 20I4000	- Ten cases fell in the sea and were salvaged.
Tog. n° J 206 C.O. 020	- Four packages missing from one case.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 398	- Two bottles and a few packages or broken bottles missing from one case.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 034	- A few packages of bandage and cotton missing from one case.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 035	- Six cases with one or two little packages missing.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 035	- Sixteen cases with evidence of one or two little packages missing from each.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 025	- Three cases with evidence of one or two little packages missing from each.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 027	- Two cases with evidence of one or two little packages missing.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 024	- One case with one or two little packages missing.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 026	- Three cases with evidence of one or two little packages missing.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 0373	- Ten packages missing from one case.
Tog. n° J 226 C.O. 402	- Case N° 805 which was to contain 25 cartons of talcum powder was found with only 7 cartons.
Item n° 7 J 20I20	- Case N° 529 found with 8 triangular packages
Item n° 7 J 20I2000	- Case N° 594 found with 11 packages missing
Item n° 7 J 20I2000	- Case N° 593 found with 7 packages missing
Item n° 7 J 04400	- Case N° 161 contained 362 boxes of absorbent 1 flannel cloth, 1 wool blanket 2 baby

from one case, 1 package missing from another case.

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Item n° 7 J 04400	- Case N° 161 contained ⁸⁶² boxes of absorbent 1 flannel cloth, 1 wool blanket 2 baby bottles.
Item n° 7 J 04400	- Case N° 163 with evidence of some absorbent boxes missing.
Item n° 7 J 04400	- Case N° 44 found with 7 boxes of absorbent 3 rolls of toilet paper and 5 baby bottles
Item n° 7 J 0I440	- Case N° 82 with evidence of one or a few missing packages.

Continued List attached to Receipt of Cargo of S/S ZEBULON PIKE

Item n° 7 J O-1440

- Case N° 140 with evidence of one or a few packages missing.

Item n° 203500

- Case N° 223 found with only 99 rolls ceroplaster instead of 180.

Item n° 7 J 2014000

- Case N° 233 found with 10 packages of absorbent cotton instead of 20.

Item 1010000

- Case N° 466 found with 2 bottles of aspirin missing and 10 bottles broken.

Item n° 7 J 2014000

Item 1010000

- Case No 233 found with 10 packages of absorbent cotton instead of 20.
- Case No 466 found with 2 bottles of aspirin missing and 10 bottles broken.

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CASELLA POSTALE 1858 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Vessel **HAROLD DOSSETT**

Voy. No. **4**

Port **SAVONA**

Arr. **Oct. 8th**
Dep. **Oct. 11th**

B/L No.	Cargo Short or Over-landed	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallyman Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?
	CARGO OF COAL IN BULK,	Weight according to ship's manifest					Tons. 8734/ 836/2240		
		Outturn weight					Kilos. 8,621.270		
AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC. AGENTS <i>[Signature]</i>									
B/L No.	Damaged Cargo	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage (Give details)	Has liability been ascertained?	Have claims been filed?			

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CABELLA POSTALE 1858 - GENOA, ITALY
CARGO OUTTURN REPORT
Port SAVONA

Date: Arr. Oct. 8th 1945
Dep. Oct. 11th 1945

Loaded	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallyman Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed ?	Remarks
IN BULK,	Weight according		to ship's manifest	Tons. 8734/		836/2240			
			Outturn weight	Kilos. 8.621.270					
						AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC. AGENTS <i>Munich</i>			
	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has Liability been ascertained	Have claims been filed ?	Remarks			

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1858 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Port GENOA

Date: Arr. Oct. 8th
Dep. Oct. 10th

TIME: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC
AGENTS

S. MARABOTTO

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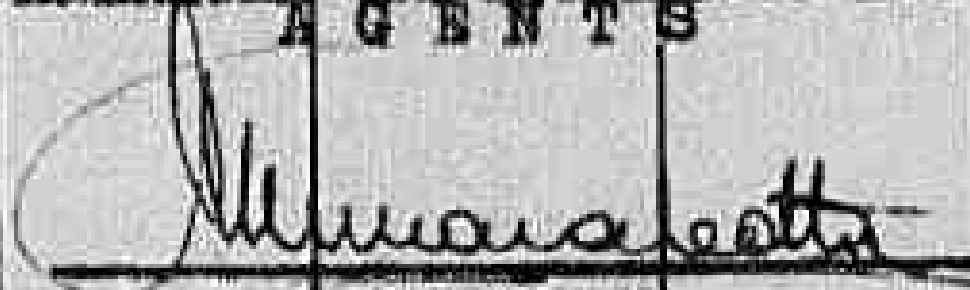
AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1056 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Port GENOA

Arr. Oct. 8th 1945
Date: Dep. Oct. 10th 1945

Item	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallyman Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt.	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?	Remarks
BULK,	Weight according to ship's manifest			Tons. 8464.		1456/2240			
	Outturn weight		Kilos.	8.504.880					
									AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC. AGENTS  S. MARABOTTO

	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has Liability been ascertained	Have claims been filed ?	Remarks

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1858 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Port GENOA

Vessel JAMES MOORE

Voy. No. N° 8

Arr. September
Date: September
Dep. September

SHIP - GENOA - GENOVA

B/L No.	Cargo Short or Over-landed	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallyman Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?
Various " 52&53 Various	ALL CARGO DISCHARGED AS PER SHIP'S MANIFEST IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS: <u>SHORTLANDED CARGO</u> 12 - Cartons Dried Eggs 23 - Cartons Milk 4 - Cartons Salmon 6 - Bags Peas <u>OVERLANDED CARGO</u> 59 - Bags Peas - Sweepings								257

B/L No.	Damaged Cargo	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has Liability been ascertained?	Have claims been filed?
52&53 Various " " " " " "	<u>DAMAGED CARGO</u> Salmon Cartons - 7 Cartons Empty Salmon Cartons - 4 Cartons Short- 133 Tins Dried Eggs - 1 Carton Empty Dried Eggs - 5 Cartons Short Part Of Contents Milk Cartons - 5 Cartons Empty Milk Cartons - 57 Cartons Short Part Of Contents Milk Cartons - 76 Cartons Contents Damaged By Deterioration Bags Peas - 300 Bags Torn & Mended- Short Part Of Contents Bags Peas - 46 Bags Damaged By Moisture- Contents Deteriorated Soap - 1 Box Short Of 6 Packages					

THE ABOVE REPORT WAS COMPILED BY COMPANY TALLYMEN.

CHIEF TALLY CLERK

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.
AS AGENTS
U. S. WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATIONCHIEF MATE
(Signed) John J. TenoraREPRESENTATIVE OF RECEIPIENTS
COMM. MARIO CAGNO
Procuratore Generale
FEDERAZIONE ITAL. CONSORZI AGRARI

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1868 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Port GENOA

Arr. September 12th 1945
Date: September 18th 1945
Dep.JAMES MOORE
No. 8

Port or Over-landed	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallymen Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?	Remarks
DISCHARGED AS PER SHIP'S MANIFEST IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:									
<u>CARGO</u>									
10 Dried Eggs									
10 Milk									
10 Salmon									
10 Peas									
<u>CARGO</u>									
Peas - Sweepings									

Damaged Cargo	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has Liability been ascertained	Have claims been filed?	Remarks
100						
100 - 7 Cartons Empty						
100 - 4 Cartons Short- 133 Tins						
100 - 1 Carton Empty						
100 - 5 Cartons Short Part Of Contents						
100 - 5 Cartons Empty						
100 - 57 Cartons Short Part Of Contents						
100 - 76 Cartons Contents Damaged By Deterioration						
100 - 300 Bags Torn & Mended- Short Part Of Contents						
100 - 46 Bags Damaged By Moisture- Contents Deteriorated						
100 - 1 Box Short Of 6 Packages						

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CLERK

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

AS AGENTS

U. S. WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

CHIEF MATE

(Signed) John J. Tenesa

REPRESENTATIVE OF RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT

COMM. MARIO CAONDI

Procuratore Generale

FEDERAZIONE ITAL. CONSORZI AGRARI - GENOVA

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AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1868 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Vessel: **BLUE RIDGE VICTORY**

Voy. No. _____

Port **GENOA**Arr. **Aug. 31st.**
Dep. **Sept. 4th**

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B/L No.	Cargo Short or Over-landed	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallyman Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?
	ALL CARGO DISCHARGED AS PER SHIP'S MANIFEST IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:								
	<u>SHORTLANDED CARGO:</u>								
Various	29 bags sugar gran								
33090	1 box soup dehy gr. pea								
Various	9 cardboard cases salmon								
	<u>OVERLANDED CARGO.</u>								
33419)									
33425)	2 bales clothing and jackets.								
no B/L.	1 box wheaties toasted ready	(206/102)	about	Kgs. 15					
do	4 cases machinery	(STK 611)	"	" 120					

B/L No.	Damaged Cargo	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has Liability been ascertained	Have claims been filed?
	<u>DAMAGED CARGO.</u>					
various	3 bags sugar half of contents missing					
32092	1 bag sugar empty					
Various	83 bags sugar torn and mended slightly short of contents					
do	148 boxes salmon and pickards partly short of contents					
do	13 cardboard boxes of whole dried eggs partly short of contents					
do	650 bags peas dry whole torn and mended - contents partly recovered - frail bags.					
	CHIEF TALLY CLERK <i>Antonio Giusseppe</i> AMERICAN EXPORT LINES, INC. <i>M. M. M. M.</i> CHIEF MATR (sgd) J.P. Daugherty					
	REPRESENTATIVE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT. <i>Luigi De Caro</i> COMM. MARIO CAONONI Procuratore Generale FEDERAZIONE ITAL. CONSORZI AGRARI - GENOVA ISTITUTO SIAI COMMERCIO ESTERNO					

EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1858 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Port **CENOA.**

Date: Arr. **Aug. 31st.**
Dep. **Sept. 4th**

EDGE VICTORY"

Over-landed	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallyman Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?	Remarks
DARGED AS PER SHIP'S MANIFEST IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:									
CO:									856
ar gran									
deby gr. pea									
cases salmon									
CO.									
ing and jackets.									
ies toasted ready	(206/102)	about	Kcs. 15						
achinery	(STK 611)	"	" 120						

Cargo	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has Liability been ascertained	Have claims been filed Y	Remarks
half of contents missing empty torn and mended slightly short of contents on and pickards partly short of contents boxes of whole dried eggs partly short of contents dry whole torn and mended - contents partly recovered - frail bags.		AMERICAN EXPORT LINES, INC. AGENTS. <i>M. M. M. M. M.</i>	CHIEF MATE (sgd) J. P. Daughtry			
TALLY CLERK <i>G. J. J. J. J.</i>		REPRESENTATIVE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT. <i>M. M. M. M. M.</i> COMM. MARIO CAONONI Procuratore Generale FEDERAZIONE ITAL. CONSORZI AGRARI - GENOVA	<i>L. L. L. L. L.</i> LUIGI DEBARIERI ISTITUTO SAZ. COMMERCIO ESTERO - GENOVA			

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1858 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Vessel CAPE PEMBROKE

Voy. No. 1

Port OF GENOVA

Arr. August 7th
Dep. August 14th

B/L No.	Cargo Short or Over-landed	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallymen Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?	R
	CARGO RECEIVED IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION AS PER MANIFEST WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: <u>CARGO SHORT LANDED:</u> 104 Bags sugar 154 Cartons Soap. <u>CARGO OVERLANDED:</u> None								53	
B/L No.	Damaged Cargo	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has liability been ascertained?	Have claims been filed?	R			
Various Marks	Bags of sugar: 565	Bags torn and mended including bags		fifty eight	short of 50% of contents					
do	Cartons of soap: 355	Cartons broken and repaired part of		contents short and one carton empty	15 bags empty					
do	Cartons and bags of soap:	230 Packages broken and repaired and		315 bags torn and mended						
do	Medicinal cases:	Very frail cases, 17 cases broken and repaired - One case empty								
do	U S Navy Cargo 570 Pkgs	Pkgs 75 Broken and repaired								
CHIEF TALLY CLERK AND AGENT <i>Munzabotta</i>		CHIEF OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i>		RAPPRESENTATIVE OF RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT La Federazione Italiana Consorzi dichiara di non aver potuto o la merce allo sbarco perché i inglesi impedirono l'accesso personale al luogo di scarico COMM. MARIO CAGNONI Procuratore Generale FEDERAZIONE ITAL. CONSORZI AGRARI - G <i>[Signature]</i>						

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES INC.

CASELLA POSTALE 1866 - GENOA, ITALY

CARGO OUTTURN REPORT

Port of GENOVA

Arr. August 7th 1945
Date: Dep. August 14th 1945

Port of GENOVA									
or Over-landed	Nature Container	Quantity as per Bill of Lading	Quantity as per Ship's Tally	Quantity Tallyman Check	And Or	Quantity as per Lighter Receipt	Quantity as per Customs Tally	Have claims been filed?	Remarks
IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION AS PER MANIFEST WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:									
LANDED: sugar and soap.									
LANDED: None									
ged Cargo	Nature Container	When damaged	Nature of damage Give details	Has Liability been ascertained?	Have claims been filed?	Remarks			
sugar: 565	Bags torn and mended including bags		fifty eight	short of 50% of contents and 15 bags empty					
of soap: 355	Cartons broken and repaired part of		contents short and one carton empty						
and bags of soap:	230 Packages broken and repaired and		315 bags torn and mended						
1 cases:	Very frail cases, 17 cases broken and repaired - One case empty								
Cargo 570 Pcks	Pkgs 75 Broken and repaired								
CHIEF OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i>									
RAPPRESENTATIVE OF RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT La Federazione Italiana Consorzi Agrari dichiara di non aver potuto controllare la merce allo sbarco perché le Autorità Inglese impedirono l'accesso del proprio personale al luogo di sbarco. COMM. MARIO CARRONI Procuratore Generale FEDERAZIONE ITAL. CONSORZI AGRARI - GENOVA <i>[Signature]</i>									

CHIEF OFFICER

[Signature]

RAPPRESENTATIVE OF RECIPIENT GOVERNMENT
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personale al luogo di sbarco.

COMM. MARIO CASARINI
Procuratore Generale
FEDERAZIONE ITAL. CONSORZI AGRARI - GENOVA

[Signature]

SHIP OUT -TURN REPORT

PORT :BRINDISI

S/S HENRY GRADY

SHIP CODE No....

MANIFESTED							RECEIVED			For use by A.C
Serial No of Bill of lading	Item Serial No	Commodity	Markings	Unit	nº of units	Weight	nº of Units	Weight of	At raised weight of	
		Peas		bags			21596 of 100 lbs	964	0	
		Sugar		bags			6476 of 100 lbs	378	7	
		Dehy		paper bags			2129 of 100 lbs	43	7	
		Evaporated milk		ctns			2844	69	7	
		Rolls paper					347	45	0	

Signed

CONSERZIO SERRA PROV. BRINDISI

Signed

Agent
behalf

Date :Brindisi, 15th August

Percentage of shrinkage allowed by ship Charter

SHIP OUT - TURN REPORT

3/3 HENRY GRADY

SHIP CODE No.

MANIFESTED					RECEIVED		For use by	REMARKS
Commodity	Markings	Unit	n° of units	Weight	n° of Units	Admitted or Voluntary or Duty	A.C.	
		bags			21594 of 100 lbs	964 0		235 bags broken. loss Q.11 29,15.160 14 bags broken content Q.11 4,53 damaged pens loss Q.11 1,82.040
		bags			5475 of 100 lbs	378 7		179 bags broken. loss Q.11 17,75.944 63 bags broken content Q.11 19,81 2600 dam- aged sugar. loss Q.11 8,70.080
		paper bags			2129 5 lbs	43 7		
sterilized milk		ctns			2844	69 7		Some Ctns broken and 223 boxes damaged
paper					347	45 0		

Signed

Signed

Agent doing tally on
behalf of ship

Date : Brindisi, 15th August, 1945

Damage allowed by ship Charter

OUT-TURN REPORT OF THE UNRRA CARGO DISCHARGED AT BRINDISI FROM THE S/S. "JOHN W. DAY"
FROM THE 25 AUGUST 1945 TO THE 27 AUGUST 1945.

B/L	Manifested			Discharged		Remarks
	Unit	No. of units	Commodities	Weight Pounds	No. of Units	Weight T. Cwt.
1	bales	82	Women coats wool	8982	78	3. 16
2	bales	131	Blankets	14410	175	7. 15
3	"	161	Cotton comforters	11453	161	5. 10
4	Bales	9	Women wollen outwear	880	98	4. 6
5	cases	31	Boys' mackinaws	4650	32	3. 19
6	"	5	Calcium hypochlorite	200	5	0. 2
7	bales	18	Bleached nainsook	3400	19	1. 12
8	cases	31	Boys' wool overcoats	4802	36	2. 8
9	"	40	Men's sheep-lined coats	7960	38	3. 8
10	bales	300	Rubber soling compositn.	60000	316	26. 14
11	cases	3	Penicillin sodium	109	3	0. 1
12	bags	6272	Wheat flour	613104	6418	286. 14
13	boxes	10	Canvas water storage tanks	2548	10	1. 3
14	bags	1993	Dried peas	200546	2048	91. 8
15	bbls	520	Dry skimmed milk	91503	520	40. 17
16	pkgs	392	Medical supplies	31015	232	8. 4
17	bags	9010	Wheat flour	1261400	16472	1029. 10
18	"	7800	Wheat flour	1092000		
1	sacks	560	Sulphur	56560	558	25. 3
	rolls	160	Newsprint paper	90496	160	40. 8
		27528		3556018	27379	1582. 12
			equal to tons.....	1587.10		

BRINDISI, 30 August, 1945.

Richardson
UNRRA Rep.
Brindisi

"LADISA," S. R. L.
AGENTS FOR AMERICAN EXPORT LINES
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

G. Colaci Agent

THE UNRRA CARGO DISCHARGED AT BRINDISI FROM THE S/S. "JOHN W. DAVIS"
FROM THE 25 AUGUST 1945 TO THE 27 AUGUST 1945.

Manifested		Discharged		Remarks	
of ts	Commodities:	Weight Pounds &	No. of Units	Weight T. Cwt.	
2	Women coats wool	8982	78	3. 16	Less 4 Bales
1	Blankets	14410	175	7. 15	Plus 44 Bales
1	Cotton comforters	11453	161	5. 10	
9	Women wollen outwear	880	98	4. 6	Plus 91 Bales
1	Boys' mackinaws	4650	32	3. 19	Plus 1 case
5	Calcium hypochlorite	200	5	0. 2	
3	Bleached mainsock	3400	19	1. 12	Plus 1 bdls
1	Boys' wool overcoats	4802	36	2. 8	Plus 5 cases
0	Men's sheep-lined coats	7960	38	3. 8	Less 2 cases
0	Rubber soling composn.	60000	316	26. 14	Plus 15 bdls
3	Penicillin sodium	109	3	0. 1	
2	Wheat flour	613104	6418	286. 14	Plus 146 bags; many torn bags.
0	Canvas water storage tanks	2548	10	1. 3	
3	Dried peas	200546	2048	91. 8	Plus 55 bags. - do -
0	Dry skimmed milk	91503	520	40. 17	13 broken bble.
2	Medical supplies	31015	232	8. 4	Less 160 bags
0	Wheat flour	1261400	16472	1029. 10	Less 338 bags; many torn b.
0	Wheat flour	1092000			
0	Sulphur	56560	558	25. 3	Less 2 sacks.
0	Newsprint paper	90496	160	40. 8	
28		3556018	27379	1582. 18	
	equal to tons.....	1587.10			

ust, 1945.

"LADISA," S. R. L.
AGENTS FOR AMERICAN EXPORT LINES, INC.
WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION

G. Colac Agent.

RA Reh.
Brindisi

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 487081-365

30 August 1945

AC/14601/8/P3

SUBJECT : Equipment for Maritime Police

TO : Director, Transportation Sub-Commission
(Ports and Warehouse Div) ✓

1. Reference your AC/20/46/Tn6 dated 9 August 1945 addressed to Navy Sub-Commission.

2. There is no separate Force of Maritime Police as such. A certain number of Carabinieri, Guardia Finanza and Agents of Public Security are formed into Port Police, and are controlled by a Capitaneria del Porto who is responsible to a Commissario of Agents of Public Security for such matters as effect Public Safety. These Commissari are responsible to Questori who are themselves controlled by the Director of Public Security Ministry of the Interior.

3. The responsibility of equipping personnel falls on the branch of the Police Service concerned, that is Commanding General, Carabinieri, Commanding General Guardia Finanza, and Director of Public Security Ministry of the Interior. All these authorities are well aware of the system of supply. For your information it is stated that Carabinieri are equipped by the Ministry of War and the Guardia Finanza and Agents of Public Security with material made available by the Italian Ministry of Industry Commerce and Labour.

John W. Chapman
JOHN W. CHAPMAN
Colonel, J.A.C.D.
Director.

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JW/C.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AC/20/46/Tn6

UAG/cvm
9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Supply of Equipment for Maritime Police

TO : Navy Sub Commission
(Att. Lt. Hall)

1. Attached herewith is translation of letter received from the Director General of Merchant Marine, Ministry of Marine, dated 4 August 1945, which is self explanatory.

2. We shall be glad if you will kindly give the matter your special attention and let us have your comments as soon as possible.

for
R. M. BAZZANELLA, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

Attachment:
As stated in para 1.

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TRANSLATIONTRANSLATIONMINISTRY OF MARINE

Directorate General of Merchant Marine

No. 2781 P

Rome, 4 August 1945

Allied Commission
 Transportation Sub Commission
 Ports and Warehouse Division
 Rome

Subject: Maritime police - uniforms - arms - motorization

1. As per request made at the meeting held by the Campbell Committee on 13 July (see Minutes No. 79), we wish to point out that the Ministry of the Interior has stated that for the equipment and the arming of the maritime police the following material is needed:

Complete summer uniforms	No. 1000
Complete winter uniforms	" 1000
Shoes	Pairs 1000
Beretta pistols calibre 9	No. 659
Holsters for same	" 659
Belts	" 659
Tommy guns	" 659

2. Said Ministry, furthermore, requests that the following craft be supplied also:

Motorboats of 14 meters	No. 25
Motorboats of 9 meters	" 31
Boats with outboard motor	" 19
Rowing boats	" 50

3. I shall be glad if you will kindly examine the matter and advise as to the possibility of supplying, wholly or in part, the material requested.

(signed)
 L. Matteini
 Ten. Generale R. M. I.
 Direttore General

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TRANSLATION of letter, dated 4/8/45, of Directorate General of Merchant Marine, addressed to Transportation S/C, Ports & Warehouse Division.

Subject: Maritime police - uniforms - arms - motorisation.

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Tommy guns	" 659

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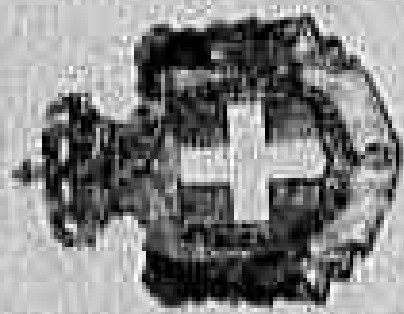
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Roma

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Ministero della Marina

DIREZIONE GENERALE
DELLA MARINA MERCANTILEVia TRANSPORTATION SUB-COM-
MISSION, A.C.-Ports and Warehouse
DivisionR O M A
=====Divisione IV
Prot. N. 2781 P AllegatiRisposta al foglio del
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to - Motorizzazione.

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" 1000

paia 1000

Searpe

n. 659

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Fondine per dette

" 659

Cinturoni

" 659

Fucili mitragliatrici

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Divisione IV
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Ten. Generale R.M.I.

Direttore generale della Marina
Mercantile

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

UNG/rf

Tel. MPO

22 August 1945

Ref. AC/20/49/Tn5

SUBJECT : Supply of Equipment for Maritime Police

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
Headquarters Allied Commission

1. We refer to letter dated 4 August 1945, ref. No. 2761 P, addressed to this Division by the Director of Italian Merchant Marine, Ministry of Marine, Rome, on the above subject.

2. We are informed by Navy Sub-Commission that the matter has been passed to you for attention and appropriate action.

3. To enable us to reply to the Director General Italian Merchant Marine, we shall be glad if you will kindly let us know what steps are being taken by you in the matter.

Copy to:
Navy Sub-Commission

R. M. BATTANELLA, Chief
Ports and Warehouse Div.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Navy Sub Commission APO 394

NSC/5241.
13th August, 1945.

FIRST ENDORSEMENT on
Transportation Sub Commission
letter No. AS/20/46/TNG of the
9th August, 1945.

From : Navy Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.
To : ~~Public Safety Sub Commission, Hq., Allied Commission.~~
(Copy to Transportation Sub Commission, Ports
and Warehouse Division.)

Subject: Supply of Equipment for Maritime Police.

Forwarded for information and appropriate action as a
matter pertaining to Public Safety Sub Commission.

H. ST. J. BUTLER,
CAPTAIN, U. S. NAVY,
FOR DEAR ADMIRAL,
CHIEF, NAVY SUB COMMISSION.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AG/20/46/Tn6

UAC/mva
9 August 1945

SUBJECT: Supply of Equipment for Maritime Police.

TO : Navy Sub Commission
(Att. Lt. HALL)

1. Attached herewith is translation of letter received from the Director General of Merchant Marine, Ministry of Marine, dated 4 August 1945, which is self explanatory.
2. We shall be glad if you will kindly give the matter your special attention and let us have your comments as soon as possible.

R. M. RAZZANELLA, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

Attachment:
As stated in para 1.

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TRANSLATION

C-O-P-Y

TRANSLATIONMINISTRY OF MARINE

Directorate General of Merchant Marine.

No. 2781 P

Rome, 4 August 1945

Allied Commission
 Transportation Sub Commission
 Ports and Warehouse Division
 ROME

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 Ten. Generale R.M.I.
 Direttore General

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

UAG/mvm
3 August 1945

Tel. 290
Ref. AC/20/44/Tn6

SUBJECT : Guards for Warehouses
TO : Mr. Merritt H. Taylor
Director, Transportation Sub Commission

1. In continuation of my letter AC/20/36/Tn6 of 3 July 1945, attached is translation of letter received from the Ministry of Treasury dated 28 July 1945 on the above subject.
2. This letter is self explanatory and as the question of providing a suitable number of guards for the surveillance of warehouses is one of the utmost importance, you may no doubt deem it convenient to bring pressure to bear.
3. A prompt solution of this vexed problem is very desirable in view of the approaching winter.

for
R. M. BAZZANELLA, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

Attachment:
As stated in para 1.

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TRANSLATIONTRANSLATIONMINISTRY OF TREASURY

Rome, 28 July 1945

#122893

Mr. R. M. Bazzanella, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division
Transportation Sub Commission
Allied Commission
Rome

Some time ago there was pointed out the urgent necessity of ensuring an active and continuous surveillance in Italian ports where foodstuffs granted by the Allies to the Italian Government are discharged, so as to avoid possible dispersion and theft.

There was also pointed out that recently thefts have increased, not only in the ports, but also in the warehouses and during the transportation of the foodstuffs by rail or road.

The measures taken to avoid in part such a serious state of affairs have been found to be inadequate. The requests made for assistance of the Carabinieri and of the Customs Guards are not always met due to the insufficient number of these men and of material, and anyhow we have been unable to secure the definite allotment of men to place exclusively in this service of surveillance. The employment of sworn watchmen for the watching and guarding of warehouses has proved very unsuitable and insufficient.

At a meeting held of officials of the various Ministries interested in the service of distribution of foodstuffs imported into the country, it was considered opportune to recruit 3000 men for the surveillance service in question.

This proposal could not be put into effect except in about 7 or 8 months, as it would be necessary, besides the long work of recruiting the men, to train and arm them, which meets with various difficulties.

At present the shortages, dispersals, thefts are assuming a most disquieting crescendo, and we have reason to believe that the better organization of the robbers, especially in view of the very scarce crop of this year, may compromise still more the distribution of foodstuffs to the population, favoring the black market and cause excessively heavy losses to the State.

In view of this situation it is necessary to find immediately a remedy for this most serious state of affairs, ⁸⁴² but waiting for the 3000 policemen to be placed at our disposal and who, probably, would be able to act when the warehouses will be practically empty.

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We would therefore ask you to be kind enough to find a suitable solution of this serious problem. If you agree, you might be so good as to use your good offices with the M.M.I.A. so as to have placed at the disposal of the Italian Ministry of War, until the 3000 policemen are ready, at least 1000 men (soldiers or guards) of the Italian Army to be assigned to the Carabinieri who could then undertake the surveillance.

Thanks for all you may do.

(signature illegible)

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**IL MINISTRO
DEL TESORO**

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Julio 1945

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RICHARD M. BAZZANELLA

Chief Ports & Warehouse Div.

Transportation Sub-Commission

United Commission

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Ch. 122893

Al Signor

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il servizio di sorveglianza in parola.

Tale progetto però non potrebbe essere attuato che tra 7 od 8 mesi, dovendosi provvedere oltre che alle lunghe pratiche necessarie per reclutamento degli uomini, al loro addestramento ed armamento, cose questa che incontra varie difficoltà.

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Ministro del Tesoro




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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AC/20/36/Tn6

RMB/mvm
3 July 1945

SUBJECT: Guards for warehouses

TO : Mr. Merritt H. Taylor
Director, Transportation Sub Commission

1. Please refer to your letter of 26 June 1945, ref. 650/20/Tn 1, to which I did not reply sooner because of my being away on a trip.

2. The matter under reference was brought to the attention of MMIA some time ago without any result and at the suggestion of Col. Sieff, my letter of 25 June 1945, ref. AC/20/34/Tn6, was addressed to the Public Safety Commission.

3. For your further information, we quote reply received from the Public Safety Commission, signed by Col. John W. Chapman:

"Reference your AC/20/34/Tn6 dated 25 June 45.

This matter has been referred to Land Forces Sub Commission (MMIA) and reply received that 1000 soldiers or guards cannot be made available for this duty.

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However, a copy of the letter from the Ministry of the Treasury is being forwarded to the Director of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior for his attention."

R. M. HAZZANELLA, Chief
Ports & Warehouse Division

Copy to:
Col. Sieff, Movements Division

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
Public Safety Sub-Commission
APO 394

Tel : 489081-365

30 June 1945.

AC/14601/26/PS

SUBJECT : Guards for Warehouses.

TO : Transportation Sub-Commission
(Ports and whse. Division)

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Colonel, J.A.G.D.
Director.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel: 220

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650/20/TN 1

SUBJECT: Guards for Warehouses

26 June 1945

TO : Port & Warehouse Division

1. Reference your AC/20/34/TN 6, it is not understood why this matter was referred to Public Safety Sub-Commission rather than discussed directly with MMLA. Please advise.


MERRITT H. TAYLOR,
Director.

HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMISSION

Tel. 290
Ref. AG/20/34/Tn6

RMB/lml
25 June 1945

SUBJECT : Guards for Warehouses.

TO : Public Safety Sub-Commission
Attention: Col. J. W. Chapman

1. For your information and attention, enclosed please find translation of memorandum received from the Italian Ministry of Treasury.
2. Supplementing this memorandum, we wish to say that we have done everything possible to remedy losses due to pilferage not only at the warehouses, but at the different ports under our supervision without obtaining any noticeable results. We believe this matter is very serious and additional personnel as suggested by the Italian Ministry of Treasury should be allocated for this service.
3. Please let us know what action you take in the matter.

James B. Hurley
for
R. M. BAZZANELLA
Chief, Ports & Whse. Division

Attachment:

As stated above.

TRANSLATION

see HQ - AC Memo
5102/16/Food of
5 March 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR A. G. FROM MINISTRY OF THE TREASURY

The distribution of food stuffs imported by the Allies has since the 1st of September 1944, passed to the Italian Government, and is effected by the Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari, who organizes the distribution of such food stuffs on the market for consumption.

In the past, the Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari has seen to the security of the warehouses by means of Allied Troops, Carabinieri, or Guardia di Finanza.

Following the withdrawal of the armed troops from this service, the Federazione dei Consorzi Agrari has tried to replace them with disabled ex service men, however, they are not suitable and not in sufficient number to fulfil the job.

Though the local Commands of the Carabinieri and the Guardia di Finanza have been repeatedly asked to give their assistance, they have always answered that due to a shortage of personnel, they are not in a position to continue this service.

As a consequence, of what has been mentioned above, the pilferage and plundering of warehouses etc. has grown considerably and is causing great trouble for the rationing system, and considerable loss to the State.

The Ministry of the Treasury is greatly preoccupied by this state of affairs, which appears to be general in warehouses, or during the transport by road or rail, and has therefore in agreement with the High Commission for Food, appealed to the Comandi Generali (HQ) of the Carabinieri and the Guardia di Finanza, calling their attention to the situation and requesting that they should provide an adequate number of guards to be detailed exclusively for this service.

The above mentioned Commands have offered some suggestions which, however, do not seem to solve the immediate problem.

In order to put an end to this state of affairs, which as has already been said, is a great menace to the welfare of the State and the civil population, we are requesting that the Finance Sub-Commission should put pressure on M. M. I. A. (Major Bauman) for the purpose of obtaining the release of 1000 men (soldiers or guards) to be put at the disposal of the Italian Ministry of War for the Carabinieri Corps who together with the men it already has could easily accomplish this work.

The following plan indicates the warehouses to be guarded and the number of men required for each one:

Leghorn	60
Naples - Warehouse	50
" - Port & Escort	
from Port	150
Bari - Warehouse	30
Bari - Port & Escort	
from Port	50
Reggio Calabria &	
Gioia Tauro - Whse.	40
Reggio Calabria & Gioia Tauro	
Port & Escort from Port	50

Taranto	20
Ofona (Chieti)	6
Grotone - Whse.	4
Grotone - Port	
& Escort from	
Port	10
Brindisi	10
Catania - Whse.	10
Catania - Port &	
Escort from	
Port	10/20

Palermo	20
Messina	20
For the warehouses of the Consorzi	
Agrari Provinciali, the need is for	
about 10 to 15 men per Consorzio, or	
	833/450
TOTAL	980/1040

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The attached memo by the Italian Ministry of Treasury, deals with the matter of security of mechanisms received by the U.S. Govt through the appointed Agencies.

The question is always the same: Are the present number of guards, sufficient and so on. The Ministry of Treasury has filed reports to this effect to the competent Italian authorities with apparent little results.

Now they apply to the A.C. in order to get M.O. & A. to allow 1000 Lt Soldiers to be attached to the U.S. Police force for these security jobs.

Now they attach a list of the various machines to be guarded together with approx. number of guards required for each one.

And that's all there is to it.

If no other steps have been taken, i.e. employed of surveillance or other similar measures.

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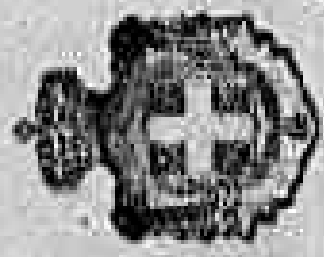
No other steps have been taken, i.e. today.

No. 1. Source: Bureau or other similar organization. 832

Your endorsement or consent of the members of the

ought help in the decision by M.M. I.A.

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DEL TESORO

3. Direzione Generale della Bil.

PRO-MEMORIA

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" - porto e scorta del porto	50
Taranto	20
Crotone (Chieti)	5
Crotone - magazzini	4
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Quanto sopra almeno per quanto riguarda l'impiego della G. di Finanza, dei Carabinieri e dei guardiani giurati, dovrà avere inizio da giovedì 30 corr.

