MR 493 -- HOSPITAL SHIPS

SECTION I -- 1942 & 1943
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November 27, 1943

C. In C. Mediterranean's 231716 A.F.H.Q. ALGIERS

Have reported to War Office that in addition to hospital carriers 6 hospital ships are required in Mediterranean until end of February 1944 and thereafter 4. It is, therefore, recommended that TOSCANA and PRINCIPessa GIOVANNA should be overhauled and returned at once to Mediterranean for service under U.S. or British flag. We are considering further whether objections to use of Italian crew under British flag can be overcome at once.

2. If COMINCH concurs you should arrange as soon as possible for the two ships to be sailed to U.K. with a view to overhaul either here or in U.S.A. Detailed programme to be agreed between U.S. and U.K. prior to sailing. There is no objection to use of TOSCANA as

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**IN PARA 1 OF YOUR 241210.**

3. NO RELIANCE CAN BE PLACED ON THE GERMANS TREATING THESE SHIPS AS HOSPITAL SHIPS UNTIL AFTER NOTIFICATION AS BRITISH OR U.S. HOSPITAL SHIPS. SHIPS SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE SAILED TO U.K. IN CONVOY. HOSPITAL SHIPS MARKINGS SHOULD BE REMOVED AND SHIPS USED TO TRANSPORT PERSONNEL RETURNING TO U.K. ITALIAN MEDICAL STAFF SHOULD NOT (R) NOT BE BROUGHT TO U.K.

4. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT ITALIANS UNDERSTAND:

   (a) THE NEED FOR THESE SHIPS TO BE EMPLOYED AND NOTIFIED AS BRITISH OR U.S. HOSPITAL SHIPS.

   (b) THAT FOR TECHNICAL REASONS IT MAY PROVE NECESSARY TO MAN THE SHIPS WITH BRITISH OR U.S. CREWS.

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/44

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If necessary, you may explain that these arrangements are purely practical ones dictated by the need to insure immunity and will not prejudice ultimate decision as to future of the ships.
**NAVIGATION**

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**IF OPERATIONAL CHECK BELOW**

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**INTERCEPT**

**TO COMCENPAC FROM COMSUBPAC**

**IF SOLACE OR RELIEF ARE IN VICINITY APAMANA REQUEST THEY BE INFORMED NAUTILUS MAY CONTACT THEM TO TRANSFER RUPTURED HERNIA CASE. NAUTILUS REPORTS MARINE SHOT THROUGH CHEST DIED ON BOARD. NAUTILUS EOW OUT OF COMMISSION AND NOW HAS CHANNEL 1/8 ONLY.**

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FRN OON, May 1, 1972

By SLR Date MAR 6, 1974

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/12/94
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FROM CONSUBPAC
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DATE: NOV 23, 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1455
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INTERCEPT

CONSUBPAC SENDS ACTION PLUNGER AND CONTONTASKFORCE 52 INFO ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS.

PLUNGER PROCEED FROM YOUR PRESENT POSITION 35 N,
172-40 E TOWARD MAIKIN FOR TRANSFER WOUNDED TO AMBULANCE
PLANE THAT PLACE AT 2330Z. DO NOT PROCEED SOUTH OF 34 N
UNTIL DETAILED RENDEZVOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND ROUTING ARE
RECEIVED FROM CTF 52 WHO IS HEREBY REQUESTED ISSUE THOSE
INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSUBPAC FOR RETRANSMISSION.

PLUNGER WATCH FOR POSSIBLE PRESENCE ENEMY SUBS NEAR
MAIKIN. NOTE MAIKIN IS UNDER OUR CONTROL AND ALL SHIPS
SIGHTED THAT VICINITY EXCEPT SUBMARINES ARE PROBABLY
FRIENDLY.

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INTERCEPT

RADIO MAHLAWN PASS ACTION CONSUBPAC INFO CONSUBPAC CTF 52 FROM CTF 57.

SEAPLANE FOR PLUNGER. CONSUBPAC 231851 AMBULANCE SEARCH AHEAD ALREADY SCHEDULED ARRIVE HAKIN 2330 L ULCALY THIRD IN VIEW DANGER ACROSS TYPE OPEN SEA LANDING RECOMMEND PLUNGER PROCEED.

HAKIN. CTF 52 EFFECT TRANSFER WOUNDED PLUNGER TO PLANE.

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**INTERCEPT**

(COMSUBPAC SENDS TO CTF 57 FOR ACTION AND TO COM TASK FOR 50 COMSUBPAC AND PLUNGER FOR INFO.)

REQUEST HOSPITAL SEAPLANE BE SENT TO RENDEZVOUS WITH SUBMARINE PLUNGER IN POSITION 65-60 NORTH 172-40 EAST TO REMOVE 6 WOUNDED, 3 SERIOUSLY FROM STRAFING BY ENEMY PLANE. ADVISE COMSUBPAC ACTION TAKEN AND TIME RENDEZVOUS AND ANY INSTRUCTIONS YOU WISH GIVE TO PLUNGER FOR EFFECTING RENDEZVOUS AND TRANSFER.

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INTERCEPT

(CINCPAC HAS INFO)

PROCEED TO LEE SITE OF APAMANA ARRIVING DURING DAYLIGHT.
TRANSPORTS WILL TRANSFER PATIENTS. USE FULL HOSPITAL
SHIP PROCEDURE. WHEN PATIENTS ARE LOADED REPORT TO
CONSERVPAQ FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTION.

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E. O. 11293, Sec. 3(CD) and 6(CD) or (B)
GDS Letter, May 3, 1972
By SLR  Date  MAR  6 1974

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(RDO HONOLULU PASS FOR INFO TO CONTASKFOR 53 CONTASKFOR 52 CONSERVFORPAC COMSERVFORPAC RELIEF HAS FOR ACTION AND COMSERVPHRON 4 FOR INFO BY HAND CONTASKFOR 57 SENDING)

UNDERWAY IMMEDIATELY. PROCEED TO POSITION LEESIDE APAMANA ARRIVING DAYLIGHT. USE FULL HOSPITAL SHIP PROCEDURE. REPORT ETA AND CHOSEN POSITION POINT TO CONTASKFOR 53 FOR TRANSFER WOUNDED FROM TRANSPORTS.

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By RT, NARA, Date: 4/18/96

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FROM: RDO CHARLESTON
INFO: RDO WASHN DC...RDO NEW YORK
FOR ATS CHARLESTON SC X HOSPITAL SHIP ACADIA WILL ARRIVE
OFF ENTRANCE 1300 ZEBRA FIFTH X WEATHER PERMITTING
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MEMORANDUM FOR AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:


1. The Japanese have 20 hospital ships. The number seems excessive. However, since we eventually will have more than 20 it would not be to our advantage to raise an objection solely on the ground that the Japanese have a large number.

2. The only requirement of the Hague Convention is that hospital ships be not used for any military purpose. We have no direct evidence that any are being used for military purposes. Until we have some reasonable evidence of misuse, it will not be advisable to ask for an investigation.

3. The Combined Chiefs of Staff have agreed on a policy to be followed in lodging or answering protests concerning the use and actions of hospital ships. If the Japanese commit any violations as defined in the policy, I will initiate action.

4. For the present:-

(a) I do not recommend an investigation by the Red Cross or neutrals.

(b) I will continue to watch the hospital ship situation and will inform the President if such action becomes advisable.

E. O. 11392, Sec. 8(f) and 8(e) or 8(f)
OSD later, May 2, 1972
By SLR Date MAR 6 1974

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/18/44
**NAVAL MESSAGE**

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**FROM**

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**TO**

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**22 SEPT 43**

**RECEIVED FROM**

**MONTEVIDEO**

**DATED**

**FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM**

**US URGENT 857 21ST**

**GRIPSHOLM ARRIVED 1 PM SCHEDULED TO SAIL SHORT AFTER MIDNIGHT OF 22ND (SIGNED) DAWSON.**

**SENT TO DN 1127A (RE) SEP 22 1943**

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By R. H. Parks Date MAR 6 1972

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FROM OPERATIONS DIV WDGS ASIATIC

RELEASED BY

DATE 22 SEPTEMBER 1943

TOR CODEROOM 2544

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PARAPHRASED BY WINBORN

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21 SEPTEMBER 1943
HCR 14381

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ACTION

VESSEL TEIA MARU REFERRED TO IN RADIO FROM AMMISCA CHUNKING TO COGUK A 397 AMKUN K 1468 AND BILID M 68 SEPTEMBER 21ST (FOR CHENNAULT INFORMATION STILWELL AND AMKUN FROM MARSHALL) IS POC EXCHANGE SHIP WHICH MUST NOT BE MOLESTED AND SAFE CONDUCT FOR WHICH MUST BE GRANTED. FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS SEE QUAD 2871 AMMSDEL 3321 AMMISCA 7TH SEPT. ROUTE INCLUDES LEAVING SHANGHAI 26TH SEPT ARRIVING HONGKONG 22ND LEAVING HONGKONG 23RD ARRIVING SAN FERNANDO 25TH AS THEREIN INDICATED.

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By SLR Date MAR 6 1974

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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(COM 10TH FLT C&R REPEATED VA MALTA FOC GIBRALTAR, CINC MED (A) SBNOWAT FOS FROM ADMIRALTY)

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS COMMITTEE INTIMATE THAT SAFE CONDUCT VESSEL LOBITO WILL LEAVE PHILADELPHIA ON SEPTEMBER 24 FOR MARSEILLES WHERE SHE IS DUE ABOUT OCTOBER 19.

2. ROUTE WILL BE AS IN ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 022128 MARCH 3. AIR AND OTHER AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD BE INFORMED. VESSEL SHOULD NOT BE MOLESTED WHILE FOLLOWING ABOVE ROUTE.

FX-37 ACTION. MCR PASSED TO NCR FOR FURTHER DISTRIBUTION.

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SECRET
FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO ONNAV
FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM RIO DE JANEIRO, DATED SEP 18 1943 5:32 PM
4464, September 18, 4 PM.

GRIPSHOLM Sailed 3 pm today after embarking 30 Japanese
and 6 Diplomats

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NCR 9633

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FX37...09:00...13...CON...NAVAIDE...FILE

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By R. H. Parks Date MAR 6 1974

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2. BRAZIL AND URUGUAY 50% F.O.W. AND 15% ESCORTS

EACH SHIP FOR AUSTRALIA. ALL THREE SHIPS SHOULD BE READY TO SAIL 15TH SEPT.

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ORT DIRECTOR NEW YORK
RELEASED BY:
DATE: 1 SEPTEMBER 1943
TOR CODESIGN
DECODED BY: SMITH
PARAPHRASED BY: THOMAS
ROUTED BY: WILLIAMS

ADDRESS:

ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSES:

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FOR ACTION:

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PORT DIRECTOR NEW YORK ORIGINATOR

DEPARTING AM.ROSE 1200Z SEPTEMBER 2. SKBA SS GRIPSHOLM, SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE SHIP, MORMUGAO PORTUGUESE INDIA VIA PORT ELIZABETH MONTEVIDEO RIO DE JANEIRO. ETA RIO DE JANEIRO 2400Z SEPTEMBER 16. SPEED 15 KNOTS. ROUTE AS PER COMINCH 281950 AND 282105 AUGUST. SAILING FULLY LIGHTED UNARMED. NO CODES HELD.

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R. O. 11562, Sec. 3(3) and 7(3) or (5)
Gift item, May 3, 1977

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FROM: COMINCH
RELEASED BY: LALOR
DATE: SEPT. 1, 1943
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NCR 14413

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JAPANESE NOW PROPOSE ROUTE FOR TEIA MARU FROM SUNDA STRAIT THROUGH (A) 54-40 N 94-45 E. POINTS (B) THROUGH (F) SAME AS THOSE YOUR 211631A. REQUEST URGENT CONCURRENCE IN ORDER NOTIFY JAPANESE PRIOR DEPARTURE GRIPSHEIM FOR WHICH SAFE CONDUCT NOT YET RECEIVED.

012734

CC: OP-13...ORIG.

E. O. 11066, Sec. 1(D) and 2(D) or (E)
OIC NCR, May 3, 1973
By SLR Date MAR 4/1974

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Agwar
Main 7th Army
Rear 7th Army
Main 8th Army
Rear 8th Army. (Two pass Three)

No: M/84872 22nd July

MOST SECRET OFFICERS ONLY

In view of your 178/Q (M) of 20th July amend my M/84308 of 20th July as follows:

1. For ABA read DORSETSHIRE
2. For DORSETSHIRE read AMRA.

FOOTNOTE: M/184308 is CM-IN-18219 (25 Jul 43) OPD

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: ASF
GEN DEANE (CC/B)
CM-IN-19382 (27 July 43) 1355Z flw

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
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RPTD: FREEDOM,
C in C Med. (FREEDOM PASS)
FINBAT
TROOPERS (PASS CO DST)
AGWAR (MILSTAF PASS)
MAIN 7TH ARMY (TASFA, BIZERTA PASS)
REAR 7TH ARMY (TASFA, BIZERTA PASS)
MAIN 8TH ARMY
REAR 8TH ARMY

FROM: MIDEAST
NO: 504300 of 26 July

Reference your 167 Q(M) of 19 July. Subject agreement by Freedom suggest hospital ship ABA(AGA?) embarks at capacity at Tripoli and proceeds UK. Hospital ship LLANDOVERY CASTLE to return Alexandria embark to capacity and proceed UK direct. Hospital ships DORSETCHIRE and TAIKEA to remain as reserves in Mediterranean until your requirements after 30 day period known. Agreed.

ACTION: OPD
INFORMATION: ASF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-18219 (25 July 43) 1754Z msh

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I have just received the following from Commander in Chief Mediterranean (from CINC AFHQ Adv CP Malta to Combined Chiefs of Staff AGWAR rptd British Chiefs of Staff USFOR): "On the 10th July 1943 the hospital ship Talamba was lying fully illuminated 3 miles to seaward of the main anchorage at Avola she was by herself and embarking casualties at about 2200 1 aircraft carried out a dive bombing attack which resulted in a near miss the ship was lost as a result of a 2nd attack by the same aircraft hospital ship Dorsetshire (Worsetshire) was also bombed 0500 B on 12 July and sustained casualties ". I request that a strong protest be lodged immediately by our Governments through appropriate channels to the Axis Powers.

No Sig.

ACTION: CC/S

INFORMATION: OFD G-2 CG AAF SGS

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CM-IN-8502 (12 Jul 43) 2141Z bjm

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HAL 65 TO DOUGLAS WSA FROM HARRIMAN.

REFERENCE YOUR NA 4346 AND MY PREVIOUS CABLES ENDING WITH 3956 ON SUBJECT OF TASMAN. I RECEIVED THIS MORNING LETTER DATED JULY 6 FROM A.B.'S SPEEKENBRINK HEAD OF THE SHIPPING DIVISION MINISTRY OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND SHIPPING OF THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT READING AS FOLLOWS:

"I AM DIRECTED BY MY MINISTER TO INFORM YOU THAT WE NOW LEARN FROM OUR FOREIGN OFFICE THAT CONFIRMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT THAT THE NOTIFICATION OF THE S.S. TASMAN AS A NETHERLANDS HOSPITAL SHIP HAS BEEN HANDED OVER AT TOKIO AND ROME ON THE 30TH ULTIMO."
"ALTHOUGH NO CONFIRMATION HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED THAT THE SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE IN BERLIN HAS NOTIFIED THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT, I TAKE IT THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE ON THE MEANTIME AND THAT A CABLE TO THAT EXTENT WILL BE RECEIVED AT ANY MOMENT."

"IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE I THINK IT SHOULD BE LEFT TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHETHER THE SHIP CAN NOW BE PUT INTO SERVICE. I CAN ADD THAT AS FAR AS THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS AGAINST PUTTING THE SHIP INTO ACTION ON THE CONDITION THAT DURING THE FIRST 2 MONTHS THE SHIP WILL BE SAILING ON THE SAFEST POSSIBLE ROUTE. THIS NOT ONLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE NOTIFICATION..."
TO THE GERMANS HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED BUT ALSO AS THE JAPANESE SUBMARINE COMMANDERS CAN NOT YET HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

WILL ADVISE YOU ON RECEIPT OF CONFIRMATION THAT THE SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE IN BERLIN HAS NOTIFIED THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT IN THE MEANTIME AS STATED ABOVE U.S. ARMY IS FREE TO USE TASMAN IF IT ELECTS TO DO SO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED.

ACTION...FX37 (FOR W6A)
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Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W-3421 24th June

Reference our W-2216 June 8 inst Marshall cite MAGAP signed Eisenhower. Local British inform use of Spanish Moroccan ports by Italian hospital ships not recommended by Foreign Office. After further consideration no objection here to use of North African port by Axis hospital ships. This coordinated with Royal Navy.

No Sig

Note: 2216 is CM-IN-4867 (8 Jun 43) G-1

Action: G-1

Information: OPD
G-2
Gen. Deane (CC/S)
LOG

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JOS memo, 1-6-74
By SLR, NLR, Date MAR 6 1974

CM-IN-15269 (24 Jun 43) 2058Z vc
INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS LISBON ADVISES THAT BELLIGERENT POWER HAS ORDERED RED CROSS SHIPS HENCE FORTH REMAIN WITHIN 20 MILES OF SPANISH COAST BETWEEN ALMERIA AND CAP DEL ANAO. POWER NOT NAMED.

E. O. 11842, Sec. 3(E) and 2(D) or (E)
OSD letter, May 4, 1972
By SLR  Date  MAR  6 1974

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19/11...16...COMINCH...F37...NAV...DE...OPDO...
FILE
The following is a message (from Marshall to Eisenhower) in reference to the bombing of a hospital ship in Tunis harbor near La Goulette on May 4th your NAF 216. This is PAM 120. "American Legation, Bern. US urgent. For immediate delivery to German and Italian Governments. On May 4 in the harbor of Tunis, near La Goulette, a bombing operation in the form of a shipping sweep was carried out. A number of vessels were sighted and became the objective. If a hospital ship, as now appears possible, was amongst that number it was not sufficiently well marked to permit of quick identification. As American crews were involved in the bombing attack, the American government disavows any intention to have bombed the hospital ship and regrets that fact. In order that hospital ships may continue to enjoy inviolability from attack, it is suggested that such ships be kept separate from other shipping and that their character be made distinctly recognizable, as was not the case in this instance. " Above message transmitted by State Department 1700 hours our time 8 May.

ORIGINATOR: OPD

INFORMATION: GEN DEANE (CCS)
GEN STEVENS (S.D.)
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
LOG

CM-OUT-3613 (8 May 43) 2221Z 2008

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INCOMING MESSAGE
May 8, 1943
1140Z

PRIORITY

From: Algiers
To: WAR - London USFOR (info)
No. W 74, May 8, 1943.

On May 4, NAAF inadvertently attacked and hit with a bomb an enemy hospital ship probably Italian near La Goulette. For the Combined Chiefs of Staff action and the British Chiefs of Staff information from Eisenhower (NAF 216), it is requested that immediate apology be made through protecting power before formal protest is filed. Thirty six P-40s (Warhawks) were on a shipping sweep and a large vessel was sighted off La Goulette accompanied by smaller vessels. From 3,000 feet the vessel appeared of light color but visibility was such that no identification other than it was a merchant vessel was possible. Near misses and at least 1 hit were observed. The last flight over the target noticed after they had released their bombs a red cross on deck. All crews interrogated, state that the vessel was insufficiently marked for quick identification. Although only American crews involved, Mediterranean Air Command feel that no particular issue should be made of this point.

No Sig

ACTION: CCS
INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING
LOG

CM-IN-4948 (8 May 43) 1344Z cen

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NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM: ADMIRALTY
RELEASED BY: (SEE BELOW)
DATE: 17 APRIL 1943
TOR CODEROOM: 1941
DECODED BY: FAGER
PARAPHRASED BY: GEMBERLING (2) (B)

ADDRESS: GERMAN
ADDRESS: 171349B
ADDRESS: NCR 23079

TEXT:

NOIC FAEROES, COMINCH C&R. REPEATED CINC CNW, A.O.C IN C. BOMBER COMMAND, A.O.C. IN C. COASTAL COMMAND, CINC LEVANT, NOIC MALTA, FROM ADMIRALTY)

REFERENCE ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 041742B*APRIL.
SAILING POSTPONED 48 HOURS AT GERMAN REQUEST.

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By sc 1 dated

PART 1 0417470 NCR 27269

PART 2 0417158 NCR 27258

PART 4 0417428

NCR 27289 Final

Rooney

Unless otherwise indicated this dispatch will be transmitted with deferred precedence.

Originator fill in date and time

Text

Action

(Flag Officers of the Home Fleet, A6IC, Va GibraltA1, Rama, CincsA, crew, FOC, CincsA, Sbnowat, NSHo. AcoS, Cinc Rosyth, Cinc Plymouth, Cinc Wa, ............)

Ships of the Western Patrol, Foic Greenock, Sr. Officer Force "H", Focsat, South Atlantic Squadron, All H.M. vessels on passage to and from South Atlantic passing through home and areas X3 and west African stations, Noic faerdes, cominch (repeated), Hms Arrow, coac, foc submarines, aocinc bomber command, aocinc coastal command, foc gibraltA1, cinC wed, noic Malta, cinC Levant, from admty)

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Vcno

(1) greek govt have chartered 2 additional Swedish ships Tamara and Wiril from Baltic for Greek relief - H.M. govt have agreed to give safe conduct to these vessels -

(2) vessels will leave Gothenburg on 9th April and will follow Gothenburg traffic route position ø36-4Ø north ø35-ØØ west - during passage up Norwegian coast they will have a German escort and will proceed in company - there after Tamara will proceed ahead as fast as her greater speed permits - from position ø36-4Ø north ø35-ØØ west Tamara will proceed thru following position:

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| (A) 34-00 NORTH | 39-00 WEST |
| (B) 34-00      | 61-00      |
| (C) 38-00      | 65-00      |
| (D) 38-00      | 66-35      |

**THENCE TO ST JOHN N.B. AS THIS ROUTE IS A STANDARD ROUTE AND SINCE POSITION (A) TO ST JOHN N.B. follows normal route for Greek Relief Ships to ST JOHN N.B., IT WILL BE ASSUMED THAT COMINCH HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS ROUTE UNLESS SIGNAL TO CONTRARY IS RECEIVED BY RETURN.**

| (4) FROM POSITION 36-45 NORTH 35-05 WEST WILL PROCEED DIRECT GIBRALTAR AND FROM GIBRALTAR TO PIRAEUS BY SIDESTRAND ROUTE FOR GREEK RELIEF SHIPS |
| (5) PARTICULARS OF SHIPS ARE AS FOLLOWS: APRIL 122 TON DEAD WEIGHT, LENGTH 236 FEET -- TAMARA 1233 TONS DEAD WEIGHT, LENGTH 445 FEET. BOTH SHIPS ARE OF OPEN SHELTER |
HAVE FOLLOWING DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS

(A) ON BOTH SIDES OF HULL BLUE AND YELLOW VERTICAL STRIPES ON STERN AND STERN; SWEDISH FLAG AMIDSHIPS; NAME OF VESSEL AFT AND WORD SERVICE FORWARD OF SWEDISH FLAG; RED CROSS SIGNS ABREAST FOREMAST AND MAIN WAST.

(B) ON DECK HORIZONTAL MARKINGS, THROUGH FLAG ON ROOF OF WHEEL HOUSE AND ON DECK, PORT AND STARBOARD IN WAKE OF HATCHWAY; RED CROSS SIGNS ON HATCHES -

(7) VESSEL SHOULD NOT BE MOLESTED WHILE FOLLOWING ABOVE ROUTE - AIR AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD BE INFORMED

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AIRFAX

FROM 
Canberra
Dated 
Rec'd March 8 3 P M

Secretary of State 
Washington

A-3

Reference Department's telegrams nos. 266 and 377 of July 27 and September 22, 1942, relating to recognition of seven hospital ships designated by Japanese Government.

The following information has finally been received from the External Affairs Department in reply to my note of July 30, 1942:

"No action was taken by the Commonwealth Government in respect to the detention of the hospital ship 'Ogden Noort' by the Japanese Government.

"The question was fully examined by the appropriate authorities before this decision was reached.

"Both the United Kingdom and the United States Governments had already recognized the seven Japanese hospital ships by the 30th June, 1942, and the opinion of the Australian Chief of the Naval Staff was that the attitude of the Commonwealth Government should agree with that of the United Kingdom Government.

"The Japanese would presumably attempt to justify their action under Article 4 of the Hague Convention. Article 4 provides inter alia that belligerents may detain hospital ships if 'important circumstances require it' and there is no established precedent or authority on the interpretation of these terms. The note of the United States Government to my mind appeared to admit that the Japanese were entitled to take the action they did pursuant to the terms of Article 4. In these circumstances and as no other objection apparently could be raised against the continued detention of the vessel and as the Commonwealth Government did not have sufficient knowledge respecting the facts of the case, it was decided to take no action in the matter.

"The question was fully discussed by the Minister with the Netherlands Minister in Australia."

JOHNSON

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MARCH 13 1943 8:36 A M dm

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**TEXT**

**UR 111830 DECEMBER.**

MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DUTCH, BRITISH, AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC AND NAVAL AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN HELD TO DISCUSS THE OPTENNOORT CASE AND THE NOTIFICATION OF THE 19 JAP HOSPITAL SHIPS. DUTCH AND BRITISH AGREED THERE COULD BE NO QUESTION OF REFUSING TO RECOGNIZE JAPANESE HOSPITAL SHIPS SINCE NOTIFICATION ALONE IS SUFFICIENT AND NO FURTHER RECOGNITION CALLED FOR. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT IT WAS NOT ADVISABLE TO EMBARK AT THIS TIME ON POLICY OF RETALIATION OR REPRISAL FOR HOLDING OPTENNOORT. DUTCH NAVAL REPRESENTATIVE FELT HOWEVER THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. NAVY TO DETAIN A JAPANESE HOSPITAL SHIP, SEEKING THEREBY TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE JAPS TO RELEASE THE DUTCH HOSPITAL SHIP. AGREED BY BRITISH AND DUTCH THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO MAKE USE OF EVIDENCE

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94
NOW IN HAND AS TO JAPANESE MISUSE OF THEIR OWN HOSPITAL SHIPS BECAUSE EVIDENCE NOT CONCLUSIVE AND ADVANCE NOTICE IN SUCH AN UNDERTAKING WOULD PUT THEM ON THEIR GUARD.

THEY FINALLY AGREED THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT WOULD SUM UP ITS POSITION IN A FINAL NOTE OF PROTEST TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. BRITISH REQUEST VIEWS OF U.S. WITH REGARD TO THE FOREGOING.
FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FOR OPNAV

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM GENEVA,
DATED JANUARY 9, 1943, 11 AM:

NO. 7. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE TELEGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT,
NO. 249, 5 PM., SECOND OF DECEMBER. IT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY
THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS THAT THE FOLLOWING ROUTE TO
PHILADELPHIA FOR THE CARITAS HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY THE
GERMANS: ALONG LATITUDE 38 DEGREES NORTH TO LONGITUDE 73
DEGREES WEST FROM LISBON; FROM THERE TO A POINT DIRECTLY
2 MILES SOUTH OF OVER FALLS LIGHTSHIP AT WHICH PLACE DIRECTIONS
FOR ENTERING BAY OF DELAWARE WILL BE RECEIVED. IT IS
REQUESTED THAT AGREEMENT AS TO THE ABOVE ROUTE BE SENT
URGENTLY BY TELEGRAM.

(SIGNED) SQUIRE

TOD 1109 AM JAN 12 1943.

NOR 2544/HATCH
F-37....ACT.
16/11...13...16...COMEINCH...206....NAV

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State Dep't Letter, 1-11-72
By R. H. Parks Date_ MAR 6 1974

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/8/97
YOUR 070619 JAPAN NOTIFIED THAT STRICT OBSERVANCE ALL TERMS
HAUGE CONVENTION NECESSARY TO OBTAIN IMMUNITY HOSPITAL SHIPS
HOWEVER SPECIFIC MENTION ILLUMINATION OF HULL NOT MADE. CON-
SIDER ILLUMINATED RED CROSS ON STACK ACCEPTABLE NIGHT MARKINGS
AT PRESENT. DEPARTMENT CONSULTED WITH BRITISH AS TO WHETHER
WE SHOULD REQUIRE HOSPITAL SHIP HULL PAINTING BE ILLUMINATED
AT NIGHT. REQUEST ANY COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT YOU DESIRE
TO SUBMIT. ALSO REQUEST REPORTS OF CONTACTS WITH JAPANESE
HOSPITAL SHIPS COVERING THIS SUBJECT.

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COMINCH IS ACTION ADDRESSEE WITH CINCPAC ORIGINATING TO COMSUBPAC AND COUNTRY FOR 42 AND COUNTRY FOR 51 AS INFO.

SUBMARINE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM PATROL ENCOUNTERED AT NIGHT ONE JAPANESE VESSEL ILLUMINATED AS HOSPITAL SHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1907 HAGUE CONVENTION. SHIP HAD WHITE HULL ILLUMINATED TO SHOW GREEN STRIPE AND IN ADDITION HAD RED CROSSES LIGHTED ON STACK OR BRIDGE.

SAME SUBMARINE ALSO SIGHTED THREE OTHER JAPANESE VESSELS WITH ILLUMINATED RED CROSS ON STACK ONLY REPEAT ONLY. THESE THREE CONFORM WITH DESCRIPTION GIVEN YOUR 52055 DECEMBER. SHALL SUBMARINES ATTACK ALL SHIPS NOT CONFORMING IN EVERY DETAIL WITH HAGUE 1907 CONVENTION WHICH REQUIRES WHITE HULL AND GREEN STRIPE TO BE MADE PLAIN BY ILLUMINATION?

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SD4; SD WASHINGTON DC DEC 13 1942

FROM STATE FOR OPMAN

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM STOCKHOLM DATED 1635 DEC 12, 1942

RECEIVED 427PM

ETRU DEC 12 NOON

THE SWEDISH FOREIGN OFFICE AND THE BRITISH LEGATION REPORT THAT
VESSELS MONGABARRA, BARDALAND, FENRIS AND FORMOSA WILL SAIL FROM
THE PIRAEUS DEC 17 AT 9 AM LOCAL TIME FOR ST JOHN NEW BRUNSWICK
THE FOUR SHIPS WILL FOLLOW ROUTE SUGGESTED BY GERMANS AND DESCRIBED
IN MB 3490 DEC 7, 7PM.

THE POINT WHERE 38 DEGREES NORTH CUTS THE EASTERN LIMIT OF
GERMAN OPERATIONAL AREA HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED BY GERMANS AS
38 DEGREES NORTH 32 DEGREES 29 MINUTES WEST.

IS THIS AGREEABLE TO THE U.S. GOVT?

(SIGNED GREENE)

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CONTOINL

FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RCVD FROM LISBON DATED DEC 16 1942 RCVD 5:38 AM 11TH

366 TENTH

REFERENCE MY 357 NOV TWENTY-FOURTH RED CROSS SHIP EMBLA SWEDISH

SCHEDULED LEAVE LISBON DECEMBER 14TH DUE GIBRALTAR 16TH ARRIVE

MARSEILLE 21ST RETURNING LEAVES MARSEILLE 26TH DUE GIBRALTAR 31ST

DUE LISBON JANUARY 2ND.

(SIGNED) PARSONS.

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F-37 ACTION

16 13.COMINCH 20G NAVADE 94 FILE/HATCH/ NCR 8441

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State Dept. Letter 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date MAR 5 1974

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UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

From: Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet.
To: ATLANTIC FLEET.
Subject: Enemy Hospital Ships.
Reference: (a) CominCh ltr. FF1/S1 Serial 8353 of November 19, 1942.
Enclosure: (A) Japanese Hospital Ships.
(B) German Hospital Ships.
(C) Italian Hospital Ships.

1. Reference (a) is quoted for information:

"1. The U.S. Government has been notified through official channels of particulars of enemy hospital ships. These particulars are contained in enclosures (A), (B), and (C), which include lists and descriptions of all enemy hospital ships of which notifications have been received."

R. E. INGERSOLL.

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C. J. CATER,
Flag Secretary.
ENCLOSURE (A) TO CINCLANT SERIAL 3121 OF NOVEMBER 11, 1942.

**JAPANESE HOSPITAL SHIPS**

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The COMMON MARKINGS for the mentioned hospital ships are:

(A) The hulls are painted in white.

(B) A Red Cross will be painted on the upper part of the bridge which will be provided with electric lights so that it may be illuminated at night.

(C) A Red Cross will be painted on the center of the hull to starboard and port with a green light running the full length of the hull, in accordance with the regulations of the agreement treaty.

(D) A Red Cross provided with electric lights in order that it may be illuminated will be painted on the funnels. The ships will also be equipped with electric projectors to further distinguish these marks at night.
ENCLOSURE (B) TO CINC LANT SERIAL 3124 OF NOVEMBER 11, 1942.

GERMAN HOSPITAL SHIPS

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Descriptive markings not furnished, but presumed to be in accordance with the Hague Agreement.

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ENCLOSURE (C) TO CINC LANT SERIAL 3124 OF NOVEMBER 11, 1942.

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Concerning the distinctive marks it is pointed out that the ships are painted and provided with other identification signs as required in Article 5 of the Third Hague Convention of 1899 and of the Tenth Hague Convention of 1907.

Moreover, the ships will have the funnels painted white with two red crosses thereon. Red crosses on white background will also be painted on the green band and on the boat deck in a position very noticeable from above.

Furthermore, there will be a lighted cross formed by red bulks amidships and a row of green bulks encircling fore and aft the circle and both sides of the ship up to the conning tower.
### NAVAL MESSAGE

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### TEXT

COMSOPAC SENDING.

UNDERSTAND SOLACE HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED AS A HOSPITAL SHIP TO RED CROSS GENEVA. SOLACE CURRENTLY OPERATING DARKENED AT NIGHT. CONSIDER SECRECY WITH REFERENCE HER PRESENCE AND MOVEMENTS THIS AREA NO LONGER SERVES ANY USEFUL PURPOSE. RECOMMEND HER IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION AND THEREAFTER SHE WILL OPERATE LIGHTED. ADVISE BY DISPATCH.


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By RT, NARA, Date 4/1/94
ASSUME YOUR 11214 REFERS TO EVACUATION TRANSPORTS DESIGNATED AS APH’S. THESE SHIPS ARE CONVOY LOADED AP’S INTENDED TRANSPORT TROOPS FROM UNITED STATES AND EVACUATE WOUNDED FROM BASE HOSPITALS ON RETURN. THEY DO NOT ENJOY THE IMMUNITY OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THEREFORE SHOULD NOT BE USED AS HOSPITAL SHIPS IN ADVANCE AREAS EXCEPT EMERGENCY AND WITH ESCORT. NORMAL TROOP CAPACITY 112 OFFICERS 1200 TROOPS AND EVACUATION CAPACITY 166 SERIOUS CASES REMAINDER TROOP SPACE FOR MINOR CASES. NO REGULAR HOSPITAL SHIPS AVAILABLE. SOPAC FOR AUTHORIZED RETAIN TRYON APH-1 FOR ESSENTIAL PURPOSES AND TO BE RETURNED TO UNITED STATES EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE. TRYON NOW UNDER NTS DEPARTING WEST COAST IN PHALANX 19 OCTOBER. SUGGEST CONSIDERATION DEMILITARIZING STRATFORD FOR OPERATION UNDER GENEVA CONVENTION. ADVISE.

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