

MR 493 -- HOSPITAL SHIPS

SECTION I -- 1942 & 1943

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DATE NOVEMBER 27, 1943			RRRRRR
TOR CODEROD 1743			DEFERRED
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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 A.M. 282123 OCTOBER REFERS.

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 M.W.T. AND W.S.A. 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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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.

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FROM	COMSUBPAC	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEE	1
RELEASED BY			2
DATE	24 NOV 1943		3
TOR CODEROOM	241529		4
DECODED BY	LAFLAMME		5
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-INTERCEPT-

(TO COMCENPAC FROM COMSUBPAC)

IF SOLACE OR RELIEF ARE IN VICINITY APAMAMA REQUEST
 THEY BE INFORMED NAUTILUS MAY CONTACT THEM TO TRANSFER
 RUPTURED HERNIA CASE. NAUTILUS REPORTS MARINE SHOT
 THROUGH CHEST DIED ON BOARD. NAUTILUS ECM OUT OF
 COMMISSION AND NOW HAS CHANNEL 178 ONLY.

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OSD Instruction, May, 1, 1972

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FROM <u>COMSUBPAC</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	OP OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	PRIORITY
DATE <u>NOV 23, 1943</u>		USS PLUNGER	ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM <u>1455</u>		CTF 52	DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>POWLEY</u>		ALL SUBS GUARDING	
PARAPHRASED BY <u>POWLEY/ROWLAND</u>		RDO HONO FOX	
ROUTED BY		FOR INFORMATION	OP OP OP
		ALL TF COMS.	PRIORITY
		CENTRAL PACIFIC	ROUTINE
			DEFERRED

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- - I N T E R C E P T - -

COMSUBPAC SENDS ACTION PLUNGER AND COMTASKFORCE 52
INFO ALL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS.

PLUNGER PROCEED FROM YOUR PRESENT POSITION 05 N,
172-40 E TOWARD MAKIN FOR TRANSFER WOUNDED TO AMBULANCE
PLANE THAT PLACE AT 2330Z. DO NOT PROCEED SOUTH OF 04 N
UNTIL DETAILED RENDEZVOUS INSTRUCTIONS AND ROUTING ARE
RECEIVED FROM CTF 52 WHO IS HEREBY REQUESTED ISSUE THOSE
INSTRUCTIONS TO COMSUBPAC FOR RETRANSMISSION.

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

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OSD letter, May, 1964

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FROM	CTF 57		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	OP OP OP OP
RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION	COMSUBPAC	PRIORITY
DATE	23 NOVEMBER 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	1240			DEFERRED
DECODED BY	NILES			
PARAPHRASED BY	SAPP	INFORMATION	COMCENPAC CTF 52	OP OP OP OP
ROUTED BY				PRIORITY
				ROUTINE
				DEFERRED

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 RADIO WAHLAW PASS ACTION COMSUBPAC INFO COMCENPAC
 CTF 52 FROM CTF 57.

GEAPLANE
 FOR PLUNGER. COMSUBPAC 230851 AMBULANCE SEABYNOE ALREADY
 SCHEDULED ARRIVE MAKIN 2330 Z UJCALY THIRD IN VIEW DANGER
 ACORNTY TYPE OPEN SEA LANDING RECOMMEND PLUNGER PROCEED
 MAKIN. CTF 52 EFFECT TRANSFER WOUNDED PLUNGER TO PLANE.

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RELEASED BY			URGENT
DATE <u>23 NOV 1943</u>			PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM <u>0950</u>			ROUTINE
DECODED BY <u>GLUNT</u>			DEFERRED
PARAPHRASED BY <u>GLUNT / KEENER</u>			
ROUTED BY			

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INTERCEPT

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

REQUEST HOSPITAL SEAPLANE BE SENT TO RENDEZVOUS
WITH SUBMARINE PLUNGER IN POSITION 05-00 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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FROM		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES			ROUTINE
RELEASED BY		USS SOLACE			DEFERRED
DATE		23 NOVEMBER, 1943			OP OP OP
TOR CODE ROOM		YORK			PRIORITY
DECODED BY		FORCE			ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY		COMSERV 14			DEFERRED
ROUTED BY		COMCENPAC			

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INTERCEPT

(CINCPAC HAS INFO)

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

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FROM <u>COMTASKFOR 57</u>		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	OP PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		USS RELIEF	PRIORITY
DATE <u>23 NOVEMBER 1943</u>			ROUTINE
TOR CODE ROOM <u>230612</u>			DEFERRED
DECODED BY <u>BENNETT</u>		CTF 53	OP PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY <u>C STRONG</u>		CTF 52	PRIORITY
ROUTED BY		CTF 50	ROUTINE
		CINCPAC	DEFERRED
		COMSERVFORPAC	
		COMSERVRON 4	

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ON OUTBOUND DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

INTERCEPT

(RDO HONOLULU PASS FOR INFO TO COMTASKFOR 53
COMTASKFOR 52 COMTASKFOR 50 CINCPAC
COMSERVFORPAC. RELIEF HAS FOR ACTION AND
COMSERVRON 4 FOR INFO BY HAND. COMTASKFOR
57 SENDING)

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

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INSURE LEGIBILITY.

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FROM: RDO CHARLESTON
~~WASH~~ 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
BT 041107

SIGNED MASTER

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UNITED STATES FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

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26 OCT 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT:

Reference: Your memo of 20 Oct re: hospital ships.

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.

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DECODED BY			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY LEWIS			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY REEGAN			DEFERRED

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SD 2
 FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM MONTEVIDEO DATED
 SEPT 21, 1943 5:45 PM:-
 US URGENT 857 21ST
 GRIPSHOLM ARRIVED 1 PM SCHEDULED TO SAIL
 SHORT AFTER MIDNIGHT OF 22ND
 (SIGNED) DAWSON.
 SENT TO DM 1127A (RE) SEP 22 1943

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date MAR 6 1974

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COMINCH...16...13...NAVAIDE...24G...24OP....

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RELEASED BY		FOR ACTION CG COGUKUNMING CHINA DEPUTY C OF S G-2 AMKUN KUNMING CGAMMISCA CHUNING	PRIORITY
DATE 22 SEPTEMBER 1943			ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM 0544			DEFERRED
DECODED BY			
PARAPHRASED BY WINBORN		FOR INFORMATION	PRIORITY
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21 SEPTEMBER 1943

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VESSEL TEIA MARU REFERRED TO IN RADIO FROM AMMISCA
CHUNGKING TO COGUK A 397 AMKUN K 1468 AND MILID M 68
SEPTEMBER 21ST (FOR CHENNAULT INFORMATION STILWELL AND
AMKUN FROM MARSHALL) IS POW EXCHANGE SHIP WHICH MUST
NOT BE MOLESTED AND SAFE CONTACT FOR WHICH MUST BE
GRANTED. FOR FULL DESCRIPTION OF VESSEL AND DETAILED
INSTRUCTIONS SEE OURAD 2871 AMMDEL 3321 AMMISCA 7TH SEPT.
ROUTE INCLUDES LEAVING SHANGHAI 20TH SEPT ARRIVING
HONGKONG 22ND LEAVING HONGKONG 23RD ARRIVING SAN FERNANDO
25TH AS THEREIN INDICATED.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

DRÄFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM ADMIRALTY		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
RELEASED BY	20 SEPTEMBER 1943	COM 10TH FLT C&R	ROUTINE
DATE	0028		ROUTINE
TOR CODEROOM	GOLEMBESKI		DEFERRED
DECODED BY	HOLBROOK-3 (X)	VA MALTA	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	KNIGHT	FOC GIBALTAR	ROUTINE
ROUTED BY		CINC MED (A)	DEFERRED
		SBNOWAT FOS	

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(COM 10TH FLT C&R REPEATED VA MALTA FOC GIBALTAR, 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.

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TOR.....0048/20

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FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO OPNAV

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM RIODEJANEIRO DATED SEP 18 1943 5:30 PM
4464, SEPTEMBER 18, 4 PM.

GRIPSHOLM SAILED 3 PM TODAY AFTER EMBARKING 89 JAPANESE
AND 6 DIPLOMATS

CAFFERY

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16.....ACT

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By R. H. Parks Date MAR 6 1974

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM P.S.T.O.I.		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	
RELEASED BY		BAD WASHINGTON	ROUTINE
DATE 12 SEPT. 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 101910			
DECODED BY		A.C.H.B.	ROUTINE
PARAPHRASED BY PARKER		L.O.F S.T.	DEFERRED
ROUTED BY SOBEL			

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

BY HAND FROM BAD

1. EXPECT TO EMBARK IN HERMITAGE APPROXIMATELY

POLISH CHILDREN 736

NAVAL OFFICER CHINESE 52

MILITARY OFFICERS
CHINESE 126

UNITED STATES ARMY 57

ALL FOR U.S.A. AND

BRITISH ARMY 57

FOR AUSTRALIA

2. BRAZIL AND URUGUAY 500 P.O.W. AND 150 ESCORTS

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

39....CUG

19...19C...

COMINCH...FX37...16...13...CNO...JAG...NAVATIE...24C...

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DRAFTER	EXTENSION NUMBER	ADDRESSEES	PRECEDENCE
FROM	ORT DIRECTOR NEW YORK	ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		COMTECHFLEET C&R	RRRP
DATE	1 SEPTEMBER 1973		DEFERRED
TOR CODER ROOM	0252		
DECODED BY	SMITH	CINCLANT	PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY	THOMAS	COMCARIBSEAFRON	RRRP
ROUTED BY	WILLIAMS	NOB BERMUDA	ROUTINE
		COMSEAFRON	DEFERRED
		COMSOLANT	

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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

ACTION

(PORT DIRECTOR NEW YORK ORIGINATOR)

DEPARTING AMROSE 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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E. O. 11652, Sec. 2(7) and 2(2) or (2)

OSD Letter, May. 1, 1973

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By SLR

Date

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DATE SEPT. 1, 1943			PRIORITY
TOR CODEROOM			ROUTINE
DECODED BY /BUCKLEY			DEFERRED
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ON OUTGOING DISPATCHES PLEASE LEAVE ABOUT ONE INCH CLEAR SPACE BEFORE BEGINNING TEXT

JAPANESE NOW PROPOSE ROUTE FOR TEIA MARU FROM SUNDA STRAIT THROUGH (A) 04-40 N 94-40 E. POINTS (B) THROUGH (F) SAME AS THOSE YOUR 211631A. REQUEST URGENT CONCURRENCE IN ORDER NOTIFY JAPANESE PRIOR DEPARTURE GRIPSHOLM FOR WHICH SAFE CONDUCT NOT YET RECEIVED.

CC: OP-13.....ORIG.

E. O. 11652, Feb. 22(2) and 2(D) or (E)

OSD letter, May, 1, 1972

By SLR

Date **MAN 8 1974****SECRET**

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INCOMING MESSAGE

From; Middle East
To: Fantox.
Rptd. A.F.H.Q., Algiers
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inbat.
War Office (Pass to DST).
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

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JCS MEMO. 1-17-73
BY SR , DATE MAR 6 1974

INFORMATION: ASF
GEN DEANE (CC/S)

CM-IN-19382 (27 July 43) 1355Z flw

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INCOMING MESSAGE

July 20, 1943

TO: FANTOX,
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: MJ4308 of 20 July

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

ACTION: OPD

INFORMATION: ASF
GEN. DEANE (CC/S)

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BY *SR* , DATE MAR 6 1974

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

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12 July/43
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INCOMING MESSAGE

U R G E N T

From: Advanced C P, Malta
To: War

Nr: 159 12 July 1943

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: OPD
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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By SLR, NLR, DAW

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By RT, NARA, Date 4/13/94

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FROM HARRIMAN		ASTERISK (*) MAILGRAM ADDRESSEES	PRIORITY
RELEASED BY		WSA WASHINGTON	ROUTINE
DATE 8 JULY 1943			DEFERRED
TOR CODEROOM 0116			
DECODED BY MCPHERSON			PRIORITY
PARAPHRASED BY EBLE			ROUTINE
ROUTED BY REEGAN			DEFERRED

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ACTION

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. WPEKENBRINK 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.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72

By R. H. Parks Date

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"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

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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1850Z
24 June

Priority

From: Algiers
To: War

Number W-3421 24th June

Reference our W-2216 June 8 inst Marshall cite NAGAP 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.

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

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Information: OPD
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Gen. Deane (CC/S)
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By SLR, NLR, Date MAR 6 1974

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NAVAL MESSAGE

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E. O. 11652, Sec. 3(E) and 5(D) or (E)

OSD letter, May, 1, 1972

By SLR

Date **MAR 6 1974**

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**WAR DEPARTMENT
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

Operations Division WDGS CEF
European-North African Sec., WDOFD
OPD 560 Sec (5-8-43)

SECURITY CONTROL

May 8, 1943

**SECURITY
CONTROL**

CG NATO
FREEDOM

Number 7631

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 FAH 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 (OCS)
GEN STROUD (S.D.)
GEN ARNOLD
ADM KING
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JCS memo, 1-4-74
By SLR, NLR, Date

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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May 8, 1943
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P R I O R I T Y

From: Algiers
To: WAR - London USFOR (info)

No. W 74, May 8, 1943.

See attached

On May 4, NAAF inadvertently attacked and hit with a bomb 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.

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ACTION: CCS

INFORMATION: OPD
GEN. STRONG
GEN. ARNOLD
ADM. KING
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By SLR, NLR, Date MAR 6 1974

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REFERENCE ADMIRALTY MESSAGE 041742B*APRIL.

SAILING POSTPONED 48 HOURS AT GERMAN REQUEST.

*2 SWEDISH SHIPS FOR GREEK RELIEF.

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JCS MEMO, 1-17-73

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DATE 5 APRIL 1943			
TOR CODER ROOM 0722 ROBERTSON/LUCKE/KOCH COURTNEY/JOHNSON		*SEE BELOW	PRIORITY ROUTINE DEFERRED
DECODED BY		DECLASSIFIED JCS MEMO. 1-17-73 BY SC DATE MAR 6 1974	
PARAPHRASED BY KAVEBERG-4 (B)			

PART 1 041742B NCR 27269 DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

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(FLAG OFFICERS OF THE HOME FLEET, ACIC, VA GIBRALTAR, RAWA, CINCSA, ~~0000~~, FONF, COMINCH C&R SBNOWAT, NSHQ, ACOS, CINC ROSYTH, CINC PLYMOUTH, CINCWA, ~~00000000~~, 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 XY3 AND WEST AFRICAN STATIONS, NOIC FAEROES, COMINCH (REPEATED) HMS ARROW, COAC, FOC SUBMARINES, AOCINC BOMBER COMMAND, AOCINC COASTAL COMMAND, FOC GIBRALTAR, CINC MED, NOIC MALTA, CINC LEVANT, FROM ADMTY)

(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 036-40 NORTH 035-00 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 036-40 NORTH 035-00 WEST TAMARA WILL PROCEED THRU FOLLOWING POSITION:

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(D) 038-00 066-35

THENCE TO ST JOHN N.B. AS THIS

ROUTE IS A STANDARD ROUTE AND SINCE POSITION FROM (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 RE-

CEIVED BY RETURN

(4) FROM POSITION 036-40 NORTH 035-00 WEST VIRIL WILL

PROCEED DIRECT GIBRALTAR AND FROM GIBRALTAR TO PIRAEUS BY

SIDESTRAND ROUTE FOR GREEK RELIEF SHIPS

(5) PARTICULARS OF SHIPS ARE AS FOLLOWS: VIRIL 122 TONS

DEAD WEIGHT, LENGTH 236 FEET -- TAMARA 10330 TONS DEAD

WEIGHT, LENGTH 446 FEET. BOTH SHIPS ARE OF OPEN SHELTER

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HAVE FOLLOWING DISTINCTIVE MARKINGS

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F-015	AFT AND WORD SVERIGE FORWARD OF SWEDISH FLAG; RED CROSS
F-0015	SIGNS ABREAST FOREMAST AND MAIN MAST
F-05	(B) ON DECK HORIZONTAL MARKINGS, THROUGH FLAG ON ROOF OF
F-07	WHEEL HOUSE AND ON DECK, PORT AND STARBOARD IN WAKE OF
F-1	HATCHWAY; RED CROSS SIGNS ON HATCHES -
F-11	(7) VESSEL SHOULD NOT BE MOLESTED WHILE FOLLOWING ABOVE
F-2	ROUTE - AIR AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD BE INFORMED
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FROM
Canberra
Dated
Rec'd March 8 3 P M

Secretary of State
Washington

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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 'Opten 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 those 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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UR 111830 DECEMBER.

MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DUTCH, BRITISH, AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC AND NAVAL AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN HELD TO DISCUSS THE OPTENMOORT 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 ~~XX~~ THAT IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO MAKE USE OF EVIDENCE

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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.

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OED letter, May, 4, 1972

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FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE

FOR OPNAV

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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.

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OCD Ltr, May. 1, 1973

By SLR

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attached

YOUR 070619 JAPAN NOTIFIED THAT STRICT OBSERVANCE ALL TERMS HAGUE CONVENTION NECESSARY TO OBTAIN IMMUNITY HOSPITAL SHIPS HOWEVER SPECIFIC MENTION ILLUMINATION OF HULL NOT MADE. CONSIDER 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 COMTASKFOR 42 AND COMTASKFOR 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 052055 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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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

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 MY 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)

241AM DEC 13, 1942 TR

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FROM STATE FOR OPNAV

FOLLOWING RCVD FROM LISBON DATED DEC 10 1942 RCVD 538 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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Captain McRae

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(3124)

UNITED STATES ATLANTIC FLEET

Care Postmaster, New York, N.Y.,
November 23, 1942.

ATLANTIC FLEET MEMORANDUM 61M-42

From: Commander in Chief, United States Atlantic Fleet.
To : ATLANTIC FLEET.
Subject: Enemy Hospital Ships.
Reference: (a) CominCh ltr. FF1/S1 Serial 5353 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.

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

JAPANESE HOSPITAL SHIPS

NAME	LENGTH FEET	NO. STACKS	NO. MASTS	DISPLACEMENT TONNAGE
HIKAWA MARU	508	1	2	11,621
TAKASAGO MARU	466	2	2	9,347
ASAHI MARU	483	1	2	9,326
URARU MARU	405	1	2	6,374
AMERICA MARU	413	2	2	6,069
MANILA MARU	476	1	2	9,486
RYUDO MARU	295	1	2	2,962
BAIKAL MARU	400	1	2	5,266
SEATTLE MARU	407	1	2	5,775
HOKUSIN MARU	400	1	2	5,819

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

NAME	GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE	NAME	GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE
BERLIN	15,286	STUBBENHUK	934
STUTTGART	13,387	STRASSBURG	17,001
GLUECKAUF	904	FASAN	1,275
RUEGEN	2,170	HUEXTER	991
OBERHAUSEN	1,238	INNSBRUCK	1,579
ALEXANDER VON HUMBOLT	650	KONSTANZ	1,426
BIRKA	1,000	GRAZ	1,870
PITEA	962	METEOR	3,717
CHRISTIAN	795		

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.

ITALIAN HOSPITAL SHIPS

NAME	LENGTH FEET	NO. STACKS	NO. MASTS	GROSS TONNAGE
CITTA DE TRAPANI	—	—	—	—
CALIFORNIA	539	1	4	13,060
SAN GIUSEPPE	54	—	2	22.49
TEVERE	469	2	2	8,448
CAPI	190	1	2	629.62
TOSCANA	469	1	2	9,442.10
CROCIFISSO	51	—	2	19
ARNO	428	1	2	8,024
AQUILEA	498	1	2	9,448
SORRENTO	129	1	1	243.27
SICILIA	476	1	2	9,645.86
SAN ANTONIO	55	—	2	18
RAMA 1013	52	—	—	8
GRADISCA	560	2	2	13,870
META	129	1	1	243.27
EROMEIO	129	1	1	243.27
LAURANA	178	1	1	391.07
RAMB IV	—	1	2	3,675
VIRGILIO	504	1	2	11,717

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 bulbs amidships and a row of green bulbs encircling fore and aft the circle and both sides of the ship up to the conning tower.

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DATE <u>30 OCTOBER 1942</u>			DEFERRED
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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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ASSUME YOUR 110214 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 NOW AVAILABLE. SOPACFOR 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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