

## Claude Opus 4.6

April 27, 2026

Claude finished the response

**You said: In the Anales de la Corona de Aragon, the early modern chronicler Jeronimo Zurita wrote that in late 1386 or early 1387 an armada led by Guillen de Moncada cap...**

In the Anales de la Corona de Aragon, the early modern chronicler Jeronimo Zurita wrote that in late 1386 or early 1387 an armada led by Guillen de Moncada captured a Genoese ship near Sardinia. The Genoese ship had many treasures from Beirut. I would like to find modern scholarship about this event. Please help me locate a mention of this event in a scholarly publication from the last 150 years. Please provide links to whatever sources you find.

10:48 AM

**Claude responded: Let me search for this specific event in modern scholarship.**

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Let me try to access the electronic Zurita edition to locate the exact passage, and also search for modern scholarship on Aragonese corsairing and Genoese trade in this period.

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This is very productive. I found a direct reference to Guillem Ramon de Moncada's corsairing activities in Ferrer i Mallol's 1966 article. Let me now search for more details, particularly in Meloni's volume that covers this exact period.

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Now let me try one more targeted search to see if I can find any scholar who discusses the specific Beirut cargo.

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Here's what I've found, Jonathan. This is a genuinely niche event, and I wasn't able to locate a modern scholar who specifically narrates the capture of the Genoese ship from Beirut in the exact terms Zurita gives. But I did find a strong lead in a publication that directly addresses the corsairing of the man in question — Guillem Ramon de Moncada, 3rd Count of Agosta.

**The key source is:**

**Maria Teresa Ferrer i Mallol, "La pace del 1390 tra la Corona d'Aragona e la Repubblica di Genova,"** published in *Miscellanea di Storia Ligure*, Università di Genova, Genova, 1966.

The full text is available via Digital CSIC:

- Landing page: <https://digital.csic.es/handle/10261/25435>
- Direct PDF: [https://digital.csic.es/bitstream/10261/25435/1/Ferrer\\_Pace\\_1390.pdf](https://digital.csic.es/bitstream/10261/25435/1/Ferrer_Pace_1390.pdf)

In this article, Ferrer i Mallol publishes and analyzes the 1390 peace treaty between Joan I and the Genoese doge Antoniotto Adorno. She notes that the treaty explicitly addressed damages caused by corsairs on both sides from 1386 onward, and she specifically calls out Guillem Ramon de Moncada by name. In her words, the new treaty clauses required both parties to render justice to those damaged by corsairs, "facendo speciale menzione degli atti pirateschi compiuti dal nobile catalano-siciliano Guillem Ramon de Moncada." In a footnote, she identifies him as the Count of Agosta, famous for abducting Queen Maria of Sicily, and cites Francesco Giunta's *Aragonesi e catalani nel Mediterraneo*, vol. I (Palermo, 1953) for further discussion of him.

Ferrer i Mallol also cites Zurita's *Anales*, Book X, folios 395v–397r, as the sole early modern narrative source for Catalan-Genoese relations under Joan I's reign, which is exactly where your passage about the Genoese ship from Beirut would fall.

**Other works highly likely to discuss this event more specifically:**

- **Giuseppe Meloni, *Genova e Aragona all'epoca di Pietro il Cerimonioso*, vol. III (1361–1387)** (Padova: Cedam, 1982). This third volume covers exactly the right chronological window, and Meloni's three-volume study is the definitive modern

work on Aragonese-Genoese relations during this era. If any modern scholar narrates the specific Beirut-cargo ship capture in detail, it's very likely Meloni.

- **Ferrer i Mallol, "La conquista della Sardegna e la guerra di corsa nel Mediterraneo,"** in J. Carbonell and F. Manconi (eds.), *I catalani in Sardegna* (Consiglio Regionale della Sardegna/Generalitat de Catalunya, 1984). This specifically examines corsairing in the Sardinian context.
- **Ferrer i Mallol, "Corso y piratería entre Mediterráneo y Atlántico en la Baja Edad Media,"** available at <https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/36034705.pdf> — discusses the broader pattern of Catalan-Genoese corsairing incidents around Sardinia that Zurita's account fits into.
- **Pinuccia Simbula, *Corsari e pirati nei mari di Sardegna*** (Cagliari, 1994) — another study focused specifically on corsairing in Sardinian waters.

The Ferrer i Mallol 1966 article is your surest published reference for modern scholarship engaging with Guillem Ramon de Moncada's corsairing around the time of the Zurita passage. But for a full narrative treatment of the specific Beirut ship incident, I'd recommend checking Meloni's volume III directly — it's not digitized in a way I could search, but given its chronological scope and subject matter, it's the strongest candidate.

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