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SIGNAL MESSAGE CENTER

31 JANUARY 1944

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CG PBS FOR FARGO

NONE

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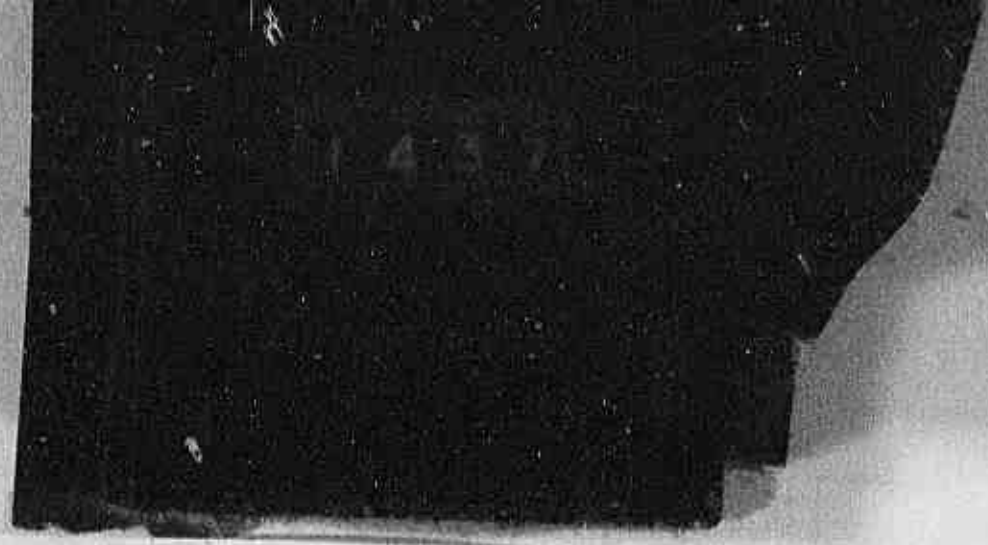

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HEADQUARTERS PENINSULAR BASE SECTION

29 JANUARY 1944

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FIRST. NO ITALIAN PERSONNEL FROM NAPLES AREA TO PROCEED ON LEAVE TO SICILY UNTIL TYPHUS DANGER FINISHED.

SECOND. DEMOBILISED PERSONNEL FROM SARDINIA WILL BE PUT IN QUARANTINE FOR 15 DAYS AND DISINFESTED. IF PASSED FIT AT END OF THIS PERIOD MAY PROCEED TO SICILY.

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ANG HQ
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(Brindisi)
Col. SPOFFORD

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
Public Health Sub-Commission.

26 January 1944

Subject: Central Medical Supply Depot

To : The Deputy Chief of Staff, (Through Administrative Directorate)

1. By letter, this Headquarters, dated 15 January 1944, Subject: Central Medical Depot and Regional Medical Depots, this Sub-Commission was authorized and directed to staff and operate a Central Medical Supply Depot and such Regional Medical Supply Depots as might be required.

2. The undersigned made a trip to MIS, AFHQ,, Medical Section, NATOUSA, and Medical Section, SOS, NATOUSA, by direction of this Headquarters, in an effort to obtain early action on a requirement for trained officer and enlisted personnel, in order to carry out the intent of the letter above referred to. An attempt was to be made to have attached to the 2675 Regt. one (1) Advance Platoon, Medical Depot Company, as per T/O & E 8-661. As a result of the conference with Medical Section, NATOUSA, that section was agreeable to furnishing the required officers and enlisted men, from the personnel available in this theater. The MIS Section, AFHQ, was agreeable to authorizing the required four (4) officers and twelve (12) enlisted men, from the sixty-four (64) authorized, the remainder to be Italian laborers. The Personnel Section, AMG, AFHQ, directed a request to G-1, AFHQ, through G-4, AFHQ, pointing out the urgent need for this personnel. G-4 AFHQ, concurred in this request, recommending however that Medical Section, NATOUSA furnish half, and that G-1, AFHQ, make provisions for the remainder. In an interview with G-1, attended by a representative, Medical Section, NATOUSA, Personnel Section, MIS, AFHQ, and the undersigned, G-1, AFHQ, (23 January) pointed out that the 2675 Regt., was overstrength, and that by orders of the War Department, no further overstrength would be permitted. The Personnel, Section, MIS, AFHQ, then stated that with the transfer of personnel to another theater, that the 2675 Regt. would shortly be under-strength. It was then agreed that an additional notation was to be made on the buck-slip, to this effect, and that G-1, would probably give favorable consideration. The undersigned felt that he should return to his proper station and continue the organization of a proper organization to handle Medical Supplies. It is believed that not more than four (4) officers will be made available, and it is anticipated that this number may be cut to two (2). It is believed the enlisted men required will not be furnished, due to the over-strength of this 2675 Regt.

3. The warehouse which is to be used as the Central Medical Supply Depot, has been operated in the past by Region III, this office offering suggestions as to allocation of supplies only, and this office having loaned a trained officer to warehouse the supplies on hand. Since this is now to be a Central Depot, operated by one of the Sub-Commissions of this Headquarters it is requested that the necessary steps be taken to insure that this depot building is officially assigned to this Headquarters. It is further requested

that necessary action be taken to renovate this building, in order, that the medical supplies now on hand, and those expected, may be properly safeguarded. Repeated attempts have been made with Region III, to have this work done expeditiously, but to date, there is no electricity, no water, and there is no safe place to store opened boxes of drugs and narcotics. There is no means of locking any of the several doors, and as a result the officer in charge of the warehouse has employed civil police as a guard day and night. It is essential that the elevator be put in operating condition, since the upper floor of this building will be required for storage. This subject was reported this date to the Deputy Chief of Staff, and this Sub-Commission was advised to again contact Region III, which is being done. This report is being made, as it is believed this warehouse may be the subject of official inquiry at a later date.

4. In addition to personnel, this Sub-Commission, will require the motor transport authorized for one (1) section, Advance Platoon, Medical Supply Depot, as per T/O & E 8-661, in order to properly operate such a depot. This depot now has one weapons-carrier, loaned by this Headquarters, the driver having been furnished from the enlisted men assigned to this Sub-Commission. It is therefor requested that this necessary transport be assigned to this depot.

5. The Advance Platoon, Medical Supply Company is authorized certain Medical Items of equipment to operate a depot, such as tool chests, box-openers etc., which can be obtained through Medical Supply Channels. It is proposed to place a requisition with G-4 of this headquarters for this type of equipment.

6. In view of the fact, that sufficient personnel will not be made available to this Sub-Commission, it will not be possible to furnish officer personnel, or establish Regional Depots under this Sub-Commission. It is therefor planned to have the Regional Public Health Officers operate such Regional Depots using Italian personnel entirely. This type of operation, will throw an additional burden on the Regional Public Health Officers, in that they will be required to maintain accounting records, and prepare all requisitions for medical supplies to be used for a given advance period, and further to approve all issues of supplies from their warehouses. Although this is not an ideal situation, it will make the utmost use of Italian chains of distribution.

7. Bulk shipments of medical supplies are being unloaded at Bari, Taranto, Reggio and Naples which indicated the requirement for sub-depots of the Central Depot, thus using all personnal which can be anticipated, with only one Assistant in this Headquarters for liaison and field inspection trips.

8. In view of the reorganization of this Headquarters and the Central Economic Committee, direction is requested regarding chain of operation and correspondence from this Sub-Commission, Supply Division, to MGS, AFHQ., and Medical Section, MATOUSA. What plan is contemplated for submission of requisitions and the maintaining of necessary records on requisitions and shipments previously contemplated for Central Economic Committee.

For Brigidier Purdinson

H. E. Griffin
Colonel, Medical Corps.

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RE. AT PEN BASE SECT. SIG. MES. CENT 25 JANUARY 44

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PRIORITY

CG PBS FOR FARGO FOR PARKINSON, FILPOT FOR CHEYNE

NONE

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TYPHUS CONTROL. AS CONTEMPLATED BY OUR 22864 OF 2 JANUARY TO FLAMBO AND AMG NAPLES, AMG/ACC EXPECTED ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FO R CONTROL WORK ABOUT 15 FEBRUARY. EXACT DATE TO BE DETERMINED IN CONJUNCTION WITH FLAMBO AND US TYPHUS COMMISSION. DETAILED INFORMATION URGENTLY REQUESTED ON STEPS TAKEN TO ORGANIZE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND TO ENROLL ITALIAN PERSONNEL. SURGEON REQUESTS 45 ADDITIONAL FULL TIME ITALIAN PHYSICIANS? OR TECHNICAL MEN SUCH AS BACERTERIOLOGISTS, ENTOMOLOGISTS, BE IMMEDIATELY SECURED BY AMG AND ASSIGNED TO TYPHUS PROGRAM FOR TRAINING PENDING REMOVAL MILITARY PERSONNEL NOW LOANED AND TO SUPPLEMENT PRESENT EFFORTS.

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318 Info - D.C.T. & Opn.

Subject :- Typhus Control.

A.F.H.Q. Adv.Adm. Echelon,
C.M.F.

3095/A.1.

11 Jan.'44.

1. In order that Military and Civil Anti-Typhus measures may be co-ordinated and all available resources utilised to the best advantage, it has been decided to set up a Committee of Control. This will be called the Typhus Control Board.

The Board will be composed of members, each of whom has, and will retain, responsibility for Typhus control measures within his own sphere. Their responsibilities are defined below. As members of the Board each member is entitled to express his opinion on any aspect of Typhus control which might affect his present or future responsibilities.

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Colonel D.C.Cheyne (or his rep Colonel Crichton).	Director of Public Health A.M.G.	The initial organisation and direction of anti-Typhus measures for the civilian population, with the exception of hospitalisation. These responsibilities will eventually be taken over by A.M.G. In carrying out his responsibilities for the control of Anti-Typhus measures among the civil population, the Head of U.S. Typhus Commission will act through the normal machinery of A.M.G. for dealings with the Italian Civil Authorities.
		Co-operation with Typhus Commission and ultimate control as specified above. Responsibility for organisation and administration of Civil Hospitals and Ancillary Services.

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Colonel Arnest.	Surgeon, Peninsular Base Section.	Executive control and direction of Anti-Typhus measures - U.S. troops.
Colonel McCuat	ADMS 57 Area (represneting DDMS No.2 District)	Executive control and direction of Anti-Typhus measures - British troops.
Lt.-col. H.D. Chalke.	ADH, AFHQ Adv. Adm.Ech.	Secretary.

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Major-General,
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

DWR/emb.

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A.D.H., A.F.H.Q. Adv.Adm. Echelon.
Representatives of Surgeon, FIFTH ARMY.
" " Surgeon, Peninsular Base Section.
" " D.D.M.S., 10 Corps.
" " A.D.M.S., 1 Canadian Echelon.
" " A.D.M.S., 57 Area.
" " A.D.M.S., 94 Sub Area.
" " British Typhus Research Team.
S.M.O., Royal Navy, NAPLES.
S.M.O., 3 Base Area, R.A.F., NAPLES.
Chief Naval and Military Medical Officers of the Italian Navy and Army.
Professors Marinelli, Bergami, Beneducci, Ninni and Orsi.
Brig. Patterson and/or representative Allied Control Commission, and any other Medical Officers whom it may be desired to attend from time to time

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A.F.H.Q. (5)
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Professor Orsi.)
D.M.S., Office of the Surgeon, A.F.H.Q. (2)
Director of Public Health, A.M.G., 15 Army Group (4)
A.D.M.S. British Increment, FIFTH ARMY.
Colonel Ferri, Italian Army Medical Services, NAPLES.
Colonel La Terza, Italian Naval Medical Services, NAPLES.

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HEADQUARTERS
REGION 3, ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394, U.S. Army

AG 383.8 ES 20 January 1944

SUBJECT: Price of Oxygen

TO : Base Purchasing Agent, PBS.

1. The Engineer Service of P.B.S., through your office, has requested that a price of L. 10,50 per cubic meter of oxygen, agreed to with the SON plant, the Apice plant and the Bagnoli plant, Naples, be approved. The prices were concurred in by D.D.W. of British AFHQ.

2. The recommended price has the approval of this office.

3. This price is furnished subject to revision by I5 Army Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

Harold E Pomeroy
HAROLD E. POMEROY
Captain, AUS,
Acting Adjutant General

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1 JANUARY 1944

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AFHQ

NATOUSA, PBS, AMG NAPLES

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REF. G4/6554

NONE

To Col Spofford

CITE FLAMFOR 75. NATOUSA CABLE 21492 OF 30 DECEMBER CITE NADGG READS IN PART "CHANNEL OF COMMAND AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF THE ANTI TYPHUS CAMPAIGN IS AS STATED IN AFHQ CABLE 20766". NEITHER PBS NOR FLAMBO HAS RECEIVED AFHQ CABLE 20766 WHICH IS URGENTLY REQUIRED. PLEASE IMMEDIATELY QUOTE AFHQ CABLE 20766 TO FLAMBO, PBS AND AMG NAPLES.

INFO: SURG
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AMG HQ
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Orig to Admin Div for P.H.

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2 Jan

P.A. P.H. (318)

2nd Ind. CMS/rg

HQ. ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT, A.P.O. 394, 22 December 1943.

TO : Director P.H. Sub-Commission.

1. This does not appear to have been dealt with through proper channels.

2. Can you say in what category the subject is held? e.g. Internee, P. O. W., Civil prisoner, etc.

3. Can you specify the "Allied Authority" holding him?

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel G. S. C.
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17 Dec 1943

From:

Admin. Directorate

To: Public Safety

1. For comment on Marquis De Theodoli incl. info. & return.

From Public Safety. To Adm Div
12/17/43

It would appear as though basic communication intended this inquiry to referred to the Badoglio Government for information regarding the subject in question. Public Safety has no means of determining the suitability of Marquis De Theodoli to head Italian Red Cross. If he is a native or resident of Sicily or Southern Italy request we be furnished with his residence address upon receipt of which the matter may be investigated and report submitted.

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Meaney Lt Col
for Public Safety

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 394
Public Health Sub-Commission

17 December 1943

TO : Administrative Directorate

Re-establishment Italian Red Cross in South Italy most desirable. Marquis De Theodoli not known here.

James A. Tobey

JAMES A. TOBEY
Lt. Col. Sn.C.
Director, Rear Echelon
Public Health Sub-Commission

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INCOMING MESSAGE

NR: 13496

ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO	: CONFIDENTIAL FATIMA FOR ACTION	IBS NUMBER	: 5534
FOR INFORMATION TO	: -	TIME SENT	: 131909A
FROM	: EISENHOWER	TIME REC'D	: 140410A
IN REPLY REFER TO	: 13496, FWD'S	PRECEDENCE	: ROUTINE

REPTD FABIO.

- EDITED LITERAL TEXT -

ORIGINAL

Reestablishment of ITALIAN RED CROSS in south Italy appears desirable for handling such matters as welfare and whereabouts enquiries, death notifications to families of PW. deceased in Allied Camps. International Red Cross Committee recommend MARQUIS DE THEODOLI at present in LISBON, as being most qualified to organize and direct ITALIAN RED CROSS.

Appreciate your advice after consultation BADOGLIO:

1. Is time now ripe for reestablishment of Red Cross in South ITALY?
2. Is MARQUIS DE THEODOLI desired to head it?

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ADDRESSED FOR ACTION TO: FARGO RPT FILPOT

INFORMATION TO :

FROM : FATIMA

IN REPLY REFER TO : 3261

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1-DEC 1943
AMG.

IBS# : 4562

TIME SENT : 291500A

TIME RCVD : 301655A

PRECEDENCE: ROUTINE

Have Doctor Quinto will be submitted Italian evacuation committee now needing such service.

NOTE:
Message being serviced by M/C for clarification.

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Lt Clark knows nothing

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~~D/F~~. 2 DEC 43

P A.

Meeting held 1000 hrs.

Re NOI:

Agreed Col Orr "educating" Conferees and Hen rely, in consultations between sub-C's concerned.

Hosp. Offr.

BF. 1430 hrs NOV 24

Call meeting of interested parties from

Public Health ✓

Welfare Section ✓

Education ✓

Suggest Wednesday 2.30 pm

AE

11/22

[illegible signature]

Phoned. 11.40. Brig. Robinson will come & bring Welfare Offr.

Note written to Education —

Now for 1000 hrs Thursday 25th Nov.

D. C q 5 (0+ ε 1.)

- Ref attached.

1. Suggest this Committee (para 1) be set up with the addition of representatives from P.R.O., IRF Int. Commission and P.W.B. (see penultimate para)

2. In directive we might say that Bahrain admits interested might be co-opted on Committee at discretion of Chairman or appointed to sub-Committee charged with formulating plan.

3. ? Place on agenda of Executive Council.

4. ? Prepare draft Admin. Order.

5. Suggest Lt Col Wiseman as Chairman and Lieut Earnest as Secretary.

Terms of reference to be modified & goin Procedure as indicated marginally.

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21 NOV

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED MILITARY GOVERNMENT
APO 512

Deputy chief Staff (Ops. S.I.)
Carl 20 Nov

Public Health Sub-Commission

AMG/3036/PH

18 November 1943

SUBJECT: Child Welfare.

TO : Chief of Staff - AMG.

Not withstanding the many obvious evils of the Fascist regime certain programs were carried on particularly in relation to children which were both socially sound and had great popular appeal. With the abolition of the Fascist party and also through the exigencies of war these childrens programs have largely ceased to exist. In view of the shortage of grain, the difficulties in opening the schools, the rising child delinquency rates and the large numbers of unoccupied children roaming the streets, it is recommended that a "Childrens Committee" be set up with representatives from the Public Health and Welfare Sub-Commissions, Education S. C., Public Safety S. C., Finance etc., to immediately assist the Italian Government to put in action some or all of the following activities:

1. The development of simple play areas (open air or if available indoor areas) to be operated by Italian officials and supervised by Italian personnel. This work was formerly done under the supervision of the G.I.L.

2. The development of a hot lunch program for children using playground, school and parrish house and other facilities particularly in the more depressed areas. (Italian and Allied Red Cross to help in this) Both the G.I.L. and O.N.M.I. were involved in this in the past.

make meal contingent on attendance at play centre etc for defined periods

3. An extension of the Maternal and child health services including the opening of more Communal and Provincial free clinics. Formerly under the direction of the O.N.M.I.

4. An extension of the free medical services for crippled and handicapped children. Also formerly under the function of O.N.M.I. and the G.I.L.

5. The prompt opening of schools (it is realized this is already under consideration) and the enforcement of the compulsory education laws.

becomes 3

6. The obtaining and or manufacture of childrens clothing, particularly shoes and stockings.

Combine with 1.

7. The promoting of childrens entertainments, music and other cultural activities for children a former G.I.L. and Dopolavoro function.

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8. The organization and extension of the work with child delinquents through the newly created Provincial child welfare departments. This program should include the establishment of an institution for the care of delinquent children sentenced by the courts. The initiation of more adequate facilities for the probation and parole of children and the use of pre-sentence social investigation by the courts.

9. The development of a program for the care of mentally handicapped children for which no facilities now exist in Region I.

10. Such other practical programs as may be suggested to the committee.

It is suggested the proposed program be presented to the Italian people as a unified whole and widely advertised through the press and the radio. It will be well to present it with some fanfare and ceremony.

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G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

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APO 512

Public Health Sub-Commission

AMG/3036/PH

18 November 1943

SUBJECT: Child Welfare.

TO : Chief of Staff - AMG.

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Public Health Sub-Commission.

Minutes of meeting on Child Welfare called by Colonel Spofford on 30 November 1943.

Present:	Lt.Col Wilson C. Williams	: Public Health Sub-Commission.
	Major Driffield-White	: Col. Spofford's Office.
	Major R.A. Persell	: Administrative Directorate.
	Major Sherwood	: Education.
	Major Ernest F. Witte	: Public Health Sub-Commission.
	Captain Joel G. Earnest	: Public Health Sub-Commission.
	2nd Lieut J. Vlcek	: Public Health Sub-Commission.
	Lieut. George W. Willis	: Finance..
	Lieut. Fred C. Philby.	: Public Safety.

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Major Sherwood, Education, to obtain information on the provisional school plans for this item. Captain Earnest suggested that cold food could be used particularly nuts, fruits etc, as a start and that the effects on the school attendance would be very marked. - Lt.Col Williams requested that the Supply branch of Industry and Commerce attend the next meeting.

III. "An extension of the free medical services including the opening of more Communal and Provincial free clinics. Formerly under the direction of the O.N.M.I."

General agreement by those present - Education to determine what school health examinations program is being carried on.

IV.

"An extension of the free medical services ~~including the opening~~ for crippled and handicapped children, also formerly under the function of O.N.M.I. and G.I.L."

It was felt that this program should have to await more Medical and Hospital facilities than now available.

V "The prompt opening of schools (it is realized this is already under consideration) and the enforcement of the compulsory education laws."

This item covered in discussion of item 1. Lt.Philby, Public Safety, suggested that usually women made the best truancy investigators. Nothing can be done about truancy until school accommodation is adequate.

VI "The obtaining and or manufacture of childrens clothing, particularly shoes and stockings."

Discussion of this item to await meeting with "Supply" and "Industrial Planning" present.

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Covered in discussions on Item 1.

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27 November 1943

AMG/3058/PH

SUBJECT: - Child Welfare

TO : - Chief of Staff - A.M.G. HQ.
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COPIES TO:
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Public Relations

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TO:- Education Subcommission (Col. Gayre)

FROM:- OFFICE DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
(OPERATIONS and Security Intelligence)

Subject:- Meeting Re Child WELFARE PROBLEMS

1) Col. C. M. SPOFFORD is calling a meeting on The above subject at 1630 HRS - 30 Nov. '43 in The main conference Room # 8 Via Bari.

2) It is desired That a member of The sub-commission on Education be present.

3) Will you Kindly endorse This notice as evidence that a representative from the Education subcommission will be present.

30-11-43

Philip Kerker, Capt.
(Philip KERKER)
For Col. C. M. SPOFFORD
Deputy Chief of STAFF (Ops. I).
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Yes. This was received only at 1605 hours. WBS

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Public Health Sub-Commission

20 November 1943

AMG/3102/PH

MEMORANDUM: - Conference with Col. Spofford regarding 15th Army and A.M.G. relationships - Advance Echelon needs.

Problems that have arisen in the past, factors contributing to these problems and practical solutions were discussed, including: -

1. Need for mutual exchange of ideas and information through direct contact of staffs in the field and a more direct inter-Army-A.M.G. communications.

2. Mutual agreement as to status of A.M.G. personnel on visits to 15th Army areas and their subsequent return to A.M.G. Headquarters.

3. Exchange of 15th Army and A.M.G. directives, changes of laws and regulations, new laws and regulations etc., for guidance of each group as indicated.

4. Development of definite policies governing medical supplies and equipment with thought that the 15th Army program might be so developed that major changes in procurement, distribution and accounting would be unnecessary when A.M.G. takes over.

5. Joint planning for inauguration of special service programs such as malaria and typhus control, etc.

6. Existing facilities for pharmaceutical, biological, etc., manufacture and laboratory facilities to be utilized for meeting established needs.

Arrangements have been made for Major Scheele, Public Health Sub-Commission, to visit 15th Army for purpose of initiating discussions and planning for solution of above.

G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission

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Copies with Brig Parkinson meeting 30 Nov. Boston ✓

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18 Nov 1943

To D/ Chief of Staff (O + S. 2.)

Subject: Relationship of 15 ARMY and ACC personnel.

References attached.

1. I have discussed this suggestion with Brig. Parkinson and Lt. Col. Williams and it appears to be based on the fact that the Public Health officers attached to 15 ARMY Group formations are not sending back information to this Headquarters in sufficient quantity for the making of a true picture.

2. The intention therefore, is to send officers from the sub-commission to collect information of activities on the ground and pass (or bring) it back.

3. The same officers would, it is suggested, remain in the areas concerned and serve as a nucleus around which to build ACC (Public Health) in the said areas.

4. Whilst the need for information is appreciated the suggested means of obtaining it (para 2) seems wrong when there are so many officers already in the area. A precedent would be set that would vitiate the whole working of AMG and ACC — every sub. commission would want to do the same thing. The drain on man-power would be enormous.

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5. The idea in para 3 seems a misconception. A.C.C will not have officers of its sub-commissions

stationed in areas but will it is understood use some existing C.R.O.'s and specially so CONTROL OFFICERS, its own officers visiting occasionally to advise on local matters and supervise the activities of the Italian authorities.

6. I think the better plan would be, in the first instance, to call back a fairly senior officer of each department (medical, welfare and sanitary) from each of the AMG. HQ of 15 ARMY Gp 5 ARMY and 8 ARMY in order that they shall report fully to the sub-commission, being replaced temporarily if considered necessary.

7. At the same time further from orders should be given to AMG officers to send back as full reports as possible on
   a) their activities
   b) the conditions pertaining at the time they move on.

8. Regions could be instructed to do the same thing it being understood that information from those already formed is also lacking.

G Duffield White
Major G.L.

Rome

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REMARKS: This will require concurrence of 15th AG. Same complies to proposed visit of Col Snowden, Hydroelectric group

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
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Public Health Sub-Commission
APO 512

AMG/3102/PH

13 November 1943

SUBJECT: - Relationship of 15th Army and AOC Personnel.

TO : - Chief of Staff, H.Q., A.M.G.

The following is suggested for consideration in the formulation of a directive outlining policies under the subject heading above:

1. An advance public health (A.C.C.) group, consisting of at least one medical, welfare and sanitary (sanitary engineer) officer should be attached routinely to and move in with the 15th Army Group as new regions are in the process of occupation. These individuals would remain in the regions as the combat units moved on and would serve as service directors in the above fields when the full A.C.C. complement moved in.

Such a policy would enable the 15th Army and A.C.C. to coordinate all service plans on the ground and will largely eliminate difficulties of the transition period from A.M.G. to A.C.C. later on. It would simplify personnel as well as program problems that have developed in other regions.

G. S. Parkinson

MCW/ja

G. S. PARKINSON, Brigadier
Director, Public Health Sub-Commission.

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Subject: Public Health Report.

Memo to: Colonel D. G. Cheyne.

AMG/506/17.
11. Nov. 43.

Reference Section 2.

Whilst I agree that not only is the establishment of Medical Officers small and that it is also as yet not filled, but there apparently is a great scarcity of Medical Officers and it does not seem to me much use to ask for more until the vacancies which do exist have been filled. Since you wrote the minute, Major Sandford and Major Snedecker have turned up and we will continue to press Palermo and A.F.H.Q. to complete the establishment

On the other hand the position is perhaps not quite so bad as you suggest, inasmuch as there are, I think, some medical officers included in the staffs of Regions III and IV, which, for the purpose of operating forward areas will come under you until such time as the Regions are transferred to AMG Rear. Will you please let me know how many of these officers are available to supplement the establishment which is directly speaking that of AMG, 15 Army Group and AMG, 5th and 8th Armies. If you are able to secure the services of any Medical Officers from the D.D.M.S. 8th Army, I will welcome their addition to the staff by way of posting to vacancies or on attachment. Will you please go into this with Major Pearcy and let me have a minute on the subject.

Reference Section 4. I appreciate the difficulties to which you refer but as a matter of policy Gp.Capt.Benson has tried to restrict the number of Liaison Officers with higher formations as much as possible as he has found from experience, as others have, that Civil Affairs Liaison Officers with Divisions and even more so with Brigades, tend to become dogsbodies instead of doing the work of C.A.O's. I will take the matter up with Gp.Capt.Benson when I go up to 8th Army but much as I appreciate your remarks I do not think it will be appropriate to take the matter up formally. Gp. Capt.Benson has had much experience of this and I think we must leave this subject in his hands.

/JG.

Major-General,
Chief Civil Affairs Officer.

Copy to: HQ, AMG., PALERMO (Above is with ref. to Col. Cheyne's minute AMG/506/15 dated 8 Nov 43, copy attached

Subject: Public Health Reports.

AMG/506/15.

C.C.A.O. (through S.S.O)

8 Nov 43.

Note by Colonel D. Gordon Cheyne, C.B.E., M.C., M.D.
Director of Public Health, AMG 15 A.G.

On completion of a series of visits to H.Q. Armies, Corps and Divs on the entire Italian front, it is desired to submit the following report. This follows conferences at H.Q. of all formations with A.M.G. rep, D.Ds.M.S. A.Ds.M.S. Surgeons as well as rep of A/G, Inspector General and others.

1. Refugees.

(a) This problem was studied in detail in both the 5th and 8th Armies. Briefly the situation is as follows. Large numbers of refugees are returning to FOGGIA - a much bombed and severely damaged town. FOGGIA is to be an Air Corps Centre of great importance. It is estimated that 14,000 people will have to be reestablished elsewhere. In towns nearer the front notably CAMPOBASSO several thousands of people will also have to be redistributed. In the 5th Army forward Areas many towns are severely damaged. In addition large numbers of persons are coming through the lines, these numbers are likely to increase with the arrival of more severe weather conditions, compelling people to come in from outlying districts to vacate quarters only suitable for fair weather conditions. Naples may well have a refugee problem though this has not yet developed to any extent.

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(c) The following recommendations are submitted, several of which are extracted from reports by Major Matthews and others.

(i) Representatives of Italian Government should be sent forward to care for the refugees at some collecting point probably the Refugee Interrogation point, and to see to the feeding and general welfare for the onward journey.

(ii) The registration of Italian refugees should be the concern of Italian authorities in forward towns.

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(iii) Some form of medical inspection at the R.I.P. is absolutely essential and arrangements should include facilities for disinfestation, bathing etc. This should be carried out by Italian authorities under the general direction and supervision of AMGOT Medical personnel. For this, some form of improvised washing and disinfestation plant is essential as with the onward move of Armies the R.I.P. will similarly advance and the disinfesting arrangements must be mobile. The Italians may be able to supply this. The possibility should be explored.

(iv) Some form of transit camp is essential on ordinary humanitarian grounds where the next hot meal etc. can be provided.

(v) The organisation of the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission would appear to be in need of overhaul or possibly reconstruction to be able to carry out its developmental intention. Beyond sending one officer forward this organisation is not functioning.

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2. Availability of Medical Officers, in AMG 15 Army Group.

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It is submitted with due respect that this establishment is entirely inadequate if the duties of the Division are to be properly performed on the lines contemplated. The above numbers when the T.O. is actually complete will allow only of ordinary routine work on a modest scale. The duties of these officers is to be out contacting the Administrative Medical Officers or Surgeons of Corps and Divs. The distances are very great. The need of AMG Medical Officers is in the forward areas immediately towns are occupied. Medical problems unlike those of Supplies, Ordnance and other services start at the foremost points. It is from these that the lice are to come with the Typhus and Relapsing Fevers. It is there that the problem of creating civil hospitals immediately arises and it is to these points that civil medical aid must be taken. These are duties which demand a medical officer, they cannot be undertaken by a C.A.O. Medical officers are required to advise on dealing with civilian refugees.

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There may be occasions when mass movements of refugees might be fraught with the gravest risks to the health of Armies. The present establishment allows of few of these duties being adequately performed. A recommendation for a field team of some ten medical men, Sanitarian and Welfare officers has not been favourably received by the Allied Control Commission to whom it was referred before seperation took place. It was suggested by that body these duties might be performed by Region Officers who are not even under command of 15 Army Group AMB. The recommendation is resubmitted inthe strongest possible way, for only in this way can these immediate problems, whose solution brooks no delay, be tackled. It is further recommended that the T.O. should be such that at least one M.O. be attached to each Corps and that a small party say 3 Medical Officers be attached as necessary to 86 Area, which contains the spearhead of Military medical administration outside the fighting formations.

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namely safeguarding and assisting the Task Forces are to be achieved.

At 3 American Div the Inspector General strongly recommended that the ANGOT Representative should be a permanency at Div H.Q. One formation has put in a recommendation for an ANGOT Officer at Bde H.Q.

I would request that if you are in agreement with the general recommendations these be forwarded with your remarks to the proper authority.

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Proposed Directive to RCAOs regarding Public Health Sub-Commission's Responsibilities. 3082/PH

C.C.A.G - AMG, Headquarters,
(Through Acting Administrative Director) 2nd November, 3.

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Basic responsibilities will include:-

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